

# S.R.A. News



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## SRA Board of Directors Year End Report

The SRA board met in December for the last meeting of 2011. The board was re elected as a whole. SRA President JoAnn Alix- Gagain announced that the founding and only treasurer of the SRA Robert (Bob) Archambault would resign from those duties full time. Bob has graciously agreed to remain as co-treasurer along with newly elected co treasurer Claudia Zerella. Claudia will take on the majority of the responsibilities and Bob will take on a mentoring/ advisor role.

Bob's expertise, sound advice to the board, diligence and creditability are second to none. His years of volunteering to the SRA along with other major roles in his home town of Orange, CT and his winter location in FL have kept his calendar full to the point that his wonderful wife Marilyn has had to make appointments. Bob has assured JoAnn and the board that he will do whatever he can to help the membership in any way possible.

We thank Bob for his service and diligence to ensure that the SRA is and remains a viable and highly regarded organization.

Gail Majewski, was elected to serve as the Vice President. Gail has served on the board for 4 years and brings to the organization knowledge of union retiree issues and an understanding of newer retirees concerns of health care benefit changes.

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*By JoAnn Alix-Gagain  
President, SRA*

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We are saddened to report that we lost our dear friend and colleague Bill Clifford after his very courageous battle. There was never a meeting that he did not bring intelligence, wit, charm, compassion and thought provoking ideas to the table. Bill was the newsletter's advertising director which brought many advertisers to the publication to help reduce our costs though the ads and also to provide reputable agencies to our membership. His charming wife Nancy and their children and grandchildren have lost the oak tree of their family. And we, the SRA board and membership have lost a member of our family as well. The SRA made a donation in Bill's memory to the St. Francis Cancer Center located in Hartford.

In the area of membership, we have seen losses due to members passing away and fewer new members in the ending months of 2011. However there has been an up turn regarding new memberships in the 1 Q of 2012.

If we remain somewhat stable with our dues paying members and continue for the remaining months with growth, the SRA will continue

on its mission for all retirees and their dependants.

We continue to purchase AT&T shares and re-invest the dividends paid.

Our belief is that as an organization we have additional opportunities to have a voice at shareholder meetings and the ability to vote on items that are in the best interests of retirees. The SRA did not submit a Shareholder Proposal for the AT&T Annual Meeting that will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 27th. However, we are currently researching possible proposals that could be submitted for the 2013 meeting. We have an agreement with the ACER retiree group (Legacy AT&T) to share the expenses of a proposal should we submit.

We have investments in the form of CD's which currently are not providing a good return, but allows us to have access to funds should a need arise.

SRA continues to provide a full newsletter three times a year that captures the interest of all who read it. We always look for stories from our retirees or for items of interest that will be beneficial to our readers.

In closing, this is your organization; you are the ones that can make the needed growth happen. Take a moment call some former co workers. Say hello...ask them to join, not tomorrow but today.



### **S.R.A. News**

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# **SAVE THE DATE!**

## **The SRA ANNUAL MEETING and PICNIC**

WILL BE HELD AT

## **HOLIDAY HILL RESORT**

ON

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M.**

**NOTICES WILL BE MAILED IN JULY.**



*U.S. Supreme Court Justices.*

## **U.S. SUPREME COURT CONCLUDES HEARINGS ON HEALTH CARE**

March 28, 2012 WASHINGTON (AP) — Concluding three days of fervent, public disagreement, a Supreme Court seemingly split over ideology will now wrestle in private about whether to strike down key parts or even all of President Barack Obama's historic health care law. The justices' decision, due this June, will affect the way virtually every American receives and pays for care.

The court wrapped up public arguments Wednesday on the overhaul, which is designed to extend health insurance to most of the 50 million Americans now without it. The first and biggest issue the justices must decide is whether the centerpiece of the law, the requirement that nearly all Americans carry insurance or pay a penalty, is constitutional.

Wednesday's argument time was unusual in that it assumed a negative answer to that central question. What should happen to other provisions, the justices and lawyers debated, if the court strikes down the requirement? If

the justices are following their normal practice, they had not even met to take a preliminary vote in the case before all argument concluded.

Questions at the court this week days showed a strong ideological division between the liberal justices who seem inclined to uphold the law in its entirety and the conservative justices whose skepticism about Congress' power to force people to buy insurance suggests deep trouble for the insurance requirement, and possibly the entire law.

The divide on the court reflects a similar split in public opinion about the law, which Congress approved two years ago when Democrats controlled both houses. The justices' decision is sure to become a significant part of this year's presidential and congressional election campaigns, in which Republicans have relentlessly attacked the law.

Both liberal and conservative justices appeared on Wednesday to accept the administration's argument that at least two important insurance changes are so

closely tied to the must-have-coverage requirement that they could not survive without it: provisions requiring insurers to cover people regardless of their existing medical problems and limiting how much those companies can charge in premiums based on a person's age or health.

Less clear was whether the court would conclude the entire law, with its hundreds of unrelated provisions, would have to be cast aside.

The justices also spent part of the day considering a challenge by 26 states to the expansion of the federal-state Medicaid program for low-income Americans — an important feature which alone was expected to extend coverage to 15 million people and which no lower court has rejected.

Audio of Wednesday morning's argument can be found at: <http://apne.ws/GX1p23> ; the afternoon argument at: <http://apne.ws/GXdZOP> .

Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. took a few seconds at the end of the Medicaid argument to make a final plea for the court to uphold the entire law, which he said would "secure the blessings of liberty" for millions of Americans by providing them with affordable health care.

