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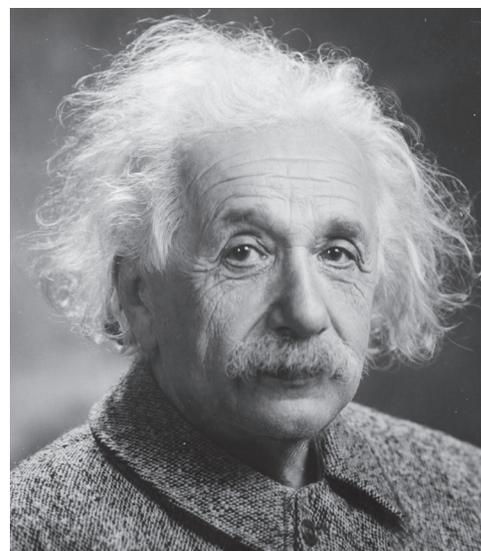
Einstein's Wing



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In 1916, the same year he published his paper on general relativity that would win him the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics, Albert Einstein designed an airplane wing. After reading about Bernoulli's Theorem—a principle of fluid dynamics that when applied to wing shape allows for air to flow faster underneath than on top, thereby providing lift—Einstein wrote an article proposing a better wing design.

However, when his new design was tested in a wind tunnel and compared to ninety-nine conventional wing designs, all but two had higher lift-to-drag ratios. That is,



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Home to Glory



Bertha (Birdie) Ellen Schwitters Johnson—March 24, 2018 (102)

in Beaver Creek, Ohio. She was born in Clara City, Minnesota, met Louis Richard Johnson at First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and got married on August 18, 1939. They ministered at churches in Iowa, Illinois, Texas, and California. They served at the Baptist Training Center, a college for the preparation of pastors, in Cameroon, from 1969 to 1973. Then they served at the North American Baptist College in Edmonton from 1974 to 1981. Birdie was preceded in death by her husband, Louis.

Violet Elizabeth Haller—July 1, 2018. Mrs. Haller resided in Trochu, Alberta. She and her husband, Ralph, who passed in September 2009, were very involved with the Trochu Baptist Church in Alberta.

Eberhard Hees—October 1, 2018 (82). Eberhard was born in Siegen, Germany. He went to Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, where he met Evelyn Hufnagal, whom he married on March 16, 1963. Eberhard, Evelyn and their son and daughter served in NAB churches in Osoyoos, British Columbia; and Minitonas, Moosehorn, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. He leaves his wife, two children, six grandchildren, family, and friends in Germany and Canada.



Timothy "Tim" Graham Bauslaugh—October 7, 2018 (36) at the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls following a brain bleed. Tim was born in St. Charles, Illinois,

to Gordie and Sandy Bauslaugh. He attended Taylor University in Edmonton and Sioux Falls Seminary. While at seminary he met Kristin, and they married on May 30, 2009. He served at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Fargo, North Dakota, and Mountain View Baptist Church in Spearfish, South Dakota, until his death. He loved music, family, and ministry. To his wife and three children, parents, siblings, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, and many friends, he left behind a legacy of care and compassion for those who have yet to find Christ. You can reach the family through Gordie Bauslaugh (gobaus@comcast.net).



Oswald Orthner—October 21, 2018 (96). Oswald was born in Serath, Saskatchewan.

He was a WWII veteran, a teacher, and a principal, and he spent many of his later years volunteering at his church and in his community. Oswald was married to his wife, Ethel, for sixty-four years. She can be reached at 1226 24 Street N, Lethbridge, AB T1H 3V5 or (587) 486-7172.

Melvin Lee Warkentin—October 26, 2018 (89). Melvin pastored churches in Kansas, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas. In 1977 he and his wife, Helen, purchased Enid Christian Bookstore and worked together until his retirement in 1993. Survivors include his son, Steve Warkentin; daughter, Rita Janzen; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, earlier in 2018.

Verna Mildred Ganstrom—November 4, 2018 (99). After Verna met Don at Bethel College

in St. Paul, Minnesota, they both felt the call to missions. After they married in Oregon and finished college and seminary, they headed to British Cameroon with one child as NAB missionaries. After eight years of missions work, they returned to pastor churches in Illinois, Washington, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Oregon. Don worked in the NAB International Office as the interim Church Extension director for a few years. Verna was known for hosting meals, leading Bible studies, and teaching Sunday school. After Don passed away in 2009, she lived with her daughter in Portland, Oregon.

Harald E. Gruber—November 13, 2018 (67) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after a three year battle with ALS. Harald was born in Marburg, Germany, and came to America for his education. He leaves behind his wife, Janis; son, John (Nichole) Gruber; and daughter, Leah (Ben) Weins, all of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; four granddaughters; several siblings living in Germany; and those whom he served with as clergyman or chaplain.



Judy Youngquist—November 17, 2018 (97). Judy and her husband, Harris, were missionaries to Japan with the Baptist General Conference beginning in 1950.

