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# 483RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

Dear 483rd Members,

I write this message with joy and optimism hoping that our challenging year may be behind us. We missed our annual reunion in 2020, postponed due to the pandemic, but it is scheduled this year from September 9-13, 2021 at the same venue in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Nancy and I look forward to reuniting with the 483rd Bombardment Group (family) and hope that those who cannot attend are doing well.

Due to the restrictions for senior residence visitations, it has been many months since we have been together with Ken (Hoff). With vaccination progress, our family is excited to celebrate Nancy's father, Ken Hoffman's 98th birthday this month.

Nancy and I continue to enjoy our three grandchildren and look forward to our fourth grandchild due in April. We are feeling the promise of Spring with the warmer temperatures and the disappearance of Chicago's three feet of snow! I am excited to watch my college basketball team, The Fighting Illini, compete in the upcoming NCAA basketball tournament. My beloved Chicago White Sox baseball team looks incredibly good on paper, so I am looking forward to attending in-person ballgames. One of our retirement bucket list hobbies is to visit all thirty major league ballparks. We have been to fourteen ballparks, so we are about half-way to our goal.

I hope all of you are keeping healthy and looking forward to regaining some normalcy. If you plan to attend the reunion, please let me know in advance, if possible. I am proud to continue to serve as your 483rd Bombardment Group

President. Please contact me with any questions or suggestions or just have a friendly chat. Happy Spring!

*Jay Clifton,  
President*



## A Note From Charlie Flaherty:

Charlie participated in an Oral History project sponsored by the Yankee Air Museum and Ford Motor Company. There is a four-part series on YouTube that he would like to share with the group. Below is a list of links to the series or you can just go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "Charles Flaherty".

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/6SpYXoI5F2I>

Part 2: <https://youtu.be/RO0vwkTYdKQ>

Part 3: <https://youtu.be/i5ZJOIBhRC0>

Part 4: <https://youtu.be/D-T1-XKGDfY>



**TAPS – Deceased Members Not Previously Reported in Newsletter**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Squad</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reported By</b>
Bartusch, Robert J.	817	1/5/2020	Geraldine A. Flynn
Logan, Edward Francis Jr.	817	2/12/2021	Charlene Coulson

## **From the Publicity Chairman**

Here are some interesting facts about New Mexico...

More than 50 years after Coronado, Juan de Oñate came north from the Valley of Mexico with 500 Spanish settlers and soldiers and 7,000 head of livestock, founding the first Spanish settlement in New Mexico on July 11, 1598. The governor named the settlement San Juan de los Caballeros.

The land that is now New Mexico became a U.S. Territory as part of the Gadsden Purchase in 1853. The Gadsden Purchase is a 29,670-square-mile region of present-day southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico that the United States acquired from Mexico by the Treaty of Mesilla, which took effect on June 8, 1854.

New Mexico became a state on January 6, 1912 and its capital is Santa Fe. The state measures 121,590 square miles and has a population of 2.097 million as of 2019. The nickname of New Mexico is The Land of Enchantment and the motto of the State is Crescit Eundo or “it grows as it goes.” The State Flower is the Yucca Flower and its State Tree is the Piñon Tree.

Constructed in 1610, the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe is the oldest seat of government in the United States.

On July 16, 1945, the world’s first atomic bomb was tested at the Trinity Site in central New Mexico. The bomb was the creation of the Manhattan Project, which had been commissioned to build a nuclear weapon in 1942 after receiving intelligence that Germany was developing an atomic bomb of its own. Residents felt the 19-kiloton explosion as far as 160 miles away.

When a rancher discovered unusual debris in a sheep pasture outside of Roswell in July 1947, Air Force officials claimed it was the remains of a crashed weather balloon. Years later, a series of

test dummy experiments designed to improve pilots’ chance for survival when falling from high altitudes reinforced the view of many that aliens and UFOs were the source of the mysterious occurrences. The town has become a tourist destination for those interested in extraterrestrials ever since.

Originating in 1972, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each October who come to witness the more than 600 colorful hot air balloons ascend into the air.

