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Space Coast Post

Virtually all of 2020

Stay Safe... Stay Healthy

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2021 New Year. We want you to know that the Post leadership has missed seeing you throughout these past several months, but we are hoping to come together stronger and more resilient in 2021.

While we were not able to reliably hold our monthly lunch meetings in 2020, we are planning to connect with you all in some shape or form throughout the 2021 year.

If you would like to make any suggestions, recommendations, or just say hello, we'd love to hear from you.

*Christmas Cheer:
What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?*

Answer on last page ...

Meeting Virtually

It took us a minute, but with the motivation of our leadership, encouragement from Post member Lauri Ruch with PRiME Associates, and virtual IT talent from Chris Ernst with Merrick, we were finally able to join the virtual event community and host our September Post meeting via Microsoft Teams.

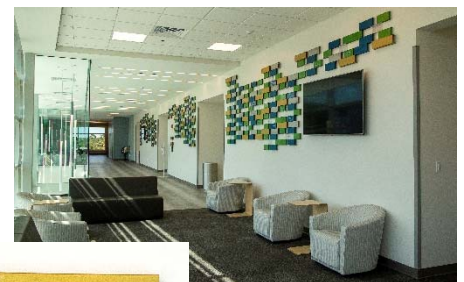
It was great to “see” over 50 people in attendance as we welcomed our guest speaker Mr. Wally Schroeder, PE. Mr. Schroeder is the Division Manager for Facilities in the Technical Performance and Integration Division of KSC’s Engineering Directorate. His presentation covered Post business opportunities and recent trends both at KSC as well as NASA. He updated us on future plans for the space program and touched on how these plans intend to create opportunities for design and construction projects in and around our area.



Endowment Dollars

For the 2020/21 academic calendar, the EFSC endowment had a spendable value of \$6,200. With this, the Post was able to award 2 students with \$2,500 scholarships each. One of those students Mr. Cooper, shares his thanks; *“I am beyond happy and grateful for this scholarship. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to receive this scholarship and with it I will do my best in furthering and achieving my goal”.*

A donor recognition wall was installed in the student union at the Melbourne Campus. Our Post was one of those recognized. We welcome you to visit it and know the value our members place is supporting the STEM education of our community.



2020 High School Scholarships

Closing out the year, we wanted to share the success of our scholarship program and highlight our 2020 recipients. The Post narrowed down the candidates and awarded five (5) high school scholarships in the amount of \$2500 each and three (3) continuation scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each. Congratulations to all our recipients. This has been an academic year to remember and we proudly support those students in pursuit of STEM degrees in the State of Florida.

Trevor Evetts
Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School
University of Florida
Aerospace Engineering



Ryan Moran
Cocoa Beach High School
University of Florida
Chemical Engineering

Shannon Lee
Viera High School
University of Florida
Architecture and
Business Administration



Not pictured:
Samantha Griffin
Eau Gallie High School
University of South Florida
Environmental Engineering



David Lewis
Titusville High School
University of Florida
Aerospace Engineering



Continuation Scholarships: In 2018, the Post began awarding continuation scholarships to previous awardee's. It has been a great success and beneficial way to stay in touch with our young talent.

Breanne Dodier (2017 Awardee)
University of Central Florida
Industrial Engineering



Brooke Humphrys (2019 Awardee)
University of South Florida
Master's of Architecture



Alexander Kaiser (2018 Awardee)
University of Florida
Mechanical Engineering

Remembering Jack Olski

On October 24, 2020, our dear friend Jack Olski passed away. He was survived by his wife Ellen, son Patrick and daughter Diane. Jack retired from the Air Force after well over 40 years of Military service including both active duty (Army Combat Medic and Air Force Flight Medic) and Civil Service. No matter how much he was going through over the past few years, he never quit battling and always tried to stay upbeat. We can't begin to express the impact he's had on the SAME organization and all the people he's interacted with over the years. He always supported SAME Space Coast Post and loved coming to all our events. He will be missed, but never forgotten.



2020 Operation Precious Gift

Once again, the Space Coast Post stepped up to help out the families of our service men and women by supporting Operation Precious Gift at Patrick Air Force Base. This organization brightens the hopes of military families who are overcoming obstacles in their lives. The Post members provided new gifts and over \$1500 in cash and gift cards. As the fundraiser organizers say, "this creates a family bond between our brothers and sisters in arms and sheds light throughout darkness". We are grateful to be a part of this effort and we wish the best for all of those families.



Closing out 2020

We did it! We celebrated in person (and on candid camera) at Fresh Scratch Bistro for our Holiday Social. Merry Christmas to everyone and see you in 2021!



2021 Industry Day

The 2021 Small Business Industry Day & Federal Contracting Workshop scheduled for February 18, 2021 has been postponed. The Post Leadership wants to see you and engage with industry in person, so a virtual event is not planned at this time. Stay tuned ...

Answer from pg 1: Claus-trophobia! Ho Ho Ho ...!