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There is not a meeting today because of the New Year's Holiday

At the changing of years, we regularly review the good and not as good events that happened in our lives during the just past year. Sometimes that is a useful endeavor; sometimes it is not; and always it is subject to personal interpretation. There is not much useful benefit for this publication to attempt listing our group's many positive experiences; nor in the listing of any shortcomings we may have encountered. It would be respectful, however, to take another minute to pay tribute to the long time EAGA members, and wonderful friends, and that left our world during the past few months.



On Sunday, May 29, 2016, surrounded by love Van passed away peacefully at the age of 97. Born in Smithton, MO, to Carroll and Leah White, he grew up with two brothers and a sister (all deceased) on a 90 acre sharecropper farm. Though times were tough, that life shaped Van with a strong work ethic and wonderful memories. Dad joined the Army Air Corps in 1941 and was a part of the 8th Air Force, 303rd Bomb Group, stationed in Molesworth, England from 1942 to 1945. His time in the service was a very significant part of his life, remaining life-long friends with his comrades in arms. He was so devoted to the 8th Air Force he helped form the New Mexico Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society, was instrumental in the establishment of the National Museum of the Mighty 8th in Savannah, GA, and he never missed a reunion. He was a true patriot. After the war Dad worked as an engineer on the Santa Fe Railroad as well as a variety of odd jobs. But he found his true calling when he founded Albuquerque Safe Company in 1949. He began by selling safes out of the trunk of his car, opening his first showroom in the 50's. He eventually expanded into banking equipment, larger safes, vaults, and safe deposit boxes. It seemed at some point every business in town had a safe from Dad! He became a well-respected, well liked, and well known businessman. Selling his company in 1988 he remained active in the business until his death, selling his last safe in April. Dad's motto was "Everyone's a prospect until they buy or die"! Van was very involved in his community and a member of several organizations. He helped found the Executive Association of Greater Albuquerque (EAGA), and the New Mexico Chapter of the Mercedes Benz Club of America, one of the founding sponsors of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, belonged to the Albuquerque Country Club, 100 Club and Elks. He also stayed very busy helping support his wife in her many charitable activities.



Bill High passed away after battling cancer, on July 24, 2016 at the age of 90. He was born in 1926 to Alberta and William High in Carlsbad New Mexico. He is survived by his wife Mildred (Millie), his sister, Margaret who lives in Carlsbad and three sons, Mark, Steve and his wife Yvonne, Scott and his wife Laura and six grandchildren, Mark Jr., Steve Jr., James, Jacob, Emily and Brian and five great grandchildren, Alyssa, Jazmin, Mark III, Lainey and Lexi. He was preceded in death by his youngest son Eric who died in 1976 from leukemia. Bill has always been active in sports. In high school he played basketball and football for the Carlsbad Cavemen. In College, he played football and was on the track team for the University of New Mexico. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He served in the Army during WWII and spent a year in the occupation of Japan. In 1968, Bill started a business, Concrete Systems (CSI). His company sells concrete construction accessories. Bill has many contractor friends, as well as those in the construction distributor organization. In 1971 he opened another office in El Paso Texas. In 1968 he founded an organization called Associated Construction Distributors International (ACD). Bill began the hobby of bicycling in his fifties. He regularly participated in the 104 mile El Tour de Tucson and the Tour of the Rio Grande Valley for many years. He cycled in the senior Olympics around the country. Bill was a member of the Masons and was active in the Shrine Air Patrol until his death.



