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## *Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association*

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT**

Greetings Fellow Retirees and Surviving Spouses:

I trust you all had a wonderful and safe holiday season. While it can sometimes be a bit hectic, it is also a time of joy when we see old friends and spend time with family.

Now, it's time to look ahead to the new year – 2017!

Here in the San Francisco Bay Area, it's time to say a big Thank You to Dick Kauffman, Carlos Xavier and Sharon Fraetis for years of dedication keeping retirees living in the Bay Area in touch with one another through KARLA (Kaiser Aluminum Retiree Lunch Association). The mighty trio recently put together a lovely Christmas luncheon that included a talk by a local wine maker on how to make your own wine. The wine maker, Dennis Przybycien, discussed the more technical and chemical aspects of wine making given what he referred to as “an audience with more technical savvy.”

Dick and Carlos have decided to “retire” from their leadership role in KARLA and members of KARLA are forever grateful for their years of dedication. They were part of the original team that started the luncheons in 2007. Sharon will continue keeping us on our toes, and she will be joined

in this effort by Cliff Rider and Karen Wessenberg, who have generously donated their time and talents.

I hope you all are blessed with a local group of Kaiser retirees where you can enjoy a nice lunch and the renewal of old friendships. We all have so many wonderful memories and often amusing stories of our time with Kaiser and it's always such fun to share them with each other. If you haven't been involved with your local KASRA group, I encourage you to do so. I know you won't regret the effort!

VEBA – Trustee Chairman Art Donaldson reminded attendees at the KARLA luncheon that eligible family units have until December 31, 2017 to file for the 2016 maximum benefit of \$3,800.

For more information on VEBA or to enroll, contact the Delta Fund Administrator by phone at the toll-free number of (888) 344-8322.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

All the best!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Doug Mann'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Doug Mann  
President, KASRA

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Accomplishments . . .

**Pat Schroder** (Anchorage, AL) may be retired from Mead Works, WA, but she's still working hard. She recently completed and entered her latest quilt in the Great Alaska Quilt Show. After the show, she donated the quilt to the "Quilts of Valor" Foundation. The group provides service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Pat hopes to complete and donate one quilt every year. She has been a member of the Anchorage Log Cabin Quilters for the past 15 years. She and her husband, Richard, moved to Alaska shortly after her retirement in 1997. Their two sons, Jeff and his wife Brenda, and Todd and his wife Lindsay, have lived in Alaska since 1982. Jeff made his way back to Washington State in the early '90s where he was a Metal Products Foreman at Mead Works before returning to Alaska. Weather permitting and a good salmon run will find all the Schroders in Seward fishing and enjoying the beautiful state of Alaska.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .

Splitting their time between St. Peters-



**Pat Schroder stays active creating beautiful quilts like this one that she donated to the "Quilts of Valor" Foundation.**

burg, FL, and Pawling, NY, are **A. Vincent Cerny** (St. Petersburg, FL) and his wife Diana. The two celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Nov. 28. Vincent previously worked at Kaiser's Chemical Division in Cleveland, OH as the National Sales Manager in the Foodservice Division.

**Bill Schindler** (Ravenswood, WV) and his wife Faye celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 8 with a family get together and a move into their new home. The two also attended Bill's 69th high school class reunion in July at Washburn, WI, a small town on Lake Superior.

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

**Ray Gendron** (Baton Rouge, LA) and his wife Claire spent the weekend with Kaiser friends – Frank Davis (Sikeston, MO) and Jed Daniel (San Ramon, CA) who paid them a visit to attend the Louisiana State University (LSU) vs. Alabama football game. "We had a great time reminiscing about old times," says Ray. "A real fun time!" Kaiser Aluminum retiree **Alda Almeida** (Bristol, RI) says she just



**(L-R) Ray Gendron, Frank Davis, Claire Gendron and Jed Daniel get ready to leave for the Louisiana State University vs. Alabama football game.**

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tries to stay as healthy as possible.

