

Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT



Carlos Xavier
KASRA President

Dear Fellow Retirees/
Surviving Spouses:

I want to thank all who responded to our ballot sent out in July and who overwhelmingly voted for the three candidates (Doug Mann, Mert Van Dreser and Klaus Adler) for directorship in KASRA. Most of you also indicated on the back of the ballot sheet your preference for receiving future KASRA newsletters (by direct mail, email, no preference, or not at all). We will abide by your wishes and will so note this in our database.

The July ballots were mailed only to our 2,458 KASRA members. We also sent out letters to 1,685 retirees and surviving spouses who have not joined KASRA or who have allowed their membership to lapse. If you know of any of these fellow retirees or surviving spouses, I encourage you to ask them to join by simply returning the green enrollment form available on our website (www.e-kasra.com) together with the annual fee of \$10.00. KASRA strives to keep its members informed on issues and developments, especially those relating to the VEBA, COBRA coverage, senior issues and the activities of retirees.

I also wish to thank all those who returned their "What's Going On" forms. In light of the tremendous feedback we received from retirees about their lives, we decided to print many of these highlights and not include a "Profile" in this September issue. This issue will, therefore, feature your fellow members' lives and pictures instead.

By now, those of you who enrolled in the VEBA plan should have received a letter

from the Board of Trustees along with the Qualified Benefit Reimbursement Request Form. Please make sure you file this as soon as possible to get your maximum benefit of \$2,000 for this year. It should be noted that, if you do not file in a timely manner, all your rights to receive a Qualified Benefit shall expire and be forfeited. The expiration dates for 2009 (maximum \$1,750) and 2010 (maximum \$2,000) are December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011 respectively. Take advantage of what you have coming back to you! Please note VEBA's current contact information: Delta Health Systems, PO Box 2308, Stockton, CA 95201-2308. Telephone: (888) 344-8322(toll free) Email: dfs.veba@delapro.com.

If you are receiving COBRA or Bankruptcy COBRA benefits from Kaiser Aluminum and have questions concerning those benefit plans, please contact: Steve Brown, Vice President, Benefits and Compensation, Kaiser Aluminum Corporation, 27422 Portola Parkway, Suite 350, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610. Telephone: (949)614-1773. Email address: steve.brown@kaiseral.com.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any problems or questions with respect to the above or any retiree matters and we will assist you in any way we can. We also welcome any suggestions you may have to improve on the contents of our newsletters. Our contact information is listed on page 8. In the meantime, please stay active and remain healthy!

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Do you know a retiree who has not signed up for the VEBA? Suggest they call KASRA at (925) 685-1313 or email at kasra@e-kasra.com

WHAT'S GOING ON

Our annual mailing produced great results! The mailbox is overflowing with news from KASRA members. Please be patient with us as we share as much of your news as space allows in this and upcoming issues of **KASRA News**.

Trentwood, WA, retiree **Tom Brattebo** and his wife, **Bette** (Liberty Lake, WA) climbed to the top of Chilkoot Pass, Alaska (pictured right) during a month long trip to Alaska, the Yukon and British Columbia which put 4,200 miles on their pickup camper. Farbest Chemicals retiree **Joe O'Connell** (Mission Viejo, CA) recently sold the company he founded in 1990, Environmental Resolutions, Inc. to Cardno Ltd of Australia. He remains President. Refractories retiree **Arza Dillard** (King City, CA) is busy traveling to Colorado, Illinois, Alaska and Arkansas visiting family or working the cattle ranch. Perhaps that's why he's still working on the first task of a 501 item Honey-Do list. Trentwood, WA, retiree **Elizabeth L. 'Betty' Lynch** of Otis Orchards, WA, gets together with the Trentwood 'Birthday Girls' for lunch 7 times a year. **Betty**, a widow since 2007, facilitates a GriefShare class at her church.

