

Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT



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KASRA President

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Dear Fellow Retirees/
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This is my last address to you as your President since my two-year term is up at the end of this year. I want to thank you for letting me serve you

and learn so much about the KASRA organization.

I am pleased to announce that **Chris Laszcz-Davis** has been nominated by the Board to succeed me and to serve as your next President. She has done excellent work as KASRA's newsletter editor and will continue to do an outstanding job as your new President. Please extend to her the support you have given me. I will remain on the Board another year to finish my second term, assist the Board and, if needed, provide continuity.

KASRA's main objectives are to provide a vehicle for our retirees and surviving spouses to communicate current information about benefits and other retirees via the newsletters, website and mass emailing; answer queries about matters concerning retirement by phone, regular mail or email; and report and share information about your many activities with colleagues and friends.

To enable us to keep our database current, ***it is imperative that you provide us with an updated address, email and phone number.*** This way, we can continue to keep in touch with you and also facilitate communications between you and the many former colleagues and lifelong friends with whom you have shared a common path during your work career.

After serving out their second three

year terms on the Board, **Carol Brown, Joanne Cunningham** and **Dan Dahlen** will earn a well deserved retirement from the Board at the end of this year. Also retiring at the end of the year for personal reasons will be our Secretary, **Don Kusko**. We thank them all for volunteering their services and for the good work they provided. In the last issue, I reported that you have voted in our three new Directors, so please join me now in welcoming **Doug Mann, Mert Van Dreser** and **Klaus Adler** to the new Board.

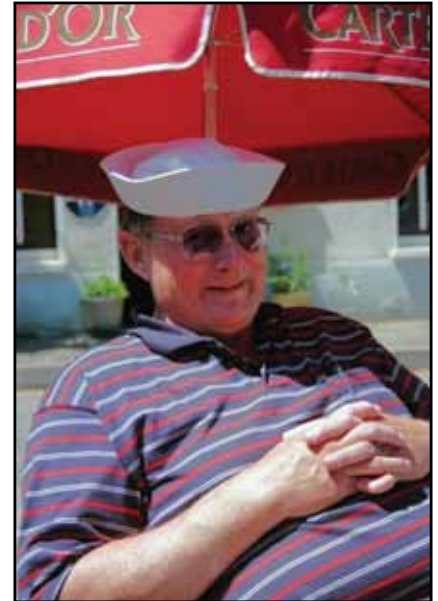
I would also like to mention the remaining Board members and staff who made my work easier: **Blanca Ostrovsky, Steve Abernathy, Ed Quinnan, Will Schnieder, Ed Westerman, Joanne Gutierrez, Bill Alsup, Sharon Fraetis, Roberta Wong Murray** and **Michelle Alviso of A-Mailing & Printing**. Without their help and that of the retiring members mentioned above, none of our objectives could have been met. So, thank you all!

I would be remiss if I did not mention and thank the regional directors and reporters – **John Billips, Norm Manger, Bob Eisenbach, Bob Mohr, Dave Whitman, Tim Healy, Charlie Alexandre, Chuck Schimmel, Bob Abel** and **Dan Petruss** --for keeping the Board informed of news in their respective regions. I am also thankful to the many members who have shared their activities in the "What's Going On" section of the newsletter.

I am forever grateful for the editorial expertise and contributions of **Bob Irelan, Dave Perry** and **Chris Laszcz-Davis** for making my President's letters

WHAT'S GOING ON

Trentwood, WA, retiree **Alan Van Deusen** (pictured right) of Discovery Bay, CA, operates Van Deusen Enterprises, which specializes in industrial exports to Nigeria. CFT Pleasanton, CA, retiree **Dale Doerr** of Oroville, CA, celebrated his 90th birthday at a party hosted by his daughters for 180 friends who know Dale as a bowler, bridge partner, neighbor or volunteer at the Lake Oroville Visitor Center. They ate, drank and danced until the wee hours. It took him ten days to read all the birthday cards. Tulsa, OK, retiree and resident **Patty Lohrenz** and her husband toured Seattle, WA, and Vancouver, British Columbia, enjoying the terrific tours and weather. They enjoyed whale watching and visiting Buschart Gardens. Pleasanton, CA, retiree **Roger Johnson** and his wife, **Mary** (San Jose, CA), took a 12-day river cruise from Moscow



Alan Van Deusen

to St. Petersburg, Russia, and had a marvelous time on the Viking River Cruises. Sherman, TX, retiree **Billy Reifel** (pictured left, Pottsboro, TX) completed a 9,000 plus mile motorcycle trip through 13 states and Canada.



