

ShopTalk



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Farewell Friends

On Thursday, June 12, The Post bid farewell to approximately 127 of its family members, who were among the 217 employees who accepted the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program, during a ceremony in the Northwest Building Auditorium. It



Honoree **Mike Najarian** (center), IT, with his "newlywed bride of 40 years" **Therese**, whom he met at The Post, to his left, and honoree education reporter **Jay Mathews**.

would be futile to try to summarize and honor each individual and their 5,000-plus combined years that they have dedicated to their paper, but after Chairman **Bo Jones** introduced Publisher **Katharine Weymouth**, who said a few words of gratitude, she turned it over to the "old publisher," Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham**, who offered some words that came as close as possible to

appropriately capturing the bitter-sweet evening.

Excerpts of Graham's words:

With just the crowd with the flowers and the crowd in these front rows, you could put out a hell of a newspaper. And we did. This is my crowd. I once had a reputation of knowing a lot of people at this newspaper and these are the people I knew! We are seated in the old pressroom. This is where I met several of you for the first time... I have been here 37 and a half years and there are people who have been here years more than me and are retiring tonight... I just want to say that I feel the same combination of happiness and sadness that many other people in this room feel tonight.

I know many of you are feeling sorry that you're leaving the place



Pam Kendrick, News, gets a bear hug from Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham**. Graham and Publisher **Katharine Weymouth** (behind them) congratulated each honoree, while Chairman **Bo Jones** shared a few words about each honoree.

and we're very, very sorry to see you leave, but here I think I can speak for all of us—both those who are leaving tonight and those who are not. Like the sentimental slob I am, I believe in what we do here and the people who do it.

We have a lot of us who have devoted our lives to this place. I absolutely believe that what we've done has made a difference, makes a difference and will continue to.

I am so proud to have done all of this with you for so long. I will miss you and beg you all



From left, honoree **Steve Barr**, Vice President at Large **Ben Bradlee** and honoree **Deborah Heard**.

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to stay in touch. I don't want to lose contact with folks who have meant so much to this place and who've been here for so long.

The last words I want to say to the retirees are: Thank you. Some of you have come up to me and said, "Thank you to The Post." But the thanks totally go the other way tonight. These are people—the rest of us who are still here—owe a lot to. And the best way to pay you back is to continue putting out a great newspaper and that's exactly what we're going to do. Thank you all. ■



From left, **Antoine Marshall**, honoree **Athelia Knight**, News, and her sister **Alice Washington** and unidentified man stand behind them.



From left, Publisher **Katharine Weymouth**, honoree **Kim Gee**, Advertising, and Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham**.



Honoree **Cecil Joynes**, Production, with his wife, **Marlene**.



From left, Publisher **Katharine Weymouth**, honoree **Richard Harrington**, News, and Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham**.



From left, newly minted IT chief **Bobbi Lucas** with honoree **Roger Piantadosi**, IT, and his wife **Charmaine**.



Honoree **Harold Jones**, Mail, with his wife, **Ilean**.



Honoree **Tony Reid**, News, is congratulated on his career by Vice President at Large **Ben Bradlee** and Executive Editor **Len Downie**.



Honoree **Phyllis Waslo**, Health Center, receives a standing ovation from her Post Family.



From left, honoree **Marty Kady**, Advertising, with his "lovely wife" **Camille**, whom he met at The Post in 1967, and Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham**.



Honoree **Judy Sarasohn** talking to Publisher Katharine Weymouth and Vice President at Large Ben Bradlee before the ceremony.



Honoree **Patti Aluise**, Production, and **Kevin Conner**, also from Production.



Parking attendant **Harry Kimani** responds to the crowd's applause after being congratulated by Publisher Katharine Weymouth and Post Co. Chairman Don Graham.



Executive Editor **Len Downie** about to congratulate and thank his incomparable executive assistant (and honoree) **Pat O'Shea**.

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Adios Amigos...

