

M/V *Four Winds* was sold, the *Ran Annim* serviced the local route exclusively, until three years later, when it was replaced by the M/V *Mas Mauleg*, a larger vessel with passenger capacity.

In 1971, Saipan Shipping purchased the M/V *Normar* for local service and chartered the M/V *Mas Mauleg* to Micronesian Inter-ocean Lines, Incorporated, a shipping company serving all the Micronesian islands. When Inter-ocean Lines went bankrupt in 1974, Saipan Shipping saw an opportunity. The company started a joint shipping venture with Kyowa Shipping Company Limited, which marked the beginning of over 15 years of Saipan Shipping service to Micronesia and a partnership that endures to this day. The charters, however, were terminated in the late 1970s due to high costs caused by the global fuel crisis. Despite that termination, Saipan Shipping maintained service to Micronesia and the South Pacific by facilitating voyage space charters on the Kyowa vessels sailing these routes.

As the 1980s economic boom on Saipan dawned, Saipan Shipping flourished as it adapted to the changing needs of the island economy. In 1979, the company sold the M/V *Normar*, ending 23 years of almost continuous vessel ownership. The company then signed a charter contract with Transpac Marine in 1980 for weekly tug and barge service to Guam, Saipan, and Tinian. After Transpac Marine's barge #S-2009 ran aground on Guam in 1986, Marianas Tug & Barge became the charter company for Saipan Shipping.

In 1982, Saipan Shipping also negotiated a connecting carrier and agency agreement with American President Lines—a major U.S. shipping company, which supplemented the company's existing relationship with SeaLand Services.

These relationships resulted in Saipan Shipping becoming the primary carrier for American President Lines cargo loading and off-loading on Saipan. Combined with the company's existing relationship with Kyowa, Saipan Shipping was poised to profit from the 1980s economic boom brought on by the growth of tourism and the garment industry.

In 1983, the first shipment of garments—all sweaters—was delivered from Saipan to New York. Saipan Shipping took the first containers to Guam. At the time, only three garment manufacturers were on Saipan. But, over time, the industry grew to eleven in 1987, then 23 in 1990. By 1997, there were more than 30 clothing factories on Saipan. By 1999, the value of clothing produced on Saipan had hit \$1 billion, which translated into large profits for Saipan Shipping.

However, the expansion of the garment industry on Saipan also led to more competition in the shipping industry as shipping companies emerged to rival Saipan Shipping's foothold. Over time, though, Saipan Shipping pulled ahead. In 1996, American President Lines was purchased by Matson Navigation Company, a change that Saipan Shipping leveraged to transform its business once more. From being simply a carrier's principal agent, the company transitioned into more of a local partnership, with Saipan Shipping employees regularly participating in Matson's training programs at the turn of the century and working hand-in-hand to meet the shipping demands of the garment industry.

In that same year, Saipan Shipping pushed ahead with transforming its business,

partnering with Kyowa and private investors to establish Marianas Steamship Agencies, Incorporated. This new company served as the husbanding agent for Saipan Shipping on Guam, providing goods and services needed by Saipan Shipping boats or crew.

In the early 21st century, major policy shifts at the national and international levels altered the economic landscape in the Marianas and profoundly impacted the shipping industry. The end of international quota restrictions in the global garment trade made it cost prohibitive for the garment industry to remain on Saipan, which led to all 31 garment factories closing shop in the early 2000s.

As a testament to its resiliency, however, Saipan Shipping endured while other shipping companies closed. Moreover, the company expanded. In 2001, Saipan Shipping ended 21 years of chartering boats with the purchase of Marianas Tug & Barge. The purchase included all of MarTug's equipment, most importantly the tugs *Sea Husky* and *Don Juan Tenorio*, and barges *Francisca III* and *Francisca IV*. All operations of MarTug were thus assumed, including the subsidiary Mid-Pacific Salvage, effectively adding marine salvaging to Saipan Shipping's portfolio of services.

Then the terrorist attacks of September 11 rocked our nation, and the world. The global economy reeled in the aftermath of the attacks, and new challenges arose for the shipping industry as more stringent regulations were adopted to increase national security. Undeterred, Saipan Shipping demonstrated its adaptability once again by upgrading its information technology to increase efficiency and profitability. The company automated many aspects of its business, which helped streamline customs and quarantine processing, customer clearance processing, and physical clearance of cargo.

Still standing as the lone local shipping company in the Marianas, Saipan Shipping moved confidently into the new millennium. In 2005, the company entered into an agency agreement with Marianas-based vessel operator, Seabridge, Incorporated, serving inter-island trade between Saipan and Guam.

