

KASRA

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Retiree News

Dear Fellow Retiree:

There are several things to report as the new year gets underway.

One, the Official Retirees Committee has filed an objection to the proposed inter-company settlement agreement to make sure there is nothing in it that would have an adverse effect on our agreement with the company. This is the appropriate action for the committee to take to protect the interests of all salaried retirees and spouses.

Two, the Official Committee has received from the company the backup data for the 2005 COBRA rate increases. We are in the process of reviewing the data to make sure the methodology the company used is consistent with what is allowed under the COBRA regulations. We are also checking the calculations to make sure they are correct. When our review is completed, we will report back to you.

Three, although the Official Committee has been reimbursed for most of its expenses (reimbursement of appropriate expenses is the normal practice in bankruptcy proceedings), the company continues to refuse to pay the \$30,000 spent on behalf of the committee in order to try to find suitable replacement medical benefits coverage for salaried retirees/surviving spouses. We will continue to fight for this reimbursement and will, if it becomes necessary, go all the way to the bankruptcy judge for a decision.

Four, the Official Committee will carefully review the company's Restructuring Plan for emerging from bankruptcy when it becomes available, with the intent of making sure there is nothing in it that would adversely impact our agreement with the company.

Five, the Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees VEBA Trust continues to receive cash advances of \$300,000 each month from the company. By the time you re-

ceive this newsletter, the cumulative amount (including an amount due for December) should be \$2.3 million. As I've stated in earlier messages, it is too early to determine either the amount or the timing of benefits that may be paid under the VEBA plan. It may not be possible to do so (at least initially) until after Kaiser either successfully emerges from bankruptcy or fails to do so. Meantime, the VEBA Trustees continue to do the necessary preparatory work.

Six, as I'm sure many of you already know, Kaiser plans to relocate its corporate headquarters from Houston to Southern California during 2005. According to a news report, a small number of employees will be offered the opportunity to transfer to the new location at Foothill Ranch, CA.

Please understand that this message was written in late December. As the status of the above-mentioned items changes, we'll provide you updates.

Thanks for your continued support. We will continue to do our best to represent your interests.

Sincerely,

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

Jed Daniel, President

KASRA Your News

Write us your news, travels, stories... humorous tales welcome. Electronic photos are accepted in jpeg files. Just be sure to note you are a KASRA retiree in the subject line, however, or they will not be opened. Send a note to Editor, KASRA News, 2471 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 or email wmipr@aol.com.

What's Going On

The ones that didn't get away.



All smiles are **Knut Frostad** (Camano Lake, WA) and **Tom Brattebo** (Liberty Lake, WA) proudly displaying their sockeye salmon. Frostad is a commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay & Cook's Inlet, Alaska during the summer. Tom spent five weeks crewing for skipper Knut, who recruited another Trentwood retiree, **Jarvis Schlafman** (Spokane, WA), as a crewman the year before.

Fifteen years of keeping up a full house and yard was enough for Oakland retiree **Yvonne Nauss**, who has downsized to a two bedroom condo in Las Vegas, NV. She writes that there is still room for friends to visit at 8855 W. Russell Rd. #1014, zip 89113. Ag Chem retiree **Paul A. Kilty** of Lafontaine, IN, crafts furniture reproductions in his own woodworking shop. He uses all solid hardwoods. Trentwood retiree **Betty Fyock Lynch** (Otis Orchards, WA) likes to play the fiddle. She is also a Creative Memories consultant, which puts her scrapbook skills to good use.

All in the family. **Frank J. Kraus, Jr.** of Chalmette, LA, is bursting with pride. Within three days last June, two of his daughters gave birth to little boys, while their oldest sister, who is a nurse at the hospital where the deliveries occurred, took care of them and their babies. Planning to spend more time this year hitting the road in their motorhome are the **Henry Gallys** of Cresco, PA.

A family reunion drew 14 kin together in the southern Sierra, including **Howard Nelson** (Alamo, CA).

Genevieve Dey (surviving spouse of KACC chief engineer Chester Dey, d.1999) of Diamond Springs, CA, enjoys gardening and making floral arrangements.