White Sands National Park contains the largest gypsum dune field in the world. The result of water evaporating from transitory lakes with a high mineral content, gypsum deposits are windswept into picturesque white sand dunes spanning 275 square miles.

The Spanish language spoken by close to a quarter of a million people throughout New Mexico and southern Colorado is an ancient dialect that is largely Castilian in origin.

***Sandee Maeda***  
***Publicity Chairman***

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## **Did You Know?**

*This section contains reprints of selected stories and other interesting information from newsletters published during the past years and other 483rd BG publications.*

### **Haircuts**

By Ace Jordan

*(483rd Newsletter, Vol. 2, No. 2, Feb. 1987, page 5)*

As most of us can remember, the chicken Inspectors who came from Wing and Air Force to inspect the 483rd Bomb Group appeared to concentrate on picking fly specks out of pepper

because haircuts, shaves and clean uniforms were their major concern. To be more specific, it was the lack of these things that sent their gig pencils working overtime. The inspectors showed little or no consideration to what the workload had been or was at the time of inspection. No amount of explanation could change or even modify their written reports of the sloppy appearance of most of the troops. One inspector wrote that the explanations given on why flight did not need shaves, but those who worked on the line did, were not valid. He had been told two things. First, that most of the flight crews were so young that even if they had not shaved for a week, it would not be noticed, and second, all of them did scrape their faces every day because wearing an oxygen mask with any amount of face stubble was most irritating.

As to the need of haircuts, the inspectors' ideas of an acceptable length for hair was at least twice as short as any normal person reading the regulations would determine it to be. The fact that several of the inspectors were chrome domes gave us reason to believe that they would find fault with every person who had hair. Strong disciplinary action, they recommended, should be taken to force the troops to comply and get haircuts.

The Group Executive, Col. Cyril Carmichael, made haircuts one of his prime missions, along with making all of the squadrons line all of the tent pegs in precise rows. He instructed that written reminders were to be given out to all who needed a haircut. If these instructions were not heeded, then specific actions would be taken.

To comply with his directives, the 815th Operations introduced a program to solve the problem. They would issue one "Funny Money" note (either a 5 or 10 Lira?) with the words in red across the face, "Good for one Haircut" to each violator caught with excessive hair.

The reaction was the same for all of those who were given one. Each would read the note, grin, rub his hand over his head, and takeoff. Since nothing had been said to him, no response was forthcoming, but most did get a haircut immediately. It wasn't too long before word got around, and those who had just gotten a haircut on their own would come into Operations and ask for

one of the "Funny Money" notes. They thought the idea was very funny.

That is everyone except Col. Carmichael, who when he heard what the 815th was doing, demanded the practice cease immediately and that no more free haircuts would be offered. Since his orders could not be ignored, the practice was discontinued, even though it had been a most effective program.

If anyone in the 815th still has one of those "Good for One Haircut" lira notes, he should consider donating it to the archives. When the others who had received one, see it, they will probably grin and rub their hands over their heads as they did when they first got one so many years ago. Only this time the grin will not be as big because the supply of hair is almost gone.

## **ACCIDENT REPORT OF 11 NOVEMBER 1944 IN B-17 42-32029**

By Harlin Neuman and Donald T. Carney (815th)  
*(483rd Newsletter, Vol. 2, No. 2, Feb. 1987, page 7)*

This was our first combat mission. Before take-off everything checked properly. When the guns were later checked over the Adriatic, the ball turret guns would not fire. Three of the gunners worked on it up to 15,000 feet without oxygen, at which time it was considered completely inoperative. About this time, we developed a bad oxygen leak in the radio room filler hose. This was stopped, to some extent, by plugging in a walk around bottle. Everything else seemed to function properly so we continued on with the formation.

