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Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Retirees/Surviving Spouses:

We are fast approaching the spring time of the year. The hills surrounding us are starting to green up, and we have been getting a wee bit of rain this winter. So, if you plan a trip to California this year, you may not need to pack water. Perhaps the most memorable date in March is the 17th. I never cease to be amazed by the number of folks who claim to be Irish but only on St. Patrick's Day. So for those who claim to be of Irish heritage, "Bless us All!" And for the rest, just step aside leaving room for the Irish to celebrate!

Our new Board Members have been aboard as Directors for a year now and are actively involved in the daily activities and needs of the KASRA organization. They are: Ed Coyne (Leesburg, FL); Tim Parker (Laguna Hills, CA); Chuck Schimmel (New Orleans LA); Mike Venie (Phoenix AZ); T.J. Summerson (Spokane, WA); Dave Whitman (Ravenswood, WV) and Norm Schwemberger (Lafayette, CA). This is the first time in recent history that your Board has reached outside of the Bay Area for new board members, and I must say it is working extremely well thanks to a fairly new concept called "teleconferencing." We can't see the faces, but the voices come across loud and clear. These guys are a big help to the existing officers: Steve Ping, Secretary; Erach Tarapore, Treasurer; and myself.

It is with sadness that we share the fact that Dan Dahlen recently passed away. Dan, a former KASRA Board Member and ongoing legal advisor to the KASRA Board for many years, was a member of Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical's Legal

Department, providing support to a broad spectrum of business units both here and abroad. His career with Kaiser spanned well over 35 years and, upon retirement, he not only set up his own practice in Moraga, CA, but got involved in a number of community efforts. His was a life well lived and, while we miss him, we are grateful for the impact he had in each of our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Pam and family.

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PHOTOS. We encourage you to send in pictures you have taken recently or in the past at luncheons, vacations and back yard bar-be-cues. Be sure to identify everyone in your photos to make the pictures more meaningful to your fellow readers of KASRA News.

Until our next communiqué, please stay active and, thereby, stay fit.

That's it for now folks! I'm still here! So stop by and say "Hello" at corom@aol.com.

All the best!

Doug Mann
President, KASRA

WHAT'S GOING ON

Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .

Bud Caro (Fairfield, CA) recently celebrated his 86th birthday. "My granddaughter, Megan, prepared a wonderful meal for my wife, Marie Louise, and me with lamb and wine supplied by her husband, Matt," says Bud. "A Wonderful time was had by all. We are older and wiser, we hope!" Bud, who began his 38-plus years with Kaiser at the Chalmette, LA, plant before moving on to Ravenswood, WV, and finally Oakland, CA, now serves on his retirement community's finance council. "Just like old times," he adds.

Celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary at the end of November, 2015, **Paul Smith** (Fayetteville, WV) and his lovely bride, Ida, are spending the winter in the warmer climate of Florida. The



Former Kaiser Trentwood retirees, also known as Prime Timers, got together at the Mt. Spokane Ski Resort. Skiing, lunch and a good time were had by all. (L-R) Dave Williams, John Dorsch, Tom Brattebo, Bette Brattebo and Gary Schmauch.

two traveled to Texas earlier in 2015 to help fellow Kaiser retiree, **Jim Caldwell** (San Antonio, TX) and his wife Carol, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Paul worked in Fabrication at Ravenswood, WV, for 29 years. Now, he enjoys golf, gardening and playing bridge. Both he and Ida are active in church activities.



Jeanette and Alfred Zucker dance at their 75th wedding anniversary party in January.

It was a wonderful start to 2016 for **Alfred Zucker** (Sunrise, FL) and his wife, Jeanette, as they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Alfred worked at Kaiser's Extrusion Division in Woodbury, NY. He sends his best wishes to all of the Kaiser retirees.

A Little of This, A Little of That . . .

Aprina Leavy (Oakland, CA) still enjoys traveling, going out to dinner and the movies, while **Dorothy L. Feeley** (Timonium, MD) loves to swim and to read the KASRA Newsletter. She is also a member of the Red Hat Society, a group of women that celebrate life and fulfillment at every age. Repairing church statues and working on his 1985 Corvette keeps **Lynn Huston** (Erie, PA) busy. Although experiencing some health problems currently, Lynn and his wife like to travel to

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Ravenswood Salaried Retirees enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Greenhills Country Club in Ravenswood, WV. Board members (L-R) Don Waldie, Dave Whitman, Harold Osborne, Rosita Morris, Ruth Mick, Dottie Whitman, Lee Corder, Hazel Parsons, Pete Westenhaver and Martin Gerwig.

her hometown in Southern Italy.