Richard Alden (Concord, CA) retired from volunteering in the athletic department of De La Salle High School. He still volunteers at Loaves & Fishes and runs his church's food pantry, despite relying on an oxygen supply 24 hours a day. Surviving spouse **Gerri La Fleur** of Metairie, LA, enjoys singing in her church choir and to shut ins, as well as attending senior group get togethers.

Liz Hartman (Tiburon, CA) says she can't believe she stood in line for 3.5 hours just to get former President Clinton's autograph on his book - and she's a Republican. What were you thinking, Liz? The editor remembers waiting in line for former President Carter's autograph but at least she was a fellow Democrat. Meanwhile, Liz is busy promoting and selling her late husband's book, "Art Criticism" by Harold Pepperell, and says shows of his final photos will be displayed at San Francisco's Strybing Arboretum.

Wes Nordin of Bullhead, AZ, is enjoying retirement from Mead Works. He's gone on a cruise to San Francisco and Catalina Island and serves on a community association's architectural committee. International relations... **Peggy Loesk** (Cupertino, CA) traveled to Segovia, Spain last summer to attend the wedding of her grandson and a lovely Spanish young woman.

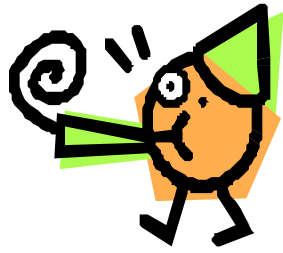
On the Move. Plymouth Meeting retiree **Frank**



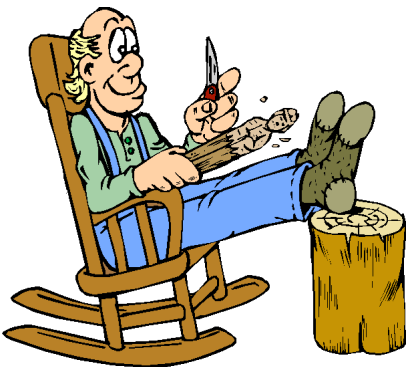
Papso relocated from Lancaster, PA, to Webster, NY, to be with the grand kids. **Max Ott** sold the home in Pollock Pines and moved to Del Webb Lincoln Hills, Lincoln, CA. Hmmm,

wonder if that's the same place where **Jack Geitz** resides, as he has moved from Auburn, CA, to Del Web's Sun City in Lincoln Hills, CA. **Robert L. Weber** of Brentwood, CA, sold the home in Sun City, AZ, and bought a place in the new Trilogy complex for seniors, in Peoria, AZ. **Doris A. Green**, spouse of William A. Green, has moved into a retirement home in Lombard, IL. Planning a move to Ellensburg, WA, from Pleasanton, CA, this spring is CFT retiree **Neal**

Person. Malcolm (Mac) E. Reed has stayed put, by golly, however, the city hall types have changed his residence city's name from Laguna Hills to Laguna Woods in CA. Permanente Foil retiree **Mary Serpa** moved to Carson City, NV, to be near both her son and daughter. She has a lovely apartment attached to her daughter's home in the foothills.



Happy Anniversary, from 2004. Celebrating 67 years of marriage are **Mr. & Mrs. C.S. (Kopie) Kopcsak** of Dewey, AZ. Jeanne and **Jim Hunter** of Ripley, WV, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Sanibel Island, FL. Carl and **Margaret Milhoan** of Belleville, WV, have been married for 58 years. Valco retiree **Bob Dix** and his wife Brownie (Mt. Vernon, WA) toasted their 63rd anniversary. Another Valco retiree **Frank Byrne** and his wife Gretta (Haines City, FL) celebrated their 50th anniversary. Phyllis and **Harry Miller** of Sun City Center, FL, are a 66-year couple. Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Paxton** have been married for 55 years. Richard, by the way, still flies and is building a Piper Cub airplane with seven other club members. Congratulations to all you love birds.



