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Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Retirees/Surviving Spouses:

On behalf of the KASRA Board, staff and volunteers, we hope you had a memorable holiday season and hope the year 2011 brings you joy, health, prosperity and wonderful memories. I am

delighted to get the opportunity to serve as your incoming President and hope that I can honor the role **Carlos Xavier** has fulfilled as President this past year.

The Christmas holiday season often allows us to pause long enough to reflect on what really matters. It is during this holiday season that we are often reminded again of the wonders of life, and its fragility. The textures of both joy and sorrow weave a fabric of the year as we close one and begin another. At the end of the day, it comes down to “all of life being a gift”.

“Giving thanks” is an important part of this holiday season’s traditions—“thanks” to **Carlos Xavier**, KASRA’s most recent President, who has thoughtfully and diligently guided the Board during this past year....”thanks” to retiring KASRA Board members **Carol Brown, Joanne Cunningham, Dan Dahlen and Don Kusko** for their contributions while on the Board... “thanks” to our regional directors and reporters – **John Billips, Norm Manger, Bob Eisenbach, Bob Mohr, Dave Whitman, Tim Healy, Charlie Alexandre, Chuck Schimmel, Bob Abel (Jim Bope moving forward) and Dan Petrucc** --for keeping the Board informed of news in their respective regions...“thanks” to the many members who have shared their lives with us

in the “What’s Going On” section of the newsletter... and “thanks” to the following KASRA Board members who remain on the 2011 Board - **Blanca Ostrovsky, Steve Abernathy, Ed Quinnan, Will Schnieder and Ed Westerman**. In addition, we are grateful for the efforts of **Joanne Gutierrez, Bill Alsup, Roberta Wong Murray, Sharon Fraetis, Dave Perry, Bob Irelan, Dick Kauffman and Michelle Alviso (A-Mailing & Printing)** - all of whom help us to meet our objectives to communicate with you on issues of importance. We simply couldn’t do it without everyone pulling together!

And if that’s not enough...please welcome our three new Board Directors - **Doug Mann, Mert Van Dreser and Klaus Adler**—all who come with rich backgrounds and a desire to continue the tradition of stewardship and service.

Some reminders--some of you recently visited our **website** at www.e-kasra.com and expressed how pleasantly surprised you are at the wealth of interesting information it includes. While many contribute to its contents, it is **Steve Abernathy** almost singlehandedly who has spearheaded its development and continued maintenance. For those who have not yet had a chance to visit our website, look for the following:

News/Communications – News on KASRA, the VEBA, and the aluminum industry, as well as general communications to our members and a link to the Kaiser Aluminum website.

Events – A listing of regional events and announcements.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Happy New Year! Most of the news notes in this January edition of KASRA News dates back to July of 2010. Please be patient as we continue to get as much of your news as possible into each upcoming issue. Meanwhile, we begin with last summer's activities...

Rob Angell (Walnut Creek, CA) visited his 92-year old twin brother and fellow retiree, **Don Angell**, in Sandpoint, ID. Tight abs...surviving spouse **Eda Wegener** of Columbia, MO, is working out at the gym with a personal trainer. She is a proud great, great grandmother. **Bruce Wilson** (Moraga, CA) went blue whale watching at Moss Landing. He and Mary Louise celebrated their 60th anniversary visiting national parks in Canada. Last month, the Wilsons also traveled to Chile and Argentina. CFT, CA, retiree **Eugene Diana** (San Leandro, CA) plays golf weekly with SIRS at Boundary Oaks Golf Course in Walnut Creek. The winemaker enjoys entering his results in the Alameda County Fair.

