

GARRETT RETIREES GROUP STORY

Over 140 people had decided to retire from GTEC at the end of the year in 1983. In, November, rumors began concerning changes to the retirement plan. Some of us began meeting during the morning coffee break to share any information we could find about the rumored changes. Early in December, one of the group obtained a brochure which had just arrived from L.A., which indicated that undefined changes were to be made to the retirement plan, effective, January 1, 1984. After several meetings with Personnel, they finally recommended that we all postpone retirement until after the first of the year, because the new plan would be equal to or better than the old one, even though they didn't have the details at this time. Based on this advice, most of us postponed our retirement until after January 1, 1984.

Even by then the plan details had not been published so a small group held it's first meeting outside the plant in February, at the Stockyard's Restaurant. Those in attendance were; Hal Baldwin, Howard Buchner, Lyle Six, Bernie Guenther, Howard Daudet and Hal Hazel. We agreed to keep meeting once a month until we had received the new plan definition. It was finally published late in February, but by this time we realized that we had other retirement concerns that needed to be addressed, so we decided to continue to meet.

We started out meeting at Hal Baldwin's for a while and then we began rotating it's location to Six's, Guenther's, and Hazel's houses. From word of mouth the group kept growing. People who were still working at the different Garrett divisions and were thinking of retiring asked if we would change the meeting day from Wednesday to Saturday so they could attend. We changed and have met on the second Saturday of the months of September through May ever since. Finally when 20 people showed up at a meeting, we decided to seek a larger meeting place. Hal Baldwin, contacted a Prudential-Bache broker who invited us to use their meeting room facilities, and we have met there ever since.

In the beginning we met and people asked questions and others told what their solutions were. Later we began to seek specialized help on how to handle our assets, make out wills or trusts, and other retiree concerns, so we invited in professionals to present a program on specific subject. For a long time our 9-month programs were divided between retiree questions and discussions and prepared talks by outside experts.

Our ranks kept growing, and when Charlie Mulkin, joined us, he offered to put our hand written membership list in his computer and print copies. This made it easier on Dick Aufer and Hal Hazel who were calling each person before each meeting.

We still had no formal organization, constitution, officers, dues, or even defined program for each 9 month period. At the first meeting in September, 1989, we as a group, decided to define the topics we wanted discussed for the next 8 meetings, and people volunteered to obtain qualified speakers. The program was published and distributed at the next and subsequent

meetings and we stopped calling people before meetings. Attached is a copy of the meetings scheduled in the 1991 period.

Recently a Steering Committee has been formed to formalize the organization by preparing a constitution, and nominating officers for the 1991-92 period. The committee members are listed below.

Warren Koepsal – Chairperson	Lenore Force
Milt Parker – Constitution	Elaise Coffman
Dick Auker – Nominations	Alex Rathovich
Dee Marlowe – Phone Committee	Dan Hausman
Charlie Mulkin – Membership List	John Westerhausen
Bill Orr	Hal Hazel

At present, C. Mulkin’s membership list contains over 130 people. We socialize with friends and fellow retirees before and after the meeting’s and commiserated about our aches and pains and past memories about “how it used to be”.

Hal Hazel
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