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Retiree News

OAKLAND MUSEUM TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT HENRY J. KAISER EXHIBIT

Henry J. Kaiser, the businesses he built, and the impact he and they had on industrial and economic development during the 20th century will be the subjects of a permanent exhibit to be established by the Oakland Museum of California. Spearheading the fundraising for this project are retired Kaiser Aluminum CEO **Cornell Maier** and retired CEOs of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Kaiser Cement & Gypsum, Kaiser Steel, and Kaiser Engineers.

Maier says, "The principal reason our group is pursuing this project is to make sure that the incredible accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Kaiser are recognized today and in the years to come. Here was a man – a true pioneer -- who began by paving roads and building bridges. He then moved on to construct the West's largest dams (Hoover, Grand Coulee, and Bonneville), build ships for the World War II effort (some 1,500 in total – the most of any shipbuilder), form the major Kaiser industrial companies to produce aluminum, steel, cement and a myriad of other products and – in the process – establish the largest privately operated health care organization in the world. Noted California historian Dr. J. S. Holliday calls Mr. Kaiser and John Muir 'the two most important Californians'."

The exhibit will be installed in the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, a civic auditorium and arena complex that is next door to and managed by the Oakland Museum. It will draw on archival material, photos, and objects now stored at a variety of locations. A professional curator – one of the most pre-eminent in California – has been retained to do the preliminary research and to direct the project through its completion.

The museum and the fundraising group of former Kaiser CEOs have set a budget of \$350,000, but plan to raise an additional \$50,000 to cover contingencies.

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan has pledged a major gift subject to the rest of the funds being raised from others. Support from foundations, companies, and individuals is being sought.

If you would like to make a personal, tax-deductible contribution to this worthwhile project, mail your check payable to Oakland Museum of California (with a notation that the funds are for the "HJK Exhibit") directly to Cornell C. Maier, 5121 Pinecrest Drive, Oakland, CA 94605.

Bob Irelan

THE KAISER SMOKE STACK SIGN OF INDUSTRIAL DAYS

A sign posted on a construction shack near the base of a Kaiser Aluminum smoke stack (see photo) in Chalmette, Louisiana reads, "*Who shall criticize the builders? Certainly not those who have stood idly by without lifting a stone.*"



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This photo and info were sent by **Joe Knoblock** who worked in the Power Division from 1950 - 1982. Joe purchased the shack when it went up for bid awhile back. With it came the door and sign. He reminisces, "The work compliment began

with 165 cement pourers but dwindled to a precious few as the pour reached 500 feet. Before putting the stack in service you could go up in the bucket to the top and face the wind gust; you would get a card saying how brave you were." To this day, Joe writes, the Kaiser smoke stack is important to the local fishermen, and local schools suggest painting it like a light house.

What's Going On

Ed Phillips checks in from his home in Russellville, KY, reporting that he helps fill his days watching his garden grow and chasing deer out of the back yard. **Frank Romeo's** primary hobbies in Ravenswood, WV, include woodworking and constructing his own group of kitchen cabinets.

Barbara Brewster reports she headed north from her home in Spokane, WA, last Fall for a pleasant visit with her daughter in Alaska. **Jim Holland** divides time between summer in Granville, OH, and winter in Florida. **Tim Healy** (Fairview, PA) is an agent for British Electrical Co.

Golf, fishing, wood working, coaching Little League teams and serving as a civil sheriff keep **Dick Spindel** busy in New Orleans, LA. **Melvin Flannum** (Apple Valley, CA) enjoys his many trips to Laughlin, NV. **Don TeBon** (Wales, WI) still consults a bit, but admits it's not too often because of his full schedule of travel and golf.

Jack Orndorf (Humboldt, IL) had a good visit to Yellowstone Park, Little Big Horn (the site of Custer's Last Stand) and the Cody Museum. **Ray Hogan** (Bolingbrook, IL) attended his granddaughter's wedding last Fall in Seattle and followed that by touring Victoria, British Columbia. Since his Kaiser retirement, **Tom Eynon** has been doing industrial safety work in Downingtown, PA ...



When **Gayle Hall** (Ripley, WV) isn't working as a school nurse, she's doing her quilting hobby **Marvin Miller** writes from Sebring, FL, that he enjoys grandchild visits in Ohio and South Carolina.

George Austin keeps busy in Colbert, WA, tending his tree farm. You can count **Chuck Blanton** (Plymouth, MA) among KASRA's avid golfers. **Bob Cowling's** main Livermore, CA, hobbies are electronics and home video editing ... **Al Gougler** (Colton, CA) enjoyed balloon flying in Italy.