Verrilli told the court that Congress had made a policy decision to fight the high cost of medical care through the new law. "I would urge the court to respect that judgment," he said.

Paul Clement, the lawyer for the states challenging the law, retorted that it would be a strange definition of liberty to make people who may not want it buy health care insurance. And he called Congress' threat to cut all Medicaid funding from states that refuse to expand the program "a direct threat to our federalism."

Not since 2000, when the court resolved the Bush v. Gore dispute over Florida election returns that sealed George W. Bush's election as president has a Supreme Court case drawn so much attention.

In their questions Wednesday, liberal justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer took issue with Clement, who was asking that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act be tossed out in its entirety.

"What's wrong with leaving this in the hands of those who should be fixing this?" asked Sotomayor, referring to Congress.

Chief Justice John Roberts also spoke about parts of the law that "have nothing to do with any of the things we are" talking about.

For example, Ginsburg observed that

the act deals with issues such as black lung disease.

"Why make Congress redo those?" she asked. "There are many things" that have "nothing to do with affordable health care."

But Clement said the court would be leaving "a hollow shell" if it decided to excise the several key provisions. "The rest of the law cannot stand," he

contended.

Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy also asked hard questions of Deputy Solicitor General Edwin Kneedler that indicated they are at least considering Clement's arguments. Kneedler said that the only other provisions the court should kill in the event the mandate is stricken are the two that bar refusing coverage to

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## S.R.A. RESPONSE TEAM

The S.R.A. Response Team is active and ready to assist our members with problems relative to Health Benefits and Pension items.

Before placing a telephone call to a member of the Response Team, for assistance, be sure you have contacted the AT&T Benefits Center.

The S.R.A. Response Team Members ready to assist you are:

<b>JoAnn Alix-Gagain</b>	203-758-2409 (jagagain@snet.net)
<b>Judy Kleist</b>	203-237-0303
<b>Gail Majewski</b>	860-442-8296



*This picture was taken by Roy Coughlin according to Milton Andrew, who supplied the photo to the SRA. The event was the launching of the famous Princess phone. The "Princess" along with the princesses toured the state.*



# SPRING NEWS AND VIEWS

## AT&T Vendor Closes Long Term Care Offering

John Hancock, the administrator of the long term care policy, has informed AT&T that they will permanently close the AT&T Consolidated Long Term Care Plan to new enrollees as of 5/1/2012.

If a retiree or their dependents are currently enrolled in the AT&T Consolidated Long Term Care Plan, they are not required to take any action. If they or their dependents are not currently enrolled and wish to enroll, their application must be postmarked by April 30, 2012 or they will not be able to enroll in this plan.

John Hancock's decision not to accept new entrants does not affect retirees or dependents that already have this coverage. John Hancock will continue to provide ongoing service to the insured under their policy.

The week of March 5th, all retirees were notified of John Hancock's requirement to close the plan effective 5/1/2012 to new enrollees and of the opportunity to enroll for anyone who still wants to complete enrollment as long as the application is postmarked by 4/30/2012.

## Failed Purchase of T Mobile USA Costs AT&T CEO

NEW YORK (AP) -- AT&T Inc.'s board cut CEO Randall Stephenson's 2011 pay by \$2.08 million because he engineered the failed deal to buy T-Mobile USA, according to a regulatory filing Tuesday.

Opposition from federal antitrust regulators forced the Dallas-based phone company to give up on the \$39 billion deal in December. That meant it had to hand over \$4.2 billion in cash and spectrum rights to T-Mobile as a so-called "break-up fee" to compensate T-Mobile for the failure.

Looking at that \$4.2 billion charge, AT&T's board cut Stephenson's cash bonus by 25 percent, and cut his stock award by 6 percent, for a total of \$2.08 million.

That left Stephenson's 2011 total pay package at \$18.7 million, according to the Associated Press formula. His compensation was down from \$20.2 million in 2010.

It's unusual for company boards to cut CEO

compensation for specific missteps. But the cost of the failed T-Mobile deal was exceptional. Its standard practice to offer break-up fees to get acquisition targets to sign on to a deal, but the one AT&T promised was unusually large.

The AP's compensation formula includes Stephenson's salary, bonus, perks, above-market returns on deferred compensation and the estimated value of stock options and awards granted during the year.

The calculations don't include changes in the present value of pension benefits, and they sometimes differ from the totals that companies list in the summary compensation table of proxy statements filed with regulators.

For all of 2011, AT&T earned \$3.9 billion, or 66 cents per share, on \$126.7 billion in revenue. That compares with net income of \$19.9 billion, or \$3.35 per share, on \$124.3 billion in revenue in 2010.

## AT&T Annual Shareholder Report Mailed and Online

As shareholders of AT&T we have been reading the 2011 Annual Report (AR) in awe. The numbers are staggering regarding growth in the wireless markets.

Can we comprehend that in 2006 there were 61 million wireless subscribers and by the end of 2011 the number was 103.2 million? A growth rate of 20,000% (not a typo). The revenue generated by wireless, wireline data and managed services 5 years ago represented approximately half of overall revenue. Today according to the AR, combined they represent more than 3/4 of the total revenue of the corporation. There was some growth in the most advanced business solutions in the wireline business arena. Revenues in this area rose to \$ 5.6 B from \$4.7 B in 2010 according to the report.

Also indicated in the report is the growing gap between "growth businesses" and "legacy operations". More tough choices regarding jobs coming on the horizon, it sounds.

