

Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT



Doug Mann
KASRA President

Dear Fellow Retirees/Surviving Spouses:

Welcome to the early days of Fall following a very hot and, for some, a very wet summer. Old Mother Nature really had her

sights aimed squarely at us this time around! Major league baseball will soon be heading into the play offs and the series.

Now, we can look forward to football! Nothing quite matches the excitement of college football. So enjoy this season including the beautiful fall colors for which the northeast is rightfully so proud.

VEBA – The VEBA trustees remind participants that December 31, 2016 is the deadline for filing a claim for the 2015 maximum benefit of \$3,300 per family unit. Unfortunately, there are still a few eligible family units who have not as yet enrolled for this benefit.

If you know of any one who may be eligible but has not enrolled, please encourage them to contact the Delta Fund Administrator by phone at (888) 344-8322 toll free.

PHOTOS – Steve Abernathy, our systems guy, tells us we are getting a few pictures that he can post on the KASRA website and our editor Sally Hogarty is able to work into

your bimonthly News. But we could sure use more. Please forward your photos to steve@sabernathy.com or to Sallyhogarty@gmail.com and be sure to identify those in the pictures as well as the activity.

KAISER BENEFITS – I have recently received several inquiries regarding retiree benefits offered by our former employer. Unfortunately, Kaiser dropped all benefits at the time of the bankruptcy in 2002. So there are NO remaining benefits from the company.

I'm sad to report that Lucila, the wife of long-time KASRA Board of Directors member Klaus Adler, passed away on Friday, August 5, following a lengthy illness. Our prayers are with Klaus and his family as well as the family and friends of other KASRA members who have lost loved ones.

All the best!

Doug Mann
President, KASRA

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Do you know a retiree who has not signed up for the VEBA? Suggest they call the Delta Fund Administrators toll-free at (888) 344-8322 or email VEBA@deltafund.com.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Accomplishments . . .

Chris Laszcz-Davis (Orinda, CA) has been busy. She was recently appointed to the American Association of Safety Engineers Council on Professional Affairs and elected a Board Director of the International Occupational Hygiene Training Association. In addition to these new appointments, Chris continues on the Board of Directors of the Orinda Association and recently made two presentations at her national professional conference of EH&S (Environmental, Health and Safety) professionals entitled: "How to Manage Multi-Generational Workforces — A New Paradigm" and "Leadership Key to Success — Self-Empowerment Habit."

Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .

Congratulations to **Earl Hazan** (Green Bay, WI) and his wife Lois, who will celebrate their 71th wedding anniversary this October. Formerly working for Kaiser's Research and Development in Portsmouth, RI, Earl is 95 years old. Since 2013, limited mobility has kept Earl close to home, but he still enjoys car rides to Michigan's Upper Peninsula and around Lake Michigan as well as visiting with his family, grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

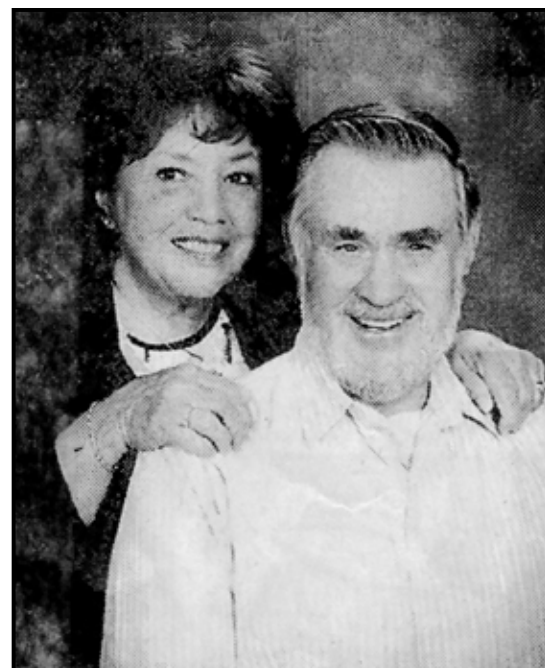
Edward Garred (Post Falls, ID) and his wife Susan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner followed by a 21-state trip across the country. Married in 1966 in Quincy, WA, they have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After dealing with medical issues in the spring, **Tim Parker** (Laguna Hills, CA) reports he is feeling better and enjoying his newly remodeled pool. "We've had plenty of heat to keep the pool warm," he says. "I know we live in a desert but

heat in the 100-plus range is really hot for Laguna Hills." Tim just turned 73 in late July and celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary in early August. "It's amazing that Linda has stayed with me this long," he adds.

