2017 MEETING REGRETS

Anna, unfortunately JJ and I won't be able to make the meeting next year due to some family commitments. Please express our regards to everyone and I know you and all will have a successful meeting. Joe Holtshouser

Anna please share Carol and my regrets at not being able to make the 2017 meeting. The folks that attend are so very special and we will dearly miss this opportunity to be with you all. Bob has certainly put together a block buster program. Best wishes, Carol and Rick Fulwiler

Anna......We've been thinking about coming to the meeting, but then our accumulated birthdays have begun to catch up with us. Getting on a plane means wheel-chairing it, at least for Florence, and now perhaps for me as well. We had been primed to go to Baltimore for the AIHce, but had t cancel that one.We've now moved into our new apartment. When we wrote you last year we said that we had moved to temporary quarters before our new unit would be ready. It turns out that the building was not quite completely built, so we were put into a temporary apartment in the older part of the complex. That one was only 800 square feet, and after coming from a 3000 sq ft home it was tight. With delays in construction, we didn't get to move in for six months. If we could have lived in an 800 sq ft unit for that long without killing each other, we did well. The place we're in is a senior citizen community. To say that this is a friendly place is a misnomer. We've been describing it as aggressively friendly. There are a number of people here whom we knew before, but we have met and become close to a whole new group. In March, for example, Florence had a birthday. (She insists on having one each year at about the same time.) In addition to being feted with a special dinner along with the other March types, two of our new friends threw a special celebration for her. Not only are the people here friendly, they are an outstanding bunch. Since we are so close to both Rice University and the Texas Medical Center, many of the residents are from those venues. We have at least six Shell alumni, several Exxon alumni. A retired oil company CEO who now has a working bamboo plantation, a retired insurance company CEO, MDs, PhDs, RNs, at least a dozen engineers, one Carolyn Phillips, other interesting people, and even a Nobel Prize winner. At dinner time, we either join a table, or if we start one, several will join us to fill the table. So each evening we dine with another group. The nicest thing for Howard is that he has a tremendously varied new audience for his stories. The campus is located in the same general neighborhood in which we used to live. It is about half way between our house and the medical center. We still drive to doctors' appointments, but if we don't feel like it, we just ask for transportation. That, and the valet service for parking is all included in the monthly fee, as are all utilities, phone, and maintenance. What a pleasure not to have to worry about the yard man coming on time! There are a number of activities, both in-house and out. Trips to the theater, opera, to Rice extension courses are among those that we have taken. Of course, if we want to set up our own in-house event, we do that too. One neighbor couple on our floor are from China. The wife loves origami so she and her daughter set up an exhibit one weekend. Another neighbor, the chemist who won the Nobel Prize for the 60carbon "Buckyball" explained all the faceted surface creations. We can still learn at our advanced age. Anyway, the program for January sounds great. Please give our best to all. PS: We're going to let Carolyn Phillips tell us what happened. Travel is becoming a burden. I guess that's a result of having too many birthdays. Howard & Florence

Hello Anna, Regrettably, I will not be able to attend the YPSW meeting this year in San Diego. But just so I don't lost touch with the group, I wanted to join as a lifetime member which is something I should have done 4 yrs ago when I first started attending the yearly meetings on a on-again off-again basis. Thanks for all the hard work you do taking care of the meeting/ membership details!! Tom Zdeb

Anna, I will be in Australia during the month of January. However I do enjoy getting the YPSW news and being a member. Let me know if I need to pay any membership dues. Also, I would like to pass on the idea of videotaping some of our distinguished members using a question and answer format for about a 10 minute recording. We are losing our history as our members pass, and video recording our distinguished members is a way of preserving our history. I would be happy to team up with someone at YPSW to do this - perhaps at the 2018 meeting after details are settled. Can you pass this idea to our members to see what they think and how to go forward? Thanks, Jim McGlothlin Hello Anna, I did have a great Thanksgiving and I hope you had one as well. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting this year -I wish I was coming to the meeting and all the best for a successful conference. Thanks and Merry Christmas to you too! Max Kiefer

