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Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Retirees/Surviving Spouses:

KASRA membership. Each year in July, we send out a hard copy of our newsletter to retirees and surviving spouses, regardless of KASRA membership status, along with a dues enrollment form. We do this to encourage those who are not currently members to join. The dues are modest and are used primarily to defray the costs of printing and mailing newsletters (not everyone prefers an electronic version). This is a marvelous communication tool enabling all of us to keep in touch with fellow retirees and surviving spouses around the country and, indeed, around the world. If the cost poses a hardship for you, please let us know, and **we will continue to include you** in our newsletter distribution. For your information, as of April 2, 2014, we have 1,459 KASRA member retirees, 505 surviving spouse members, 39 friend members and 999 non-KASRA member retirees.

News from the VEBA. The Board of Trustees will be mailing out 2014 reimbursement request forms to VEBA participants soon. A section on “Frequently Asked Questions” about the VEBA will also be included along with the 2014 benefit declaration. Copies will also be available on the KASRA website at www.e-kasra.com. If you have personal questions concerning the VEBA Plan, please contact the Third Party Administrator directly at: Delta Fund Administrators, LLC; P.O. Box 2308, Stockton, CA 95201-2308. Telephone: Toll-Free (888) 344-8322. E-mail: VEBA@deltafund.com. As of December 31, 2013, 92.7% of retiree Family

Units eligible to participate in the VEBA Plan had enrolled. We continue to search for missing participants and ask for your help in finding them as well. As a final thought, to assure continued participation in the VEBA Plan in the event you become incapacitated, it is important that you make another family member aware of the VEBA Plan and how it works. We also suggest that you maintain a VEBA Plan file for these benefit announcements and forms.

One final very important point – when you move, please remember to notify both KASRA and the Third Party Administrator (address noted in previous paragraph) of your change of address. The Third Party Administrator and KASRA are two separate notifications since they are separate. At present, the VEBA is unable to locate a number of retirees and surviving spouses who have moved and have left no forwarding address. If the VEBA is unable to contact you, you will miss out on important information concerning the VEBA Plan, including benefit notifications, and benefit claim-filing deadlines.

Send in your news. This newsletter is for and about YOU, so continue to send in your news contributions and photos to Sally Hogarty, P.O. Box 84, Canyon, CA 94516 or email her at sallyhogarty@gmail.com. If you know of any retiree in your region you believe would make an interesting “profile,” please let us know. Also, we welcome any suggestions you may have to improve either the format or content of the newsletter. Send them to either our mail box at PO Box, 1171, Lafayette, CA 94549 or by email to

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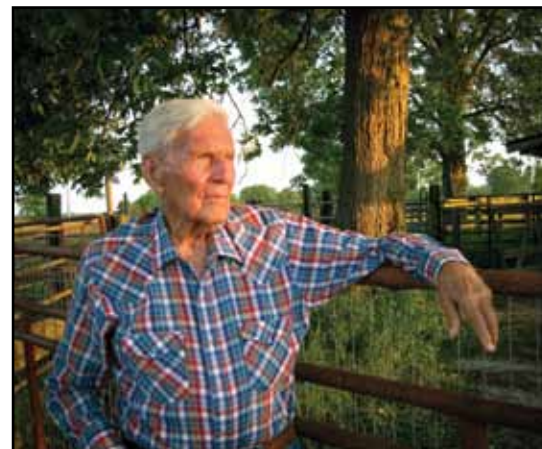
Accomplishments . . .

Pete Miranda (Plaquemine, LA) will be inducted into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame this summer. The active retiree, who turns 95 on June 25, walks without assistance and stays busy raising chickens and cattle and helping out with 4-H projects. He lives on his farm with his son Brian, daughter-in-law Brenda and beloved dog Doodie. "On Mondays, Pete can always be found at the stockyard cattle sale in Baton Rouge, LA," says Brenda. "Saturdays we go to church followed by dinner, and on Wednesdays, we go to Walmart and then to the cemetery to honor Pete's wife and mother. He's very social and still in great health."

