



# AIR FORCE MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFMMAA) NEWSLETTER

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## RX DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

RX Update by Director,  
Dr. Kathy Stevens

Dear Colleagues and Alumni of RX, Hello! It's been a busy and eventful winter and spring. I'll briefly describe just a few of the noteworthy events since the last newsletter.

October 2009 found RX hosting the Scientific Advisory Board for its biennial visit. Through briefings, tours, and posters, the panel saw the RX work in thermal sciences & materials, electromagnetic materials integration, optical and infrared materials, RF and electronic materials, materials biotechnology, and nanomaterials. They were both impressed that RX reacts to the changing environment and changing AF needs and funding realities (as evidenced by the creation and elimination of several sub core technical competencies since the last review) and the sustained 25+ year development of rugate filter technology and the applications it's enabling today. Overall, the panel was impressed with many of "RX's impressive technical teams" and believes that RX continues to be a highly valued resource within the DoD and the wider scientific community.

October also saw the AFMC Commander, General Hoffman, visiting Tyndall AFB to tour RXQ facilities and hear about the exciting work going on there in blast protection, advanced runway materials and processes, deployed energy, biotechnology, and robotics. Like the AFMC Vice Commander, who had visited earlier in the year, he was quite impressed with the caliber and relevance of the work going on at RXQ in airbase technologies.

November saw the Defense Manufacturing Conference, a well-attended forum for the defense manufacturing enterprise, and further interaction of RXM with Industry and Government on a new Air Force Manufacturing Technology Program Strategic Plan, a roadmap to 2025 and an agile, next generation manufacturing industrial base. The Plan defines the



**Dr. Katherine A. Stevens**

technology underpinnings of a new 21st century industrial base vision and maps key transformational pathways to enable its proactive attainment. The approved and coordinated final version of the plan will be published this summer.

With the New Year, many of you were able to join us as we celebrated the accomplishments of RX folks with the annual Materials and Manufacturing Directorate Awards luncheon. I'm sure you were amazed as I was at the diversity of the accomplishments represented by the RX awards finalists and their impact on the Air Force. Outstanding work from so many truly talented dedicated people!

February was a very busy month. We welcomed the new AFRL Commander, Maj Gen Ellen Pawlikowski, and a new SAF/AQR, Dr Steve Walker. Both are alumni of AFRL predecessor laboratories and both are dedicated to working together to make AFRL and the Air Force S&T portfolio as leading-edge and relevant as possible,

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In our last edition of the newsletter, I described a meeting we had with Dr. Stevens in which we discussed how the Alumni Association might best support the Materials & Manufacturing Directorate in the coming year(s). One of the ideas that was discussed, which now seems to be gaining quite a bit of momentum, is for the Alumni Association to partner with the Directorate to identify and describe the most noteworthy contributions of RX (ML) to the AF over the past few decades.

The role of the Association would be to help identify the most noteworthy contributions, help tell the real story behind how those developments happened and the resulting impact to the AF (and in some cases the nation), and assist in developing displays throughout the RX complex that tell the story.

Several of the Association officers have met, joined by George Schmitt, RX liaison to the Association, to put together a rationale for the importance of this initiative and a strategy for how we might proceed. We subsequently met with Dr. Stevens and discussed the following information with her for her consideration:

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and to ensure that it is understood and valued by senior Air Force leadership . Both are actively engaged with AF senior leadership and the AF corporate structure and on the development of an Air Force Science & Technology Strategy. General Pawlikowski also moved out quickly to review the entire AFRL Future Long Term Challenge portfolio and to begin to identify which capability concepts might be considered “Flagship Capability Concepts.” She also kicked off an Associate Director-led MAJCOM Engagement process to better link MAJCOM needs with AFRL technology development.

In February, we also kicked off a Grey Beard Study on Sustainment Technology. Jointly sponsored with AFMC/A4 and AFMC/A2/5, the study was commissioned to identify what is needed to improve the process of moving technology capability from AFRL to the Sustainment Community. The Panel, which included our own illustrious alumnus Dr Vince Russo, briefed its well-received findings and recommendations to study sponsors earlier this month.