Billy Reifel

Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Dar Ekstrom** (Polson, MT) is a substitute teacher at the high school and middle school there. At home, he takes care of cherry, apricot and apple trees to enjoy fruit year round. Toledo, OH, Building Products retiree **William L. Johnson** of Temperance, MI, fishes for perch in the Fall at Bolles Harbor in his 26-ft cabin cruiser. He and his wife **Marian** spend the winter at Cocoa Beach, FL, not far from their

oldest son and family. Trentwood, WA, retiree **Chuck Foster** (Buckhead, GA) visited his former digs at Newman Lake, WA, to attend a barn dance and ride the Durango Silverton narrow gauge railroad. Newark, OH, retiree and resident **Joseph Serfozo** enjoys playing golf, tennis, boating and fishing.

Downsized... Portsmouth, RI, retiree **Joe Darling** of Bristol, RI, says he's too old to sail his P33 sailboat, so he's stooped to a Trojan 25. Joe's hammie is K1LGH. Gary, IN, Refractories retiree **Fred Livergood** (Portage, IN) sings in the church choir and with the Choraleers at the senior center. He also enjoys playing the organ at church and for residents at nursing homes. Mead, WA, retiree **L. Sawyer** (Spokane, WA) and his wife, **Ramona**, enjoy playing golf throughout the Northwest and Canada. They like to fish at Lake Roosevelt for rainbow trout and walleyes. Gramercy, LA, retiree **Robert Newsom** (Baton Rouge, LA) does a little gardening and yard work to keep his joints moving. Gardening is the hobby of choice for Tacoma, WA, retiree **Charles Cager** of New Orleans,

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LA. Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Mary Anne Barnette** (Ripley, WV) has three cats – Snoopy, Grey & Snowball. Every summer, she and her husband, **Ed**, camp at Wellsburg so Ed can compete in the West Virginia Amateur Trapshooting Association event.

Surviving spouse **Sally Sittel** (Camarillo, CA) keeps her mind sharp with duplicate bridge, reading and taking classes at Channel Islands State University. She enjoys traveling to visit family and friends. Trentwood, WA, retiree **Allen L. Davaz** (Marsing, ID) and his wife, **Margaret**, have been getting pretty good at smoking some of the fish they catch. Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Eleanor Keefe** of Leon, WV, attended a family reunion at the Cass Railroad State Park in West Virginia. She bowls every week in Gallipolis, OH, with fellow retiree **Carolyn Wilson**. Newark, OH, retiree and resident **Bill Snider** traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC, Virginia Beach, VA, Williamsburg, VA, and Washington DC with a daughter and his son and wife who were visiting from Bangkok, Thailand. Another daughter, her husband and his granddaughter came from Colorado to visit Bill in Newark. Surviving spouse **Melita Israel** (Aptos, CA) does watercolor painting, just having finished painting sites for the Pajaro Valley Land Trust. She performs with the mid county Choraleers.

Happy Anniversary... after taking a cruise earlier this year, **Sharon** and **Kent Evans** of Pine Grove, CA, celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends in October. What a lovely family! And pictured to the right is a photo of **Karen** and **Reldon J. Barre** (Washington, WV) at their 50th with family. **Margaret** and **Donald Waldie** of Point Pleasant,

WV, had their 55th anniversary in July. For their 59th anniversary, **Pat** and **Dick Hughes** of Enumclaw, WA, celebrated at Pacific Beach in Washington.

Trentwood, WA, retiree **Alan Morasch** (Spokane Valley, WA) has a job fixing small engines. He enjoys fishing, hunting, boating and snow mobile riding when he's not watching the grandkids. Kaiser Chemicals Dolton, IL, retiree **Otto Weil** (Bennington, VT) does R&D work for a local chemical company. He also plays the viola in a local orchestra and with a string quartet. Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Daniel Reynolds** (Washington, WV) restores motorcycles, 4-wheelers and old cars to ride. His current project is a 1947 Dodge. Kaiser Development retiree **Bob Dumper** (Oakland, CA) is the chair of the Seniors Golf Association at Sequoyah Country Club. He serves on the Western Board of the American Foundation for the Blind. Newark, OH, RBW retiree **Rodney McMillan** of Mt. Vernon, OH, likes to restore antique flat and humpback trunks. He attended his 29th Army reunion last August.