Dear Anna, My sincerest regrets to you and YPSW members and speakers. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join all of you in sunny San Diego this year. This is truly my loss, as the program is robust and the camaraderie priceless. Please give my best regards. I will genuinely miss being a part of the January 2017 program. I hope you have a lovely and joy-filled Christmas and spirited New Year, Anna! My very best, Chris Lorenzo

Dear Anna: I am deeply sorry that, again, I will not be able to attend. It is getting more difficult with my COPD. Flying is now out of the question and I need someone to accompany me even when I travel by car. My family had an early 90th b'day party for me in Houston. Son George came from Miami picked me up in Bryan and stayed with me every step of the way. Please give all my friends my warmest regards and express my regrets. I am very fortunate, no blessed, to have a loving family that I can depend upon. The main difficulty is that they are so far away and are all working, so my support is by frequent phone calls. All the best for a successful meeting. George Cvejanovich

Hi Anna, I will not be available to attend the YPSW Meeting in January. I wish all of you the best and I'm sure that the program will be great. Please give everyone my regards. Happy Holidays! Don Hart

Anna: It looks like I won't be able to attend again this year. Thanks for all the work you do. Kirk E. Martin

Dear Anna, I had hoped to attend the meeting this year but unfortunately I have a business trip that week. I hope that you have a wonderful meeting! Lisa Barnes

Hi Anna, Thanks for keeping us up-to-date. I will not be attending the YPSW meeting this year. I'm saving my time and extra cash to visit with my son in Taiwan at the end of his semester in grad school. Best regards, Elizabeth Pullen

Good evening Anna, Mary probably informed you that Mary and I will not be able to make the meeting this time. It is painful for us to miss the Yuma Pacific meeting because for years it has been a family reunion for us. This year in particular, we will miss it more than ever because the meeting has been put together by my dear friend Bob Lieckfield. My apologies. It so happens that I will have the opportunity to teach an IH course to a bunch of African Professionals in Tanzania . As you know such educational events do not generally happen in places like Tanzania. So I could not decline it. Say hello to all, Love, Jas and Mary Singh.

Hi Anna, Unfortunately Sandra and I will not be able to attend the YPSW Annual Meeting this year. We wish all a productive meeting and a wonderful renewal time with friends. Hopefully we will make it for 2018. Best always, Bob Glenn

Thanks Anna, Unfortunately we're in ol'blighty for January. Please enjoy some sun and warmth for us. Sean Mahar

Happy and healthy new year. Anna. Regret that I will not be able to attend. Howard Spielman

I will be in Europe that week and may not be able to make it back in time for the meeting. So I would say for now, unfortunately you may consider me as not being able to attend. I have not missed our beloved YPSW meeting for about 20 years. I would miss all our dear colleagues and friends and the fantastic technical program. Would you please give my best to all. And of course, thanks to you for your continued tremendous efforts. Best wishes, Hamid Arabzadeh

Hi, Anna, Sorry we won't be coming down to the meeting this year. Best wishes and thanks for all you do for the YPSW LS. Jeff and Marlene Burton

Anna, I thought I had sent you that I will not be able to attend the meeting. Thanks, Stevan Pierce

Anna, I have a conflict so I will not be attending this year. Kelly Bailey

Hello, Anna: Always good to hear from you. Charles and I are well and enjoying our grandsons very much. They grow up so fast, and we are trying to spend as much time with them as we can. We are well and looking forward to 2017. We will not be able to make this year's YPSW meeting, but know that we will miss an excellent program and seeing our good friends. We wish you a successful meeting including many good times. All the best, Alice (and Charles) Farrar

