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Charles E. Reilly 1937-2011



The President of RASCC, Charlie Reilly, passed away suddenly on March 18, 2011.

Charlie came to SCC from an accounting position at Grumman Aerospace. After a brief stint as an adjunct instructor, Charlie came aboard full time as an assistant professor in January, 1966. At that time, the Business Division was housed in an old frame building (the East Building) where the Southampton Building now stands. Office space was at a premium so Charlie moved into an office shared with Sid White and me. During “dead head” time periods (sometimes 2 or more hours in duration), Charlie, Sid and myself talked shop.....teaching methodology, course content, testing techniques....on and on.

Charlie was always cranking out new ideas. He loved his teaching and he absolutely loved teaching at Suffolk. He often said to me that if he was given the task of designing his ideal job (employment), he couldn't have done better than his teaching position at SCC. In the years that followed, Charlie and I brought about major revisions to the AAS degree in Accounting, developed the AS Degree for transfer students, and added several new courses to provide options for students at the more advanced levels as well as for students who were majoring in non-accounting business programs.

In 1971, Charlie was appointed as department head for Accounting and Data Processing. Over the years, Charlie wrote many self teaching courses for CPA's to meet professional development requirements of the AICPA (the governing body for the profession).

On a personal level, Charlie had five children with his wife Missy. They traveled far, wide and often and, at one time, took all five kids on a trip to the “old sod”, Ireland. Charlie also loved photography and not only took thousands of pictures, but for many years did his own developing.

Sal La Lima

From the President

Because of the untimely and unexpected death of our President, Charlie Reilly, I, as Vice President will now assume the office of President. It is not the position I expected to be filling when Charlie's term began, but I will do my best to adhere to the high standards established by my predecessors, Pete Herron, Jim Brennan, and Charlie Reilly.

My fondest hope for the Retirees Association is that more retirees will embrace RASCC and become active participants in the organization. I hope to be hearing from the membership with ideas to improve and expand the mission of RASCC and I look forward to working with you, the members.

Bud Macy



From the Executive Council

On Friday, April 1, the executive council and the activities planning committee had its first meeting since the death of Charlie Reilly. We are going on because that is the only thing we can and should do. Charlie will be missed. The executive council elected **Bud Macy** president, **Ginny Trombetta** vice president and **Terry Blanz** member-at-large. The activities planning committee has been working very hard and the result of this hard work is reflected in the planned events listed on pages 6 and 7. You can also find this schedule on the "Meetings & Planned Events" page of the RASCC website, www.rascc.org. This is a great place to visit often. It is here where you will find the most updated RASCC schedule of planned activities. Please take a close look at these activities and get your place reserved as soon as possible. Another very good reason for constantly checking this schedule on the website is there are a few great activities being planned and will be posted as soon as the final details are set.

RASCC is your organization and it can be no better than what we make it to be. Please send us your suggestions, comments, newsletter articles, talents and what you would like to share with other RASCC members.

Pete Herron

NYSUT Member Benefits Program

Pete Herron, NYSUT RC39 President. RASCC webmaster and Membership Chair

To give you an idea of the programs and services endorsed and offered by NYSUT Member Benefits, here is a listing of what is available: **Insurance Benefits** Term Life, WrapPlanSM II Flexible Premium, Adjustable Life, Automobile, Homeowners/Renters, Boat, Personal Excess Liability (Umbrella), Mobile Home, Recreational Vehicle, Snowmobile, Motorcycle, Fire, Landlord's Rental Dwelling, Disability, Catastrophe Major Medical, Long-Term Care, Vision **Financial & Legal Services** Financial Counseling Program, 403(b) Field Guide, Preferred Savings PlusSM and Home Loans, Retiree Dental, Equifax Credit WatchTM Gold Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Legal Service Plan **Discounts** TripMark.travel, Wyndham Hotels & Vacation Rentals, Motivano Online Marketplace, EPIC Hearing Service Plan, Powell's Books, OfficeMax Retail ConnectSM, Bose®, Working Advantage (tickets), Car & Truck Rentals, Philips Lifeline, Medical Alert Service, HEAT USA, Defensive Driving, AFT Subscription Services **Other Services** MAP - Member Alert Program Workshops & Presentations, Consumer's Guides, Payroll and pension Deduction of Member Benefits-endorsed programs, MPP - My Program Participation (Online Look-up service), MetDESK (Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids).

If you would like more information about endorsed voluntary benefit programs for individual members, please do not hesitate to contact NYSUT Member Benefits, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110-2455, 800-626-8100 or visit the web at www.memberbenefits.nysut.org.



Contributors needed

If you have any articles, pictures or information that you think might be of interest to the membership please send it to me.

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New Members

JOAN ANDERSON retired in 2009 as Professor of Nursing at Ammerman. She lives with her husband in Kings Park. They travel and relax with their 8 grandchildren. Her three daughters are physical therapists, her son an EMT-CC. Joan is active in The Professional Nurses Assoc. of S.C. Currently she adjuncts, realizing she could not fully walk away from nursing. Her travels are amazing adventures where she sees parts of the U.S. for the first time.

This year she plans travel to Italy and the Jersey shore.

Her best memories were preparing students to become Registered Nurses. She enjoyed seeing former students working successfully in their chosen clinical area

Joan's advice to us: EAT HEALTHY ...STAY ACTIVE... ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULLEST
...SHARE A JOKE AND LAUGH DAILY

PHILIP LINKER retired in 2006 as Professor of English at Ammerman. His family continues to grow with their 4th grandchild. Phil spends time as a docent and Board of Trustees member of the L.I. Maritime Museum. He offers a tour of the museum and a sail on the Priscilla, their 19th century restored sloop.