Nothing seems to slow **Anna Louise Slusser** (Newport, WA) down. The former Mead Works employee stills goes bowling and competed in the Women's State competition. "I did okay but didn't make it to nationals," she says. When not traveling within Washington and Idaho, she enjoys crochet, reading and taking care of her four cats ("I was supposed to get rid of a few but still haven't!") and her 11-year-old dog. She also helps at her local church, plays pinochle once a week and belongs to two Grange groups and attended last year's Grange convention. Anna lost her last sister in July leaving just herself, now 82, and her 93-year-old brother out of six siblings.

**Betty Lou Koska** (Winnemucca, NV) says she's too busy to have any time for hobbies while **Richard E. Nowell** (Spo-



(L-R) Jerry Mullett, Linda Duhe, Al Miller, Randy Taylor, Bill Doyle, Jeanne Doyle and Charlene Taylor renewed old acquaintances at Chalmette's Dec. 7 Christmas luncheon.

kane Valley, WA) finds time for travel, golf, cooking and yard work. He recently traveled to Idaho, British Columbia and Washington, D.C. **Lee Corder** (Ravenswood, WV) and his wife SueAnn enjoyed a visit from grandchildren Molly and Sally who traveled to Ravenswood from Silverdale, WA. Still enjoying music, exercising, movies and the performing arts is **Aprina Leavy** (Oakland, CA) while **Robert Pearson** (Medford, OR) spent some time tracing his family's history and found out he is related on his father's side to Sir. Issac Newton.



Ravenswood, WV, retirees gathered for a Christmas luncheon at the Greenhills Country Club on Friday, Dec. 2.

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## MEMBER PROFILE: Gerry Carrell

Retiree Gerry Carrell began his career with Kaiser in the late 1960s and retired in 1988. He lives in Clovis, CA, with his wife Pat.

### What was your history with Kaiser Aluminum?

I had the opportunity to move around a bit. I started working for Kaiser in the late 1960s in sales in the Building Products Division in Minneapolis, MN. In the early '70s, I was transferred to Baton Rouge, LA, where I worked at Gramercy as an administrative manager. The following year, I found myself in the Chemical Division in Oakland, CA. Five years later, I moved to Manager of Public Relations at Oakland when Dick Blake retired.

### Tell us about some of the fun things you did in Public Relations.

This was such a great experience. I organized all kinds of sporting events and had the privilege of working with the customers and employees from the varied organizations within Kaiser. Some



Gerry with then Oakland A's Manager Tony La Russa.

of the events included Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants baseball games, including the All Star Games. We also put together groups for Oakland Raider and San Francisco 49er football games and even Superbowl events. I was also fortunate to work on several Indy 500 events and golf tournaments around the Bay Area. I have so many funny stories about the events and all the wonderful folks I worked with. Our motto within the Kaiser Family was "Find a Need and Fill It." We did that and more!

### A few of Gerry's colleagues had this to say about working with him.

"Gerry is one of my favorite people -- a true Kaiser original," says Howard Nelson (Alamo, CA). "He was the ultimate go-to guy when you really needed something. Some years ago, when the late Reed Edwards and I oversaw the retirees' Sour Mash Open golf tournament, we were in a panic after our usual course backed out of its commitment to us at the last minute. We personally visited every public golf course in the Bay Area but could find no home for the event. We called Gerry, and within minutes, he had us booked into Franklin Canyon in Hercules, CA, where everyone in the Pro shop owed Gerry a favor for something he had done for them over the years! Gerry's network of friends in the Bay Area's sports scene included Tony La Russa and virtually the entire A's management."

Howard added that he and Gerry developed a relationship outside of Kaiser as well. "Gerry and I played golf together at Franklin Canyon at sunrise on most Saturday mornings for about 20 years," he recalls. "Gerry was a good golfer and

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a fierce competitor, and woe be unto anyone who hit into us from behind or was too slow ahead of us. Although at the hour we played, we didn't have many ahead of us." Howard says that Gerry also had a particular aversion to anyone who wore their hat in the restaurant after playing golf. According to Howard, Gerry might say, "Where you born in a barn?" to the person while removing the offending headgear.