As we entered Austrian airspace, we lost our #4 engine due to a loss of oil pressure. Due to the general condition of the aircraft, we found it impossible to hold formation on three engines, so we turned back. Upon reaching the Adriatic, I ordered the bombs to be dropped by the Toggeleer at his own discretion. He proceeded to drop the eight bombs by toggeling them out. All of the bombs released except the one at #28 station. The three bombs above this one bounced off the bomb, breaking it loose from the rear hook of that shackle, twisting the front hook and breaking the arming wire, allowing the rear vane to unscrew and

arming the bomb. Every attempt was made to get rid of the bomb but with no success. The Armor Gunner and Toggeleer strongly advised not to try and kick it or jar it in anyway; fearing it would explode, due to the plunger being openly exposed and the bomb swinging freely. Due to our altitude of 27,000 feet, no attempt could be made to disarm the bomb.

Because of three good engines and sufficient fuel, we flew on towards home base in hopes of receiving instructions on how to disarm the bomb before attempting a landing. Upon arriving over the field, we received instructions on how to disarm the bomb. The pilot and tail gunner proceeded to remove the front and rear fuses. This was done by the tail gunner, Harold Schooley, hanging upside down in the open bomb bay with the pilot hanging on to his legs. Had he twisted the fuses in the wrong direction, the bomb would have exploded. (Schooley later would receive a Distinguished Flying Cross for his action this day.)

While this was going on, the co-pilot was left alone to fly the aircraft. It was at this time that #3 engine decided to quit on us. From the right seat, one cannot reach the trim tabs to balance the pressure on the controls. It took all of his strength to keep the aircraft from flipping over. The pilot returned to the cockpit just as the co-pilot was about to give out. Altitude could no longer be maintained so it was necessary to land immediately. The bomb was still hung up and hanging below the bomb bays so the doors had to remain open.

A normal landing procedure was made while also considering our two feathered engines on the same side. All trim was taken off before chopping the throttles. As we started leveling off for the landing, the combined efforts of the two pilots were not enough to keep the ship straight. At this time fire was noticed in the #2 nacelle. The ship hit the runway while swinging to the right.

The ship, after rolling a short distance, hit a roll of runway matting causing the landing gear to collapse. The ship then bounced off of another roll of matting and finally came to a stop against a third roll. As the ship came to a stop, the bomb bays and cockpit were engulfed in smoke and flames. Three of the crew exited the aircraft through the nose

hatch and the remaining seven got out through a break in the waist.

The only casualty was the Navigator who received flash burns on the face and hands while going through the bomb bays.

While we were exiting the aircraft, the fire fighters approached with hoses deployed. We waved them off because of the 500 lb. bomb, which we knew would explode as soon as the fire reached it. The crew scattered and as the fire trucks backed off, the bomb exploded scattering aircraft parts, whole machine guns, ammunition and scrapnel for a distance of 200 yards. The aircraft was a total loss but we were lucky to be alive.

The following day, the crew was sent to Capri for a week of much needed rest and recuperation.

**FRED ORDWAY WICKHAM (817)**

**JOSEPH FRANCIS NOLAN (816)**

**THE FIRST AND LAST**

*(483rd Newsletter, Vol. 7, No. 1, Nov 1986, page 11)*

About 200 men of the 483rd Bombardment Group (H) gave their lives in combat during WWII. Fred Ordway Wickham was the first.

Fred, a promising West Pointer graduated from the Academy in June 1943 as the pilot of Crew #33, one of the first 20 crews assigned to the 483rd. Crew #33 was assigned to the 817th Squadron. Another 51 crews arrived from Rapid City in January 1944.

Immediately after the 483rd arrived in Italy, selected crew members were flying missions with other 5th Wing Bomb Groups. Fred flew a mission to Sofia, Bulgaria with the 2nd Bomb Group on March 30, 1944.

The formation made a sudden turn near the target causing one plane to fly into severe prop wash, resulting in a two-plane midair collision. Both planes broke up and only one parachute was observed.

Fred, a resident of Baltimore, MD was buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Five men of the 816th Squadron were KIA on a mission to Linz, Austria, 25 April 1945. It is believed Joseph Francis Nolan was the last.