Howard Nelson (Alamo, CA) and his wife Dorothy Ann celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June with a family dinner that included Howard's three daughters and six grandchildren. "We went to Stanford University (Palo Alto, CA) the next day to see granddaughter #3 graduate before flying to Seattle, WA, to see her brother graduate from high school. A busy but very enjoyable week," says the former Kaiser's Chemical Division President.

Cletus Hemmelgarn (Burkettsville, OH) and his bride Florence celebrated their 70th anniversary with an open house on July 17 at the Burkettsville Shelter House. They are the parents of 12 children, 22 grandchildren and numerous



Susan and Edward Garred on their 50th anniversary.

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great grandchildren. Cletus managed Kaiser's Agricultural Chemical Plant in Burkettsville, OH, from 1964 through June 1982.

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

Playing bridge three times a week at her local senior center and friends' homes keeps **Priscilla Kozak** (Martinez, CA) mentally sharp. The former employee at KACC in Oakland, CA, also loves to bake Hungarian pastries, pogacsas (Hungarian biscuits) and cakes as fundraisers for her Hungarian Church. She also adores animals (especially her two cats), enjoys gardening and playing with her great grandchildren ages, 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 14.

Playing dominoes, cards, ballroom dancing and singing keeps **Gerry Carothers** (Danville, CA), the surviving spouse of **Theron Carothers**, very busy. She also finds time to proctor for the California Bar Association, serve as clerk for elections, volunteer at the Walnut Creek, CA, Kaiser Hospital, function as the secretary/treasure for Singles Clubs of California, act as audit chair of Elks Lodge 1811 and stay active in her church. Whew!

Shirley Sorensen (Alameda, CA) fills her time with bridge games, reading and family. The former KACC, Oakland, CA, Treasury Department employee says it may not be real exciting but "I'm happy with that." The World Affairs Council of Monterey Bay keeps **Fred Lawson** (Monterey, CA) quite busy, as well as leading two monthly discussion groups regarding international issues at Cal State University, Monterey Bay. "My wife, Peggy, and I are doing fine," he says.

Donald Ordes (Casper, WY) still enjoys weight lifting. He achieved the World Re-



Florence and Cletus Hemmelgarn recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. cord for bench press in October of 1962.

He still keeps in shape and volunteers at Nowcap Services, a caregiving home for the handicapped. His son is a resident, and Don brings him home several times a week. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Nowcap for 26 years. He and his wife are in good health but "we're burned out," he says.

"Tending to the whims of his cat" takes up **Bob Irelan's** (Rancho Murieta, CA) time. Former Oakland, CA, and Vice-President of Public Relations for Kaiser based in Houston, TX, Bob volunteers for congressional campaigns and helps Afghan immigrants, who served as interpreters for U.S. military forces. In 2016, Bob's great grandchildren multiplied to four with another on the way. "I love spending time with family, but I'm also looking forward to our 15th annual trip to Maui, HI, in November. Aloha," he adds.

Ray Lightell (Kingwood, TX) enjoys traveling around Texas, being on his condominium Board of Directors and being on various committees. Formerly a Metal Planner at Chalmette, LA, Ray also loves

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to golf. Life couldn't be better for **Bernard "Butch" Lowenthal** (Tybee Island, GA). He plays golf at least three times a week and lives on beautiful Tybee Island, just 18 miles from Savannah, GA. Butch also keeps busy with St. Michael's Catholic Church as well as his 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. **Alda St. Almeida** (Bristol, RI) is happy to stay close to home and thanks everyone for their news in the KASRA Newsletter.

"Work is a four-letter word," says **Paul Harris** (Concord, CA) who prefers reading and watching San Francisco Giant's baseball games to working. But, the former Oakland, CA, Kaiser employee does help out at his church and enjoys traveling to his son's home in Oregon. He used to travel to his other son's home in Australia. "Now he visits me," Paul adds. He also enjoys going on cruises and spending time at his wife's timeshare in Hawaii.

Theodore "Ted" Aucoin, Jr. (Slidell, LA) says he's still going strong at 87 years of age. He volunteers at Slidell Memorial Hospital in the surgery waiting room two days a week, eight hours a day, and is looking for a male companion to join him on an Alaskan cruise. Genealogy is Ted's hobby as well, and he has over 470 names on his family tree. "One branch goes back to 640 A.D.," he boasts.

