

# USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



## Spring 2024 Newsletter

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### President's Message Leo Waltsak



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### Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well or at least 'fair to middling.' Each day brings its ups and downs, and some days I get up on the wrong side of the bed, and most days my wife does! Just kidding, she's a ray of sunshine on the cloudiest of days. Just kidding again. However, while trying to think of an interesting topic for this "Spring" newsletter, I remembered the poem "Spring has sprung" and thought to share a few versions of the poem with you. Here is my thought... after reading the different examples below, if you want, write an original version of your own. Be it a poem, limerick, 3-line haiku or whatever. Bring it to our reunion in Branson, and we will have an hour of literary refinement, and I'll bet a few laughs. I will award a lovely prize to the distinguished author of the poetic effort voted "Best of Class."

"Spring is sprung, the grass is ris.  
I wonders where the birdies is.  
They say the birds is on the wing.  
Ain't that absurd?  
I always thought the wing was on the bird."

Below is an original version written by Alan LeBlanc  
Spring has sprung, the grass has riz  
I wonder where the boidies is  
The boidies are high in the sky  
Dropping whitewash in my eye  
I'm a good boy, I don't cry  
I'm just glad the cows don't fly

This was written by Cathy (Unknown)  
Spring is sprung  
Fall is fell  
Winter's here  
And it's cold as heck

I look forward to seeing you all in Branson, MO in October. Claire did a little online research and found that Branson Landing near our hotel has some really cool shops and restaurants including Paula Deen and Guy Fieri. Also, there is an hourly waterspout show in the center of the landing. Try as hard as you can to come and bring your extended family and friends with you. Even though we aren't doing our usual excursions, we will have a fun time, and memories will be made.

## **2024 Reunion (Branson)**

**Vice President's Message**  
**Dale Bittle and Michelle Crisman**



Finally, the Reunion Dates have been finalized for our annual reunion in Branson Missouri. The reunion is scheduled to take place on October 6-10, 2024 in Branson, Missouri. The Hotel we selected is the Hilton at the Branson Convention Center.

The address is 525 Branson 10, Landing Blvd 65616. The phone Number is 417-335-7000 and the rates are \$169.00 per night plus tax. Parking is \$10.00 per day. Hotel Reservations must be made by, each individual, with the hotel. Hotel rates are good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion. Cost of registration for the hospitality suite and gatherings Plus is \$36.70 per person per day and the cancellation insurance is \$24.95 per person.

Hotel breakfast note: The standard cost of the full breakfast buffet at the hotel is \$19.95, They offer it for a discounted rate of \$17 if you select it when you reserve your room. You can have a smaller breakfast off their menu for less than \$19. If you want a big breakfast their \$17 offer is a good deal, however, if you eat a smaller breakfast, you may be better off not paying for the full buffet. See their menu following the Itinerary.

See the registration information at the bottom of the following itinerary. If you have problems and need assistance please call Karen Steel at Gatherings Plus. Look forward to seeing you in October.

### Cabildo Branson. MO 2024 Reunion Itinerary

Sunday	10/6	2:00pm	G Plus Show option: New Jersey Nights
		3:00pm	Hospitality Room opens (Snacks – no buffet – drinks form bar) Dinner on your own
		7:30pm	G Plus show option: Amazing Acrobats
		7:30pm	G plus show option: Clay Cooper Country Music Express
Monday	10/7	6:30 – 9:30am	Breakfast at Hotel Hospitality Room Open Lunch on your own
		2:00pm	G Plus show option: Amazing Acrobats Dinner on your own
		4:30 – 7:00pm	Group dinner at College of the Ozarks (Optional)
		7:30pm	G Plus show option: Amazing Acrobats
		8:00pm	G Plus show option: Pierce Arrow Decades
		8:00pm	G Plus show option: SIX Show
Tuesday	10/8	6:30 – 9:30am	Breakfast at Hotel
		10:30 – 11:00am	Memorial Service in Hospitality Room
		11:00 – 12:00Noon	Annual Business Meeting in Hospitality Room Lunch on your own
		2:00pm	G Plus show option: Amazing Acrobats
		3:00pm	G Plus show option: SIX Show Dinner on your own
		7:30pm	G Plus show option: The Texas Tenors
7:30pm	G Plus show option: The Haygoods		
8:00pm	G Plus show option: Pierce Arrow County		
Wednesday	10/9	6:30 – 9:30am	Breakfast at Hotel Hospitality Room Open
		11:00am	Hospitality Room Zoom with members not there (optional) Lunch on your own
		4:00 – 7:30pm	Group dinner cruise on the Branson Belle (Included for all)
		8:00 – 11:00pm	Gift exchange drawing in Hospitality Room
Thursday	10/10	6:30 – 9:30am	Breakfast at hotel Farewells and Goodbyes G Plus shows available for those stay over:
		10:00am	Clay Cooper Country Music Express
		2:00pm	Amazing Acrobats
		3:00pm	SIX Show
		7:30pm	The Texas Tenors
		7:30pm	The Haygoods

To register or just look at the Gatherings plus show options go to [www.gatheringsplus.com](http://www.gatheringsplus.com) and click in the right most option "register for your reunion here". Scroll down to the Cabildo reunion and click on it. Enter passcode "CAB24". Read the info and click on "continue". Before you can select any of the options on this page you must complete the fields in the box, full name, phone number, email address and select cancelation protection yes or no. Having done that you can look at the itinerary and choose what shows you would like gathering plus to order for you. You can also just leave the page and come back when you are ready to complete your registration. I don't think with all the show options there will be a paper registration form. You can call Gatherings Plus (417) 338-4048 and register over the phone if you wish. Note: the link to "my Event" still shows last year's reunion information, don't use it. The website [www.brandonsshows.com](http://www.brandonsshows.com) has extensive information about all the Branson SHOWS.