CAROL KILKENNY retired in 2008 as a secretary in the Human Resources office at Ammerman. Her best memories are of her co-workers when she first arrived in 1984 working in the cottage. She wishes health and happiness to us.

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New Members

MILDRED KALISH



I was born on St. Patrick's Day in 1922, on a farm near Garrison, Iowa, in Benton County.

My growing-up was influenced by the Great Depression and by the self-reliance and work ethic of my mother's parents — themselves descendants of pioneers who never quite made it into the 20th Century.

*Little Heathens** details the remarkable challenges and the inestimable rewards of living a rural life where children were expected to accept responsibilities beyond the ordinary.

From early on, I was eager to be self-supporting and independent. The summer I turned thirteen I became the companion, cook and caretaker of a retired missionary. Later I worked as a hired girl on two local farms. After my high school graduation, I earned an Elementary Teacher's Certificate from Iowa State Teacher's College at Cedar Falls. However, instead of accepting a teaching position in Iowa, I jumped at an opportunity to move to New York as a governess in Yonkers.

In 1942, I joined the United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve. I was sent for radio training to Miami University at Oxford, Ohio and on graduation I served at the headquarters of the 5th Naval District in Norfolk, Virginia. This is where I met and married fellow radio operator Harry Kalish.

Thanks to the G. I. Bill, we both furthered our education at and graduated from the State University of Iowa . We have two sons, two daughters-in-law (par excellence), four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. I am a Professor Emeritus of English retired from Suffolk County Community College on Long Island. I have taught at the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, the State University of Missouri at Columbia, and at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY.

I live in a retirement community in Cupertino, California.

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**Little Heathens*

Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression
by Mildred Armstrong Kalish , [Bantam Dell, a division of Random House, Inc.](#)

Activities Calendar

Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee are scheduled to meet, on the dates listed below, on the Ammerman Campus, "The Cottage" starting at 9:30 AM unless stated differently below. All members are welcome to participate in the Activities Planning Committee meeting which meets immediately after the Executive Council meeting, approximately 10:30 AM. There are always refreshments.

April 28, 2011, SPRING GENERAL MEETING, LIGHT ON BUSINESS, BIG ON LUNCH

All RASCC members, friends and family are welcome.

April 28, Noon at Stony Brook Yacht Club, choice of 3 or 4 entrees.

Cost: \$22 each including tax and gratuity...pay at the table.

Confirm your reservation by contacting Grahm DeVault by e-mail (go to "Officers and Committee members" page and click DeVault) OR 28 Ridgeway Ave., Setauket, 11733 OR 631-751-1603, no later than Monday, April 18th.

May 1, 2011, SAVE THE DATE. **Island Symphony Orchestra Concert**, 3 PM, Grant Campus with lunch at Mauricio's Restaurant. As soon as all details have been worked out we will let you know.

May 6, 2011, Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

May 20, 2011, WILDFLOWER/NATURE WALK

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Caleb Smith State Park - 851 Jericho Tpke., Commack \$4.00

Lunch at 12:00 noon at Mauricio's Restaurant - 645 Middle Country Road. (Rt. 25) St. James, NY 11780 - \$14.95+ tip Free soda, cash bar. Luncheon includes Rigatoni ala Vodka for appetizer, a salad, and you choose one of 5 entrees, which are Veal Orlando or Chicken Francese or Chicken Marsala or Eggplant Parmigiana or Sole Francese. For dessert - Chocolate Mousse Cake or Cannoli Cake and Coffee. **Total per person: \$14.95 + tip \$3.00 +\$4.00 for walk = \$21.95 per person.**

Please send check by **May 6**, made out to Ms. Terry Blanz, 63 Wichard Blvd., Commack, NY 11725. For additional information call Terry at 631 543-1477.

June 3, 2011, Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

Activities Calendar

June 4, 2011, Mark Twain's Home/Harriet Beecher Stowe's Home and The Wadsworth Atheneum

First a docent-led tour of America's oldest public art collection, enjoy the fine Museum cafe dining on your own, (highly recommended by Zagat). Then, tour the house where modern American literature was born, Mark Twain's warm family residence, then the perfect end for your day, visit Harriet Beecher Stowe's home right next door.

Price \$75 per person. Port Jefferson Ferry: 9:00 AM.

For additional information and to reserve tour tickets please call the Port Jefferson Ferry Tour Department at 631.473-6282 or 631.473-5138, 9 AM-5 PM Monday through Friday.

To coordinate RASCC members going on this tour, please call Grace McGorry at 631 589-7286 when you make you tour reservations.

July 8, 2011, Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

July 10, 2011, LONG ISLAND DUCKS BASEBALL GAME

It is time to think about summer and baseball. RASCC has group tickets at the discount price of \$12 each for the July 10th Long Island Ducks Baseball game in Central Islip. The Ducks will be playing the team from Somerset N.J. The Sunday July 10th game starts at 5:05 PM. Our seats are in section 113 at field level on the 3rd base side.

To secure your seats send \$12 per ticket to Jim Brennan, 7 Southwood Drive, Miller Place, NY 11764 by May 25. For more information, call Jim at 631-473-7992. Make your checks out to James Brennan.

July 21, 2011, SAVE THE DATE Smithtown Center for the Performing Arts RASCC is planning another theatrical outing with lunch/dinner at a local restaurant. the show is Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel." As soon as all details have been worked out we will let you know.

August 5, 2011 Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

September 9, 2011 Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

October 7, 2011 Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

November 4, 2011 Executive Council and the Activities Planning Committee meetings.

December 6, 2011, RASCC Holiday party. Details will follow.

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