Gramercy, LA, retiree **James LeBlanc** (Paulina, LA) has a camp on Blind

Barre Family



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River where he fishes and hunts. At home, gardening and planting flowers keep him busy. Tacoma, WA, retiree **M. Bess Miotke** of Puyallup, WA, is a Wii bowler. She lives at Merrill Gardens Assisted Living Center. Kaiser Ag Chem Savannah, GA, retiree **Harry Dwelle** (Millen, GA) travels across the country, from one coast to the other. The “old Kaiser man” in corporate advertising says his bungee jumping and skydiving days are gone because of a bad back. CFT Pleasanton, CA, retiree **Hebon J. Ducote** (Saratoga, CA) writes that his regular hobby is paying the bills. Richmond, VA, Extrusion retiree **Tony Flores** (Port Charlotte, FL) has traveled to Costa Rica, Texas, Rhode Island and Virginia. He enjoys sailing, dancing and yoga. Namaste!

Kaiser Refractories Detroit, MI, retiree **Donald Davis** (Salem, SC) is a world traveler who enjoys golf, gardening and dancing. Every day is a vacation for Kaiser Refractories Oakland, CA, retiree **Doris Miller** of Walnut Creek, CA because she enjoys swimming and playing bridge. Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Seldon W. Angus** (Sandyville, WV) toured the Biltmore estate in North Carolina last spring. He serves on the board of the Northern Jackson County Public Service District. Chalmette, LA, retiree **Anthony S. Gerace** (Madisonville, LA) says hello to fellow retirees. Health issues limit his activities, but he does manage the occasional honey do jobs around the house. Another Chalmette, LA, retiree who lives in Madisonville, LA, is **Harold Rosselli**. The Knights of Columbus member goes to Mass every day to pray for family and friends.

Highway Products retiree **Donald S. Angell** (Sandpoint, ID) stays active with

the local Kiwanis. Kaiser Chemicals retiree **Howard Nelson** (Alamo, CA) and his golf partner, retiree **Bill Warfield** of Rancho Mirage, CA, won their flight in the Roundhill Country Club's Senior Invitational Golf Tournament. **Aprina Leavy** (Oakland, CA) enjoys going to the theatre, ballet and opera. Kaiser Center, Oakland, CA, retiree **Jeanne Mary Cabral** (Oakland, CA) volunteers at the St. Paul's food co-op every Thursday. There, seniors can buy fresh fruits and vegetables. Oakland, CA, retiree and resident **Eleanor Preston** lists quilting, swimming and working in the garden as her hobbies. She also enjoys spending time with five granddaughters.

Erie, PA, retiree and resident **Lynn D. Huston** and his wife visited her family in Italy for a month, staying at an old house on a mountain above the Mediterranean Sea. Oakland, CA, retiree **Ray Van Buskirk** (Moraga, CA) putters in the garden, tinkers in the workshops and fiddles around in the stock market. So far, Rays admits he's better at puttering than fiddling. Surviving spouse **Reba McFadden** (Mount Pleasant, SC) keeps busy and happy with gardening, church activities and visiting with family and friends. Halethorpe, MD, retiree **William F. Zappie** of Baltimore, MD, is a full time caregiver of his wife, who is disabled. Once in awhile, he's able to get out and fish or play golf. Another Halethorpe, MD, retiree is **Howard Dicus** of Gambrills, MD. At 91, Howard stays active with lots of traveling to Maine, New Hampshire, Alabama and Hawaii, where his son is a TV business reporter.

Chalmette, LA, retiree and resident **Shelby Delhomme** took a trip to Germany to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Gramercy, LA, retiree **Khosrow (Kos) Herad** (Kenner, LA)

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MEMBER PROFILE: Jim Sanderson

In 1970, **Jim Sanderson** was on his way to Parkersburg, WV for a job interview. Seeing the Ravenswood exit sign on I-77, Sanderson recalled former Kaiser Aluminum Ravenswood metallurgists **Roger Coleman** and **Dick Ash** whom he'd met earlier while working as a lab technician in Richmond, VA. They were pivotal in his decision to attend Virginia Tech and pursue a degree in metallurgy. With graduation on the horizon, Sanderson took the freeway exit for an unscheduled stop at the Ravenswood plant. It was a serendipitous move that would cause him to reject 13 other job offers and launch a 32-year career with Kaiser Aluminum. He began as a product engineer at Ravenswood, was promoted to senior hot rolling metallurgist, then served as a customer liaison with the auto parts and cookware industries. Sanderson moved to the Chicago sales office where he spent six years as regional field engineer, serving 7 states in the Midwest. From there, he became national stadium seating engineer at the Kaiser Extrusion plant in Dolton, IL.

