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February 12, 1976

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Dear

We have received your material concerning George Bush addressing CIRA on 29 March 1976. He will be happy to do so and will plan to arrive at approximately 12:15 p.m. for lunch and will speak immediately after lunch. I assume he will probably be accompanied by one Security Aide, but I doubt if any others will be with him.

These are still rather busy days for us, but at least we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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10 February 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Sir:

1. There are three different organizations composed of retired CIA personnel. Attached is an invitation to you to speak on Monday, 29 March 1976, at the Central Intelligence Retirees Association (CIRA). CIRA is by far the largest of the three organizations and, unlike the other two, has no particular Agency functional orientation. It is Washington-based and open to all comers. The majority of retired Agency senior officers, i.e., Red White, Tom Karamessines, Larry Houston, et al, are members and active participants.

2. I believe it would be in the best interest of the Agency and yourself to accept the invitation and I would urge you to do so. If you do accept, may I suggest that Jennifer respond directly to Mr. [REDACTED]

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John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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February 5, 1976

Hon. George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush,

The Officers and Directors of the Central Intelligence Retirees Association would like to invite you to speak to the members of our Association at our semi-annual luncheon meeting to be held at the Sheraton-National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, 29 March 1976.

We would hope to have you tell us something of what you see ahead for CIA over the next few years, and allow an opportunity for a brief question and answer period.

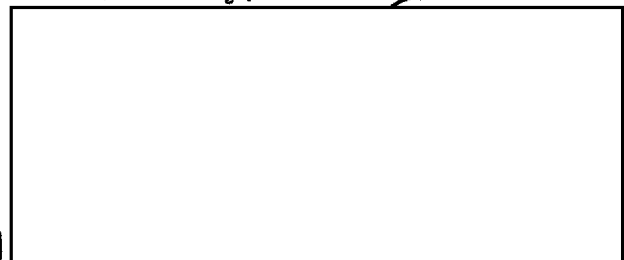
Tentative plans for the meeting call for a social hour beginning at 11:30 followed by a set lunch and then our guest speaker. The schedule is highly flexible, however, and can easily be adjusted to suit your convenience.

Should you wish to bring anyone from the Agency along with you, they would be most welcome and your entire party would, of course, be our guests. All others at the meeting will be CIRA members, about 400-500 of whom are likely to attend. The only publicity associated with the meeting will be our direct mailings to CIRA members.

All of us are looking forward eagerly to meeting and getting to know you and certainly hope you can work our luncheon into your very busy schedule.

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Cordially,



arrive at
12:20 --
Stay through lunch

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1 February 1976

The Honorable George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

The Central Intelligence Retirees Association wishes you all success as you assume the duties of your new post. We stand ready to cooperate with the Agency in any way compatible with the purposes of the Association.

Enclosed is a copy of the By-laws of the Association and a copy of the first news letter released to all members shortly after the first of the year. We'll be pleased to include in the next issue any thoughts that you may wish to express to those retirees who hold membership in the CIRA.

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Sincerely yours,



Central Intelligence Retirees Association

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BY-LAWS
OF THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this association will be the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION (CIRA).

ARTICLE II

ADDRESS

The address of the Association shall be in the State of Virginia at such place or places as the Board of Governors may from time to time select.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Association are social and fraternal. It shall pursue other purposes only with the unanimous approval of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Membership will consist of those former employees of the Central Intelligence Agency who have retired under either the Civil Service Retirement System or the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act. Membership will be obtained by notifying the Secretary-Treasurer that the applicant has so retired and by paying ten (\$10.00) dollars dues. Membership may be retained by payment of ten (\$10.00) dollars in dues each calendar year.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors will have basic responsibility for the affairs of the Association and will set basic policies. The Board shall consist of seven members designated in the first instance by the Organizing Committee from among any of those qualifying

for membership. Three will serve for two-year terms, two for three-year terms, and two for four-year terms. Thereafter the term for each member will be two years and no member will serve more than two terms, including the initial one. A quorum shall consist of four members and all actions will be by majority vote of those present except as provided in ARTICLE III (PURPOSES) and except that these by-laws can be amended but only by unanimous vote of all of the Board. Subject to ratification by a majority vote of the Association membership present at the next regularly scheduled Association meeting, the Board shall fill vacancies in its membership from among the members of the Association, and will also elect from the membership of the Association the officers who will administer Association affairs.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary to be elected annually by the Board of Governors and to hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall perform the usual duties pertaining to the office. He may appoint such committees as he deems necessary for the proper administration of the organization and he shall be, ex officio, a member of all such committees.

