

384th BOMB GROUP INC.

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November 2000

NEWS OF OUR REUNION:

We had a great time at our 17th Reunion in Savannah, Georgia - all went well and those that attended all stated it was one of our best. The location was a great help. Savannah is a Historical and Tour town, so much to see and do. With the 8th Air Force Museum located close by, put icing on the cake.

The only thing missing was the New English Chapel that was to be started last October has now been scheduled for the 1st November to start construction. Picture on (right) is what the chapel will look like and what our stained glass window will look like. (The Chapel is a copy of old English Chapel's in England, so windows are of Gothic type. It should make a beautiful design of our window). I will keep you all informed as of the progress of this undertaking.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer on the coming GATHERING in May at Hill Air Force Museum. You will have a lot to see if you come to this GATHERING. We have our chapel there, with our Stained Glass Window, our Church Bell, Flag's, and many more plaque's and now our dedication of our Grafton-Underwood Monument which is the first of many that will be up at Hill Air Force Museum. So start planning on coming to the dedication. More information will be coming in future newsletters and mailings to you. I for one will be there.

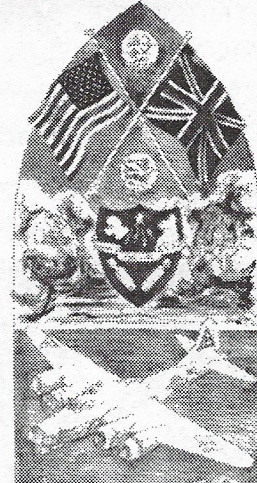
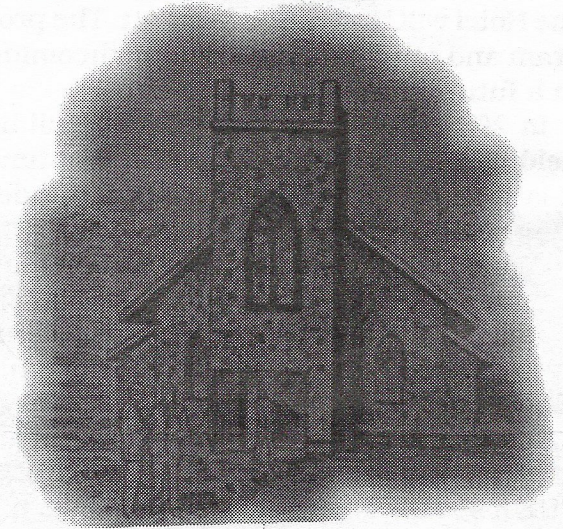
Enclosed in this newsletter are many pictures of our 17th Reunion. If you do not see your picture, you did not send in one, and others who took

pictures, missed you. Sorry.

The next regular Reunion (18th Reunion) will be in SAN DIEGO, CA. It's two years away and more information as we get same planned.

Ted Rothschild

Chief Cook and Bottle Washer



*Please Consider The 384th In Your Will
(A Pittance Of Course) So We Can Keep Up Our Good Work!!*



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Seventeenth Reunion is now History. It was well attended and was a huge success, everything went very smooth with little or no problems. It is hard to put a finger on which event was enjoyed the most, but from the feedback we received it appeared that the Friday Evening Show was one of the big hits of the Reunion.

Now we can look forward to the next event that will take place; in May of 2001. It will be called, "A 384TH GATHERING." This will take place in Ogden, Utah and the Hotel will be the new Marriott. The program and other details will be forthcoming in a future Newsletter.

In 2002 the Eighteenth Reunion will be held in San Diego, California, at this time it is too early to give a date and other details about the Reunion. I will be checking on a hotel and other items in November of this year.

I want to thank all of our members, family members, and other guests that attended the Seventeenth Reunion in Savannah, Georgia. Those of you that did not attend missed one of the BEST REUNIONS THE GROUP HAS HAD. Don't miss the upcoming GATHERING, nor the EIGHTEENTH REUNION.

Lloyd Whitlow, President, Board of Directors

A DYING BREED

Neal B. Dillon has written a book entitled, *A DYING BREED*, . . . The Courage of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. Neal's brother-in-law, Technical Sergeant John Honeycutt, was a member of the 384th Bomb Group and served as an engineer/top turret gunner prior to being shot down on his 17th mission to Kiel, Germany on January 4, 1944.

In 1991, John prevailed upon the author to write a book about his crew and bomb group so that others may learn from the sacrifices and hardships they endured. The book is dedicated to John, his crewmates and to all members of the 384th Bomb Group who served during WWII. With the publication of this book comes a fulfillment of a promise that the author made to his brother-in-law before his death in 1992 . . . a promise to tell the story of the men he flew with; a tale of courage, camaraderie, faith and spirit.

The book has received five star reviews from a former and the present commander of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. You may order this remarkable book by e-mail or regular mail. Please indicate if you want the author to sign and/or write a short message in the book. Cost of the book is \$15.95 plus \$3.00 for shipping. Our group's association will receive 50% of the book's profit when ordered directly from the author. Send request to: Neal B. Dillon, 32 Creekside Drive, Aiken, SC 29803 or Email: dillonbnlp@aol.com or Tel: 803-642-2761.

Call after 4 or snail mail me if you need more info or have any questions. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Neal

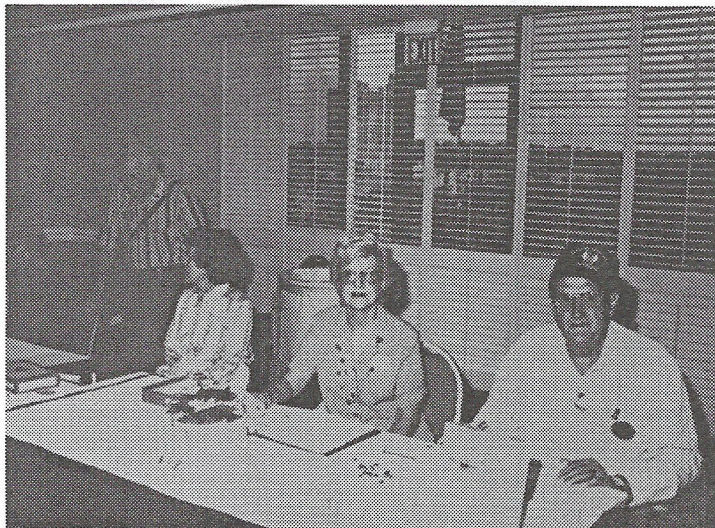


We have been losing many of our comrades and good friends of late and, because of the nature of things, we can expect more of the same in the near future. One important lesson we can learn from all of this is how precious life is and the true value of friendship. If you know someone who is very special to you, and/or who has played an important part in your life, tell that person NOW while they can hear your comments - not wait for the eulogy - it's too late! The words 'should have,' 'could have,' 'wish I had,' really should be stricken from our vocabulary - all they do is feed our guilty conscience! If it's important enough to be thinking of, then it is vital that we should do 'it' instead of putting it off until, unfortunately, it could become too late!

