

Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

## A MESSAGE FROM KASRA PRESIDENT



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KASRA President

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Dear Fellow Retiree/Surviving Spouse:

Recently, I received an inspiring letter from one of our AgChem retirees, **Evelyn B. Barker** of Ashburn, Georgia, who had just recovered from a replacement of both knees.

With her permission, I wish to share part of her letter with you.

*“Dear Sir, I hesitate to write to KASRA News as I am from a small town and I feel like you are so much far ahead of me but yet I feel very much a part of you because I had the privilege of working for Kaiser of Ashburn, Georgia. I had several jobs in my lifetime but I have never worked for a finer group of people – I was Office Manager and at our location we sold fertilizer and everything the farmers needed to grow crops.... I loved every minute of it. Hard work it surely was but I retired to go to Atlanta to look after my only child (husband got killed in a truck accident). My son at age 41 was diagnosed with kidney cancer and God called him home. I returned to Ashburn and went to work for a local bank ... I told them how bad the town and surrounding counties needed a “Senior Citizens Club” and the bank became the sponsor of my “Prime Timers”. My work is as a volunteer and I have been doing it now for twenty years, still going strong and I get a great pleasure helping the senior citizens get some pleasure out of life. Helping them focus on the high side of life – and it is truly rough for all of us now!! I wish to write a few words for the KASRA News and I truly enjoy reading it.”*

We thank you Evelyn for writing and sharing your inspiring story with us. It is folks like yourself that made Kaiser the family it was for all of us! It is folks like yourself who continue to make a difference in the communities wherever life takes you!

This brings me to my next point—updated contact information. One of our newsletter goals is to make sure that all salaried retirees and their surviving spouses have

the opportunity to share news about fellow retirees, their surviving spouses and families. In addition, we have the opportunity to update our retirees about VEBA, COBRA and other retirement matters. In order to continue to reach all of our retirees, we need to update the regular and e-mail addresses in our database. Periodically, we send out emails to the various regions requesting their help in locating those who have moved and not notified us of their address change. We are grateful to **Chuck Schimmel** from Chalmette, Louisiana, who kindly volunteered to take this list of retirees from his region to the retiree luncheon in the hope that others present could help find these missing addresses. **Ken Johnson** from Mead, WA, has offered to do the same, as has **Dave Whitman** from Ravenswood, WV. We hope other regions will step forward and do likewise.

Pictures, pictures and more pictures of your activities are greatly appreciated. We all LOVE seeing them! So please take pictures with your digital cameras at your retiree functions and vacations and send them to us.

This is our last friendly reminder to file your 2008 VEBA claim for reimbursement before December 31, 2009. If you do not file for reimbursement before this date, you stand to lose your reimbursement claim for up to \$2,000. You have until December 31, 2010 to file your \$1750 claim for 2009 – why wait till then? For your information, we have 3,880 family units enrolled in the VEBA plan, which represents a remarkable 93% participation. We also have 141 family units still on the bankruptcy COBRA medical insurance plan.

Until our next newsletter, please continue to keep us informed so that we can continue to keep you informed. “A World of Good Wishes to All!”

Carlos Xavier  
President, KASRA

## WHAT'S GOING ON

**R**efractories retiree **Bob Robertson** sent this special photo of four generations (pictured left) playing golf at Sun City in Roseville, CA. Bob's golf cart partner was 8-year old great grandson, Taylor, who shot a solid game of 107 from the women's tees. ALPART Jamaica retiree **Steven Smith** of Cadiz, KY, lives on a large lake where he fishes all week long for crappie, bass and catfish. Steve volunteers for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. **Roger Johnson** and his wife, Mary, (San Jose, CA) enjoyed a trip to China that included visits to Beijing, Xian and Shanghai, as well as a cruise on the Yangtze River. Sherman, TX, retiree and resident **Judy Kirby** (Sherman, TX) had a great time in Las Vegas, seeing the shows and



*Robertson Four*

bringing home some money. She's thrilled that her son, a radiologist, and his family have moved back to Dallas, Texas.