In March, we kicked off an RX Investment Review. Designed to facilitate RX’s future technical and organizational strategy, enable informed resource priorities and decisions, and guide RX responses to AFRL corporate planning and programming, the review has required significant investments of time from the entire directorate. The review will be completed in June and the results briefed to the directorate in July.

In this newsletter and in coming months, you will hear more about an RX (or as most of you remember, an ML) history initiative. Please help, if you can, and, as always, please keep in touch.

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**Situation:**

- It is critical for RX to tell the story of how it and its predecessor organizations have made major contributions to warfighting capabilities in the AF. In telling this story, RX can ensure that its customers/stakeholders appreciate the important role of RX to:
  - The corporate AF
  - Other AFRL partners who need RX products to achieve their objectives
  - RX visitors
  - New members of the RX (ML) family

- Concise, hard hitting descriptions of those major contributions must be preserved and used appropriately to reinforce how current capabilities would not exist without the contributions of the men and women of the Directorate over many years.
- Without a dedicated effort to keep these contribution stories alive and available, they are easily missed or lost entirely.
- Displays throughout the RX complex, coupled with documented vignettes for use in briefings and other publications would be a valuable asset in telling, in a compelling way, the major contribution story – but it is essentially non-existent at present.
- When a visitor comes to the 65X complex, there are limited displays to communicate the “feeling” that they are in the “Materials & Manufacturing Center” for the AF with a proud tradition and contributions to the AF over the years.
- Many artifacts and documents with historical significance have been lost over the years, and continue to be lost, because of a lack of focus on retention and display of these items.

**Proposal:**

- Gain Exec Group agreement/commitment to launch and support the initiative to identify, describe and display these significant contributions – in order to create an unmistakable feeling that when you are in the B65X Complex, you are in the Materials & Manufacturing “Central” for the AF.
- Create “the primary list” that represents the most notable contributions that deserve display status. This list will be developed from inputs from:
  - Each Division
  - Alumni (including past Directors)
  - Long-standing Industry Partners
  - Others?
- Search for/acquire hardware, documentation and historical pictures of these major advances.
- Develop displays (display walls) throughout the 65X complex to tell the story including the B653 Lobby.
- Develop short vignettes of these advances for use in briefings and updates to RX and AFRL history documents, and posting to the AFMMAA Web-Site.

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- Consider this initiative as supportive of a major theme for the 100th Anniversary, which will occur in 7 years.
- Stop the loss of items of significant historical value by preserving and protecting current assets and ensuring that, as people retire or leave RX, there is a specific focus placed on identifying and retaining important items with historical value.

Dr. Stevens's reaction to this proposal was very enthusiastic. She has begun to discuss this proposal with the RX Executive Group, and plans to meet with us again to finalize the way forward. We hope to be able to discuss these plans with you in subsequent newsletters and at the upcoming Membership meeting at the Engineers Club in June. To successfully accomplish this most important effort, we will need the help of a broad cross-section of the alumni, and I hope you will consider making yourselves available to help preserve the legacy that you helped create.

Gary Waggoner  
President, AFMMAA

the humorous side of it. Many of the characters are not necessarily what they seem at first, and Terry Copeland himself is clearly much more than a shopkeeper—the term “Rogue Agent” has been used to describe him, for he has a history of being involved in questionable activities in his former role as a member of Her Majesty's elite special forces, and seemingly is still involved in related goings-on in some way. Reflecting the “Drama” aspect of “Drama/Comedy,” the series incorporates much military action and deadly activities, yet this very serious stuff is intermixed occasionally with quirky humor.