Congratulations to **Benita Cunha Schontag** (Benicia, CA), who recently e-published three of her short stories: "Tango at Twilight," "The Stradivarius," and "The Magic Plant." **A. Vincent Cerny** (Cleveland, OH) also deserves a round of applause for his 300-plus cable television interview shows. "The Cerny Success Show" can be found on www.youtube.com. After living for over 20 years on



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Florida's east coast, the Cernys moved to St. Petersburg, FL in November of 2013. The former Kaiser Chemical worker and his wife spend the spring and fall in up-state New York, but enjoy the rest of the year in Florida.

Birthdays, Anniversaries . . .

Armond Janke (Spokane, WA), who married Sharon Angle in a quaint ceremony at the Hitching Post in Couer d'Alene, ID, in December of 2012, celebrated his 80th birthday with a cake at the monthly meeting of the Kaiser Retirees in Spokane, WA, on February 26. Armond and Sharon reside in Deer Park, WA.

Happy Birthday to **John Habisreitinger** (LaPlace, LA) who turned 80 in February. The former Gramercy, LA, Works employee celebrated with fellow retirees **Gene Miller** and **Grover Dobbins** at a festive lunch at Nobile's restaurant. A good Cajun lunch was enjoyed by all, along with a great visit.

Celebrating a wedding anniversary is **Doug Mann** (Orinda, CA) and his wife Stevie. The two commemorated their 60th anniversary together on April 9. According to Doug, he was attending Pasadena City College and she was still

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in high school. "We married a little over a year later before moving to Berkeley, CA, where I finished my education," says Doug. "Then I joined KACC, thanks to **Duncan Gregg**, who gave me my first assignment at Trentwood, WA." Following Trentwood, Doug found himself at Mead Works, WA, before being transferred east. "We moved around a lot from Chicago to Indiana to Ohio. Our first child was born in Illinois, the second in Ohio, and our youngest in good old Walnut Creek."

Also celebrating a wedding anniversary is **John Schnittker** (Alamo, CA) and his wife Jane. They celebrated 58 years of wedded bliss on April 8. The Schnittkers have three sons. The first was born in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, where John was an officer in the U.S. Navy stationed at the joint Canadian/U.S. base. Their other sons were born in Orinda, CA, and Alamo, CA.

A Little of This, A Little of That . . . Ninety-five years young, **Clifford G. Rolie** (Spokane, WA) resides at Royal Park Care facility in the Alzheimer's unit. "Other than a mild case of COPD, he is in excellent health and still plays a great game of cribbage and enjoys visits from



Armond Janke with his wife Sharon Angle at the Hitching Post in Couer d' Alene, ID.

his family," says his daughter Mary.

Paul L. Smith (Fayetteville, WV) keeps busy in summer months with his large garden and weekly golf games. The former Ravenswood, WV, Fabrication employee spends the winter months in Florida with his wife Ida.

Formerly with Kaiser's Chemical Division, **R. Thomas Smith** (Colorado Springs, CO) continued to work for a variety of companies until November 2013. "I've retired now for the last time," he vows. Meanwhile, **Aprina Leavy** (Oakland, CA) continues to work part-time as a travel consultant and enjoys going to the movies and attending club meetings.



John Habisreiter, Gene Miller and Grover Dobbins met at Nobile's restaurant in Gramercy, LA, to celebrate John's 80th birthday in February.

Hubert Walton (Sullivan, IL) lost his wife of 72 years last summer. Hubert worked as Production Manager for Kaiser's Agriculture and Chemicals Division in Sullivan, IL. Best wishes also go to **Ludwig John** (Monterey, CA) who is still dealing with the aftermath of a major stroke in January of 2010. "It has slowed him down considerably, but he still enjoys getting the KASRA news about others," says

