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Next Week Luncheon A Retirees and Friends

Please join us next Tuesday August 9, 11:30 at our **now-regular** 2d Tuesday meeting location **OLIVE GARDEN** for *munch lunch with the bunch!*

Connections

Trying to reach Greg Smith, who asked someone about our group. If you have his email please forward it to me and/or this to him let's connect!

We have no way to contact NGC retirees other than word of mouth, if you see one, please get their email address while saying hello that's where our new members come from.

Coming: German Beirgartin Supper

Coming soon, not yet booked, plan to join us at a special Octoberfest anniversary dinner, at the US Space and Rocket Center, at the Thursday night Biergarten they have various German dinner items, beers and wines of all kinds, and that funny German music live. There's even a V2 rocket on display. We'll get our own table(s) AND invite current Northrop Grumman about to retiree employees to join us, perhaps to start a new chapter for their affinity group with our help.

TEMPO kindly volunteered to aid us by posting our posters of this event at the company and I'll track the RSVPs.

Space Center The U S Space and Rocket Center (USSR/ c ?) has greatly improved since your last visit maybe 10 times, it is MUCH MUCH better and very nice and exciting. It continues to improve. Starting this weekend, a special very large display from Italy on Archimedes, (looks great, I peeked in yesterday). You can only see that if you pay, and there's lots of things to do now for kids, plus a Space Station walk-through experience. If you plan to attend and want a personal guide, Guido the Guide is at your disposal for personal attention upon making arrangements. Perahps 3000 people daily visit the Space Center at this time of year.

The German dinner nights are admission-free but entry only to the Saturn V room to the west, free parking (enter at the left of the Davidson building) and then just pay for what you order and explore those displays. But also there's a great rocket history displays and Space Lab! walk through and other stuff plus kiddy activities.

Bill Drake Status further explained-

I recently conversed with Linda, whose email address has changed by the way: as it was but the number is 1972, and the service is now gmail.

Bill has multiple health issues. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's October 2008 and more recently, an internal infectious disease disabled him further, both physically and mentally. In addition, he contracted C-diff early this year, a very serious digestive infection typically a hospitalization risk. He continues fighting all this now residing at home but with a 12 hours of in-residence care-giver.

Bill is very weak and would not usually be able to communicate with visitors and often is sleeping. Linda is supported by his children and others but appreciates and needs your prayers and good wishes. I offered our help if she needs anything. I will forward all inquires and comments or provide Linda's email address.