They retired to Minnesota in 1987 and were involved in various ministries in their thirty years of retirement. She is survived by her husband, Harris, and her children, Joan (Ron) Stoller, Jim (MiKyung) Youngquist, Tom Youngquist, and Mary Lou (Thomas) Ellison.

Henry Schroeder—December 1, 2018 (100). He was the brother of Peter Schroeder of

Alberta, who was a missionary in Africa with the NAB.



Bernice Harsch—December 9, 2018 (89). Bernice was born in Millet, Alberta, and received Bible training at Christian Training Institute

in Edmonton, Alberta, where she met and married Ray Harsch. They served as missionaries on the Bull Indian Reservation in Alberta. They lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he went to college and seminary. They served NAB churches in Alberta, Colorado, and Iowa. In 1969 they moved to the Chicago area where Ray served for twenty-five years at the NAB International Office. Bernice supported Ray in their final ministry years with the Billy Graham Association until they retired in 2002. She is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond; son, Murray; and great-grandson, Abel.



Reuben Grueneich—December 28, 2018 (88) in a care facility in George, Iowa. Reuben and his wife Ruth married in 1954 and moved to Sioux

Falls to graduate from the NAB seminary in 1959. He served churches in South Dakota, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Washington, and Iowa. In 1993, Reuben was called to Village Creek Bible Camp, ending his ministry as pastor of Center Baptist in Lansing, Iowa. Reuben is lovingly remembered by his wife of sixty-four years, Ruth; son, Daniel of Branson, Missouri; daughter, Sharilyn (Keith) Kooiker of Rock Rapids, Iowa; son, Rodney Grueneich

of Branson, Missouri; grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members. You can reach Ruth Grueneich at 203 Bluebird Ln., Branson, MO, 65616.



Rev. Fred Martin—January 17, 2019 (72) in Boise, Idaho. Fred and Becky pastored NAB churches for many years on the West Coast. They retired

from chaplaincy work in 2018 and moved to Meridian, Idaho.

Gary Mayforth—January 25, 2019 (58) of a heart attack. Gary was the son of Bob Mayforth, who was head of CeIF for many years. He was a care aid working in the Homer, Alaska, hospital. Gary is survived by his wife, Janet, and two children. Please keep them in your prayers.

Let's Celebrate

Oryn and Pat Meinerts celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 19 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, George, Iowa. Oryn went to Cameroon in 1964 and Pat arrived there shortly before Oryn. They were with the NAB mission family in Cameroon until 2002. They reside in George, Iowa. You can reach them at opmeinerts@mtcnet.net.

Robert and Char Mayforth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 3. Bob served the NAB creatively in CeIF, helping many churches and investors move forward in ministry and investment.

Florence Miller celebrated her 94th birthday

on January 14, 2019. She was our first NAB missionary to Japan 1951. She is in The Willows care center in Michigan and has had improved health this past year after serious health issues for the past few years.

Retirement

Wayne and Denise Jorstad retired from ministry. They last served at Calvary Baptist in Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Shafer and Jeanne Parker retired from ministry. They last served at Hawkwood Baptist in Calgary, Alberta.

Gordie and Sandy Bauslaugh will retire from Christ Community in Puyallup, Washington, in March 2018.

Dave and Angie Steinhart will retire from



Forest Park Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois. They have been there

for almost four decades! They plan to retire to Michigan to be near family.

John and Susan Hosler from Napier Parkview Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan, retired from the pastorate in August 2018. They moved to be near their daughter in Indiana.

In Care & Prayer

Herman Effa has just completed a series of chemo treatments for lymphoma that was

confined to the bone marrow. The results of this treatment on January 9 were “declared cancer free.” Praise God with Herman and Ardath for this healing. You can write to them at ardatheffa@shaw.ca.

Milton Zeeb reports that his wife, Alice, sleeps her time away now. However, when he comes to see her she opens her eyes and still knows him. His heart goes out to her constantly as he sees her gradually slip away from him, nearing the time when she will hear Jesus call her home. Milton and Alice celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on August 31, 2018.

Ardice Powell has been in hospice care in Luther Manor in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, since December 20. Pray for peace and contentment for Ardice and her caregivers. She was a missionary in Africa (Ardice Zielkowski). She returned to the US and married Dr. Ralph Powell; they ministered by traveling and speaking to mission fields, Sioux Falls Seminary, and many churches. Rev. Powell passed away many years ago.



Art and Sena Brust retired at the end of August from pastoring Lincoln Hills Community in Lincoln, California. They have pastored in California, Oregon,

British Columbia, and Montana since 1959 – 60 years! They moved to a senior facility in June; you can reach them at 8476 Sheldon Rd. #134, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

NAB Retirees Gathered



Ron and Joan Stoller, seen here with Betty Buchholz, stopped by the International Office for a visit on their way home from meeting with retired NAB workers.

January 4, Portland, Oregon—Ten retired NAB workers attended a luncheon held at Elmer’s Restaurant in Portland. Each shared their verse for the year.

January 20, Sioux Falls, South Dakota—An NAB retired coffee time was held at the Trail Ridge Retirement Center.