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| Delton Allen | Earl Days | Lisa Heidemann | Nancy Lewis | John Pancake | Dita Smith |
| Patricia Aluise | Daniela Deane | Milton Heller | Mary Lischer | Glenn Paterson | Robert Smith |
| Ramon Alvarez | Susan DeFord | Susan Heyman | Jeffery Lizama | Karl Payne | Georgie Solomon |
| John Anderson | Suzette Dent | Vanessa Barnes Hillian | Jana Long | Wayne Peoples | Alan Souder |
| Marie Arana | Moc Doan | Leonard Hughes | Cynthia Loose | Jon Perkins | Laura Stepp |
| Aniano Arao | Andreia Douglas | Douglas Hunter | Gary Lucke | Donna Petty | James Stimson |
| Willie Armstrong | Kristin Downey | Stephen Hunter | Minh Li | Charles Pfefferle | Michael Stuntz |
| Thurman Arrington* | Richard Drezen | Tajul Islam | Steve Luxenberg | David Phan | Kathleen C Summers |
| Lawrence Atkinson | Lynne Duke | Mae Israel | Robert Lyford | Alan Phelps | Ronald Sweeney |
| Brian Barger | Douglas Dykstra | Rose-Marie Jacobius | Jeanne Maglaty | Dexter Phillips | Desson Thomson |
| Marla Barkley | Joseph Elbert | Keith Jenkins | Thomas Mathews | Roger Piantadosi | James Thresher |
| Gary Barr | Belle Elving | Harriette Johnson | Randall Mays | Walter Plummer | Suzanne Tobin |
| Barry Barriere | Deborah English | Colleen Jones | Elisabeth McAllister | Donald Podesta | Mary Louise Tousignant |
| Donald Beard | Sharon Fanning | Harold Jones | Raymond McCaffrey | Denise Ponder | Nen Tran |
| Randall Bell | Stephen Fehr | Sam Jones | Bonnie McC Carson | Stephen Poole | Michael Trimarchi |
| Susan Biddle | Joyce Fekkak | Cecil Joynes | Harry McFadden* | Carol Porter-Esmailpour | Robert Tully |
| Phillip Blanchard | Alan Fersner | Michael Judge | James McGovern | Sue Pressley | William Valentine* |
| Kathleen Blumenstock | Patricia Francis | Martin Kady | J. Alan McNiff | Ronald Prue | Queyen Vien |
| Sandra Boodman | Lydia Frazier | Peter Kaufman | William Meadows | Bismillah Querashi | Jamelia Ward-Black |
| Nora Boustany | Leslie Garcia | Michael Keegan | Rose Diane Millard | Santiago Ramos | Bonnie Warner |
| John Braun | Christine Garsson | Pam Kendrick | Molly Moore | Anthony Reid | Timothy Warren |
| Allen Bridges | Kimberly Gee | Bruce Kenner | Sylvia Moreno | William Rhodes | Phyllis Waslo |
| David Broder* | John Graf | Mushtaq Khan | Susan Morse | Thomas Ricks | Patricia Webb |
| Christine Brooks | Bradley Graham | Harry Kimani | Andrew Mosher | Lois Romano | Linton Weeks |
| William Brooks | John Graves | Justine Kinard | Jo Ellen Murphy | Margaret Roth | Richard Weiss |
| Charlie Brown | Wade Green | Ronald King | Patricia Myers | Dale Russakoff | Deborah Wiggins |
| Norma Brown | Jill Grisco | Charles Kittrell | Michael Najarian* | Ronald Russell | Sally Squires Wilhelm |
| William Brubaker | Anne Groer | Athelia Knight | Marsha Narramore | Sushant Sagar | Richard Wilkins |
| John Burgess | James Hage | Anthony Kornheiser | Larry Newman | Robert Samsot | Donald Woodall |
| Clifford Burrell | Linda Hales | Yvonne Shinhoster | Thinh Nguyen | Judy Sarasohn | Yolanda Woodlee |
| Grace Byrd | Joyce Hardy | Lamb | Walter Nicholls | Roger Saucier | Robert Woodward |
| Susan Canada | Richard Harrington | Judith Landis | Robert Nicholson | Lisa Schumacher | Robert Wooten |
| Andrew Carey | Renee Harris | Tuyet Larivee | Keith Norman | Maralee Schwartz | Cynthia Zeiss |
| Peter Carlson | Keith Harriston | Kathy Legg | William O'Brian | Daniel Seigo | Eve Zibart |
| James Coulter | Margo Hartso | Daniel Leibensperger | Patricia O'Shea* | Abdul Shakir | |
| Sheryl Daniel | Deborah Heard | Alan Lengel | Mary Otto | Keith Sinzinger | |
| Roger Davis | | Susan Levine | Time Page | Christopher Smith | |

