

The GumDippers

Our 36th Annual Reunion -- Oct. 2016

WELCOME

Welcome to the 36th Firestone Gum Dipper Annual Reunion. We continue to strive to make the reunion better every year, always trying to make it so that you will want to come back! We have many events planned for you and hope that you will be participating in most of them. We try to leave plenty of free time for shopping, sightseeing, sunbathing and relaxing in general. Pick up information in the Hotel Lobby near the elevators for local activities, sightseeing, points of interest, discount coupons, brochures, etc.

Spend some of your free time in our Hospitality Suite, just off the lobby (Sand Key Room), hosted by Jim Santy and Harris Brown, your committee members and many Gum Dippers that volunteer to help out. You will find complimentary snacks and beverages, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic. Coffee and pastry 9-11, Friday and Saturday. This is where you will have plenty of time to talk about the good old days (and embellish them beyond reason as they get better every year) while having a light collation. The more drinks the better the stories. Do not forget to visit the Memorabilia section in the Suite, where you will find interesting trivia, photos of old friends and history!

You received an agenda when checking in which details all of our activities. Additional copies are provided in the Hospitality Suite. Check at the registration table for any changes as this letter was finalized on 9/20/15 to get it printed, etc. Have a great time and tell your friends that did not come, what a great time they missed!



2017 GUM DIPPER REUNION

THURSDAY, OCT 12th THRU SUNDAY, OCT 15th 2017

REUNION AGENDA

CHECK THE HOTEL LOBBY FOR SHUTTLE AND TROLLEY SERVICES.

CHECK IN to reunion ANYTIME THURSDAY/ FRIDAY/SATURDAY, 10/6, 7 or 8. Hotel Check-in time: 3:00 PM, Check-out time: 11:00 AM

REGISTER ANYTIME AFTER 3 P.M. THURSDAY IN THE GUMDIPPER HOSPITALITY SUITE (SAND KEY ROOM) in the Lobby. Pick up badges, gifts & guest packets. The rest of the day is free time.

Reunion registration hours: Thur. 3 to 6, 7:30 to 9, Fri. 9 to 4, Sat. 10 to 5.

HOSPITALITY SUITE HOURS (SAND KEY ROOM)

THURSDAY	3pm to 6pm	7:30pm to 10pm
FRIDAY	9am to 4pm	Following barbecue to 10pm
SATURDAY	9am to 5pm	Following banquet to 10pm

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 7th.

8:00 to 11am	Coffee, Tea & Pastry served in Hospitality Suite
4:00pm	BAY ROOM official opening ceremonies <i>& prize drawings.</i>
6:00pm to 6:45 pm	POOLSIDE Cocktail reception for members and adult guests only. Prize Drawings (Dress attire: Pure casual - Hawaiian – sand between your toes casual!)
7:00pm to 9:00pm	GRAND POOLSIDE PARTY & BARBECUE Prize drawings

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 8th.

8:00 to 11 am	Coffee, Tea & Pastry served in Hospitality Suite
8:45 am	Assemble in front of hotel main entrance for transportation to Tampa, Museum and sightseeing via Jolley Trolley
6:00 to 6:45pm	PALM BAY ROOM Cocktail Reception (Dress attire: Resort casual)
7:00pm	ISLAND BALLROOM Banquet (Resort Casual) DON OLSON Welcomes Gum Dippers INVOCATION; JOE DEPAOLIS DINNER, plus a fun filled evening of music and dancing for members and adult guests only, with the Dance Music of the Brooklyn Balladeer, Johnny M and his Rock and Roll Review. (Sounds of the 50's, 60's, 70's and more).

MEN ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR DRESS SHIRTS AND DRESS PANTS TO THE SATURDAY BANQUET

Children and Grandchildren should not attend any Gum Dipper planned event. The Friday & Saturday night dinners are for member and one significant other, additional guests are \$50 per individual.

SETTING UP THE HOSPITALITY SUITE



OPENING CEREMONY FRIDAY 4 P.M. ---BAYROOM

Christine Karbowiak, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Risk Officer, and Executive Vice President, Bridgestone Americas, Inc. will be our guest speaker.

