

# Sun Ship Log

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This unique photo shows the old within the new—#3 dry dock resting inside the new #4 dry dock during servicing operations. Whereas #3 once was, #4 dry dock now is the WORLD'S LARGEST FLOATING DRY DOCK.

## Modernization Continues

Drydocking capability at Sun Ship was increased by nearly 60 percent during July when the shipyard placed No. 4 dry dock in operation. The new, two-section floating dry dock can accommodate vessels with widths up to 197 feet and with its 70,000 long ton lifting capacity, it is capable of handling ships up to 400,000 deadweight tons. Ships drydocked on #4 will be serviced by four 25-ton gantry cranes located on the wing walls of the dry dock.

Commenting on the dry dock's capabilities, Peter S. Hepp—Executive Vice President—said "No. 4 dry dock provides Sun Ship with an extremely versatile drydocking facility. The dry dock will not only function in the wide range of ship repair activities for which it was primarily designed, it will also provide the shipyard with a shore-to-warehouse transfer vehicle for conversion and new construction work on an 'as required' basis."

The new dry dock is a major element in Sun Ship's \$45 million expansion and modernization program.



The first ship on our #4 dry dock was fittingly enough a Sun Company tanker, the S.S. PENNSYLVANIA SUN, our own Hull #89 delivered December 16, 1959. In the foreground is the SUN #89, and in the background is #3 dry dock, which was sold and has subsequently left the shipyard.

### SUN SHIPBUILDING & DRY DOCK CO. INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE SHEET

FROM: **TO: ALL EMPLOYEES**

SUBJECT: **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

DATE: **September 13, 1976**

FROM: **P. E. Atkinson**

We can all be proud of the many accomplishments of Sun Ship through the years in shipbuilding, ship repair and heavy manufacturing. It is also a source of pride that our work force that made these accomplishments possible has represented a truly American mixture of races, religions and national origins. In recent years, women have started to reenter our production work force, as they did in World War II, and we welcome them. Also, Sun Ship has always provided job opportunities for handicapped individuals who are otherwise qualified.

Non-discrimination and equal employment opportunity are the law of the land and the policy of the management of Sun Ship. We need qualified employees and race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap are not a consideration if the employee can do the job. We are also committed to provide employment opportunities to qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam war. This company policy applies to all personnel actions, including: recruiting, hiring, training, promotion, compensation, benefits, transfers, layoffs, discipline and company sponsored recreation programs. All employees are expected to cooperate in this program.

Any employee who wishes to discuss a problem connected with equal employment opportunity should contact the Director of Industrial Relations who is designated Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for Sun Ship.

*P. E. Atkinson*  
P. E. ATKINSON  
President

### SUN SHIPBUILDING & DRY DOCK CO.

CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA 19013

P. E. ATKINSON  
PRESIDENT

#### Dear Fellow Employee:

All this time each year we conduct our United Way Campaign. Here at Sun Ship we have only one drive each year and this is it.

I personally endorse and support the United Way because it saves time and money and yet supports some thirty-odd organizations that are essential to all of us. It is thirty-odd campaigns in one, with the lowest cost of fund-raising of any organization of its type in the world.

The amount you give is entirely up to you. However, a suggested guide has been developed—one hour's pay per month or 6/10 of 1% of your annual salary. This amount, when pledged through our payroll-giving plan, actually amounts to only pennies a day and does so much for so many people.

The agencies asking your aid are listed in the Pamphlet that your solicitor will have with him when he contacts you. We wholeheartedly endorse them and hope you will give this drive your Fair Share support.

Sincerely,

*P. E. Atkinson*

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## Sun Ship Scholarship

All children of Sun Shipbuilding employees who are entering their junior year in high school this fall and who plan to graduate from school in 1978 are eligible for one of Sun Ship's two annual scholarships.

Two scholarships are awarded each year for children entering accredited 4 year colleges. The scholarships range from a minimum of \$250 per year to a maximum of \$1,500 per year with the award continuing for each of the four years that the student is in school.

All employees who have sons or daughters entering their junior year in high school should secure an application blank and enter their son or daughter in this scholarship competition. The procedure is as follows:

1. Request application blanks and information sheets in writing from Richard Corkhill in Industrial Relations.
2. Complete and return application blanks before December 17, 1976.
3. In September arrange with your school to take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 19 or October 23, 1976.

All application blanks are forwarded to the National Merit Scholarship Foundation who review and determine the winners.

This is the fourth year that Sun Ship has made available college scholarships for sons and daughters of its employees. Previous winners include:

	STUDENT	PARENT
1974	Steven Blair James McNeal IV	George Blair, 27-118 Jim McNeal III, 20-5
1975	Marky Metrick Irma West	Frank Metrick, 34-3 Ed West, 70-34
1976	Kevin Graney June McNeal	Bill Graney, 48-59 Jim McNeal III, 20-5

Applications for the scholarships to be awarded to this year's high school students have already been filed with National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

RICHARD W. CORKHILL  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS MANAGER

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## SUN SHIP EMPLOYEES TOUR UNITED WAY AGENCIES

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# WAY TOUR

## Employees

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I feel that our United Fund contributions are helping many people through various agencies to live happily and since inflation is high and affects us wage earners so much it affects people involved in these agencies even more. I believe we should be thankful for what we have and give a little more to help out these people especially in this Bicentennial year of 1976.