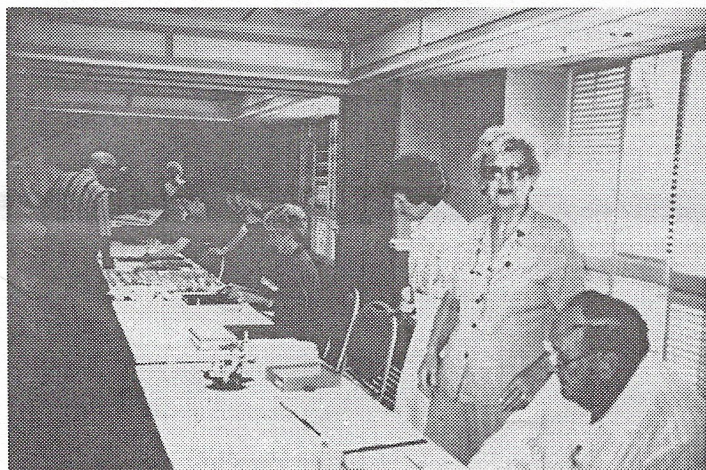
17TH REUNION - SAVANNAH, GEORGIA



Howard & Carol Vogt



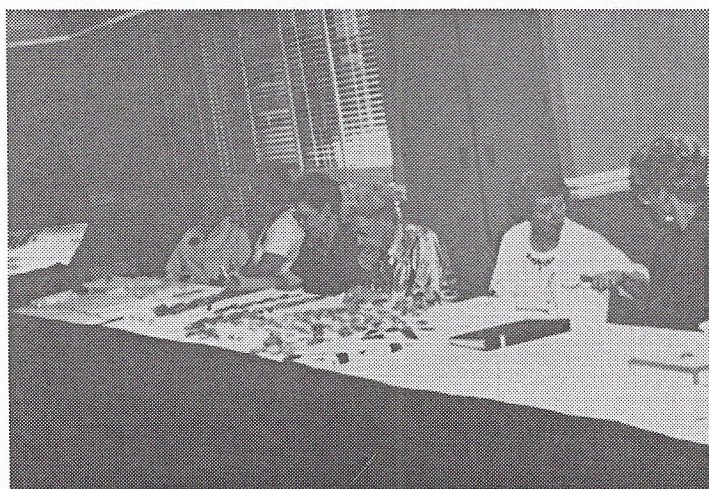
*Don Thompson,
Alice Turner, Pat & Ed Barnes*



Setting Up Registration



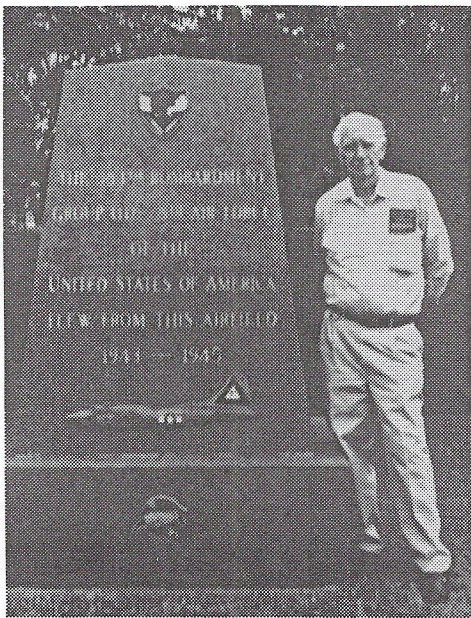
*THE RAFFLE GIRLS
Lynn Kaessner, Carol Vogt, Jean Guilmet*



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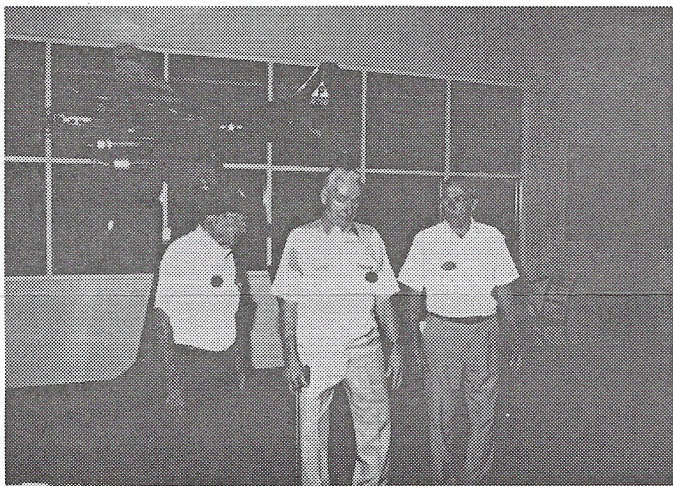
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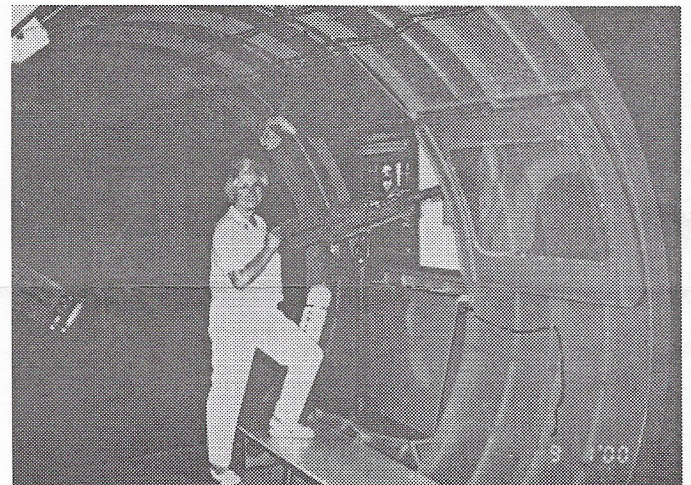
8th Air Force Heritage Museum • C.J. (Pete) Peterson



