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“Making Life Worthwhile”
The RSES Board and RSES Auxiliary International Annual Business Meetings will be held in conjunction with the RSES Southwestern Regional Association 67th Pre-Conference Meeting and Trade Show on September 28-October 1, 2016 in Fort Worth, Texas. The RSES Cowtown Chapter will host the event. More details to come.

RSES will not be hosting the 79th Annual RSES Conference and HVACR Technology Expo as previously announced.
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Hello Everyone,

Just a few words from the great town of Fountain Inn. Well we are busy as bees down here trying to keep up with all the calls coming in. When you think you are almost caught up and then comes another wave of emergency calls. I’m just thankful for all his blessings.

We did get to enjoy the family on the Fourth of July and Mr. Doug and I celebrated our 36th Anniversary on July 5th.

So long for now and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Linda Jackson, International RSESA
STRAWBERRY SALAD by Brenda Decker

3 oz. cream cheese
1 medium size can of crushed pineapple
1 cup of crushed pecans
1 large Cool Whip
½ cup hot water
1 small package Jello (strawberry)

Mix Jello, cream cheese and water. Use mixer at medium speed. Add pecans and pineapple to mixture. Place in refrigerator until it starts to jell. Remove from refrigerator and mix cool whip. Set back in the refrigerator until ready to serve. Perfect for summer!

Hi everyone,

It is so hot here in Cowtown with a lot of work (Service Calls). The boss loves it, me not so much. Pat and I have been working on the conference coming up in September, and looks like everything is coming together. Now all we need is for everyone to send in their registration forms.

My granddaughter got married last Saturday. It was a small church wedding, but it was very lovely once it got started. The groom and groomsmen left for a short time to go get some shoes someone wanted to change out. We all started to think he had gotten cold feet.

Jim has been on the road a lot—this is a busy time of year for him. He is in and out of San Antonio, Austin, Oklahoma and Arkansas. It is always great when he gets home.

I am going to cut this short and tell all of you we can and will talk when you come to Fort Worth in September.

SEE YOU SOON!!!!!!!

Jill Malone, International RSESA Vice-President
Hi all,

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer, so far. The weather in New York has been beautiful.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Terry Hollander

RSESA International Chapter Supplies
Hi Everyone,

Our busy Spring has extended into Summer. Soccer games ended in May, followed by awards programs and spring music programs at school, for both Vegas and Tyler. I’ve been spending lots of time on yard clean up from storms and tree damage. Vegas is 9 now and Tyler is 7. We had their birthday party at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in May. It’s a great place for swimming and they have a room upstairs for refreshments with windows where you can watch if you don’t want to swim. We took a day trip to Danville, VA to visit the AAF Tank Museum. They were having family day with several activities going on. They had a morning and afternoon raffle to ride in a tank, and we won one ride each time, so Tyler rode in the morning and Vegas rode in the afternoon. What a fun day! We went to Air Fun Trampoline Park last week, another fun day for Vegas and Tyler. They also have a Zorb arena, those big plastic balls you get inside and move around, bumping into people, kind of like bumper cars in a bubble. Wendy got in one, too. She said it was really a good workout. We just finished a week of Vacation Bible School at church. We helped with crafts or dinner each night. We made glycerin soap, a necklace, and a PVC pipe periscope. We ended the week with a big cookout and waterslide for the kids. On Sunday, July 3rd, our church had our annual ice cream social with music, waterslide and games for all. Last year I thought we would melt it was so hot. This year it was so cold, people wore jackets. There was very little water slide participation. On July 22nd we’re heading for Las Vegas. Wendy is going to a sweepstakes convention there. Tommy and I are driving out and carrying the luggage. Wendy, Vegas and Tyler are flying out and back home. When Vegas was small and first heard of Las Vegas, she thought it was her town, so now she gets to go. Tyler was jealous because Vegas had a town so I told him there was a town in Texas names Tyler. So he has informed me now that he wants to go to Tyler, TX. Kids are so funny. That’s all for now. Hope to see everyone in Fort Worth this fall.

Gail Paschal, International RSESA Secretary

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Hello to all from hot, hot Fort Worth Texas, Summer is really upon us. Well it is July! Our son and family are coming from Canada the end of July. We are really looking forward to seeing them. It will be a little warm for them for sure. They love the hot weather and I think we can provide it for them. Our pool is about 90 degrees in the afternoon. I love it but not sure if others share my love for the hot water. Good for business though.

As a lot of you have heard by now, the Cowtown Chapter is going to host a shortened conference. I hope as many of you come that can. On Thursday the 29th of September there is a tour for all who would like to join us. We will go to the Fort Worth Stockyards which has shopping and a lot to see. Where else can you see cattle driven down the street twice a day? After lunch we will go to the US engraving plant and see the printing of our US paper money.

