



~~~~~A FABULOUS 40TH ANNIVERSARY TO HARA!!!~~~~~

# Hughes Aircraft Retirees Association

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## HARA General Meeting

16 APRIL 2026

### San Pedro Elks Lodge #966

1748 Cumbre Drive  
San Pedro, CA 90732

Doors open @ 10:30 AM

**\$35.00 per Attendee**



### NO PAYMENT AT THE DOOR

Mail your check for \$35, payable to  
HARA to be received no later than

**April 6, 2026**



**TO: JANET AKMAN**  
25329 Narbonne Ave.  
Lomita, CA 90717  
Phone: 310-927-1233

*Remember to include  
meal choice on check!*

~~ Attention ~~

Please be sure that we have your current e-mail and  
phone number.

A board position is available and any volunteer will be greatly appreciated:

\* PROGRAMS: Coordinate event luncheon and entertainment.

If interested , please notify a current board member listed  
on page 6 and a brief job description will be provided.

**Thank you for considering!!!!**

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**There are still 40 members that are  
delinquent in paying their dues for  
2024**

**This will be the LAST newsletter for  
these members.**

### Directions to the San Pedro Elks Lodge #966

South on 110 Harbor Freeway  
Left on Gaffey ST  
Right on 19th ST  
19th ST turns into Morse Dr.  
Right on Mantis Ave—dead ends at Cumbre Dr.  
Left on Cumbre Dr. just a short distance to Lodge



## San Pedro Elks Lodge

Mixed Green Salad w Dressing: Ranch or Italian

### CHOOSE ONE:

1. Chicken Piccata, Mashed Potatoes and Herb Roasted Veggies
  2. BBQ Glazed Salmon, Rice Pilaf, and Herb Roasted Veggies
  3. Pasta Primavera w/Garlic Butter Sauce
- \* Dessert: Cheese Cake with Raspberry Puree  
 \* Water, Coffee, Lemonade and Ice Tea Station



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER – 2026



This is a milestone year for the HARA organization.

The story is **40** years ago in 1986, several Hughes retirees met for lunch and they said, "This was fun, we should do this more often!" The rest we say is history!

We are very grateful to a small group of team members who give of their time and energy to make the arrangements to keep our Friendships Alive! We are grateful for your Loyalty! Without you we could not survive.

Cheers,

Fran

## Obituaries

### Raffle Winners

10/23/2025

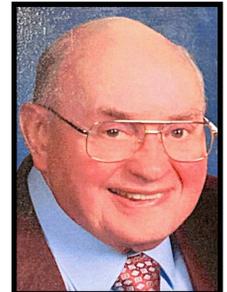
By Carl Rubly



|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Luz Hernandez    | Gift Card       |
| Karlene Kueteman | Gift Card       |
| Jeff Dobner      | Gift Card, Wine |
| Janet Akman      | Wine            |
| Joan Boyle       | Wine            |
| Kevin Curley     | Wine x 3        |
| Michelle DiMarco | Wine            |
| Marie Dobner     | Wine            |
| Susan Kiser      | Wine            |
| Ken Moody        | Wine            |

### Charles (Charlie) Martin Parrish Jr.

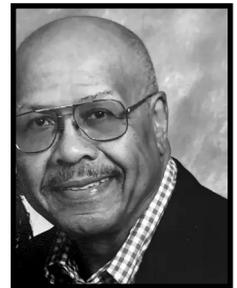
October 9, 1928 - November 29, 2024  
 Charlie went to work for Hughes Aircraft Company as an Electrical Engineer where he remained for 34 years. This job took them to California, Oregon, Washington, Florida, Arizona and back to southern California. Charlie retired in 1986. Charlie and Corky moved to Medford Oregon in 1994.



### William Arthur Cannady

June 26, 1932 - April 11, 2025

We are grateful for his services at Hughes Aircraft Company. R.I.P. Brother.



### David Lundstedt

February 25, 1935 - 2026

We are grateful for his services at Hughes Aircraft Company. R.I.P. Brother.



**Joanne Konders, HARA Secretary, Facilities/Programs , Travel**

November 20, 1951 - January 7, 2026

Joanne started at Hughes on July 7, 1980 as a Clerk Typist for Support Systems in building 111 working with the Roland Project, F-14, and F-18 programs. She moved into a Secretary position nine months later in building 110.