Cited in the AR as well are the labor contracts that will expire in 2012. Those contracts cover about 120,000 employees of which 80,000 across the country, (mainly wireline) can strike if settlements are

not reached and the unions secure a strike vote from their members.

The company with the help of consumers collected 3 million cell phones for reuse or recycling. Additionally the company has over 5,000 alternative- fuel vehicles deployed currently.

U-verse revenue grew more than 53% in one year.

But this is the bottom line... Growth is all in wireless technology, app development worldwide, stronger and faster wireless networks. The revenue numbers never lie: Wireless: 50%; Wireline Data/Managed Services: 26%; Wireline Voice: 19%; Advertising Solutions / Other: 5%.

Several Senior VP's who report to the CEO of AT&T have announced their retirements. Will there be changes at the very top or consolidation of responsibilities? One of the retirements announced is Forest Miller who was head of the CT enterprise.

## Recent e-mails and notes from our fellow retirees around the country have been great.

Walt Downey enjoying raising teenagers in FL..... Eddie Greene enjoying playing golf in the Carolinas almost daily.....Bobby Traficanti still in AZ. and rarely comes East anymore. He lost his wife last year, a wonderful person.....

Cathy Bradley is still working and traveling. ....Phyllis Suppe is still volunteering. Laurel Garon is a great grandmother.....Bill O'Day and his wife keep up to date on all items related to AT&T and provide info to JoAnn often, thank you.....Judy Rusczyk has helped update the SRA data base with folks who are no longer with us that may have slipped by our eyes and ears..... Bill Hughes sends his best to all SRA members, along with Scotty Tracy, Marion Taylor Biestek, the Chadwicks, Bill Teuber, and Eliot Jameson. We always enjoy hearing from many members who thank the SRA board for our work efforts.

## SRA Membership Renewal and Growth

SRA dues for the 2012 year are past due. If you have not renewed this will be your last newsletter. The renewal form is included in this newsletter on page 12. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHECKBOOK BEFORE SENDING ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY AS SOME TEND TO OVER PAY.

Please remember that SRA grows by your efforts to bring other retirees to our group. We receive no notifications from any source regarding retirements. Copy the application for friends.

Your board also wishes to thank those who were able to make an additional contribution along with their dues renewal. Your additional support to our organization is appreciated and helps us to keep our dues structure the same since the SRA was formed.

## SRA Annual Meeting and Picnic at Holiday Hill

As you know the SRA meeting/picnic held each September at Holiday Hill is a big event for us. Many paid members bring a guest(s). Some of those guests are retirees and are NOT members of the SRA. (Not speaking of couples!)

As the event is subsidized by the SRA treasury (like all of our meetings/lunches) it is not fair to paying members to subsidize those who have yet to join but want to attend at members/guest price. We announced at last year's picnic that any attendee who is a retiree from our company and not an up to date dues paying member will pay the full Holiday Hill price to attend. So, please if you have brought a retiree in the past as a guest and they are not a member, be sure to use the membership application in this newsletter and past newsletters to sign them up. It is the only fair way to go. Last year's full cost was over \$30 a head.

## Pioneer Annual Dinner 2012

The Pioneers have announced that the Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Sunday May 12, 2012 at Zandri's Stillwood Inn on Rt. 5 (near the Wallingford/ North Haven line). The dinner details and RSVP forms are included in this newsletter on page 8. As most local chapters have disbanded let's try to attend this event to support our fellow Pioneers in CT. Maybe we will see you there.

## To All SRA Members

It is with sadness and a deep sense of loss that we report that the founding President of the SRA Jack Butler has died at his home in Orange, CT. Jack was found on Saturday, March 31, 2012 by a neighbor. Details of his arrangements were incomplete at press time. Our sincere condolences to his daughters and their respective families.

# 2012 SRA Florida Lunch Meetings Attendees

## Port St. Lucie - 21-Feb

### Member Name

JoAnn Alix-Gagain  
 Tony Anastasio  
 Milton Andrew  
 Bob Archambault  
 Ed Bagley, Jr.  
 Sally Bronson  
 Gladys Brown  
 Christine Downey  
 Charles Ericson  
 Dick Frawley  
 Laurel Garon  
 Dorothy Gleacher  
 James Gleason

### Guest Name

Anne Anastasio  
 Marilyn Archambault  
 Doris Bagley  
 Albert Burdge  
 William Brown  
 Gerard Downey  
 Jean Ericson  
 Frank Garon  
 Donald Gleacher  
 Pat Gleason  
 Linda Dobb  
 Dorothy Gurzenda  
 Ann Haney

Joseph Gurzenda  
 Roy Haney  
 Ed Isaacs  
 Pat Isaacs  
 Eliot Jameson  
 Dwight Johnson  
 Penny Johnson  
 William Kelly  
 Ernie LeMay  
 Tom Morrell  
 William O'Keefe  
 Bob Schulze  
 Raymond Squires  
 Joyce Szczoczarsz  
 Charles Waldo

Lois Jameson

Fernne LeMay  
 Marion Morrell  
 Margaret O'Keefe

Terry Squires

Linda Waldo

## Bonita Springs - 6-Mar

### Member Name

JoAnn Alix Gagain  
 Charles Allard  
 Barry Burke  
 Joe Burke  
 Gladys Campbell  
 Francis Coyle  
 Mary Lou Coyle  
 James Cyr  
 Albie Czapski  
 Beverly Duggan  
 Dan Fahy  
 Jackie Fahy  
 Ruth Hopco  
 Nils Lindroth  
 George Lyon

