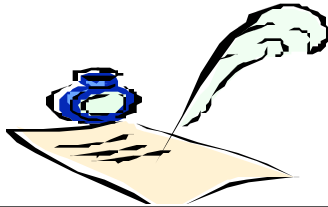


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Retiree News

Dear Fellow Retiree:

Quite a lot has happened since the January newsletter was sent to you.

The Bankruptcy Court in early February confirmed the company's Joint Plan of Reorganization. That confirmation order needs to be affirmed by the United States District Court before the company can emerge from bankruptcy, and it is subject to appeal. The company has said it is hopeful it can proceed through the remaining steps quickly and emerge before the end of March. Whatever the timing, the emergence will be good news for all concerned - retirees as well as active employees.

The Trustees of the Salaried Retirees' VEBA met in February and approved an amendment to the VEBA Plan that will allow eligible retirees, spouses and dependents who elected to receive COBRA or Bankruptcy COBRA medical benefit continuation coverage from the company to participate in the VEBA Plan for the first time in 2006 and thereafter. Enrollment materials will be sent to the individuals involved toward the end of April. Additional enrollment reminders will also be sent to those individuals who are otherwise eligible but, for whatever reason, have not yet enrolled. Later in the year, the Trustees will consider the question of a benefit for 2006. At that time, they also will consider the question of including a possible, additional "make-up" benefit for family units that were not able to claim the full \$500 benefit for 2005 because one or more family unit members had COBRA or Bankruptcy COBRA medical benefit continuation coverage during 2005, making them ineligible to participate in the VEBA Plan. A full report on the VEBA Plan for 2005, including year-end 2005 audited financial statements

for the VEBA Plan, will be sent out by the Trustees later in the year.

A reminder: You must be enrolled in the VEBA Plan in order to claim any reimbursement benefits. If you are eligible to enroll in the VEBA Plan but did not do so in 2005, you must enroll before the end of 2006 in order to claim any benefit that may be declared for 2006. If you enrolled in 2005, you do not need to re-enroll.

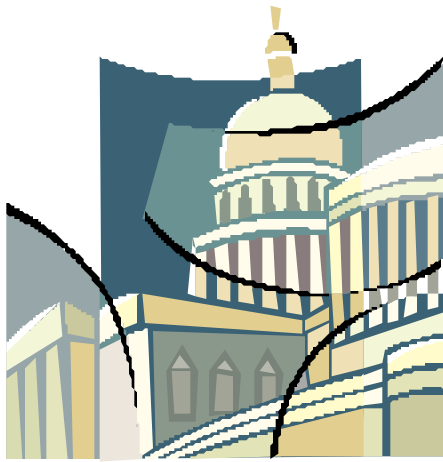
As you know from previous newsletter messages, the Settlement Agreement between the company and the Official Retirees' Committee obligated the company to contribute advances to the VEBA each month until it emerged from bankruptcy. Beginning with an initial advance of \$200,000 in June of 2004 and subsequent monthly advances of \$300,000, the amount received by the VEBA through February 2006 totaled \$6.5 million. Of that amount, \$1.28 million will be credited or offset against any contributions due under the profit sharing plan that goes into effect when the company emerges from bankruptcy. The company paid \$108,750 of the VEBA's administrative expenses for 2004 and 2005, and has agreed to pay, in 2006 and each successive calendar year, one-half of the administrative costs of the VEBA, not to exceed \$36,250.

Once the company officially emerges from bankruptcy, the VEBA will receive a 9.7% interest (1,940,100 shares of common stock) in the reorganized company for the benefit of eligible salaried retirees, spouses and dependents.

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What's Going On

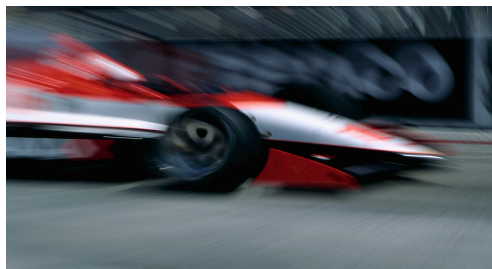
Wanda M. Fecht (Mexico, MO) joined more than 200 of her classmates and spouses for their 57th high school reunion in Clinton, OK. The trout fishing is good in Carlisle, PA, where **Donald Durr** resides full time, now that he sold his condo in Florida.



Following a visit to our Nation's Capital last summer, **Estelle Oliver** and her husband Edmund of Bristol, RI, say the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum is a must see. **Rodney C. La**

Roque and his wife Marilyn (Las Vegas, NV) took a month-long cruise last fall, heading north to Quebec from New York before going south to Nassau.