"Gerry is also one of the sweetest, most considerate people I have ever met. Several years ago, after he had moved to Clovis, CA, one of my sons-in-law and I became stranded in the Sierra foothills east of Fresno, CA, when our car quit running," explains Howard. "We could not find any way to get out of the service station we were towed to; no rental cars, taxis, or even locals willing to drive us to Fresno for a price, and my son-in-law had a plane to catch back to Minneapolis, MN. I called Gerry at home in Clovis, and within 45 minutes he had arrived to drive us to Fresno; this, even though we had not seen each other for years!"

Joanne Gutierrez (Pleasant Hill, CA) adds, "Gerry always had a smile on his face. I had the opportunity to work with him and Steve Hutchcraft on Kaiser's Oakland A's events. We would select someone to throw out the first pitch, organize and distribute tickets to employees and



**(L-R) Tennis champion Billy Jean King, Gerry Carrell and his wife Pat and Steve Page.**

customers and even set up a special section for Kaiser employees to get their refreshments. Gerry was just such a pleasure to work."

#### **Tell us about your family?**

I have been married to my lovely wife, Pat, for 62 years. We've spent many great times together at Kaiser events and really enjoyed our time with everyone. We have



**(Back Row) Gerry Carrell, his daughter Kathy and daughter Becky's husband Michael (Middle Row) Gerry's wife Pat and granddaughters Caitlin and Danyelle, and (Seated) Gerry's daughter Nancy.**

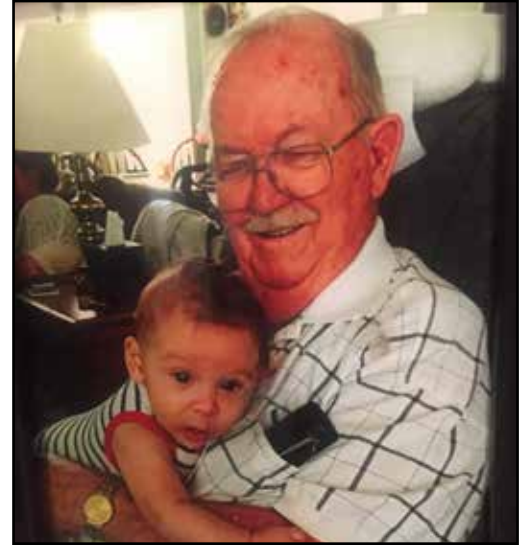
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four daughters. Becky and her husband Michael live near us in Clovis, CA. They have two married daughters and have given us our great grandson Bryson. Our middle daughter, Nancy, lives in Florida with her husband and son. We have an angel in heaven daughter, Stephanie, whose son and daughter remain close to us in Clovis. Our youngest daughter, Kathy, who has two daughters of her own – one in Yuba City, CA, and one in Pasadena, CA – lives with us and helps out tremendously. Our family remains very close, and we all enjoy family get-togethers on holidays and birthdays.



**Gerry Carrell with his great grandson Bryson.**

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Working part-time as a starter and ambassador for one of his local golf courses keeps **Leroy Avers** (The Villages, FL) busy. He also volunteers at the The Villages Lifelong Learning College where he teaches the creation and evolution of the universe. Leroy also finds time to sing in a men's group at his church. **Bill McGhee** (Ravenswood, WV) is feeling fine at 88 years of age and hopes to make it to 100! Doing woodworking, art and various projects for his great grandchildren makes **Guy Robicheaux** (Slidell, LA) happy. He also enjoys lakeside camping with his family.