Los Angeles, CA, Extrusions retiree

Bay Area December 6, 2010 Luncheon:
Naomi Harris, Carlos and Ann Xavier



Rosa Lee Swartz (Banning, CA) has a new computer hobby – researching her family genealogy. **Hollis E. Johnson** of Alamo, GA, grows a large garden every year with more than 100 tomato plants, squash, okra, potatoes, peppers and eggplant. With a new pacemaker boosting his energy, the 85-year old takes care of his tree farms every day. Carol and **Jim Caldwell** (San Antonio, TX) celebrated their 45th anniversary in Paris, France. Refractories retiree **Harold E. Smith** (Thompson, MO) plays golf and volunteers with the Lions Club and Shriners. Erie, PA, Forgings retiree **Robert D. Volkmar** and his wife have moved back to Pennsylvania.

Jim McKnight and wife, Susie, of Alamo, CA, celebrated their 50th anniversary last year on three separate occasions in Missouri, California and Italy. Here's a photo (pictured left) of the McKnights in Rome enjoying a drink on the Piazza with Refractories retiree **Dick Hilleman** (Danville, CA) and his wife, Elaine, and Jim's son Brett, who was there with his wife and their friends. Tulsa, OK, retiree **Patty Lohrenz** (Jenks, OK) enjoyed a two week vacation, touring Asheville, NC, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Charleston, SC. Oakbrook, IL, retiree **Carol Cunnis** (Lehigh Acres, FL) and her husband, Frank, visited Northern California for two weeks, including a stop at Rohnert Park, where

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(L) Jim and Susie McKnight (R) Dick and Elaine Hilleman



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he played in a golf tournament. Besides a wonderful time in San Francisco, CA, they enjoyed touring the wineries in Sonoma and Napa. Chalmette, LA, retiree **Arnold Schlottman** and his wife, Carmella, (Mel) (Carriere, MS), celebrated their 60th anniversary last June with family who gathered from Florida, New York, Georgia and Louisiana to party.

To accommodate the challenges of Parkinson's disease, Trentwood, WA, retiree **Ellie Comfort** is living in a triple wide handicap-accessible home with her son and daughter-in-law at Newman Lake, WA. Valco, Ghana, Africa, retiree **Joseph C. Whittington** of Summit, MS, spends a week every year on St. Simmon Island, GA, and at the Great Smoky Mountains. Gramercy, LA, retiree **Nolan Vicknair** (Madisonville, LA) enjoyed summertime on the beach in Hilton Head, SC, with family. Newark, OH, retiree **DeDe Cook** (Ravenswood, WV) is a board member of the Jackson County Players. She directed them in a play, "The Four Poster." Disabled veteran **Michael M. Garven** (Graham, FL) takes care of his wife who is in a wheel chair. Erie, PA, retiree **Tim Healy** of Fairview, PA, went to the Notre Dame vs. Army game at Yankee Stadium last fall and saw

Bay Area December 6, 2010 Luncheon:
Mary Alice and Art Donaldson, Naomi and Paul Harris



Bay Area December 6, 2010 Luncheon:
Gordon Gane, Ron Rigge, Ed Westerman, Mark Stett

the fighting Irish win 27-3. It was a far cry from the 0-0 tie game he witnessed in 1946 between Blanchard & Davis vs. LuJack and the Irish, also at Yankee Stadium. Ravenswood, WV, retiree and resident **Donald Skeens** plays golf and keeps active with the Lions Club and First United Methodist Church. He raises a big garden every summer and gives away most of the bounty.

Anne Stewart (San Leandro, CA) went to Maryland and Washington, DC last summer to attend her son's retirement from the Air Force. She enjoys gardening and making scrapbooks for the grandkids and great grandkids. Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals Nashville, TN, retiree **David H. Martin** (Humboldt, TN) volunteers at the Lions Club. He plays golf and gets away to Minneapolis, MN, Chicago, IL, and Washington, thanks to a time share with Wyndham Resorts. Kaiser Chemicals Baton Rouge, LA, retiree **Leroy F. Avers** (The Villages, FL) is a starter, ambassador and trainer at the community's golf division. Surviving spouse **Eva Torrice** (Paradise, CA) enjoys the social activities and fellowship

