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Jan. 24th, 2009 G.E.B.A. Dinner Dance And Awards Banquet

Pajama Party Theme
Pocono Manor, PA



DJ-Music and Dancing
Invitations to Follow
Contact Janet Leota
732-367-3156

Feb. 1st, 2009 G.E.B.A. Meeting Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church

1039 Lawrence Road
Lawrenceville, NJ

March 14th, 2009 G.E.B.A. Safety Seminar

& Trade Show
Rutgers University
Piscataway, NJ

May 3rd, 2009 G.E.B.A. Meeting Woodstone Country Club Danielsville, PA

Gratitude for Earl MacPherson

by Sue West

I think we are all still in a state of disbelief over the loss of Earl back in September. Anyone who remembers me knows that my ballooning lineage comes from the "House of Doerer" and I will always be grateful to Joe and his wonderful family and crew for what they did to help me get my private pilot certificate. What people may not know is that it was Earl MacPherson who first spoke with Michael Fairbanks about being my Flight Examiner and that he made the arrangements for our launch site.

It was a wonderful surprise to see Earl and some of his crew come out on that cold January day back in 1999 to help out with my flight. It was from one "Dream Chaser" to another "Dream Chasers" (Earl and Joe debated who had the official right to their balloon name – the only difference being an "s" !) The morning had a happy ending and I believe it was Earl who posted a note on the Reflector stating that the skies were a bit more crowded because I succeeded in passing my test! So a big thank you to the memory of Earl; may his Spirit fly high!

FAA Award in Memory of Earl MacPherson

At the Annual Fall Recognition Dinner, 5 Nov 2008 a Special Presentation was made to the widow of Earl McPherson, Darcy McPherson by Eileen Iandola, FAAS Team Program Manager for the Eastern Region, EA-17 Philadelphia. Eileen made a very heart felt speech about what Earl did for the aviation community, fixed wing and LTA, with regards to his advancement of safety and education. She went on to say what Earl meant to her personally and all the assistance he had rendered to her over the years. "Earl was the driving force behind the creation first and only FAA video dedicated entirely to balloon operations and LTA safety" Eileen said. Eileen later commented that Earl did what every student pilot is taught to do, and as an instructor he taught young pilots to do..."Fly the aircraft first". She continued with, "Earl detected a problem, got the aircraft on the ground AND kept it there while the passengers exited the balloon basket. Today 6 passengers are alive due to Earl's actions and ultimate sacrifice." There was nary a dry eye in the room resulting in a standing ovation.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark MacSkimming
FAAS Team Representative
Eastern Region A-13 Harrisburg



Editor's Note: The Great Eastern Balloon Association extends deepest sympathy to Darcy and Earl's family. Earl was greatly admired and respected. He will be deeply missed. The following is his obituary as it appeared in the newspaper.

Earl Wendell MacPherson, Jr., 67, Commercial Balloon and fixed wing pilot of Pennsville, NJ, died suddenly in a balloon accident on Sunday, September 7, 2008.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Darcy MacPherson, of Pennsville, and their daughter, Heidi W. Coleman, her husband Macon H. Coleman IV of Newark, DE, his sister Beverly Robertson and her husband Jack Robertson of Hawley, PA.

Earl was retired with 32 years of service as a lab technician with the DuPont Company at Chamber Works, Deepwater, NJ. He also worked for 4 years at Boeing, and was working there when he asked his wife for her hand in marriage for the second time; the first time was when she was 8 and he was 9 years old. He served in the US Navy (1959-1962). He was with the US Air Force Reserve in Wilmington, DE, 166th Airlift Wing. He retired with a total of over 25 year's service at the rank of Master Sgt, E8. He was an active member of the NJ Honor Guard, NJARNG.

He was both an active fixed wing pilot, SEL, and had his commercial, instrument and ground instructor ratings as well as an active commercial balloon pilot for Air Ventures Balloon Flights, Paoli, PA. He had more hours flying in balloons (1400 hrs) then he did airplanes (1200 hrs), he flew a Cirrus SR -22 out of New Castle, DE. His wife bought him flight lessons in 1966 and he had been flying ever since. In 1987, he got his commercial hot air balloon rating and he had over 75 engagements and two weddings during his ballooning career in his own business Dream Chasers, LLC and flying for Lollipop Balloons and Air Ventures Inc.