While **Phylis Glubka** (Lincoln, CA) doesn't travel any more, she does enjoy her home, going to various meetings, her card groups, birthday group and square dancing on Mondays. The surviving spouse of **Vincent Leo Glubka**, Phyllis says thank you to KASRA and VEBA for all they do.

Keeping active also keeps **John Mathe-son** (Hauser, ID) in shape as he spends his

time farming, logging and sawing lumber. "Yes, and I actually really enjoy it," says John. Building a new house for himself keeps him busy as well. "My granddaughter and her family have moved in with me. Luckily, she likes to farm as well," he adds. John also works with the Hauser Lions Club to raise funds for those less fortunate in his community.



Rocky Hill at the LST (Landing Ship Tank) Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Traveling Near and Far . . .

William "Rocky" Hill (Surprise, AZ) was honored to be among the recipients of the AZ Honor Flight to DC to see not only the WWII Memorial but all the war memorials. The 91-year-old said it was a very emotional but rewarding trip which brought back many memories. Rocky served in WW II in the Navy on an LST (Landing Ship Tank) Amphibious vessel. After returning home from the war, Rocky went to work for Kaiser Aluminum in Trentwood, WA, and retired in 1982 after 36 ½ years of service at the same plant. "Rocky encourages all WWII Veterans to contact the Honor Flight Organization in their state and sign up for this trip of a lifetime," says Rocky's wife Dianne. "The trip is free to the vet-

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eran, and they have a wonderful group of volunteers that take great care of you throughout the two- or three-day trip.”

Jerry Lambert (Covington, LA) spent a week in the mountains of Tennessee with family and friends. When at home, the former worker at Gramercy, LA, volunteers at Lakeview Regional Medical Center and the Mary Bird Cancer Center. He is also the chair of his church council and the vice chair of his local drainage district. Jerry may be busy, but he always finds time to attend and enjoy the Chalmette and Baton Rouge lunches.

Fourteen days in Spain with Trafalgar Tours made a nice vacation for **Joe O'Connell** (Mission Viejo, CA). When at home, he works on his sports cars – an Austin Healey and an MG TD. “I sold my company, Environmental Resolutions, but the new owner screwed it up,” he says. “Now it's practically worthless. I feel sad for all the staff.”

Staying closer to home, **Mary Bozarth** (San Ramon, CA) traveled to the beautiful and friendly coastal community of Pismo Beach, CA, in May. **Betty Lou Koska** (Winnemucca, NV) traveled to Austin, NV, recently for her high school reunion and looks forward to helping out during the yearly fair in Winnemucca, NV.

Former Newark Works employee **William Snider** (Newark, NJ) and his daughter Deb Tung visited Bill's daughter Becky Benson in Golden, CO, before going on to Moah, Utah's Arches National Park. The two continued to Arizona and toured the Grand Canyon by helicopter. “We also took the tram up 2.7 miles in Albuquerque, NM, and had a visit with my grandson David before flying home to



Tony and Kathy Procanik on a hilltop in Greece overlooking Athens and the Acropolis.

Newark,” says Bill. “We had a great two weeks.”

Tony Procanik (Ormond Beach, FL) and his wife Kathy just got back from a great European trip that included: Barcelona, Spain; Athens, Greece (with a side trip to Mykonos Island); Montenegro and Dubrovnik, Croatia. “We ended in our favorite city, Venice, for several days. It was quite a trip,” says Tony.

Their annual trip to Hawaii is a favorite destination for **Wayne Rickard** (Pasco, WA) and his wife. “I also took my wife to Dollywood, TN,” says the former Kaiser Mead worker. After retiring from Kaiser, Wayne went on to work for Umatilla Chemical Depot in Umatilla, OR, until 2013. He then worked for URS Corporation, who contracted with the U.S. government to destroy stockpiles of chemical weapons. The retired volunteer fire fighter has three children and eight grandchildren.

Evelyn Schwab (Slidell, LA) started 2016 in style with a cruise out of Puerto Rico to the Southern Caribbean. She also celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary that same month with a party given by her two boys. When not traveling, Evelyn likes to golf and volunteer in the surgery waiting area at Oschner Hospital.

