

Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM KASRA PRESIDENT

Dick Kauffman



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Dear Fellow Retiree/Surviving Spouse:

Typically at this time of year, a small group of Kaiser retirees gather here in the Bay Area to open envelopes which you, our retired colleagues and friends, have sent in. We record dues, tally ballots and note address changes. During this collegial gathering, there often are verbal exchanges announcing the name of a retiree, expressing interest in a particularly well-liked associate, or recounting a long-forgotten but treasured incident. We inventory the experiences you've submitted on the "What's Happening" reply forms so they can be included in a future KASRA newsletter and note the passage of a retiree or spouse with sadness and compassion for those family members left behind.

Although we share a disappointment with the way retirees were dealt with during Kaiser's bankruptcy, we also realize how fortunate we are to have worked for, and retired from, a really great organization. Sometimes it's difficult to remember, but it was a company made up of "greater than life" people working side by side with a common focus, shared friendships, indomitable spirit and great humor. These shared friendships and experiences are as real and meaningful today, as they were when we worked at a Kaiser Aluminum plant, at corporate headquarters, at the regional offices, in sales & marketing, in application engineering, or in research & development.

It is these relationships, the associated memories, the "after-Kaiser adventures" and the initiation of "helping hands" in the retiree communities that we hope to nurture through our Retirees' Newsletter, our web site, www.e-kasra.com, and the activities of the KASRA area organizations.

We look to you for feedback and for suggestions on how we might better serve you. Please let us know how we're doing. Any and all input is welcome. We are always looking for ways to improve our service and our

products (the newsletter and website). Feel free to contact us at: news@e-kasra.com or the KASRA mailbox: PO Box 1171, Lafayette, CA 94549.

A note regarding the "In Memoriam" section: It should be noted that KASRA depends entirely on retirees and their families for notification of retiree deaths. We have no other source of such information. A name will not be posted to the "In Memoriam" column until it has been verified by KASRA. If you are notifying KASRA of a death, please help us with the verification, when possible, by giving the date of death, location of home and a notice from a newspaper (or the date and name of the newspaper where it was published). In addition, please let us know if there is a surviving spouse so we can update our database.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, thanks for your continued interest and participation.

Dick Kauffman
President, KASRA

For the January 2009 issue of the KASRA News, we would like to feature an article on volunteer work that our retirees are engaged in. Please email or write us a note on what type of volunteer work you are doing and for whom. If the organization is looking for more volunteers, let us know so we can pass that on as well.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The seasonal ballot and dues mailing with July's KASRA News has filled our mailbox to overflowing with retiree news. We're delighted to hear from so many of you. If you don't read your item in this issue, we'll be sure to include it in a future edition.



Former Corporate Communications honcho **Ron Rhody** relocated from the S.F. Bay Area to Pinehurst, NC last year. He's finished a novel (movie rights available for a nominal fee), enjoys painting and fishing. Kaiser Real Estate retiree **Shirley Schmalfuss** (Oakland, CA) also notes painting as a hobby – she is active in the Oakland Art Association.

CFT retiree **Samuel S. Jones** (Tucson, AZ) lives in an assisted care facility, where he gives talks on such diverse topics as nuclear energy, global warming and poetry. Chalmette retiree **Mary B. Mills** of Slidell, LA, does charity work for the Fraternal Order of the Eastern Star and is its finance committee chairman.

Portsmouth, RI retiree **Edward Sylvester** (Bristol, RI) likes gardening and spending time with the son and grandsons. When asked if there's anything else he likes to do, Ed's reply: Getting into my wife's hair! **Marion J. Lowe** (Savannah, GA) is a member of the International Longshoreman's Association, Local 1475. **Antonio (Tony) Flores** of Midlothian, VA, is a small boat sailing instructor. But he leaves the sailing to the big cruise liners when he vacations in Europe and Alaska. **DeDe Cook** (Ravenswood, WV) is helping organize a skate park for local youth. She is active in local theater and played Mrs. Webb in "Our Town". **Betty Lou Koska** of Winnemucca, NV, takes care of 10 acres of property and still finds times to learn how to play the piano.