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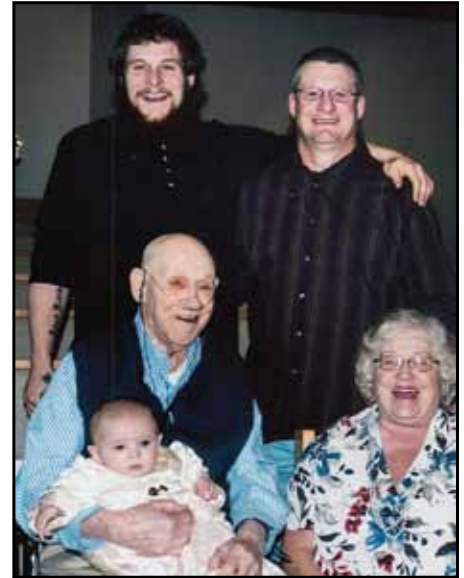
The 45th gathering of the Chalmations took place on March 12, 2014 at La Rosetta Trattoria in Slidell, LA. Twenty-nine people attended including John and Jean Metzler.

his wife.

Traveling Here and There . . .

Bill Maher (Muskegon, MI) and his wife Marylou escaped the frigid Michigan winter this year by spending three months in southwest Florida. When in Michigan, the former Kaiser Aluminum worker from the Detroit, MI, plant, volunteers with the Muskegon YMCA. **Lynn Huston** (Erie, PA), who worked at Erie's Forging Division, celebrated his 60th birthday in Las Vegas last October. When not traveling,

Lynn enjoys woodworking, flying kites and restoring old cars and motorcycles. He currently drives a 1985 Chevy Corvette. **Lee Corder** (Ravenswood, WV) and his wife SueAnn enjoyed a holiday in Silverdale, WA with granddaughters Molly and Sally.



Former Mead, WA, worker Clifford Rolie enjoyed a family reunion recently. L-R: (seated) Clifford with his great, great grandson D. Bradley Johnson in his lap and daughter Mary Johnson. (standing) great grandson Clifford Rolie and grandson Bradley Johnson.

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Special Note. It is with a heavy heart that we announce the unexpected passing of Bay Area retiree Carol Brown, who was a past director at KASRA and who has been one of our two quarterbacks (along with Sharon Fraetis) of the KARLA luncheons. The retirees will miss Carol for her work with KARLA, her positive, friendly personality and her remarkable spirit and zest for life. She retired from Kaiser in 2000 after 35 years and spent her entire life in the Bay Area, a place she loved.

If you have missed any of our previous newsletters, we encourage you to visit the newsletter page on our website at www.e-kasra.com. The website also holds a wealth of information, including VEBA forms, contact information, lunch bunch schedules and photos from many of the regional gatherings.

Remember, we are here for you!

Chris

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MEMBER PROFILE: Ed Coyne

Ed Coyne worked for Kaiser for over 36 years in eight different plants/divisions including Jamaica and Australia. He now lives with his second wife B (short for Beulah) in Leesburg, FL. Katie, his first wife, passed away while they were living in Jamaica. Ed has four sons, 11 grandchildren, one great granddaughter and a great grandson on the way.



Ed (far right in straw hat) participated in the “Olympics” at The Plantation where he and his wife B live. “They put on a three week Olympics every October with every kind of athletic event – modified, of course, for the ravages of age,” he says.

Tell us a little about your time at Louisiana State University and the ROTC program.

To be honest, I got through LSU on a football scholarship. My scholarship was originally for baseball and basketball, but the coach asked me to go out for football, and I just stayed there – never did play the other sports. During my time at LSU, we got to play for the national championship. We lost to Oklahoma, but, at least, I got to play in that game.

I was also part of the ROTC program at LSU. When I graduated, I had the opportunity to be part of the U.S. Air Force’s Office of Special Investigations



Ed Coyne’s office at Kaiser Jamaica Bauxite Company with his young granddaughters, Tricia and Jenny, playing pee-a-boo around the KJBC hard hats.

as a Special Agent. It was a real eye opener. The head of the OSI was a former deputy director of the FBI, so we were trained in those techniques. I worked in criminal investigations and counter intelligence but I never went overseas. In a lot of ways, it was a good background for business, particularly all the report writing we had to do.

