

NEWCOMER'S CORNER

A contribution from Yvonne Parker

I am one of the newest members of the NASA Alumni League (NAL) and highly recommend the organization to all NASA retirees. I retired about 2 years ago, and after getting into retirement and finding the time to attend, visited a couple of meetings and joined this year. I was surprised at the large number of members that attend the monthly meetings. I enjoy getting to visit with many friends and co-workers that I had not seen for quite a few years. I found that the programs and speakers are very interesting; plus from experience and listening to others' comments, the food is really good. Also, the NAL awards scholarships to students to pursue their career in technical fields.

I now look forward to the third Tuesday of each month to visit with other members. We have a short time to catch up on the exciting things happening in our lives and learn a lot about each others' families (especially the grandchildren) during the social time prior to the lunch and program. The best part is that NAL provides a flavor of the past, present, and future of NASA and the Space Program through the interesting programs and speakers. NAL members have a long history working on the space program, especially at the Kennedy Space Center, and the excitement continues as new space programs are developed.

It is really an honor to serve as NAL Secretary and to work with Ike and the Board members this year. Some excellent programs are planned for 2009. I wish you and your families the best during this coming Christmas/holiday season. See you at NAL meetings next year!

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