Section 3. The Vice President shall have all the powers and perform the duties of the President in the latter's absence.

Section 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall act as clerk of the Board of Governors and shall record all votes and minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Board of Governors and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors or by the President.

Section 5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursement in books belonging to the Association, and for the deposit of all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association, in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Governors. He shall be responsible for the disbursement of the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers therefor and shall render to the President

and the Board of Governors at the regular meetings of the Board, or whenever required, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer.

Section 6. The Corresponding Secretary will maintain the records of membership of the Association, will, as directed by the President, schedule and organize general meetings of the Association and keep the minutes of such meetings and will perform such other record-keeping duties and correspondence as the President may direct.

Section 7. The funds and other assets of the Association will be used only for the purposes of the Association and will under no circumstances inure in any way to the personal benefit of any Governor, officer, or member of the Association. In the event of the termination or dissolution of the Association, any such funds or other assets remaining will be donated to another Virginia association of similar nature and purposes to be selected by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VII

CHAPTERS

Upon application, the Board of Governors may approve the organization and establishment of local chapters of CIRA composed of twenty-five or more Agency retirees as defined in ARTICLE IV (MEMBERSHIP) above and based on a commonality or compatibility of former Agency association (i. e., Security, Support) or geographical location. By-laws of such local chapters as approved by the CIRA Board of Governors will be in consonance with CIRA by-laws with such additions as may be necessary for appropriate local administration. Upon application or on its own cognizance, the CIRA Board of Governors may reorganize or consolidate local chapters in the interest of CIRA objectives or administration.

RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH 1975.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Volume I No. 1

January - March 1976

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THE SHERATON-NATIONAL HOTEL, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA ON

March 29, 1976

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outhouse, and water from a well), having been lived in continuously by four generations of the same family from erection until 1940. Heating consists of three fireplaces around a central chimney. It is, in fact, a typical farm cottage, known as a 'large Cape'. We are not attempting to make it a year-round house - that would require destruction of many of its oldest and best features - but to make it liveable during the summer from May through October. So now we have a two-hundred year old house that is almost - not quite - a museum piece. I hope any of my Agency colleagues, active or retired, who may be in the vicinity, will stop and see us. My address from 1 June to 25 October is Effingham, Box 325A R. D. Center Ossipee, New Hampshire 03814."

Helen Allen had to leave the Washington area for Minneapolis suddenly in September to be of assistance to her sister who was taken ill. Because of this and the indefinite status of her stay in Minneapolis, Helen found it necessary to resign as the Corresponding Secretary of CIRA. We appreciate the enthusiasm and efforts that Helen put forth in getting the CIRA established, and hope that her problems are resolved shortly. We have learned, in the meantime, that Helen has closed her Washington apartment and is now living in Minneapolis.

Ken Addicott, who spent the summer in Maine working on his "Sky Farm", is the Chairman of the Committee working on the Newsletter. Although he doesn't feel he can be responsible permanently for this activity, he spent some time prior to retirement working on this matter and has been most helpful in getting this Newsletter started. Other members of the Committee include Chris Freer, Lew Spaeth, Al Ginder and Bob Gaynor.

Ross Stokely, who retired a long time ago, has retired a second time from a business venture having had to discontinue any further activity for health reasons. However, he writes that he is alive and well and is relaxing in the Florida sunshine.

Sheldon Meyers writes "Since retiring, I have received a certificate of recognition and appreciation from the Montgomery County Government for services in preparing the first

U. S. county law on noise pollution. I am presently engaged in a research project on air pollution effects on trees and the effectiveness of trees in reducing air pollution. This work is being done with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission." Good work, Sheldon, but fighting air pollution in Washington is an impossible task.

Roy Tod from his desert hangout in Arizona recently joined the CIRA mainly because as he says "In these trying times, it is wonderful that we now have a rally point and something for the lonely retiree to tie to and keep his sense of still belonging to our beloved Company." This was in August and Roy was on his way to Cape Cod where he spends his summers.