New grandpa of twins **Bob Irelan** of Rancho Murieta, CA, went up to Bend, OR, to visit former colleagues **Joe Piedmont** (Bend, OR), **Gary Simpson** (Atherton, CA) and their spouses. The trio planned an October reunion with ex-Kaiser man, **Tim Conlon** (Bend, OR), and his spouse in Paso Robles, CA. Bob coordinates publicity for the Susan G. Komen golf tournament at Rancho Murieta that benefits the fight against breast cancer. After taking an Alaskan cruise with her daughter, surviving spouse **Diana Ewart** (Elkton, OR) can say that she's been to 49 states. Hmm, wonder which state remains undiscovered for Diana? CFT retiree **Henry Wittrock** of Santa Rosa, CA, enjoys road trips to the ocean. He also sings in the church choir and visits shut-ins.

Baton Rouge, LA, retiree and resident **Len Sedlin** is very active in SCORE, a national organization of retired executive volunteers who mentor entrepreneurs and counsel

small businesses to achieve success. Len is a commissioner on the board which oversees the USS Kidd Memorial Museum. Oakland retiree **Sharon Huffman** of Hermiston, OR, volunteers as a cook in the local soup kitchen, and also works in alcohol recovery programs. She is working toward becoming a Master Gardener. Sharon would undoubtedly receive encouragement from Garland County Master Gardener President **Joe Yadron** and his wife of Hot Springs Village, AR, who spent a month touring gardens in New Zealand and Australia.

Fabricated Products retiree **Subhas Sarkar** (Berkeley, CA) founded the charitable SURUL Foundation in India to create a model village with access to education, health care and women's economic empowerment. Closer to home, Subhas owns the Lakeside Athletic Club. **Harold Thompson** retired this year and moved to Ringwood, TX. CFT retiree **Tom Lowe** (Livermore, CA) has found a satisfying retirement job working in the tasting rooms of local wineries. His latest stint is at the Cedar Mountain Winery, known for reds and ports. Tom and his wife volunteer at the Kaiser Permanente Clinic and for the East Bay Regional Park District Safety Patrol.

After falling and breaking her hip last year, surviving spouse **Doris Platt** resides at a care facility in Kuna, ID. She's 95 years young and a faithful KASRA News reader. Greetings Doris! Mead retiree **Ron Hart** is working for Century Aluminum in Owensboro, KY. Gramercy retiree **Bob Schoen** (Baton Rouge, LA) is back working as a senior process engineer at Gramercy Alumina. He enjoys beekeeping, hunting, fishing and gardening and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. **Sandy Nosler** (Lake Oswego, OR) is the President of Pacific Metal Company in Portland. **William Slayman** of Palmyra, PA, has enjoyed careers at Kaiser Aluminum, the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and

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Kaiser Permanente Advisory Services. He's also served as an international elections supervisor volunteer in Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo. This is the tenth year that Sherman, TX, retiree **William 'Billy' Reifel** (Pottsboro, TX) is working for the Harley-Davidson dealership. **Bruce Wilson** (Moraga, CA) claims to be the world's oldest delivery route driver. He works for Recollections Media Transfer which converts old home movies, photos and videotapes into dvds.

**Condolences...** to **D.H. Humphries** of Brandon, FL, who lost his wife of 66 years last year; and to Ravenswood, WV, retiree and resident **Robert Shockey** whose wife, Martha Ann, passed away earlier this year.