A four-month RV trip through MidEastern states and Florida completed **Russ Radach** (Auburn, CA) and his wife Lee's goal to visit all 50 states. **Larry Kennedy** of Seven Bays, WA, enjoys gardening, golfing as well as occasional fishing and vacation trips. Fabricated Products retiree and retired real estate broker **Beverly Anderson-Roberts** of Loganville, GA, stays quite busy and happy helping her husband take care of their 8-acre country home. They also enjoy a blended family of 10 grown kids and spouses as well as 19 grandchildren. **Diana and Rich Kemmerle** (Auburn, CA) spent two weeks cruising Italy last year and also made their annual trip to Hawaii. Speaking of cruises, **Jan Bacon** of Rathdrum, ID, says her Alaskan cruise with family was wonderful.



“Grumpy Old Men” sounds like a movie but it's really the name of the Bonneville

Salt Flat landspeed race car that Moss Landing re-

tiree **Nick Reynal** of Salinas, CA, services as a crew member. Sure hope **Joseph C. Magdich** (Oregon, OH) has found a way to keep playing golf, since someone stole his power golf cart right off the course last year. **Sharon Fraetis** of Lafayette, CA, took a 15-day cruise to Hawaii last November. Bay Minette, AL, retiree and resident **Carl A. Holland** and his wife Betty enjoyed two weeks traveling in their 36-foot motor home to visit Hiawasee, GA,.

Ravenswood retiree **Carolyn Waybright** (Ripley, WV) serves on the Ripley Beautification Committee and the Pilot Club of Jackson County that helps needy children receive dental care. Carolyn is also a Ripley Booster who wants to see pro grass on the (high school) football field. Following the death of his wife in 2004, Baton Rouge retiree **John D. Odom, Sr.** of Pride, LA, remarried last year. The gentleman farmer grows figs, persimmons, oranges, lemons, muscadines and peaches. Also remarried after 7 years as a widower is Grand Prairie, TX, retiree **Claude Burrough** of Granbury, TX. Claude plays golf and volunteers for Meals on Wheels. Moss Landing retiree **Oran O. Parrish** moved from Modesto, CA, to Fayetteville, AR. Email Oran at oopalp@netzero.net

Ravenswood retiree **Raymond C. Sansbury** moved from WV last year to be with his daughter and family at 1122 Foursons Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146. Ray says hello to all his old friends.



There's nothing like home grown tomatoes, especially if they come from the garden of Baton Rouge, LA, retiree and resident green thumb **Harold Fussell**. **Chuck Wilusz** (Colonial Heights, VA) enjoys river pontooning and fishing, Lionel trains and playing golf when he's not working as a senior project manager for the Champion Group, an environmental management services company. **George H. Holaway** (Baker, LA) owns a silk screening business.



Larry Muenzler of Baton Rouge, LA, consults for a Norwegian company that supplies alumina to China. Larry rides his bicycle up to 15 miles every day to stay in shape. Ravenswood retiree **Jim Hunter** (Ripley, WV) raises 100 head of cattle, a job he started more than 30 years ago. Post Hurricane Ka-

trina, Chalmette retiree **Carl Cason** and his wife Viridies moved to 10141 St. Augustine Rd., #208 Jacksonville, FL 32257. Chalmette retiree **Victor H. Bolian** lost everything in Katrina as well and is staying with relatives at 12449 Faucheux Rd., Gonzales, LA 70737. Denver Refractories retiree **E. Frank Rush** of Lakewood, CO, celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends. And at 88, Buffalo Refractories retiree **Robert Whitwood** (East Aurora, NY) gave up golf after his game got so bad, that his garden tomatoes came up sliced. Which means he may have to give up gardening too, boo hoo.



Betcha he's in demand on the Fourth of July. Newark retiree **Dick Hoskinson** of Gratiot, OH, plays trombone in a Dixieland band. Ravenswood retiree **Donald Waldie** (Point Pleasant, WV) is President of the River Museum Foundation. He has taken all of his six grandchildren on visits to Europe. Still Hammies at heart are Trentwood retiree **Bill Nadwornick** (K7CTS) and his wife Noreen (K7MRJ) of Greenacres, WA. So is Portsmouth retiree **Joe Darling** (KTLQH) of Bristol, RI. After 31 years of sailing, Joe sold his boat "Cloud Nine". Roseville, CA, resident **Larry Barker** is a trail guide for the Maidu Indian Archeological site.