Nina Sells provided the following: "In connection with your suggestion of news items for future news letters, I thought you might be interested in what Oscar, my husband, is doing. He has been asked by the Bicentennial Committee of the Bethesda United Methodist Church, of which we are members, to write a short historical monograph of each state of the Union. The project will culminate on July 4, 1976 with one on the selection and establishment of the District of Columbia as the Nation's Capitol. One state is completed each week and placed in the Sunday bulletin. The project is generating quite a bit of community interest. It seems to be a worthwhile contribution to our 200th birthday celebration."

Patricia Olson says she has a fun job. "I am presently a volunteer Docent (from Latin:Docere:to teach) at the new Hirshhorn Museum on the Mall. Four months of training by the staff of the Museum prepared us to guide groups through the stimulating assortment of modern painting and sculpture. There are at least two other Agency retirees (male) among the Docents. No more applications are to be considered until 1977 although other museums in the Smithsonian complex have openings for Docents. It is fun."

Many retirees are finding new interests in a wide variety of occupations since retirement. A few known at this time are Keith Reid as an administrative aide (voluntary) to the Sheriff of Arlington County; J. Hodges Parker as National Administrative Director for Blinded Veterans Asso.; Ray Villamarette is a Magistrate in the Arlington Court System, and plans to open his own office in the District by the first of the year; Dick Drain is Administrator of the National Cathedral; and so the list grows. More on this in future newsletters.

NEWS OF CIRA

Luncheon October 13, 1975

The first social activity of CIRA was a luncheon on October 13, 1975 at the Sheraton-National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, with three hundred and twenty-six members assembled to enjoy the occasion. Mr. William Colby made a special effort to appear as a speaker. He discussed the trials and tribulations caused by the extensive Congressional investigations and the public revelations of Agency activities. However, he reassured the retirees that the Agency will survive, but with lines drawn more tightly on the roles and mission of the Agency.

The Officers of CIRA wish to pay tribute to Mary Lewis in the typing and retyping of address labels and other CIRA memos, and particularly in organizing and typing and retyping the newsletter; and Elizabeth Dunlevy, Mary Kourembis, Mary Wesseley and Eva Popovich for helping at the luncheon itself. Thanks very much for your assistance. We also thank those who have volunteered to help. As CIRA grows your talents will be utilized.

Change to By-Laws

It wasn't anticipated that changes to the By-Laws would be required so soon. However, in order for CIRA to achieve tax exempt status, the Internal Revenue Service suggested the elimination of the second sentence of Article III. Because of the importance of the tax exempt status, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to follow the IRS suggestion. This action was reported to the IRS which was followed by official designation of CIRA as a

tax exempt organization. Article III will henceforth read: "The purposes of the Association are social and fraternal." Members should change their copy of the By-Laws accordingly.

House Swapping

Would you like to swap your house in Florida for a short visit to Washington, California, etc.? Bill Vance has agreed to assist you. He has agreed to be a focal point to assist retirees who wish to travel and would like to exchange their house or apartment in their area for housing in the area to which they are traveling. The way this would work would be for those interested in such a program to write to Mr. William F. Vance, 4845 - 27th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207. Bill would maintain a roster of people wishing to exchange housing for a short visit and thus be able to get the interested parties to write to each other to firm up the details of such an exchange.

CIRA Travel Service

Quite a few members have asked about some kind of group travel service. As an officially established retiree organization, CIRA now qualifies for reduced air, sea, land and other travel-related services.

In order to take advantage of these benefits, Elio Scotti, a CIRA member and proprietor of the Bianchi Travel Service, has agreed to provide information on various tours and assist a member or members in obtaining group travel rates.

Please address your questions and request to Mr. Elio Scotti at 2119 Natahoa Court, Falls Church, Virginia, 22043, or to the Bianchi Travel Service, Inc., 1025 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Lobby Suite 110, Washington, D. C. 20005.

Income Tax

Income tax time is again upon us. The average person finds it difficult to find ways to save money in making out their taxes. However, some retirees are not looking closely enough at Schedule R (Retirement Income Credit). If you have not received Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, and if you have not earned in retirement \$2,424 or more, you have a tax credit coming to you. If you have not collected in the past, you can collect for the past three years.

One other area applies to those who retired for disability from Civil Service or under CIARDS. You are eligible for a \$5,200 sick pay exclusion up to age 70, not age 60, as some of our retirees believe.