*Denotes 40 years or more

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From left, Chairman Bo Jones, honoree **Don Woodall** and Post Co. Chairman Don Graham.



From left, Publisher Katharine Weymouth, honoree **Ronald Prue**, Advertising, and Post Co. Chairman Don Graham.



Honoree **A.K. Shakir** gets a little love from Post Co. Chairman Don Graham.

Free Lunch for Beer, Wine and Spirits Drinkers

If you work at the Northwest Building and you consider yourself a beer, wine or spirits connoisseur, Marketing would like to talk to you over lunch. Marketing will be convening several internal focus groups. This is the second one. Your participation will help Marketing make some important decisions about the future plans and projects. Please e-mail your name, department and phone number to shoptalk@wash-post.com, if you would like to participate or contact **Kit Bradley** at x4-6728.

Imagination Stage

The deadline to request tickets for the next Imagination Stage production, "The Never-ending Story" is this Friday, June 20. Contact **Aurora Gonzalez**, Public Relations for more details at x4-7973 or at gonzalal@washpost.com.

Northwest Blood Drive on June 24

The next Northwest Blood Drive is on Tuesday, June 24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Recently, the supply for O Positive blood was 1.1 days, O Negative 1.2 days and B Negative 1.6 days. A safe desired blood supply is 5-7 days. Contact the Northwest Health Center on x4-7192 to schedule an appointment to donate.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Fully furnished three-bedroom, three-bath condominium in Kissimmee, Fla., just minutes from Disney attractions. Modern unit easily accommodates up to six people. Complex includes pool, hot tub, tennis court and a clubhouse with a game room and newly equipped exercise room. Weekly rentals from \$500 to \$600 a week (varies with the time of year). Contact: Morgan McElroy at morgan@coopersmithvacations.com or 321-689-3369.

FOR SALE: Have a shoe fetish? Add these to your collection: Bebe peep toe pumps orange and cream, size 9. Never worn and still in original box. Picture available upon request. Contact Christina at x4-5550.

FOR SALE: Beige-colored leather couch, chair and ottoman. Lightly used and in excellent condition. Cool, comfortable and perfect in almost any room. The whole set for only \$600! Contact Derik at x4-5156 for details. Photographs upon request.

FOR RENT: Glover Park townhouse. 3-4 BRs. CAC, ww carpets, garage, room for 3 cars to park in back, window covers in place, 2.5 baths, backs onto park, 1 block from bus, 2116 Huidekoper Pl. N.W. Available either July 5 or August 8. Contact Pat Priest at 703-916-2240 (work) or 703-323-0794 (home).

FOR RENT: Lovely, small, fully furnished house in Chevy Chase, D.C. Two blocks from Rock Creek Park and a 10-minute walk to Lafayette Elementary. Two-bedroom, 1.5-bath, sun-filled Cape Cod cottage-style home is perfect for a couple, a couple with a young child, or a single. Two stories, brick, built in 1935. It's just under 1,100 square feet, not including unfinished basement. Contact Erica at 202-364-4513 or 8-3017.

FOR RENT: House in N.W. D.C. (Barnaby Woods/Chevy Chase). 3 BR, 2.5 BA, A/C. Fireplace. Near good schools. Deep lot. \$3,000 per month. Available in July. Contact Bob at x4-7479 or 202-244-3380.

FOR SALE: New toddler's Nike Air Jordans for \$25. Still in original box, toddler size 9, black and red. Paid \$43 price tag still on shoebox. Picture available upon request. Contact Shawantae at x4-4284.

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