

KASRA

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Retiree News

Dear Fellow Retiree:

This issue includes several inserts.

First, there is a ballot for the election of three new directors and the re-election of six current directors. Please fill out the ballot at your earliest convenience and return it in the envelope that is provided. (Those of you who receive this newsletter by e-mail will also receive a copy by mail so that you can vote in the same manner; we are not yet geared up for e-mail voting.)

Second, for those of you who have not already paid your dues, we have included a letter and a dues-enrollment form. We appreciate the support you have provided in the past and we need it going forward.

Third, there are three communications which those of you who are on the KASRA e-mail list have already seen. (1) A White Paper that we are using and will use with elected officials, the media, and other key constituencies in our continuing efforts to preserve and protect retiree benefits; (2) a sample of a letter we have sent to selected Congressmen and will be sending to others; and (3) a letter I used earlier in transmitting the two items by e-mail to KASRA members. We will be intensifying this communication effort in the weeks and months ahead.

As those of you in our most populous retiree states know, we asked you several weeks ago to write to your Senators, seeking amendments to bankruptcy reform legislation that would provide a strengthened role for retirees and employees in the bankruptcy process. To those of you who wrote, thanks. To those who haven't, there is still time to do so. While this initial effort was aimed at the nine states in which the majority of Kaiser retirees live, we will be asking the help of all retirees in the months to come.

Time will tell whether our collective and individual communications efforts help produce the desired results. But one thing is certain: We won't fail for lack of trying.

With respect to current information on Kaiser's bank-

ruptcy, we refer you to the company's web site: www.kaiseral.com. Once you are connected to the site, click on "Restructuring News" and then "Update." This will provide you with the latest company-issued news.

I know you join me in expressing heartfelt thanks to Jess Erickson and Evo Alexandre -- two directors who are completing six years of tremendously dedicated service on the board. Jess preceded me as president and has been a tough act to follow. But he has helped greatly with his counsel. Evo . . . what can I say about Evo? Through his tireless efforts, he has brought our communications into the 21st Century and, at the same time, has handled many of your benefits questions. While term limits preclude Jess and Evo from continuing to serve as directors, they have generously agreed to continue to help wherever and whenever needed.

We'll stay in touch. Thanks, again, for your help.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jed Daniel".

Jed Daniel
President

Get Your KASRA News Via E-Mail

The fastest way to receive your copy of KASRA News is via e-mail. Not only do you receive it at least a couple of weeks sooner than copies printed and sent by mail, you also save KASRA printing and postage expense. We will, of course, continue to mail the newsletter to members who do not have e-mail.

If you have e-mail but have not provided us with your e-mail address, please do so. If you have changed your e-mail address, please send us the new address.

Our goal is to use e-mail as much as we can. Thanks for your cooperation.

Vote Now!

FOR KASRA DIRECTORS

Three new directors are to be elected to the KASRA Board, two of them for three-year terms and one for the remaining two years of an unexpired term. In addition, the initial three-year term of six current directors will expire and they have been nominated and have agreed to stand for election to a second three-year term. Enclosed in this issue of KASRA News are brief biographies of the three new nominees for election to the Board and a ballot and reply envelope for your use in voting. The deadline for receiving your ballot is August 15, so please return your completed ballot now.

The three new nominees are:

- Steve Booth, who retired in 2000 as Chief Labor Counsel and Director, Industrial Relations, after a 25-year Kaiser career. Nominated for a three-year term.
- Donna Buster, who retired in 2003 as Corporate Benefits Administrator, after nearly 30 years with the company. Nominated to fill the remaining two years of a three-year term.
- Ron Rhody, who served as Vice President and Director of Public Relations and Advertising during a 24-year career with Kaiser, before joining BankAmerica Corporation in 1983 to become Executive Vice President and Director, Corporate Communications and External Affairs. Nominated for a three-year term.

Two of these seats will open due to term limits which apply to Evo Alexandre and Jess Erickson, both of whom were first elected in 1997. The third is open due to a resignation.

The six current directors who have been nominated for election to a second (and final) three-year term are:

- Jed Daniel
- Art Donaldson
- Joanne Gutierrez
- Bob Irelan
- Kirk McVean
- Janet Vogelgesang

Remember . . .

Return your completed ballot now.