Lawyers

The response to the request for legal assistance by [redacted] in his letter to the membership dated September 24, 1975, was well received, resulting in more than a half dozen practicing attorneys responding to the call. We thank those who volunteered. The requirement for their assistance has been somewhat reduced by a decision by the Department of Justice to provide some legal assistance in certain cases. Nevertheless, the response of qualified members to a most worthy cause lends definite substance to the fraternal purpose of the organization.

Legislative Action

Several members who retired prior to October 1969 under the Agency Retirement System, have inquired as to what is being done for them to receive the twenty dollars per month that is being received by regular Civil Service retirees. Legislation is in the mill to correct this inequity and it is anticipated that favorable action will be forthcoming during the new year.

The reason for the considerable delay on this particular issue is that legislation is presented to Congress in a package, rather than presenting each individual case as it arises. Thus it had to wait until a sufficient number of items were accumulated before presentation to Congress.

Responses to Questionnaire

A questionnaire was made available to all who attended the luncheon on October 13, 1975. Of the 326 present, 31 responded with their comments. The general response was in favor of having several luncheons per year, pretty much as has been done. The question of including spouses: 10 Yes, 5 No, 5 Occasionally. The question of CIRA-sponsored sports, i.e., golf, bowling, etc., was thought a good idea by so few as to just about rule them out. There were a few more responses to golf which might mean a small golf outing might be possible but will require someone to organize.

One or two ideas, such as buying a Country/Golf Club or having such activities as auto engine repairs, the operation and running of CO-OPS, and music appreciation sessions, are a bit optimistic as endeavors for CIRA to consider. So for the time being luncheons will be the main course of action for CIRA.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

CIRA members are eligible for the many programs and benefits of this large National Organization, which has a membership of 8 million, and over 2,000 local chapters. For those who are not aware of its existence and who are interested in legislative action for senior citizens, insurance programs, cheaper pharmacy service, discounts at leading hotels and many other important programs for retirees, write to AARP, 1909 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20049, for more complete information.

Suggestions, Comments, News

This Newsletter is a beginning. Another is intended to be released prior to the next luncheon in March. However, I have used up all the news to date; information is needed to keep the Newsletter in business. Let us hear from you. We particularly need items regarding members and suggestions for improvements of the Newsletter.

The pictures shown below were taken at the luncheon on October 15, 1975. See page 4 for a report on this affair. George King unannounced appeared on the scene with camera in hand and took a number of pictures for which we extend our thanks, and are grateful for the visual addition to our Newsletter. Please keep coming, George, and bring your camera. Group pictures of retirees will be published if space permits and if they are glossy black and white prints complete with names.



L-R - Tom K.; Red White; Bob Gaynor



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Dorothy Morton

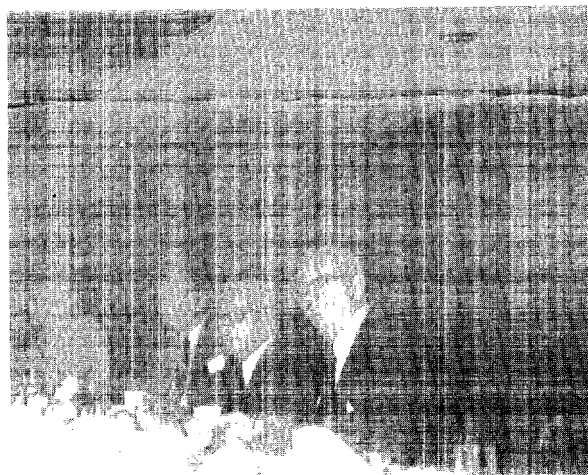


L-R - Ray Villemarette; John Warner

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Bill Vance



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FORM**

PLEASE WRITE YOUR
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REMEMBER NEXT LUNCHEON MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1976
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this before the [redacted]
is not changed. Will
re-do when we know what
DOZ plans to do.
Ben.

Dear General [redacted]

Thank you for calling my attention to the Central Intelligence Retirees

Association. Your supportive words on their behalf are especially appreciated as I begin to grapple with the awesome responsibilities of this office.

I hope that in the weeks ahead I will have an opportunity to meet with some of your membership. With their support and that of the fine people here, I intend to ~~xxxx~~ ensure that our performance ^{we} continues to provide the finest intelligence in the world.