When did you start working for Kaiser and at what facilities?

I began my career with Kaiser on May 28, 1954 at Baton Rouge, LA. From there, I went to Chalmette, LA, for four years. In late 1958, I found myself at the start-up of the Gramercy, LA, plant. Being at a plant as it’s firing up can be stressful, but it can also be very rewarding.

In 1961, we moved to Ravenswood, WV, and in 1963, I went into line management and was promoted to superintendent. But things really got interesting in 1966 when my wife Katie and I and our four sons and daughter moved to Australia. I became operations manager of Comalco Products, a Kaiser joint venture with CRA, Australia’s second largest public

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* Photos encouraged.

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company at the time. Promoted to general manager in 1967, we developed and installed a business strategy that transformed the company from a loss to a profit position. The company didn't just expand, it exploded. We doubled capacity and tripled sales and developed an all-national management team.

We returned to the U.S. in early 1974 when I became administrative manager of Trentwood, WA. But, we left six months later for Discovery Bay, Jamaica, where I ran Kaiser Bauxite Company. We worked together in a unique partnership with the Jamaican government. Despite the economic, political and social turmoil, we were able to strengthen the company until the Jamaicans could run it on their own. They were technically skilled and great people to work with, and they were at their best when the chips were down. My time in Jamaica was the most memorable and rewarding endeavor of my Kaiser career. If they hadn't paid me to do it, I would have had to pay Kaiser to let me do it.

We left in 1986 when I went to Newark, OH, as Vice President and General Manager of the RBW division. I retired from Kaiser at the end of 1990.



(L-R) Ed's wife B, Ed's son Shawn, granddaughter Maria, daughter-in-law Denise, and Ed at St Olaf College, Minnesota, where Maria is a junior in the Music Department.



Jamaica, 1980. National Awards Day as Governor-General of Jamaica, Sir Florizel Gaspole, bestows the Order of Distinction -- Rank of Commander (Honorary) upon Ed. It was the highest national award that could be given to a foreigner at the time.

My career with Kaiser encompassed 36 years and eight different plants/divisions. I've truly been very lucky throughout my life. Kaiser was the only corporation I ever worked for or wanted to work for.

What was it like traveling around the world with your family?

The kids went everywhere with us. They got to go around the world twice and visited something like 34 countries.

Australia turned out to be a terrific place for them to go to school. We were there for eight years, and I credit the study habits and rigors of the Australian school system with getting my boys accepted at every major university they applied to. Unfortunately, we lost our daughter to a drowning accident while we lived there.

What was the most rewarding part of your career?

At the end of the day, it's not the tons of product that you ship or even the customers that you serve. It's the people you work with and their families that stay with you for the rest of your life.

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Helping others recognize their potential and develop their abilities and talents was the most rewarding thing for me. I really like being the chief cheerleader – setting goals and then motivating the team to meet those goals. It’s thrilling to see people exceed what they think are their limitations.

I also feel very fortunate that I was able to work with two people that I really admire – Governor General of Jamaica, Florizel Glasspole, and Edgar F. Kaiser. Mr. Kaiser traveled to Jamaica quite a bit and his integrity was incredible.

What did you do after you retired from Kaiser?

I did some consulting, but I primarily went into academia, teaching at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL, where I had received my Master’s in International Business. During that time, I completed my Doctorate in International Business at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom.

I had always wanted to learn more about my grandfather’s place of birth. He had emigrated to the U.S. from Ireland when he was 10. I went there in 1997 as the Academic Dean of American College Dublin, while my wife B did volunteer work at the American Embassy. I’ve also taught for 10 years at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. Most recently, I taught at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, AL.

I retired from teaching in 2012, and now, I keep busy with occasional consulting jobs including The Coyne Partnership, Inc., a company my sons Kevin and Shawn set up in 2006. I’m the CFO and



Ed enjoys beginning his day by reading with his granddaughter Krista, the youngest granddaughter at 3.5 years old.