Dale Berglund, 83, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, was called to Heaven on May 13, 2017, one day before his birthday, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 14, 1933, on Mother's Day, in Ironwood, MI, to Arthur and Ebba Berglund. He was very proud of his Swedish heritage and being from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. After his high school graduation, he moved to Albuquerque where his brother Marlon lived. Dale served in the Army and was stationed in Korea from 1953-1955. When he returned, he went to work at his brother's business, which Dale later bought from him, and it became Customcraft Fixtures. Dale owned the business for 30 years before retiring. Through his business, he joined the Executives Association of Greater Albuquerque (EAGA). Through EAGA he met and made many lifelong friends. Dale was a huge Lobo fan, and he and Fran had basketball season tickets for over 40 years. Dale and his family enjoyed many years spending time in the beautiful Jemez mountains at their cabin that Dale and his brother built. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Fran Berglund; daughters, Dalynn Berglund, Kathy



Mike Ferreri, 68, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend was called to his eternal resting place on Saturday, May 27, 2017 after a prolonged, valiant fight with pancreatic cancer. He entered this world in 1949 in Albuquerque, NM, to Domonic and Stella Ferreri. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Barb; children, Greg Ferreri and wife, Danielle, Kristi Crabtree and husband, Mike, and Keith Ferreri and wife, Penny; nine grandchildren, Matt, Jake, and Joey Ferreri, Caleb and Keeli Crabtree, and Logan, Gianna, Parker and Jack Ferreri; siblings, Ron Ferreri and wife, Donna, Jackie Berube, Dick Ferreri and wife, Linda, and John Ferreri and wife, Suzi. Mike was also loved by many friends and business associates and was very well respected in the community.



Jack M. Crouch, 73, of Albuquerque, NM went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 10, 2017 in Houston, TX. He was surrounded by loved ones at the time of his passing. Jack was born on October 21, 1943 in Gainesville, TX. He was the eldest sibling of Mike Crouch (spouse Sharon) and Richard Crouch (spouse Sandra). Jack graduated from Kileen High School in Kileen, TX in 1961. The following year he attended Texas A.M University. After the sudden death of their father he moved back to New Mexico to be closer to family and attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM. Then in 1965 he joined the New Mexico Army National Guard and served 6 years while working for Herman Blum Consulting Engineers in Dallas, TX as the head of the fire protection engineering department. During his service he met his lovely wife, Paula. Then on a beautiful summer day, July 25, 1968 Jack and Paula married in Dallas, TX. After working in Dallas, for about a decade, Jack and Paula decided to raise their two sons, Chris and Jeff, in Albuquerque, NM. Jack has had a long illustrious career in the fire sprinkler industry spanning several states including Texas, New Mexico and Nevada and with different companies including CASCO Fire Protection, Jack M Crouch Fire Sprinklers, Delta Automatic, SAFE Inc. & A.F.P.G, Inc. He was also a long time member of the EAGA and ABC. After 49 years of an unwavering work ethic he retired from the fire sprinkler industry in April of 2014. Jack's dedication to his family and friends was important. He enjoyed spending time with loved ones and developed long lasting friendships. There will always be many motorcycling, camping, and sailing stories that have Jack's stamp of approval of being the best family activities. In his younger years he enjoyed the use of his hands by building boats and model airplanes. Many of his hobbies also included gun collecting, kite flying, target shooting, drag racing and fishing. He always enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in their many activities and was always their best supporter. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Caine Crouch and his mother Nellie D Morris Crouch. He is survived by his wife, Paula Moore Crouch, his son Chris Crouch husband to Meredith, his son Jeff Crouch husband to Konica and his grandchildren Trinity, Ethan, Regan and Memphis and his brothers Mike and Rick as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be laid to rest at the Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis, NM with his parents and grandparents.