### Guest Name

Susan Allard

Pauline Cyr

Rolf Mezger

Barbara Lindroth

### Member Name

Tim Moriarty  
 Francis Mullins  
 John Mulver, Sr.  
 Jack O'Brien  
 Tom Puffer  
 Roseanna Smith  
 Jane Warren  
 Ellen Warzecha  
 Ted Warzecha

### Guest Name

Carol Mullins  
 Rita O'Brien  
 Barbara Puffer  
 Robert Banta

## Venice - 14-Mar

### Member Name

JoAnn Alix-Gagain  
 Graham Bell  
 Donald Bragg  
 Norris Buchter  
 Ralph Bushnell  
 Eleanor Crowell  
 John De Angelis  
 Carol Depgen  
 Frank Depgen  
 George Ducharme  
 Pattie Ducharme  
 Walter Ehman  
 Jeremiah Fallon  
 John Greenwood  
 George Hartmann  
 Kenneth Hofford  
 Antonio Longo  
 Terry Hoyt  
 Antonio Longo  
 Jack Lozinski  
 Herbert Luce  
 Don Lucian  
 Louis Marinelli  
 Roy Martin  
 Jim McNulty  
 David Moore  
 Maureen O'Connor  
 Bill O'Donnell  
 Cynthia O'Donnell  
 Edward Phelan  
 Clifford Powers  
 Herb Roessler  
 Leroy Russell, Jr.  
 Patricia Sikeritzky  
 James Stewart  
 Donald Topazio  
 Bill Warjenski  
 Genevieve Welch

### Guest Name

Barb Bragg  
 Beverly Evans  
 June Bushnell  
 Henry Crowell  
 Anne Fallon  
 Maryann Greenwood  
 Ginny Hofford  
 Elizabeth Longo  
 Jan Lozinski  
 Isabelle Luce  
 Mo Lucian  
 Betty Young  
 Marilyn McNulty  
 Betty Phelan  
 Vera Powers  
 Audrey Roessler  
 Diane Russell  
 Joan Kalil  
 Susan Stewart  
 Gene Kapusta

# Health Plan Updates/News

- » There are two dental plans for AT&T East retirees, so we have learned. In the fall edition of the SRA newsletter reference was made to improvements in the dental plan. We did not understand those improvements to apply only to the AT&T Dental Plan PPO which is the management retiree plan and not to the SNET Dental PPO plan, in which union retirees are covered. Be sure to call Cigna for coverage amounts if your dental provider can not assist you.
- » Some, not all Dual Coverage (AKA: Coordination of Benefits) participants did see changes for 2012 coverage. The changes were implemented for some union retirees who left after 1/1/1992 and became effective with the last contract negotiations in which the union and company agreed to the changes. (Call the union, not the SRA and ask what is in store for you with the upcoming contract expiration). Again, not all the folks who have dual coverage have lost it. There are numerous factors to be looked at to determine where this may fall out for you, if applicable. If you have any questions regarding this subject, call the AT&T Benefit Center. In most cases those who had an impact did receive notices with annual enrollment materials. (When did union retirees elect unions to negotiate for them? Shame on AT&T and the union leadership.)
- » Medicare Part B reimbursements were a little mixed up with the first pension checks of the New Year. The company has resolved the issue and most have been rectified. If you are still not receiving the correct amount, please call the number listed in this newsletter. Remember if you or your spouse will be going on Medicare sometime this year it is your responsibility to inform the company in order to determine if you are eligible for the reimbursement of this money. Again, see the phone numbers listed in this newsletter for your convenience. And be sure that if you and your spouse are retirees verify which one of you has the reimbursement. Should that spouse pass away, the surviving retiree must re-apply for the reimbursement under their own retirement. No retro to recover lost reimbursements.
- » Some, not all retirees who would be eligible for Medicare Part D (drug plan) – if AT&T did not provide prescription coverage – were notified (by law) of an upcoming change of plans for the benefit year beginning in 2013. AT&T will be sending more info to only those who will see this change. Many open issues remain regarding this subject due to the pending health care reform issues, please do yourself a favor and read your materials, as it applies to you, not always everyone.

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sick people and limiting the charges to old or sick people.

Justice Antonin Scalia suggested many members of Congress might not have voted for the bill without the central provisions, and he said the court should not go through each and every page to sort out what stays and what goes.

"What happened to the Eighth Amendment?" Scalia asked, referring to the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. "You really expect us to go through 2,700 pages?"

In the afternoon arguments, the liberal justices made clear they would vote to uphold the Medicaid expansion, for which the federal government would pay almost all the costs.

Justices Sotomayor, Kagan, Ginsburg and Breyer voiced strong disagreement with the states' contention that the expansion of the joint state-federal

program would be unconstitutionally coercive.

"Why is a big gift from the federal government a matter of coercion?" Kagan asked.

Even Roberts joined his liberal colleagues in questioning Clement about the states' argument that that the expansion comes with too many strings.

"Well, why isn't that a consequence of how willing they have been since the New Deal to take the federal government's money? And it seems to me that they have compromised their status as independent sovereigns because they are so dependent on what the federal government has done, they should not be surprised that the federal government having attached the — they tied the strings, they shouldn't be surprised if the federal government isn't going to start pulling them," Roberts said.

A colorful assembly of demonstrators sounded off pro and con outside the

marble court building all three days, though Wednesday's crowd was the smallest.

Supporters of the law held a morning news conference to stress the importance of Medicaid. And, marching on the sidewalk outside the court, they repeated chants they had used the previous two days, including "Ho, ho, hey, hey, Obamacare is here to stay." Most of their group departed not long after arguments began inside.