## BREAKFAST BUFFET

Adults\* | \$19.95

Kids 5-12\* | \$10.95

Includes fresh scrambled eggs, country potatoes, applewood smoked bacon, sausage, fresh baked biscuits, sausage gravy, french toast, pastries, oatmeal, cheese grits, fresh seasonal fruits and yogurt

## MAIN PLATES

**EGGS YOUR WAY\* | \$14.95**

Two cage eggs, choice of apple wood smoked bacon, ham, and turkey or pork sausage with breakfast potatoes or cut fresh fruit and toast

**EGGS BENEDICT\* | \$16.5**

Two poached cage eggs on toasted English muffin with Circle B Ranch Berkshire Pork Canadian bacon dressed with hollandaise sauce with breakfast potatoes and fresh fruit

**CREATE AN OMELETTE\* | \$14.95**

Cheddar jack, feta, goat cheese, ham, sausage, bacon, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, bell peppers, spinach, asparagus, served with choice of breakfast potatoes or cut fresh fruit and toast

**THE GRIDDLE | \$12.75**

Choice of waffles or pancakes with butter and maple syrup  
Add bananas, blueberries, strawberries or chocolate chips for one dollar

## GRAINS, FRUITS, & STARTERS

**BAKERY BASKET | \$9**

A fresh baked danish and today's muffins with butter and jelly

**SEASONAL FRUIT | \$ 7.50**

**STEEL CUT OATMEAL | \$ 8.50**

**GRANOLA YOGURT PARFAIT | \$ 8.50**

Wildflower honey and berry compote

**ASSORTED DRY CEREALS | \$6.25**

Kellogg's Special K, Raisin Bran, Frosted Flakes, Cheerios, All Bran, Granola, Rice Krispies, and Shredded Wheat with Strawberries & Bananas

## SIDES

**BISCUITS AND SAUSAGE GRAVY | \$7.50**

Fresh baked buttermilk biscuits and sausage gravy

**NEW YORK BAGELS | \$6.25**

Whipped butter or cream cheese and jelly

**BREAKFAST MEATS | \$3**

Ham, apple wood smoked bacon, turkey or pork sausage

**TOAST \$3.00**

Wheat, country white, multigrain, marble rye or Udi's gluten free whole grain

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## **Cabildo Zoom Sessions**

**Sue Gwin**



We will have our next Cabildo ZOOM session at 11:00am Pacific time July 17.

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## **Chaplain's Corner**

**Ken Bredehoeft**



We've lost another shipmate. Marshall Kendrick passed away March 22, 2024. The Dallas Cowboys lost an ultra-fan, he of the Tom Landry hat, his truck displaying numerous Cowboys' stickers promoting America's team.

I believe I remember Marshall from the Cabildo days more than any other shipmate. Our over two years together on the ship were at almost the same time. "B" division's sleeping quarters were right outside sickbay so I saw him almost every day. He would come up from "down below" having done whatever those guys did down there and would invariably stick his head into sickbay to say "hi." Marshall changed physically over the years, probably less than any of us.

What you saw at the reunions was Marshall 55+ years ago. We will miss you, Marshall, and our sincere sympathy and prayers continue to go out to Linda and family.

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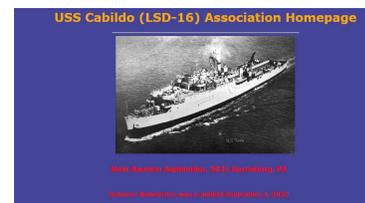
**Treasurer**  
Warren Gammeter



Our current association bank account balance is \$8,966.67. We have received 2024 dues from 12 members so far. We currently also have 18 associate members. Our 2024 dues are still \$25 were due in January, you can mail your dues to me at 3227 Verdun Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. I will continue to check everyone's mailing address as I have corrected several this last year.

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**Website and Newsletter**  
Warren Gammeter



Again, our website was down for three days, this was the second service interruption this month. I am seriously considering moving it to another hosting service. I will begin looking for an alternative hosting services. Whenever you are unable to reach it let me know by e-mail.

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**New Section Good Books**

## by Warren and Ken

Ken and Warren are both rather avid readers. We talked at Louisville about adding a column to the newsletters where we can share recommending good books and authors to each other. This sounded rather simple and easy at first but we both soon found we had way too much to share for one newsletter article. So, here's our thinking. Each newsletter will have a link to a good book's menu on our website. Ken and I will add a page about our favorite authors and books to that menu. We welcome other members to send their recommendations too. Check out this link [Good Books](#)



### **Cabildo Website Links**

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