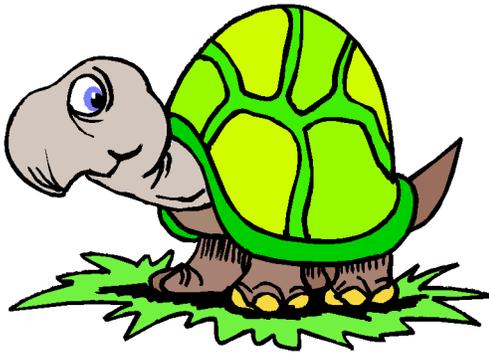
What's Going On

Trekking partway in New Zealand, **Jack Holtzapple** (Lafayette, CA) enjoyed a three week trip that included the Abel Tasman walk and the Milford Track. KACC Detroit retiree **Harlan Gilmore** (Ann Arbor, MI) spends the winter in Guanajuato, Mexico, no doubt soaking up the sun and sopping up the salsa. Chalmette retiree **Guy Robicheaux**, (Chalmette, LA), this editor's favorite woodcarver, is also a Master Gardener and provides entertainment for senior groups. Doesn't say what kind of entertainment, though. Could be he's a magician or a musician. Anyone care to guess? Person who gets it right when Guy writes back wins another copy of the newsletter.

Former "Kaiser Man" **Harry Dwelle**, (Millen, GA) whose mug appeared in numerous Kaiser Ag Chem ads in the '60s shot 6 strokes under his age playing 18 holes of golf. And, after missing a 3 1/2 footer for par on 17, **Bob Robertson** (Roseville, CA) made an 8-foot birdie putt on the last hole to reach his goal of shooting his age playing a round of golf. Congratulations to both, but now you're leaving it up to us to guess your age!!!! And 39 golfers got together for the annual Sour Mash Golf Tournament at Bethel Island, CA. **Bob Irelan** of Rancho Murieta, CA, shot a low gross score of 79. Bob and wife Barbara paired with Colleen and **David Geary** (San Ramon, CA) were the low net team.



Snaring the big one. **Knut Frostad** (Highlands Park, CO) sent this picture of him with wife Gerry and her catch - a 40-pound king salmon in Alaska where they headed again this summer. They plan to relocate to Camano Island, WA, in September. Swimming with the stingrays in Grand Cayman was the favorite activity of **Al Schroeck's** (Baton Rouge, LA) family, whom he took on a cruise last February during Mardi Gras break. Three generations spend time visiting dad, grandpa and great grandfather **Robert Torrice** in Paradise, CA, to enjoy good times, good food, song and prayer.



Exotic animal siting: giant tortoise, blue footed boobies, flightless cormorants and iguanas were all part of the landscape in the Galapagos Islands and **Curt Harri-**

son (Saratoga, CA) had a great trip there. Former KACC St. Louis distributor sales retiree **Gene Wildberg** (Ballwin, MO) spends 3 months of the year in Wisconsin. When he's at home, Gene enjoys walking the dog every day, tutoring 3rd graders and planning his next Elder Hostel trip. Gramercy retiree **Gary Weber** (LaPlace, LA) enjoys hunting, fishing and gardening. Another Gramercy retiree, **Ed Downing, Jr.** (Metairie, LA) celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss with wife Ann in April. Happy Anniversary!

Widow **Margaret Zaffran (Edwin)** lives in Homedale, ID, near her daughter and enjoys gardening, hand crafts, traveling to California and Arizona. On the mend - **Genevieve O' Wolff** of Buchanan Dam, TX, fractured her left hip last fall and is getting back to normal with the help of a walker. Surviving spouse **Lilly Mitchell** of Deer Park, WA, writes that she enjoys tying quilts and gardening. Lilly's husband, the late James W. Mitchell, worked at Mead from 1946 - 1971. Kaiser Alpart Jamaica retiree **Don Farrelly** (Baton Rouge, LA) visited Lourdes, France last year along with other Kaiser retirees and Baton Rouge residents **John Launey** and **Jim Cruse** and their wives.

Steve Jordan (Chouteau, OK) is into stock car racing, most recently at the Salina Highbanks Speedway, where he won the Factory Stock Championship last year. This time, Steve says the IMCA Modified class car puts them in the middle of the pack, but he's hopeful they'll finish in the top ten. Chalmette retiree **Claude Stubbs** of Picayune, MS, likes to fish and hunt and says he spends more time hunting wild turkeys than anything else. Ninety four retirees enjoyed dinner and conversation at the Kaiser Aluminum Oldtimers Society spring fling in Baton Rouge. Anyone nearby interested in forming a retiree lunch bunch with **Bud Caro** in Portland, OR? If so, give Bud a call at (503) 296-8405 or email thecaros@ix.netcom.com.