Although Terry has been involved since the start of production a couple of years ago, he has discovered that this does not necessarily mean he knows all there is to know about the finished story line. The nature of filming is such that he turns up for scenes he is in but they are not done in sequence, so there many scenes he has not yet seen, or has not seen linked together in a meaningful sequence. He will be as interested as anyone else to see the final product. The series has been picked up by Proctor and Gamble and should be available nationally somewhere sometime soon. More information is available at [j8ded.com](http://j8ded.com). Stay tuned...!

**THE LATEST ON J8DED AND  
“BASICALLY BRISH**

As described in the last couple of issues of the AFMMAA Newsletter, Terry Ronald is involved with a TV series that is being filmed in the Dayton/Cincinnati area. The drama/comedy has just wrapped up the filming of a number of episodes that should be available for viewing this summer. Currently in post-production, the series revolves around the adventures of a pop-singing husband and wife duo called J8DED. Having been forced to leave a hugely successful career in Britain—for reasons that become apparent in season one of the series—the singers are trying to make a name for themselves in the US, starting in their new home of Cincinnati. Fortunately, they have the help of their manager, Terry Copeland (aka Terry Ronald), who comes to the US and starts a shop and tea room called Basically British in Dayton in order to make money to fund their new career in the US, where they are presently totally unknown. There is much humor involved in the activities of the duo, along with their manager and other characters as they attempt to regain some of their former renown, even though reduced to playing in local establishments not known for their glamour.

As the series progresses, it becomes apparent that there is much more to the story than is evident from

**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

Shown below are the photographs of several RX (then ML) engineers, scientists, and employees taken in the 60's. How many do you recognize and remember?

For the answers, see page 12.



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**SPRING 2010 SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**

The call for applications for the 2010 AFMMAA Scholarships is now out on the AFMMAA website and also on the AFRL/RX Intranet. The deadline for receipt of applications is 14 May 2010. This year we anticipate the award of two \$1000 scholarships to highly qualified students planning to enter their first or second year of college. The students must be children of a current AFRL/RX government (civilian or military) employee.

The results of the 2009 scholarship awards were reported in the Fall 2009 AFMMAA Newsletter. To recap those results, we received four applications last year of which we were able to fund three 2009 scholarships of \$1,000 each. The three students were Shuvro Roy, Julia Sizek, and Grace Stearns. Shuvro is enrolled in the Ohio State University Honors Program and is pursuing the OSU Early Admission Pathway Program to become a medical doctor. Julia is attending the University of Chicago and is planning to pursue a degree in Chemistry or Environmental Policy. Grace is another of our homeschooled scholarship recipients. She is pursuing a Chemistry degree at Cedarville University and then plans to study toward an advanced degree in veterinary-related research. Recognition was given to those awardees at an August 2009 AFRL/RX Director’s Call. They were again recognized at the RX Awards Luncheon held at the Hope Hotel in January 2010.

**RECENT INFORMATION ABOUT AFMMAA MEMBERS**

During the year many of our members have provided comments for the AFMMAA website regarding their current activities and interests. Here are recent comments that we have received since the last Newsletter.

**Roger G. Broadwell**, Venice, FL, rgvymb@aol.com, Semi-retired, metallurgy and aerospace industry consultant; Volunteer security guard at John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art, Florida State Univ.

**Hank A. Johnson**, rtspat@aol.com, Vero Beach, FL, Enjoying the warm Florida sunshine, The AFMMAA Awards meeting in January sure discourages attendance by those living in Florida. I would like to help write a history of ManTech accomplishments for the alumni initiative.

**George R. St. Pierre**, Columbus, OH gstpierr@columbus.rr.com, I am still doing a little metallurgy.

**John M. Speers**, Kettering, OH taffy45431@ameritech.net Traveling again – Costa Rica, Australia, New Zealand

plus many conus trips with grandkids and kids. Volunteer for the Centerville Optimist Club.

If you wish to share your recent activities or interest with others on the AFMMAA website, please send an email to Tom Cooper at tcooper@utcd Dayton.com, or Dick Engman at dkengman@msn.com.