In 1980, Sanderson moved to the Los Angeles Extrusion plant where he served as plant metallurgist and was promoted

Jim and Karyn Sanderson



to production superintendent before being named plant manager. In 1985, the corporation transferred him to manage the Sherman, TX, Extrusion plant for five years. He returned to CA in 1990 to resume managing the Los Angeles Extrusion plant until 1993. Sanderson then spent seven years as division technical manager in Dallas, TX, before becoming lean manufacturing manager in 2000, a move that brought him back to California to Laguna Niguel. In 2002, he retired with 32 years of service. Today, Sanderson remains a consultant, representing the existing corporation at meetings conducted by the Aluminum Association, Aluminum Extruders Council, ISO and ASTM, where he chairs the Light Metals and Alloys Committee. Sanderson lives with his wife, Karyn, in Huntington Beach.



Jim Sanderson

Q. What was your most memorable experience at Kaiser Aluminum?

A. I think being production superintendent at the Los Angeles Extrusion plant was my most memorable experience. This was the job where I was able to become closest to all the plant

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Jim and Karyn Sanderson

workforce, knew all 150 of them on a first name basis, and the experience was the best of my career. At higher levels, you simply can't be as connected to everyone. It

was a hands on, up close and personal experience that I'll always remember.

Q. Tell us about your family.

A. I met and married my wife, **Karyn**, in 2003. From a previous marriage, I have a 26-year old daughter, **Jamie** and a 7-year old granddaughter, **Hailey**. They live nearby and we enjoy seeing them regularly.

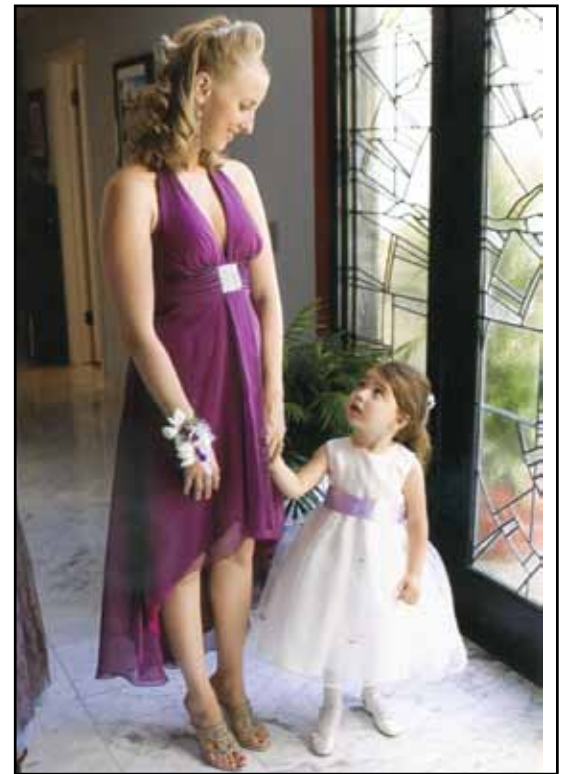
Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Our hobbies are golf, dancing, entertaining, and travel. We had a marvelous trip to China this year, took a South African safari in 2008, and made a sanctioned trip to Havana, Cuba with a salsa dance group. There we saw the influence of French architecture and one of the most beautiful beaches in the

world, Veradero Beach.

Q. What are your favorite foods?

A. I grew up in Richmond, VA, and my hometown favorite is the Southern pulled pork barbecue from Bill's in Richmond, followed by Sticky Fingers in Charleston, SC. Also, Virginia country ham! I bring them back frozen whenever we take trips there.



Jim Sanderson's daughter, Jamie, and granddaughter, Hailey

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read so professionally.

And finally, I must thank our former Presidents, **Dick Kauffman** and **Jed Daniel**, for all their sage advice and help over the past two years and to **Doug Allen** for his invaluable advice on benefit related matters.

One last and final thought. *If you have not filed your VEBA claim for reimbursement of up to \$1,750 per family unit for medical premiums paid*

in 2009, you must do so before the December 31, 2010 deadline. However, you have until December 31, 2011 to file your VEBA claim for reimbursement of up to \$2,000 per family for medical premiums paid in 2010.

As always, please stay active and healthy!