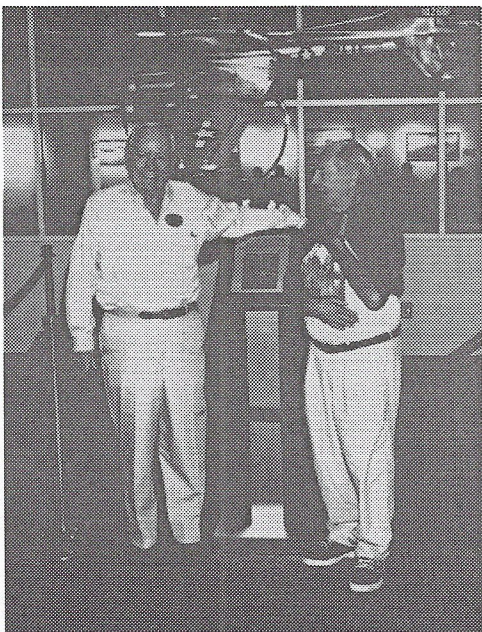
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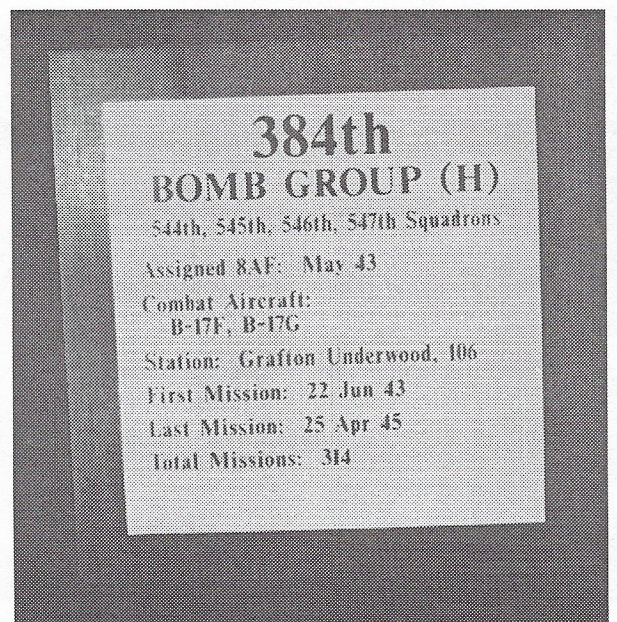
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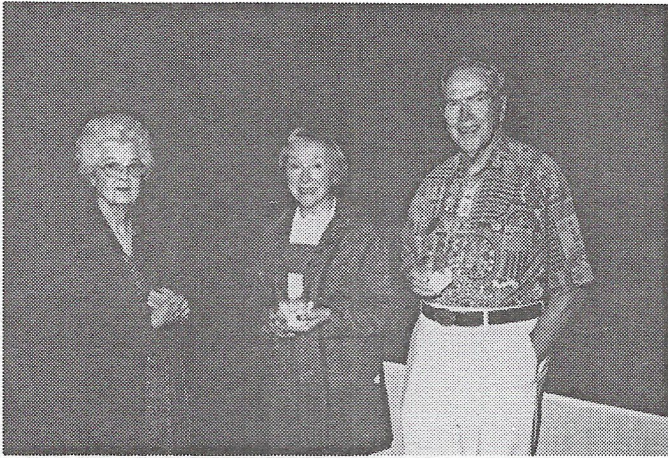
Helen Smisek, Manning The Gun



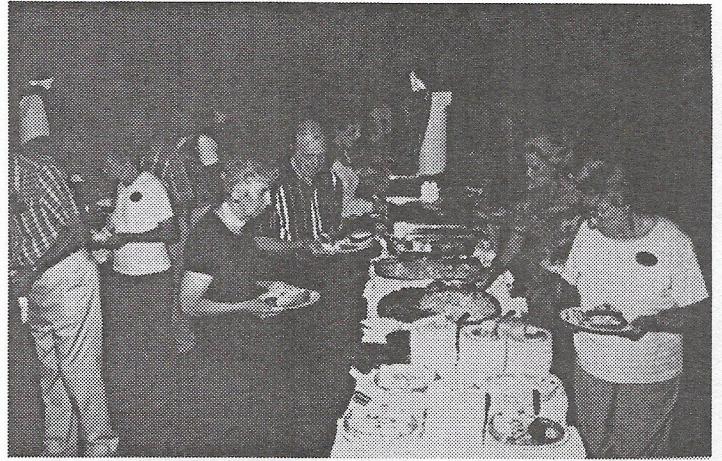
Bill Harvey and Mike Mazer



384th Plaque



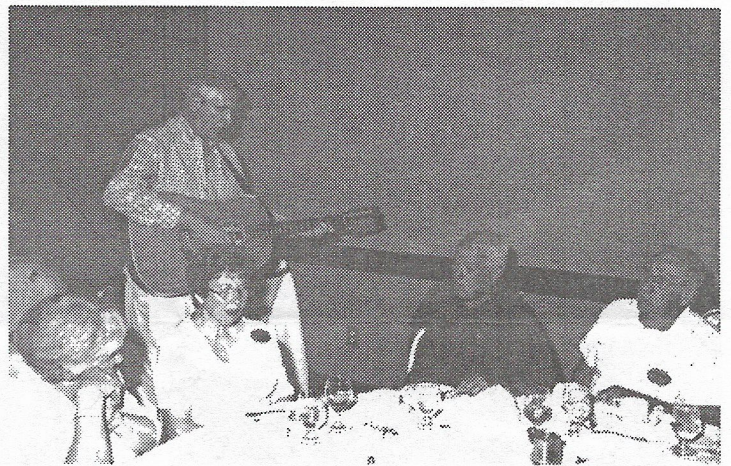
Carletta Peterson, Peggy & Vern Arnold



Thursday Nite "Chowline"



*Maxine Van der Haeghen, Joan McGuire, Lea Plazzo,
Joe Van der Haeghen, Tony Nilo, Tony Plazzo*



*Rosemary Magilson, Bard, Inez & Harry Eastell,
Lester (Dutch) Harting Bard Singing Happy Birthday to
Dutch (82th)*



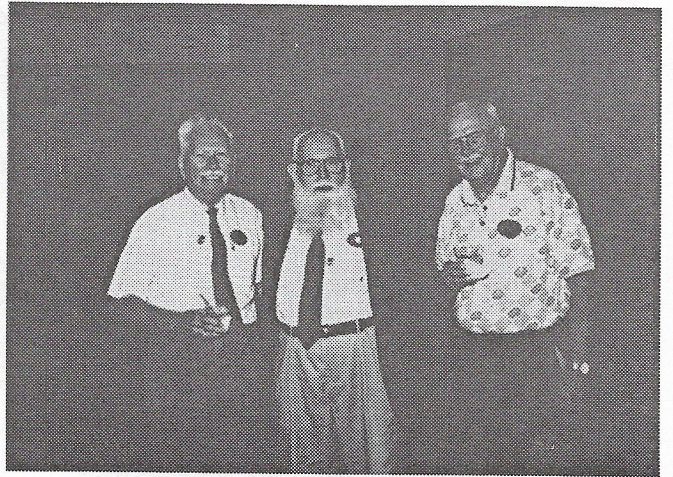
*Ted & Shirley Abbott, Iris & Phil Seydel,
Al & Joan Thielen*



*Norma Currie, Harold Castor, Bard
Frankie Hudson, Jean Guilmet*



Richard & Jean Nolan



George Schempp, Clinton White, Charles Wehner



*Bill O'Leary, Barbara & Quentin Bland
Gene Goodrich*



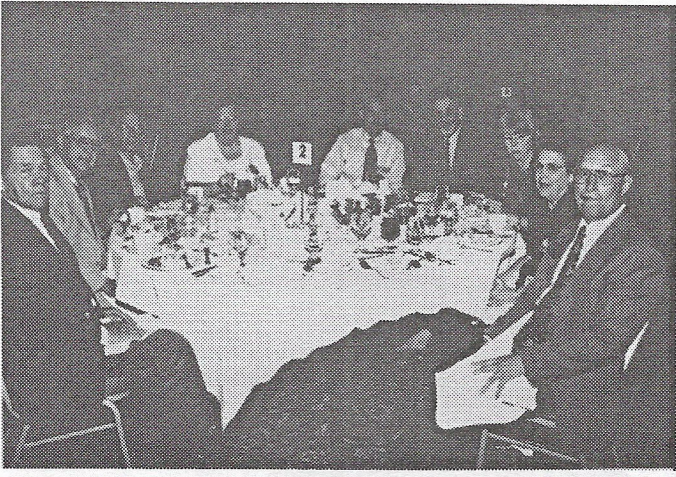
Don Thompson, Alice Turner, Irene Thompson