Opponents of the law, including Susan Clark of Santa Monica, Calif., also stood outside the court. Clark, who was wearing a three-cornered colonial-style hat, carried a sign that read "Obamacare a disaster in every way!"

"Freedom, yes. Obamacare, no," other opponents chanted.

*Associated Press writers Jesse J. Holland, Pete Yost and Jessica Gresko contributed to this report*



## 2012 PIONEER DINNER RESERVATION

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012 :- ZANDRI'S STILLWOOD INN

Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

Reservations must be received no later than

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

LIFE MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIFE MEMBER CLUB NAME: *please circle*

HARTFORD      NEW HAVEN EAST      NEW HAVEN WEST      WATERBURY

GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE MEMBER COUNCIL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total number of members \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Tables paid for 10 are available to reserve, otherwise first come basis

Kindly return reservation by May 4<sup>th</sup> with check payable to:

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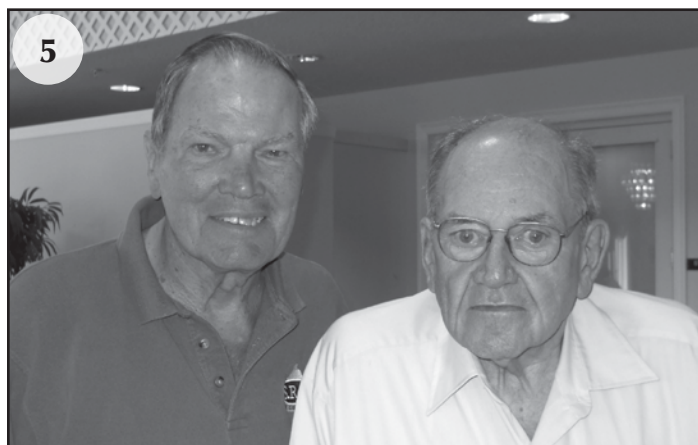


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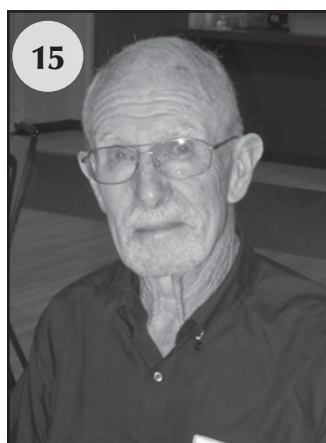
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AT&T BENEFICIARY FORMS (FIDELITY SERV. CENTER) .....	1-800-416-2363
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CANCER RESOURCE CENTER.....	1-866-936-6002
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EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN (VALUE OPTIONS SVC).....	1-800 554 6701
FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS & HEALTHSPENDING ACCOUNTS (SHPS) ....	1-800-283-3211
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LIFE INSURANCE (COMPANY PROVIDED) .....	1-877 722 0020
LONG TERM CARE (JOHN HANCOCK).....	1-800 732-3220
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MEDICAL (BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF IL).....	1-800-621-7336
MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENTS.....	1-877-722-0020
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PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (CVS/CAREMARK) .....	1-800 378 8851
SAVINGS & SECURITY (FIDELITY SERVICE CENTER).....	1-800 416 2363
STOCK OPTIONS (MERRILL LYNCH).....	1-888 722 6767
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1. Tony Anastasio, Dwight Johnson, Roy Haney, Joyce Szczarczorz, Jim Gleason
2. Ed and Pat Isaacs
3. Barry Burke, Joe Burke, and John Mulver
4. Terry and Ray Squires with Charlie and Jean Erickson
5. SRA Treasurer Bob Archambault & Bill Kelly
6. SRA President JoAnn Alix Gagain And Frank Garon
7. Roseanna Smith, Ruth Hopco, George Lyon, Fran and Mary Lou Coyle, Jackie Fahy and Gladys Campbell
8. Fran Mullins
9. Tom and Barbara Puffer
10. James and Pauline Cyr
11. Margaret and Bill O'Keefe with Lois and Eliot Jameson
12. Bev Duggan and Rolf Mezger
13. Nils and Barbara Lindroth
14. Ted Warzecha
15. Dan Fahy
16. Albie Czapaski







# **S.R.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM**

*Dear Retiree,  
Please complete the following information and return the form with your  
dues and any additional contribution you may be able to make.*

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PRINT**

Check one: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Date\_\_\_\_\_

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# Facts from the U.S. Census Bureau

## Older Americans Month: May 2012

A meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens resulted in President John F. Kennedy designating May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 65 and older through ceremonies, events and public recognition.

### 40.3 million

The number of people who were 65 and older in the United States on April 1, 2010, accounting for 13 percent of the total population. In 2010, this age group was larger than in any other decennial census, up from 31.2 million in 1990 and 35.0 million in 2000. Source: The Older Population: 2010 <<http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-09.pdf>>

### 88.5 million

Projected population of people 65 and older in 2050. People in this age group would comprise 20 percent of the total population at that time.

Source: Population projections <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/summarytables.html>>

### 546 million

Projected 2011 midyear world population 65 and older. Projections indicate the number will increase to 1.56 billion by 2050. The percentage of the world's population 65 and older would increase from about 8 percent to about 17 percent over the period.