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PROFILE: Ravenswood Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

Located in Jackson County, West Virginia, along the Ohio River, Ravenswood sits on land once owned by George Washington. When Henry J. Kaiser opened the world's largest aluminum refinery just six miles from Ravenswood in 1955, the sleepy little hamlet transformed into a bustling town of Kaiser employees and their families. Former Ravenswood Fabrication and Reduction Plant employees **Lee Corder** (Ravenswood, WV), **Dave Whitman** (Ravenswood, WV) and **Hazel Parsons** (Ripley, WV) provided information for this profile.

Tell us about the Ravenswood facility?

Kaiser Aluminum built the Fabrication and Reduction plants in 1955 with the first metal shipped in 1957. At its peak, Kaiser Ravenswood Works was the largest integrated aluminum facility in the world. Both plants were sold to Ravenswood Aluminum Company in 1988.



Hazel Parsons (left) takes a friend to her doctor's appointment.



Lee Corder takes Mary Dittmar to her doctor's appointment.

Since then, they have gone through five different owners. Currently, the Reduction Plant, owned by Century Aluminum, has closed. The Fabrication Plant is now owned by Constellium and employs about 1050 personnel.

How did the retiree association come about?

People wanted to stay in touch with each other after Kaiser sold the plants. We thought luncheons, dinners, dances, picnics – things like that – would be a good idea. **Oscar Wallace** (Ripley, WV) chaired an organizational committee in 1971 that established our by-laws. Our initial membership was 130 with dues set at \$15 a year. We're proud to say that a quarter of a century later, the dues are still just \$15 a year! Our current co-chairs are **Dave Whitman** and **Hazel Parsons**, and we have a membership of 103 retirees.

What does the association do now?

We love to get together. Our social functions include a spring luncheon, summer picnic, fall luncheon and a Christmas dinner. **Hazel Parsons**, **Pete Westenhaver** (Ravenswood, WV) and **Harold Osburn** (Ravenswood,

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WV) chair our functions, with **Dottie Whitman** (Ravenswood, WV) and Hazel planning the programs for the luncheons.

We recently honored Oscar “Wally” Wallace, Jr. at our June picnic at Riverfront Park on the banks of the Ohio River. Wally’s career with Kaiser Aluminum started at Ravenswood in April, 1956. In 1963, he was transferred to Oakland, CA. He and his wife Lois and their four children returned to Ravenswood in late 1965. After his retirement in May, 1982, Wally pursued a career in politics, as well as being West Virginia’s State Lottery Commissioner.



Oscar “Wally” Wallace chaired an organizational committee in 1971 that established the Ravenswood group’s by-laws.

During his working career, Wally maintained his farm near Ripley, WV, where he raised cattle. To this day, you can find him on his farm tractor in the hayfield baling hay in the summer time. Wally is one of four members of the Ravenswood group who is over 90 years of age.

Ravenswood has a very special outreach/service component. Tell us about it.

Bonnie Smith (Ravenswood, WV) and



Bonnie Smith gets ready to visit a shut-in who had worked at Kaiser Aluminum.

Ruth Mick (Ravenswood, WV) chair our Outreach Program, and they stay in touch with any retiree that can’t attend our functions or is in ill health. As our members increase in age, the idea of “remembering and helping” came out of a Board of Directors meeting. From that we developed a program we call “Profile of Service.”

Each of our members has a talent – something that can be offered to someone who is in need of that talent. For example, maybe someone can fix a sink, check an electrical problem, take a car to be serviced, pick up a prescription, take someone to a doctor’s appointment, etc.

Who is eligible to participate in the Profile of Service?

Anyone that worked at Ravenswood Works is eligible to participate in or benefit from our service program. We often help people who aren’t members of KASRA, but after we’ve helped them around the house or with rides, they end

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* Photos encouraged.

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up joining. Usually, they just weren't aware of the benefits like the yearly VEBA benefits.

How does this Profile of Service work?

Each member places what they do best, along with their phone number, on a list. Then, we share the list with the membership. When someone needs something, they can check the list and call one of the people listed. We've even located retirees who were unaware of VEBA and got them in the program so that they could receive their entitled benefits.



Bobbie Cline assists a retiree with her income taxes.



Bill Davis (left) helps a man with his income tax forms.

Our members drive members to doctor's appointments, run other errands and send cards to shut-ins. We found an 81-year-old retiree trying to repair the roof on his sun porch. Five days later, we had the roof replaced.

A difficult but very important service we perform is helping spouses deal with the loss of his or her partner. We try to help them through the grieving process and file all the necessary paper work.