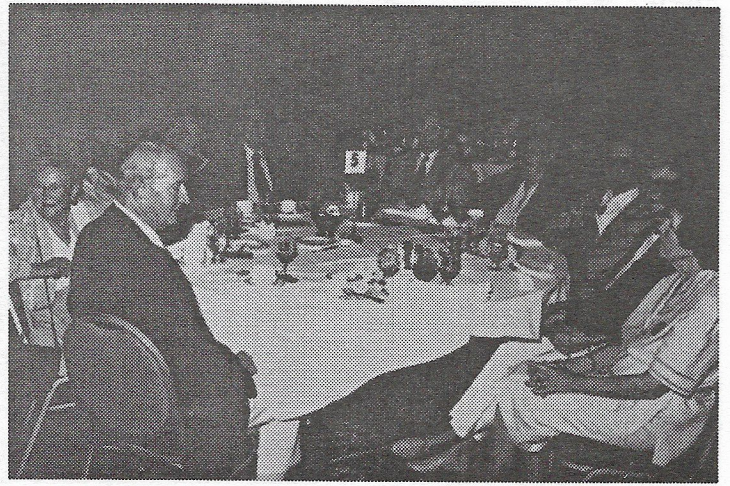
*Catherine & Stuart Gasston
Lloyd & Donna Whitlow*



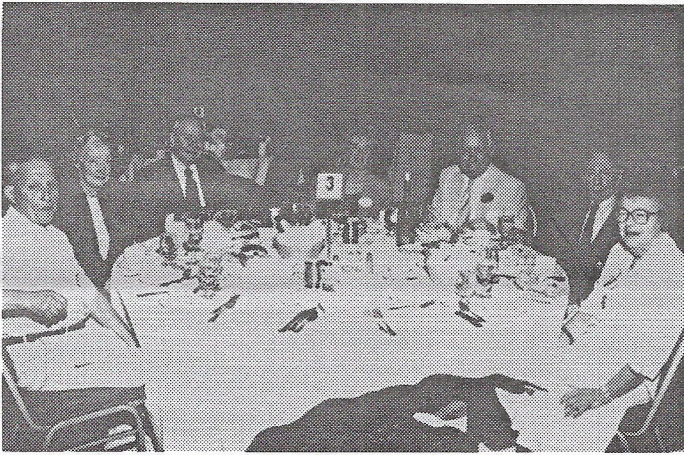
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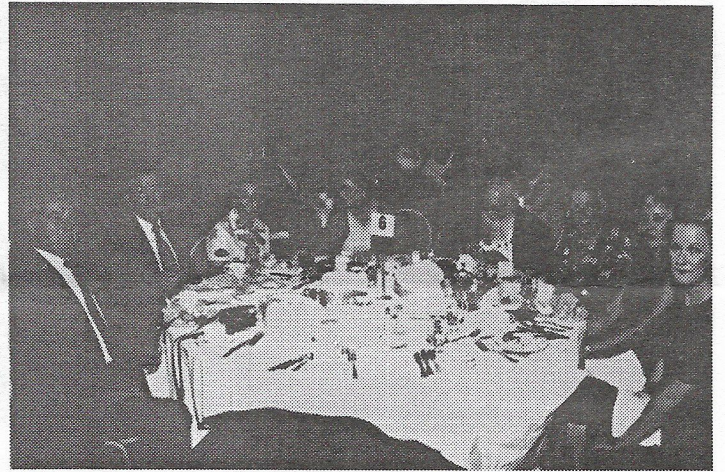
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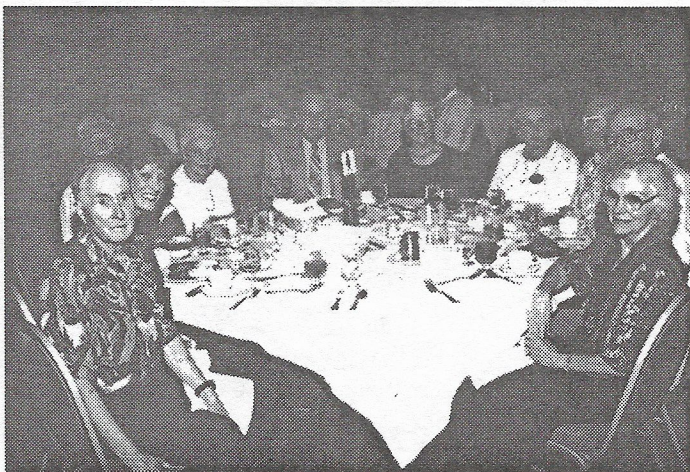
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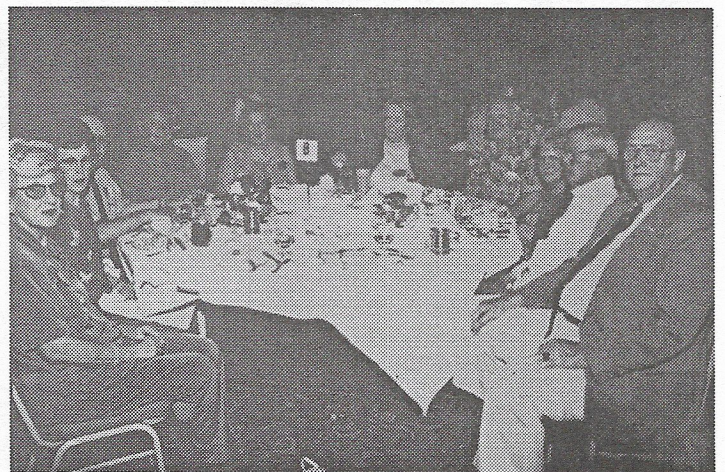
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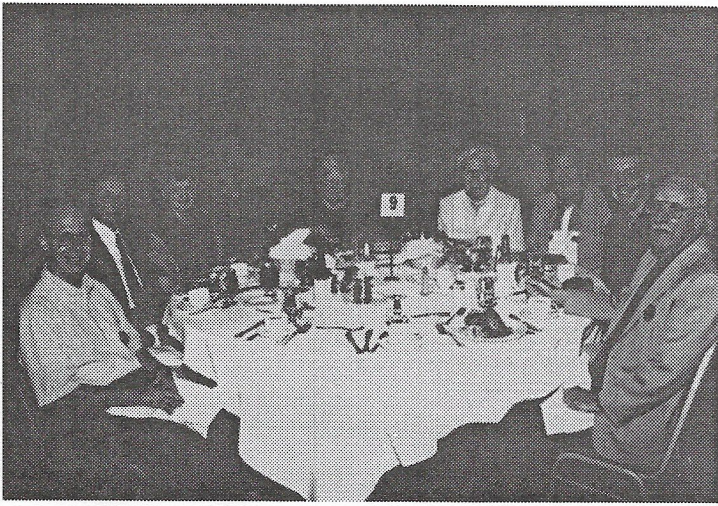
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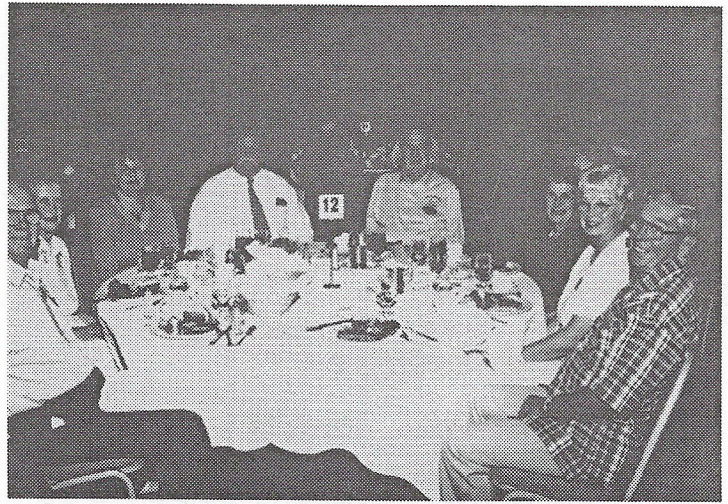
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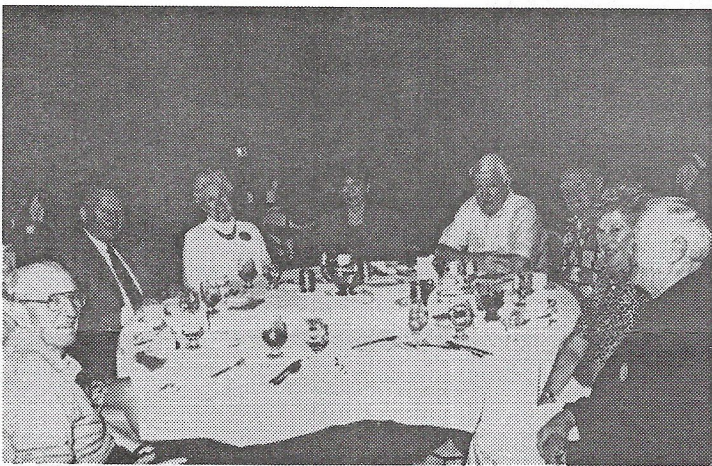
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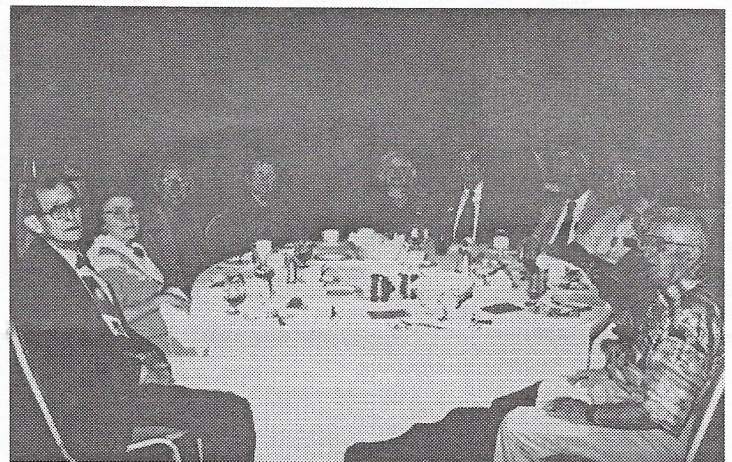
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Helen & Bob Meyer, Mark Herbert, Joseph Herbert*