You will definitely want to attend the opening meeting and we hope all attending the reunion will make it their business to be at the opening ceremonies. Come to the ceremony and **win one of our opening day PRIZES.** (you must be present) plus a review of our reunion events. This event is about an hour and you have plenty of time to run up your room and return for cocktails at the pool area at six. Without the generous help and support of Bridgestone our event would not be as grand as it is. Without the participation of the executives we would not have the fun we have! One year we did not have one and our members complained about not being updated by Bridgestone.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY GOLF

We reported in the Summer newsletter that Our Golf Chairman, **John Alexander**, has been hospitalized for several months and he was not be able to organize golf for the reunion. We are hoping that those of you that play have organized your own foursomes and contacted the golf course and set up a starting time. If you did not and want to play, here is the info again. You may still be able to arrange something.

Bellevue Biltmore Golf Club
1501 Indian Rocks Rd
Belleair, FL 33756
<http://www.bellevuebiltmore.com/>
727-581-5498

SATURDAY - TAMPA CITY TOUR WITH LUNCH AND TOUR OF THE TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER

John Johnsen and **Jim Yursik** have set up our trip to the **TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER** with a tour of the City of Tampa with sites including the famous Henry Plant Museum and University of Tampa grounds on the Hillsborough River. After the museum visit and lunch we will return through the historical Cuban/Italian section of Tampa, Ybor City, home of the Tampa Cigar. Our transportation will be provided by Jolley Trolley. You will have a choice of four items for lunch, Half Cuban Sandwich and soup, Arroz con Pollo Sarapico (Chicken and Rice), a Cuban sandwich or the famous “1905” salad and coffee, soft drink or iced tea. All in the wonderful Cuban style of cooking served by the world famous **Columbia Restaurant**.



We will assemble in the lobby at 8:45 AM and board buses and depart at 9:00. Time will be critical so we must be punctual. We should return at approximately 2:00 PM, in time to have a few drinks and some snacks in the Hospitality Suite and mingle with fellow Gum Dippers. Our evening events do not start until 6:00PM.

WHO CAME THE FURTHEST TO BE WITH US

The Gum Dippers at one time a small local Jacksonville District organization is now a national organization. Now you come from the far reaches of our nation to participate in our reunion. As you know the main purpose of the Gum Dippers is not the reunion, but our roster and the communication system it creates for members to contact one another and keep in touch. Our newsletter tries to keep you up to date and informed. The Icing on the Cake is our reunion and the following members traveled the farthest to be with us.

California	Howard & Nancy Andrews
Arizona	Bob & Bonnie Crowder
Colorado	Stu Watterson
Texas	Bill & Karen Slade

WHERE WE CAME FROM TO GET HERE

We have certainly become a national organization, coming from all over the United States and we have come from seventeen states to get here this year: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

CHRISTINE KARBOWIAK OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Risk Officer, and Executive Vice President, Bridgestone Americas, Inc.

Vice President and Senior Officer, Bridgestone Corporation



With nearly 25 years of service with Bridgestone Americas, Inc., Christine Karbowiak is an Executive Vice President and serves as the company's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Risk Officer (CRO). In addition, she is a Vice President and Senior Officer of Bridgestone Corporation (BSJ), and also is a member of the boards of Bridgestone Americas, Inc., Bridgestone China Asia Pacific and Bridgestone Brands, LLC.

In her roles, Karbowiak oversees all of Bridgestone Americas' risk and reputation management departments, including communications, environmental, corporate security, safety, industrial hygiene, and internal audit, as well as government relations.

Additionally, she chairs the Bridgestone Americas Board Audit Committee and serves on that Board's Governance and Risk Committee. She also serves as Chair of the Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund. She is also a member of the Bridgestone International Organizing Committee, the global executive team charged with over-seeing Bridgestone's activation of its TOP partnership with the International Olympic Committee.

Karbowiak joined Bridgestone Americas in Chicago at the company's Retail Operations as Senior Counsel in 1992 and advanced to the position of Assistant General Counsel one year later. She proceeded to earn and occupy a number of expert legal roles and, in 1997, was named Division General Counsel for the company's corporate and international operations based in Nashville, Tenn. Less than two years later, she became the Bridgestone/Firestone divisional Vice President of Public Affairs and eventually Vice President of Public Affairs for Bridgestone Americas in 2001. Four years later, Karbowiak expanded her responsibilities when she was elected Corporate Vice President for Public Affairs and again in 2009 when she was named Executive Vice President of Community & Corporate Relations and elected to the Board of Directors for Bridgestone Americas. In 2010, she was named Chief Administrative Officer & Executive Vice President, Bridgestone Americas and was elected Vice President and Officer of Bridgestone Corporation a year later. The following year she added responsibility as Chief Risk Officer, concurrent with her role as CAO. It was in 2014 that she added to her current responsibilities the Board duties for Bridgestone China Asia Pacific and was elected Vice President and Senior Officer of Bridgestone Corporation. Then in 2015, Karbowiak also took on the role of Acting Chief Human Resources Officer, concurrent with her roles as CAO and CRO.

