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### **Greetings to everyone!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I have been a bit negligent again this past year with only one official news letter, but I feel that I have communicated more with the group this past year than any year in the past. That is probably due to all the communication about the Dupont/Dow Merger, Dupont pensions and the 3 company spin off. It would be nice if we had real clear indication of the future in all these areas. Still a lot of hurt going in the company and with the people we grew up with and love plus a huge amount of uncertainty about Retiree Benefits. I acquainted you with the DRMS last year and again this year on May 17 CEO Breem will address the group at our annual luncheon. I will be able to attend this year and will send you a report of that meeting.

We have had a number of recent retirees join the organization this past year---that is good we need the new blood---

**SO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ME WITH NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NEW RETIREES AND ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE ORGANIZATION.**

### **REUNION 2016**

The Reunion did materialize and was the **EUROPEAN RIVER BOAT TRIP** on the Danube, Prague to Budapest. Fourteen folks went on that trip, Elaine and I had to cancel at the last minute due to a bad knee. I will insert below a trip summary by Del Shelton.

#### **2016 Prague & Danube River Cruise.**

Delta Airlines computer problems that resulted in delayed flights and late delivery of luggage. We checked into a Park hotel, very nice home for the next 3 days. We got orientated by our program director "Lukas," and had dinner nearby. Day 2 we began exploring Prague which included the area of old town square to see gothic buildings, Charles 15<sup>th</sup> century bridge, and a large astronomical clock. Day 3 we visited an area called "Little Town," and the castle which overlooks Prague. Our last event was a meal and folk dancing and singing. As we departed to board the ship we stopped and enjoyed lunch, sights, and shopping at Cesky Kaumlov a medieval town. We joined our ship the River Aria and unpacked and had a great dinner.

We visited Salzburg on 8/13 via a tour and had lunch at the oldest (803) restaurant in Europe. We took funicular train to castle to see a great view of the city. They have some sights from the movie Sound of Music (gazebo, Cemetery). On 8/14 we toured the Melk Monastery over 800 years old, beautiful inside and out with over 2000 manuscripts. The Cathedral was fantastic. We watched the scenery of the Wachu Valley go by from the upper deck of the boat as we sailed to Vienna.

On 8/15 we took a walking tour in Vienna. We learned about the ruling family Hapsburgs and their palaces. We saw a big cathedral called Stevie. A wall for protection around the city was torn down and a new horseshoe road was built and developed with nice buildings. We saw some of the famous Lepersani stallions in stables. During World War II the horses were taken to American forces to protect them during the war. After dinner, we went to a concert hall for a fantastic classical music concert.

8/16 we visited the Hapsburg Summer Palace and saw a few of the 1400 rooms. We watched the chef on our boat make apple struddle and he gave us a tour of his galley. We had evening entertainment in the lounge from Hungarian folk dancers. We departed for Bratislavia while eating dinner and saw the ship go the locks in the river.

8/17 Bratislavia was settled in 400 BC. We took a walking tour and ended at the main square and did some shopping. We visited a local family's home for tea and she shared how different it is now without communism. She can have colors, appliances, freedom, and traveling

8/18 Sailing all day today we saw a 16<sup>th</sup> century Basilica. After lunch we set off on bus tour of Budapest and heard a great story of how some people helped 6,000 refugees in the city. We ended the day checking out the Market (food, Crafts, etc) in Budapest. Evening entertainment was by the ship staff.

8/19 We toured the Hospital in the Rock which helped care for over 600 soldiers during World War II. It was designed to handle only 100 patients. It even served as a nuclear fall-out shelter during the cold war. Back on board we enjoyed the elaborate Captain's Farewell Dinner.

8/20 The crew had early breakfast for us, before we left for airport to fly home. We loved this trip and what we saw and experienced.

## REUNION 2017

After the great 90 plus turn-out in Wilmington in 2015 and then down to 12 for the overseas riverboat we decided to come back to the US with an event much like the 2015 get-together. It has taken a little different twist and has come together quite quickly. The Denver crowd of retirees stepped up and said that they would organize the event. Rob Dittmer has taken the leads. This is where we are to date.