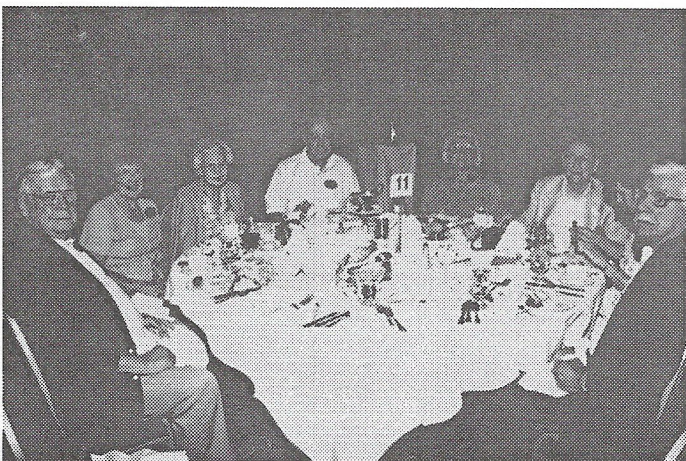
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Forrest & Lila Wray, Lucy & Neal Dillon*



*Chap Muller-Thym, Carolyn Irizarry, Bill & Elsie O'Leary,
Mary Forson, Harry Belsinger, Jack Garstak,
Dorothy & Harry Gilrane*



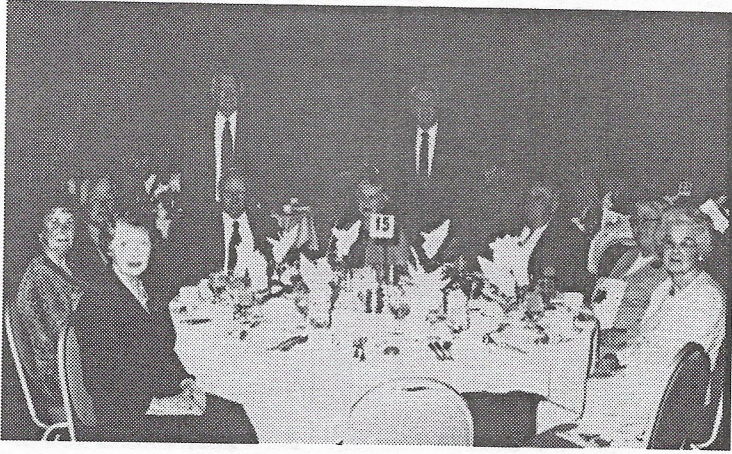
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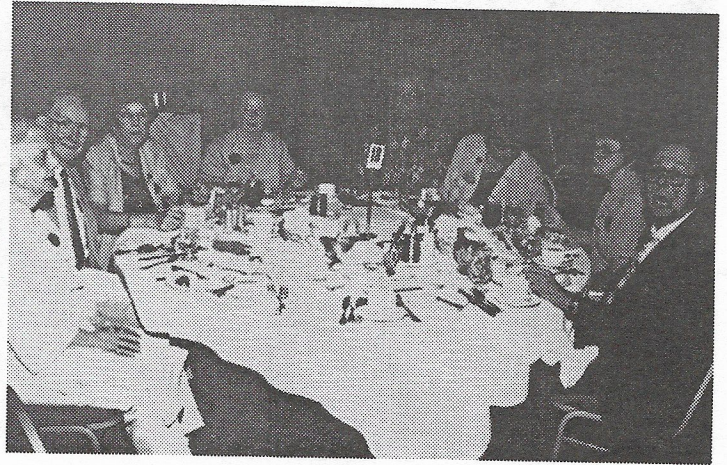
*Joe & Maxine Van der Haeghen, Marie & Jack Block,
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*Sue Caldwell, Jim Murray, Jr., Jim Murray (hidden), Marc
Poole, Flo & Bruce Kilmer, Kay & Howard Turlington,
Merrill Caldwell*



