

The Pioneer's Club Newsletter

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Sad Mews

I received an email about the health and welfare of a one of our members. I'll pass it along for your information

Hello all,

I do not have good access to a computer in the hospital. I was admitted on March 6 with bacterial pneumonia. It has caused major damage to my left lung and the ability for my heart to pump the blood/oxygen levels I need to function. My O2 saturation level is about 89% if I just sit and don't move. They will not clear me to fly till my O2 levels are 95% or higher.

My options are to stay in Aruba till I recover on my own, buy an oxygen concentrator, (none on the island) or come home on a medical air ambulance jet. Thank God that we have flight insurance....

If you should need to talk to me, my Aruba cell number is 00297-743-5198..

I hope to know more by this Tuesday 3/19 as how well the IV antibiotics are working and how well I am breathing. Praise God that the 103 fever has gone. Stella is doing a great job holding in there.

Our dear Aruban daughter Maureen has moved Stella into the LaCavana Resort where she works. Please pray for my continued recovery, for the stressfulness. I praise my Lord Jesus Christ for bring me this far and trust that with your prayers,

He will bring me through this.

Jim Thurston

ED: Jim retired in 2006 from Electric Distribution

Obituary Page

We lost two individuals that I am aware of since the last newsletter.

They will be missed by all who knew them.

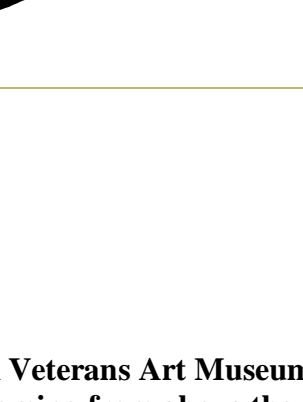
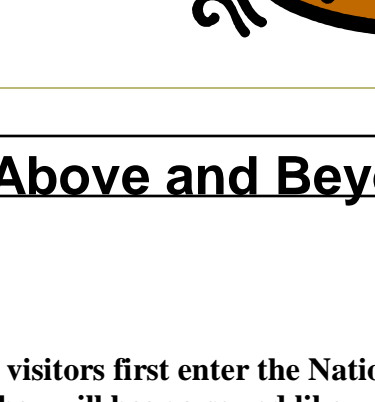
Paul G. Rombaut- March 4, 2013, Greece, NY. Paul retired from Credit & Collection.

Thomas J. Puleo, Sr. - March 27, 2013, Rochester, NY. Tom retired from Gen Maint. in 1974. He passed just before his 101st birthday.



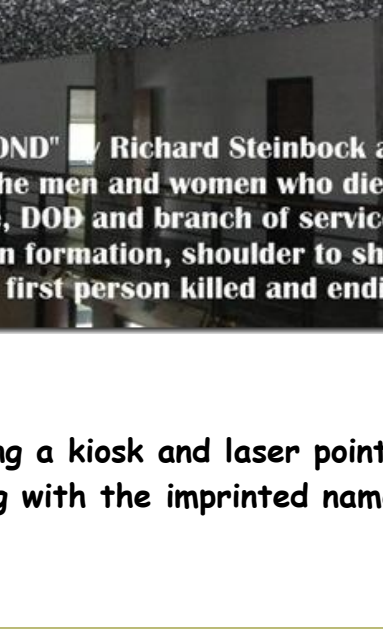
April Events

- April 1–Aprils Fools Day
- April 15–Tax Day
- April 22–Earth Day
- April 24–Administrative Support Day
- April–25 Anzac Day (Australia & New Zealand)
- April 26–Arbor Day
- April 29–Showa Day (Japan)



April Birthdays

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Birthday
RICHARD	A	BAKER	4/7
John	R.	Black	4/16
Jim	H.	Camp	4/21
Rudy		Forgensi	4/14
Douglas		Gerega	4/22
WILLIAM	P.	GOODMAN	4/4
Tammy	L	Huffer	4/14
Tim	P.	Kinsella	4/12
Steve	S	Langdon	4/15
Jim	E	Thurston	4/5
William	L.	Tomkiewicz, JR.	4/24
DAVID	J.	WHITLOCK	4/14
James	K.	Wright	4/6



Florida Picnic

I got this email from Florida. It looks as if the picnic is regaining its strength.