Trentwood retiree **Donald Dewar** (Spokane, WA) is a history docent at the Spokane Museum of Arts & Culture and serves as a state ombudsman for

long-term care. He is a part time consultant for QA Engineering. Detroit Refractories retiree **Don Davis** of Salem, NC, enjoys golf and gardening and has traveled to Asia, Europe, Mexico and Russia. Ravenswood retiree **Kenneth Mikes** (Parkersburg, WV) likes to hunt, fish, golf and woodwork. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Hubert Walton** of Sullivan, IL, who has been undergoing treatment for skin cancer for the past 3 years.

Wonder if Trentwood retirees **Mel Stone** (Inchelium, WA) and **Phil G. Hulse** (Spokane, WA) know and run into each other in Yuma, AZ, where both say they spend the winter. Mel's hobby is remote control airplanes while Phil enjoys golf and bowling. **Orville Benjamin** (Coeur d'Alene, ID), is a member of the senior center band and lists stained glass making and woodworking as his other hobbies. Another Coeur d'Alene, ID, resident is **Arlene Swanson** who enjoys walking and playing cards, but probably not at the same time. **Don Angell** (Sand Point, ID) is active in Kiwanis, having served as President last year. **M. Zaffran** of Homedale, ID, writes that when she's not away visiting family, she likes to share with neighbors raspberries from her garden and fresh eggs, too.

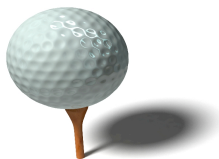
Oakland retiree **Art Haglund** and his wife Barbie (Spokane, WA) spend half the year in Palm Desert, CA, playing golf and socializing. There is only one hobby for Trentwood retiree **Rick Neubauer** (Spokane, WA) and that is golf. Douglas, GA, Building Products retiree and resident **Bill Fehrs** likes hunting and fishing, especially salmon fishing in Queen Charlotte Islands. Bill lives half the year in Cashiers, NC.

Jerry Denny of Morgan Hill, CA, participates on his city's beautification and solid waste committee, and lists hiking along with his dog, Cara and the sheep as hobbies.



Hmm, wonder if they all enjoy hiking together. **Ron Schutz** and his wife Beth downsized to a patio home in a gated community in Colorado Springs, CO, so they are free to travel more.

Happy Anniversaries. Editor apologizes, for these are tardy, but the sentiments conveyed are no less hearty. In 2005, Mr. & Mrs. **Paul Schmeil** of Spanaway, WA, marked their 41st anniversary, Marjorie and **Frank L. Clemens** (Spokane, WA) celebrated their 49th year together; Martha and **Richard H. Possner** of Wellfleet, MA, were married 56 years; Dean and **Mary Ann Compton** (Coeur d'Alene, ID) celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary; Mr. & Mrs. **Harry Priest** of Marion, IN, had their 63rd anniversary; Mr. & Mrs. **Norman Grabstein** observed their 60th year of marriage; Mr. & Mrs. **Dick Rosenbaum** celebrated their 50th anniversary on a Mediterranean cruise; Diane and **A. Vincent Cerny** (Satellite Beach, FL) have been married for 46 years; Darlene & **Jerry Ashby** of Spokane, WA, marked their 50th anniversary; Mr. & Mrs. **Richard Desso** (Colbert, GA) celebrated their 61st year of marriage; Veraldine & **Marion (Marty) Martinez** of Thibodaux, LA, had their 50th anniversary; it's been a great 55-year marriage for Shirley & **Vernon C. Wheatcroft** (Spokane, WA); Gracie and **John W. Davis** of Columbia, SC, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations to all you love birds.



**SOUR MASH
GOLF TOURNEY
RESUMES
MAY 18TH**

To celebrate the anticipated emergence of Kaiser Aluminum from Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the Kaiser Aluminum Retirees and Friends Golf Club (KARAF) has revived the "Sour Mash" golf tournament. The event will be held on May 18th at the 9-hole Pine Meadow Golf Course in Martinez. We'll play 18 holes and enjoy a meal and awards ceremony afterwards. Please come and bring your friends. Reserve your spots soon!

Address: 451 Vine Hill Way, Martinez, CA
Time: 11 am, Cost: \$45 with cart, \$40 walk
Make check payable to David Geary and note your NCGA member number. Mail to David Geary, 23 Tamarisk, Moraga, 94566. Contact David at dsgeary@comcast.net or phone 925/376-7031

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It has been a long and circuitous road to where we are at this point. KASRA's role going forward will be to continue to communicate with you in a timely fashion on the VEBA and other matters of interest and to monitor the company's management of such things as retiree COBRA.