Source: International Data Base <<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/groups.php>>

## COMING OF AGE

*Median age of residents in each state, D.C. and Puerto Rico.*

Ala. .... 37.9	Mont. .... 39.8
Alaska .... 33.8	Neb. .... 36.2
Ariz. .... 35.9	Nev. .... 36.3
Ark. .... 37.4	N.H. .... 41.1
Calif. .... 35.2	N.J. .... 39.0
Colo. .... 36.1	N.M. .... 36.7
Conn. .... 40.0	N.Y. .... 38.0
Del. .... 38.8	N.C. .... 37.4
D.C. .... 33.8	N.D. .... 37.0
Fla. .... 40.7	Ohio .... 38.8
Ga. .... 35.3	Okla. .... 36.2
Hawaii .... 38.6	Ore. .... 38.4
Idaho .... 34.6	Pa. .... 40.1
Ill. .... 36.6	P.R. .... 36.9
Ind. .... 37.0	R.I. .... 39.4
Iowa .... 38.1	S.C. .... 37.9
Kan. .... 36.0	S.D. .... 36.9
Ky. .... 38.1	Tenn. .... 38.0
La. .... 35.8	Texas .... 33.6
Maine .... 42.7	Utah .... 29.2
Md. .... 38.0	Vt. .... 41.5
Mass. .... 39.1	Va. .... 37.5
Mich. .... 38.9	Wash. .... 37.3
Minn. .... 37.4	W.Va. .... 41.3
Miss. .... 36.0	Wis. .... 38.5
Mo. .... 37.9	Wyo. .... 36.8

Source: US Census Bureau

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Deaths of retirees as reported to AT&T or the SRA. Also beginning this August, AT&T has provided the city or town and state of the retiree. Prior to now that info was not readily available. The list is also very extensive due to the timing of the lists availability and the newsletter print dates.

NAME	City/State of Residence	Date of Death			
ANDERSON, JOAN E	WEST HAVEN	CT Feb 18, 2012	DEBOW, LEON R	BOKEELIA	FL Sep 26, 2011
ANDERSON JR, JOHN W	BRANFORD	CT Jul 11, 2011	DEROSA, SUEANNE	WESTERLY	RI Dec 26, 2011
ANDREADIS, MARGARET	EAST HAVEN	CT Dec 09, 2011	DEVLIN, AUDREY J	SUFFIELD	CT Jan 14, 2012
ANDROSS, NORMAN B	SOUTH WINDSOR	CT Jan 21, 2012	DILL JR, RICHARD	BRANFORD	CT Dec 04, 2011
BADGLEY, DONALD	SOUTHINGTON	CT Jan 26, 2012	DUMAS, THOMAS J	DURHAM	CT Jul 13, 2011
BAILEY, ROBERT C		Mar 21, 1985	EDGERTON, JACK O	FARMINGTON	CT Jun 24, 2011
BARCLAY JR, BERNT S	PORT CHARLOTTE	FL Oct 14, 2011	EMRO, ROBERT P.	RIDGEFIELD	CT May 11, 2011
BARRETT, WILLIAM C	HAMDEN	CT Dec 27, 2011	ERICKSON, DONALD C	BRANFORD	CT Oct 15, 2011
BECK, LILLIAN H	DERBY	CT Nov 14, 2011	FALCONI, MARY M	NEW LONDON	CT Oct 21, 2011
BENEVICH, ROBERT W	WATERBURY	CT Dec 26, 2011	FILIPPELLI, VIRGINIA L	HARTFORD	CT Jan 27, 2012
BENJAMIN, ELNA L	DURHAM	CT Jan 28, 2012	FISHER, DONALD W	BRANFORD	CT Sep 14, 2011
BENZI, JOHN R	GUILFORD	CT Nov 03, 2011	FITZGERALD, ANNE	EAST HAVEN	CT Feb 07, 2012
BIENKOWSKI, RAYMOND J	DANBY	VT Nov 10, 2011	FORD, MARY H	VENICE	FL Aug 30, 2010
BORGERSEN, ROGER N	MILFORD	CT Oct 31, 2011	GARGAMELLI, RICHARD J	BRANFORD	CT Nov 03, 2011