**CURRENT RX WORKFORCE**

The current size of the RX workforce includes the following as of 1 May 2010:

a) Civilian Employees		420
WPAFB	365	
Tyndall	39	
Hill	7	
Robins	4	
Tinker	5	
b) Military		89
WPAFB	58	
Tyndall	17	
Hill	5	
Robins	7	
Tinker	2	
c) On-site Contractors		743
WPAFB	527	
Tyndall	206	
Hill	1	
Robins	7	
Tinker	2	
d) Year Round COOP Students		17
WPAFB	15	
Tyndall	1	
Tinker	1	
e) STEPS (WPAFB)		31
Total		1300

**NEW AFRL TECHNICAL DIRECTORATES OSCs**

<u>Former</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Directorate</u>
VA	RB	- Air Vehicles
DE	RD	- Directed Energy
HE	RH	- Human Effectiveness
IF	RI	- Information
VS	RV	- Space Vehicles
MN	RW	- Munitions
ML	RX	- Materials and Manufacturing
SN	RY	- Sensors
PR	RZ	- Propulsion
RO	RO	- Chief of Staff

Change effective as of October 1, 2007.

## AIR FORCE AND MANUFACTURING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFMMAA) MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The AFMMAA has established a merit scholarship program for the purpose of assisting high achievement, educationally oriented sons and daughters of the current AFRL/RX civilian and military workforce. Scholarship winners and details of the Merit Scholarship Program and criteria are found in the following pages.

Two types of merit scholarship are granted: Alumni Association Scholarship and Chief Scientist Scholarship. The funding of these scholarships currently comes from the dues paid by AFMMAA members, member donations to the scholarship fund and AFRL/RX employee contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC No. 85464). In 2001, contributions by members of the ML Executive Group, MLO, MLB, and MLLMN initially funded the program. As of December 31, 2009, 17 scholarship totaling \$16,000 have been awarded. A list of contributors may also be found below.

### Scholarship Winners:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Scholarship Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	Julia Sizek	Chief Scientist	\$1000
	Shuvro Roy	Chief Scientist	\$1000
	Grace Stearns	Alumni Association	\$1000
2008	Andrew Rosenberger	Chief Scientist	\$1000
	Mary Hanna Sanders	Alumni Association	\$1000
	Travis Busbee	Alumni Association	\$1000
2007	Margaret Ann Hay	Chief Scientist	\$1000
	Jaison Nainaparampil	Alumni Association	\$1000
2006	Jeffrey Zabinski Jr.	Chief Scientist	\$1000
	Justin Spitzer	Alumni Association	\$1000
2005	Samantha Brown	Chief Scientist	\$1000
	Jeffrey Zabinski Jr.	Merit Scholarship	\$1000
2004	Catherine Shelley	Chief Scientist	\$1000
2003	Michael Grant	Chief Scientist	\$1000
	Dan Peterson	Merit Scholarship	\$1000
2002	Ankit Punatar	Chief Scientist	\$500
	Morgan Webb-Yeates	Merit Scholarship	\$500

### NEXT MEETING OF THE AFMMAA

The next meeting of the AFMMAA is scheduled for Wednesday 23 June 2010 and will be held at the Engineers Club in downtown Dayton. It is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM and continue until approximately 1:30 PM. Everyone is cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Reservations are required with the Club, so please contact our Secretary Dick Engman in advance and let him know if you plan to attend. It is anticipated that the cost will be \$20 per person, payable at the meeting.

### NOTICE

In order to control our costs and optimize our service to RX and our members, we are considering only mailing Newsletters in the future to AFMMAA Members (Charter, Life and Annual). If you have not already done so, please take advantage of this opportunity to fill out the membership form (Page 7) and continue to enjoy our Spring and Fall Newsletters.

## AFMMAA SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

Since 2001, members of the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Materials and Manufacturing Directorate and alumni of the Air Force Materials and Manufacturing Alumni Association (AFMMAA) have contributed over \$16,000 for 17 college scholarships to the children of civilian and military employees. Listed below are the names of the 33 individuals and offices that have helped to make these scholarships possible. Donors are shown for Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze categories. Another 32 donors have also made contributions under \$100. If you desire to make a contribution, please print and mail the attached membership/donor form.