Travels Galore: **Doris Timmons-Folkman** took a 14-day trip to Europe that included a night on board the Orient Express from Venice to Paris. Corporate Communications head **Gary Simpson** (Atherton, CA) visited the Buffalo Bill Center in Cody, WY, as well as Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. During another trip, Gary visited former staffers **Tim Conlon** (Bend, OR) and **Joe**

Piedmont in Sisters, OR. **Gene Diana** (San Leandro, CA) went to Solvang for a seniors golf tournament. Armchair traveler **John Marchi** (Spokane, WA) is a TV sports fan who saw Beijing through the Summer Olympics.

Newark, OH retiree and resident **Charles Bill Porter** enjoys woodworking, gardening and fishing

Happy Birthday....**Genevieve O. Wolff** of Buchanan Dam, TX, is 89 this month. **Helen A. Knight (Oakland, CA)** celebrated her 85th with her three children and three grandchildren. **Alfred Zucker** (Sunrise, FL) turned 89 in August. Cheers to **Harry D. Bible** (Santa Cruz, CA) who is 90.

Caregivers... Moss Landing retiree **Oran O. Parrish** (Fayetteville, AR), whose wife **Anne** has Parkinson's disease; Gramercy retiree **Joseph Vicknair** (Lutcher, LA), caregiver for his sick wife.

Chuck Blanton of Plymouth, MA, is living the 'good life' and invites friends to come by anytime. Surviving spouse **Lilly Mitchell** (Deer Park, WA) has 50 descendants spanning five generations, and at the age of 87, she still drives a car in her hometown. CFT retiree **Ed Westerman** (San Ramon, CA) went trout fishing in Montana, on the way parting with his money at casino poker tables. Widow **Idella McFarlen** (Tampa, FL) lives near her 5 children and 13 grand and great grandchildren. **Ron McHaney** (Portland, OR) chartered a boat for ocean bottom fishing with the family of 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

David Douglas of Gerton, NC, paints landscape watercolors, volunteers at the church thrift store and at the VA hospital. Safety consultant **Ed Grund** (Parrish, FL) had a month assignment in Iceland consulting and chairs two national safety standards committees.

Joe Reger (Boise, ID) owns three Aarons franchise stores and he restores antique cars. **Wilma Tipton** (Anchorage, AK) thought she left the snow back in Alaska to attend a family reunion in Lake Arrowhead, CA, only to find...snow in Southern CA.



Jack D. Slater (Lexington, KY) has been fighting esophageal cancer. **Melita Israel** of Aptos, CA, does watercolor painting, gardening and is a docent for the Watsonville Wetlands. **Bill Fehrs** (Douglas, GA) spends half the year enjoying the beautiful mountains in Cashiers, NC.

Marilyn and Frank Weber (Middletown, NJ) are going on a ten-day cruise of Italy, Greece and Turkey. **Bill Reeve** (Troutdale, OR) is a big fan of Elderhostels and likes California vacationing in Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach and Big Sur. **Bill DeWitt** (Concord, CA) enjoyed cruises to Mexico and Alaska with friends from high school. **Donna and Harry Church** (Sacramento, CA) have gone on 21 cruises in the last ten years.

Don Vorwerck, who resides at the Veterans Home in Yountville, CA, site of many a baseball game, is recovering from a stroke and learning to walk again. **Dudley Aldous** of Santa Cruz, CA, looks forward to attending the opera and ballet in SF with neighbors, especially when the outings include a marvelous meal at Harris Steak House. Surviving spouse **Juanita Evans** (Galt, CA) plays golf once a week and volunteers at the local library. She traveled to Washington for her granddaughter's wedding. **Beth Atkinson** (Castro Valley, CA) can't stop raving about her trip to Ireland, where she experienced North and South on a street in Belfast, saw the Celtic Cross, and savored Irish stew in a pub, whose patrons were treated to an impromptu 'performance' of Irish dancing by a woman whose credits include being on the River Dance television show.