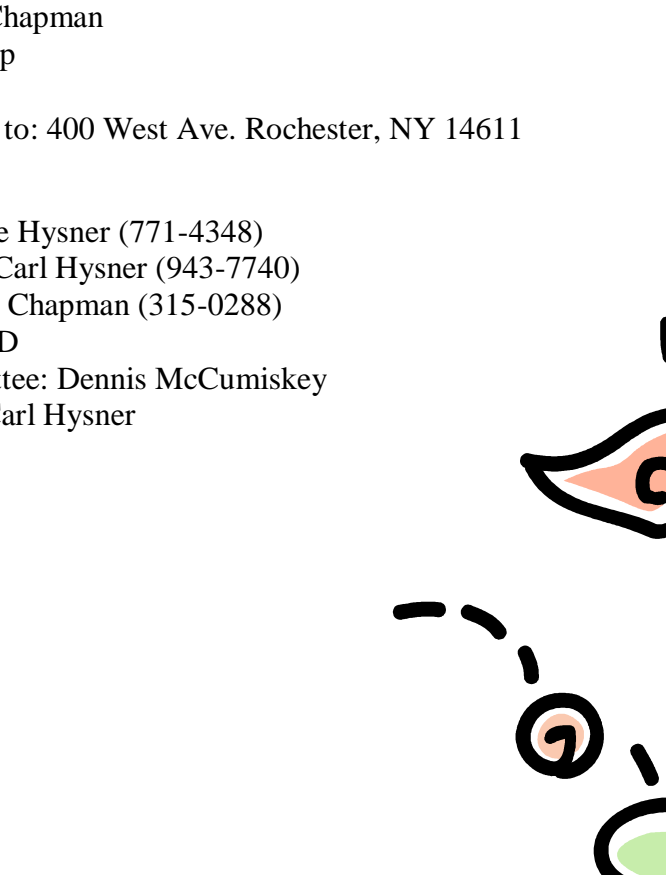
Hi Tom,

The picnic was a successful event despite the day starting out with temperatures in the 30s. By the time people started arriving we had a very sunny day and the temperature had recovered to the 60s.

There were 41 attending. Twenty-seven of these were former employees and fourteen were guests. I'm also hoping to send you some pictures once I receive them.

Hope this helps,

Lee Harris



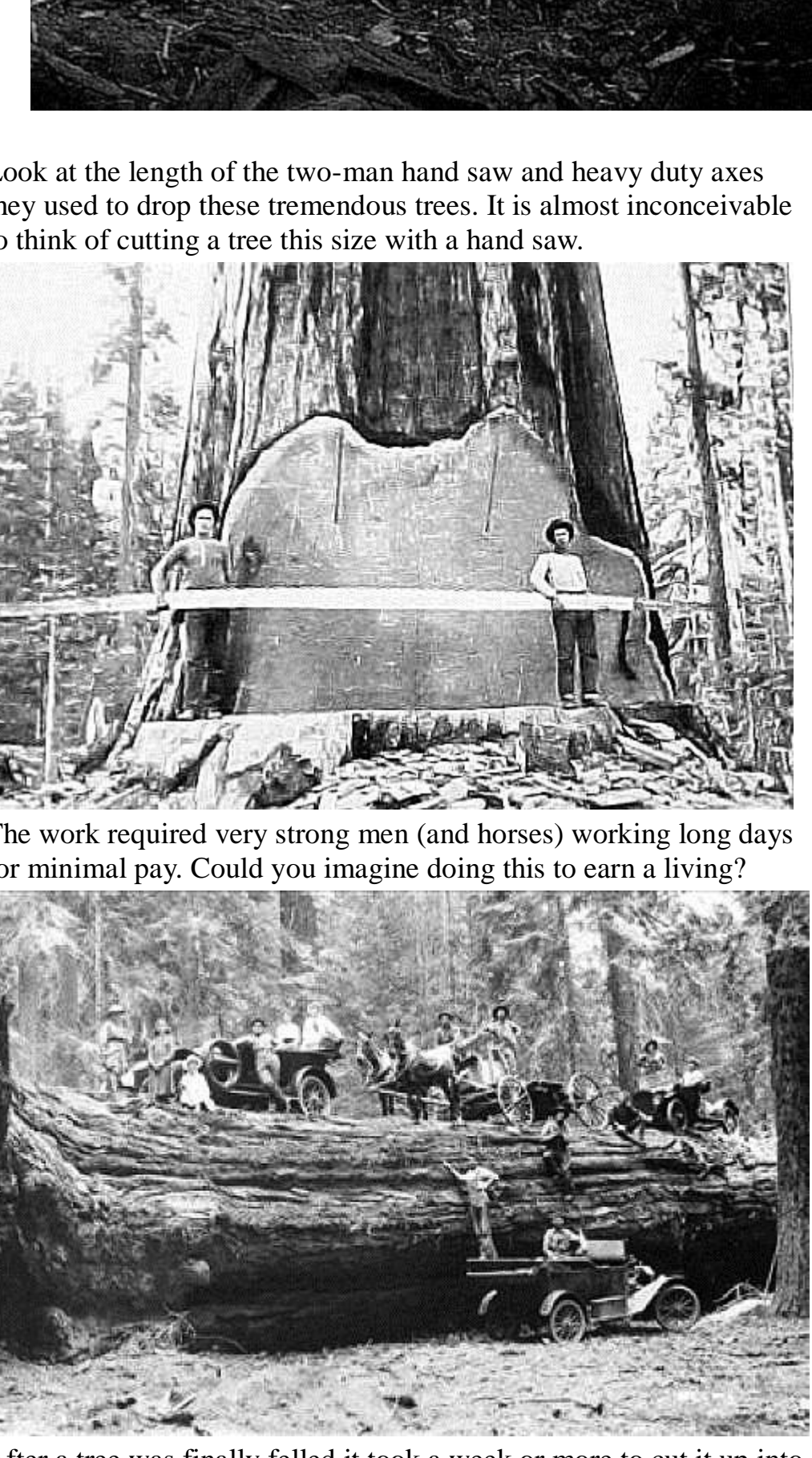
"Above and Beyond"