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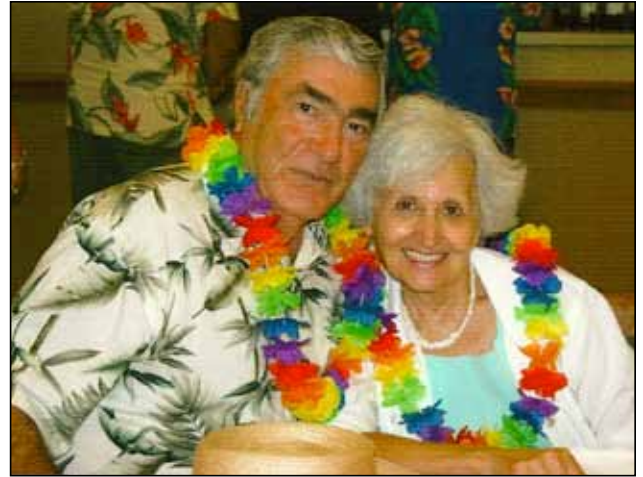
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over meals at the Senior Center. Mead, WA, retiree **John Gormanos** and his wife, Karrie (Spokane, WA) last year celebrated their 50th anniversary at a dinner party (pictured right) at the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute hosted by their children and spouses. The Gormanos were married in Greece.

New career at 90... **Don LaRue** (Tahoe City, CA) is working on his third book, "Spice King" to be published next month. His first book, "Washo Land", sold out in print. Kindle Amazon published his second book, "The First American", last fall. Baton Rouge, LA, retiree and resident **Harold Fussell** keeps busy with yard work, honey-dos and growing tomatoes.

Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Lee Ison** (Wabasso, FL) caught a 75 lb. halibut aboard a charter boat in Alaska. He restores old farm equipment and likes going to auctions at home. Kaiser International Singapore retiree **James E. Stewart** (Marina Del Rey, CA) enjoys seeing fellow retirees at the monthly luncheons in LA. Surviving spouse **Joanne Eskins** (Baton Rouge, LA) helps

John and Karrie Gormanos



her son care for his hearing impaired daughter. She's proud to report that the 5+ year old speaks normally, thanks to attendance at an oral school and speech therapy. Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals Savannah, GA, retiree **Perry Dial Clegg** of Sylvester, GA, lists hunting, fishing, yard work, jogging and walking as hobbies. Ravenswood, WV, retiree **Anna Milhoan** (Belleville, WV) bowls in three separate senior leagues in Parkersburg, WV, including one that made it to the National Bowling Tournament in El Paso, TX.

Kaiser Chemicals retiree **Vince Cerny** of Satellite Beach, FL, hosts a TV show in Central Florida. He and his wife, Diane, have visited 48 states and toured England and France. Mead, WA, Works retiree **Anna Louise Slusser** (Newport, WA) had reconstructive hip surgery last year, resulting in 'drop foot'. Nonetheless, she stills drives and gets about pretty well. Surviving spouse **Barbara Long Hill Atkinson** moved from Mexico, MO, to Tucson, AZ. She'd love to hear from old friends at barbatkinson2009@yahoo.com. Congratulations to Oakland, CA, Public Affairs retiree **Richard L. Spees** (Alameda, CA) for being the 2010 recipient of the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Lifetime



Chalmette December 7, 2010 Luncheon:
Pat Mistrot, Claude Baker, John D'Antonio, John Metzler, Jean Metzler



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Achievement Award. He serves on numerous boards which undoubtedly will be detailed in his biography, a work in progress.

Permanente Metals retiree **Delmar (Del) Dow** of Sonora, CA, has reached a milestone – he's been retired longer than he's worked. He and Jean celebrated their 64th anniversary at Sonora Pass, though the mountain walk was much shorter than previous hikes. Thinking of you...surviving spouse **Gerry Carothers** (Danville, CA) does a 'Card Ministry' by sending 340 greeting cards yearly, not including Christmas cards. She's on the ballroom dance floor at least twice a week. Kaiser Center, Oakland, CA, retiree **John Fowler** (Pleasant Hill, CA) and his wife, Mary, spent two months fly fishing in Montana. Moss Landing, CA, Refractories retiree **Oran Parrish** (Fayetteville, AR) makes childrens' easy chairs for a hobby. Condolences to Oran who lost his wife of 40 years last April. Get well wishes go out to **Anthony S. Gerace** of Madisonville, LA, whose illnesses have limited his activities and travel.