The attached transcript of my swearing-in ceremony might be of interest to you and ~~xxxx the xxxxxx~~ your CIRA associates.

Sincerely,

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Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

(S) Jack
John F. Blake
Deputy Director
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From

To Director of Central Intelligence

From: President, Central Intelligence
Retirees Association



~~MESSAGE~~

SUBJECT Enclosure

DATE 16 Jan 1976

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Dear Bill: Here's the first issue of the CIRA newsletter. We hope that subsequent issues will be more informative and reflect a greater participation on the part of the membership. We invite the reaction of all who have received copies.

Please accept our very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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SIGNED



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The third luncheon on October 23, 1974 at Fort Myer Officer's Club saw the first step towards formalization. Chris Freer, who had volunteered to present a proposal of action to be taken towards organization, was authorized by the two hundred and twenty-four retirees in attendance to select an organizing committee to formulate a set of By-Laws. Members of the organizing Committee chosen by Chris were: Lawrence Houston, Chairman; Elizabeth Dunlevy, Kenneth Addicott, Paul Borel and Frank Van Damm as members.

The committee presented its report at the luncheon at the Fort Myer Officer's Club on March 20, 1975. Three hundred and twenty-eight retirees gave their unanimous approval to accept the By-Laws as written and the recommended slate of names to constitute the Board of Directors and the Officers of the newly-formed CIRA. Thus, the end of this luncheon established the beginning of CIRA.

A considerable number of planning sessions took place between these various luncheons including a number of small informal luncheons to discuss the various aspects of organization. The typing and retyping of names and addresses by Elizabeth Dunlevy and Helen Allen to set up reference files for future use was a big job. The By-Laws Committee held quite a few sessions attempting to keep the By-Laws as simple as possible and to emphasize the purpose of CIRA to be social and fraternal as expressed by all who had participated in the planning and those who had attended the luncheons.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Walter Oden of Virginia Beach writes that he has started two new careers since retiring in 1972. He brushed off his law degree and is now working as a criminal prosecutor in the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney, Norfolk, Virginia. He states that he would be happy to help any comrade in his area who needs legal help. His second career is that of a "Retiree Papa" since his wife gave birth to a daughter in 1973.

Bob Bannerman reports from Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, that he has run into Ed Korn-Patterson and occasionally sees George Maloon and others in Central Florida. He, like a number of retirees, keeps himself busy on his own affairs as well as civic programs. (How about recruiting some of those Florida retirees for CIRA?)

Ben Racusin had to miss the October 13 luncheon because he had to appear before the Beaufort County Council in Beaufort, South Carolina, in an attempt to persuade the Council to grant Hilton Head Island the right to establish some form of self-government. Best luck to you, Ben, in your efforts.

Ted Nordbeck may have the answer for other retirees looking for a vacation home. He found an 18th Century farm house in Effingham, New Hampshire (a town with a permanent population of about 300, including children). "The house was built before 1775 and was still in its pristine condition (no electricity, no telephone, an

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outhouse, and water from a well), having been lived in continuously by four generations of the same family from erection until 1940. Heating consists of three fireplaces around a central chimney. It is, in fact, a typical farm cottage, known as a 'large Cape'. We are not attempting to make it a year-round house - that would require destruction of many of its oldest and best features - but to make it liveable during the summer from May through October. So now we have a two-hundred year old house that is almost - not quite - a museum piece. I hope any of my Agency colleagues, active or retired, who may be in the vicinity, will stop and see us. My address from 1 June to 25 October is Effingham, Box 325A R. D. Center Ossipee, New Hampshire 03814."

Helen Allen had to leave the Washington area for Minneapolis suddenly in September to be of assistance to her sister who was taken ill. Because of this and the indefinite status of her stay in Minneapolis, Helen found it necessary to resign as the Corresponding Secretary of CIRA. We appreciate the enthusiasm and efforts that Helen put forth in getting the CIRA established, and hope that her problems are resolved shortly. We have learned, in the meantime, that Helen has closed her Washington apartment and is now living in Minneapolis.

Ken Addicott, who spent the summer in Maine working on his "Sky Farm", is the Chairman of the Committee working on the Newsletter. Although he doesn't feel he can be responsible permanently for this activity, he spent some time prior to retirement working on this matter and has been most helpful in getting this Newsletter started. Other members of the Committee include Chris Freer, Lew Spaeth, Al Ginder and Bob Gaynor.