Joe, a co-pilot, had flown with many crews and was well known to combat personnel. A graduate of the Stuttgart, Arkansas Pilot School, Class 44-B, Joe trained at Drew Field with the Theodore M. Taylor crew, and went overseas in August 1944. Lt. Nolan was flying with the Ralph O. Brown crew on 26 December 1944 when they had to ditch. The plane broke apart on impact and Brown was KIA.

Flying as Robert N. Sinton's CP on 25 April, they received a direct hit on the right wing. Eight chutes were observed but Bernard C. Brach's chute failed to blossom and he was killed. The plane blew up killing Sinton and the tail gunner, Ray Ashmore. Joe managed to get out of the plane and his parachute worked perfectly. As he neared the ground he was hit by ground fire. His remains were taken to Mauthausen Concentration Camp and cremated.

For Joe's lovely wife Helen, it must have seemed like a never ending nightmare. Joe's original crew had completed their Missions. Joe was flying his 35th sortie. He needed only to complete this mission to go home. The war was coming to an end and the 816th did not fly anymore combat missions. At home, in Hartford, CT, there was a child he had never seen.

The fifth member of the 816th to die that day, Jonas D. Strickland, was killed in an unrelated incident.

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### \*\*\* **Fundraising Appeal** \*\*\*

The 483rd Bombardment Group Legacy Fund is dedicated to preserving the memory & the legacy of the heroic men who bravely comprised this B-17 bomb group during World War II. Without their determination and sacrifice the World War II may not have had the same outcome as it did.

We are asking you to consider making a contribution to the 483rd Bombardment Group Legacy Fund to help us continue their legacy.

The 483rd Bombardment Group Legacy Fund is an IRS recognized 501(c)3 organization that will provide a long-term vehicle to continue the goals

and purposes of the already existing 483rd Bombardment Group (H) Association. These goals and purposes include, financially supporting the wonderful 483rd display at the Museum of Aviation at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia and providing annual scholarships to college students who are pursuing a future career in military aviation.

Please help us perpetuate the memory of the 483rd Bombardment Group! There are two ways that you can make a charitable contribution:

You can write a check for the 483rd Bombardment Group Legacy Fund and send it to: 3820 NE 91st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64156.

You can also go to: [www.483rdLegacyFund.org/](http://www.483rdLegacyFund.org/) and contribute using your credit card.

Please feel free to share this appeal with your family and friends thru e-mail and social media. If you have any questions, or want more information, contact David at 913-709-3382.

\*\*\* Donations are tax-deductible. \*\*\*

### **\* Support the 483<sup>rd</sup> in Your Estate Plan \***

You can provide vital financial support for the 483rd Bombardment Group Legacy Fund even after you're gone, so that we can continue our mission of perpetuating the legacy of our heroes from the Greatest Generation.

This can be done by a "bequest" in your estate plan.

A bequest is a gift from your estate, made by including language in your will or living trust, that names the 483rd Bombardment Legacy Fund as a beneficiary. The bequest can be made as a specific dollar amount, percentage of your estate, or specific property.

Here is some sample bequest language:

"I, (your name), of (your city, state, zip), give, devise, and bequest to the 483rd Bombardment Group Legacy Fund (specific dollar amount, percentage of your estate, or specific property) to be used towards fulfilling the mission of the organization."

Whatever amount you would consider giving would make a huge difference in our long-term

efforts. Your bequest will not only keep our organization vibrant, but it will also help us perpetuate the legacy of the 483rd at the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Georgia. We also will be distributing annual scholarships to ROTC students pursuing careers in military aviation.