BORRELLO, GENEVIEVE	CHICOPEE	MA Jan 05, 2012	GIOIELE, LOUIS F	LITTLE RIVER	SC Aug 16, 2011
BOULEY, JOSEPH L	NORWICH	CT Dec 18, 2011	GOLDEN, MEREDITH L	BETHANY	CT Aug 08, 2011
BOWERS, ANNA	NEW HAVEN	CT May 24, 2011	GRILLO, LENA M	CANTON	GA Dec 12, 2011
BRENNAN, JOHN J	NORTH HAVEN	CT Aug 21, 2011	GRUMMAN, EDNA B	SOUTHINGTON	CT Dec 26, 2011
BRICE, PATTY L	BRIDGEPORT	CT May 27, 2008	GUTEKENST, BARBARA H	NEWINGTON	CT Oct 29, 2011
BRODEUR JR, ERNEST W	FARMINGTON	CT Nov 07, 2011	HANNON, MARY J	TORRINGTON	CT Aug 15, 2011
BRUCE, EDWARD G	ALTAMONTE SPRINGS	FL Feb 18, 2012	HARTOG JR, FERDINAND	WALLINGFORD	CT Jan 04, 2012
BUCHTER, WARREN G	BETHANY	CT Nov 29, 2011	HEERAN, HELEN E	WEST HAVEN	CT Aug 20, 2011
BURKBUCKLER, JULIE R	NEW SMYRNA BEACH	FL Sep 08, 2011	HODGES, BRUCE A	CHARLOTTE	NC May 04, 2011
BURLAND, WILLIAM H	WOODRIDGE	CT Jul 09, 2011	HOLCOMB, JANET B	GRANBY	CT Jan 27, 2012
BURNS, EVELYN C	MILFORD	CT Jul 28, 2011	HOLLOWAY, LORI S	COCOA BEACH	FL Jan 21, 2012
CALKINS, STEVEN R	HAMPTON	CT Aug 21, 2011	HOWE, ROY E	WOLCOTT	CT Jul 04, 2011
CANTRELL, BALLARD H	ROWAYTON	CT Jan 30, 2012	HUNIHAN, VINCENT A	EAST HAVEN	CT Oct 17, 2011
CHALOU, SUSAN A	MANCHESTER	CT Sep 28, 2011	HUNT, JUSTINE R	MILFORD	CT Jan 01, 2012
CHEGWIDDEN, WILLIAM H	WEST HAVEN	CT Nov 06, 2011	JANIK, JANE M	WINDHAM	CT Dec 27, 2010
CLARK, WILLIAM R	EAST HAMPTON	CT May 21, 2011	JOHNSEN, MARY M	GRAFTON	NH Oct 06, 2011
CLIFFORD, WILLIAM E	WEST HARTFORD	CT Oct 26, 2011	KENNEDY JR, JOSEPH T	UNCASVILLE	CT Nov 09, 2011
CLIFTON, MARGIE A FT	VALLEY	GA Dec 23, 2011	KENT, MARGARET	MACHIPONGO	VA Apr 10, 2007
COCHRAN, NEIL	SEYMOUR	CT Sep 17, 2011	KEOGH, PIETER	GUILFORD	CT Sep 13, 2011
COLLINS, LYN H	MELBOURNE	FL Nov 04, 2011	KNAPP, DONALD E	VERO BEACH	FL Nov 04, 2011
CONNELLY, MARGARET M	EAST HAVEN	CT Oct 17, 2011	KNUDSEN, KNUD B	DEEP RIVER	CT Sep 27, 2011
COOGAN, RAYMOND J	NEW HAVEN	CT Jan 10, 2012	KROB, ALLEN C	MANCHESTER	CT Jul 21, 2011
COOPER, ALICE	STUART	FL Sep 11, 2011	LACROIX, FLORA O	SEBASTIAN	FL Aug 01, 2011
COSTELLO, CAROLINE M	WILLIMANTIC	CT Oct 29, 2011	LAFONTAINE, JOAN	CROMWELL	CT Jan 12, 2012
COSTELLO, THOMAS F	SOUTHINGTON	CT Jul 31, 2011	LANGNER, FREDERICK J	WALLINGFORD	CT Oct 11, 2011
CRAMPTON, RICHARD	FORT MEYERS	FL Sep 19, 2011	LANIER, BARBARA	HAMDEN	CT Feb 04, 2012
DAHER, ESSMA E	NORWALK	CT Dec 23, 2011	LAPOINTE, GRETCHEN M	PROSPECT	CT Jun 01, 2008
DANTZ, ROD D	STERLING	CT Dec 19, 2009	LASTES, JOHN P	NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	SC Oct 30, 2011
			LAWLER, ROSE	BETHEL	CT Aug 23, 2011