Erie, PA, retiree and resident **Lynn Huston** crafts rocking chairs using an 1800 design. He also is working on a driftwood rocker. It's not exactly The Little House on the Prairie, but where Permanente retiree **Gerard (Jerry)**

Denny lives in Morgan Hill, CA, he chases the sheep with his Border Collie, "Cara." Chalmette retiree and resident **A. Ray Lightell, Sr.** plays golf twice a week and travels several times during the year to visit his daughter's family in Kingwood, TX. Erie retiree and resident **Robert J. Spaeder** has been on three cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska. Also visiting Alaska on a land tour and cruise were Gramercy retiree **George Ross** and his wife Nelda of Gonzales, LA. They write

that trips to Houston to visit grandchildren and great grandchildren keep them young at heart. **Robert C. Newsom** of Baton Rouge, LA, travels often to Danville, CA, to visit his son's family.

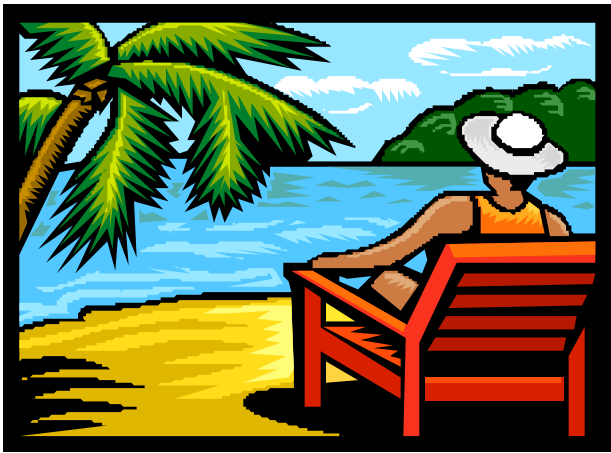
It's All In the Family... Chalmette retiree and resident **Guy Robicheaux** vacationed with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren at their annual week-long get together on the Mississippi Gulf Coast last summer. Ag Chem retiree **David Martin** of Humboldt, TN, has been involved with the Tennessee Lions Sight Service Program for 40 years. Happy 82nd birthday to Chalmette retiree and resident **Anthony Gerace**. Another Chalmette retiree, **Benjamin Martin**, lives with his brother in Belle Chase, LA, and takes yearly cruises with his daughter. Best wishes to Mead retiree **Robert (Bob) Platt** of Eagle, ID, who suffered a stroke last year. He and wife Doris live in an assisted manor.

Gramercy retiree **P.J. Amato** has served as a volunteer fireman at the Lutch, LA, Fire Department for more than 50 years, of which 40 have been as fire chief. By the way, P.J. says hello to **Jim McKnight** - fair golfer that he is. Need any mulligans, he asks Jim. Take one for free. Another golfer who spent time playing courses in the Gulf Shores, AL, area last summer is Gramercy retiree **Donald Hebert**. Following last year's release of "The Romance of Small-town Chautauquas," Oakland retiree **Jim Schultz** of Lafayette, CA, is writing a third book.

Lou Parada (Pinole, CA) volunteers as the digital photographer and webmaster for the Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito. Check out his work at www.ccct.org



Rob Angel (Walnut Creek, CA) does a little wood working as a hobby and visited Sun River, OR, for a family reunion last year. **Marian Mortensen** (Oakland, CA) likes to play bridge as often as she can and still volunteers for the American Cancer Society. She took a cruise to Europe last summer and made fall trips to Escondido, CA, and Phoenix, AZ. Another bridge player is **Shirley Sorensen** of Alameda, CA. Shirley also enjoys watching the grandkids' sports activities.



To explain why he doesn't have a job, Gramercy retiree **Jim Usher** of Greenwell Springs, LA, likes to quote the late former Pres. Reagan: *"They say that hard work won't kill you, but why take a chance?"* Jim attended a Navy reunion in Charleston, SC. Attending her high school reunion in Las Vegas, NV, was **Elizabeth E. Atkinson** of Castro Valley, CA. Beth is the publications editor of the Baywood Court Retirement Facility, where she also organizes talent shows and other events. CFT retiree **Curt Harrison** and his wife, Jo, (Saratoga, CA) spent a memorable week cruising the Galapagos Islands, visiting the Charles Darwin Research Center, where there was a tortoise sanctuary and nursery. The Harrisons saw nature at its best -flightless cormorants, Galapagos penguins, sea lions, sea turtles laying eggs, red flamingos, and iguanas.