Sincerely,

Jed Daniel
President

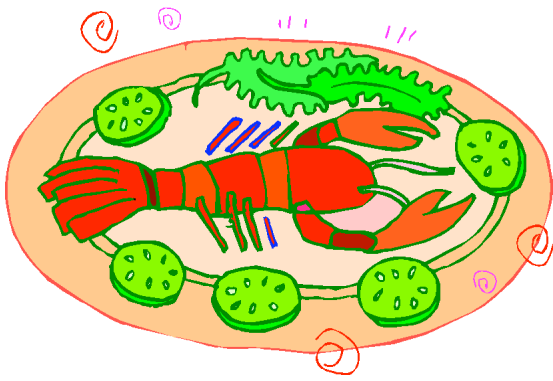
In Memoriam

- Richard L. Belshay**, Puyallup, WA
Ben F. Davis, Merced, CA *
Peter A. DiPalma, Bristol, RI
Eleanor A. Frankowski, Chino Hills, CA *
Wanda W. Fisher, Ravenswood, WV
Anthony M. Flood, Alameda, CA
Joshua Thomas Holland, Pt. Pleasant, WV
Anne L. Holt, Tiburon, CA *
Ernest "Thor" Johnson, Mission Hills, CA *
Sylvester J. Lake, Spokane, WA
Joseph "Donald" Lockwood, Baton Rouge, LA
Guido H. "Freddy" Nasato, Spokane, WA
Mary G. Mazur, Seattle, WA *
William H. Naylor, Punta Gorda, FL
John C. Preston, Poplarville, MS
 (lately of Nixa, MO)
Richard L. Price, Mesa, AZ
Denver L. Rice, Middleport, OH
David M. Robinson, Bidwell, OH
George A. Rose, Valparaiso, IN
Irving R. Seely, Walnut Creek, CA
James B. Smith, Newberry, FL
Thomas L. Sweeney, Spokane, WA
Thomas A. Terry, Savannah, GA *

* deceased in 2005 or earlier

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The Lunch Bunch

March 9 Mead

11:30 a.m. Lunch at Cathay Inn on North Division St. Contact Phil Marksbury at pjmarksb@comcast.net (Mead meets of 2nd Thursday of each month)

March 15 Erie

Lunch at 1:00 p.m., Lake Shore Country Club. Call Tim Healy at (814) 474-3536 fax (814) 474-2700 thealy@velocity.net. (Erie meets 3rd Wednesday of each month)

March 16 Trentwood

11:00 a.m. at Valley Eagles, 16810 E. Sprague, Veradale. Topic: Rich Williams - IRS & Income Tax. Contact T. J. Summerson (509) 448-1228 or email tsummerson@aol.com. (Trentwood meets 3rd Thursday of each month)

March 21 Newark

11 a.m. at Stacy's Hometown Buffet in Heath, Ohio. Contact Bob Abel (740) 323-2268 or email rabel@alltel.net (Newark meets 3rd Tuesday of every other month)

April 3 Bay Area K.A.R.L.A.

11 a.m. Elks Club, 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek. Guest: Michael Beritzoff, Port of Oakland. Call Al Matthews at (925) 930-8243.

April 3 Los Angeles (So. CA)

Noon at The Elephant Bar, 14303 E. Firestone Blvd., La Mirada. Norm Manger (310) 377-2135 email normanger@cox.net. (Meetings held the 1st Monday of each month)

April 6 Baton Rouge

Lunch at noon at Mansur's 5720 Corporate Blvd. Call Bob Lister (225) 272-2886 or Bob Eisenbach (225) 926-1334 bobeisenbach@cox.net (Baton Rouge meets 1st Thursday of each month)

April 12 Chalmette

11:30 a.m. Doors open for Luncheon at Bealer's, Slidell 348 Robert Blvd. (Restaurant 985-649-1805). All KASRA retirees and spouses invited.. Call Sherman Faught at (Cell 985- 290-8617). Or email Chuck Schimmel at schimcol@aol.com

TBA (June) Bristol

11:30 a.m., The Lobster Pot. Call Carol Cook (401) 253-4251 or John Carre at (401) 247-2199

June 7 Tacoma

Noon, Tacoma Elks Lodge, 1965 South Union. Contact Bob Mohr at (253) 820-6569 or bobjanetmohr@comcast.net. (Next meeting Dec. 6)

TBA Ravenswood

Call Dave Whitman (304) 273-5548 or email dwhitman@wirefire.com

TBA Texas

Please contact Cathy Peterson Eaton at (972) 562-2352 or email Cathypeaton1@comcast.net