Before Bridgestone Americas, Karbowskiak was an Associate at the law firm of Quinn, Jacobs & Barry and served as an attorney with G.D. Searle and Company (later, The NutraSweet Company). She earned both a bachelor's degree in journalism and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Illinois.

Karbowskiak is active in community organizations and volunteer efforts and currently serves on a number of boards and advisory committees, including: the Jennings Jones College of Business, Middle Tennessee State University (advisory board); Tennessee State Museum Audit Committee; Japan America Society of Tennessee, Immediate Past Chair; Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Vital Signs Task Force Chair; Franklin American Mortgage Company Music City Bowl Past Chair; Tennessee Performing Arts Center, Executive Committee member; and Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry, past Chair. She has been named *Volunteer of the Year* by the Nashville Chapter of the YMCA and the Nashville Sports Council, a Nashville Business Journal Woman of Influence, a YWCA Academy of Women of Achievement honoree, and has been named a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Illinois, College of Law. She was recognized as one of Nashville's top "50 Sports Pioneers and Players" by *Celebrate Sports in Nashville* magazine and currently serves as the Local Organizing Committee Chair for the 2016 NHL All-Star Game. Karbowskiak has been recognized with the Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award and was named a 2015 "Woman to Watch in the Tire Industry" by the Tire Industry Association.

SOMETHING ELSE TO DO WHILE HERE.....the JOLLEY TROLLEY

The JOLLEY TROLLEY route operates from our hotel south for miles down to the famous turn of the 20th Century DON CESAR hotel with stops at beach towns and shopping along the way. Service to the north is as follows stopping at the following locations:

Clearwater, THE CLEARWATER AQUARIUM, old downtown Dunedin, old Palm Harbor and the historical sponging and fishing village of Tarpon Springs. This is about a twelve-mile ride.

You will be able to board this shuttle right outside the hotel and go north through Clearwater along the water to Dunedin...with its restored downtown full of shops and restaurants. You will then proceed through old Palm Harbor...a small turn of the century village with not much to do and roll past Thirsty Marlin and Peggy O'Neill's Irish Pub.

As you head north to the antique district of Tarpon Springs, a major turn of the century village with its sponge docks, shrimp and sponge boats, shops, restaurants...and magnificent history. The tour will take you past many old and historical landmarks. You may want to get off here in the downtown area or at the docks, or both to visit the shops and restaurants, dine on the water or just stay on for the tour through this Greek Village in Florida. This is a true ethnic Greek community as they exist in Greece. The movie "Beneath the Twelve Mile Reef" was filmed here in 1953 and starred Robert Wagner, Terry Moore, Gilbert Roland, Richard Boone, J. Carroll Nash and Peter Graves.

The fare is \$1.50 every time you get on or off or \$2.25 for the day for seniors with ID. You can probably leave the hotel and see the entire route without getting off in two hours.... but you will want to get off in Tarpon Springs and perhaps Dunedin on the way back to the hotel if you have time. For more information, visit: Clearwaterjolleytrolley.com

MORE TO DO AT THE REUNION

We have an extraordinary and interesting sight at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, which is only a short distance from our reunion hotel site and that is: Winter the Dolphin. Winter is a dolphin that was rescued by the Aquarium after its tail was torn off and now has a prosthetic tail. Coming off the successful launch of the Scholastic book, Winter's Tale, Warner Brothers and Alcon Entertainment produced a full-length major motion picture in 2011 based on the true story of Winter the dolphin and her life at the aquarium. The film, titled "**A Winter Tale**" featured winter's true life story, with a fictional story written around it. The cast included Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman and Harry Connick. The film has made the aquarium a huge tourist attraction and they have a satellite building nearby with all the movie memorabilia. **Winter's Tale Two debuted in September 2014** with the same cast and is increasing the crowds to the Aquarium. **You can take the Jolley Trolley right to the aquarium for a scenic ride.**

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR LOCAL RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

Here are some local restaurants that are nearby and within a short driving distance: **The Columbia** (famous Cuban-Spanish with great food and ambience) across the street just south of the Sheraton "**Great**".

