

**Next Meeting**

@  
Clubhouse  
5 pm Social Hour  
6 pm Dinner will be **pot-luck** with the  
meat being provided by the **Credit  
Union.**  
7 pm "**joyful Noize**" will present the  
entertainment



**September 14 Meeting**

**Mikey Ruddock** presented a very funny program on aging. Although her subject was "My get up and go has got up and gone" her humor has not. As an illustration she introduced her talk with the following poem:

**THE NEW ALPHABET**

A is for Apple and B is for Boat, when we were young  
That used to be right, but now it won't float!  
Age before Beauty is what we once said  
But let's be more realistic instead.

Now, A's for Arthritis; B's the Bad Back,  
C is the Chest pains, perhaps cardiac?  
D is for Dental decay and decline,  
E is for Eyesight, can't read that top line!

F is for Fissures and fluid retention,  
G is for Gas which I'd rather not mention.  
H is High blood pressure—I'd rather it be low;  
I for Incisions with scars you can show.

J is for Joints, out of socket, won't mend,  
K is for Knees that will crack when they bend.  
L for Libido, what happened to sex?  
M is for Memory, can't think what comes next.

N's for Neuralgia, pinched nerves and stiff neck.  
O's for Osteo, all bones that crack.  
P's for Prescription's, I have quite a few,  
Just give me a pill and I'll be good as new.

Q is for Queasy, is it fatal or flu?  
R is for Reflux, one meal turns to two.  
S's for Sleepless night, counting my fears,  
T's for Tinnitus; there's bells in my ears!

U is for Urine; I've troubles with flow;  
V is for Vertigo, "dizzy", you know.  
W is for Worry, NOW what's going 'round?  
X is for X-ray, and what might be found.

Y is another Year I've left behind,  
Z is for Zest that I still have in my mind.  
I've survived all symptoms, my body's deployed,  
I've kept twenty-six doctors gainfully employed.

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**Future Meetings  
2007**

**Programs will be announced later.**

The meetings are planned as follows:  
Feb 15th or 22nd at Victoria Electric  
CO-OP  
June 7th at the Clubhouse  
Sept 17th or 20th at the CO-OP  
December 6 at the Clubhouse

The dates for the CO-OP cannot be firmed until  
the first of the year. We expect to get the  
first of the two dates.

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**Election of Officers for  
2007-2008**

The following slate has agreed to serve as  
officers for the 2007-2008 period. We would  
welcome others who are willing to serve to  
present themselves at the meeting.

The slate is:

**David Ozuna** as President.  
**Jim Friedel** as Vice President.  
**Alyce Hartman** as Secretary/Treasurer

**Weldon Cummings** as Newsletter Editor (not  
an elected office)

We are again inserting the checklist for surviving spouses or family members in event of death of a retiree. We suggest that this list be kept in a handy place that can easily be located.

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*Congratulations 50 years*



**Joe and Mary Kasper** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary June 25, 2006 with a reception and dinner at the Bauer Center. **Joe** retired in from maintenance after 37 plus years service.



**Marshall and Mary Stockton** of Victoria celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a reception at their home on Sept. 2, 2006. **Marshall** retired from Maintenance in 1998 after 39 years as a senior electrical engineer in the electrical and control systems group.

### In Memorial

**Linda Pfister**, 70, wife of deceased retiree **Lou Pfister** died August 17, 2006.

**Les McDonald** and his wife **Patricia** died 5 months apart in 2004 In Angleton, Texas. *Thanks to **Les Fuhrman** who provided the information.*

**Harrison A. "Harry" Zeplin**, 82, of Victoria, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006. **Harry** retired as a supervisor in 1983.

**Rev. Willie O. "Buddy" Brown Jr.**, 47, of Victoria, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006. **Willie** retired from maintenance.

**Joseph Frank Tamboello Jr.**, 83, died September 7, 2006. **Joe** worked early in his career at the Seadrift plant.

**Joe Calderon**, 65 of Victoria died recently. **Joe** retired as an operator.

**Henry Wotipka**, 71, of Port Lavaca, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006. **Henry** retired in 1994 and was a supervisor in operations.



**Farrell and Ruth Heller** of Victoria celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 9, 2006, with a family dinner at a local restaurant. **Farrell** retired from Operations in Oxide Derivatives/Marine Terminal after 29 years.

Pictures of some people at September meeting



Betty Jones



Bonnie and Floyd Thiele



Helen Weise



Bernie Fulks



Jim Friedel



Kaye Oliver Mary Fulks Betty Jones



Charlie & Marjorie Tater

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Aetna Member Services  
1-800-736-9369  
Carbide Retiree Services  
1-800-223-3540 (until end of 2006)  
Retiree Service Center  
1 800 344-0661 (starting 2007)  
Praxair Retiree Services  
1-800-727-7878  
Aetna UCC Mental Health  
1-888-751-1235  
CARBIDE RETIREE CORPS  
1-203-794-6901

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### \*\*\*FRIENDS IN NEED (FIN)\*\*\*

Ed Akin	897-1726
Bill Brown	897-1070
D. L. "Buck" Buchanan	552-6407
Les Fuhrman	575-3397
Ted Gill	785-4941
Dwight Heath	575-7746
Betty Jones	578-4887
Paul Martinez	562-2882
Pete Terrell	552-3415
Ken Woodall	552-9429
FIN Coordinator: Jim Friedel	576-5225

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

Pres. Weldon Cummings 578 4392  
Vice Pres. Jay Thomasson 552-2219  
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## DOW Road Show

Jim Freidel and I attended an event labeled "DOW Road Show" in Clear Lake. This was well attended by the Houston and Texas City groups with some 300 people there. Primarily it was DOW giving us information relative to plans and changes in plans. The medical plans will be essentially unchanged other than an increase in cost. DOW is again splitting the subsidy the government gives them to continue the drug program which will reduce the increase of our premiums. We came away with the impression that DOW will continue to support CRC.

*Weldon*

## New addresses

Ed Bransford from Apt 851 4718 Hallmark Dr. to Apt 551 Houston TX 77056.

Illa Mae Gehring 2501 E. Villa Maria #112, Bryan, TX 77802

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## Christmas Dance

The Dow Christmas Dance has been scheduled for December 7 at Schroeder Hall. Joel Nava will provide the music. The dance will be free to employees and retirees. Contractors will be charged a nominal fee.

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**Note the change in the phone number for Retiree Services shown in the table on the left. The current UCC Retiree Service number will be eliminated at the end of this year.**

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You should have received the new Choices Booklet and a new Dow Friends booklet. Read them and if you have questions call someone on the FIN list.

One thing of note is that the Aetna Mail Order service will be relocating to Florida the first of December and there will be a period between November 30th and December 3rd when you cannot order prescriptions. Therefore make sure you order ahead of time. After December 3rd you will need to send new orders to the Florida address that was in the DOW Friends mailing. There will be new forms in a mailing in November to folks who have been using the Aetna mail order system.

As for the Choices Booklet, like in the past, if there are no changes you do not need to do anything. However, if your spouse works and is not Medicare eligible, you will still need to fill out the Insurance information form.

## MEANS TESTING FOR MEDICARE

Starting in 2007 means testing for Medicare will be implemented. Individuals with adjusted incomes of \$80,000 and couples with incomes of over \$160,000 will face increased premiums over the usual increases in Medicare part B. This adjusted income will be based on income two years earlier or 2005. Concern; this opens the door for means testing for Social Security.