The Ravenswood group enjoyed a June picnic. Four of the retirees are over 90.

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Why do you think your Profile of Service works so well?

We are unique here in Ravenswood because we are a small, concentrated community. Not only did we work together at Kaiser, but we shared our community together. You saw your fellow workers at the football game, in the grocery store, at a high school play, in church or just around town. It made us all well aware of each other.

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Best Wishes . . .

Sending get well thoughts to **Leslie Buchholz** (McMinnville, OR). She is recovering from back surgery. "Now I have lots of rods holding my spine together," she says. Formerly with Trentwood (Spokane Valley, WA), Leslie hopes to be able to resume traveling and visiting her grandchildren in Portland, OR, Spokane, WA, and New Hartford, NY.

Condolences to KASRA Board Member **Klaus Adler** (Walnut Creek, CA) on the loss of his wife **Lucila**, who passed away Aug. 5. Our best wishes also go out to the families of **Jean K. Barnette** (surviving spouse of **Benjamin Barnette**); **Sybil S. Beasley** (spouse unknown); **Bev A. Chevront** (surviving spouse of **Harold Chevront**); **Rita C. Crumhorn** (spouse unknown); **Irajo B. Dixon** (surviving spouse of **Robert Dixon**); **Sandy L. Favorito** (spouse unknown) **Agnes R. Perkuhn** (surviving spouse of **Walt Perkuhn**); **Wanda B. Ramsey** (spouse unknown); **Janice K. Robinson** (surviving spouse of **William Robinson**); **Mary E. Young** (surviving spouse of **Robert Young**); **Frances P. Savariste** (surviving spouse of **Anthony Savariste**) and **Freda M. Wade** (spouse unknown).

In Memoriam



*Robert "Bob" J. Beran
Fullerton CA*

*Harley E. Cowan
Vienna, WV*

*John D. Cumberledge
Ravenswood, WV*

*Dick Dollahite
Farmers Branch, TX*

*Hebon "Bud" J. Ducote
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*Frank C. Farrah
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*Mary Margaret "Mimi" Tanner
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*Hubert W. Walton
Sullivan, IL*

*John M. Wheeler
Tacoma, WA*



Bud Ducote

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.

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Baton Rouge **Nov 16**
Lunch 11:15 a.m. Oak Lodge 2834, So. Sherwood Forest in Baton Rouge. Confirm with Bob Eisenbach (225) 926-1334 or bobeisenbach@att.net.

Bay Minette **Oct 15**
Lunch 1:00 p.m. Streets Restaurant Bay Minette. No confirmation required.

Belpre **Oct 28**
Saturday Breakfast, 9:00 a.m., Shoney's Garfield Ave., Parkersburg. Confirm with Betty Blair (304) 489-1337, or bettylou13@suddenlink.net.

Chalmette **Sept 7, Dec 7**
Lunch, 11:00 a.m. NOLA Lagniappe, 1375 Gause Blvd., Slidell. Cost \$20. Confirm with Chuck Schimmel (985) 643- 0437 or to schimcol@aol.com.

Erie **Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19**
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Peggy's 3512 Liberty Street., Erie. Confirm with Tim Healy (814) 402-1062 or thealy1931@gmail.com.

Los Angeles **Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 7**
Lunch, 12:00 noon, Marie Callender's,

540 N. Euclid, West Anaheim. Confirm with Bob O'Leary (714) 898-7463 or robemmet39@gmail.com.

Mead **Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8**
Lunch, 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, North Division St. Confirm with Danny Petrus (509) 483-2171 or dpjr70@comcast.net.

Newark **Oct 11 Dec 13**
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 **Sept 8, Dec 2**
Noon, Cedar Lakes, Ripley. \$10/plate Winter Luncheon (Dec. 2.) at 1:00 p.m. \$25/plate at Green Hills Country Club. Confirm with Pete Westenhaver (304) 266-4109, or Pete26164@gmail.com or to Lee Corder (304) 273-9457.

Trentwood **Oct 18, Nov 15**
Meet 11:00 a.m. Hot Meal served 11:30 a.m. Valley Eagles 16801 E. Sprague Ave. Confirm with Steve Harvey (509) 924-1132, or slharv3y@comcast.net or to TJ Summerson (509) 448-1228 or tsummerson@aol.com.



(L-R) Pat Arnold, Ted Aucoin, Earl Bellanger, Doc Incaprera and Jim White at the June 1, 2016 Chalmette luncheon.