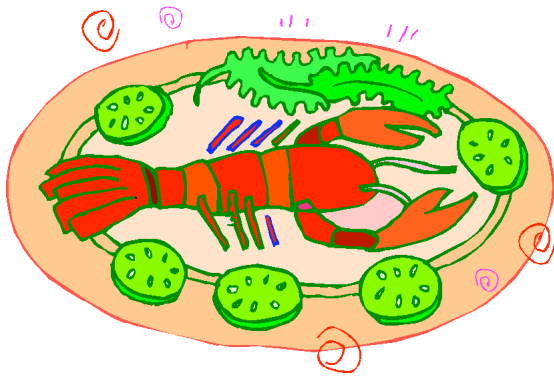
Dennis Seymour (San Diego, CA) enjoyed a two-week Elderhostel stay in London and a week in Ireland where Guinness stout was much enjoyed. **Bob Irelan** (Rancho Murieta, CA) plans to attend his 50th high school reunion in Maryland this year while wife Barbara plans to do the same in West Virginia. The Irelands vacation annually in Maui, and golf in Palm Springs. Bob also teaches "Essentials of Public Relations" at UC Davis Extension. **Melvin Flannum** of Apple Valley, CA, had a great time on a 14-day Panama Canal cruise last



fall. And **Tony Procanik** (Monarch Beach, CA) and his wife celebrated her birthday by going on the Paul Gaugin to French Polynesia. So very proud of his 9-year old granddaughter is **Archie Boyd** of Metairie, LA. She's been a medalist for two years straight at the Master Ski Event in Utah, took first place for New York state's junior golf championship and is a solo violinist in her school orchestra. What a trifecta! He not only watches them, he delivers them. **Bruce Wilson** of Moraga, CA, has a part time job as a delivery route truck driver for a DVD/VHS conversion lab. Meanwhile, Bruce enjoyed the holiday in Belize. Another part timer is **Tom Lowe** of Livermore, CA. When he's not a volunteer on the East Bay Regional Park trail patrol, Tom works four days a month at the Wente Vineyards tasting room. Now, that sounds like a fun job. Getting ready to watch his favorite team, the St. Louis Cardinals, is **Bryan Webber** of Mexico, MO. By the way, Bryan, the Cards' field manager, Tony La-Russa, just finished hosting a benefit concert in Walnut Creek, CA, for his other 'pet' project, the Animal Rescue Foundation. Enjoying life in the Greenacres Good Samaritan Retirement Village is **Harry Lorentz** of Spokane Valley, WA.

Happy 80th birthday to **Josephine Boulay** of Sacramento, CA, who is enjoying a precocious 2 and half year old grandson. Proud of the kids at any age... **Len Sedlin** of Baton Rouge, LA, traveled last summer to Dallas to see his son receive an MBA from Southern Methodist University's Executive MBA Program. This while son worked full time and attended school at night and on weekends, unbeknownst to his parents, who are super proud. **Elton Tucker** of Milledgeville, GA, enjoyed an Alaska land tour and cruise last July and spent the rest of the summer at his cabin in Helen, GA. And frequent cruiser **Waymon Sloan** (Kaufman, TX) has cruised the British Isles, the Caribbean, Bora Bora and cruised on the QE2.

Ravenwood retiree **Gordon A. Powell** (Amity, AK) moved to Arkansas in 1992 and was re-elected to a fifth term as a Court Justice. Although he enjoys retirement, Gordon says he's working the hardest he's ever worked in his life at such activities as being President of the Central Arkansas Telephone Co-op, a volunteer for the Point Cedar Fire Department, a staff member of the Arkansas Senate, and President of the Rural Road Committee. Whew, editor needs to take a nap after hearing that.