Backwaters also across the street from the Sheraton just south of Columbia.

Keegans (seafood) 1519 Gulf Blvd, Indian rocks Beach 4.8 miles on left, very casual, beachy

Johns Pass (many restaurants, ESPECIALLY SEAFOOD, a **quaint boardwalk & boutique/souvenir shopping**) 11.6 miles on the left just before the bridge in Madeira Beach.

Clearwater Beach (Many, many restaurants, beach shopping, hotels) everything you would find at a Beach Resort. Try **Frenchy's** (the one on the beach, there are three of them) or the **Palm Pavilion** (Don Olsons' and my favorite on the beach) for lunch or **The Beachcomber** for a fashionable dinner, all are right on the main drag north of the circle or try **Jimmy's Iguana** in the Holiday Inn before the circle just over the bridge on your left, but **order a Bloody Mary** as you have not seen one like it. Just make a left turn out of hotel and go north over the bridge. Sheppards is also very popular. **Rusty's** (continental) **right here at the hotel** and it is **great food and service!** Voted one of the best restaurants in Tampa Bay...I agree; I know from experience.

THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE GUM DIPPERS

Thanks to the research of our late historian, Charlie Wilbourn, we know the original founding fathers and mothers of the "Gum Dippers" were: Richard (Dick) Holland, Paul Caudill, Bill Strickland and Clydie Riles of Jacksonville, FL, Allen Huff of Melbourne, FL., Ray Murphy and Frank Dow of Savannah, GA. They originally called themselves the "Firestone-Twenty Year Club". They continued to call themselves "The Twenty-Year Club, until 1992, however referring to themselves as the "Gum Dippers" in much of the literature starting with a post reunion newsletter on November 1, 1984. The name "Gum Dippers" appeared on the letterhead in 1995. The group was organized in 1980 and was made up of the former employees of the old Jacksonville District, which covered all of Florida, parts of Georgia and some of South Carolina. When the group was started the old Jacksonville District became part of the Tampa District. Membership was limited to Jacksonville District employees who were retired or had 20 years of service in the district. Eligibility was eventually changed to include any former Firestone employees who had knowledge of the Gum Dipping Process. Mrs. Riles, who was a District Managers (Homer Scott) Secretary, wrote the original letter announcing the first meeting, which took place on December 12, 1981 and was attended by 43 members.

WHY DO WE KEEP COMING BACK TO CLEARWATER???

The Sheraton Sand Key has been our choice to hold the Gum Dipper Reunion for the last 8 years because it offers the Reunion members many pluses.

They provide discounted room rates that are difficult to get at a beach resort in Florida.

The Rates are extended for those that come early or want to stay late.

The location is excellent for sightseeing, shopping, recreation, restaurants and for dining.

In addition, very few if any hotels will provide us with a hospitality room and allow us to bring in our own wine, beer, liquor, snacks, etc. With the help of BFS we have been able to establish a great relationship. They look forward to our coming at the end of September or early October.

In addition to what the wonderful facilities offer the Tampa Bay area is a magnificent resort area and destination point. The Sheraton Sand key is part of all the activity in the Clearwater beach area. Just to the north is the main Clearwater strip with its boat rides, restaurants, souvenir shops and restaurants. The Beach Jolly Trolley Ride is a stop at the hotel that will take you on a great tour at a very small fee.

The Sheraton is also very close to St Petersburg where you can visit the **new Dali Museum**, the historic Vinoy Hotel and now the racing site for the Honda/Firestone Grand Prix. To the south is Sarasota another fine resort and shopping dining area.

WE COULD GO ON AND ON WHY WE CONTINUE TO RETURN TO THE SAND KEY, BUT YOU ARE HERE NOW AND CAN SEE FOR YOUR SELVES.