This beautiful water color painting (below) by 88-year old Valco, Ghana,

Valco Ghana Africa



Chalmette December 7, 2010 Luncheon:

L (back to front): Fran Sherman, Dot Drennan, Dot Creel, Margaret Anderson
R (front to back): Howard Anderson, Joe Drennan, Ellen Krause, Frank Krause

Africa, retiree **David F. Douglas** (Gerton, NC) depicts a bulk carrier of alumina in Tema, Ghana. He imprints the art on Watercolors For My Friends greeting cards.

Happy Belated 91st birthday to **Harvey Stauffer** (Vero Beach, FL) who says he's one of the luckiest men in the world. Greetings to surviving spouse **Margaret Zaffran** in Homedale, ID. Mr. and Mrs. **John Sprowl** (Spokane, WA) celebrated 61 years of wedded bliss last August. All in the aluminum family...Pacific NW Public Affairs retiree **Susan Ashe** (Spokane, WA) visited son Anthony and his family in Chicago, IL, where he is national accounts director for Sapa Extrusions. Susan has a thriving consultancy, Ashe Public Affairs in Spokane.

After taking a 15-year break to coach high school sports, Mead, WA, retiree **Don E. Williams** (Deer Park, WA) is back to his first love - sprint car racing. He's a realtor broker with Windermere North Real Estate in Spokane, WA. Ravenswood,

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WV, retiree **Raymond Sansbury** moved back to Ripley, WV, from Salisbury, NC. He enjoyed watching his grandson play in the American Legion World Series in Fargo, ND, last year. Gramercy, LA, retiree **Richard J. D'Arensbourg** lives at the Southeast Louisiana War Veteran's Home in Reserve, LA.

Belpre, OH, retiree **Henry Gally** (Elizabethtown, PA) enjoys woodworking and traveling across the country in a motorhome. Next motor trip will be to Newfoundland. Columbiana, OH, Refractories retiree **Bob March** of Mexico, MO, keeps tabs on his first great grandson, who lives in Colorado, by instant web cam on SKYPE. For their 50th anniversary, Gramercy, LA, retiree **Jack Carmena** and his wife, Ursula, (Baton Rouge, LA) cruised the Aegean Sea, visited the Greek Isles and Turkey. Oakland, CA, retiree **Doris Madden** (Mill Valley, CA) is an usher at music, theatre and special events in Marin County mostly. Be her friend and she'll save you seats at Stern Grove!

Oakland, CA, retiree and resident **Dave Fenton** is very involved with the K-8 Northern Light School for disadvantaged minority students. The 80-year old



Tacoma December 1, 2010 Luncheon:
Clara Kenney, Janet and Bob Mohr

traveled to Italy and went on several cruises last year. Ravenswood, WV, retiree and resident **William 'Bill' Bartlett** rides a bike up to 14 miles a day. He's had 7 operations and 4 bouts with cancer – now in the clear. CFT, Pleasanton, CA, retiree **Gene Meyers** (Berkeley, CA) left Yahoo! last June as senior software engineering manager. Mead, WA, retiree **Stan Fergin** and his wife, Jody, (Spokane, WA) celebrated their 60th anniversary last August. They get away frequently to their Priest Lake, ID, cabin during the summer, fall and winter.

Valco, Ghana, Africa, retiree **Robert W. Gambill** (Troy, MT) was a merchant sailor who served on three Liberty Ships during WWII. He was among 18 veterans who were recognized in San Francisco, CA, last May aboard the Seaman's Memorial Cruise of the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, docked at Pier 45. The event occurred on Gambill's 87th birthday.