**On the mend...** Oakland retiree **E.J. 'Bep' Van Beijmerwerdt** (El Cerrito, CA) had knee surgery; Refractories retiree **Don Vorwerck** is in the Veterans Home hospital in Yountville, CA; Oakland retiree **Richard Reed** (Concord, CA) had a total knee replacement on his other knee this year; and Ravenswood WV, retiree and resident **Bill Bartlett** has had cancer four times since retirement and seven operations. Even with that, it doesn't stop him from riding his bicycle 90 miles a week at age 85. Gramercy, LA, retiree **Lynn Dixon** of Prairieville, LA, planted a large garden of tomatoes, potatoes, corn, beans and watermelon as part of her physical therapy plan to recover from knee replacement surgery. Moss Landing, CA, retiree **Arza Dillard**, who has a cattle ranch in King City, CA, said wife Margie had open heart triple bypass surgery in February and was back in shape to help with the June cattle branding.

**Happy Anniversary...** in March, **Mr. and Mrs. Don Gallogly** of Marysville, OH, celebrated their 58th anniversary; and Dorothy and **Charles Williams** of Newark, OH, were married 65 years in April. June was the month for the

following couples: **Mr. and Mrs. John Principle** of Pantego, TX, their 62nd; Pat and **Bob Robertson** whose 60th anniversary was celebrated with 19 family members in Roseville, CA; Pat and **Dick Hughes** (Enumclaw, WA) who went to Victoria, BC, for their 58th anniversary; Charles and **Jeanett Fulcher** who marked their 50th in Oakland, CA with family and friends; and LaRene and **Jerry Lambert** of Covington, LA, (pictured right) who celebrated their 50th anniversary with 50 family members and friends. Ann and **G.E. 'Gib' Rouhselange** of Homosassa, FL, were surprised by their daughter at a dinner party for their 50th; in August, **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vicknair** observed their 59th year of wedded bliss in Slidell, LA; and finally, September wedding bells rang 60 times for Betty and **Ed Holmes** of Anderson, CA. Congratulations to all you love birds!

Erie, PA surviving spouse **Joan Thompson** of Wilmington, NC, walks her dog, Ben, two miles every day. Joan volunteers at the Wilmington International Airport information desk and exercises with the Golden Sneakers at the health club. Perhaps by chance, she will run into surviving spouse **Anne White** who moved back to Wilmington to be near her youngest daughter and family. Sashimi anyone? L.A. Extrusions retiree **Dennis Seymour** of San Diego, CA, reeled in a 212 lb yellowfin tuna last year at Mag Bay in Baja. Kaiser Center retiree **Jack Webster** and his wife, CJ, moved to Frisco, TX, in 2007 and are happy in their home on a golf course north of Dallas. They are near their daughter and grandkids and occasionally have dinner with **Cathy Peterson** and **Bruce Conlon**. Speaking of the former, Akron, OH, retiree **Cathy Peterson** (Plano, TX) is working full time for a



*LaRene and Jerry Lambert at 50th Anniversary Party*



### Send KASRA Your News & Pictures

Write us your news, travels, stories... humorous tales welcome. Send a note to Roberta Wong Murray, KASRA News, 2471 San Miguel Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596 or [wmipr@aol.com](mailto:wmipr@aol.com).

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friend's CPA/investment firm. She is also pursuing her passion of lineage research, primarily for Daughters of the American Revolution. Cathy is glad to assist anyone in their search. Her email is CathyPEaton1@tx.rr.com.

**Happy Birthday...** Woodbury, NY, Extrusions retiree **Alfred 'Al' Zucker** of Sunrise, FL, celebrated his 90th birthday in August with family and friends in NY; Halethorpe, MD, Extrusions retiree **William Zappie** of Baltimore, MD, enjoyed his 80th birthday at a party thrown by his four daughters with 29 family members present.

Surviving spouse **Eda Wegener** (Columbia, MO) reached her personal goal of knitting 1000 caps for newborn babies at Boone Health Care. It's her way of saying thanks for the loving care and kindness she received there when afflicted with a brain aneurysm more than six years ago. Eda's working on the next 1000 caps right now.

