

On Friday, April 23rd, nineteen (19) members and guests of the NARPI North Coast (Cleveland) Chapter convened for delicious lunch and the 56th meeting of the Chapter. The event was hosted by Stan Wanek and was held at Eddie's Creekside Restaurant, 8803 Brecksville Road, Brecksville OH. Stan did an excellent job securing a private space and had the PA system turned down to allow for pleasant conversation. He also distributed sheets containing a sample of his vast personal collection of jokes (mostly clean) to enliven the atmosphere. In attendance were: Host Stan Wanek and guest Trudy Laut; John Campisi; new member Bruce Conner; guests Gene and Betty Killeen; Pat Ryan; new member Mike Corey; Don Rogers; Dean Morrison; Will Tyler; Don Cottrell; Don and Vickie Caldwell; Fred Maki and guest Amy Deschant; Bill and Millie Bengeler; and Rick Ruhland. The Chapter welcomed first time attendance by Mike Corey and Bruce Conner, both of whom retired recently from the Cleveland OH domicile and worked there from 1987 and 1991, respectively, until 2009. Both men are enjoying retirement and Bruce is a member of two local bagpipe bands -- the 87th Cleveland Pipe Band and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Pipe Band. "If it's not Scottish, it's". Jennie Eklund and Anita Helffrich also sent their regrets as they were unable to attend.

Topics of discussion were the April 2010 Western Region reunion in the Los Angeles area and the remaining reunions to be held in 2010 in Philadelphia PA and Fort Worth TX. Chapter President Bill Bengeler urged members to consider attending these reunions to renew old friendships. A list of past reunions and a NARPI draft report, to aid reunion committees in planning a reunion, was discussed. There was also brief discussion about Cleveland hosting the Mid-America reunion in 2014, the logistics involved, possible hotel and excursion sites, etc. Chapter members that hosted future luncheons were asked to consider a reunion-style activity for a regular meeting to gain the experience. Chapter Secretary Rick Ruhland announced the upcoming NARPI survey that will be taken this year via an internet survey site. The survey is aimed at members, eligible non-members, and still active USPIS employees, and will be used to help NARPI make decisions about membership and retention. The next Chapter meeting will be in the summer at a location to be determined, possibly in the Akron OH area.



Table1 (Clockwise from front: Betty Killeen, Trudy Laut, Stan Wanek, John Campisi, Bruce Conner, Gene Killeen)



Table2 (Clockwise from front: Don Caldwell, Vickie Caldwell, Bill Bengele, Millie Bengele, Amy Deschant (not visible), Fred Maki)



Table3 (Clockwise from front: Don Rogers, Will Tyler, Dean Morrison, Pat Ryan, Mike Corey, Bob Cottrell)