

# USS Cabildo Crewmembers Association



## Fall 2023 Newsletter

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### President's Message Leo Waltsak



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### Greetings Shipmates, Families & Friends,

I hope this message finds all doing well. For those who weren't able to make the reunion this year, we missed you. We aren't sure what the next year holds, but if it's feasible, we will gather together again. For those of you who were there, wasn't it fun? Ms. Becky outdid herself. She has a great support system in Sister, Wanda, Son and Daughter-in-Law, Bob and Chrissy, and Niece and Nephew-in-Law, Cindy, and Greg. This family worked tirelessly to make sure we had a well-stocked hospitality room, and all events ran smoothly. As you all know, there is a lot of preplanning to set up a reunion, and actual hours of on-your-feet work once you are there. So we want to say "Thank You" to all of Becky's clan, you're fun... we appreciate each of you.

We were all so glad to see Maureen with Dale this year. She hasn't lost any of her spunk! She looks wonderful, and Dale knows he's blessed. Their Daughter, Michelle and her Husband, Rick, came along this year, and we're very happy they did. They provide great support for the "Mom and Dad", and they're fun too.

We had a lot of fun making hats and learning to make Mint Julep's, getting our picture taken at Louisville Slugger, and just enjoying each other's company. Between our fun times, a serious and loving event took place at the cemetery where Sue Gwinn's in-laws are buried outside of Louisville. Sue brought Bob's ashes to spread upon and around the graves of his parents. The day was sunny and warm, and those of us who could met Sue at the Cemetery. Our Chaplain, Ken Bredehoeft, led us in prayer and we remembered Bob and the good man he was. Bob was a Shriner and did so much good work for his community and in support of the Shriner's Children's Hospitals around the country.

Next year's reunion was discussed at the Business Meeting. As I recall, no decisions were made other than maybe we go to Branson, MO; we make our own reservations for a particular time, and we gather in whatever public rooms are available. Our reunion would be a more casual, low-key event. I hope to have more information to pass on in our next newsletter.

In closing I want to wish each of you, your families and all those you care about a peaceful Thanksgiving. Remember, don't stress in the kitchen... We want everything to be perfect, and it hardly ever is. Another thing, families may not see "pie to pie," but we all love Thanksgiving!! Let's just "wing it" with the turkey this year. And, last but not least, don't let the holidays "gobble" up your sanity!!

So, my friends, till we meet again, I wish you "fair winds and following seas."

**Vice President's Message**  
**Dale Bittle relayed by Warren**



## **2024 Reunion (Branson)**

Dale and Maureen called Wednesday with the great news that Maureen's tests show her cancer is in total remission. She said to tell everyone she is most grateful for the support of everyone in our Cabildo Family.

There will not be much to report on Branson plans as the show schedules and area prices for the year are all announced in January. We will have more information in the Winter newsletter.

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## **Cabildo Zoom Sessions**

**Sue Gwin**



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

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## **Chaplain's Corner**

**Ken Bredehoeft**



Few individuals in the Bible except for Jesus suffered more than Job. God stripped him of almost everything--land, money, health, family. Yet Job remained steadfast in his love and worship for God. Do you talk to God? Job's own words in Job 19: 25-27 say, "I know that my redeemer lives...whom I shall see for myself and my eyes shall behold and not as a stranger." Don't stand before God as he searches through the book of life and says, "Tell me your name again." That will be too late. Don't be a stranger to God. George Burns (as God) at the end of the movie "Oh, God" tells John Denver when John asks God if he can talk to him every now and then. "You talk, I'll listen" was the answer. And that's good advice.

A recent call to Marshall and Linda Kendrick that Marshall's surgery has been pushed out a week. Ken will check on with them then.

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## **Treasurer**

**Warren Gammeter**



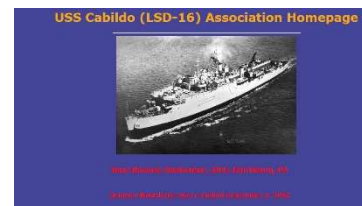
Our current association bank account balance is \$9,220.04  
Our 2023 reunion expenses for the hospitality room were \$453.38.

Our 2024 dues of \$25 will be 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



The pictures from the Louisville reunion are up on our website. If you see any errors or if you have a picture we might add please e-mail them to me. If you were not able to join us and want to get a flavor of the excellent reunion you missed take a look. Do consider joining us in next year in Branson, MO.

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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 news letters were 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 to much to share for one newsletter article. So here's our thinking. Each newsletter will have a link to a good reads menu on our website. Ken and I will add info about our favorite authors and books to that menu. We welcome other members to send their recommendations too. Check out this link [Good Books](#)



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