**This year's proud grandparents at commencement....**

Chalmette, LA, retiree **Edwin Frank** (Metairie, LA) watched grandson Michael Perdomo receive a degree from the University of Florida; Permanente Foil retiree **Harry Wenberg** (Saratoga, CA) returned to his alma mater, Santa Clara University, to see granddaughter Courtney graduate.

CFT retiree **Fran Krill** (Walnut Creek, CA) keeps fit by walking. And the resident of Byron Park

Retirement Community has gotten other seniors in his complex to join him in this regular exercise. He has

handed out more than 50 pedometers to help an informal walking group he started keep track of their steps, from trips up the street to the local grocery store, to longer walks along the hiking trails. Way to go, Fran! Erie, PA.

**Chalmette Sept. 2009 Luncheon**



*Howard Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Dot Creel, Dot Drennan and Joe Drennan*

Forgings retiree **Elbert J. 'Al' Vogel** of Flagstaff, AZ, spends summers in the North Georgia mountains and fall in the Eastern Pennsylvania mountains. Now, with a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling



*Cliff Rider Cop Car*

in its favor, the Arizona Snowbowl will begin making snow for skiers next year, allowing 'Al' to be on the winter slopes close to home. As a local San Ramon, CA, police volunteer, resident **Cliff Rider** (pictured above) can be spotted in many a parade, driving a '52 Chevy police car.

To retirees who have graciously taken the time to write your news, but haven't yet read about it, please know we haven't forgotten about you. Space limitations preclude us from getting all news items in this issue. We will persevere to catch up in future news issues. Thanks for your patience!

**Tacoma June 2009 Luncheon**



*Dick Davidson & Bill Nutter*

**Chalmette Sept. 2009 Luncheon**



*Bill Hughes, Al Miller, Bill McGoey & Wanda Miller*

## MEMBERS PROFILE: Oldest KASRA Retiree

We received a number of responses to the challenge posed by member **William Weyer** – are you the oldest KASRA retiree? Six of you undeniably made the cut because both your date of birth and date of hire preceded Weyer. We also included an honorable mention. Here are the winners along with photos, then and now. Congratulations!

**Anne Ferreira**, 95, (Walnut Creek, CA) began working at the Henry J. Kaiser Co. in Oakland in 1939 as a secretary to H.V. “Lindy” Lindbergh. Anne transferred to Permanente



*Anne Ferreira THEN*



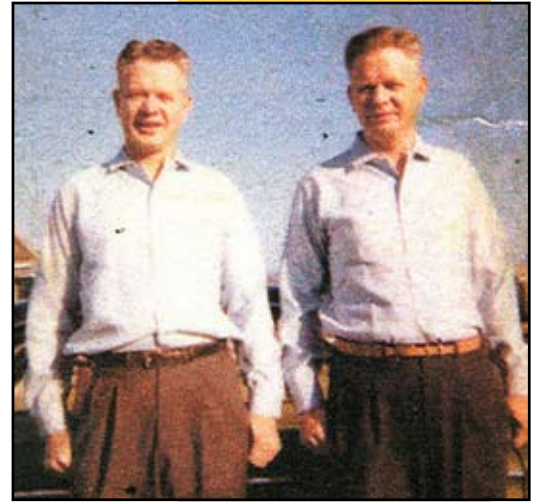
*Anne Ferreira NOW*

Metals in 1941 which ultimately became Kaiser Aluminum. Her last assignment was working for **Dick Spees** in the Public Affairs department when she retired at 69 years old. Anne worked for seven more years providing vacation relief for the company’s administrative secretaries through a temp agency.

**Don Angell**, 91, (Sand Point, ID) was hired June 1, 1946 and his twin brother, **Rob Angell** of Walnut Creek, CA, began July 1, 1946, both at Permanente Metals which was renamed Trentwood.