Kaiser Development Company retiree **Tim Preece** (Danville, CA) went back home to Waterloo, IA, to emcee his 65th West High School reunion. Gramercy, LA, retiree and resident **Kenneth Hymel** and his wife took a 4,000 mile road



Tom and Bette Brattebo at Chilkoot Pass, Alaska

trip from their home to visit her friend in Wisconsin, a fellow player on the All American Redheads professional womens' basketball team which predated the WBA. The **Hymels** continued west to see Mt. Rushmore, and drove through Nebraska into Missouri to reunite with another Redhead.

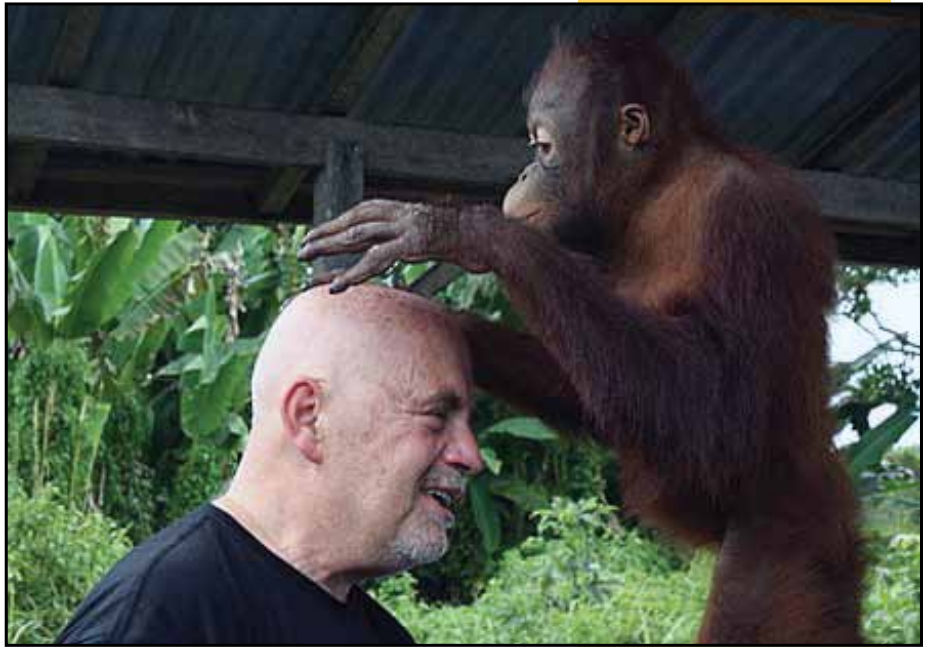
Chalmette, LA, retiree **Joycelyn M. Hyman** retired from the University of New Orleans. She volunteers for the Sisters of the Holy Family and the American Cancer Society and drives patients to their weekly treatments. **Joycelyn** walks three miles a day to keep fit. Trentwood, WA, retiree **Ray Ferrell** (Valrico, FL) and his wife are expectant great-great grandparents. They are planning a Christmas cruise to mark their 58th wedding anniversary.

Travels galore... Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals Savannah, GA, retiree and resident **Paul L. Weller** ended his bachelor days at 96 in March to marry 86-year old **Dorothy**. Then, he and his

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bride took a Viking River cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. Last month they cruised the Norwegian coast to escape the Savannah summer heat. Chalmette, LA, retiree **Edwin H. Frank** and his wife, **Joan**, spent a week at Pigeon Forge in the Smoky Mountains with their granddaughter. During a trip to Borneo, Los Angeles Extrusion Sales retiree **Tony Procanik** (The Woodlands, TX) literally enjoyed some face time with the orangutans (pictured right). Gramercy, LA, retiree **Bob Schoen** (Baton Rouge, LA) traveled to San Diego for a reunion of helicopter pilots who served in Vietnam. CFT Pleasanton, CA, retiree **Sharon Fraetis** of Lafayette, CA, enjoyed a ten day Alaskan cruise. Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Richard E. Nowell** (Spokane Valley, WA) enjoyed visits to Lake Chelan, WA, Redmond, OR and Nelson, BC. Dallas, TX, Extrusion Division retiree **Colin Ward** (So. Pasadena, FL) visited Florence, Lucca and Rome, Italy.