Carlos

Carlos Xavier
President, KASRA

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visits Laguna Beach, CA, several times a year. He is a public school and library volunteer. Surviving spouse **Margaret (Peggy) Kensok** (Martinez, CA) often sees retiree **Klaus Adler** and his wife at church. **Peggy** stays active at the assisted living facility where she resides. Mead, WA, retiree **Harley V. Vandevanter** of Newport, WA, is a car and boat collector. The Kustom Auto Sales & Service operator likes to travel along the Oregon coast. Chalmette, LA, retiree **Guy Robicheaux** (Slidell, LA) is back to making Christmas tree ornaments, one of which made its way to this editor a few years back. **Guy** is not very pleased with the effects of oil and tarballs in Lake Pontchartrain on the region's crabbing and fishing. Bay Minette, AL, Electrical Products retiree **Carl E. Hinger** (Spanish Fort, AL) enjoys each day to the fullest, whether that includes playing golf, playing bridge, square dancing or doing honey-dos with a smile.

Kaiser Chemicals retiree **Robert Jeansonne** of Baton Rouge, LA, has a weekend getaway on False River, where boating and relaxing are the norm. He is on the Board of the Baton Rouge Symphony. Surviving spouse

Baton Rouge April, 2010 Luncheon:
Jackie Launey, Doris & Don Farrelly



Bay Area September, 2010 Luncheon:
Ed Westerman, Bruce Wilson, Carlos Xavier, Don Kusko

Jacqueline Singer of Appleton, NY, is learning all about fruit farming. She will spend the holidays in Sao Paulo, Brazil, then stay in Mexico for the winter. Jackie sends fond regards to all her Kaiser friends. Oakland, CA, retiree **Robert W. "Bill" Cox** (Ripon, CA) attended his 65th high school reunion in Weston, WV. He still works as a computer program manager for payroll systems. Baton Rouge, LA, retiree and resident **James "Jim" Mire** took trips to Branson, MO, Las Vegas, NV and is visiting great grandchildren and their parents in CA this month. Grand Prairie, TX, retiree **Waymon Sloan** (Kaufman, TX) has gone nearly all around the world on cruises to the North and South Poles and places in between. **Betty Lou Koska** (Winnemucca, NV) had knee replacement surgery and a blepharoplasty, cosmetic eyelid surgery. Mead, WA, retiree **Joseph Cadwallader** and his wife, **Maria** (Spokane, WA), spent three months traveling 8,000 miles. They went from Spokane, WA, to Los Angeles, CA, then over to North Carolina, and finally to both sides of Niagara Falls and back to Spokane.

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November 11 Baton Rouge

KAOS Kaiser Aluminum Old Timers Society will hold its semiannual luncheon at Oak Lodge. Details TBD. Call Bob Eisenbach (225) 926-1334 or email bo-beisenbach@att.net.

November 11 Mead

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

November 16 Trentwood

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Eagles located at 16801 E Sprague Ave. Please note that the gatherings will be on the third Tuesday of the month. Hot lunch served at 11:30 AM. Mead retirees are always welcome. The cost for the meal is \$11.00. Entertainment will be provided by a group from Project Joy. Please notify Steve Harvey at (509) 924-1132 or slharv3y@comcast.net.

December 1 Tacoma

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

December 3 Ravenswood

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

December 6 KARLA (Bay Area)

Lunch at noon at the Wedgewood Banquet Center located at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Ln, San Ramon. Social hour starts at 11:00 am. Contact Sharon Fraetis (925) 934-4334 or email lafnatv@silcon.com.

December 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 is held the 1st Monday of each month.



December 7 Chalmette

Lunch at 11:30 am at Todd Schaeffer's Original Family Restaurant (Previously: Floyd's; Bealer's; La Rosetta), 348 Robert Boulevard, Slidell, LA 70458. RSVP by: November 29. Contact: Sherman Faught (985) 690-4942 or Chuck Schimmel (985) 643-0437 or schimcol@aol.com

December 9 Mead

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

December 14 Newark

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

In Memoriam

Dudley Aldous - Santa Cruz, CA
Bernice L. Benson - Alameda, CA
Robert L. Coe - Spokane, WA
Gordon R. Evans - Dunsmuir, CA
Otto C. Flocchini - Alameda, CA
Roy H. Gonzales - Mandeville, LA
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Norwood C. McDonald - Slidell, LA
Malcolm E. Reed - Harrison, AR
Garnet L. Sinnett - Parkersburg, WV

*Died more than one year ago

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