For more information on how this can be done, we encourage you to consult with your personal accountant or estate planning attorney. If we can also be of help to you in achieving your planned giving goals for the 483rd, please feel free to contact Dave Raffel at [DaveRaffel@Gmail.com](mailto:DaveRaffel@Gmail.com)

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Phillip A. Luetke (Deceased) 1980  
 William A. Haskins (Deceased) 1981  
 James V. Reardon (Deceased) 1982-83  
 Lynn M. Borders (Deceased) 1984  
 Joseph W. Gawthrop (Deceased) 1984  
 M.L. "Bob" Hottman 1985 (Deceased)  
 Harry K. Keller (Deceased) 1986  
 Donald R. Speegle (Deceased) 1987  
 James "Russ" Heflin (Deceased) 1988  
 Evan M. "Jack" Edwards (Deceased) 1989  
 Ralph H. Simpson (Deceased) 1990  
 Harry P. Millnamow (Deceased) 1991  
 William P. Dunn (Deceased) 1992  
 Edward T. Cotton (Deceased) 1993  
 Harry D. Whye (Deceased) 1994  
 Ray H. Whitaker (Deceased) 1995  
 Harold D. Leveridge (Deceased) 1996  
 William I Jeffs (Deceased) 1997  
 George F. Stovall 1998 (Deceased)  
 John A. Campbell (Deceased) 1999  
 Verne H. Cole (Deceased) 2000  
 Benjamin H. Adams Jr. (Deceased) 2001  
 Robert W. Mitchell (Deceased) 2002  
 John P. Nobel (Deceased) 2003  
 Curtis B. Clark 2004  
 Fredric A. Hicks (Deceased) 2005  
 Wilfrid Hebert (Deceased) 2006  
 Stanton "Mike" Rickey 2007  
 Ellis Maxey (Deceased) 2008  
 Jim Ashley (Deceased) 2009  
 Dennis West 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017  
 Sandee West Maeda 2013, 2014, 2015  
 Harold Chubbs (Deceased) 2016  
 Russell Daniel 2018  
 Mark Halebsky 2019  
 Jay Clifton 2020

**483rd Bomb Group**  
**Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting**  
**October 10, 2020**  
**Video Conference via Zoom**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Clifton at 3:03 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was attended by Jay Clifton, Bruce Coogler, Russel Daniel, Carrie Davis, John Kelly, Sandee West Maeda, Sheryl Norton, Leon Waldman, and Dennis West.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE 2019 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Dennis West motions to approve the 2019 Business Meeting Minutes as typed, Leon Waldman seconds. **The motion carried; the 2019 Business Meeting Minutes are approved.**

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Leon Waldman reported as follows:

Vanguard Mutual Fund	\$16,817.00
Treasurer's Checking Account	<u>\$3,855.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$20,672.00

In 2019, expenses included cadet scholarships at \$1,000 each for a total of \$2,000 and a \$1,000 donation to Warner Robins Museum. As income, the treasury received a \$1,000 donation from Dennis West in remembrance of Velma West. No other donations were received in 2020.

Dennis West motions to approve the Treasurer's Report as reported by Leon Waldman, Sheryl Norton seconds. **The motion carried; the 2020 Treasurer's Report is approved.**

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Newsletter**

Chairperson Bruce Coogler reported as follows:

Four newsletters were printed this year, accounting for 778 newsletters, 392 were mailed and 386 were e-mailed at a cost of \$331.67. Mailing costs were significantly reduced by previous years' effort to remove unresponsive recipients from newsletter distribution, pre-purchasing extra stamps prior to rate increase in late 2018, and Bruce's employer donating two printings of the newsletter. Four newsletters are mailed internationally at additional expense.

**B. Clipped Wings**

Chairperson Sheryl Norton reported as follows:

There are seven clipped wings correspondents and 12 recipients. Of the 12 recipients, seven are veterans and five are widows of veterans. The Clipped Wings correspondents incur their own expenses for writing and sending their letters. There were no expenses in 2019-20.

<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
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**C. 2020 Reunion**

President/Reunion Chairperson Jay Clifton reported as follows:

The 2020 reunion was postponed due to the current coronavirus pandemic. The 2021 reunion will be the exact same dates and location in 2021 as the 2020 reunion would have been this year (9-12 SEPT in Albuquerque, NM). No costs were incurred in the postponement of the reunion. The 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reunion group made a deposit for the venue, but it was covered by one of the members and will be carried over for the 2021 reunion.



