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# NTIS HALL OF FAME

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### Is He Really Retiring?

#### **The Question of the Year...**

If you ask around NTIS, no one can believe it. Evidently, Dick Tenney has speculated about his retirement for so long it has caused disbelief with his co-workers. No one believed that he would really do it. Well, my friends, this time he is serious.

Now, we ask ourselves "Why did Dick keep delaying his retirement date?". Can you Guess?

If you answered, "Because he just couldn't see going day to day without seeing our smiling faces," you need to wake up and smell the coffee. Or did you guess, "He wanted to continue to give his friends and co-workers at NTIS as much grief as he could for as long as he could." Well, that could be partially true.

However, the correct answer is, "He didn't want to be at home while they were renovating his kitchen." Now... how's that for loyalty.

Nevertheless, we will still have to adjust to not having Dick around. I guess we will have to learn to turn the coffee pot off ourselves.

### Dicky Boy... (that's Australian)

#### **We are going to miss you**

Over the years you have shown us all how our career can bring us new skills and personal development.

For example, you learned patience when you handled our shipments to our overseas dealers. You gained humbleness while working with Dr. Rahman Kahn, and Dave Shonyo certainly made you more assertive with his weekly pep talks. Then, of course, there was Debbie of ERS who taught you how to be more detailed. As she always said, "Dick, it's in the details; be more careful!"

Later when working with Barbara Payne, you had the opportunity of increasing your vocabulary. This was useful when you shared gossip with your workmates. You could use these new words to better express yourself.

From BXA you learned stealth in selling a product the agency was giving away for free. Then there was the team building skills that you developed in your continuing efforts to get products printed and distributed.

However, the real proficiency you mastered was in whining. It seems that during every bridge game, there was always a reason to whine even if you were winning. Now, with you gone, it looks like Ed will have to carry on this whining tradition.

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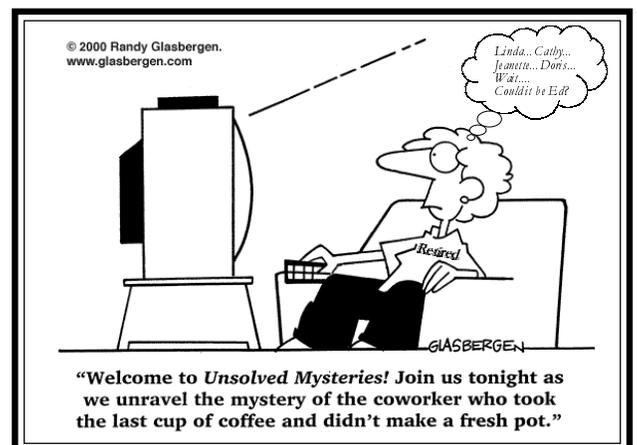
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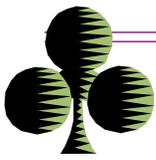
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## Retirement: The Golden Years

Retirement, they say, starts your good Golden Years:  
A time for relaxing the stress and the gears;  
A time to do things you have wanted to do;  
Like go to far places, old friendships renew —

Develop new skills in your favorite pass-time;  
Surf the great net and find new friends are on-line.  
There are so many fun things you can do  
As a person of leisure with free-time brand new.

So, send me an e-mail and joke every day.  
I'll send each to you and then I will pray:  
You are doing so fine, every day is a pleasure,  
And retirement is truly your life's golden treasure

## Could Dick Ever Forget...

- Becky West's LONG staff meetings
- Dealing with Sterling Cook's motor-mouth
- BXA and OTS Covers
- Rita Cunningham's chocolate cake and zucchini
- Ann Lavedan "correcting" correctly spelled words
- Frank Post cutting his morning coffee with decaf
- Coming to work before 9 a.m.
- Run-ins with the Warehouse, Input, Production, Budget... Come to think of it, was there anywhere he didn't have run-ins?
- John Hounsell's workshops
- Barbara Payne's earthy sayings
- Jeanette's city of frogs
- Doris's Sachs 5th Ave taste
- Ed's fast-talking ways and faster gait
- The "Busiest man in NTIS... doing nothing"

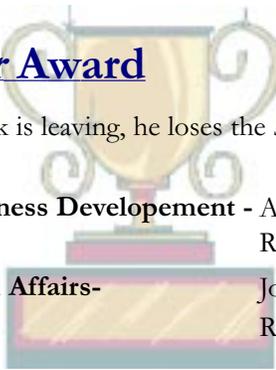
## Survivor Award

Now that Dick is leaving, he loses the *Survivor* honors to:

**FedWorld**

**Federal Business Development** - Angie Stickelmaier  
Rita Cunningham

**International Affairs-** John Hounsell  
Rita Cunningham



## We Won't Ever Forget...

- Dick's Smiling Face
- How well Dick guarded the door to the computer room and guaranteed that it be shut no matter who left it open.
- Playing Wednesday Bridge
- Helping Dick with his computer
- Dick's Lunchtime "Solitaire"
- Dick always whining about not having good cards at Bridge.
- Giving Dick a 7 no trump hand as a gift.
- Dick always bringing a big, juicy apple to Bridge and how Ed always nagged him about the juice on the table.
- Judy having Dick's old phone number for 1 ½ years, and she's still getting his calls.
- His daily e-mail jokes

## Where will the Tenney's be going next?

- Africa
- Iceland
- Canada
- Japan
- Australia (one more time?)
- No where...He did all his traveling before he retired



## Wishing Well

As you retire... May you look back on your years of employment and feel a sense of accomplishment and pride. May you look forward to the future as a time of enjoyment and an opportunity to live life to the fullest.