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THRU DEPARTURE SUNDAY, OCT 15, 2017**

WE GET LETTERS

Dear Mr. Mucciolo,

June 30, 2016

This past Wednesday, June 22, 2016, my father passed away after a struggle with cancer. He was a tire guy his entire life and was always proud of his Firestone heritage. After 41 years, having started in Cuba in 1957 he retired in 1998 as EVP-Intl and a Board Member of Bridgestone Firestone in Nashville. Over the years he held positions in Akron, Portugal, Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Nashville. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Angelica, his sons William and Carlos, his daughter Ana Maria and five grandchildren. I would appreciate if you could add this notice to your Gum Dippers publication. If you require anything else please feel free to contact me.

Thank you and kind regards, Bill Pazos

Long time Gum Dipper member George Fagert passed away on March 4, 2016. Newsletters will no longer be necessary.

George's daughter, Jill Spriggs

Emily and Ritch

August 2, 2016

EMILY AND I RECEIVED THIS COMMUNIQUE AND I FOUND IT WORTH PASSING ON.

Greetings from Columbiana, Ohio; Birthplace of Harvey S. Firestone. I hope this note finds you and yours doing well.

I stumbled across the "Gum-Dippers" while doing research for a project I am involved in and thought you might be interested in hearing about it.

My Employer, Tom Mackall, is developing the Harvey Firestone Farm and Homestead in Columbiana into a unique shop/work/play destination, (please see firestonefarms.org). A main component of this vision is to create a museum-like atmosphere throughout the entire project, and will include a small museum that will grow and eventually be moved to the site of the Firestone Homestead across the road from the shops. We have moved the large Firestone Barn that was near the 7&14 intersection to a 10 acre lake at the back of the property. The Barn and other Firestone Buildings are slated to one day be part of the museum.

The "big-idea" for this museum is to tell the Firestone Story and honor the legacy of Harvey and his Tire and Rubber Company. As you know this great American legacy includes his company's impact on farming, racing, auto & trucking, military production, labor, and in many other ways. We are currently searching for items to display in the museum. We have already acquired a rare WWII artillery piece, a 40mm Bofors Anti-Aircraft Gun, produced by the Firestone Company, and have a growing collection of items.

The Story we are wanting to tell will basically be from 1900 - 1950, which we feel is kind of the defining era of Firestone's Industrial impact. The "angle" of telling the Firestone story is to connect manufactured items with the average American (see "A Mother's Life Preserver). We are being aided by several historical groups including the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

Please take a moment to visit the attached websites at your convenience.

Any input from your group would be gladly received. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Ken Rambo

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Mr. Burr,

Just a short note, to include in the next newsletter, if you wish. About Dick Elling who passed away in 2014, Chicago District 1973-1976. He retired about 30 years ago. He was a legend to all who worked for him. At 6'5" tall, with a fairly booming voice and laugh, he ruled graciously over his people. His right leg was stiff from an injury so if he went with any of the salesmen, he drove. His right leg straight out in the passenger side of the car and he drove with his left foot. Everyone loved to be with him.

Jack Stubblefield, Seattle

LET US HEAR FROM YOU –LETTERS TO THE EDITOR-PHOTOS, STORIES, TALL TALES, & IDEAS

We like hearing from our members. If you have anything you would like to tell your fellow Gum Dippers, drop us a line and we will try to get it in our newsletter, space permitting. Also let us know about obituaries, about moves, weddings, trips, graduations, children, grandchildren, major anniversaries, new careers.... mail or e-mail to:

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www.gumdippers.org the web site contains links to all recent newsletters from which you may view or print, information about the GumDippers, a membership application, contact information, an e-mail link to the GumDippers, and photos from our reunions.

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FIRESTONE MAGAZINE AVAILABLE TO YOU

All Former Firestone employees are eligible to receive:

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BSRO 333 E. Lake St., Bloomingdale, IL 60108
Email Ruth if you want to receive it online.

THE “GUMDIPPERS” ON FACEBOOK

The GumDippers is a social network of retirees and friends of Bridgestone Americas and its subsidiaries including the former Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Firestone Complete Auto Care, Tires Plus, Total Car Care and various manufacturing and distribution operations. We now have our own closed group on FACEBOOK, log in to “Gum Dippers”. Sign up now to be up to date daily on Gum Dipper and Bridgestone/Firestone activities.... remember, Gum Dipper Members Only, other retired Bridgestone employees must become a Gum Dipper to be accepted in this group. To sign up go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Gumdippers>

Signing up for a Facebook account—if you don’t already have one—is easy and free. You just need to go to Facebook.com and follow instructions. (Naturally, you have to first have a Facebook account before you can join the Gum Dippers group on Facebook.)