1. The reunion will be September 10-13
2. The Renaissance Flatirons Hotel, Broomfield, CO ( between Denver and Bolder)
3. To date approximately 75 folks are committed to attending. ( I will attach a list for your information)
4. Jim Collins, Executive VP of Dupont and designated head OF THE "Spin-Out" Ag business will join us for an evening.

So I will Insert the agenda as it stands today, they may be modifications but they are expected to be minor.

### **Dates: September 10 – 13, 2017 for 3 days, 3 nights.**

**Hotel:** The Renaissance Flatirons Hotel, Broomfield, CO: ½ way between Denver and Boulder. Renaissance Hotel has great views of the Front Range Mountains, comfortable bar and patio area for mingling. No charge to park cars. The Renaissance room rate for the Ag Retiree Reunion is \$176.00 plus 9.76% sales tax. **The Hotel will honor the \$176.00 rate 2 days before and 2 days after our event. By March 31, 2017, attendees must make their own hotel reservations.** Reservations after that date are not guaranteed for the room rate or availability. **Make Reservations via this passkey: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49028735> -OR- call 888-825-3167 and request DuPont Ag Retiree Reunion,** Renaissance Hotel, Broomfield. CO Transportation from Denver International Airport to hotel is on your own; suggest using a rental car, Uber, Lyft, and Greenride Shuttle, or SuperShuttle.

### **Schedule:**

#### **Sunday, September 10, 2017**

Travel to Denver and hotel is on your own. Welcome desk with nametags, will be staffed by the Colorado retirees. 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres with table & chairs and high top cocktail tables in the Patio area. The Ag Retiree account pays for wine, beer & hors d'oeuvres.

#### **Monday, September 11, 2017**

All day bus tour to Pikes Peak and Cog Railway tour, Manitou Springs, CO. Tour Cost TBD based on the number of attendees. 8:00 a.m. Bus departs for Colorado Springs. 4:00 p.m. – Bus returns to hotel. 6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own – make plans with your friends and small groups.

#### **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

All day bus tour to Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO. Tour Cost TBD based on the number of attendees. 8:00 a.m. Bus transport to Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park CO ~3:30 p.m. Return to the hotel. 4:30 p.m.: Ballroom. DD Dow status, 3 company split, pension status and discussion – speaker TBD. 6:00 p.m.: BBQ Dinner in the Ballroom with a cash bar.

Jim Collins will likely be with us at dinner this evening.

#### **Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

Trip home or explore Colorado on your own. Planned Meal and Meeting Costs are being determined.

## **Tour and Activity Options:**

### **Planned Tours:**

#### **Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs:**

8:00 a.m.: Depart the hotel for Pikes Peak and Cog Railway trip. 1 hour 30 minute drive from Broomfield to Manitou Springs. Water and snacks on the bus. Pikes Peak Cog Railway to the top of Pikes Peak (3 hour 10 minute train ride up and back with 30 to 40 minutes at the top of Pikes Peak to look at the sights). Box lunch provided to take on the train. Train schedule: Train leaves the station at 10:30 a.m., returning at 1:40 p.m. Return to hotel ~4:00 p.m.

#### **Rocky Mountain National Park:**

8:00 a.m.: Depart from the hotel with a 1 hour 15 min drive from Broomfield to Estes Park. Water and snacks on the bus. Visitor Center orientation and drive through RMNP. Box lunch provided on the bus. This time of year, elk are generally at the lower elevations of the park wandering in the city of Estes Park. Return to hotel ~ 3:30 p.m.

**On your own tour options: Book your own excursion:**

**Denver City options:**

**Brown Palace Hotel** for high tea – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Molly Brown house Denver center for performing arts Walking around the city, Denver Art Museum, Denver Mint, 16th street mall. Lower downtown: Craft beer walking tour (to the point you need Uber or a taxi!)

**Boulder:** ‘Celestial Seasons’ tea company tours. Chautauqua Park for hikes Book your own tour with ‘Boulder Walking Tours’ <http://boulderwalkingtours.com>. Great restaurants, bars and shopping at the Pearl Street walking mall. Shopping at the 29th street walking mall. Hike at Chautauqua Park in the Flatiron foothills. University of Colorado.