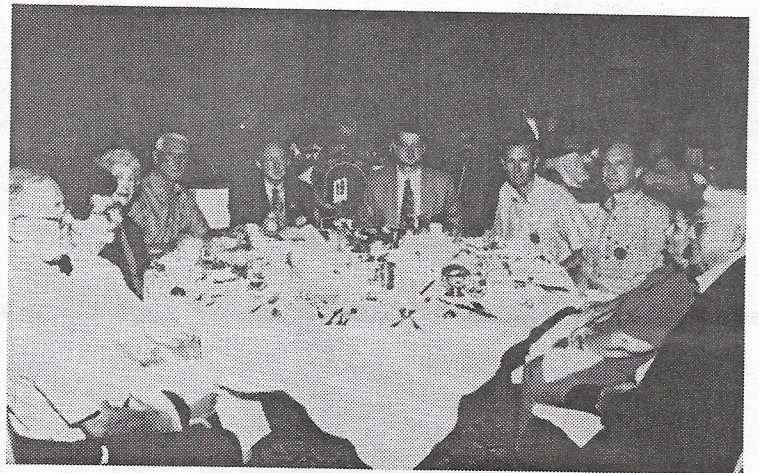
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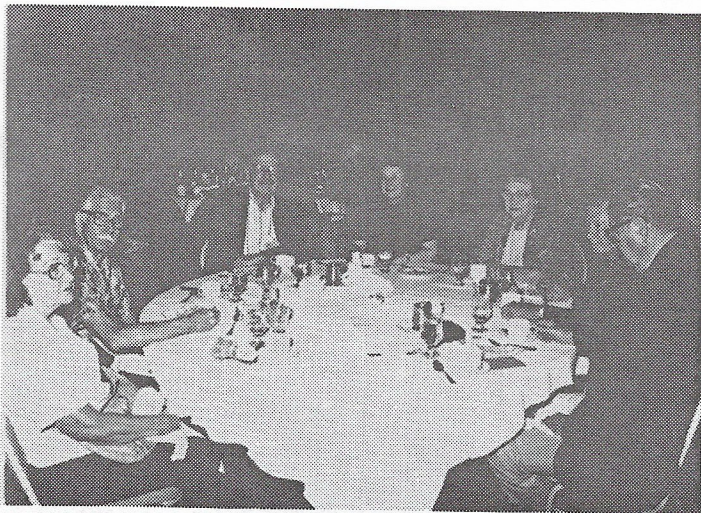
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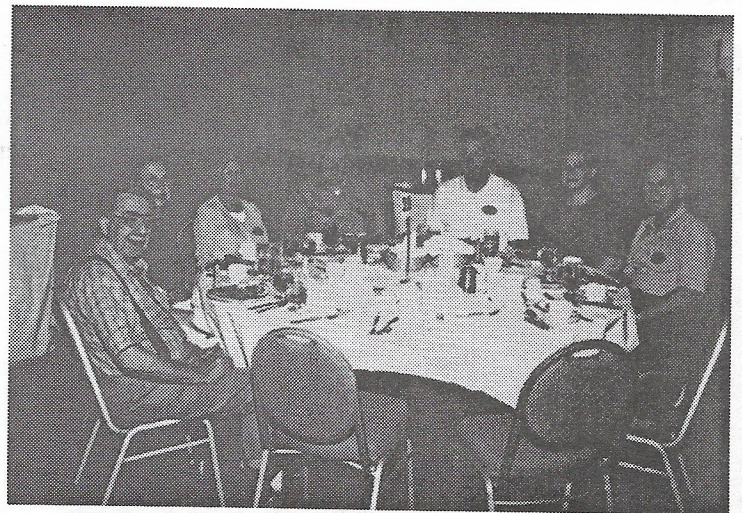
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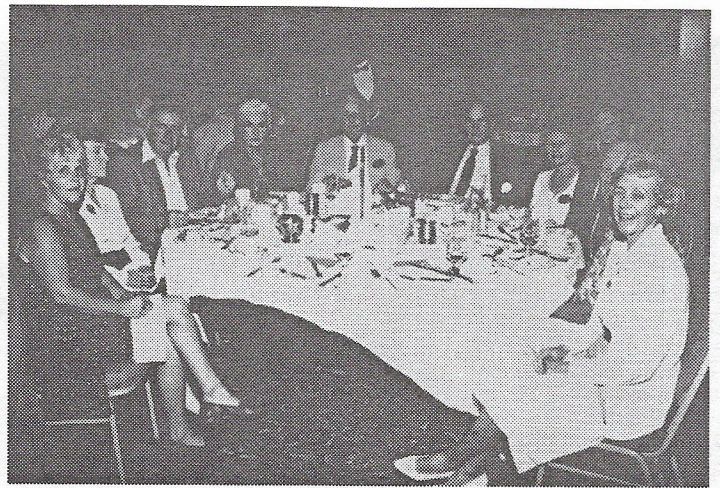
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Gordon & Genevieve Robb, Helen & William Smisek Dennis, Patricia & Peter Bielskis



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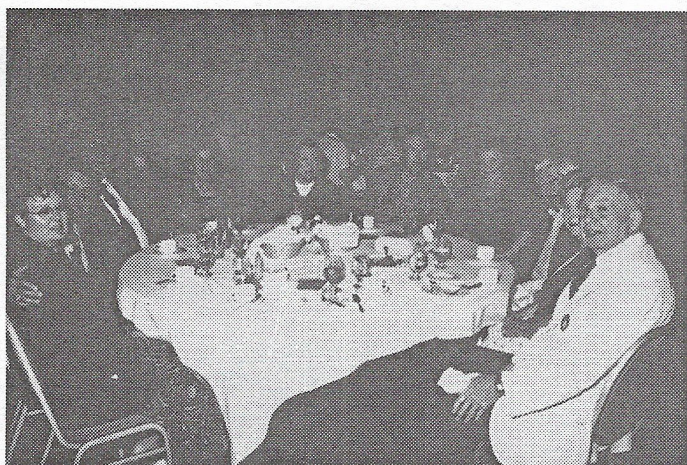
Linda Lathrop, Alice Bouvier, Joe Gary, Anna Dixson, James Rotherham, David & Hedwig Lustig, Harry Butler, Harry and Grace Fuller



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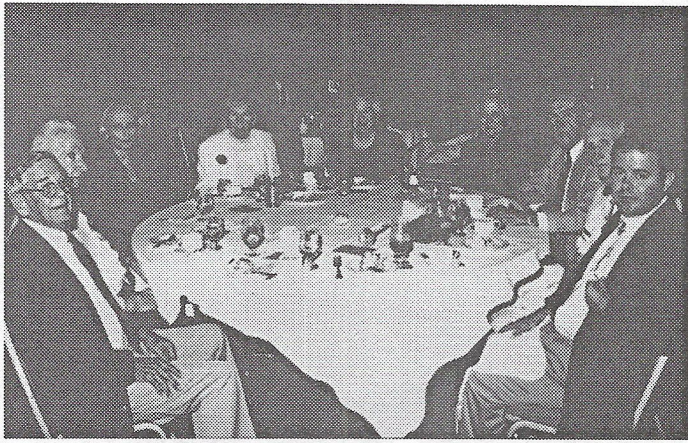
Jean & Ricahrd Nolan, Marie & Walter Filippi, Trude & Richard Moran



Norma Currie, Harold Castor, Manny & Katie Biera, Peggy & Vern Arnold, Beverly & Ed Ledbetter, Gladys & Mark Moore



Dwight Johns, Rueben Farnsworth, Bill & Margie Drake, Betty & Bob Mechling



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WHO ARE WE?