**D. Membership**

Chairperson Guy Venier was not able to attend the meeting; President Jay Clifton reported as follows: Guy is recovering from surgery, but still performing the Membership Chairperson duties. If you have any questions, please contact Guy directly via e-mail.

**ENDING BALANCE**

**\$665.00**

**E. Fundraising**

There is no Fundraising report.

**F. Chaplaincy**

There is no Chaplaincy report.

**G. Publicity**

There is no Publicity report.

President Jay Clifton called for a vote of unanimous consent for all Committee Reports to be accepted as read.  
**With no objections, President Jay Clifton accepts the 2020 Committee Reports.**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Membership Roster Database Modernization**

The historic roster database that Guy Venier maintains as the Membership Chairperson is written in an old computer language that is no longer supported by current technology and necessitates sustainment of legacy equipment for the continued maintenance of the roster database. At the 2018 reunion in Oklahoma City, members of the Board of Directors began the discussion to modernize the roster database to a current Microsoft Office supported format. John Kelly volunteered to lead the roster database modernization. Copies of the most up-to-date printed membership and TAPS rosters were provided to John. John has completed A-K of the membership roster database modernization using Microsoft Excel and plans to work on the TAPS roster next. The Microsoft Excel spreadsheet will be used to create a table- and field-driven database with queries in Microsoft Access. The group needs to decide where the new roster database is going to be stored in the future so that others can access and not be a single point of failure (potentially Google Docs with a shared username and password). Access controls will need to be determined and the bylaws may need to be amended to set roles and responsibilities for persons designated to have access. The goal is to have everything completed by the end of October. Dennis West and Jay Clifton offered to assist with inputting membership roster data into the new format to help share burden of roster recreation and Sheryl Norton offered to scrub the TAPS list for duplicate entries and up-to-date information. Jay Clifton will look into an independent source to verify the current roster data, potentially Warner Robins or Maxwell AFBs.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of Current Committee Members and Chairpersons**

Jay Clifton nominates Sheryl Norton to be the Clipped Wings Chairperson in perpetuity; Sheryl Norton accepts. **Sheryl Norton is the Clipped Wings Chairperson until she either no longer wants to hold the position or is removed by a new President.**

Russell Daniel motions to approve the other current Committee members and chairpersons to continue in their respective duties, Dennis West seconds. **The motion carried; current Committee members and chairpersons to continue in their respective duties.**

**B. Mike Rickey Turns 100**

Leon Waldman suggests sending a deluge of birthday cards to Mike Rickey, his address is in the roster, for his milestone 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**C. Cadet Scholarships**

In preparation for the 2020 reunion, President Jay Clifton began talks with the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The ROTC group there has recommended two candidates who are most worthy and needy and provided their resumes to the Board of Directors. For discussion - Should the group award scholarships in absenteeism or hold the scholarships for the 2021 reunion? The two selected candidates are currently sophomores within the ROTC program. Dennis West motions to hold the cadet scholarships until the 2021 reunion keeping the same candidates, Leon Waldman seconds. **With no objection, the motion carried; the cadet scholarships will be held until the 2021 reunion.**

**D. Donation to Warner Robins Museum**

Dennis West motions to hold off giving a donation to Warner Robins Museum until next year, Leon Waldman seconds. Mark Haleskby called for a vote of unanimous consent. **With no objection, the motion carried; a donation to Warner Robins Museum will be held until the 2021 reunion.**

**E. 2021 Reunion Chairperson**

Jay Clifton has volunteered to continue as the reunion chairperson in 2021. Dennis West motions to accept Jay Clifton as 2021 Reunion Chairperson, Carrie Davis seconds. **The motion carried; Jay Clifton is the 2021 Reunion Chairperson.**

**F. President-Elect 2022**

Dennis West nominates Jay Clifton for the office of 2022 President-Elect, Carrie Davis seconds. No additional nominations were made. **With no objections; Jay Clifton is the new President-Elect.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dennis West motions to adjourn the meeting, Russel Daniel seconds. **With no objections, President Jay Clifton adjourned the meeting at 4:43 P.M.**