### Platinum Donors (over \$1000)

Walter (Wade) Adams	Mrs. Julia Millham
Alan Lovelace	

### Gold Donors (\$500 to \$999)

Paul Propp	John Williamson
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### Silver Donors (\$200 to \$499)

AFRL/MLO	Kenneth Kojola
AFRL/ML Executive Group	Meir & Ruth Pachter
Robert L. Denison	George St. Pierre
Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Eby	Gary Waggoner
Dr. Thomas D. Fiorino	

### Bronze Donors (\$100 to \$199)

AFRL/MLB	Rich Lusignea
AFRL/MLLMN	Bobby McConnell
Tom Cooper	Charlotte McConnell
Maj Gen (ret) Terry L. Dake	Zoe Dell Nutter
Barry & Sharon Farmer	Paul Sampson
Gordon H. Griffith	Robert T. Schwartz
Jacques Hemes	Dr. Edwin L. Thomas
Jim Huffman	Hardy Trolander
G. Edward Kuhl	Bill Woody
Lou Ludtke	

## AFMMAA HISTORY

In 2000, Tom Cooper, Bob Rice, other AFRL/ML retirees, and ML personnel began planning actions that eventually led to the creation of the Air Force Materials and Manufacturing Alumni Association (AFMMAA). On 18 December 2000 the AFRL/ML Executive Group approved the formation of the AFMMAA. The new "Association" soon drafted its Charter, refined its goals and objectives, and developed a member mailing/contact list. Initial funding to support expenses and scholarship

plans for the new organization came from the Charter Memberships of 12 individuals who were deeply involved in its planning and the contributions from AFRL/ML personnel. No government funds were involved.

The 1st official business of the AFMMAA began with an organizational meeting that was held on Friday, 22 June 2001, which was the day of the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate Annual Awards Luncheon in 2001. The organizational meeting was held at Universal Technology Corporation in Beavercreek from 9:00 until 10:30 AM. Approximately twenty people were in attendance at the meeting. The sentiment was strong that an alumni organization could do many "good deeds" in support of the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate. During the meeting, an organizing committee was established to seek volunteers to be the first officers of the organization, finalize the by-laws, and establish membership criteria and categories, along with a dues structure. The organizing committee subsequently identified the five individuals who graciously volunteered to serve for the first two years. They were: Mr. Phil Bouchard – President; Mr. Tom Cooper – Executive Vice President; Mr. John Williamson – Vice President for Membership; Mr. Jerry Kelble – Treasurer; and Mr. Bob Rice – Secretary. There were a host of other tasks that were also identified by the steering committee, which included planning a Newsletter, designing and selling logo items, developing a scholarship program, and planning some activities in conjunction with the current workforce. A number of other critical activities were subsequently identified and carried out, including preparing a Charter, filing to become a 501C3 tax-free organization, arranging to get a bulk mailing permit, preparing a list of addresses of former and current AF personnel to contact to invite to become members, and a number of other important activities that eventually led to the future success of the AFMMAA.

Today the AFMMAA has a mailing list of approximately 300 alumni. In addition to its 12 Charter Members, 46 alumni have become Life Members and approximately 80 members pay yearly dues. A list of AFMMAA accomplishments may be found in below. Perhaps, its most significant accomplishment is the AFMMAA has granted 17 academic college scholarships totaling \$16,000 to deserving children of the AFRL/RX civilian government and military workforce.



**AIR FORCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFMMAA)**

**MEMBERSHIP & DUES INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone -- Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Is E-mail new? \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if we CAN NOT release your information, i.e., address, e-mail, etc.

