

GATHERING OF FRIENDS  
IN CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

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We recently got home from Carlsbad, CA where a bunch of us FAA retirees had a get-together at the Carlsbad Inn and Beach Resort on October 26, 2016. We were celebrating what would have been Linda Murray's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday but also because it had been far too long since we had seen some of these life-long friends.

We laughed, shared stories of Linda and other happenings of long ago and sang our Little Brown Mouse song which Linda loved so much. I believe a good time was had by all! FAA retirees in attendance were: Dave and Ruby Ross, Eileen Partridge, Bev Panter, Don and Doris Roberts, Frank and Jackie Jones, Bob and Elly Brekke, Pat Faux, Jake Garland, Jim Turner, Marion Davis, Larry Suppan, Aleta Lee, Nina Nance, Bill Henshaw, Nick Boyiazis, and Larry Cheskaty. Also joining us were Mary (Linda Murray's niece), Evelyn (Dave Ross' sister), and Aleta's daughter-in-law Pettie).

Here are a few of the pictures taken at this gathering (identified left to right):



**Linda Murray with her Little Brown Mouse**



**Aleta Lee, Doris Roberts and Eileen Partridge**



**Bev Panter, Eileen Partridge, Larry Cheskaty and Pettie at far right**



**Larry Suppan and Jim Turner**



**Frank and Jackie Jones**



**Marion Davis and Jim Turner**



**Nick Boyiazis and Bev Panter**



**Dave Ross (Center) with sister Evelyn (Left) and Linda Murray's niece Mary (Right)**



**Bill Henshaw and Nina Nance**



**Elly Brekke**



**Don Roberts and Bob Brekke**



**Mary (Linda Murray's niece) and Ruby Ross**

Pat Faux and Jake Garner joined us later but somehow we failed to get a picture of these two FAAers.

In closing, we would like to share something I saw in our local newspaper which reminded us of the wonderful friendships we made so long ago and that have survived over 40 years. It is called **“A Life Well Lived”** and we are so thankful that we have lived such a life.

A life well lived is a precious gift,  
of hope and strength and grace,  
from someone who has made our world  
a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad  
with smiles and sometimes tears,  
with friendships formed and good times  
shared, and laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy,  
of joy and pride and pleasure,  
a living, lasting memory  
our grateful heart's will treasure.