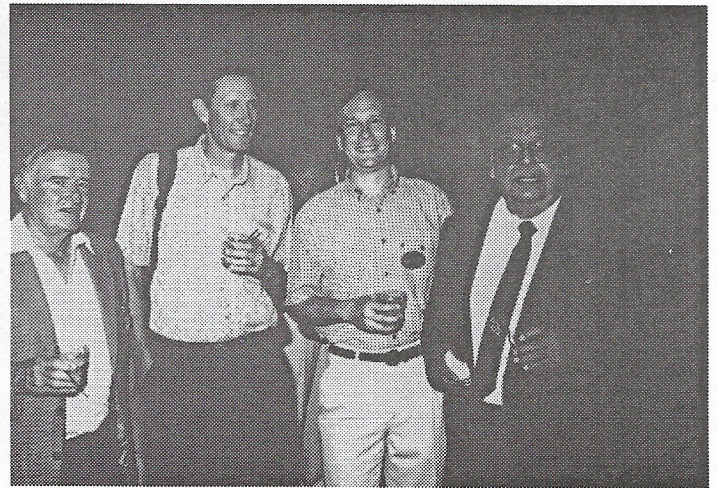
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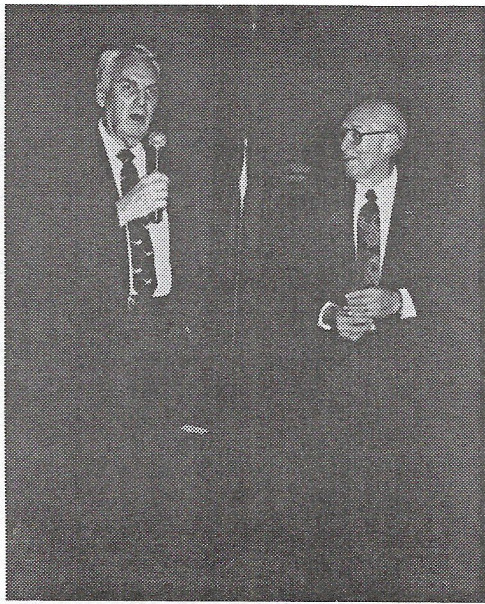
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Yollie & Al Fernandez



Joe Gary, Jerry & Mark Meehl, Manny Biera



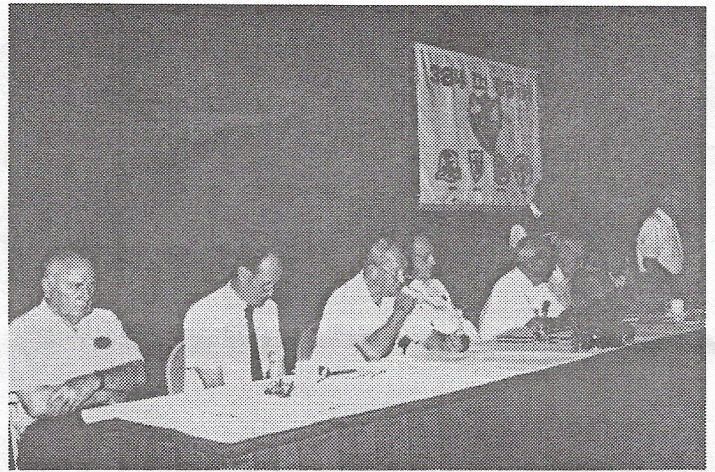
*New President - Outgoing President
Gene Voiland & Don Thompson*



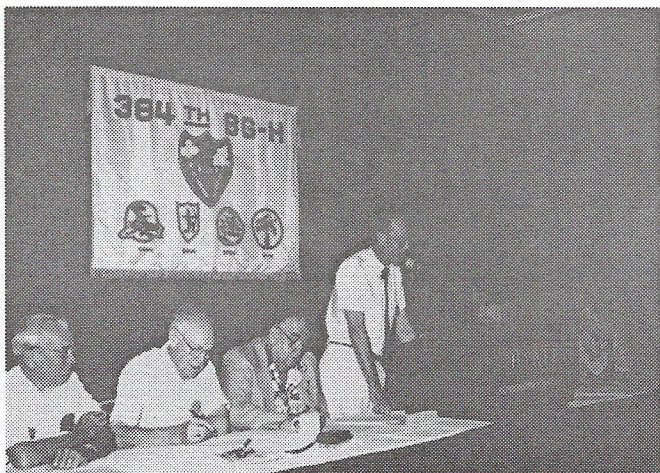
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Gene Voiland, Vern Arnold, Nat Mazer*



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Art Guilmet, Don Thompson, Howard Kaessner,
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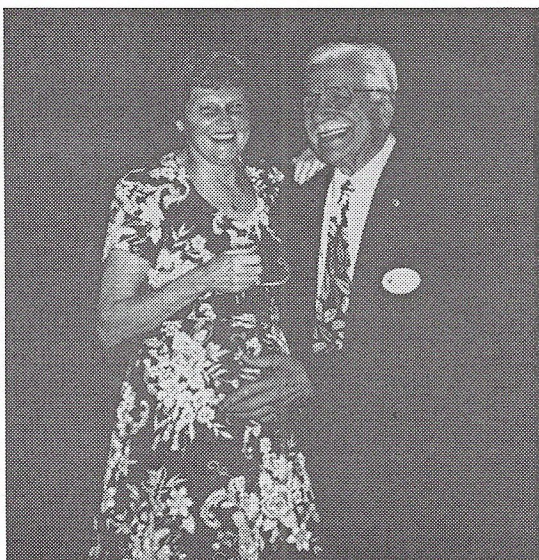
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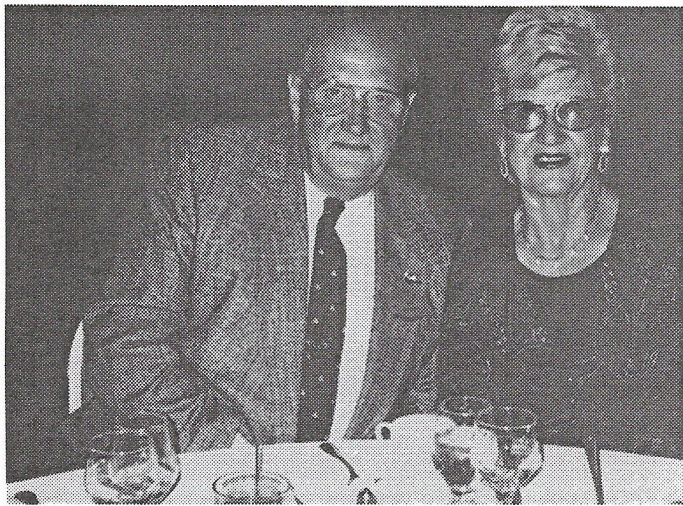
"Some Of The Boys"



Joan Maguire & Tony Nilo



"Some Of Our Hero's"



Ed & Pat Barnes



Lloyd Whitlow, Lynn Kaessner, Donna Whitlow



Carol & Howard Vogt



Margaret & Ted



Roy Snyder & Guess Who?