Evelyn Schwab and her husband, **John**, (Slidell, LA) are on a 12-day Mediterranean cruise, which began in Venice and concluded in Barcelona. **Barbara Hughes** and her husband, **Doug**, (Granville, OH) cruised the Hawaiian Islands. She and **Jill Bending** (Newark, OH) went shopping at the Unclaimed Baggage Center in Alabama, stopping in Tennessee to visit with fellow Newark retiree **Mike Kachelmeyer** (Vonore, TN) and his wife, **Kathy**. **George Deishl** (Gresham, OR) works full time for United Rentals, Inc. and is planning for the day he can retire in his 37-foot motor home with new Jeep in tow. For the past several

years, volunteer **Cliff Rider** (San Ramon, CA) has driven his local police department's 1952 Chevy in the Fourth of July Parade held in Danville. Recently, Cliff's computer monitor caught fire, causing quite a bit of smoke damage to his home and temporary exile. **Beb van Beijmerwerdt** (El Cerrito, CA) took a cruise to Cozumel, the Grand Cayman Islands and Jamaica. We heard from **Roy Short** in Spokane, WA. He sends his greetings to his fellow retirees.

Kaiser International retiree **Tim Parker** (Laguna Hills, CA) is with the Pacific Maritime Association where he is the manager of training. He serves on the board of the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation. **Gene & Kathy Hein** (Modesto, CA) are enjoying second retirements, he from managing safety and health for E&J Gallo Winery, she from managing finances for the Knightsen School District. **Shirley A. Sorenson** (Alameda, CA) does lots of 'b' work - playing bridge and babysitting grandkids and their dogs. While hunting, fishing and golf may be **Harry Dwelle's** (Millen, GA) hobbies, he says it's even more of a hobby to spin tall tales about the one that got away, the big catch or the elusive birdie.

Happy Anniversary... **Antoinette and Edward F. Downing, Jr.** (Metairie, LA) celebrated their 65th anniversary with their family at a fine dining restaurant. **Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marksbury** (Spokane, WA) dined with family to honor their 55th year of marriage. **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shelton** (Marietta, GA) celebrated their 51st last year with a European cruise. **Nancy and Ken Hasse** of El Dorado, CA, enjoyed their 50th anniversary with a neighborhood party.

Pat and Jim Cruse (Baton Rouge, LA) were pampered guests at The Mansion on the Mountaintop, Smoky Mountains, courtesy of their children, spouses and all ten grandchildren who were all there.

Jeannette and Terry Brouillette of Baton Rouge, LA, celebrated their 50th on a trip to Quito, Galapagos Island, Lima and Machu Picchu in Peru. (Terry is pictured above, taking a look at the local wildlife).



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MEMBER PROFILE: BOB MOHR



Janet & Bob Mohr

“Last year, Janet and I walked across England, from St. Bees to Robin Hood’s Bay in the North Sea. It was an 18-day trek, covering 192 miles...”

In 1968, ROTC candidate **Bob Mohr** returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam to begin a 30-plus year career at Kaiser Aluminum. The Portland, OR native, who graduated from Oregon State University with degrees in industrial engineering and business, started as a process engineer at the Tacoma Works. There, Mohr helped to install a computer control system for its newest potline, number four. He and wife, **Janet**, with daughters **Leslie** and **Sarah**, relocated to Ravenswood in 1975 for seven years. Bob transferred back to Tacoma in 1982 and worked on local as well as international projects until his retirement in 1999. He and Janet live in University Place, WA above the Chambers Bay Golf Course. The Mohr’s are staunch Oregonians, who always attend the annual Shakespeare Festival in Ashland and frequently visit a homestead near Lowell outside Eugene.

Q. What was the most significant work you did for Kaiser?

A. The corporation developed a retrofit technology to modernize and upgrade aluminum smelter potlines. The Celtrol® potline control system became a Kaiser registered trademark process. I worked on the software development for the process technology and helped to install it

at the four potlines at Ravenswood. Then, I served as one of Kaiser’s expert consultants and help install the Celtrol® system in other potlines sold to other companies around the world.