Earl was a member of Delaware Aviation Support, and served as a member of FFAST, the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team. He was a member the Aero Club of PA and the AOPA. He was a member of the Balloon Federation of America, John Wise Balloon Society and the Great Eastern Balloon Association. When he was not in the air, his ground activities included playing volley ball and long distance cycling.

Donations are being accepted by the Aero Club of PA Scholarship fund, a club devoted to helping fund careers in aviation for people in the Delaware Valley region; Aero Club of PA Scholarship Fund, PO Box 748, Blue Bell, PA 19422; as well as the Balloon Federation of America, Junior Balloonist program, PO Box 400, Indianola, IA 50125.

In Memory of Earl MacPherson and Steve Lachendro

The winds have welcomed you with softness.
The sun has blessed you with its warm hands.
You have flown so high and so well that God
has joined you in your laughter and has welcomed you into his loving arms.



Submitted by Dawn Chase

The President's Corner

I want to thank the board and the membership for letting me lead the club. You have just finished the election meeting and as we welcome Dawn Chase to the board and welcome back Emelia Bernava, there are some changes being made. Joe Doerer is your new president. Ben Hanbicki the vice-president. Emelia is staying secretary and Dawn Chase is the new treasurer. I will stay on the board as a director-at-large along with David Lee and Keith Sproul.

I want to thank Uli Krahenbuhl for his years of service to the club. His advice and council has helped this club immensely. He has agreed to be on the competition committee where I know he will be a valuable asset.

It is an exciting time for club. Next year's May meeting at a new venue and for all of you that missed the June picnic, please mark your calendars for June 7, 2009 hopefully at Sarah Dilt's Park.

Again, I want to thank the board for letting me be the first crew person to be president of our club, an honor I will always cherish.

I hope to be at the pajama party at the Inn at Pocono Manor on Saturday January 24, 2009. Look for more information soon.

Now I will turn the gauntlet over to Joe Doerer.

Sincerely,

Keith

The How and Why About my Sicily Trips By Mario DiStefano

Recently I had an issue trying to send an email update about going to Sicily. I was informed that the GEBA board considered my Sicily trips a for profit activity and I should put a paid ad in the newsletter.

After some discussion with the President of GEBA and he with the executive board, it has become clear to me that some of you assume that I do this to make

money. That being said let me make it very clear to all of you that that is not so.

1. I don't charge for these trips. They are not for me to make money. They cost me money.
 - a. You pay the exact cost of the airline tickets.
 - b. You pay the exact cost of the Hotel room with meals. (Usual cost 75eu. They charge us 45eu. Per day).
 - c. You pay for your food on the road, you entrance cost to museums and sites and anything else you wish to purchase or pay for.
2. We all split the cost of:
 - a. The travel-chase vehicle. That was running me about 75eu a day.
 - b. The shipping of the ballooning. This changes every year.
 - c. The fuel, parking, tolls and other auto expenses. The best I can do is estimate this.
 - d. These cost are less with more people participating.
 - e. Do you see the mathematics of this?
 - f. This is like my personal little rally I do every year. I cannot do this without you.
 - g. I do not charge for making the arrangements for you. Ask anyone who has previously gone.
3. If you wish to bring your own balloons I can help you to arrange this too.

At present I am going to Sicily this November 10th, 2008, with some friends, sans balloon. I thereafter will be going over when the March break for Colleges is, on March 7th 2009. I will probably be there for a month to a month and 1/2 and with your help I can arrange your time period for when you wish to join me. Please email or call me to tell me what your interest level is and what date/time requirement is. Email: bellavia63@charter.net – Phone: 508 853 6101.

Some of you who are pilots are concerned about flying a balloon while there and if qualified to do so can take the handle on my balloon. Or if you like, bring your own balloon, but we will have to discuss the logistics. Let me Know

This something that is no less than charitable work on my part for our community and is Balloonist activity? Participants pay their own expenses, period.

Incoming President's Message

by: Joe Doerer

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for giving me this opportunity to lead the club through the upcoming year. I would also like to thank Keith Standley for his services as President this past year as well as Uli Krahenbuhl who has retired from the Board. We welcome Dawn Chase as our newest addition and as our new Treasurer.