Ross Stokely, who retired a long time ago, has retired a second time from a business venture having had to discontinue any further activity for health reasons. However, he writes that he is alive and well and is relaxing in the Florida sunshine.

Sheldon Meyers writes "Since retiring, I have received a certificate of recognition and appreciation from the Montgomery County Government for services in preparing the first

U. S. county law on noise pollution. I am presently engaged in a research project on air pollution effects on trees and the effectiveness of trees in reducing air pollution. This work is being done with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission." Good work, Sheldon, but fighting air pollution in Washington is an impossible task.

Roy Tod from his desert hangout in Arizona recently joined the CIRA mainly because as he says "In these trying times, it is wonderful that we now have a rally point and something for the lonely retiree to tie to and keep his sense of still belonging to our beloved Company." This was in August and Roy was on his way to Cape Cod where he spends his summers.

Nina Sells provided the following: "In connection with your suggestion of news items for future news letters, I thought you might be interested in what Oscar, my husband, is doing. He has been asked by the Bicentennial Committee of the Bethesda United Methodist Church, of which we are members, to write a short historical monograph of each state of the Union. The project will culminate on July 4, 1976 with one on the selection and establishment of the District of Columbia as the Nation's Capitol. One state is completed each week and placed in the Sunday bulletin. The project is generating quite a bit of community interest. It seems to be a worthwhile contribution to our 200th birthday celebration."

Patricia Olson says she has a fun job. "I am presently a volunteer Docent (from Latin:Docere:to teach) at the new Hirshhorn Museum on the Mall. Four months of training by the staff of the Museum prepared us to guide groups through the stimulating assortment of modern painting and sculpture. There are at least two other Agency retirees (male) among the Docents. No more applications are to be considered until 1977 although other museums in the Smithsonian complex have openings for Docents. It is fun."

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Many retirees are finding new interests in a wide variety of occupations since retirement. A few known at this time are Keith Reid as an administrative aide (voluntary) to the Sheriff of Arlington County; J. Hodges Parker as National Administrative Director for Blinded Veterans Asso.; Ray Villamarette is a Magistrate in the Arlington Court System, and plans to open his own office in the District by the first of the year; Dick Drain is Administrator of the National Cathedral; and so the list grows. More on this in future newsletters.

NEWS OF CIRA

Luncheon October 13, 1975

The first social activity of CIRA was a luncheon on October 13, 1975 at the Sheraton-National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, with three hundred and twenty-six members assembled to enjoy the occasion. Mr. William Colby made a special effort to appear as a speaker. He discussed the trials and tribulations caused by the extensive Congressional investigations and the public revelations of Agency activities. However, he reassured the retirees that the Agency will survive, but with lines drawn more tightly on the roles and mission of the Agency.

The Officers of CIRA wish to pay tribute to Mary Lewis in the typing and retyping of address labels and other CIRA memos, and particularly in organizing and typing and retyping the newsletter; and Elizabeth Dunlevy, Mary Kourembis, Mary Wesseley and Eva Popovich for helping at the luncheon itself. Thanks very much for your assistance. We also thank those who have volunteered to help. As CIRA grows your talents will be utilized.

Change to By-Laws

It wasn't anticipated that changes to the By-Laws would be required so soon. However, in order for CIRA to achieve tax exempt status, the Internal Revenue Service suggested the elimination of the second sentence of Article III. Because of the importance of the tax exempt status, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to follow the IRS suggestion. This action was reported to the IRS which was followed by official designation of CIRA as a

tax exempt organization. Article III will henceforth read: "The purposes of the Association are social and fraternal." Members should change their copy of the By-Laws accordingly.

House Swapping

Would you like to swap your house in Florida for a short visit to Washington, California, etc.? Bill Vance has agreed to assist you. He has agreed to be a focal point to assist retirees who wish to travel and would like to exchange their house or apartment in their area for housing in the area to which they are traveling. The way this would work would be for those interested in such a program to write to Mr. William F. Vance, 4845 - 27th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207. Bill would maintain a roster of people wishing to exchange housing for a short visit and thus be able to get the interested parties to write to each other to firm up the details of such an exchange.

CIRA Travel Service

Quite a few members have asked about some kind of group travel service. As an officially established retiree organization, CIRA now qualifies for reduced air, sea, land and other travel-related services.