Upcoming NAB Retiree Gatherings

February 19, at 9:30 a.m., Phoenix, Arizona, at the Sweet Tomato for all former NAB workers. Contact Ted Faszler at tedfaszler@gmail.com.



May 13-15, 2019 at the Cedar Springs in Sumas, Washington: The annual NAB Retired Workers’ Retreat. Sign up with

Amber Pedroni apedroni@nabconf.org.

Einstein's wing placed ninety-eighth out of a hundred when ranked on how well it worked at providing lift for an airplane to fly.

Additionally, when the wings were attached to a biplane, the pilot who flew it was forced to land immediately to prevent it from going into an unintended roll. He said the plane was hard to control because it tended to "waddle while flying something akin to the flight of a pregnant duck."

Bernoulli's Theorem, the main basis for Einstein's design, is only part of the reason the Wright brothers were able to take flight in 1903. There are a host of other factors that the famed physicist never even knew to consider when designing his new wing. Because Einstein's understanding of the principles surrounding flight was limited, his design was inevitably flawed.

It doesn't take a genius to see that no matter how smart or well-read we are, none of us are masters of everything we put our hands to. In fact, God has handed each of us a specific role to play in His Church. "Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the

ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!" (1 Corinthians 12:29–30 NLT).

The analogy Paul uses earlier in the chapter is that of a body with many and diverse parts. Each of us has been created by God to serve a specific function within the body of Christ. Follow around a person who is missing a limb, is deaf, or has otherwise lost the use of some part of their body, and what quickly becomes apparent is the extra effort they must go through to accomplish the everyday tasks most of us take for granted. Often, another body part is used to compensate for the damaged or missing part, such as a deaf person using her hands to sign to communicate.

When we take seriously our responsibility to the church—both the local body and the people of God as a whole—we stand alongside our brothers and sisters, supporting them where they are weak, being supported where we are in need, and together serving the Lord to further His Kingdom and make His glory known.

"So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts" (1 Corinthians 12:31). ■

This publication connects retired NAB workers with one another, with the NAB, and with God.

Please let us know about your changes, celebrations, prayer concerns, particular interest in any area of conference ministry, and resources you have discovered to make senior life better.

Send updates to Ron & Joan Stoller.

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Phone: (503) 629-5053 Email: stoller@japan.email.ne.jp

2019 NAB RETIRED WORKERS' RETREAT

Cedar Springs Retreat Center, Sumas, WA

Registration opens February 28, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. PST and closes May 1, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. PST.

Find these details at: <https://nabconference.org/retired-workers-retreat/>



Join us in beautiful Sumas, Washington, for a time of fellowship, connection, and refreshment. We will gather to catch up with one another, share stories, make memories, and worship together.

Retreat Speaker



Chris Gorman

Regional Minister, Northwest Region

Check-In

Regular check-in begins Monday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m.
Early arrival check-in begins Sunday, May 12, at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday evening and Monday morning will include informal gathering and fellowship.

Meals

Meals are included in your retreat registration. Early arrival includes eight meals (**Sunday dinner is not provided**). Regular registration includes six meals.

Special Accommodations

Please mark on your registration form if you have any dietary or physical limitations.

Many need rooms that allow dining and meeting access without stairs. Because these rooms are limited in number, we must accept registrations for these rooms on a first-come, first-served basis.

Retreat Details

Date

May 13-15, 2019

Location

**Cedar Springs Christian
Retreat Center, Sumas, WA**

Cost

Single Occupancy

May 12-15 (3 nights) – \$235/person

May 13-15 (2 nights) – \$165/person

Double Occupancy

May 12-15 (3 nights) – \$200/person

May 13-15 (2 nights) – \$140/person

Please bring a snack to share!

All fees are in US dollars and already include a discounted subsidy from the generous Portland Manor Trust.

2019 NAB RETIRED WORKERS' RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

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CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Early Arrival: May 12–15, 2019

(3 nights, 8 meals)

- Single Occupancy Registration.....\$235
 Two-Person Double Occupancy Registration.....\$400
 One-Person Double Occupancy Registration.....\$200

ROOMMATE: _____

Regular Registration: May 13–15, 2019

(2 nights, 6 meals)

- Single Occupancy Registration.....\$165
 Two-Person Double Occupancy Registration.....\$280
 One-Person Double Occupancy Registration.....\$140

ROOMMATE: _____

PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS: _____

*I would like to request a ground level room because of my physical condition.**

DIETARY LIMITATIONS: **Gluten Free** **Dairy Free**

PAYMENT

- CHECK (US GUESTS ONLY)****
 CASH (USD) IN PERSON
 CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

- Visa**
 Mastercard
 American Express

Name as it appears on card

Card Number

Expiration Date

CVV

PAYMENT BY CHECK

Enclose check for the full registration amount, made payable to North American Baptists Inc., along with this registration form, and mail to the International Office.

REGISTER BY MAIL

Detach this form and mail with payment to:

North American Baptist Conference
1219 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville, CA 95678

REGISTER BY PHONE

Amber Pedroni (916) 797-6222

MORE INFORMATION

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***Payment by check is only available to our US guests. We apologize for any inconvenience.*