Grace Collins' (Antioch, CA) schedule includes regular walks, interior decorating and Big Whist (a card game). **Raymond Ferrell** (Valrico, FL) drove 8200 miles from his home to Spokane, WA, and back. Using his own motor ability, there is **Richard Murray**, a

Carlsbad, CA beach walker.

Dick Spees, who lists his "job" in Oakland, CA, as being a member of its city council, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife and 48 family members at California's Sea Ranch ... **Virginia Kellogg** reports that she serves as a treasurer of three groups in her Cincinnati, OH, home town.

Richard Muller checks in from Metairie, LA, where he is on the board of the DeLimon Townhouse Association for his second three-year term. **Rodney Howard** (Pleasanton, CA) enjoys making doll houses for all his grandkids.



Shirlee Polson writes that she enjoys her new gated-community home in Spokane, WA. **Howard Nelson** (Alamo, CA) reports that he and **Bill Warfield** captured the Blackhawk Country Club's golf shootout, beating 71 other teams. **Wallace Allen** operates a ham radio in Walker, LA.

Gardening, tennis and fishing keep **Conrad Meyer** pleasantly very busy in Baton Rouge, LA. What does **Les Earle** (LaCross, IN) do? He repairs small gas motors and grows flowers and trees, that's what. **Louis Grill's** Arnold, MD, hobbies include gardening, golf and "Boob Tube Sports."

Maurice (Moe) Eskins keeps busy with a travel schedule that includes visiting his children in Boston, MA, Wilmington, NC, and Newark, OH. **John Rhodes** writes from Mesa, AZ, that golf and camping keep him busy. **Bob Shelton** (Marietta, GA) enjoys his international travel schedule.

Golf, skiing, gardening and bicycling help fill **Jim Shannon's** days in Ravenswood, WV. **Kenneth Williams** operates the Avellan Inn bed and breakfast in Newberg, OR. **Lonnie Sawyer** lists golf, hunting turkeys, travel and gardening among the hobbies that he enjoys in Spokane, WA.

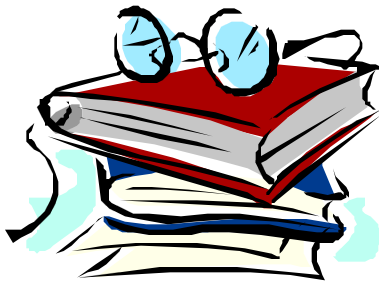
Josephine Duncan's (Concord, CA) travel included trips to Reno, NV, and Guadalajara, Mexico. **Ken Signer** notes from Cottonwood, AZ, that he's a "full-time RVer," enjoying every minute of the past 16 years on the road. **Bob Cole** was re-elected last year to

his third, six year term as commissioner of Spokane Water District #3. **Eugene Harris** reports from Columbus, OH, his key job is keeping up with his grandchildren.

Mary Bozarth, San Ramon, CA, enjoyed her family reunion that was held in Estes Park, CO, last Summer. **Claude Ford** (Covington, LA) reports that he had a very good time last Fall attending the 55th anniversary of his graduation from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY.

Allen Lightner's busy schedule in Chalmette, LA, includes maintaining his lawn in good shape and working on some lawn cutting equipment for his neighbors. **Vince Glubka**, who lives in Antelope, CA, enjoyed three weeks last August visiting relatives and some old friends in Minnesota.

Barbara Parkin reports from Oakland, CA, that she keeps very occupied searching and researching her genealogy. **William Fleming** (Ravenswood, WV) still has fond memories of his army reunion last Spring. **Bill Nadwornick** is an amateur radio fan (K7CTS) in Seven Bays, WA.



Manie Cordeiro is a very active golfer in Boca Raton, FL. **Maurice Bourgeois** lists his hobbies in Hester, LA, as taking care of his and his mother-in-law's yards. **Anthony Gerace** spends time in Chalmette, LA, gardening, fishing and sweating out the revitalized Saints footballers.

Charles Crockett (Oakland, CA) spent an entire 30 days last summer in Las Vegas, NV, and Palm Springs, CA. **Dewey and Gloria Gregoire** (Chalmette, LA) celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas. **William Moore** is a golfer and fisherman in Grayling, MI.