In order to take advantage of these benefits, Elio Scotti, a CIRA member and proprietor of the Bianchi Travel Service, has agreed to provide information on various tours and assist a member or members in obtaining group travel rates.

Please address your questions and request to Mr. Elio Scotti at 2119 Natahoa Court, Falls Church, Virginia, 22043, or to the Bianchi Travel Service, Inc., 1025 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Lobby Suite 110, Washington, D. C. 20005.

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Income Tax

Income tax time is again upon us. The average person finds it difficult to find ways to save money in making out their taxes. However, some retirees are not looking closely enough at Schedule R (Retirement Income Credit). If you have not received Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, and if you have not earned in retirement \$2,424 or more, you have a tax credit coming to you. If you have not collected in the past, you can collect for the past three years.

One other area applies to those who retired for disability from Civil Service or under CIARDS. You are eligible for a \$5,200 sick pay exclusion up to age 70, not age 60, as some of our retirees believe.

Lawyers

The response to the request for legal assistance by [redacted] in his letter to the membership dated September 24, 1975, was well received, resulting in more than a half dozen practicing attorneys responding to the call. We thank those who volunteered. The requirement for their assistance has been somewhat reduced by a decision by the Department of Justice to provide some legal assistance in certain cases. Nevertheless, the response of qualified members to a most worthy cause lends definite substance to the fraternal purpose of the organization.

Legislative Action

Several members who retired prior to October 1969 under the Agency Retirement System, have inquired as to what is being done for them to receive the twenty dollars per month that is being received by regular Civil Service retirees. Legislation is in the mill to correct this inequity and it is anticipated that favorable action will be forthcoming during the new year.

The reason for the considerable delay on this particular issue is that legislation is presented to Congress in a package, rather than presenting each individual case as it arises. Thus it had to wait until a sufficient number of items were accumulated before presentation to Congress.

Responses to Questionnaire

A questionnaire was made available to all who attended the luncheon on October 13, 1975. Of the 326 present, 31 responded with their comments. The general response was in favor of having several luncheons per year, pretty much as has been done. The question of including spouses: 10 Yes, 5 No, 5 Occasionally. The question of CIRA-sponsored sports, i.e., golf, bowling, etc., was thought a good idea by so few as to just about rule them out. There were a few more responses to golf which might mean a small golf outing might be possible but will require someone to organize.

One or two ideas, such as buying a Country/Golf Club or having such activities as auto engine repairs, the operation and running of CO-OPS, and music appreciation sessions, are a bit optimistic as endeavors for CIRA to consider. So for the time being luncheons will be the main course of action for CIRA.

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

CIRA members are eligible for the many programs and benefits of this large National Organization, which has a membership of 8 million, and over 2,000 local chapters. For those who are not aware of its existence and who are interested in legislative action for senior citizens, insurance programs, cheaper pharmacy service, discounts at leading hotels and many other important programs for retirees, write to AARP, 1909 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20049, for more complete information.

Suggestions, Comments, News

This Newsletter is a beginning. Another is intended to be released prior to the next luncheon in March. However, I have used up all the news to date; information is needed to keep the Newsletter in business. Let us hear from you. We particularly need items regarding members and suggestions for improvements of the Newsletter.

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The pictures shown below were taken at the luncheon on October 13, 1975. See page 4 for a report on this affair. George King unannounced appeared on the scene with camera in hand and took a number of pictures for which we extend our thanks, and are grateful for the visual addition to our Newsletter. Please keep coming, George, and bring your camera. Group pictures of retirees will be published if space permits and if they are glossy black and white prints complete with names.



L-R - Tom K.; Red White; Bob Gaynor

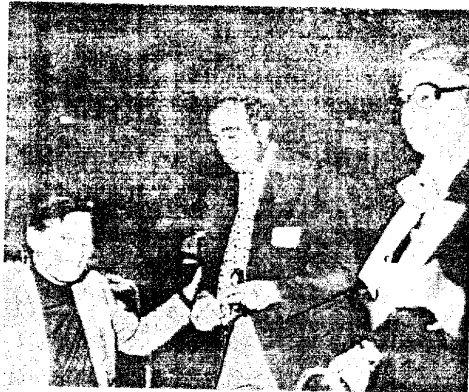


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