

UAFM 30+ Club Celebrated

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WEEK IN REVIEW



Members of the UAFM 30+ Club gathered at the Stadium Club to be honored on September 22, 2015. Clockwise from the upper right are:

Steve Mikitish (35.5 years) Metal Technologies Shop,
Richard Corral (32.0 years) Renovation Services,
Dave Scheerens (34.4 years) Plumbing Shop,
Julie Farrington (35.0 years) Business Services,
Richard Ugalde (37.4 years) Custodial Services,
Mona Johnson (31.2 years) Administration,
Ron Ramsey (31.3 years) Paint/Sign Shop,
Rita Gonzales (30.0 years) Custodial Services,
Art Lopez (30.0 years) Custodial Services,
Reginald Casey (30.6 years) Custodial Services, and
Ernie Cruz (34.6 years) Small Engine Shop.

*The price of success
is hard work,
dedication to the
job at hand, and
the determination
that whether we
win or lose, we
have applied the
best of ourselves to
the task at hand.*

-Vince Lombardi

The festivities were opened by thanking everyone for their devoted service and stressing the value that this group represents to the entire campus community. Each of the honorees spoke about their years of service and what it has meant to them. The high level of dedication and professional pride was obvious in the comments each one made. The group was then thanked by UAFM's Senior Leadership Team. *UAFM is truly fortunate to have the collective wisdom of so many years of service!*

Thank you for your 30+ years of dedicated service,

Chris Kopach

UAFM Grounds Shop cares for some interesting trees on campus. One American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), between Flandrau Planetarium and Kuiper Space Sciences building, has special historical significance.

Apollo 14, the third moon-landing mission, launched on January 31, 1971 with a container of 400-500 tree seeds in the personal kit of Stuart Roosa, pilot of the “Kitty Hawk” Command Module. Roosa began his career as a Forest Service “smokejumper”, a firefighter who parachutes into active forest fire sites. He later graduated from the Aviation Cadet Program at Williams Air Force Base, in Arizona, to become a test pilot, and was selected for the 1966 Astronaut class.



Associate Chief of the US Forest Service, Art Greeley remembered Roosa from his smokejumper days and asked him to carry the seeds into space to test the effects of the weightlessness and cosmic radiation on germination .

So while fellow crewmates, Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell collected rocks and golfed on the moon, Roosa took photos and conducted experiments as he and the seeds orbited the Moon in Kitty Hawk.



Upon return to earth the seeds were germinated and found to show no ill effects compared to “control” seeds (from the same parent trees) that had not gone into space. Extras of the 420 to 450

trees were sent around the country and to at least 3 other nations to celebrate the U.S. bicentennial. UA’s “Moon Tree” was planted April 30, 1976, and is one of only about 63 moon trees still known to exist.

A Moon Tree Celebration was held in the Kuiper Building, on October 30, 2015, featuring a keynote speech by Stuart Roosa's son, Jack.