Doyle Daniel Pargin, a long-time Albuquerque businessman and real estate broker, passed away June 11, 2017 in Albuquerque at the age of 86. Doyle was born August 7, 1930 in Durango, CO, one day ahead of his future wife, Margaret Cummins Pargin. He was the oldest child of Leon D. And Myrtle Pargin and learned his work ethic growing up on a cattle ranch on the Piedra River, 18 miles west of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Doyle graduated from Durango High School in 1948, then attended Western State College in Colorado and Chilicothe unisness College in Missouri. He married Margaret on February 6, 1951, and later enlisted in the Army, where he served as a Sergeant in the Korean War. After returning from Korea, Doyle began his real estate career in Durango, CO. After selling real estate in Durango for several years, Doyle and Margaret moved to Albuquerque, where he worked in both the mortgage and real estate businesses. Doyle and Margaret then started Pargin Realty in 1964. The venture was joined by a cadre of original sales people - Jim Haworth, Ken Williams, Jim Fisher, and Jerry Rossi. Administrator Nancy Ankeny was the backbone of the business, which quickly grew in its original location at 501 San Mateo, NE. Pargin Realty's original slogan, "Your Key to Integrity," aptly summarized Doyle's character and approach to business and life. As Doyle's business and reputation grew, he became a beloved mentor and sounding board for real estate professionals throughout Albuquerque. Doyle loved his work, and helped bring a number of professionals into the business. He received numerous professional awards and honors, including Realtor of the Year. Doyle was elected President of the Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors in 1972, and elected President of the Real Estate Association of New Mexico in 1981. Doyle was a devoted husband and partner to his beloved wife, Margaret, and took tremendous pride in his children, Doyle Daniel "Dan," and Kathryn Lynn "Lynn" Pargin. He was also an unflinching and optimistic supporter to his many nieces and nephews. Doyle was an avid Lobo fan, and an original basketball season ticket holder in "the Pit." He enjoyed fly fishing, particularly at Vermejo Park, with his son and friends. Doyle was a long-time parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima Church, and later Immaculate Conception Church in Tome, NM. He volunteered for many years at the Brothers of the Good Shepherd annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. He was a member of the SERA club. Doyle was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Robert H. Pargin; his wife, Margaret; and his daughter, Lynn. He is survived by his son, Daniel and Dan's wife, Tracy VunKannon Pargin; his sisters-in-law, Rita Adkins and Teresa Moulds; niece, Deb Pargin; great niece and nephew, Ava and Ben Pargin; many nieces and

EAGA is looking forward to a GREAT 2018.

- ◆ Welcome to our new president, Soren Thomsen. Soren has taken the reins and will guide our group for the next 6 months.
- ◆ Welcome to Rick Reese, the newest member of our Board of Directors.

For the new administration to begin their work, a couple of other folks are stepping down from their positions:

- ◆ THANK YOU ! To our now Past President, David Rodriguez. We definitely appreciate the manner in which he conducted his term, and we recognize the many benefits that we received from his service. David will continue to assist with his positive guidance as EAGA Chairman of the Board for the next 6 months.
- ◆ Phil Houser is leaving the Board after many months of service. We appreciate all that Phil has contributed and extend a big THANK YOU! for all his hard, and definitely valuable, work.

Please note a correction to Board Meeting information published in the last bulletin — The next Board of Directors meeting will be the evening of January 11th, as was previously scheduled.

Badge Board Greeters

Jan 9th	Paul Losey—Covenant Schools of America
Jan 16th	Tom McMahon—Sunquest Advertising
Jan 23rd	
Jan 30th	
Feb 6th	
Feb 13th	
Feb 20th	
Feb 27th	Raul Rodriguez—Kings of Wrap

Upcoming Speakers

Jan 9th	Jay Weingardt—The Fitness Superstore
Jan 16th	Andrew Sanchez—Ravelco of New Mexico
Jan 23rd	Leon Marler—Marler Manor
Jan 30th	Stan Byers—Milagro Media
Feb 6th	Robert Biernacki—Waterquest Landscaping
Feb 13th	Mike Skolnick—Excalibur Realty
Feb 20th	Phil Kenny—Trucks Unique
Feb 27th	Eric Berger—American Linen & Uniform Supply
Mar 6th	Pat Maloy—Maloy Mobile Storage
Mar 13th	Manny Corrales—Vigilant Security Management
Mar 20th	Phil Houser—Document Solutions

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