When visitors first enter the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum in Chicago they will hear a sound like wind chimes coming from above them and their attention will be drawn upward 24 feet to the ceiling of the two-story high atrium.

Dog tags of the more than 58,000 service men and women who died in the Vietnam War hang from the ceiling.

The 10-by-40-foot sculpture, entitled **Above & Beyond**, was designed by Ned Broderick and Richard Stein.

The tens of thousands of metal dog tags are suspended 24 feet in the air, 1 inch apart, from fine lines that allow them to move and chime with shifting air currents.



"ABOVE AND BEYOND" by Richard Steinbock and Ned Broderick commemorates all the men and women who died in the Vietnam War. Dog tags with name, DOD and branch of service for each individual hang in formation, shoulder to shoulder, beginning with first person killed and ending with the last.

Museum employees using a kiosk and laser pointer help visitors locate the exact dog tag with the imprinted name of their lost friend or relative.

Golf League

I sent this notice out in March. I'm repeating the information in case you missed it. I don't know at this late date if there are any openings.

RG&E

Craigie Brae Golf League

#4391 Union Street, Scottsville, NY

First night will be April 30!

Pizza & Wings the first night

Format: 2 person teams, each week alternate sides, handicapped match and medal play each week.

Mixed League, men's, women's, and senior's tees

Partner up and enjoy the weekly fun.

Tee time 4pm.

Other Leagues do follow us on the tees.

The 18 week schedule will be out after all teams have responded to Art Chapman.

Art Chapman Phone: (585) 315 - 0288

Email: Arthur_Chapman@RGE.com

League Fee: \$315, payable in 2 installments first due by March 30th and second due by April 30th.

First payment should be around \$200 and final payment of \$115.

It is very important that we can pay the league fees up front to get the discount at the Golf Course.

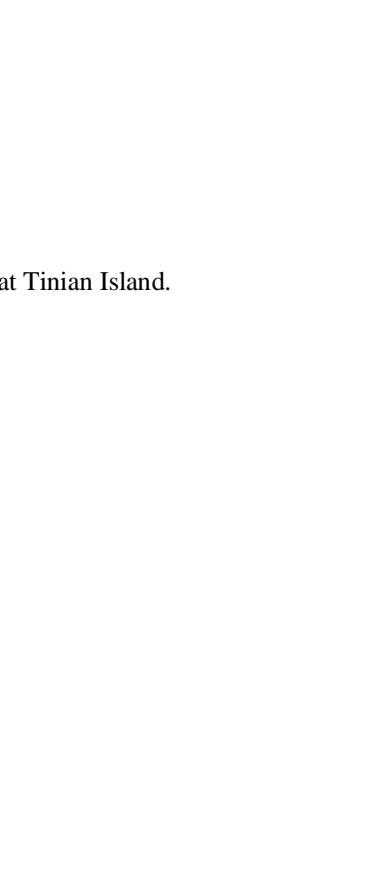
Covers: Weekly Green's fee, 1st night pizza & wings, 4th of July Firecracker Tournament & prizes, contribution to Mid-Season Tournament, and final night steak dinner.