I am hoping a lot of you will come in on Wednesday so you can join us for one of our famous Southwestern Regional Hospitality rooms. We will have sandwiches, soup and desserts for you as well as Bob, Ray and Mac tending to our drink needs. Come join us. If you look on the registration form included in this Sight Glass you will see a place to check if you are joining us Wednesday night. Need to know how many sandwiches to make etc. Come join us for the shortened conference and we will do our very best to make you welcome.

There is also a letter and explanation of each day’s activities in this issue. We have worked very hard to combine all the necessary activities. There is so much to do in this area; I wish we could show you more.

When you arrive look for Room #124. That is where we will have someone with your badges and your tickets to the meals. #124 is the daytime Hospitality Room and the nighttime room will be (we think) #324. But come to #124 first. Plan on opening each day as early as possible. Depends how soon I can drag my body down there each morning.

Oh yes, there is a Trade Show Thursday evening. Hope to have a lot of vendors to visit and each one will provide a nice prize for drawings each hour. Also there will be plenty of finger foods for snacking. Please check that box on the registration form for food count. So you see a lot going on. Friday classes and meetings then fun Dinner Saturday more classes and meetings. The Auxiliary Installation and breakfast is Saturday morning. PLEASE COME, we have worked so hard to show you a good time and still have our meetings and such.
Hi to all our friends from John and May Stewart,

John and I were fortunate to make it to the SWRA Conference held at the Radisson Hotel in Fort Worth in April. We left on Easter Monday to give us time to visit a friend along the way in Huntsville, Alabama and then motored on to Fort Worth. We had a great time at the conference and caught up with previous attendees at the conference. For those that could not attend you missed a good time. The weather was very good to us on the trip aside from the various road work projects.

Our thanks to Jill Malone and Pat McCarthy for their work in welcoming all attendees. It was obvious that the young students who attended the educational sessions enjoyed their snacks at the various breaks.

As usual when we are motoring across country we always make sure that we have enough medication to last the trip plus a few extra days, just in case! Just prior to leaving we visited the optician to make sure that all screws were in place, for our eye glasses - this man is very good but he cannot help the loose screws that are in our brain sometimes! Fortunately he spotted a problem with my frame and suggested a new frame. However, we did not make sure that the new frame could accommodate the old lens and we were only on the road for one day when the lens fell out on one side and the nose piece fell off on the other side! We were able to stop at an eye glass center where the nose piece was re-attached but there was not much hope for the lens staying in the frame. All in all, this lens fell out at least 10 times!

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The next to the last time was at a place called Natty Flats, Texas. We stopped there for some barbecue on the way home and while I was in the process of putting on my sunglasses over my frames, I dislodged the lens again. This time the lens fell between the boards of the store's walkway! To put it mildly, I was in a panic. But this being Texas, I managed to get the help of two young men from the store and with a crowbar and hammer, and help from John and my flashlight, they pulled up part of the boardwalk and retrieved my lens! Only in Texas would I have experienced this help! Needless to say, the first stop after we arrived home was at the optician's where I had the lens put back into the old frame and another one was ordered! So, if you are ever in the neighborhood of Natty Flats, Texas, please be sure you enjoy their barbecue!

After the conference we spent a few days with Jerry, Kathryn and Paige and managed to wear out their dog throwing balls, etc. However, the dog thought my green apple was too like her tennis ball and tried to make off with it! But this grandma was having none of it and was able to retrieve it and substitute the correct tennis ball!

The weather was cool and rainy here in the Mid-Atlantic for a while but the summer heat is here with a vengeance. We had been able to work in the garden for a few hours a day but not for the past week. The local birds enjoyed our raspberry patch, ate them all! Thank goodness for air conditioning and all of the technicians who work in the field.

Hopefully a number of you will be attending the Annual Conference in the fall - the hotel is quite nice and there are a lot of meeting rooms to accommodate all of the events.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours in Dallas, Texas.

Sincerely, John and May Stewart

Greetings from Huntington Beach, California!!!

Steve and I just got back from Arizona looking at areas that we like to retire. We found the area that we like to live in, and just waiting for Steve to say that he is done working and retire there.

My plan was to retire this year, however my doctor is doing it for me. My health is not getting any better and am now in the process of getting on permanent disability. That was not how I wanted to retire but that is life, and we must deal with whatever is thrown at us.

I just became the new Long Beach Chapter Secretary a few months ago. I am excited about being elected to that position.

Nothing else is new and happening here. Hope all of you are enjoying your summer.