Mead, WA, retiree **Roger Olson** of Addy, WA, cruised the inland passage of Alaska from Vancouver BC. Trentwood, WA, retiree **Donald D. Dewar** (Spokane Valley, WA) spent two weeks in Italy last year, a week in London in March, and will tour Japan this fall. In between travels, he is a quality assurance contractor for the aerospace industry and serves as a registered ombudsman for two longterm care facilities. Moss Landing, CA, Refractories retiree **Bobby G. Osborn** (Watsonville, CA) spent a week at Orlando Disney World, a week in Branson, MS, and a week in Mississippi, where he visited the famous Civil War site, Vicksburg National Military Park. Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Ray Woodard** (Springboro, OH) and his wife have traveled and vacationed in Alaska,



Tony Procanik

Hawaii, the Western states, central Europe and China. They've also enjoyed Caribbean cruises including one to the Panama Canal. Agricultural Chemicals retiree **James Roger Brewster** of Myrtle Beach, SC, doesn't need to travel far to visit his favorite island - Ocracoke Island, NC. Oakland, CA, retiree **Kirk McVean** (Walnut Creek, CA) and his wife, **Nancy**, traveled to London and Europe. They drove nearly 1,600 miles through Salzburg, Slovenia (where they visited Nancy's cousin), Croatia and Montenegro.

Ravenswood, WV, retiree and resident **Lee Corder** has been elected to the Jackson General Hospital Board of Directors. Oakland, CA, retiree **Andrew Lang** (Fremont, CA) plays golf every Tuesday with his buddies. He is involved with the Candlelighters, a volunteer service group that raises funds for non profit organizations and community projects. Its annual fundraiser is transforming the ten rooms of the Chadbourne Carriage House in Fremont, CA, into a Ghost House for Halloween tours. Baton Rouge, LA, retiree and

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resident **Len Sedlin** has been named State Director for the SCORE Association Louisiana District 0679. The volunteer organization provides mentoring to small businesses. **Len** and his wife **Trish** are headed for Washington DC to attend a SCORE national awards banquet and do a bit of sightseeing. If you're ever hungry in Jackson Hole, WY, drop into Café Genevieve, a restaurant owned by the son of Fabricated Products retiree **Fred Peightal** and his wife, **Mary** (Bermuda Dunes, CA). You might even see the couple there doing odd jobs.

Surviving spouse **Lilly J. Mitchell** (Deer Park, WA) enjoys quilting at Zion Lutheran Church. She plays the piano and accordion. Oakland and CFT Pleasanton, CA, retiree **Nancy A. Dembny** of Portland, OR, is a Good Samaritan who drives neighbors to doctors' appointments, grocery stores, and even babysits some of their children. She also keeps busy doing things with 13 great grandchildren. Los Angeles, CA, Extrusions retiree **Dennis O. Seymour** (San Diego, CA) spends about a month in Baja, CA, doing maintenance projects at his son's resort in Loreto. Sounds more like an excuse to fish, golf and drink Pacifico beer. Surviving spouse **Denise O'Halloran** of Traverse City, MI, spends a month at Harsens Island on the St. Clair River every summer. She loves to watch all kinds of ships sail by - freighters, yachts, sailboats and more.

Kaiser Aetna retiree **Mary Ann Luich** (Niles, OH) introduced See's candy to the Thursday afternoon social club in her apartment building and now they can't get enough to satisfy their sweet tooth. As you can see from this photo (right), Ravenswood, WV, retiree and resident **William B. Fleming** is a

true Blue fan (since 1942) of the Duke University Blue Devils. Rod Bar & Wire Hebron, OH, retiree and resident **Marshall Eubanks** purchased a home in Lady Lake, FL. Sherman, TX, retiree **Don Woodward** and his wife **June** (Oakbrook, IL) were in Los Angeles for the Fourth of July and moseyed by the LA Extrusion plant on Bandini Blvd, amazed at the transformation since they last saw it in 1976.

