

# The Next Stage

## Party Begins 6 PM on 12/14 at Madison Sq

Jo Tipton and John Marlin are working out last minute details for the first annual HDAA Christmas Party on Thursday evening. Prepaid reservations now total about 110 and a few more are expected.

**Music:** John has arranged for the jazz group Amberjack to play for our entertainment during the evening. They will start about 6:30 and play until about 10:30. Our own Ron Bliwernitz, whose full band played for the 1994 Management Club party, is the leader of this four-piece group.

**Location:** The Holiday Inn ballroom at Madison Square Mall is the party location. We will use it at two-thirds of its maximum size. Mary King (Mrs. Richard King), one of our own prospective members, is taking care of us at the Holiday Inn.

**Times:** "Get Reacquainted Time" (social hour) will start at 6:00 p.m. and buffet service will start at 6:30. We will have a brief program after dinner and conduct some business (see Elections in column 3).

## Membership Grows to 130

Invitations to membership have met a warm response with retired and other former Huntsville Division employees. It started with several dozen retirees who meet monthly in three groups: one at El Palacio for lunch, one at Shoney's for breakfast, and a group of ladies varying their lunch location. The Management Club provided seed money for a broader and unifying organization that has become HDAA. Past Management Club leaders have provided most of the effort required to get this new organization started.

Response from current division employees has not yet been very strong, but several have said that they may be interested in the future. Broader representation on the Board has also been suggested, and an attempt is being made to respond to this suggestion.

A couple of prospective members who no longer live in this area, like Verne Reckmeyer in Denver, said that they would be more interested if we had a newsletter. So, this is a first-cut attempt to respond to that suggestion.

**Menu:** The buffet will include sliced roast sirloin of beef, teriyaki chicken with pineapple sauce, seasoned green beans, broccoli casserole, buttered squash, parsley buttered potatoes, garden salad, rolls, beverages and assorted deserts.

With pre-paid reservations we have well exceeded our minimum. But, there is space for a few more. The price is \$17.50 per person.

Thanks to Jo and John.

## Organizing Board Proposes Slate for '96

The organizing Board has served as the nominating committee for 1996 officers and offers the slate included on the ballot included on page 2. Write-in votes can be made.

There was considerable debate as to whether the "nominating committee" should offer a multiple-choice slate of candidates. (Continued on page 2)

### Ballot on page 2

Mail to P.O. Box 4185; Huntsville, AL 35815-4185 before 12/14/95  
(please be sure that return address is on envelope)  
or bring to Christmas party/meeting on 12/14/95.  
Ballots will be available at party for those needing them.

## Ballot for 1996 Officers and Directors

Position	Nominee	Write-in
President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Cecil Stokes	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
Vice Pres.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Fouts McCauley	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Joyce Newton Royston	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Charles O. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
Directors (vote for 15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plus 3 more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> subject to by-law change):		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Billy Ray Sorter	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - C. E. "Gene" Burroughs	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Cecil Walden	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - C. T. "Tom" Bryant	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Dorothy Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Glenn Webb	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Jim Lee	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - John Marlin	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Jo Tipton	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - J. P. (Paulette) Sellers	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - J. B. "Joe" Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Larry Davis	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - R. E. "Gene" Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Stan Kilpatrick	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Roy T. Willis	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Steve. Alexander	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Todd Wall	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - W. D. "Bill" Fiser	<input type="checkbox"/> - _____

Vote on whether to increase number of directors from 15 to 18

yes  no

## SLATE (Continued from p.1)

The conclusion of the discussion was a consensus that the organization would be best served by continuing the momentum of the organizing group through 1996 and to add to it those who have been leaders of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Several of our early members and many of our prospective members either are or have been members of this local.

Thus, the proposed slate includes past leaders of the Management Club, past and present leaders elected by the

bargaining unit, an O&T representative, and those who have been instrumental in getting retirees together.

A by-law change is proposed to accommodate the broader representation proposed. And, the single-candidate slate was not necessarily intended to set a precedent for future years.

Anyone else wanting to get involved in leadership of the Huntsville Division Alumni Association is invited to let the organizing board know. Although a stated objective of HDAA was to minimize administration, there is a

## Thanks to Chuck and Jeff for Efforts

Chuck Owens and Jeff Jones, two of the past Management Club presidents drawn to leadership roles in HDAA, have expressed a desire to retire from the Board.

Jeff will be leaving the Huntsville Division this month, is much too young to retire, and fears that he will be forced to leave Huntsville for a suitable job. Anyone know of a good job for an excellent engineer (or, several!) being displaced by the plant shut-down?

Chuck has been a key individual in setting the course of HDAA, but says he will be traveling during much of 1996 and thus not be available for meetings.

Much thanks to both from the rest of us.

considerable amount of work to do in putting together things like Christmas parties and membership rosters.

There is a route to upsetting this "railroad job" if anyone finds it to be disturbing. A list of phone numbers of members and a set of mailing labels will be provided to anyone wanting to mount a quick campaign for alternate candidates.

## Ideas Solicited

The HDAA can be what we want it to be.

If we are to have a newsletter, we will need an input of information of interest to other members and prospective members; and, also ideas of what would be of interest (within reason). Send input to PO Box 4185; 35815

**Note:**

**Pages 1 and 2 were found, but pages 3 and 4 were missing when scanning was done. Page 4 is thought to have been similar to what is included here, but we are seeking actual copies of the newsletter.**

## HDAA Information for Prospective Members

### The official objectives of HDAA are:

1. to promote the mutually enjoyable and beneficial association of the individuals employed by Thiokol's Huntsville Division during its 46-year history,
2. to preserve the good image of the organization and foster the spirit that we found to be valuable, and
3. to sponsor those activities that the membership deems to be in keeping with other objectives.

### Membership

HDAA membership is open to all current and former employees of Thiokol's Huntsville Division and their spouses (including surviving spouses of deceased former employees).

An associate membership, carrying most membership privileges, is open to others (customers, suppliers, etc.) who had a close association with the division but were never its employees.

### Activities

With one definite meeting per year, all other activities are subject to determination by the board in response to membership desires.

A pattern of quarterly get-togethers appears to be developing: a March or April dinner, a May or June outing, a December party, and possibly an autumn event.

A quarterly newsletter, telling of activities of HDAA and news of individual members, is in its early form.

An HDAA committee is attempting to maintain in-depth benefits reports, previously available through Human Resources, and other such data to supplement summaries sent from Utah.

HDAA will also interact with smaller groups of alumni who meet more often for meals, golf, etc. and will look for ways to provide mutual support.

### Costs

An initiation fee of \$5 and annual dues of \$12 (\$1 per month) have been set. The board can waive these where a hardship exists.

### Officers

HDAA business is conducted by an elected Board of Directors. The current board includes past leaders of the Management Club, past and present leaders of the bargaining unit, and several individuals who have been instrumental in getting alumni groups together.

### Invitation

A number of areas of the plant and some age groups are not well represented on the HDAA roster. We urge everyone to consider joining with us, either individually or as a group that wants to meet on its own and then join with the larger group for

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