Francis Sherman is president of the Fairhope, AL, "Friends of the Pops Band." **Ruel Lucas** sends greetings from home base in Hayward, CA. **Floyd McCrea** is a member of Spokane's master gardeners' group Want to know who is an avid baseball fan? **Ruth Adams**, San Diego, CA, is. **"Zeke" Breaux** (Plaquemine, LA) enjoys "gardening, cooking and other honey do's." **Lou Parada** (Pinole, CA) still has

fond memories of his trip last Fall to Juneau, Alaska. **Bill Clair** (Arabi, LA) recently had an enjoyable visit with an old Navy buddy of his in Albuquerque, NM.

Woodworking is one of **Phil Gunther's** primary hobbies in Newark, OH. **P. J. Marksbury** notes from Spokane, WA, that fishing for the Kokanee at Loon Lake is one of his best hobbies. **Earl Hazan** (Barrington, RI) has worked for 23 years for T & D World Magazine as a writer and editor.



Kenny Potts has a schedule in Altamont, IL, that reads: "gardening, resting, gardening, resting, and gardening, resting." Another retiree who has a gardening hobby is **Phil Mischkot** in Sherman, TX.

Joseph Whittington, Summit, MS, says his full time work job is "being retired." Biking, hiking and reading are listed as his hobbies by **Richard Flores** in Livermore, CA. **Anna Louise Slusser** notes from Newport, WA, that a main hobby is keeping her flower garden going. **Tedd Burchill** writes from Ridge Manor, FL, that golf, bridge and yard work are main activities.

Guy Robicheaux writes from Chalmette, LA, recounting his vacation trip to Istanbul, Athens and the islands in between. **Lavern Brumbaugh**, Oakland, CA, volunteers as a worker at a nursing home located nearby. **I. F. Farison** splits time between homes in Louisville, KY, and in Florida.

Marcy Wofford comments from Savannah, GA, that she enjoys "just being alive with good neighbors." **Bob Dickinson** spends much time in Pleasanton, CA maintaining his old Porsche. **George Speicher** (Spokane, WA) has gardening as a hobby and also is his church's treasurer. **Dave Stone** (Harrison, ID) reports that he does some consulting work at Trentwood Works.

T. R. "Tex" Pritchett checks in from Alamo, TX, mentioning that he still is in the grapefruit growing business. **Clark Kenney** (Wayna, WA) reports hobbies as "fishing, fishing, and fishing." **Swanee Reinoldson** extends greetings from Castro Valley, CA. **Clare Deahl** in Spokane, WA, likes gardening and collecting oriental artifacts and crystals. **Bruce Pairman** celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary last June in his home town of Levey, Switzerland.

When **George Binczewski** visited Ravenswood Works a while ago, he could not find the famous roadside "Washington's Land" plaque that marked the area. So, George challenged the students of Ravenswood WV High School to have a new sign installed, contributing \$55 he had left deposited in a Ravenswood bank account for 27 years to get the civic project going.

A Southern style fish fry at **Cliff Arnold's** home in New Orleans, LA, drew together Chalmette retirees **Al Mouton, Tommy O'hare, Charlie Graff, Slim Uzee, Augie Albano, Don Holzenthall and Ted Aucoin** along with Gramercy retirees **Earl Bellanger and Dudley Stadler**. Over heaping plates of jambalaya and blackened red fish, the stories about the ones that got away got bigger and bigger as the night wore on.

Speaking of Chalmette and Gramercy, about a dozen retirees from both plants meet for lunch once a month. Last August's visit was at Gramercy and included a plant visit by Chalmette's **Ed Doody and Augie Albano** and Gramercy's **Earle Bellanger, Dudley Stadler, Paul Mayard, Joe Fereday and Don Holzenthall**.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert (Jake) Jaquay** of Parish, NY, on their 60th wedding anniversary, on the heels of Jake's 81st birthday and right before his wife's 80th. Hope you remembered to celebrate all those special days, Jake.

Northern California retirees - the annual **Sour Mash** golf tournament will be held on May 9, 2002 at Bethel Island Golf Course. Stay tuned for details in March.

EDITOR'S TRIBUTE

In November of 1987, John Cashel produced the first issue of KASRA Retiree News, as a response to your demands for "better communication to keep us informed about matters affecting KACC retirees." In 2002, the 15th anniversary of this publication, we pay tribute to John for the time, energy and talent he has devoted to this newsletter. A heartfelt thank you, John!

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OOPS

We omitted the So CA KASRA lunch bunch in our last issue. Meets the first Monday of the month. Norm Manger, (310) 377-2135 normie007@aol.com

IN MEMORIAM

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