Year departed/retired from RX (ML): \_\_\_\_\_

Recent information about yourself (for the website): \_\_\_\_\_

In what areas would you like to support AFMMAA?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your are invited to join (\$10/yr annual FY 2010 dues), become a Life Member (\$150) or make donations to the Alumni Association Scholarship Program by 31 Dec '10.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Association Scholarships (open to the children of AFRL/RX civilian and military employees who are pursuing a college degress in science and engineering fields related to the AF Science & Technology programs).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Scientist Scholarship (open to students pursuing an accredited degree in a field of science, math, engineering or technology)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership Dues (1 Oct '09 - 30 Sep '10) are \$10.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Life Membership is available for \$150 (one time fee).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*Total Amount Enclosed

**\*NOTE: Scholarship contributions and membership dues are tax deductible.**

*Please submit by 31 Dec '10 to insure your deduction for 2010.*

**Membership Category:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual (\$10.00/year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime (\$150.00 one time fee)

**Make check payable to: AFMMAA and return to the following address:  
AFMMAA, P.O. Box 341413, Beavercreek, OH 45434-1413**

REMEMBER WHEN

A reminder of the “old” days. Here is a photograph taken in the lobby of Building 653 of many of the members, both Air Force and Contractor, of the Materials Integrity Branch, Systems Support Division of the Materials Laboratory, Wright Research and Development Center (WRDC/MLSA). The picture was taken on 29 January 1990, twenty years ago. Shown in the picture are, front row, left to right, John Ziegenhagen, Eddie White, Roger Vissoc, Teresa Low, Cynthia Vurginac, Larry Perkins, Lt. Linda Tutko, Carol Miller and Mike Holland. In the second row, left to right, are George Slenski, Dale Hart, Ron Williams, Dan Laufersweiler, Grover Hardy, Fred Mullins, Tom Cooper, Chuck Hurley, Gary Stevenson, Dave Bell, Noel Tracy, Ed Porter, Russ Henderson, Fred Meyer, Sid Childers, Tom Dusz and Lt. Mike Oliver. Air Force personnel from the Branch who were not present for the picture include Capt. Mike Marchese, Lee Smithson, Patricia Stumpff and Marie Hughes.



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Here is a picture of a great Mash-theme Christmas party that was held in the middle 1980s. Those identified in the picture include (left to right) Bruce Rasmussen, Ed Wheeler, Ken Kojola, Veronica Gunther, Lee Kennard, Kathy Stevens, Walt Griffith, Lee Gulley, (unidentified), (unidentified), John Williamson, Sylvester Lee, (unidentified), and Eric Pohlenz. Photo courtesy of John Williamson.



## AFMMAA HOLDS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the AFMMAA was held on the morning of 22 January 2010 at the Hope Hotel, WPAFB, immediately preceding the "Materials Lab" Annual Awards Luncheon. Twenty-one members (see photograph) attended the meeting. Mr. Gary Waggoner, President, conducted the meeting and welcomed the opportunity to continue the great legacy that the AFMMAA has established. He reported that the Executive Board had a very satisfying and beneficial meeting with Dr. Kathy Stevens, the AFRL/RX Director, on 29 July 2009. Discussion at their meeting resulted in a couple of potential initiatives for AFMMAA to consider, such as a mentoring program for young S&Es and a project that would capture and display throughout the Building 65X Complex the contributions and heritage of the Lab. It was decided that the AFMMAA would continue to consider these and other such options and develop one or more initiatives to support the Lab over the coming year. Secretary Dick Engman reported that the minutes of the 4 June 2009 meeting were posted on the AFMMAA Web

Site. Treasurer Dennis Naughton presented the CY 2009 Financial Report having a year end balance of \$5,709. Scholarship Award Chairman Bob Cochoy reported that four applications were received in 2009 resulting in three scholarship awards of \$1000 being granted. Vice-President John Williamson presented proposed revisions to the Charter to be reviewed and considered for adoption by the Executive Board at their next meeting. The revised Charter incorporating all amendments will be prepared and distributed to members for review at least 30 days prior to the June 2010 Meeting. Membership Chairman Tobey Cordell is working to update the membership list, including information on 11 new alumni. Dick Engman presented and discussed the current membership breakout, some of whom haven't paid dues over the past 1-2 years. Follow-up action will be taken to contact these members. John Williamson reported the AFMMAA Wednesday Monthly Luncheons have been very successful and enjoyable with about 6-8 alumni attending each month. The new luncheon schedule for February through April was announced.