Golf, fishing and working part-time in the produce department at the Stop and Shop keeps **Edward Marshall** (Warwick, RI) in shape. He last worked at Kaiser's Portsmouth, RI, plant. Fishing is also a favorite pastime for **Gerald Dias** (Baker City, OR), who worked at Kaiser's brick plant in Moss Landing, CA. **Betty Lou Koska** (Winnemucca, NV) is still recuperating from a fall from her horse two years ago.

William F. Miller (Honey Brook, PA) is

settling into the retirement community of Tel Hai in Honey Brook. Formerly with the Refractories Plant at Plymouth Meeting, PA, William enjoys doing small carvings and refinishing furniture. He and his wife of over 60 years plan to visit Maine in the summer to see old friends. "My good wife keeps me out of trouble and moving in the right direction," he comments.

Traveling Near and Far . . .

A visit to his daughter and her family in Stuttgart, Germany, turned into quite a trip for former Ravenswood, WV, worker **Robert Mazur** (Parkersburg, WV). He returned to the U.S. on a Trans-Atlantic cruise via the Atlantic Islands to Cape Canaveral, FL. Robert, who retired from Kaiser in 1997 as an Electrical Project Engineer, at Ravenswood,



Brian Osborne (far left) entertained members of the Ravenswood, WV, retirees at their December dinner with a presentation of Christmas music. Brian is the son of retirees Harold and Doris Osborne. The photo includes (L-R) Doris Osborne, son Steve and his wife Kim, and Harold Osborne.

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MEMBER PROFILE: E. A. (Al) Holbrook, Jr.

Al Holbrook graduated with an engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1941 and worked for U.S. Steel for 10 years, followed by five years for Pittsburgh Screw and Bolt before starting his international career with Kaiser Aluminum, a career that lasted from 1956 - 1983. One of six children, Al married his high school sweetheart, Nancy, who passed away in 2008. "When I asked her to marry me, she never said yes. She said she'd love to. That really did me in," recalls the 96-year-old, who lives in the home he and Nancy shared in the woods of Richmond, New Hampshire.

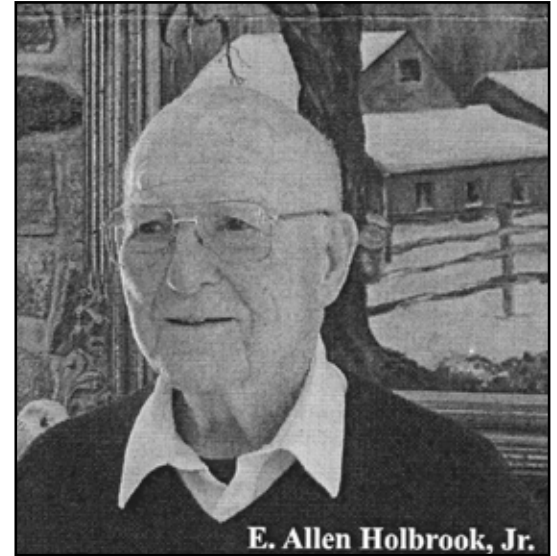
A somber occasion began your career at Kaiser. Tell us about that.

I had gone back to be with my best friend, Bill Edmunds, during his parents' funeral. We were best friends in college but had drifted away when I went to work for U.S. Steel. He started working for Kaiser as the Washington representative. But such a tragic event brought us together again. Bill's father died on a hunting trip and his mother died in a car accident on her way to the funeral in Pittsburgh, PA.

Following the funeral, Bill and I got together and he mentioned that Kaiser was building a new plant in West Virginia and was interviewing new workers. I went down and had several interviews. It looked like they were going to offer me a job there, but then they asked if I'd go to the Production Planning Department at their new Chicago sales offices. Before I knew it, I was the Manager of Production Planning. Nancy and I made our home there for the next 1 ½ years.

That was the first of many moves you'd make for Kaiser, wasn't it?

When I started working for Kaiser in 1956, I told them that I didn't want to go



E. Allen (Al) Holbrook, Jr. was awarded a special cane as the Oldest Man in Richmond, New Hampshire. "My nurses don't like the cane so they hid it from me. They say it's a bad omen," laughs Al.

any further west than Chicago, IL. But, luckily for me, I ended up traveling the world.

