



**IN BRIEF**

... and from the Chairman



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It has been a few weeks since my last 'In Brief' and after you read the many "goings-on" of the last couple of months, you might see why. So, here it goes....

### **Harvard Business School**

I spent most of May in Boston finishing my final unit of the HBS Owner / President Management Program. I'm proud to report that I graduated along with OPM Class '31' on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Flags from each of the countries represented by classmates were spread across the stage as we made our final walk to becoming a Harvard Graduate. Emotions were high as my classmates and I finished our final week together, which climaxed with our families meeting each other. Attending the graduation exercises were my mom and dad, (Richard and Betty Brown), my fiancée, Carla, and Chesley Brown's COO, Victoria Boothe. Having the opportunity to be a part of Harvard and the OPM Alumni is a lifetime dream come true. Sincere thanks to all those who have encouraged me, mentored me, and covered for me so I could take the time to have this life changing experience!

### **ARMAC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Just prior to leaving for Harvard, I once again chaired the Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council's Annual Salute to the Military luncheon. This year, being our 50<sup>th</sup>, was special indeed. We filled the Cobb Galleria Centre with a sellout crowd. One of the more heart-felt tributes was the lighting of the candles at an empty chair placed at the 50 plus tables in the Convention Hall, in honor of our fallen heroes. I have been asked to serve one more year as Chairman of ARMAC, and if others can give their life in defense of our country, how can I say no to one more term.

### **The COO takes Rotary**

At the end of June our COO, Victoria Boothe, became President of the Local Rotary. After being named Rotarian of the Year in 2000, Vicki takes the helm for the next year. They, as are we, are very lucky and fortunate to have her in a leadership position.

### **New Arrivals**

Vice President, Richard Walleshauser, added Jeremy Nyboer to our staff in the Marketing / Business Development department. He comes on board with high energy, creativity, and excitement to be at a company 'Changing the Course of an Industry'...Linda Stadel arrived recently and assumed the critical role of Executive Assistant to the Chairman / CEO. I couldn't be happier to have her on our team. Linda brings with her the experience of serving a CEO who developed a company from \$7 million to over \$250 million, with a lot of help through her assistance and unique skills. Welcome aboard Linda and Jeremy and buckle up for the ride of your life!

### **This and That**

A very successful Director's Conference was held in Atlanta in late April. Directors from all over the US converged in Atlanta for education, fun, and camaraderie. A sharp Chesley Brown salute to Sr. VP, Jim Harris, for his hard work and dedication to planning and leading the Conference.... Regional DOS Conferences are planned for Washington, DC and Salt Lake City later this fall.... I've accepted a Board appointment to the Cobb Youth Museum, a museum I visited as a young schoolboy.... Another future nephew (Carla's nephew), Jake Mathis, was recently drafted by the Angels and will be joining his brother, Jeff Mathis, who was drafted last year by the same team. Jeff is a Catcher and Jake a Third Baseman.... My current nephews, Brandon and Nathan, and niece, Christy, received numerous year end awards at their schools, while big sister, Tiffany, finished her first year at college with more than a 4.0! They all make me a proud uncle.

### **Finally...**

We are still in the middle of an historic time of terrorist activity. We constantly monitor world events from our two Command Centers and Homeland Defense alerts. Continue to "be cautious, be alert, and be vigilant".

Semper Vigiles!

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