**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JULY 4TH IN HISTORY**

- July 4th is the date the Declaration of Independence was accepted by Congress and signed, although only two men signed it on that date--John Hancock being one of them.
- July 4th wasn't an official American holiday until 1870 when Congress made several holidays official--including Christmas.
- Nonetheless, Americans have been celebrating July 4th since 1785 when Bristol, Rhode Island, started having its annual Fourth of July Parade.
- Three US Presidents have passed away on July 4th--Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe. One US President was born on July 4th--Calvin Coolidge.
The following are proposed to our By-laws –

As Currently

ARTICLE X
Duties of Officers

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The Secretary shall keep a record of the business proceedings of the RSESA, and provide an annual report to the Editor of the “Sight Glass” for publication in the pre-conference edition. The Secretary shall keep the correspondence of the RSESA and furnish such correspondence to Officers, Directors and Committees as required for them to perform their assigned duties. The Secretary shall keep a list of all committees, and shall furnish said committees with all papers referred to them for action. The Secretary shall receive from the Treasurer all RSESA membership applications for addition to the membership roll. The Secretary shall notify all members of all meetings as provided in ARTICLE XIII, Section 3 of these By-laws and furnish necessary information to the Director of Credentials at all meetings.

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Hello to All,

This year has flown by so fast! I can’t believe it is almost the middle of July!

Mike and I are counting down the weeks left for him to work until he is able to retire! We are ready to travel and see the country! He will retire in May 2017.

Until then, we are enjoying a hot summer in Texas. Recently, a few minutes after our yardman finished our lawn trimming and edging, he went home and collapsed and was unresponsive for days. He has a brain tumor and is starting radiation in a couple of weeks. We were scared to death! But if he had collapsed in our backyard, it could have been a long time before someone knew it. It was a blessing he was home where someone could immediately call 911. Since we have had so much rain, our yard is a lot of work but well worth it.

I hope you are all planning to come to Fort Worth in September. We are so excited to see everyone! You will also get to meet our pug, Mia. She is such a sweet, spoiled baby girl. She will be tagging and wagging along beside me during the conference and helping make everyone feel welcome! She may even snore during a meeting or two. Until then she is enjoying her kiddie pool we bought for her to relax and cool off and ready to welcome you to Texas!!

Brenda Decker
Int’l RSESA Publicity/Sight Glass Editor

Hello Everyone,

Art and I are excited to see all of you in Fort Worth this September.

Art and I took a business trip to Houston, TX beginning of June. We went two days early so we could visit the USS Lexington. We rented a car and went to Corpus Christi TX. The aircraft carrier USS Lexington is dry docked in Corpus Christi. We had a private tour of the ship. The tour covered the 6 levels of the carrier. We got into places most do not get to see. The carrier is well maintained and used for fund raisers. She offers tours/children’s overnight stays/simulators/Pearl Harbor Display/the crew restores air crafts daily. The tour was amazing.

Art and I were both amazed at the power of the engines that powered this carrier. We walked for 4 hours. Our tour guide was well informed. He was in the NAVY for 30 years and knew the ship well. He served two tours in Viet Nam. Dad served on the Lexington 1940-1945. The Lexington when in battle had 67 planes in the air. Dad talked very little about the war but he did tell me how devastating it was when the pilots missed the landing strip. After seeing the air strip it amazed us that any planes landed safely but they did. The plank was used to help the pilots and crew to get back on board.

The Lexington was a large carrier. It took on extra fuel and food supplies. When needed the Lexington supplied other ships with needed fuel and food. She was a ‘ floating city’ during battle: two surgeons, one doctor, one dentist, barber, brig, mess hall and mail occasionally. She had the latest surgical equipment and recovery rooms. The captain and admiral quarters were larger and private. Dad always told me the food was good. Our guide informed us the same good quality food is still served. He said he was a picky eater but was satisfied with the food. I did ask about sailor showers and he said that is true. The sailors turned on the showers briefly then soaped down and rinsed quickly. Conserving water was critical.
The Lexington was hit December 4, 1943 on the starboard side. Nine were killed and 35 injured. The torpedo was Type 91 Mod 2 long lance. Dad received American Campaign Ribbon: Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars: World War II Victory Ribbon.

There were many signs of encouragement on the Lexington:

DONT GIVE UP THE SHIP
KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON
LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF ALL WHO THREATEN IT.

Now hear this—Now hear this. This is your Captain speaking

We were so grateful to board the USS Lexington. This is a trip I will never forget. It brought out deep emotions and gratitude for all who have and are serving our country. The World War II vets are now in their 80's and 90's. Their numbers are dwindling quickly. I thank God for all those gave it all and those who served and are now serving.

One Nation Under God

Karla Miller, International RSESA
Membership

HEALTH UPDATE ON LYNNE SHARP
RED STICK CHAPTER
Just wanted to let all members know that long time member Lynne Sharp of the Red Stick Chapter has been very ill. She is doing much better but still in rehab facility. May get to go home around the first of August. All started with a simple sinus infection that entered the blood stream. She has been very, very sick. Still has a lot of rehab ahead of her. A lot of you know her from attending the Southwester Regional conferences. How about sending her a get well or hang in there card, or even maybe just to say Hi card. Her address is Lynne Sharp, 764 Bret Drive, Denham Springs, La 70726

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