Secretary. My oldest boy, Edward Jr., is a Metallurgist and Manager of Mechanical Testing for Lockheed Martin, while Colin works at Samford University.

What’s it like working with your sons?

It doesn’t get any better than that. In addition to working with Kevin and Shawn in the business, I’ve co-authored a number of articles with them. I’d often have to go up and stay with them while we worked on projects, which gave me an opportunity to watch my grandkids grow up. Great job perks!

Do you keep in touch with other Kaiser retirees?

I still have quarterly contact with the Tennialum plant in Jackson, TN. We often attend their picnics marking each fifth anniversary. Number 25 is coming up and B and I hope we make the invitee list again. The plant has far exceeded the dreams RBW had for it at start-up.

I’m also still in touch with a group of retirees from Kaiser Jamaica Bauxite. It’s been 28 years since we last worked together, yet the memories of that incomparable team and those years together, do not fade.

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May 5, June 2, July 7 Los Angeles
Lunch is usually held at noon on the first Monday of each month at The Elephant Bar, 1403 Firestone Ave., La Mirada. Contact Bob O'Leary at (714) 898-7463 to reconfirm time and location.

May 8, June 12, July 10 Mead
Lunch 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, North Division St., Contact Danny Petrus at (509) 483-2171 or Dpjr70@comcast.net.

May 19 Bay Area (KARLA)
Social hour at 11:00 a.m. followed by buffet lunch at noon at San Ramon Golf Club. Contact Sharon Fraetis at (925) 934-4334 or lafnatv@silcon.com.

May 21 Baton Rouge
Oak Lodge. Contact Bob Eisenbach at (225) 926-1334 or bobeisenbach@att.net for correct time. The next gathering will be November 19. Stay in touch with Bob for correct time and location.

May 17, June 21, July 19 Erie
Breakfast 8:30 a.m. at Shirley's Country Kitchen, Wattsburg Rd. Erie. Contact Tim Healy (814) 474-3536 to confirm.

June 4 Tacoma
Lunch 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Dock, 1900 East "D" St., Tacoma. Contact Roy Brennan at (253) 535-4942 or rmbccb@comcast.net.

June 4 Chalmette
Lunch 11:00 a.m. at La Rosetta Tratoria, 348 Robert Blvd. Slidel. Cost \$20.00. Contact Chuck Schimmel at (985) 643-0437 or schimcol@aol.com.

June 10, Aug 12 Newark
Lunch 11:00 a.m. at Stacy's Hometown Buffet, Heath. Note: Lunch is paid for by the Newark plant. Contact Bill Snider at (740) 403-8328 or colbill44@roadrunner.com.

June 21 Ravenswood
Picnic lunch at Ravenswood River Front Park. Free hot dogs and hamburgers are

provided. Bring your own drinks and salad/vegetables to share. Contact Lee Corder (304) 273-9457 or Dave Whitman (304) 273-5548 or dwhitman@gmail.com to confirm head count.

Aug 23 Belpre
Lunch 12:00 noon at Western Sizzlin Steak House, Lubeck/Ravenswood Exit, Parkersburg. Visitors always welcome. RSVP to Betty Blair (304) 489-1337 or Bettylou13@suddenlink.net.



Bay Area retiree Carol Brown, who helped put together the KARLA luncheons, recently passed away.

In Memoriam

Carol Brown - San Ramon, CA
Roy Brouillette - Chalmette, LA
Alvin T. Peter - Tacoma, WA

Please inform us of a retiree or spouse passing. Include date of death, city and state, and first name of surviving spouse. If possible, a copy or link to the obituary or name of the newspaper would be helpful. Contact Klaus Adler, 1127 Rachele Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94597 or (925) 935-2938 or kcharlie34@comcast.net. The Board of Directors expresses its deepest sympathy to families and loved ones.

Note: If you emailed an obit and/or death notice between Feb. 21 and April 5 to Kcharlie34@comcast.net, please send again. We apologize but, unfortunately, some problems with Comcast prevented many emails from getting through.