**Colorado Springs:** Air Force Academy: 1 hour 10 minute drive from Broomfield to the Air Force Academy. Visit the welcome center & chapel. (<http://www.usafa.af.mil/Leadership/PublicAffairs/VisitorCenter.aspx>)

**Georgetown:** Steam train and silver mine tour. 1 hour round trip train ride. Broomfield to Georgetown is ~1 hour.

**Golden:** Walk Old Town, Red Rocks amphitheater, Coors brewery tour, Renewable Energy Center, Table Mountain Inn for lunch.

**Blackhawk / Central City:** 48 min from Denver. Casinos

**Mountain Activity or Scenery Events: Evergreen, Breckenridge, or Vail areas.** Try fly-fishing, hiking or free time to explore the attractions. Vail has outstanding restaurants and ride the gondola from Lionshead village to the top.

**Golf:** Omni Interlocken golf course is .5 mile south of the hotel. \$110 to \$130 for 18 holes. Heritage at Westmoor golf course is 2.8 miles away. \$55 to \$60 for 18 holes.

**Shopping:** Flatirons Mall – 5 minutes away. Boulder Pearl Street or 29th Street mall – 20 minutes away. Cherry Creek North – 45 minutes away. Things to do in a short day trip from Denver: <http://www.denver.org/things-to-do/day-trips-aroundcolorado/attractions-near-denver/>

**ATTENDEES AS OF TODAY:**

AG REUNION September 2017---Denver  
Committed or potential attendees

<b>CONFIRMED TO ATTEND</b>		<b>HOTEL</b>
Barnes, Jennefier	Charles	NO
Baber,		
Al	Dotsy	Y
Bastian, Rufus	Natalie	Y
Beyer, Elmo	Betty	Y
Borel, Jim	Marsha	Y
Borel, Mike	Roz Faugier	y
Bradley, Link	Jane	Y
Bradley, Terry	Randi	Y 85%
Brown, George	Linda	y
Catling, Bill	Angela	Y
Crass, Dennis	Jeanne	NO
Degiorgio, Fred	Cathy	Y
Dittmer, Rob	Doris	NO

Elliott, Gordon	Susan	Y		
Ellis, Jim	Kathy Cornette	Y		
Evans, Tom	Mary	y	85%	
Feddersen, Peter	Tanja	y		
Fort, Tom	Bobbie	y		
Giaquinta, Bob	Kathy	Y		
Grantham, Gary	Lynda	Y		
Guianasso, Anne & Mary Ellen				
Gannoway		Y		
Hardinger, John	Cara	Y		
Haden , Dick	Mary Kay	Y		
Loup, Francisco		Y		
Matey, Pete	Cheryl	??		
Max, Marie	Joe	NO		
Meyer, Gil	Sussie	Y		
Miller, Rik	Karen	NO		
Monroe, Craig	Sharon	Y		
Nichols, Harriette	Ron	Y		
Reasons, Kent	Elaine	y		
Reische, Bill	Auburn	NO		
Reynolds, Jim	Betty	y		
Sionis, Stavros	Eleni	Y		
Soulier, Mike	Barbara	y		
Spycher, Rudi & Jan	Denny	Y		
Teshima, Allen	Hazel	Y		
Tremols, Tony	Alecia	Y		
Williamson, Joyce	?	39	Y	32 1/30/2017

Fennell, John a Possibility but do not count yet

***We have reserved a block of hotel rooms and have and 80% TAKE OR PAY contract with deposits that goes into effect the end of March. You should make your reservation ASAP Per the website or TE NO. in the yellow highlighted intro above. So that we all get a little skin in the game we are asking each couple to make a deposit of \$200 payable to Kent Reasons. This will be applied against the each individuals total cost at the reunion.***

**DUPONT RETIREE WEB SITE:**

Jack Saladini continues to keep the web site update. Take a look all the latest happenings plus photos. <http://udel.edu/~cometfre>. If there is something you would like to have posted on the web site communicate directly with Jack or me

**UPDATE ON FOLKS:**

I have called around and offer the following up dates on a few folks, most in their own words.