## James Knox

"We are very fortunate to live and work here in Delaware Valley where there are so many services provided for our use. These are day care centers, for our children, as well as a Child Guidance and Mental Health Clinic, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Y's, Family and Community Services, Home-maker Service, Blood Banks, Arthritis research and services, Community Nursing Service, well equipped hospitals, an organization dedicated to serve those with cerebral palsy and other neurological impairments, the Salvation Army, one of the best burr centers in the world, and the services go on and on; but, only as far as you and I will allow them to, for you see, these services are provided by very dedicated people, many volunteers, and much expense. They need our help! Won't you join us in our part of the United Way by giving your fair share?"

## Roberta Loynds

"I think the tour was a worthwhile and rewarding experience. Many people are ignorant to what the United Way actually does put their money to. A lot of people don't know what really goes into the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Mostly all of the volunteers are teenagers who give their time and efforts to help these children with physical and mental disorders. I was especially impressed with the patience and love of the volunteers concerning the children. It isn't an easy task to teach children with cerebral palsy, but they are eager to learn. The foundation also offers a full program in the winter which includes: teaching reading, math, recreation, etc. It's open also to adults, which helps them to understand the disease more.

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*By Henry James 67-70*

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Sun Ship's 1976 retirement banquet was held at the Alpine Inn in Springfield on June 17, 1976. This year's dinner broke with tradition and honored all of Sun's retirees instead of just those retired within the past year to celebrate the company's 60th anniversary. Of Sun's 828 retirees, 405 attended the dinner.

Dinner was preceded by a brief ceremony which began with an introduction by Robert Barnhart, Director of Industrial Relations. Following this, Carl Boettger, retired purchasing agent, gave the invocation. Ann Finnegan, a retired nurse, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and G. Willis Broadhead, retired manager of ship repair led in the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

After dinner, Robert Galloway, Executive Vice President, spoke to the group,

and a slide show illustrating Sun's accomplishments throughout the 60 years was presented.

Those retirees present represented close to 20 million man hours worked, which is the equivalent of over 30 ships built. The total service time of those attending the dinner was 12,327 years, and the average service time for each retiree was 30.4 years.

The retirees in attendance with the

## 1976 Retirement Banquet

greatest number of years of service were Charles McCauley (77-12 Dept.), 50 years, 8 months; Clarence Cooper (8-420 Dept.), 50 years, 10 months; Maurice Bullock (76 Dept.), 49 years, 8 months; William Rouse (45 Dept.), 49 years, 3 months; George Wilke (78 Dept.), 48 years, 10 months; Frank Poirie, (78 Dept.) 48 years, 9 months; and Edith White (94 Dept.) 48 years, 4 months.

The oldest retiree present (born January 12, 1886) was Sebastian Oberheim (95 Dept.), whose son, Everett, recently retired from 27 Department.

At the close of the dinner, many retirees commented on the changes at Sun, particularly its subsidiary, TOTE and the new yard facilities.

One retiree commented, "It was great to see the old gang again. I'd like to do the same thing again next year."

*Carl Boettger*



Saying good-bye to some of his well wishers, but by no means his entire staff, is George Wilke, second from right (48 years 10 months). Surrounding him are (left to right): Bill O'Sullivan, Jay Shubert, Felix Englander, Bob Scull, and Dorothy Yankopoulos.



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### Congratulations To...

#### Thomas Kleber, Production Planning

who recently graduated in Business Management from Goidy Beacon College.

Mr. Kleber is currently a production planner in 92 department, and has been a Sun Ship employee since 1965, progressing from a joiner and shipfitter through to his present position which he has held for the past two years.

A very career conscious individual, Mr. Kleber also has outstanding civic and political experience. He is a charter member of the Upland Athletic Club and has been its secretary for the past five years. Combining his athletic interests with that of children, he has coached basketball, baseball, and football for boys, and softball and basketball for girls. In addition, he is a member of the Pa. Interscholastic Athletic Association (high school basketball officials), Delco

softball Umpires Association (past president and secretary), and Delco girls softball league (past member of the executive board).

In his political life, Mr. Kleber is presently Vice-President of the Upland Borough Council. He has also served as a member of the Upland School Board.

#### Meet Dick Woehrlé (80-110) of the Plate Yard

Besides his duties as steel clerk in the Plate Yard, Mr. Woehrlé is a television personality in his off-working hours. He can be seen every Saturday on Channel 29 (1 p.m.) and Channel 17 (5 p.m.), where he referees wrestling. He holds a further distinction — he is rated the top boxing referee in the State of New Jersey. For this sport, he is also rated 6th in the Nation and third in Pennsylvania; for a number of years he fought professionally and then managed a stable of boxers.