Tragedy struck again in 2015 with Super Typhoon Soudelor, which wreaked more havoc on Saipan's port than many previous storms. But Saipan Shipping stood strong, rebounding and reaching out into the community to deliver much needed relief supplies.

Today, with construction booming and a budding gaming industry on Saipan, Saipan Shipping is adjusting as it always has to meet the demands of the local economy. And while competition has emerged, yet again, Saipan Shipping has adapted, yet again, to work with competitors to help the island economy prosper, yet again.

Jose C. "Joeten" Tenorio probably could not have imagined the remarkable evolution and many iterations of Saipan Shipping Company, Incorporated after its inception in 1956. But he would not have been surprised by Saipan Shipping's ability to adapt and thrive. Nor would Joeten have been surprised by the vital role that Saipan Shipping has played and continues to play in the local and regional economy.

After all, that is exactly why he helped start the company, to achieve the one purpose spelled out in its Articles of Incorporation in 1956 and to this day:

"The purpose of this Corporation is to engage in trade and commerce in and between

[Saipan]", the Marianas, the Pacific, and, indeed, the world.

THE HONOR ROLL SCHOOL
CELEBRATES 25TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish the Honor Roll School in Sugar Land, TX, a happy 25th birthday.

The Honor Roll School is a private school with a focus of developing well-rounded, life-long learners, with the social, emotional and academic skills to excel in the future. The school is made up of students from over 50 countries and every continent in the world. To celebrate their 25th year, the Honor Roll School held an international themed birthday party, which included special guests and speakers, along with booths and tables showcasing various countries.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the Honor Roll School for teaching and preparing our children for a successful future these past 25 years. We truly appreciate all they have done and look forward to the next generation of Texans to complete the program.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACQUELINE
NOONAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jacqueline Noonan, who recently retired as Mayor after 29 years of service and dedication to the city of Utica. On January 8th, friends and family will gather to celebrate her retirement and pay tribute to her many accomplishments.

Jackie graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education. She found great joy in working with kids as a teacher and later as a volunteer in the Utica Community Schools where her children attended school. In fact, if there was a way to get involved in her community, Jackie found it. A committed and prolific volunteer, Jackie served as a member of the Utica Community Schools Enrollment Advisory Board, volunteered with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, was active in St. Lawrence Catholic Church, and helped new mothers with La Leche League International. While serving as Mayor, she continued to work closely with students as a spokesperson and advocate for the Macomb County Traffic Safety Association's "Don't Drink and Drive" alcohol education program. In 1991, she returned to the classroom teaching at Marlow Junior High and later at Eisenhower High School.

Jackie and her husband Jerry loved being a part of Utica's small town life where they ran a family business for 21 years. Jerry went to work for the Fire Department and later retired as the Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Inspector. Jackie was a founding member of the Friends of Utica Public Library and served on numerous committees throughout the community.

She was elected to City Council in 1981 and was elected Mayor in 1987.

As Mayor, Jackie understood that in addition to serving its residents, the City of Utica also plays a vital role in strengthening the region as a whole. She led the efforts to improve essential city services and responsiveness to constituents and businesses. Jackie spearheaded efforts to improve local roads including the widening of important roadways like M-59 and Van Dyke Avenue. Working closely with her on this project, I saw firsthand her dogged determination. Jackie also saw the value in establishing strong working relationships with her neighboring communities of Sterling Heights and Shelby Township as they shared services and resources. They even held their annual State of the City addresses together.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jackie and wishing her and her husband Jerry, and all their children and grandchildren the very best as they begin this next chapter. I am grateful to Jackie for her many years of dedicated public service, as well as for her friendship, and I am so pleased to join with the entire community in paying tribute to her, which is so deeply deserved.

BOND COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the bicentennial anniversary of Bond County in my home state of Illinois.

Bond County was created on January 4th, 1817 by an act of the Illinois Territorial Legislature. This event occurred nearly two years before Illinois was admitted into the Union as the 21st state.

The initial dimensions of Bond County were quite unique, as it was only 24 miles wide, but stretched over 600 miles north to include a portion of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The county gets its name from Shadrach Bond, who had been an army colonel in the War of 1812, and, given the county's initial layout, had farmed well north of present-day Bond County. Shadrach Bond also served as the first governor of Illinois.

Over time Bond County gave birth to numerous other counties in the state, and ceded some of its land to Wisconsin and Michigan as well, so that today Bond County is one of the smaller counties in Illinois. Yet its rich history, along with the spirit and pride of its people, has outlasted all of these changes.

