

USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



Winter 2023 Newsletter

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President's Message Leo Waltsak



Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

Each season that we prepare this newsletter I try to speak on a topic of general interest to all of us. It goes without saying that I wish each of you well, but we all know that some of us are doing better than others at different times. Life doesn't get easier as we get older. We have to face challenges in our older years that weren't there in our younger years. When young, we cared about ourselves and our friends... in later years we took care and provided for our families... now our family looks after us. It's the cycle of life. Intellectually we understand, but in our hearts it can hurt real bad. As difficult as our older years may be, let's try to be patient, kind and supportive to those around us. Remember that each of us has to walk our own path; no two are the same, and some trails are more difficult than others.

On a lighter note, what do you do that you enjoy? How do you pass the hours when you're not attending to things you must? I play cards every Tuesday and Thursday at my local American Legion Post 346. On Tuesday nights I play Pinochle and on Thursday nights I play Poker. If anyone in our group enjoys cards, maybe we can play a round or two

in our downtime at our next reunion. I am looking forward to our annual gathering, and I hope each of you can be there. Our own Becky Lyon has put together a very nice itinerary that looks to be a lot of fun. So, set aside 8 – 12 October 2023, bring you children and grandchildren and join us in Louisville, KY.

2023 Reunion Louisville

Becky Lyon



Our reunion will start on Oct. 8th., that is a Sunday at the Embassy Suites EAST with an opening reception at 6pm.

On Monday we will tour the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory and have lunch there. There is a Souvenir Shop there and we will return to our hotel by 1:30pm. We also plan to have our Memorial Service at 3:00pm Monday followed by our Annual Business Meeting. That evening we will also have a Zoom session at 7:00pm.

Tuesday we will go to Church Hill Downs and Tour the home of the Kentucky Derby. The Ladies may wish to take a hat making class and the men may wish to take the Mint Julip making class. Then, after seeing the museum, touring the racetrack and optional classes we will return to our hotel by 1:30pm and have a free afternoon.

Wednesday will be a free day.

That evening our Banquet room will open at 5:45, we will take group Pictures at 6:15pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The choices are Chicken - (Mushroom Chicken with sauce) Beef (Pot Roast with potatoes and carrots in sauce) either with mashed potatoes, green beans and broccoli and Derby Pie for dessert. Our annual lottery will follow dinner.

Clair suggested we have a contest where we all send a picture or e-mail an image of ourselves when we were young to Becky. She will put together a board with all the pictures and we can all guess who's who. Whoever gets the most right will win a prize. You can either bring a picture with you to the reunion or you can mail or e-mail your picture to Becky. Do put your name on the pictures back or include it with your e-mail. Becky's e-mail is momalyon@aol.com and mailing address is 122 E. Edgefield Dr., Summerville, SC 29483.

The hotel is 12.5 miles from the airport which is The Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport. There is Uber Service and cab services Allen Transportation & Taxi, zTrip and Green and Orange taxi of Louisville.

There is a lot to see in Louisville, more than I knew. Thomas Edison House, Zachary Taylors home, Colonel Sanders KFC Museum and much more. Someone had mentioned the Ark for anyone who ask about it, it is 98 miles from Louisville, I do not think anyone would be interested riding a bus for two hours each way. We will have more about nearby places you may wish to visit in your free time in our Spring Newsletter.

For Gatherings Plus Website use this [LINK](#) for information and registration. Registration and full payment are due August 22. If you do not wish to take either the Hat Making or Mint Julip class call Gatherings Plus and ask them for a credit on the Kentucky Derby Day Excursion.

Activity Schedule

Sunday, October 08, 2023

6:00PM Welcome Reception | Hot & Cold Appetizers

Monday, October 09, 2023

10:00AM Louisville Slugger Day Excursion

Museum Tour | Mini Souvenir Bat | Lunch at facility | Transportation

01:30PM Return to Hotel

03:30PM Memorial Service followed by the Annual Business Meeting

08:00PM ZOOM meeting to say Hello to those that couldn't make it

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

10:00AM Kentucky Derby Day Excursion

Museum Tour | Hat Making Class or Mint Julep Making Class |
Lunch at facility | Transportation

01:30PM Return to Hotel

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

FREE DAY!!! | Explore & Enjoy Louisville!

05:45PM Banquet room opens

06:15PM Group pictures

07:00PM Banquet Dinner served followed by our annual raffle

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Depart for Home! Safe Travels!

Cabildo Ladies Zoom Sessions

Sue Gwin



We will have another Cabildo Ladies Zoom session at 1:00pm Pacific time Wednesday March 15th. We will let you know the details a week before. If you are interested in joining in let Warren know with an e-mail at this [link](#) so he can e-mail you the logon instructions.

Chaplain's Corner

Ken Bredehoeft



We want to lift up three of our own in our Cabildo family.

Henry Harich as he struggles with Alzheimer's at the Ft. Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis, South Dakota. At age eighty-one, Henry has valiantly battled this terrible, debilitating disease for many years now. Alice is able to see him often. We know she is very encouraging as she is able to talk and read to him. Pray for her continued strength and encouragement each time she is able to be at Henry's side.

And we lift up Maureen Bittle, Dale's much better half, in her struggle with stomach cancer. Kathleen and I were able recently to spend time with them here in Houston as they consulted with specialists at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Maureen tells us Dale is her bedrock and tower of strength. Pray for healing for Maureen and comfort for both of them and their family at this time.

Our shipmate Jon Senkpiel in Milton, Delaware passed away recently before Christmas. Jon was a very private person and a very interesting man. He was career Navy first and then had a second career as a specialty chef. At several recent reunions and then principally through emails, Jon and I discussed our affection for British mysteries and admiration for the writer John Le Carre. We lift up Jon's widow Dianne and pray for comfort for her.

Psalm 62:7 reminds us, "In God is my salvation and my glory, the rock of my strength. My refuge is in God."

Treasurer

Warren Gammeter



Our current association bank account balance is \$10,010.23.

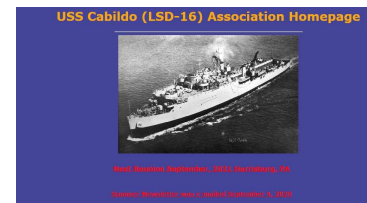
Our annual Dues will again be \$25.00 due in January. To save the cost of postage I will not be mailing dues notices and membership cards again this year. Thanks to those who have already sent theirs in. If you haven't yet, mail your dues to me at 3227 Verdun Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. I am checking the mailing address on each and have corrected several.

On our websites crewmember list one can click on the "C" for contact information at the right end of each crewmember's line and see a page with your mailing address, phone numbers and e-mail address. If you do not wish to have any of these item displayed to anyone visiting our website let me know. We will keep it in our database but block it from displaying.

If you select the "M" link on the crewmember line the member page is displayed which shows what years you were a paid-up member and the Cabildo reunions you attended. Do let me know if any of your membership or contact information is incorrect so I can correct it.

Website and Newsletter

Warren Gammeter



The pictures from the Colorado Springs reunion up on our website. If you were not able to join us and want to get a flavor of the excellent reunion you missed take a look. Here's the [link](#).



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