Don and Rob are engineering graduates from the University of Idaho. “When we started at Trentwood,” writes Don, “Rob worked down in the mill and I worked in the office building. One of the engineers who worked with me went down to the mill and saw Rob, thinking it was me. Came up to the office and there I was. He repeated the trip later, saw Rob and hurried back to the office, and there I was. Finally someone told him there was no short cut, we were twins. He wasn’t the only one confused. I waved at a mirror once, thinking it was Rob.” The

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*Don & Rob Angell THEN*



*Don and Rob Angell 2006*



*Don and Rob Angell NOW*



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*Stu Lovelace THEN*



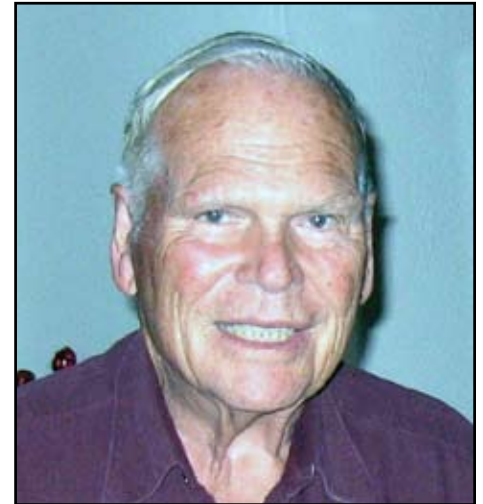
*Cliff Rolie THEN*



*Len McAdams THEN*

Angell twins turn 92 on November 19.

**Stuart Lovelace**, 90, (Oakland, CA) joined the Todd California Division of The Permanente Metals Corporation, known as the Kaiser Richmond Shipyard No. 1 in May, 1941. He transferred to Kaiser Company's Richmond Shipyard No. 3 where he worked as an electrical engineer until he entered military service in 1944. He resumed employment at Kaiser Aluminum in 1955, finding that many of his shipyard associates were still working the company with the "We Can Do Anything" spirit.



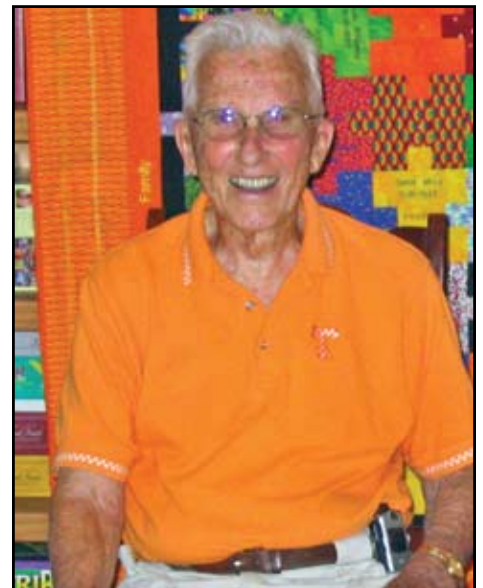
*Stu Lovelace NOW*

**Clifford Rolie**, 90, (Spokane, WA) began his 33-year career with Kaiser Aluminum at Mead, WA, in 1942 just after the corporation had purchased the plant from Alcoa. He went on to help start plants in Chalmette, LA, Renukoot, U.P. India, Valco in Tema, Ghana and Holyhead, North Wales. Kaiser was the best thing that happened to me, writes Cliff. "A great company to work for," he added.



*Cliff Rolie NOW*

**Len McAdams**, 88, of Sante Fe, NM, began his career at the Permanente Metals plant in Mountain View, CA, on May 29, 1942. Mac was hired over the telephone while he was still finishing engineering school at the University of Tennessee. The company sent him a first class Pullman train ticket from Knoxville, TN, to San Jose, CA – quite a trip for a country boy who had not been farther from his home state than Mississippi. He worked in management jobs at Mead, Chalmette, Tacoma, Baton Rouge, QAL Australia, Ravenswood and