Q. Tell us about your international experiences related to the Celtrol® technology.

A. I traveled to some very interesting places - Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, India, Sweden and Wasel, Germany. I’d work each assignment for three months, living and experiencing different cultures, work ethics, and operating environments. It was challenging in India because of the clear cultural differences between the Hindus and Muslims. I came to realize that, cultural differences aside, we all belong to the human race.

Q. What is your involvement with KASRA?

A. Soon after I retired in 1999, I became the Tacoma coordinator. We have lunch meetings twice a year at the Elks Lodge. While there’s a lot of local sentiment against the Kaiser bankruptcy, VEBA has helped to take the sting out of what’s happened. For myself as an example, VEBA covers my Medicaid payments and part of my supplemental insurance.

Q. Most memorable vacation?

A. Last year, Janet and I did the Coast-to-Coast walk across England, from St. Bees to Robin Hood’s Bay in the North Sea. It was an 18-day trek, covering 192 miles that went through three national parks – Lakes Districts, Yorkshire Dale and North York Moors. We walked 4-5 hours a day. The tour included only nine people and we stayed in wonderful, upscale B&Bs, with good food.

Q. How did you meet Janet?

A. Janet and I are high school sweethearts who met in our senior English class. We’ll be married for 42 years on December 26. Our daughter, Leslie, has a 4-month old boy and she and her husband will be moving to the Netherlands. Daughter, Sarah, is an M.D. and lives in Tacoma, WA, with her two sons, ages 5 and 3.

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Gretta Byrne (Haines City, FL) is heading to Pennsylvania for her 65th high school reunion. **Frederick A. Livergood** (Potage, IN) takes bus tour vacations to Branson, MO, Nashville, TN and spots in Colorado and Canada. **Dick Rosenbaum** (Danville, CA) enjoys summers in Pine Mountain Lake in Groveland, CA, where he has a lakefront second home. **Doris Madden** (Mill Valley, CA) serves as an usher at Marin Center in San Rafael, the Marin Theatre in Mill Valley, and the SF JAZZ in San Francisco. **Harry Wenberg** (Saratoga, CA) enjoys photography, preferring local day trips to Monterey and Carmel.

Eleanor G. Larson has moved to Spirit Lake, IA, for one year to see if she could enjoy the locale as a permanent retirement spot. She loves being right on the lake and enjoys canoe rides quite often. Next test, for Eleanor, experiencing a Midwest winter again. **R.R. (Bob) Hopper** (Walnut Creek, CA) went fishing on the McKenzie River, OR, and caught more than 35 fish, but never touched one of them as it was a catch and release excursion.

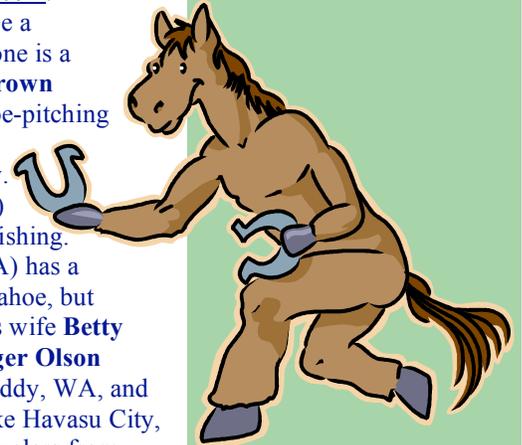
Jack Holtzapple (Lafayette, CA) enjoyed spring in Tuscany and Croatia. **Anna Louise Slusser** (Newport, WA) traveled to Albuquerque with her son and his family; her newest grandchild is a girl, born last June. **Frank Treuting** (Metairie, LA) sends his regards to **Doug Allen**.

Delmar (Del) Dow of Sonora, CA, shows his watercolor paintings at the Pinecrest Fine Arts Gallery, selling one every now and again. He and wife, **Jean** still like each other after celebrating 62 years of marriage this month. **Joyce and Jim Glann** (Oakland, CA) went to England for a family gathering to celebrate the 100th birthday of Joyce's mother. The occasion was observed on a small island along an English river on a perfect summer day. Surviving spouse **Gerry Carothers** (Danville, CA) went on a 19-day cruise to Valpariso, Chile and around the horn to Rio de Janeiro.