It's kind of funny how I ended up in Oakland, CA. Kaiser was expanding in so many areas. The new building on Lake Merritt had just been finished, and they were moving various people from Chicago out to California. They wanted to move the man in charge of extrusions, but he didn't want to go, so they sent me instead.

The move to Oakland launched your international career, didn't it?

Nancy and I lived in the East Bay while I worked at that beautiful office in Oakland for 1-1/2 years. By then, Kaiser was into international work. Lloyd Amos was down in Buenos Aires and, when they asked him to come back to the United States to head up the International Division, he recommended I take his place as Production Manager in Buenos Aires.

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It was very exciting. During my five years there, we built a plant or two and covered lots of South America. We converted Chili from copper to aluminum and developed several plants in Brazil and Uruguay.

Then I was transferred to Sydney, Australia, to set up several different plants including an aluminum can manufacturing plant. From Australia, we developed plants in Hong Kong as well. I used to fly to Hong Kong and, on the way back to Sydney, I'd stop off in the Philippines for a fun project in Manila. Somehow, they had gotten hold of some old broken down jeeps from the Vietnam War and they wanted to turn them into jitneys. So we made aluminum siding for them and helped re-purpose those old jeeps into an economic means of transportation.

Any other interesting projects during your 11 years overseas?

Thanks to Hong Kong's one and only aluminum building withstanding a tornado, we were home free in that country. The only thing that cracked in the aluminum building was the steel! That really helped us develop various projects on both sides of the island. One in particular had to do with war time just



Nancy and Al depart Sydney, Australia, to move back to Oakland, CA, in 1967.

like the jitneys in the Philippines. This time, one of our partners in China found a sunken World War II aircraft carrier. Since they were in the scrap business, they brought it up but didn't know what to do with it. It was full of oil and had a catapult on it, so we helped them make it into an aluminum extrusion plant. We developed the aluminum siding and sheeting for the building as well.

We also played a lot of golf with them. They'd ask our score hole by hole, and whatever score we said, they'd say the same number. So, no one ever beat anyone. At the end of the game, we'd all have crepe suzettes instead of a drink. Just a little different than how we do it in the United States.

Did Nancy enjoy all the overseas postings?

Oh yes. She didn't like to do a great deal of traveling, but she really enjoyed all the different places we lived. She'd get to know all the local customs and she spoke Spanish which helped when we were in Buenos Aires and else where in Argentina. It seemed like where ever we were, she'd end up being the President of the American Association.



Angela Ornelas, Tillie Alvarez and Jose Ornelas enjoy good food and good conversation at the Bay Area's December luncheon.

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* Photos encouraged.

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After Australia, you came back to Oakland. What were your responsibilities then?

When Kaiser started developing the Kaiser Trading Company, they brought me back to Oakland as Executive VP of Kaiser Trading. Nancy and I got a place in San Francisco, which was a lot of fun. Eventually, I became the President of Kaiser Trading. We sold things to the Russians and Hungarians and even sold oil out of Saudi Arabia. During my last two years with Kaiser, I was the Corporate VP of Transportation and Purchasing. We had quite a whirl. It was really something. I retired in 1983.

What did you do after retiring from Kaiser?

Well, the first thing I did was move to Napa because I like to play golf. Then I started a consulting company. My clients included Bank of America and Hewlett Packard. I did that for six years. It was a fun deal because you're never wrong as a consultant!

How did you end up in New Hampshire?

My family has had a house in New Hampshire for years. My dad and his sister owned it and they left it to my brother and me. It was basically a summer home – no heat or electricity. Nancy and I loved it and, as luck would have it, my brother's wife didn't care for it so I bought him out. Nancy and I then spent a great deal of time winterizing it, adding electricity and heat. We even added a spare generator, because we do have outages in the summer and the winter. Best investment I ever made was getting that propane generator.

The State of New Hampshire then came along and established a fish hatchery in



Al received a world globe when he became President of Kaiser Trading in 1975.

the lower part of our property. They said we had a natural aquifer down there. They would stock it with around 250 fingerlings (young fish) and then take out about 600 and put them in the various lakes and brooks in New Hampshire. That fish hatchery began another phase of our life.

Now that Nancy is gone, I rent out the house by the fish hatchery. It just so happens the people I rented to are both nurses, which is handy to have out here. They look in on me, and when they saw that I had been given a ceremonial cane as the Oldest Living Man in Richmond, they hid it from me – said it was a bad omen! They're right. I don't need it yet. I still do my own cooking and watering and I drive in the day time. My driver's license is good until I turn 100!