#### **Traveling Near and Far . . .**

Oops! A small correction to our blurb on **Steve Ping** (Pleasanton, CA) and his wife Wendy's hiking adventure is needed. The two adventurers did not actually climb Mt. Everest and Olympus while on their three-week backpacking trip on the John Muir Trail. But the elevation gain and loss during the trip was the equivalent of such a feat! "We got some funny responses from distant friends over the

article, and it was fun communicating with them," says Steve. "It is what the newsletter is supposed to do -- reconnect Kaiser friendships."

Cruises to Norway and Alaska as well as motorhome trips are just the ticket for **Frank Feeney** and his wife Barbara (Ravenswood, WV). The former Five Stand Hotmill Lead Foreman in Ravenswood Fabrication plant also likes to spend time doing wood workings and photography. **Patricia J. Bondurant** (Gainesville, FL) loves to travel. The surviving spouse of **James O. Bondurant** took several cruises including the Caribbean, Panama Canal and Mexico as well as a trip to Vermont and to family in Mississippi. The retired legal secretary also volunteers at the Trinity United Methodist Church and the P.E.O. Sorority that promotes educational opportunities for women.

May was a big month for **James W. Miller** (Rocky Point, NC) and his wife Erika. They went to Germany to visit family and friends, and it was also the

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month that their eighth great grandbaby was born. The former Gramercy, LA, retiree also enjoys camping and traveled to Illinois for a family reunion. The islands called to **Shirley Schmalfluss** (Oakland, CA) in July and she enjoyed a trip to Maui, HI. Having previously worked for Kaiser in the International Division, Shirley now enjoys painting and traveling and she often combines the two!

**Donald Ray** (New Waterford, OH) loves to travel. He visited family in Florida, North Carolina and California as well as spent time in Texas visiting Houston, Ft. Worth and San Antonio. When not on the road, Don likes to fish and garden. "But most of all, I like living. I'm just 81-years-young," he says. A 3 ½-month trip in their motorhome kept **Russ and Lee Radach** (Porterville, CA) busy. "We visited family and friends in Northern California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington," says Russ.

### Best Wishes . . .

All the best to **Betty Lou Koska** (Winnemucca, NV) who had back surgery on Dec. 11. Our condolences go out to **Andre Abadie** who lost his wife Elsie



Former newsletter editor **Roberta Wong Murray** (L) was in town from Kona, HI, and found time to visit with friends **Virginia Marr** and **Art Donaldson** at KARLA's holiday luncheon in San Ramon, CA.

last January as well as to the families of **Brenda Carr** (surviving spouse of **Edwin Carr**), **Rowenta Fleming** (surviving spouse of **William Fleming**), **Vernon "Buzz" Ruggenberg** (surviving spouse of **Jacque Ruggenberg**) and to **Gloria W. Johnston**.

## *In Memoriam*

*Claire A. Bradshaw  
San Leandro, CA*

*Edwin G. Carr  
Ravenswood, WV*

*William (Bill) L. Cleveland  
Wetumpka, AL*

*Robert D. Elder  
Spokane Valley, WA*

*Samuel Vanderpoel Gilbert  
Pleasanton, CA*

*Jack H. Hopper  
Veradale, WA*

*John Lippaelli  
Tacoma, WA*

*Charles K. Morgan  
Sandyville, WV*

*Maurice Nevo  
Pismo Beach, CA*

*Betty Joy Perez  
Oakland, CA*

*Francis E. Sherman  
Fairhope, AL*

*Charles E. Stockburger  
Spokane, WA*

*Roger Leslie Underwood  
Arroyo Grande, CA*

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**Mead** Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9  
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**Newark** Feb 14  
Lunch 11 a.m., Stacey's Hometown Buffet, Heath. Lunch paid for by the Newark plant. Confirm with Bill Snider (740)



Rita Mae and Sid Jones at Tacoma's Christmas luncheon held on Dec. 7.

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**Ravenswood** Apr 20  
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(L-R) Ron Radakovich, Joanne Guterrez, Rosalie Schoenweiler and Ursula Seifert socialized at KARLA's holiday party held at the San Ramon Golf Course in San Ramon, CA.