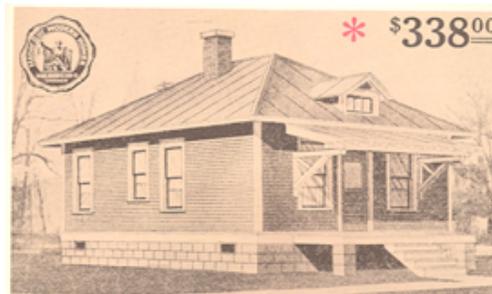
Ray L. Payne writes that he's still around after surviving a massive brain hemorrhage in 1992. Please drop him a line at 1808 Redwine Terrace, Brentwood, CA 94513.

John Lullo of Clio, CA, runs Plumas Crafts, a small business where he makes rustic furniture. He was named featured artist at a

recent craft fair in Graeagle, CA. **Doug Mann** (Orinda, CA) took a Caribbean cruise and heads to a place in Puerto Vallarta come November. Surviving spouse **Eva N. Torrice** of Paradise, CA, volunteers at the Sun Bridge Rehab Center. Check out an essay entitled "Politics as Pathology", written by **Bruce Riggs** of Walnut Creek, CA on his blog at <http://MaxEntropy.squarespace.com>. He suggests that genetics may be a determining factor on whether one is a liberal or a conservative. **Bill Brown** (Pleasanton, CA) wins horseshoe-pitching tournaments. He and **Jean Perry D. Clegg** (Sylvester, GA) celebrated their 30th anniversary. **Don G. LaRue** (Tahoe City, CA) has a place overlooking all of Lake Tahoe, but no one to share the view with as wife **Betty** passed on three years ago. **Roger Olson** spends this half of the year in Addy, WA, and the winter through spring at Lake Havasu City, AZ. The Olsons like to host travelers from other countries through Friendship Force – see www.friendshipforce.com



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LUNCH BUNCH

Sept 10 Chalmette

Lunch 11:30 a.m. at Jasmine French Restaurant (across from the Slidell Train Station, on the corner of Teddy Avenue in Olde Town Slidell), 1768 Front Street (US Hwy. 11, Blue Star Hwy. RSVP Sherman Faught (985) 690-4942 or Chuck Schimmel at (985) 643-0437 or email schimcol@aol.com.

Sept 11 Mead

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, on North Division. Contact Phil Marksbury at (509) 325-1798 or email pjmarksb@comcast.net. Mead meets the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Sept 24 Ravenswood

Lunch at Noon at Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV. For reservations call Dave Whitman (304) 273-5548 or email dwhitman@wirefire.com.

Oct 2 Baton Rouge

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

Oct 6 Los Angeles

Lunch at noon at The Elephant Bar, 14303 E. Firestone Blvd., La Mirada. Contact Norm Manger (310) 377-2135 or email normmanger@cox.net. L.A. meeting held the 1st Monday of each month.

Oct 14 Newark

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Stacy's Hometown Buffet in Heath, Ohio. We plan to have guest speakers along the political line, locals running for office. Contact Bob Abel (740) 323-2268 or email rpabel@alltel.net. Costs are paid for by the Newark plant.

Oct 16 Trentwood

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Eagles, 16810 E. Sprague Av. Call Del McKinley (509) 924-3077, email at

delmckinl@aol.com, or Jan Gorman (509) 926-5476, email at jandon10@aol.com.

Oct 31 Belpre

Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Shoney's, Garfield Ave., Parkersburg, WV. Contact Betty Lou Blair (304) 489-1337 or email bettylou13@suddenlink.net

In Memoriam

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Edward M Brashears - Spokane Valley, WA
Charles E. Doran - Logansport, IN
Rudolph P. "Rudy" Duranti - Parkersburg, WV
John L. Eibl - Bradenton, FL
Neal V. "Sparky" Faller - Pineland, FL
Bernard H. Finley - Ravenswood, WV
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Francis N. "Fran" Siebenaller -
Whitewater, WI
Patricia J. Spiker - Newark, OH.

* Died more than a year ago

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