

# BREA NEWS

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## BREA Meetings

BREA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month (except for August), at 1 p.m. in one of the conference rooms in Bldg. 400 (except where noted).

All BREA members are invited to attend and participate.

### Meeting Schedule

March 14, 2017

April 11, 2017

May 9, 2017

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*Harriet and John Castro on a trip to the Canary Islands. See reports from BREA expats, starting on page 2.*

## From the President

by Liz Seubert, [liz.and.ev@gmail.com](mailto:liz.and.ev@gmail.com)

Hello, everyone.

Here we are starting what may be an early spring, no harm in hoping! Not long ago, Long Island disappeared under a foot or so of snow. We had to cancel Eric Forsyth's video/talk on his fifty-five years of sailing — the Lab was closed that day. The talk will now be on Thursday, April 6, at noon in Berkner Hall. Eric is a master storyteller, so this will be a fascinating recap of his adventures at sea.

Pre-spring is planning time, so please save these dates. On Wednesday, June 7, we'll gather for our magnificent BREA annual luncheon. We'll catch up with friends, enjoy a good meal, and forget cooking and cleaning! Last year's attendees, about 100 strong, were happy with the Bellport Country Club service and surroundings, so we'll go there again this year. More details and registration information will follow in the next newsletter.

Another important date is Tuesday, April 11, for BREA's monthly meeting at 1 p.m. in the Bldg. 400 conference room. Wajdy Hailoo, M.D., of the Medical Services of America/Worker

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## BREA Expats

*Twenty-seven percent of BREA members live outside of New York, according to Membership Chair Beth Lin. A few of these expats have reported on life beyond the Empire State. Here are four more.*

### **Harriet and John Castro** **Willow Street, Pennsylvania**

When our kids were launched to our satisfaction, we both retired from BNL and eventually settled down to a lifestyle in Amish country Pennsylvania.

Willow Valley Communities shattered every idea we ever had about “continued care retirement communities.” We manage to stay happy, healthy and busy while somebody else does the maintenance!

– Harriet and John Castro, [hjcastro.lc@gmail.com](mailto:hjcastro.lc@gmail.com)

### **Andrew Feldman** **Clermont, Florida**

Clermont is about 30 miles west of Orlando, along state highway 50. It is convenient to get into Orlando and its cultural activities. As far as a town, it is really small potatoes and it has taken some time getting used to small-town life.

The advantages are NO COLD WEATHER, NO SNOW SHOVELING and NO RAKING OF LEAVES!!! And best yet, we have no state income tax, and the property taxes are 15 percent of what we were paying to the Town of Brookhaven. That is really a big deal!

We had made some trips to Florida starting in 2007 to explore retirement opportunities and stumbled into a closed-gated retirement community named Kings Ridge. It has 3,100 homes and essentially is its own government. As part of the monthly homeowners association assessment, the community provides cable TV, paints home exteriors every five years, and does all lawn care and outside maintenance. We were really impressed with what we saw.

When we found a buyer for our Port Jefferson Station house in 2010, we jumped on the opportunity to leave Long Island. We located a 2,000-square-foot ranch home and made an offer to purchase the house. It was move-in ready.

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*Andrew Feldman holds a lithograph created to commemorate his Civil Air Patrol mission the day after 9-11 to take pictures of the destruction left after the collapse of the World Trade Center buildings. Feldman was one of three servicemen on the mission. The [Orlando Sentinel ran a feature on the Clermont resident](#), who was a featured speaker at Clermont’s annual 9-11 ceremony. Photo by Charles King/Orlando Sentinel*



I did some consulting work after I left the Lab, doing government contracts in the aerospace area, and am still working 15 to 20 hours per week for the same company from my home here. I keep busy and enjoy still being in the game.

Although we are enjoying the retirement life, both my wife and I miss Long Island. We do make at least one trip a year back to visit our son and daughter-in-law and see family and friends. The flight is only a little over two hours so it is convenient for us.

In the past three years we are seeing a lot of new cultural opportunities. Many of the stores are big box stores we enjoyed on Long Island, and our particular community is made up of roughly 40 percent retired New Yorkers with a dominance of Long Islanders, so there is something in common amongst the residents. The rest of the community is a mixture of former residents of New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan and Illinois.

– Andrew Feldman, [andrew\\_j\\_feldman@earthlink.net](mailto:andrew_j_feldman@earthlink.net)

### **Suh-Urk Chung** **Divonne-les-Bains, France**

We live in Divonne-les-Bains, France, near Geneva, Switzerland. I work part-time at CERN, working on two CERN experiments, COMPASS and ALICE. Because of my work with the experiments, we travel to Heidelberg and Munich, Germany, and, while there, we enjoy the local cultural activities, especially the classical music scene.

We live near the Jura mountains and the Alps in France and Switzerland, and both my wife and I are very active in hiking, skiing, snowshoeing and traveling around the region. We have been long-time members of the International Ski Club of Geneva.

As a Senior Scientist Emeritus at BNL, I do feel that I am still a BNL employee, and so it is always nice to keep up with the BREA News. We generally visit Long Island every year for one month to see friends and to visit BNL.

It is possible that we may return to Long Island someday, and then you will see us more frequently at Brookhaven.

– Suh-Urk Chung, [suchung@bnl.gov](mailto:suchung@bnl.gov)



*Hiking in the Jura Mountain in Switzerland: from left, Marie-Christine Chung, Professor I.K. Yoo (Suh-Urk's physics colleague) and his daughter, Minsu; Suh-Urk Chung*



## Renew BREA Membership

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## In Memoriam

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of the following retirees:

Lester Corliss, 96, May 5, 28, 2015  
Hugh Isaacs, 80, December 4, 2016  
Charlie Nielson, 74, June 30, 2016  
Howard D. Olson, 94, May 27, 2016  
Rhoda Sparrow, 101, February 5, 2017

More information may be found at BREA's website:  
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### President's Message (continued)

Health Protection Program, will explain the free medical screening program in which BNL workers are checked for cancers covered under DOE's Worker Health Protection Program. Several BNLeers have benefited from this service, and funds are still available for awards if certain cancers are found. For more information, contact [1-888-241-1199](tel:1-888-241-1199) or [info@worker-health.org](mailto:info@worker-health.org).

And remember our meeting on Tuesday, March 14, in the South Room, Brookhaven Center. We hope for a talk from Regia Dealmeida of Little Flower, home for young people, on possible contacts between BREA, other BNLeers and Little Flower.

Are you paid up for 2017? Check by going to [www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/brea/](http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/brea/) and clicking on "Are Your Dues Paid?" in the top left square. If not, send in your check. We are so worth belonging to!  
– Liz Seubert, [liz.and.ev@gmail.com](mailto:liz.and.ev@gmail.com)

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