

North Coast Chapter

October 22, 2011

The North Coast Chapter convened for its Fall 2011 Luncheon on Saturday, October 22nd at the Auro Bistro, Crowne Plaza - Cleveland South. This gave the Chapter members another chance to see the venue for the Mid-America Regional Reunion, which the North Coast Chapter will host. In attendance at the luncheon were 15 members or guests including: Bill and Millie Bengele; Stan Wanek; Fred Maki and his daughter Julie; Bruce and Sharon Conner; Bob and Audrey Cottrell; Rick and Mimi Ruhland; Dale Kamps; Pat and Jane Ryan; and Will Tyler. Several other Chapter members sent their regrets.

Will Tyler announced the birth of his grandson, Dexter, this past summer. The Ruhland's were in Los Angeles for the birth of their first grandson, Thomas. The Conners took an historic vacation trip to Augusta GA, home of the Masters Golf Tournament and Fort Gordon; with other stops at Parris Island SC, Charleston SC, and a tour of the FBI Academy in Quantico VA. Dale Kamps described his work as an Anti-Money Laundering Specialist for a local bank, a position also held by recent retiree Doug Cislo at a different bank. The work allows Dale to work with other retired police investigators in a fraud-related field, but it is strictly an "office" (i.e. cubicle) job.

Chapter President Bill Bengele described the recent Western Region/National Reunion at Albuquerque, which he and Millie attended along with Chapter Secretary Rick Ruhland. Albuquerque NM afforded a unique opportunity to view the Acoma Sky City Pueblo, Old Town Albuquerque, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the National Nuclear Museum. Following the reunion was the start of Albuquerque's annual Hot Air Balloon Fiesta. Plus chances to see historic Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Taos to the north; the Navaho Nation and Gallup to the west; and the Petrified Forest/Painted Desert to the east. The banquet speaker featured the daughter of the late novelist Tony Hillerman, whose Navaho police detective Joe Leaphorn is featured in many of his novels based on or around the Navaho Nation in the NW corner of New Mexico.

In addition, the Regional NARPI reunions, especially in recent years, have been a good source of ideas for the reunion coming to Cleveland next year. A meeting was scheduled for the reunion committee on November 15th at the home of Chapter Secretary Rick Ruhland. Items to discuss are a reunion budget, final adjustments to the sightseeing schedule, and committee assignments and tasks.