Elbert & Georgia Bazhaw

**384th Bomb Group, Inc.
Membership Meeting
Sept. 2, 2000 - 9:00 A.M.
Savannah, GA**

Reunion President, Don Thompson, opened the meeting with a poem.

Prayer was offered, lead by Chaplain, Palazzo, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Lloyd Whitlow opened with words of welcome, especially to those who were attending for the first time.

Roll call of 17th reunion officers. Absent were: Nilo, Goebel, Majesky, McCormack, Beese, and Bardue.

Roll call of Board of Directors. Present: Whitlow, Rothschild, Mazer, Harvey, Kaessner, Thompson, Voiland, Barnes, Turner, Guilmet.

Absent: Arauz, Carnes.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of May 10, 2000 were read by Kaessner. Financial report was read by Rothschild, Bank balance is \$28,000. Group owes the museum \$15,000 for the window placement.

Old Business: Rothschild reported that the 8th AF Museum Chapel is delayed 1 year due to cost overrun. A concept of the window was shown. Window has been changed to accommodate the architecture of the chapel.

The video which was sent to all members and which a donation was suggested, cleared \$600.

Quentin Bland thanked the 384th for bringing he and Barbara to the meeting. He reported on activities in Grafton Underwood. Many visitors from around the country come to see the window and the memorial. The bell is run in Kettering and Grafton Underwood on July 4th. Bland shows movies of the 384th every 6 weeks. Northampton has set up a trust to build a museum and has accumulated 3000 pounds. He reported on Annie Bagshaw and the history of her care of the monument. He stated that Annie is 93 years old and not too spry. Quentin takes the vase to her and after she places flowers in it he takes her to the monument.

Hill AF Base: Mazer reported on activities at Hill. Video of the Museum was shown. Some 200,000 visitors annually see the 384th exhibits at Hill. The stained glass window is a major tourist attraction. The bell is sounded on the 4th of July at the same time bells are sounded all across the country. The second hanger is finished and has 16 fighters. The "Triangle P" is in good hands. 20 bomber groups trained at Wendover, UT and 16 were in the 8th AF.

Nate was thanked for his tireless efforts at Hill AF Base.

Harvey explained the 5,000 pound piece of White Cliff of Dover and new idea for a memorial monument.

Word re. Father Billy from Palazzo and disposition of his artifacts. Chief Chaplain of the US Airforce was contacted who suggested that all Fr. Billy's things be sent to Maxwell AF Base where all Catholic Chaplains train. A nice picture of the stained glass window be sent also. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously. Rothschild to handle.

Member White, had a few words on Chelation. It was suggested that he present an article for the newsletter, which he agreed to.

New Business: Acceptance of Associate members was discussed. 17 members have died since 1st of the year. An Associate is either a relative or interested person. Will be defined, later. Biera spoke in favor. Organizations are folding because of lack of personnel to carry on. Moved to investigate matter. Himmelstein made motion, Biera 2nd to form a study committee, carried unanimously.

Mazer stated that the 8th AF Historical group will be going to Ogden next Oct.

Suggested that 384th go in May 2001 and would stay in the new Marriott Hotel. It would be a 2 day program which would include the Promontory Point ceremony. It could be called "A Gathering" and would be open to everyone.

Election of 18th reunion officers. Harvey selected a board for nominating committee.

Reunion officers were elected as usual. Gene Voiland will be president.

Location of 2002 reunion. San Diego, Las Vegas and Sacramento were suggested as locations for the next reunion. San Diego was the winner for the 2002 reunion.

Good of the Order. Mr. Dillon described contents of his latest book (Gilrane was waist gunner), "Dying Breed."

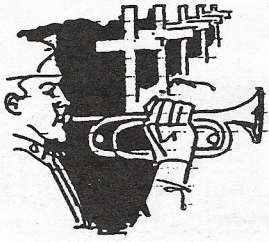
Marc Poole presented his desire to present a program on the internet, (marcpoole.com) covering aspects of the 384th BG. Motion to cooperate working with him. Moved, 2nd, carried unanimously.

Need photographs for newsletter.

A bill in Washington to charge for E-mail.

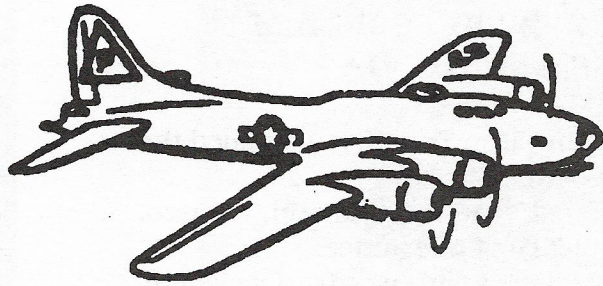
Voiland commented on meeting with Annie Bagshaw.

"Switchboard.com" may help locate lost souls. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.



JAPS

Ackerson, Donald	Tappen, NY
Cook, Roy	Vandalio, OH
Bigley, Clarence	Broadway, NJ
Haught, Ralph	Wheaton, MD
House, Horace	Charlotte, NC
Mellon, Matthew	Stillwater, NY
Pierce, Lee	Rogue River, OR
Rollison, Emmett	Richmod, VA
Way, Arthur	Gladstone, MI



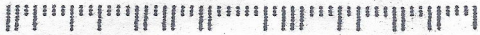
Since the last newsletter, two of our active Board of Director's members have lost their spouse.

Sam Arauz's wife Blanche passed away on 7-26-2000.

Mike Mazer's wife Fran passed away on 9-28-2000.

Both of these ladies were active in all of the 384th functions. Our condolences go out to Sam and Mike as the group will surely miss them.

As of Sept. 7, 2000, Mrs. Eileen Frink passed away, wife of Horace Frink.

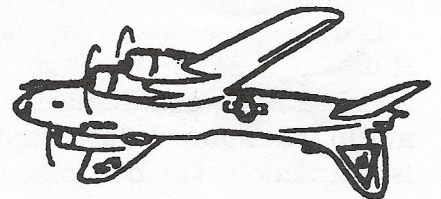


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