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Do you have any family members close by?

My “brat” sister isn’t too far and she has two daughters who stop in and check on me. We all get together as well. I call her a brat because she was born the day before Christmas and her nose was always out of joint because of that. So, my mom gave her a second birthday not around a holiday. And, of course, she wanted both birthdays. At 94-years-old, she still wants us to celebrate both her birthdays!

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WV, went on to work for Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad as a project supervisor in electrical maintenance. His hobbies include collecting railroad books, while maintaining and expanding his own model railroad. He also likes to swim, go walking and is an active member of the National Railroad Historical Society and the Venice, FL, Historical Society.

Condolences . . .

Our sympathies go to the families of the following surviving spouses who recently passed away: Angelia P. Arcari, Amy Babbitt, Grace Glatze and Barbara Sloan.



Sid Jones and Bunny Slattery had fun at Tacoma’s December luncheon. In the background are Diane and Kirk Cocran.



Enjoying Tacoma’s holiday luncheon are (L-R) Bob Mohr and John Baker.

In Memoriam

*Stanley (Stan) R. Atkinson
Walnut Creek, CA*

*Wilton A. Brian
Greenwell Springs, LA*

*Daniel (Dan) H. Dahlen
Moraga, CA*

*Raymond L. Ferrell
Valrico, FL*

*Edmund E. LeSage, SR.
Greenwell Springs, LA*

*Roger Dale Olson
Lake Havasu City, AZ*

*William Francies Paulson
Heath, Oh*

*Richard A. Spindel
New Orleans, LA*

*Lucille F. Williams
Springdale, 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.

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Baton Rouge **Apr 20** robemmet39@gmail.com.

Lunch 11:30 a.m. at Oak Lodge in 2834 S. Sherwood Forest, Baton Rouge. Confirm with Bob Eisenbach (225) 926-1334 or bobeisenbach@att.net.

Bay Minette **Apr 16**

Lunch, 1 p.m. at Street's Restaurant in Bay Minette. Confirm with Betty Wilson (251) 610-5611 or bsw1939@netzero.com.

Belpre **Apr 29**

Breakfast 9 a.m. at Shoney's, Garfield Ave. in Parkersburg. Confirm with Betty Blair (304) 489-1337 or bettylou13@suddenlink.net.

Chalmette **Mar 2, Jun 1**

Lunch, 11:00 a.m. at NOLA Lagniappe, 1375 Gause Blvd., in Slidell. Cost \$20 Confirm with Chuck Schimmel (985) 643- 0437 or to schimcol@aol.com.

Erie **Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21**

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Shirley's Country Kitchen, Wattsburg Rd., in Erie Confirm with Tim Healy (814) 402-1062.

Los Angeles **Mar 7, Apr 4, May 9**

Lunch, 12:00 noon at Marie Callendar's, 540 N. Euclid, in West Anaheim Confirm with Bob O'Leary (714) 898-7463 or

Mead **Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12**

Lunch, 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, North Division St. Confirm with Danny Petruss (509) 483-2171 or dpjr70@comcast.net.

Newark **Apr 12, Jun 14**

Lunch 11:00 a.m., Stacey's Hometown Buffet, Heath. Lunch paid for by the Newark plant. Contact Bill Snider (740) 403-8328 or colbill44@roadrunner.com.

Ravenswood **Apr 21**

12 noon at Cedar lakes. Confirm with Pete Westenhaver (304) 266-4109 or at Pete26164@gmail.com or with Lee Corder (304) 273-9457.

Tacoma **Jun 1**

Lunch 12 noon to 3 p.m. at Johnny's Dock, 1900 East B St., Tacoma. Confirm with Bob Mohr (253) 820-6569 or at boobjanetmohr@comcast.net or with Roy Brennan (253) 535-4942.

Trentwood **Mar 15, Apr 19**

Meet 11 a.m. Hot Meal served 11:30 a.m. at Valley Eagles, 16801 E. Sprague Ave. Confirm with Steve Harvey (509) 924-1132 or s1harv3y@comcast.net or TJ Summerson (509) 448-1228 or at tsummerson@aol.com.



Enjoying Mead's December lunch at the Cathay Inn are (L-R) Randy Jewett, Marge and Jack Lee and Bobby Jewett. Not pictured but also attending were Danny Petruss, Ila Truila, Dan Coe, Marvin Fischer, Don Smith, Alberth and Larry Kennedy and Tom Morlock.