Thank you Anna and also we wish you a Happy New Year, Once again I must plead to be excused from the YPSW annual meeting. Old age and infirmity are catching up. During a routine medical exam it was determined that a cardiac pacemaker could become essential at any time. Without delay, I was hospitalized and the little "thingamabob" was installed without ceremony last Friday. As far as I know all is well. Please extend regrets from both Doris and I. The two of us are doing better than should be expected for people of our age. We are now both eighty-seven years old and it really shows. A lot of water has gone over the dam. It still is flowing, but slower now. Good Luck in 2017 and our sincere best wishes for another successful meeting. We will miss y'all. Emil and Doris Christofano

Dear Anna, Regrets that I will not be attending this year's meeting, Best wishes for the new year. Dwight Culver

Anna, Sorry I will not be able to make the meeting this year. I regret missing out on the great technical presentations and the opportunity to meet with colleagues in the field. Torey Nalbone

Anna, I won't be attending the Jan 2017 meeting – I am booked on a long cruise out of FL thru the Panama Canal to Hawaii; then will spend a few days in Hawaii before returning home. Best wishes to all for a great meeting. John Pendergrass

Anna, I have been very ill since 30 Dec. Tentative diagnosis was bronchitis needing antibiotics which I started without much success and will continue. Lab results today confirm I have a virulent strain of flu virus (one not intimidated by my Oct 2016 flu shot!) and should start Tamiflu. Estate settlement dates are piling up and as I am still contagious, I regretfully must send my regards to my Yuma Pacific friends, colleagues and mentors for the 2017 meeting. Jim Rock

Dear Anna, Regrettably, Mary Ann and I must reverse our plans to attend the annual meeting. I have had a quite unexpected business conflict arise that will require my attention the week of Jan 16. We truly regret not being able to see you and our many other friends and colleagues of the YPSW; and missing the excellent program Bob has assembled. We wish all a successful meeting, safe travels, and a happy and healthy 2017. Best wishes (and be assured we are really bummed out by this turn of events). Hank & Mary Ann Muranko

I regret very much that I cannot attend - the program looks great. Larry Whitehead

Hi, Anna. I am sorry that I will not be able to make it this year. Thank you for your hard work and the invitation. Jeff Throckmorton

Anna, bless you for all your service. I won't be able to attend the conference this year. I had a great time last year. How much are the dues so I can send them to you. Happy New Year. Michael Richards.

Anna, sorry but I need to cancel my reservation as I have OSHA meetings next week that cannot be changed. MarcKolanz

Anna, It looks like work is going to get in the way of my participation in the meeting. I'm supporting a legal matter and I have to attend 3 days of inspections starting on the 17th. It's possible I could make an evening cocktail hour or two, and maybe even the dinner, but it doesn't look like I'll be able to be there for the first couple days of presentations, if any. :-(So sorry. Colin Young

On Jan 6 at 12:19 Zack wrote: I took Marsha to the emergency room early on Wednesday morning with appendicitis. It was actually pretty serious and her appendix had burst and she also had a serious infection. They operated Wednesday night. She is doing a lot better now but will be in the hospital for at least a week or longer. There is a significant danger of peritonitis and sepsis. She will stay on IV medication/antibiotics to prevent that. Jan 10 update: Marsha is still in the hospital. She is not eating at all although I won't either as disgusting as the food is.....(on clear liquids only). I spoke with the Surgeon this morning and her white cell count is still very high. They are changing the antibiotics. She is a bit better but has a long way to go. I am going to guess, several more days on IVs in the hospital and then a long recuperation. Jan 13 update: Anna you can let everyone know that I really wish I could have attended (and Marsha not sick), but I am sure that they will have a very successful meeting and help determine where the profession goes from here. My very best to everyone. Zack Mansdorf (Latest report is Marsha is recuperating at home and doing well.)

Hi Anna, unfortunately I need to cancel my trip as I am quite sick with a bad respiratory infection. I had really looked forward to attending. Hope you have a great meeting. Richard Hirsh

Anna, I am unable to attend the meeting this year. The father of a close friend passed away and I offered to help make arrangements for his funeral and arrange for long term care for her mother. I will see you all next year. Line up looks terrific. Nola Kennedy