Health Issues... Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) has curbed recreational and travel activities for **Henry T. Mayo** of Walnut Creek, CA. Surviving spouse **Phyllis Glubka** (Lincoln, CA) also has macular degeneration. Chalmette, LA, retiree **Zeadous (Bonny) S. Hart** had back surgery to fuse four discs, valve replacement and double bypass open heart surgery. After suffering two strokes in 2006, Oakland, CA, retiree **Priscilla Kozak** of Martinez, CA, has learned to talk, walk and drive again. The

William B. Fleming



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widow of two years baby sits the great grand children and loves to smell the roses while working in her garden. Our sincere condolences to **Owen U. King** (Newark, OH) who lost his wife in June and to **Joseph L. Vicknair** of Lutcher, LA, whose wife, **Gayle**, passed away in March of 2009, leaving a "big hole of emptiness".

Of all the volunteer work that Heath, OH, retiree **Fontaine Heilman** of Englewood, FL, does for St. Raphael's Parish, she writes that the most rewarding has been helping to pack and ship more than 2,000 boxes to U.S. troops overseas. If you're ever passing through the Wilmington International Airport, stop by the Information Desk and say hello to Erie, PA, retiree **Joan Thompson** (Wilmington, NC) who has been a volunteer on the desk for ten years. The retiree also likes to exercise with the Silver Sneakers Fitness Program, a cardio fitness class sponsored by AARP. Chalmette, LA, retiree **A. Ray Lightell, Sr.** (Kingwood, TX) has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Kingwood Village Estates-Windsor House. Surviving spouse **Catherine Mary Scott Bell** of Stockton, CA, still knits blankets for the homeless. The music teacher has taught piano to students from age 3 to 54. Surviving spouse **Helene Hancock** (N. Kansas City, MO) enjoys sewing, knitting, line dancing and water aerobics.

Chalmette, LA, retiree **Thomas A. Murphy** of Murfreesboro, TN, says hello to retirees at both Chalmette, LA, and Ghana, Africa. His email is panda1932@msn.com. Trentwood, WA, retiree **Arthur Hoener** (Bayview, ID) took a road trip from home to Weston, FL, this summer. The great grandfather of twins is a member of the American Legion Post

149 in Athol. Savannah Ag Chem retiree **Butch Lowenthal** of Tybee Island, GA, plays golf three times a week and spends time visiting 13 grandchildren, including a great grandson born in March. Chalmette, LA, retiree and resident **Anthony 'Tony' Fradella** is just about finished with rebuilding his home that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. He enjoys visiting the casinos along the Gulf Coast. Oakland, CA, retiree **E. Allen Holbrook** is fixing up the old homestead in Richmond, NH, which was built in 1771. Old indeed!

Play ball... every March, Primary Products retiree **Jed Daniel** of San Ramon, CA, is behind the dugout at spring training baseball in Florida. He works as a stringer scorer for MLB.com. Says the job is much easier than making aluminum, but doesn't pay as well. Yeah, but what's better than eating hot dogs and sunflower seeds while watching the pros. Baton Rouge, LA, retiree and resident **Ralston Johnson** is a research analyst for Brook Hunt & Assoc., a London-based consulting firm to the aluminum industry. **Ingrid Lee** (Ripley, WV) works part time for Waybright Funeral Home, owned by Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Carolyn Waybright's** son and his wife.

On the Move... Former Ravenswood, WV, residents and retirees **Gary and Pat Straight McNeely** moved to Weeki Wachee, FL.