The Board has decided to pursue two major initiatives in the year ahead. The first of these is to implement a process that allows for timely updates to our GEBA website to make it a more valuable tool for posting information to the members. Our new Vice-President, Ben Hanbicki, will be spearheading that effort with his son Kyle performing the website maintenance. Kyle comes highly regarded by Mark Schilling, the previous maintainer of our website, who requested to pass the keyboard to a more centrally located member. We thank Mark for his past efforts and his willingness to assist Kyle for a smooth transition.

Our second major initiative is to slow down and hopefully even reverse what has become a slow decline in the number of GEBA members. There are many easy answers as to why they are decreasing; a number of other balloon clubs are experiencing the same reductions. But rather than accept that as the only direction to go, we would like to explore ways to increase the club's value to the ballooning community. While we always welcome new members, these efforts will be specifically geared towards bringing back balloonists who were once GEBA members but decided to no longer remain with the club. Our newest Board member, Dawn Chase, has volunteered to be the focal point for this task. In the interim, while she is getting up to speed, we are offering a one half price dues discount to any member who helps us increase membership by signing up two new primary members. In light of our desire to bring back prior members, 'new' will be defined as anyone who was not a member in 2008.

I look forward to getting feedback from you on how we are progressing on these initiatives and on our day to day operations. Please contact myself or a Board member with any comments you may have.

As a reminder, it's that time of the year when we accept nominations for the Decker Crew Scholarships. Now's the time to take your pen (or keyboard) in hand and tell us just how great your crew person is and nominate him or her to attend the Safety Seminar at no cost.

Nominations can be sent to any Board member or to me at:

Joe Doerer
5 Woodland Way
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889
jdoerer@telcordia.com

Thank you for your time. It's good to be back.
Joe

Torok Award Nominations

It is time to decide who should be the next Torok Award recipient. Ted Torok, one of GEBA's founding members, loved sharing his enthusiasm for ballooning with spectators and crew alike. The Torok Award is presented to a GEBA member who best projects the true spirit of sportsmanship and has made a positive contribution to the sport of ballooning.

The last five awards went to Jack Edling, John Coulahan, Rodger Kell, Bert Padelt, and Mike Fairbanks. These five people will make the final decision based on nominations received by January 1, 2009. What an honor to be given by your peers!

Remember that either pilot or crew can be nominated. Any GEBA member can submit a written or electronic nomination to our most recent award winner: Jack Edling, 301 Prospect Ave East, North Wales, PA 19454-3220
breakingwind321@netscape.net

BUDGET 2008

Description	2008 BUDGETED			2008 ACTUAL		
	Expense Amount	Income Amount	Gain (Loss)	Expense Amount	Income Amount	Gain (Loss)
Food / Facilities at meetings	1,200.00			638.78		
Club Insurance	750.00			732.00		
Postage/Mailing	600.00			9.68		
Bank fees /Supplies	0.00					
Phone	0.00					
Misc. Ops.	120.00			91.35		
Membership Dues	200.00	6,140.00		775.23	5,280.00	
Interest		300.00				
General Operations Total	2,870.00	6,440.00	3,570.00	2,247.04	5,280.00	3,032.96
Printing	1,800.00			663.24		
Postage / Secretarial	1,700.00			1,289.79		
Advertising		0.00				
Newsletter Total	3,500.00	0.00	(3,500.00)	1,953.03	0.00	(1,953.03)
Landowner Cards Printing / Post	220.00			298.00		
Landowner Savings Bonds	150.00					
Pilot Awards - Card Usage	50.00					
Copies	0.00					
Future Projects	0.00					
Landowner Card Income		90.00			75.00	
Landowners Relations Total	420.00	90.00	(330.00)	298.00	75.00	(223.00)
Food / Facilities	4,700.00			3,979.75		
Speaker / Rooms	650.00			426.25		
Office / Postage / Printing	500.00			596.21		
Recognitions/Giveaways	400.00			150.00		
BFA Listing	200.00			100.00		
Attendance Fees / Refunds	210.00	8,840.00		220.00	7,490.00	
Decker Scholarship		160.00			70.00	
Safety Seminar Total	6,660.00	9,000.00	2,340.00	5,472.21	7,560.00	2,087.79
Awards Dinner Food / Facility	3,900.00			3,018.20		
Awards Dinner Singer	450.00			400.00		
Awards / Prizes / Postage	550.00			668.68		
Awards Dinner Income		3,500.00			3,560.00	
50 /50 Income		800.00			622.00	
Awards Dinner Total	4,900.00	4,300.00	(600.00)	4,086.88	4,182.00	95.12
Picnic Total	700.00		(700.00)	250.33		(250.33)
Good & Welfare Total	250.00		(250.00)			0.00
Products Total		300.00	300.00	545.71	570.00	24.29
Competition Total	300.00		(300.00)	144.80		(144.80)
Photo Contest Total	300.00		(300.00)	195.55		(195.55)
Yearly Total	19,900.00	20,130.00	230.00	15,193.55	17,667.00	2,473.45