IN MEMORIAM

We have lost the following since our last reunion. We ask that you take the time during the reunion to remember them in your prayers as well as in your thoughts. In addition, we have listed several deaths prior to last year who we were never previously notified of.

Dick Elling, Roy Morrow, Ted Grant, Richard Boleratz, Wilfred Hand, Kristina Perry, Howard Bossman, Bill Waters, Daniel Foster, James Hegarty, Jerry Jackel, Harold Krape, Steve McCue, Harold Betty, Bob Kimmell, Steve Buck, Robert Hill, Jack Clausen, Norris Campbell, Joseph Sage, Lewis Campbell, Harry Morr, Ray Luebbers, Barton Hammons, James Bolender, Dick Daum, Paul Heise and John Gairo.

FAGERT, GEORGE 89, passed away on March 4, 2016. He was a long time Gum Dipper member. He worked in the research and development department at Firestone for 37 years retiring in 1988. He was born in Hannibal, Ohio on April 15, 1926. He entered the Army in August 1944 and served as a rifleman in Patton's Third Army, receiving a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, ETO Victory and the Army of Occupation Medals. His favorite was the combat infantry badge awarded after 30 days of combat. He estimated that only 50% survived long enough to receive it. He was an escort for Gen. Patton and a guard at the Nuremberg War Trials. He attended Marietta College on the GI Bill, receiving a degree in Chemical Engineering. He married Lois Donaghy and they became parents of three daughters. They are survived by their daughters, their spouses, three granddaughters, four grandsons and two great grandsons.

SPAIDE, RAYMOND JR. 95, passed away on April 18, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Ruth. He served four years as a Captain in the U.S. Army during WWII, in the Philippines and Japan. He earned a math and science degree in 1941 at West Chester University. He served as an executive at Firestone for 36 years before retiring in 1980. He is also survived by three sons and their spouses, two daughters, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

GANNON, PAUL EDWARD 93, passed away on May 31, 2016 in Danville, IL. He was born in Valley Junction, Iowa. Upon high school graduation he enlisted in the Navy during WWII and became a Naval Aviator. He received two Presidential citations and flew from two famous aircraft carriers, the Essex and the Bunker Hill. He graduated from Iowa State College in 1950 with a degree in Chemistry and was then employed by Firestone at the DesMoines plant as a Chemist. He married Mettie York in 1954 and is survived by her. They had two sons who survive as do their wives. He is also survived by an older brother John, four grandchildren, one grand step son, one great granddaughter and one great grandson. He retired from Bridgestone after 34 years, 10 of which were as Chief Chemist at the Joliet, Canada Plant and four as Chief Chemist at the Bloomington plant, before moving back to DesMoines as senior chemist.

PAZOS, WILLIAM, passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, after a struggle with cancer. He was a tire guy his entire life and was always proud of his Firestone heritage. After 41 years, having started in Cuba in 1957, he retired in 1998 as EVP-Intl and a Board Member of Bridgestone Firestone in Nashville. Over the years he held positions in Akron, Portugal, Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Nashville. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Angelica, his sons William and Carlos, his daughter Ana Maria and five grandchildren. I would appreciate if you could add this notice to your Gum Dippers publication. If you require anything else, please feel free to contact me.

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Bob & Bonnie Bray	Bob & Sue Meyer
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Bob & Bonnie Crowder	Ron & Carol Poole
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Jim & Sandie Dryburgh	Scott & Jean Sanders
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Charles Henderson	Pete & Pam Sloan
Bob & Judy Hornig	Robert & Sharon Snapp
Leo Jacoby	Jim & Nancy Spencer
John & Glenna Johnsen	Donald & Frances Thornburg
Bob & Donna Johnson	Ed Treusch

First-time attendees highlighted

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John & Caryl Kearney	Mike & Dee Walker
Dave King	Gary & Judy Wamsley
Robert Koenig	Stu Watterson & Carolyn Stone
Maggi & Don Korstjens	Ted & Sue Welsh
Donald & Susan Krumich	Bruce & Gail Wetherell
Dwayne & Annaberyl Lahman	Richard & Sandra White
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Lorrie Lombard	David & Mabel Wonsetler
George & Bonnie Lord	Bob & Bobbe Wyant
Bob Lucas	Jim & Jeanne Yursik
Mark Magnuson	

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