Happy Anniversary... **Ann and Gene Miller** (Baton Rouge, LA) celebrated their 28th anniversary in July; **Karen and Reldon J. Barre** of Washington, WV, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family; for their 50th, **Jackie and William (Bill) O. Andersen, Jr.**, (Somerset, MA) were

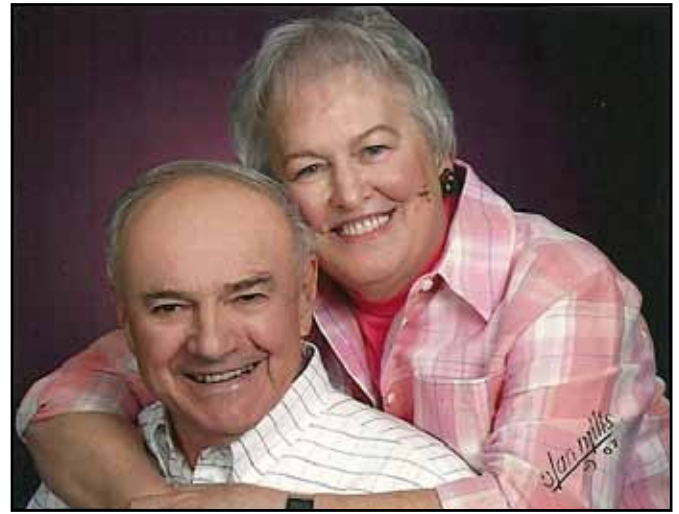


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surprised by family and friends at a party held at Venus de Milo restaurant in Swansea; **Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lambert** (Covington, LA) had their 51st anniversary; **Mr. and Mrs. Bobby R. Tucker** of Savannah, GA, observed their 54th wedding anniversary and so did **Mr. and Mrs. Hubert D. Ash** of Rancho Mirage, CA; **Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Abadie** (Vacherie, LA) were married 55 years in May; **Ed and Roni Adkins** of Erie, PA, celebrated their 55th with a trip to Colorado; and **Artye Lee and Jim Scott** (Spokane, WA) have enjoyed 60 years of marriage (pictured right). Their life stories, originally written for their children and future generations, were published in Nostalgia Magazine and Reminisce. **Gloria and J. Dewey Gregoire** (Prairieville, LA) have been a married couple for 61 years; **Shirley and Al Schroeck** of Baton Rouge, LA, celebrated their 62nd anniversary with



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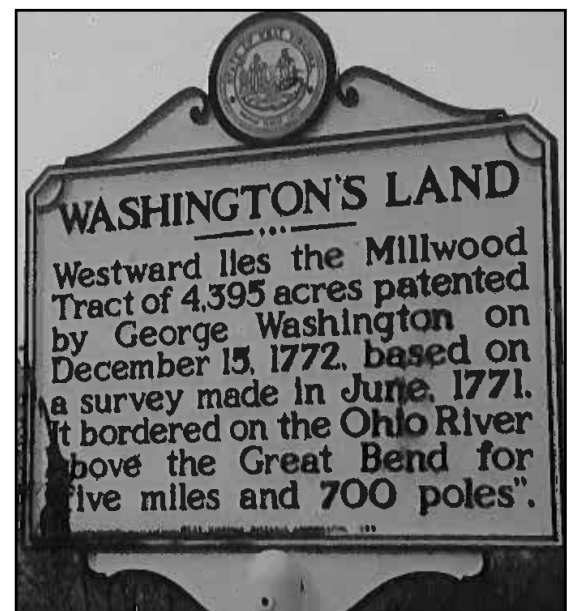
a motor coach tour to Nova Scotia. Congratulations to all you love birds!

Birthday Bash... For her 75th birthday, Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Hazel Parsons** (Ripley, WV) partied in New York City with the girls – her daughter, daughter-in-law and granddaughter-in-law. For his 91st birthday, Woodbury, NY, Extrusion Division retiree **Alfred 'Al' Zucker** of Sunrise, FL, celebrated in Long Island, NY with family.