BUDGET 2009

Description	2009 BUDGETED			2009 ACTUAL		
	Expense Amount	Income Amount	Gain (Loss)	Expense Amount	Income Amount	Gain (Loss)
Food / Facilities at meetings	2,000.00					
Club Insurance	850.00					
Postage/Mailing	600.00					
Bank fees /Supplies	0.00					
Phone	0.00					
Misc. Ops.	120.00					
Membership Dues	200.00	5,280.00				
Interest		300.00				
General Operations Total	3,770.00	5,580.00	1,810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing	400.00					
Postage / Secretarial	400.00					
Advertising		0.00				
Newsletter Total	800.00	0.00	(800.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00)
Landowner Cards Printing / Post	220.00					
Landowner Savings Bonds	150.00					
Pilot Awards - Card Usage	50.00					
Copies	0.00					
Future Projects	0.00					
Landowner Card Income		90.00				
Landowners Relations Total	420.00	90.00	(330.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00)
Food / Facilities	4,700.00					
Speaker / Rooms	650.00					
Office / Postage / Printing	500.00					
Recognitions/Giveaways	400.00					
BFA Listing	200.00					
Attendance Fees / Refunds	210.00	8,840.00				
Decker Scholarship		160.00				
Safety Seminar Total	6,660.00	9,000.00	2,340.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards Dinner Food / Facility	3,900.00					
Awards Dinner Singer	450.00					
Awards / Prizes / Postage	550.00					
Awards Dinner Income		3,500.00				
50 /50 Income		500.00				
Awards Dinner Total	4,900.00	4,000.00	(900.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Picnic Total	700.00		(700.00)	0.00		0.00
Good & Welfare Total	250.00		(250.00)	0.00		0.00
Products Total		300.00	300.00		0.00	0.00
Competition Total	300.00		(300.00)	0.00		0.00
Photo Contest Total	300.00		(300.00)	0.00		0.00
Yearly Total	18,100.00	18,970.00	870.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

GEBA Board Meeting
November 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am by President, Keith Standley. Uli Krahenbuhl, Joe Doerer, Emelia Bernava, Ben Hanbicki, David Lee were also in attendance.

A motion to accept minutes from previous meetings was made and approved.

The Treasurer reviewed the 2008 Third Quarter Treasurer's Report and the 2009 Budget. There is a surplus in the Third quarter report, but all the bills have not been paid.

The Board recommends no dues increase for 2009.

A donation of \$500 will be made to the Earl MacPherson Memorial Scholarship Fund. GEBA donated products to be auctioned on Ebay to benefit Keith Sproul. Value \$80.

The Board discussed how to encourage new membership. Members, who get two new members to join, will have their next year's dues reduced by half. (A new member is someone who has not been a member since the previous year)

An effort will be made to contact the Insurance companies to request if it is possible for them to email information about the benefits of joining GEBA to their customers.

Uli Krahenbuhl will contact Rob Schantz and David Lee will contact IMC.

The Board will recommend to the membership a 1 or 3 year payment option for dues.

Ben Hanbicki is working on a new GEBA brochure.

Meeting Dates and places.