Please make checks payable to:

RG&E SPORTS AND RECREATION

Send to: Art Chapman
 SCADA Group
 West Avenue
 Via U.S. Mail to: 400 West Ave. Rochester, NY 14611

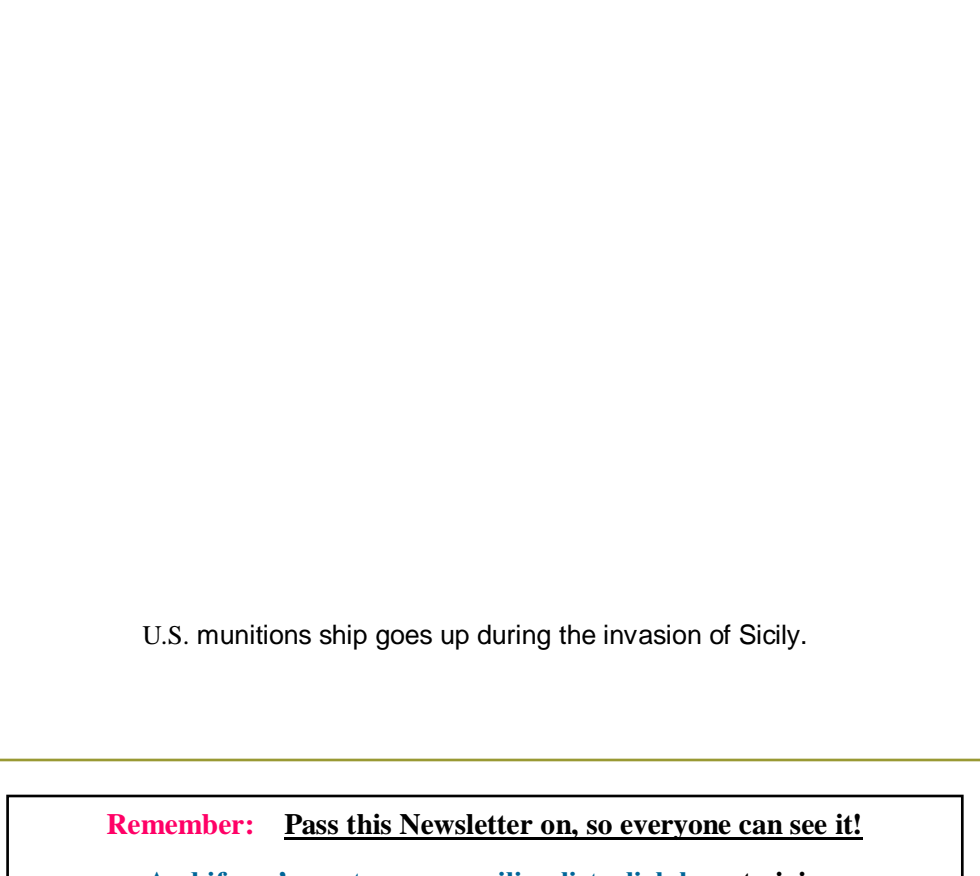
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Logging Monster Trees

I must admit that I like old photos, and I also "man's" ability to overcome nature's obstacles. I feel sadness for the destruction of these magnificent giants.

But "damn" I bet they made one hell of a bang when they fell!



Look at the length of the two-man hand saw and heavy duty axes they used to drop these tremendous trees. It is almost inconceivable to think of cutting a tree this size with a hand saw.



The work required very strong men (and horses) working long days for minimal pay. Could you imagine doing this to earn a living?

After a tree was finally felled it took a week or more to cut it up into sections that could be managed (somehow) and transported by train to a lumber yard.

Maneuvering the logs down the mountain to the train was a complex job. I didn't do any research on this, but I would be willing to bet that many men lost their lives doing this dangerous work. One slip and a hunk of wood as big as a hotel is rolling your way!

The other question that begs an answer is how did they get those logs onto the flatbeds of that train?

WWII Pictures

Squad of Rufe's at Bougainville. These things were very nimble even with the pontoons.

Marines disembark LST at Tinian Island.

Bougainville.

U.S. munitions ship goes up during the invasion of Sicily.

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