In July 1983 she began working in HR and for the first time and learned to use a computer. In 1985 HR moved to the Long Beach Site, also working with the Employee’s Association from 1988 thru 1990, which moved to Manhattan Beach and stayed thru 1991.

She was almost laid off when she found a position at Corporate, working with the Executive car program thru 1993 when it ended. She went on to work in the Fleet/Transportation group till 2001, when she was almost laid off again. Went to Stores in building E1, working there for five months till a position in Logistics opened. Joanne worked in the Shipping Department for 11 years till she retired in April 2013.

Joanne loved going to Concerts, Wine Tasting and Excursions.

She helped out on the HARA board where ever she could. She was a mover and shaker. One awesome lady!



**Robert (Bob) Eugene Sharpton**

December 17, 1933 - August 21, 2025

Bob, born in Knoxville, TN, Bob’s life journey took him to a distinguished career as an engineer and computer scientist whose work left a lasting impact on both military and computer systems technology.

He earned a BS in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Tech in Atlanta — embracing the slogan “a ramblin” wreck from Georgia Tech, a helluva engineer.” After marrying Florence Stephany in 1956 from Mahanoy City, PA and relocating to Los Angeles, CA, Bob continued his education with a MS in Electrical Engineering from USC, a ME in the Executive Engineering Program and a certificate of Computer Information from UCLA.

As part of his Master of Engineering degree at UCLA his cohort did a prank with his MGB GT car. The car had the battery under the back seat and a switch to turn it off. They propped up the hood and made a fake battery with a six pack of Coca-Cola bottles with pretend cables hooked up to them. When people passed by to help he would say he had trouble starting the car and would proceed to add soda to refill the bottles. He would then flip the switch and startup the car to the surprise of the bystanders!

Throughout his professional life, Bob brought innovation and leadership to several major organizations including Hughes Aircraft Company, Computer Sciences Corporation, General Motors, and Raytheon. My father managed a team at Hughes Aircraft Company to successfully develop and test a user interface for the control system of the Polaris missile early in his career.

Whether offering technical advice or lending a helping hand during difficult times, he was always ready to support those around him. Even as his health was failing in his final years, he maintained a positive outlook with family supporting him.

He will be buried in Knoxville, TN at the Woodlawn Cemetery near his father and mother.



To find Hughes people that have passed away, go to FACEBOOK and enter “Hughes Aircraft Friends and Family who have passed away” in the search bar.

The names that have been submitted are in alphabetical order. If you have additions or corrections, please email your requests to member, Bobbie Middlebrooke, who has graciously been maintaining this file for us.

E-mail address: **[bobbiemiddlebrooke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobbiemiddlebrooke@sbcglobal.net)**

Mark Danisovszky  
Accordion Entertainer

# OCTOBER 2025, LIDO Manhattan OCTOBERFEST Mania!



Marie Dobner



Carl Rubly



Jennifer & Joanne Konders



Fran Dailey & Gerri Burke



John & Barbara  
Poprac



Wallace MacPherson, Karlene  
Kueteman, Teri Vanos, Joan Boyle,  
John Perkins, Phyllis Fuller



Mary & Richard Wagner



Rex Ransom



Anne  
Destabelle



Martin Kvitky & Walt Ordway



Claire & Ted Buell



Nancy Winters & Patricia Wible



Luz Hernandez & Hans Bagges



Carol Martin



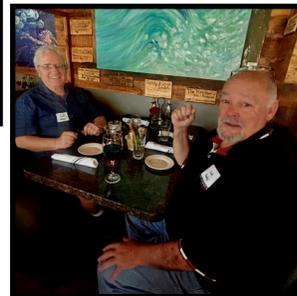
Susan Kiser, Michael  
& Michelle DiMarco



Jeff Dobner,  
Ken Moody,  
Kevin Curley



Good haul  
Ken & Kevin!



Dave Williams &  
Jack Bailey



Fran Dailey &  
Janet Akman



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello Fellow HARA Members:

Hope this newsletter finds you well Thank you to those of you that have submitted their current and past dues payments.