- You will recall that Floyd Holmes turned 101 this month.
- Turnery Hernandez is 93
- Bobbie Wall will be 95 next month.
- Dale and Clarice Wolf celebrated their 71 wedding anniversary, and are living at the Methodist Country House in Wilmington.

- Bob Hodgson passed away at his son's home in Oakland, CA on January 25 he was 93.
- Jim Magana: He is doing well, working hard and has physical therapy and or aqua therapy five times each week. He entertains his therapist with jokes and stories. He has a very positive attitude and a great outlook. He is very social and loves hearing from family and friends. We move to Ann Arbor Michigan in October 2015 to be closer to his two daughters and grand children. We miss our friends and family on the East Coast so anytime anyone is coming through Detroit let us know and we love to have you over. Only 30 minutes from the airport. Feel free to call him, his phone number is 302-540-0459. Keep in touch and we wish all of you the best.
- Jim Reynolds: Thanks for your concern.....We have heard from several of our DuPont friends. Jim suffered a small stroke but is improving. We are hopeful he returns to his somewhat ornery self but enjoying a more mellow personality at the moment. *Betty*
- Jack Saladini: Jack has been dealing with a form of pancreatic cancer that metastasized to his liver. He has undergone numerous chemotherapy treatments and other procedures over the past five years. Since no other immediate options are available to treat his cancer, Jack and Kristine have decided to join Delaware Hospice. They are hopeful a treatment option will become available in the foreseeable future. Both Kristine and Jack sincerely appreciate the many wonderful DuPont Ag friends they have across the globe. Their support has always been incredible. *Jack*

#### **THE ORGANIZATION:**

As we have discussed there are ~300 people on our mailing list and it is growing. We are getting some of the younger folks who are retiring contacting me and you are helping that happen. Keep it up! In the last news letter I asked if anyone wanted to take over looking after this organization. No one stepped up but the offer still stands if one of you wants to assume this role you are welcome. Kathy Cornette is helping me with a lot of the detailed work. Thanks Kathy! Rob Dittmer is organizing our reunion in Denver for September of this year. With Jack's health issues we will need to be thinking about someone to take over the maintenance of the Web site.

#### **Organizational Activities, News Letter and Future Communications**

- We will continue to publish two(one for sure) newsletters each year targeted for January and June.
  - Dues will continue to be \$15/year for all.
  - Primary distribution will be by e-mail. The directory will also be by e-mail so this means you will need to print your own directory. I will send the directory to all members.
  - Those who do not have e-mail will receive the letter by paper mail and the directory once a year by paper mail.
- We will continue the communication between newsletters by e-mail so those of you who know members who are not on e-mail should call them and keep them up to date.

#### **AN UP TO DATE DIRECTORY IS ATTACHED.**

**If your information is not correct please give me a note to update!**

#### **KEEPING YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT AND THE ORGANIZATIONS SOLVENT.**

Below is a form for you to provide any change in your contact information.

Please complete the form if you have changes.

If there are no changes just indicate no change and send in.

DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR 2017 DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15.

Some of you have paid in advance those are **MARKED ON THE DIRECTORY.**

We appreciate everyone taking the time to send in your dues and provide the information requested below. This detail and accuracy will ensure that you get the newsletter and other communication.

**IMPORTANT**  
**PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND BOTH PARTS BACK TO ME**

**CLEAR AND ACCURATE E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE CRITICAL!!**

-----PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL BACK YOUR DUES AND THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW--

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/DUES PAYMENT FORM \$15.00/YR.**

IF there is no change please just write "NO CHANGE" but still send the form back!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (clearly)

Dues are enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**REUNION 2017 PARTICIPATION INTENTIONS AND PLANS**

1. I will definitely participate in the Denver Reunion Sept 10-13, 2017

Yes/no

2. I have made my reservation

Yes/no

3. My \$200 deposit and/or \$15 annual dues are inclosed.

Yes/no

Thanks  
Kent