Speaking of WWII and other military milestones...

Tacoma December 1, 2010 Luncheon:
Joe and Nancy Caddy, Art Wilson, Roy Brennan



CALL FOR VETERANS

KASRA News would like to put together a special profile honoring our retirees who have served in the Armed Services. Please send us details about your military service, including dates, tour of duty, your age, rank, assignment and perhaps a memorable anecdote. If possible, please send us a photo of your time in the service as well as a recent photo. We would prefer to receive these photos by email, in either jpg or tiff format. Email them with your information to wmipr@aol.com. You may also send us photos (copies preferred) by snail mail to Roberta Wong Murray 78-6833 Alii Dr., Apt B5, Kailua Kona, HI 96740. If original photos are sent, please indicate whether you want them returned. While we aim to publish by next Veteran's Day, our publication date may be sooner depending upon your response.



Bay Area December 6, 2010 Luncheon:
Carol Brown, Sharon Fraetis, Vicky Garavatti

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Newsletters – We archive copies of these dating as far back as September 2001 - so if you wish to refer to any missed past newsletters, you can access them here.

Photos - We have numerous photos of events and your former colleagues in the Bay Area, Baton Rouge, Chalmette, Mead, Ravenswood, and Tacoma. It is wonderful to hear of activities and view recent snapshots of retirees and spouses whom we knew and who now reside some distance away. Please feel free to share and transmit digital photos of your special events along with descriptive captions by emailing them to web@e-kasra.com.

Forms – This section contains various forms. You can download all the KASRA and VEBA forms, including enrollment and reimbursement forms for your VEBA claims.

Contacts – General contact information is provided in the event you need to reach KASRA, The VEBA Third Party Administrator, Kaiser Aluminum, or the

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

In terms of simple day to day logistics, please advise us of any ***change in your postal and email addresses***. We want to be sure that you receive all of our communications. On the other hand, if you do not wish to receive any further communication from us, please let us know and we will respect this and make a note of it in our database.

I trust by now that all of you who are eligible have filed your 2009 VEBA claim for reimbursement. For the year 2010, you have another year to file, but this has to be filed no later than December 31, 2011.

Here's hoping that you all have a happy and safe 2011 and, above all, continue to stay healthy and active!

Chris

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January 13 Mead

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, on North Division. Contact Danny Petrus at (509) 924-5838 or email djpr70@comcast.net. Mead meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

February 7 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.

February 8 Newark

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Stacy's Hometown Buffet in Heath, Ohio. Contact: Jim Bope (740) 601-7034 or email jbopeky@yahoo.com. Costs are paid by the Newark plant.

February 10 Mead

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, on North Division. Contact Danny Petrus at (509) 924-5838 or email djpr70@comcast.net. Mead meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

March 2 Chalmette

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Todd Schaeffer's Original Family Restaurant 348 Robert Boulevard, Slidell, LA 70458. RSVP by: February 18. Contact: Sherman Faught (985) 690-4942 or Chuck Schimmel (985) 643-0437 or schimcol@aol.com.

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The Dessert Winner: Dick Davidson**



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March 15 Trentwood

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Eagles located at 16801 E Sprague Ave. Hot lunch served at 11:30 a.m.. Mead retirees are always welcome. The cost for the meal \$11.00. Guest speaker will discuss What's New with Taxes, Estate Planning, Living Wills, and Trusts. Please notify Steve Harvey at (509) 924-1132 or s1harv3y@comcast.net.

In Memoriam

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Robert W. (Bob) Codner - Mesa, AZ
John F. (Jack) Donohue - Orinda, CA
Jessie L. Dunn - Dallas, TX
Virgil (Bud) Halcomb - LaPorte, IN
R. Wilford Heitz - Lafayette Hill, PA
Robert R. Hopper - Walnut Creek, CA
Herman Johnson - Savannah, GA
Frank Romeo - Ravenswood, WV
Dettmar (Bob) Tietjen - Rockville, MD*

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