*Len McAdams NOW*

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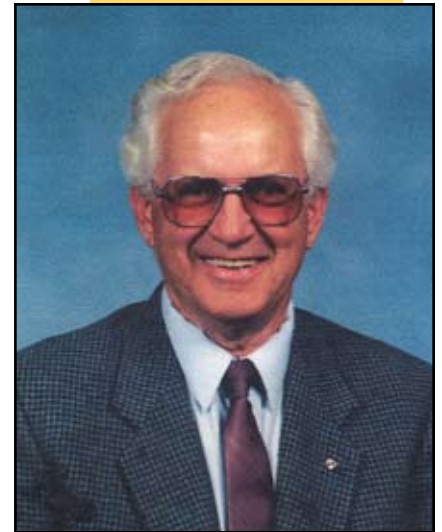


*W. Weyer THEN*

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Valco in Ghana, retiring in 1982 after 40 years with the company.

**William Weyer**, 84, of Richmond, TX, began employment at Trentwood on July, 8, 1946. His assignments included stints at Ravenswood, WV, Belpre, OH, as well as overseas assignments in Germany, Japan and Australia. Weyer's last assignment before retirement was at Wanath, IN.



*W. Weyer NOW*



*D. Watts THEN*

And last but not least, an honorable mention goes to **DuWayne C. Watts**, 82, Spokane, WA, who began at Trentwood on June 26, 1945 as a laborer and retired as a general supervisor after 36 years with the company. DuWayne still remembers his employee badge number, No. 295, and besides, he was also Bill Weyer's classmate at Gonzaga High School.



**Tacoma June 2009 Luncheon**



*D. Watts NOW*



*Joe Cady, Art Wilson & Nancy Cady*



*Roy Brennan, Cathy Penson & Camile Zenon*

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#### November 2 Los Angeles

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

#### November 5 Baton Rouge

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

#### November 12 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.

#### November 19 Trentwood

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Eagles located at 16801 E Sprague Ave. A musical program will be provided by Project Joy. For questions, contact Del McKinley at 924-3077 or email delcree@msn.com, or else, Jan Gorman at 926-5476 or email jandon4@hotmail.com.

#### December 2 Tacoma

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

#### December 3 Baton Rouge

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

#### December 4 Ravenswood

Winter Dinner/Dance at Greenhills Country Club. For information, call Dave Whitman at (304) 273-5548 or email dwhitman@wirefire.com.

#### December 7 Los Angeles

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

#### December 7 KARLA (Bay Area)

Lunch at noon at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, San Ramon Golf Club. Social hour starts at 11:00 am. Stephanie Mann and Dr. Barbara Williams, Founder and Director of Safe Kids Now, will speak about "What is the Message for Community Peace Today?". Please RSVP Sharon Fraetis at (925) 934-4334 or email lafnatv@silcon.com.



#### December 8 Newark

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Stacy's Hometown Buffet in Heath, Ohio. Contact Bob Abel at (740) 323-2268 or email rpabel@windstream.net. Costs are paid for by the Newark plant.

#### December 9 Chalmette

Lunch at 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 by 11/30 to Sherman Faught at (985) 690-4942 or Chuck Schimmel at (985) 643-0437 or email schimcol@aol.com.

#### December 10 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.

### In Memoriam

*Bernard A. Blackstone\* - Picayune, MS*  
*Josephine F. Bouloy - Sacramento, CA*  
*J. Paul Detwiler - Carroll, OH*  
*Ralph G. Gorman\* - Palm Bay, FL*  
*Josephine M. Gufreda - Beachwood, OH*  
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*Paul F. Milwicz\* - Severn, MD*  
*Leon S. Newman - Asheville, NC*  
*John R. Poole - Copperopolis, CA*  
*George Potts\* - Cinnaminson, NJ*  
*Charles W. Preston\* - Belpre, OH*  
*George W. Williams\* - San Francisco, CA*

*\*Died more than one year ago*

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