The Lunch Bunch

January 13 Mead

11:30 a.m. Lunch at Cathay Inn on North Division St. Call Joe Fife (509) 466-9155 ajjfife@aol.com or Phil Marksbury at pjmarksb@comcast.net.

January 19 Erie

Lunch at 1 p.m., Lake Shore Country Club. Call Tim Healy at (814) 474-3536 fax (814) 474-2700 thealy@velocity.net

January 20 Trentwood

11:00 a.m. at Valley Eagles, 16810 E. Sprague, Verdale. Topic: retiree financial management. Contact Steve Harvey at s1harv3y@comcast.net.

January 25 Newark

11:30 a.m. Stacy's in Heath. Call Bob Abel at (740) 323-2268 or rpabel@alltel.net

February 2 Los Angeles (So. CA)

Noon at The Elephant Bar, 14303 E. Firestone Blvd., La Mirada. Norm Manger (310) 377-2135 email normanger@cox.net.

February 3 Baton Rouge

Lunch at noon at Mansur's on Corporate Blvd. Call Bob Eisenbach (225) 926-1334 bobeisenbach@cox.net

February 10 Mead

11:30 a.m. Lunch at Cathay Inn on North Division St. Call Joe Fife (509) 466-9155 ajjfife@aol.com or Phil Marksbury at pjmarksb@comcast.net.

February 15 Chalmette

1 p.m. Luncheon at Salvaggio's, Slidell on Highway 11 (Ponchartrain Drive). December, 2004's gathering brought together 71 retirees and spouses, including Dr. Frank Incaprera, the plant's first visiting medical doctor. All KASRA retirees and spouses invited. Call Sherman Faught at (985) 641-6121.

February 17 Trentwood

11:00 a.m. at Valley Eagles, 16810 E. Sprague, Verdale. Trentwood progress report by Mike Zerga. Contact Steve Harvey at s1harv3y@comcast.net

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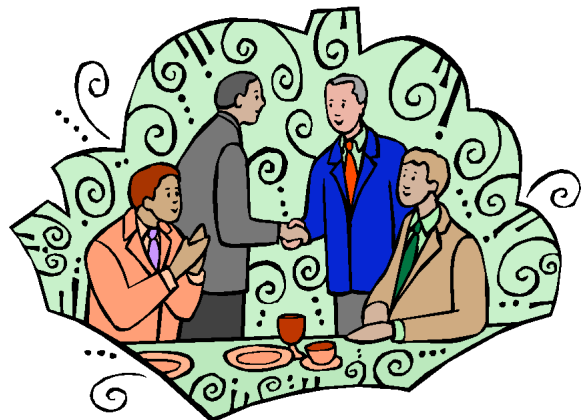
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Texas

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In Memoriam

Robert L. Alley, Diamondhead, MS
Bob R. Barnett, Proctor, OK
Jerry Brieger, Tacoma, WA
Floyd R. Collins, Arabi, LA
Keith C. Davis, Hendersonville, TN
Marce Edwards, Monterey, CA
Kenneth E. Ellis, Spokane Valley, WA
Earl Estes, Mexico, MO
Robert Gille, San Ramon, CA
Donald L. Larkin, Spokane, WA
Herbert F. Mayhew, Midland, MI
George C. McAninch, Rochester, NY
Marvin N. Prewitt, Spokane, WA
Arthur C. Reese, Spokane, WA
William B. Rowe, Ravenswood, WV
Elizabeth "Betty" Sayre, Ravenswood, WV
Harold E. Swanson, Erie, PA

The Board of Directors expresses its deepest sympathy to families and loved ones. KASRA is no longer receiving information from Kaiser Aluminum or EBDS regarding the deaths of salaried retirees. Often, when an obituary appears in the local newspaper, there may be an electronic version on the newspaper's website as well. Sometimes, the web site will include an electronic guest book where friends may send email messages of sympathy and condolences to the families. If you become aware of such notices, or know of the passing of a colleague, please send this information to Editor, KASRA News, 2471 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 or email wmipr@aol.com.