This year Bond County has planned a grand celebration in recognition of its bicentennial. This celebration began on January 5th with a commemorative program and a special proclamation by the County Board. Later this year, on July 2nd, the main celebration will occur with tours, a parade, food and many other activities, climaxing with a fireworks show.

I ask that we all join in that celebration as we pay tribute to the history and the people that made Bond County, and to the pioneering spirit that lives today in all of its citizens.

I stand today to salute Bond County on its 200th anniversary and to wish it the very best in the future.

KATE FOGLEMAN EARNS SPOT ON KIDS SWEETS SHOWDOWN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kate Fogleman of Sugar Land, TX, for earning a spot on the Food Network show, Kids Sweets Showdown.

Kate is a 10-year-old girl who just loves to bake. She fell in love with watching kids baking competitions on the Food Network and was inspired to apply herself. After being turned down for the Kids Baking Championship show, she persevered and succeeded in earning a spot on the Food Network's new show, Kids Sweets Showdown. The show features talented kids preparing "merry sweet treats" in hopes of staying on the judges' "nice list." Kate was featured on two episodes of the show, Santa Express and Snow Day Doughnuts. When she's not baking, Kate spends her time on her schools yearbook committee and dancing competitively for Dance Works in Missouri City, TX.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Kate Fogleman for earning a spot on Kids Sweets Showdown. We are extremely proud of her and look forward to her future success as a baker.

IN HONOR OF PATRICK J. MITCHELL

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the loss of a great Arizonan and American, Patrick J. Mitchell, 61, from Yuma, Arizona, who worked in Washington for many years, on November 27, 2016. Pat was a trusted advisor and advocate for many in Congress and he will be missed as a powerful advocate (with an Arizona perspective) for education, environment and natural resources, and labor issues in Washington DC councils.

Born in Yuma, AZ, on April 13, 1955, Pat was an accomplished athlete at Yuma High School where he was elected student body president. He went on to his beloved University of Arizona where he was elected student body president and from which he graduated in 1977. He received his Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University in 1981. Pat spent the next 35 years in politics and government fighting to improve the lives of others. He served as a congressional aide to Arizona Senator Dennis DeConcini, chief of staff to Representative Louise Slaughter from New York, political advisor to Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and the late Representative Mo Udall from Arizona, and senior advisor to two presidential campaigns, including serving with the Simon campaign in Iowa. Pat also was a special assistant attorney general for the State of Arizona. He went on to start his own government affairs firm, Strategic Impact

in Washington D.C., where he focused on appropriations, water and land management, and higher education issues. A beloved Arizona Wildcat fan, Pat was a member of the UA Bobcat Senior Honorary Society and served on the university's alumni board. He was also deeply involved with the Yuma community and in supporting Yuma's Catholic High School.

Pat cherished his family and he is predeceased by his parents, Henry and Helen (Curry) Mitchell of Yuma, and is survived by his brother Bryan Mitchell, sister Kathleen Dyer, nephews Ian and Dan Mitchell, and grandnieces Erin and Emily Mitchell. He often spoke of his father's military service to the nation.

Pat worked hard to ensure that the working families of Arizona had a voice when it came to national policy and debates, whether related to access to higher education or the natural beauty of the Nation. Pat was among those that rose to the challenge in a Republic that needs the best to engage in these national discussions. Few in this world loved their state and its people more.

IN RECOGNITION OF GENEVIEVE M. KUZIA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Genevieve M. Kuzia, who is turning 100 years old on January 5, 2017.

Gerry, as she is known to all, was one of seven daughters born to Stephanie and Anthony Kazmierzczak in Boston, Massachusetts. As a child Gerry moved with her family down to Delaware for three years so her father could work on the railroad. In 1923, they moved back to the Commonwealth and settled in Hyde Park. After finishing at Hyde Park High School in 1935, Gerry worked for a law firm in Boston for several years.

It was at the wedding of a family friend that Gerry met Francis A. Kuzia, who had just been honorably discharged from the Marine Corps. Francis, or Frank as he was known, and Gerry fell in love and were married on July 13, 1942 and settled in Hyde Park to have three children—Paul, Susan and Robert. After raising three wonderful children and spending her time as a fulltime caring and loving mother, Gerry went back to work for the Hyde Park branch of the Boston Public Library where she worked for 16 years till her retirement in 1982.

After losing the love of her life, Frank, in 1993, Gerry moved to Braintree, Massachusetts before moving to the Cape Cod Senior Residences in 2009 due to failing eyesight. Always armed with a smile and a kind word, Gerry is beloved at Cape Cod Senior Residences.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Gerry on this joyous occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of good health and continued happiness.