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LEMAY, AGNES M	OLD SAYBROOK	CT	Jan 17, 2012	ROTH, JOHN G	WEST HAVEN	CT	Aug 07, 2011
LINCK, GEORGE R	GUILFORD	CT	Dec 15, 2011	RUP, MARION R	WEST HARTFORD	CT	Aug 03, 2011
LINDQUIST, RICHARD A	SPRING HILL	FL	Jul 25, 2011	RUPINSKI, JAMES F	RICHMOND	CA	Oct 24, 2011
LOCKWOOD III, HOWARD D	THE VILLAGES	FL	Aug 19, 2011	RYAN SR, THOMAS L	BETHEL	CT	Jun 30, 2011
LOMBARDI, RAYMOND P	HAMDEN	CT	Nov 28, 1994	SABIS, CHARLES	OAKVILLE	CT	Nov 01, 2011
LONGOBARDI, PASQUALE	WEST HAVEN	CT	Aug 22, 2011	SCHOTTA, JEANETTE	BUSHNELL	FL	Sep 12, 2011
LOWELL, EDWIN W.	HUMMELSTOWN	PA	Nov 27, 2011	SCHROEN, DOROTHY	AUSTIN	TX	Oct 11, 2011
LYDEN, PATRICK J	NORTH HAVEN	CT	May 13, 2011	SHEA, DAVID W	HAMDEN	CT	Feb 14, 2012
MAFFEI, ROBERT J	FAIRFIELD	CT	Oct 18, 2011	SHERRIFF, HELEN G	NORWALK	CT	Dec 20, 2011
MALINO, CLAUDIA A	BRISTOL	CT	Jul 23, 2011	SHIEBER, OCIE S	DRY PRONG	LA	Dec 20, 2011
MANDICZ, IRENE	ORANGE	CT	Aug 09, 2011	SHIELDS, DAVID B	NEWINGTON	CT	Oct 21, 2009
MANOUSE, RUTH K	NEW MILFORD	CT	Jan 20, 2012	SHORB, MARJORIE R	SPRING HILL	FL	Jan 21, 2012
MARKS, KENNETH	BEVERLY HILLS	FL	Dec 23, 2011	SIREY, FRANCES K	EAST HAVEN	CT	Jan 06, 2012
MARTIN, EMMA M	MILFORD	CT	Sep 07, 2011	SMITH JR, IRVING	OAKVILLE	CT	Sep 28, 2011
MARTIN, GLADYS J	TITUSVILLE	FL	Sep 14, 2011	SMITH, RONALD F	DANBURY	CT	Jun 12, 2011
MASTROGIANNIS, FLORENCE	NAUGATUCK	CT	Aug 17, 2011	SOBEK, MARY B	TUCSON	AZ	Sep 07, 2011
MAYHEW, EVERETT E	PUTNAM	CT	Feb 01, 2012	SOYKA, WILLIAM J	PLAINVILLE	CT	Feb 08, 2012
MCCARTHY, KATHLEEN J	EAST HARTFORD	CT	Jan 26, 2012	STEELE, DOROTHY B	MERIDEN	CT	Jan 23, 2012
MCEACHERN, DIXIE	MARIETTA	NC	Aug 02, 2011	STONE, MARY A	FT PIERCE	FL	Jan 16, 2012
MCNAMARA, ESTELLE	WINDSOR LOCKS	CT	Jan 10, 2012	SUTLIFFE, ANGELA M	DANBURY	CT	Oct 11, 2011
MENGHI, ALBERT O	WATERFORD	CT	Aug 20, 2011	SWIFT, HENRY R	HILTON HEAD ISLAND	SC	Aug 31, 2011
MORRISROE JR, JOHN J	RIDGEFIELD	CT	Nov 07, 2011	TERRELL, DONALD W	WOODBURY	CT	Jan 15, 2012
MULLIN, JAMES J	ROCKY HILL	CT	Feb 11, 2012	TESSMER, MARY	HAMDEN	CT	Sep 24, 2011
MURRAY, DONALD J	ORANGE	CT	Aug 18, 2011	VANLEUVAN, DOROTHY M	YALESVILLE	CT	Oct 02, 2011
NIVISON, CLAYTON E	RUSKIN	FL	Jan 27, 2012	VIENS, ROBERT D	COLCHESTER	CT	Oct 29, 2011
NIXON, JUDY A	MERIDEN	CT	Sep 27, 2011	VIETS, EDWIN W	NO BRANFORD	CT	Oct 25, 2011
NOLAN, DANIEL T	DURHAM	CT	Dec 04, 2011	VOGLER, GERALDINE	DOVER	NH	Sep 07, 2011
OBIE, ROBERT J	MERIDEN	CT	Sep 27, 2011	VOLONIS, DORIS B	DERBY	CT	Jan 11, 2012
OBRIEN, JAMES H	GUILFORD	CT	Oct 12, 2011	VUKSINIC, DAVID	HAMDEN	CT	Nov 24, 2011
ONORATO, OSTELLA	NEW MILFORD	CT	Oct 29, 2011	WAGGONER, O CHARLES	STUART	FL	Oct 07, 2011
PALLOTTI, TONEY	PHOENIX	AZ	Nov 25, 2011	WAGNER, THOMAS J	HAMDEN	CT	Feb 18, 2012
PANCOAST, DOROTHY M	TRUMBULL	CT	Jan 15, 2012	WAHA, ILSE E	WEST HAVEN	CT	Dec 15, 2011
PAOLOZZI, ALBERT	FAIRFIELD	CT	Nov 29, 2011	WARD, PATRICIA R	WEST HAVEN	CT	Jun 30, 2011
PETRILLO, MARY C.	HAMDEN	CT	Oct 17, 2011	WELKER, GEORGE H	BETHANY	CT	Oct 09, 2011
PIASECKI, FELIX T	SPRINGHILL	FL	Nov 10, 2011	WETMORE, GUY R	SO NORWALK	CT	Jul 28, 2011
PIEKOS, LORRAINE L	MIDDLETOWN	CT	Oct 20, 2011	WILLIAMS, EVELYN G	SEYMOUR	CT	Aug 02, 2011
PERONI, SHERRIE M	LEBANON	CT	Aug 04, 2011	WILSON JR, GEORGE	EDGEWATER	FL	Jan 05, 2012
PERRY, SHIRLEY S	PARRISH	FL	Feb 27, 2007	WILSON, THOMAS W	CAPE CORAL	FL	Aug 25, 2011
PETERS, JOANNE Y	SOMERS	CT	Sep 28, 2011	WINCH, RICHARD	WEST HAVEN	CT	Jan 06, 2011
PRIEBE, CATHERINE	MERIDEN	CT	Aug 10, 2011	WINCZE, FLORENCE L	FARMINGTON	CT	Sep 15, 2011
QUINLEY, FLORENCE G	NORWICH	CT	Jan 23, 2012	WEST, JULIA M	NAUGATUCK	CT	Dec 12, 2011
QUINN, MARY H	PAWCATUCK	CT	Jan 28, 2012	WOJCIK, WILLIAM J	NEW HAVEN	CT	Oct 29, 2011
RAND, ROSE S	NEWINGTON	CT	Sep 11, 2011	YEITZ, MARJORIE C	CLINTON	CT	Dec 12, 2011
RANDALL, DAVID	TORRINGTON	CT	Jan 20, 2012	YOUELL, LOUIS W	SOUTH WINDSOR	CT	Feb 16, 2012
RASSIGA, MARY M	AURORA	CO	Sep 20, 2011	ZETTERVALL, GRACE S.	BRISTOL	CT	Oct 29, 2011
REES, ROBERT T	NEW LONDON	CT	Jul 28, 2011				
REYNOLDS JR, JOHN J	JENSEN BEACH	FL	Nov 01, 2011				
RILEY JR, WILLIAM P	BALTIC	CT	Jan 14, 2012				

*SRA Note: It appears that some folks deaths were not reported or maybe a purging of systems which would account for some of the earlier years.*

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