Mead retiree **Bob Coyle** of Spokane, WA, is a contractor who does remodels, decks, roofs, flatwork and other jobs. Phone him at 467-2132. CFT retiree **Sue Summerson** and her husband, Trentwood retiree **TJ Summerson** of Spokane, WA, spent a week at Fairmont Hot Springs in British Columbia with CFT retiree **Tex Pritchett** and his wife Mary of Alamo, TX, enjoying each other's company, playing lots of bridge and some golf. **Max Ott** (Pollock Pines, CA) visited his son's

family in Michigan, where he hugged a 2-year old grandson for the first time. Meanwhile, Max's other grandkids - 2 and a half year old triplets - keep them busy closer to home in Folsom. Oakland retiree **Sharon Huffman** and husband Jim celebrated their 25th anniversary in February. The Hufmans sold their business and retired in Hermiston, OR.

To celebrate her 70th birthday, **Wilma Tipton** of Fairbanks, AS, went on a dog sled ride, courtesy of her daughters. Wilma volunteers as a school bus monitor, helping kids on and off the bus. But when daylight extends to 19 hours, moose often graze in full view in the afternoons. And Wilma won't let the little ones get off the bus into harm's way if the moose are out. Surviving spouse **Sherry Hellyer** of Ravenswood, WV, went to New York, Virginia Beach and also loves to attend Bluegrass music concerts. Making progress in rehab following quadruple bypass surgery is **David Wood, Sr.** (Little Deer Isle, ME). His hobbies include wood working, furniture design and helping his wife with her sculpture using the lost wax bronze process.



In Memoriam

Reid Edwards, who served as a very active president of KASRA (1993-94), died on April 24, following some months of declining health. We remember him fondly for his intelligence, high energy, dedication to KASRA, and keen sense of humor.

Editor's Note: With the closing of the KACC benefits office in San Ramon, CA, KASRA News will no longer receive corporate information about retiree deaths. If you become aware of the passing of colleagues, please send information directly to the editor at our address below. We would appreciate receiving notices directly from families as well as newspaper obituaries.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEWS

Our sources are depleted. We need more news from retirees. Drop us a line about your favorite pastime, big fish story, or unusual anecdotes. Fill out the enclosed brown slip and share your news! And, keep sending those emails, to: wmipr@aol.com or KASRA News, 2471 San Miguel Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 93456

The Lunch Bunch

Below are upcoming regional luncheon group meetings.
Please contact directly to attend.

July 3 Baton Rouge

Lunch at noon Kiva's. To confirm location, call Bob Lister (225) 272-2886 or Bob Eisenbach (225) 926-1334 or email beisenbach@prodigy.net

July 7 Los Angeles (So CA)

The Elephant Bar, 14303 E. Firestone Blvd., (Santa Ana Freeway & Valley View), La Mirada, CA 90638 (714) 994-1474. Ask for the Kaiser Aluminum table. Contact Norm Manger (310) 377-2135 or email normmanger@cox.net

July 10 Mead

Social club lunch at Mamma Mia's on West Francis St. Call Joe Fife at (509) 466-9155 or email ajjfife@aol.com or Phil Marksburly at (509) 325-1798 or email Pjmarks@aol.com

July 16 Erie

Luncheon meeting at 1:00 p.m., Lake Shore Country Club. Contact Tim Healy (814) 474-3536 or email thealy@leol.net

July 25 Ravenswood

Luncheon, 1:00 p.m. Cedar Lakes. Please send a check for \$7.00 each to Jim Hunter, 127 Fairview Dr., Ripley, WV 25271. Call Dave Whitman (304) 273-5548 or email dwhitman@wirefire.com

July 29 Newark

Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Stacey's Smorgasbord, Heath. Call Bob Abel at (740) 323-2268 or email rpabel@alltel.net

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September 7 Belpre

Picnic at Howes Grove Park, noon. Bring food. Call Betty Blair (304) 489-1337 for more info.

September 11 Tacoma

Elks Lodge, Call Bob Mohr (253) 564-9308 or email bobjanetmohr@attbi.com

Retirees in Texas:

If you are interested in meeting with fellow retirees in Richardson quarterly, please contact Cathy Peterson Eaton at 972-562-2352 or email Cathypeaton1@attbi.com.

Retirees near Portland, OR

If you would like to become part of a startup lunch bunch in this area, please contact Bud Caro at (503) 296-8405 or email thecaros@ix.netcom.com.



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