February 1, 2009 – General Meeting Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church
May 3, 2009 - Woodstone Country Club
November 1, 2009 - Schneider's Restaurant

June 7, 2009 – Picnic Sarah Dilts Park
GEBA family picnic.

Fall picnic - Ben Hanbicki will check to see if the Philadelphia Glider Council in Hilltown, PA has the facilities for a picnic.

Committee reports

Membership

Safety Seminar

March 14, 2009 at Rutgers

David is working on speakers for the Safety Seminar.

Website

Mark Schilling will not be able to continue to be the chairperson for the website. Ben Hanbicki will be the liaison. Kyle Hanbicki will be on the committee.

Landowner

No issues at this time.

Competition

A greater effort is going to be made to notify members by email when a competition is scheduled.

Products

No new update at this time.

Social Committee

A report will be made at the November General Meeting.

Newsletter

An update will be made at the November General meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

These unofficial minutes are respectfully submitted by Emelia Bernava, Board Secretary.

GEBA
General Meeting
Schneider's Restaurant
November 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by President, Keith Standley, Jr. Uli Krahenbuhl, Ben Hanbicki, Joe Doerer, David Lee and Emelia Bernava were also in attendance. The Board would like to thank Johann and Beverly Schneider for their kind hospitality.

Our thoughts go out to the family of Earl MacPherson and Steve Lachendro. Get well thoughts go out to Keith Sproul.

Secretary's report – A motion to suspend the reading of the May 4, 2008 minutes and accept them as published in the last newsletter was made and approved.

Treasurer's report – The Third Quarter Treasurer's report and the 2009 Budget was reviewed. At this time due to electronic mailing of the newsletter, there is a surplus in the current year's budget. Note: all the bills have not been paid for 2008.

Some recommendations for the surplus:
Membership Drive
Speakers for the meetings

Members voted on the dues staying the same for 2009. It was unanimously approved.

It is time for the members to think about crew nominations for the Decker Award.

GEBA will donate \$500 to the Earl MacPherson Scholarship Fund for Jr. Balloonist.

Committee Reports

Safety Seminar

March 14, 2009 at Rutgers.

Gordon Schwontkowski will be one of the speakers for the seminar.

Bert Padelt will discuss Balloon Clubs in Japan. David is waiting for confirmation from other speakers.

Membership

250 members (includes family members)

Products – Limited supply of sweatshirts in stock. There are also short sleeve shirts, coloring books, patches and pins in stock.

Landowner – No issues to report.
201 cards returned.

Website – Mark will not be able to continue doing the website. We would like to thank Mark for his work with the website. Ben Hanbicki will be working on the website.

Competition

There have been 11 competitions. Please send any results from festivals to Bob Mueller. The competition committee will hold a competition at Solberg Airport on November 8 or 9, 2008. More details will be emailed to all members later in the week. The committee will try to improve the amount of notice that it gives for the competitions.

Newsletter – Information needs to be sent by November 4, 2008. Marie encourages members to send articles.

Good & Welfare

Thoughts go out to the families that have had a loss or injury this past year.

Social Committee

The Awards Dinner Dance will be on January 24, 2009 at the Inn at Pocono Manor. The theme will be a pajama party. Invitations will be mailed soon.

Janet Leota, Toni Geentiens and Barbara Magnano are on the committee

Speeches were made by the candidates for election to the Board.

Members voted on the Photo contest.

Old Business

Volunteers are needed to investigate incorporating our Safety seminar with the BFA in conjunction with the 225 anniversary of the first air voyage. It should be encouraged that it be held in Philadelphia. Bob Dicks mentioned that it takes 5 – 8 years to plan a convention.

New Business

Gene Burnstein read a note that Debbie Sproul sent. Debbie wanted to thank everyone for all that they have done.

Keith continues to improve.

Bert Padelt is having a maintenance seminar at the Inn at Bally Springs on November 22, 2008. He will be able to accommodate approximately 50 people. Please email Bert if you are interested.

Some members requested that the directory be emailed to them. The Board will discuss it, and if it is approved David Lee will email it to all the members.

Bob Mueller requests that any member involved in the Macy's Day parade to please take pictures so he can forward them to Keith Sproul.

The 50/50 was held.

The Board and the membership thanked Uli Krahenbuhl for all his hard work and dedication while serving on the Board.