**REMINDER: There are still 40 members that are delinquent in paying their 2024 dues. This will be the last newsletter for these members. Also, there are still 32 members that are delinquent in paying their 2025 dues. These members will be removed from our newsletter mailing list if dues are not submitted by yearend 2026.**

**Look for your membership expiration date above your name and address on this newsletter.  
Dues are \$10 for each calendar year.**

As of end of month February 2026, we have a total membership of **306** which includes six new members. Welcome to Kevin Curley, Rick Salazar, Doug Bodgetti, Terry Conner, W. MacPherson, Ken Moody, John Poprac and Patricia Wible. If you have changes to your information on file with us, please email or call me so I can update our database. You can also complete the Membership Application below and send via USPS or email address noted below.

**Please stay on the lookout for retired friends that may not know about HARA and encourage them to join us.** We are a social organization that was established to provide all Hughes legacy company retirees with a way to stay connected with each other and other former Company (s) that may not know about HARA.

Look forward to meeting you all.

Michelle Di Marco  
[dimarco101@aol.com](mailto:dimarco101@aol.com)  
310/738-9938



## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

[WWW.HUGHESHARA.COM](http://WWW.HUGHESHARA.COM)

Every effort will be made to keep this up to date for you. If you lose or misplace your newsletter, you can get another one, plus the calendar of events from the website.

Also visit Hughes Tucson Retirees Assoc. at:

[www.hughestra.com/](http://www.hughestra.com/)

## HARA CALENDER

**Apr 10TH HARA Board Meeting at Kinecta**

**APR 16TH HARA General Meeting #142  
- San Pedro Elks Lodge**

**May 8TH HARA Board Meeting at Kinecta**

**Jun 18TH HARA Board Meeting at Kinecta**

**(Next luncheon in JULY 2026 —stay tuned)**

## HARA Membership Application

### For Renewal, New Member or Changes

Type of application:

\_\_\_Renewal \_\_\_New Member \_\_\_Change of address

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:(     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Preference, select one:

EMAIL:

USPS MAIL:

\$10.00 per year.

Mail your check, made payable to HARA,

To:

HARA Membership

P.O. Box 54

Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 -0054

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## Officers—2026

|            |                                                                  |              |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| President  | Fran Dailey                                                      | 562-867-2180 |
| Treasurers | Carl Rubly (Main), Fran Dailey<br>Michelle DiMarco, Marie Dobner |              |
| Secretary  | Janet Akman                                                      | 310-927-1233 |

## Committee Chairpersons

|                                         |                                               |              |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Corp. Liaison                           | TBD                                           | 310-373-1618 |
| Facilities/Programs                     | AVAILABLE                                     |              |
| Hospitality                             | Janet Akman                                   | 310-927-1233 |
| Membership                              | Michelle DiMarco<br><i>dimarco101@aol.com</i> | 310-738-9938 |
| Memorabilia                             | Carl Rubly (Acting)                           | 310-923-5905 |
| Raffle                                  | Carl Rubly                                    | 310-923-5905 |
| Photography/<br>Newsletter/<br>Web-Site | Marie Dobner<br><i>mea9@aol.com</i>           | 310-753-6664 |
| Sunshine                                | Gerri Burke                                   | 310-831-6235 |



Howard Hughes' Flying Boat

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### MAIL TO:

TEMP RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Is your membership expiring?  
see date by your address above!

Membership is \$10 per year, made  
payable to and mail to:

HARA—Attention Membership

P. O. Box 54

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### Did you know?

The Mob Museum in Las Vegas has a couple of displays pertaining to Howard Hughes.

No, Howard was not a gangster, but he did buy some casino's from some of them!

Howard Hughes moved to Las Vegas on Thanksgiving day 1966.

He took over the top two floors of the Desert Inn (DI) Hotel. After two weeks, it was requested for Howard to leave in anticipation of preparing for the New Year's Eve guests. Well, Howard had different plans. He purchased the DI for \$13M and stayed until 1970! The DI is now the Wynn which opened in 2000.

Howard also purchased the Sands for \$14.6 M, currently the Venetian. The Frontier Hotel and Casino for \$23M. He also purchased the Silver Slipper.