**Members in Attendance for the 22 January 2010 AFMMAA Annual Meeting, held at the Hope Hotel, WPAFB, Ohio. Front Row (l to r): Al Gunderson, Bob Cochoy, George Slenski, Warren Johnson, Dick Engman, Dennis Naughton, Ken Kojola. Back Row (l to r): Bill Lane, Terry Ronald, Bob Ruh, Vince Russo, Gary Waggoner, Jerry Petrak, Jim Snide, Bob Denison, Don Schrader, Walt Griffith, Matt DiBiase, Marie Hughes. Also in attendance but not in photograph: John Williamson, Bob Rapson.**

## HONORS AND AWARDS

RX employees have continued to receive significant honors and awards since those reported in the last Newsletter. Among those recently receiving awards are the following:

- 2009 Annual Federally Employed Women's (FEW) Organization Annual Supervisors and Secretaries Awards – November 2009
  - 2009 FEW Annual Supervisor of the Year  
Category I: Scott Pearl – RXM
  - 2009 FEW Annual Secretary of the Year  
Category II: Bonnie Payne – RXO  
Category III: Tami Engle – RXB  
Team: Jackie Meek and Kay Craig – RX
- AFRL/RX Awards – January 2010
  - Director's Team Award: RXLM Engine Systems Prognosis Team – Dr. Michael Caton, Jay Jira, Dr. Jim Larson and Dr. Andrew Rosenberger
  - Director's Jr. Workforce Award: Shane Juhl, RXBN
  - Director's Individual Award: Dr. John Russell, RXMT
  - Director's Military Award: 1/Lt. Chris Vaiana, RXBC
  - Vincent J. Russo Award for Leadership Excellence: Dr. Jeffrey Zabinski, RXB
  - Engineering Enterprise Award: Dr. Steve Fairchild, RXPS and Dr. Benji Maruyama, RXBN
  - R. Lee Kennard S&T Manufacturing Heritage Award: Inlet Duct Robotic Drilling Team: David See, RXMT and James Poindexter, RXMT
  - Program Management Award: Dr. Mary Kinsella, RXLM
  - International Award: Dr. John Boeckl, RXPS
  - Supervisor Excellence Award: Aaron Klosterman, RXPJ
  - Mission Support Award: Donna Lindner, RXL
  - Advanced Mission Support Award: Sheila Boyer, RXOB
  - Mission Support Team Award: RXOF Students Team: Matt Biggers, Matt Geis, Chris Lawler, Mike Mattox, Mike McDermott, Jacob Meade, Andy Moore, Meagan Moore, Caroline Perez, Sarah Piddock, Amanda Rowley and Jared Williams
  - Robert T. Schwartz Engineering Achievement Award: Dr. Tim Breitzman, RXBC

- Charles J. Cleary Scientific Award: Dr. Benji Maruyama, RXBN
- 2010 AFRL Annual Awards Recipients – February 2010
  - Senior Leadership (Individual): Dr. Jeffrey Zabinski, RXB
  - Company Grade Officer Individual Mobilization Augmentee of the Year: Capt. Gary Steffes, RXL
  - Field Grade Officer Individual Mobilization Augmentee of the Year: Maj. John Busbee, RXB
  - Commander's Cup (Senior Individual): Dr. John Russell, RXM
- Aviation Chapter, American Society of Military Comptroller Team Award – February 2010
  - RXF CCARS Team: Kathleen L. Hall (Team Lead), Kelly N. Fecher, Jane Hartley, Cassie J. Spreher, Cheryl Ware, Angela Bethel, Kristen Branham, Candace L. Clayton, Patty L. Johnson, Apryle R. Monter, Susan Moulton, Danielle Pitt, Renee D. Randolph, Phyllis Anderson, Suzanne Freese, Kendal Bertch (RYS – honorary member of RXF), Cathy Koesters (RYF Contractor – RXF Alumni Support Contractor), Ernie Meyer, Jim Graham (RBF – RXF Alumni), Bob Gerses (RXF CCaRs POC).
- Affiliate Societies Council Outstanding Engineer and Scientist Award – Research – March 2010
  - Dr. Rajesh Naik, RXBN

## COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

As a nonprofit organization, AFMMAA was first qualified in 2006 to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign. We have continued to qualify each year since and have just recently received notification of our qualification for the 2010 campaign. This source of funds contributes significantly to our ability to award scholarships. Every year, the CFC has a kick-off at the Wright State Nutter Center for Government employees. AFMMAA hosts a table at this event to provide information on our organization and the scholarship program. Tobey Cordell and Tom Cooper manned the table at this past year's event in October 2009. We provided a tri-fold on the organization and had name cards available with our CFC contribution number. In 2008, AFMMAA received \$1333.11 in CFC contributions, which enabled us to award an additional scholarship. In 2009, CFC contributions were down slightly to \$1076.50, but it again allowed us to award a third scholarship.

**YOUR AFMMAA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**



**Gary Waggoner**  
President



**John Williamson**  
Exec. Vice President



**Dennis Naughton**  
Treasurer



**Dick Engman**  
Secretary



**Tobey Cordell**  
Membership



**Tom Cooper**  
Newsletter Editor



**Bob Cochoy**  
Scholarship

**AFMMAA CONTRIBUTORS AND MEMBERSHIP**

Your scholarship contributions are a great aid and will hopefully continue! The AFMMAA scholarship contributions since 2002 have reached a high of \$16,000. Thank you! We now have 54 Life Members and encourage you to become a “Lifer” (\$150)! Approximately 60 alumni renew their membership on a yearly basis; however, many alumni have not become AFMMAA members. Tobey Cordell, our Membership Chairman, needs your help to encourage other alumni to join or become Life Members (\$150). Please help by providing your current email address and/or the emails of your alumni friends who are not members. Regular Members are reminded to please pay your \$10 annual dues for the current year of Oct ’09 – Sep ’10 by sending in the enclosed newsletter insert. Your scholarship contributions and membership dues are very essential to budget support and our annual scholarships in the areas of science and engineering for the children of AFRL/RX employees. A list of \$100 or more Scholarship Contributors, Charter Members and Life Members is shown to the right.

AFMMAA Contributors and Membership - 7 Dec 09		
Contributing Over \$100 to Scholarship Funds		
Wade Adams	Kenneth Kojola*	Paul Propp*
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### WHERE IS YOUR AFMMAA MEMBERSHIP CARD?

Do you still have your membership card? If you were a single year member, please look at the bottom of the card and see if there is an expiration date. If the expiration date reads 9/30/09, your dues are due for the current year. The annual dues are \$10.00, or a Lifetime Membership is available for \$150.00. If your dues lapse for one year, your membership will become inactive. Our records indicate there are still a number of members who have not paid their 2009-2010 membership dues. We don't want to lose a valuable resource to the Association – YOU!

**Please give serious consideration to joining us. Enclosed is a form that can be returned to become an active member.**

### PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

#### Answers for Page 3

A) Carl Boebel; B) Maj Ray Bonanno; C) Ivan Goldfarb; and D) Lawrence Hjelm.

### LOSSES FROM THE RX (ML) FAMILY

We regret to inform you of the following losses from the RX Family that we have heard of since our last Newsletter. They include:

Harry Koenigsberg	29 December 2009
Cole Litton	26 January 2010
Sid Litvak	6 February 2010
Sam Marolo	6 March 2010

If you know of any others and would care to share this information, please contact us.