NEW HISTORICAL PLAQUE NEAR RAVENSWOOD STATE RESTORATION OF SITE HAS KASRA CONNECTIONS

Ravenswood retirees may recall that, for decades, a prominent sign was posted near the plant, declaring the roadside overlook along the Ohio River a historical site once owned by the nation's first President as "Washington's Land."

Sometime during the '90s, however, the plaque vanished from sight. KASRA retiree **George Binczewski** (Moraga, CA) brought it to our attention in 2002, when he invited Ravenswood high school students to make a new plaque, even contributing a small sum from his old bank account there. Alas, the restoration project never got out of the school



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In Memoriam



David L. Alexander - Hawaiian Gardens, CA
Louis M. Alvarez - Livermore, CA
James M. Badgett - Louisville, KY
Phyllis Barnett - Ravenswood, WV
Virginia E. Booth - Parkersburg, WV
Robert H. Brewton - Eagleville, PA
Esther L. Browning - Kirkland, WA
Phyllis V. Carrier - Mt. Alto, WV
Leonard T. Galster - Zachary, LA
Lydia F. Garista - Bristol, RI
Robert F. Hoffman - Millwood, WV
W. Bugh Hustead - Vero Beach, FL
Stephen H. Jordan - Chouteau, OK*
Leon F. Kautz - Newark, CA
Douglas C. Klein - Bristol, RI*
Adrianus Lodewyckx - Newark, CA
William R. (Bill) McGoey - Slidell, LA
Philip J. Mischkot - Sherman, TX
Daniel R. Moldenhauer - Livermore, CA
Estelle C. (Vona) Oliver - Bristol, RI
Clyde W. Parkert - Spokane Valley, WA
Richard W. Paxton - Aiken, SC
Anna Schoeneweis - Tamarac, FL*
David A. Schutte - Tampa, FL
Samuel O. Slater - Bloomingdale, GA*
Donald B. Strain - Walnut Creek, CA
Gerald Sunderland - Spokane, WA
Richard E. Tenney - Bainbridge Island, WA
Alan R. Webber - Frostburg, MD
Ford A. Willoughby - New Orleans, LA
William J. Wilson - Glendale, AZ
Harriet (Pam) Yenter - Spokane, WA

**Died more than one year ago*

The Board of Directors expresses its deepest sympathy to families and loved ones.

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workshop.

Enter Ravenswood retiree and resident **Clint Posey** who made the restoration project his civic duty and doggedly pursued the right channels until he got results. The former Kaiser casting department superintendent went straight to the top seat in local government – the Governor’s office in Charleston, WV. From there, the state’s Antiquities Department was convinced to make a new plaque. Then, the Road Commission erected the new plaque, but not before the local Boy Scouts beautified the roadside overlook area. Atta-boy, Clint!

Incidentally, the new plaque is made of aluminum.

Officers & Board of Directors attending the Ravenswood June 3rd, 2010 summer picnic. Front Row (L-R) Lee Corder, President; Keith Morgan, Vice-President; Pete Westenhaven, Secretary/Treasurer. Second Row (L-R) Hazel Parsons, Harold Osborne, James Comer, Ruth Mick



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September 2 Ravenswood

Lunch at 12:00 pm at Cedar Lakes. For information call Dave Whitman (304) 273-5548 or email dwhitman@wirefire.com. Reservations needed by Aug 27th.

September 2 Baton Rouge

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

September 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.

September 9 Mead

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, on North Division. Contact Danny Petruss at (509) 924-5838 or email dpjr70@comcast.net. Mead meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

September 14 Chalmette

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Bailey's on the Front in Slidell, LA (previously Jasmine French Restaurant). RSVP by Aug 31st to Sherman Faught (985) 690-4942 or Chuck Schimmel at (985) 643-0437 or email schimcol@aol.com.

Chalmette June 9, 2010 Luncheon: Pat Petit, Catherine Sherman, Paul Petit, Fran Sherman



Tacoma June 2, 2010 Luncheon: Janet Mohr, Irene and Jim Johnson are against the wall.

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October 12 Newark

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

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