The Board would also like to thank RJ Letrent for volunteering to run for the Board.

The election results are as follows:

Emelia Bernava

Dawn Chase

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

These unofficial minutes are respectfully submitted by Emelia Bernava, Board Secretary.

GEBA Special Board Meeting

November 2, 2008

A Special Board Meeting was held just after the conclusion of the Regular Meeting. The sole purpose of this meeting was to establish officers as directed by the by-laws.

President	Joe Doerer
Vice President	Ben Hanbicki
Secretary	Emelia Bernava
Treasurer	Dawn Chase

Members at Large

Keith Standley, Jr.

Keith Sproul

David Lee

These unofficial minutes are respectfully submitted by Emelia Bernava.

Women In Ballooning

From The National Balloon Museum

The National Balloon Museum dedicates itself to providing the public with a comprehensive understanding of ballooning and its history through its exhibitions and collections. The museum archives more than 200 years of ballooning and hosts 10,000 visitors a year. There is an exhibit in the museum about Women in Ballooning. All women in ballooning are invited to submit a brief biography, a photo of themselves and a photo of their balloon(s) to be included in the collection. Women balloonists interested in sending in their biography may download and print the "Women in Ballooning" information form. You can find it at this link www.nationalballoonmuseum.com/exhibits.cfm?exhibitid=26

Keith Sproul Updates can be accessed at:

<http://www.carepages.com/carepages>

You will need to set up a login- Give e-mail address and password.

TEN YEARS AGO FROM THE GEBA NEWSLETTER

Submitted by Jackie Forman
Historian

From the New President:

Mark Schilling reports he is excited as the membership is at an all time high. Our Safety Seminar general meeting is drawing record crowds and the landowner cards are being returned at a swift pace. The competition program is alive and well. The social committee is gearing up for an evening of fun and dancing at the Snowflake Ball in February. Geba website is drawing inquiries from around the country. He also stated many of our members are communicating with balloonists around the world via electronic mail! Our newsletter has a new look and name (Skywriter). New Logo on our GEBA shirts. What more could a president ask for..! Mark reminded us all to take part in our club.-

Landowner Cards News

By: Jim Doerer

The latest winner is Dick Young. Dick has 22 cards returned. Other pilots in the hunt are Don Henk 17, Barry Nixon 15, Tom Ragland with 13, Mark Schilling with 13 and Mary Beth Young with 13.

Comp Corner

By: Ray Horan

Ray reports on the on the current standing thru 10/23/98 – The Great Eastern picnic & Shawnee Festival each flew one task. At the picnic Mary Beth Young, Jim Duncan, John Coulahan, and Bill Matkowski had scoreable drops.

(10 years Cont.)

Making New Friends among Farmers

By: Cathy Coulahan

There are many ways we thank landowners for letting balloonist land on their property, and this fall, a new one was added to the list: “Farmers Appreciation Day”. Pilot Jack Ponticelli, came up with the idea and worked with his friend farmer Jeff Modica, to make it a reality. Modica’s, farm near Rte 173 in Bethlehem Township is transformed into the West Portal Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze each fall. This year neighboring farmers were invited to get acquainted with some of the local balloonists, by taking a balloon ride and having a cookout. The weather did not cooperate for the flight, but Jack, Joe Doerer, John Coulahan and their crews were on hand for some good food and conversation with a half a dozen farmers and their families.

Hot Shots! Competition Program

By: Mark Schilling

Icarus Balloons and Cloud 9 Balloon (NJ) are sponsoring the HOT SHOTS! BFA /GEBA competition program at the South Jersey Regional Airport.

Have a healthy happy holiday season and a great new year!

GEBA BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President – Joe Doerer

Vice President – Ben Hanbicki

Secretary – Emelia Bernava

Treasurer – Dawn Chase

Members at Large – David Lee, Keith Sproul, Keith Standley

Committees:

Social:

Safety Seminar:

Newsletter:

Landowner:

Festival Relations

Competition:

Membership:

Web-Site:

Products:

Good & Welfare:

Photo Contest:

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Ken Loesser

Bob Mueller

David Lee

Kyle Hanbicki

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Elaine Balling

Kathy Coulahan

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