

# KASRA



## Retiree News

Dear Fellow Retiree:

By the time you receive this newsletter, you either should have received or soon will receive the promised communication from the company which explains and clarifies the earlier Bankruptcy COBRA notice and answers a number of questions that have been asked about the Retiree Medical Plan. Before that, you should have received by e-mail or regular mail my June 23 message. These two communications – the company's and mine – are the latest word, so I won't go into detail on either of them. But I do want to touch on them and a couple of other subjects in this message.

**First**, the deadline for electing whether or not to choose Bankruptcy COBRA has been extended to August 31, 2002.

**Second**, the bankruptcy judge has recognized the Retirees' Committee as the Official Retirees' Committee.

**Third**, if you have not already read the above-mentioned most recent communication from the company on COBRA and the Retiree Medical Plan very carefully, please do so and call the company at 925/242-4465 if you have any questions.

Remember, although we are regularly-mailing messages of key importance to all retirees/surviving spouses who don't use e-mail and although we have a money-saving, non-profit bulk mailing permit, these postage expenses are significant. So, if you are not already receiving our messages by e-mail and would like to receive them that way, please let us know. Also, for those of you on e-mail, please continue to help us in our efforts at timely communication by sharing the communications you receive from us with any retirees or surviving spouses you know who do not use e-mail.

Now, a couple of new subjects:

**KASRA Board:** Enclosed with this newsletter are biographies of members who have been nominated to serve as directors of KASRA and a ballot for your use in voting.

The five nominees are: Dick Kauffman, Alan Longmuir, Ron Radakovich, Steve Ringwood, and Jim Sparkman. They are standing for election to three-year terms. Upon election, they will succeed Jim Glann, Dick Lemyre, Tim Preece, and Bruce Wilson, who are term-limited, and Charlie Alongi, who resigned due to the recent illness of his wife, Dean. Each of our outgoing directors has contributed greatly to the strength of KASRA. Each has volunteered countless hours of time and expertise in an effort to preserve and protect the interests of retirees and surviving spouses. I know you join me in thanking them for their dedicated service. And, the good news is that each of them has promised to continue to lend advice and counsel to our efforts as needed. Thanks, too, to the five retirees who have agreed to stand for election. **It is important that you vote. So, please complete your ballot and mail it back to us as soon as possible, but no later than July 31.**

**Kaiser Aluminum Website:** We encourage all of you who have access to the Internet to check out Kaiser Aluminum's website for the latest company news. The address is: [www.kaiseral.com](http://www.kaiseral.com). On June 21, the company placed on this website the first of what it says will be a series of regular monthly updates. This first one includes the latest information on the restructuring, news about the business, and background information on various issues facing the company. If you don't have Internet access, the company invites phone calls to its toll-free restructuring hotline (1-888/829-3340).

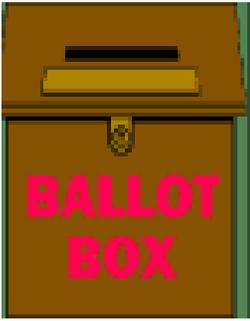
We will continue to keep you informed on a timely basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jed Daniel".

Jed Daniel  
KASRA President

## VOTE NOW FOR KASRA DIRECTORS



Five new directors are to be elected to the KASRA Board, replacing a like number of dedicated outgoing directors. Enclosed in this issue of KASRA News are brief biographies of the nominees for election to the Board and a ballot and reply envelope for your use in voting. The deadline for receiving your ballot is July 31 so, please, return your completed ballot now.

Nominated for election to the KASRA Board are:

- Dick Kauffman, who retired in 1998 as Director of Planning and Administration of Kaiser Aluminum International and as Vice President of Kaiser Aluminum China;
- Alan Longmuir, who retired in 1997 as Vice President for Research and Development;
- Ron Radakovich, who retired in 1996 as Vice President, Corporate Industrial Relations;
- Steve Ringwood, who retired in 1997 as Senior Litigation Counsel; and
- Jim Sparkman, who retired in 1988 as Vice President, with responsibility for world-wide bauxite, alumina, reduction, and corporate research and development.

There are five seats on the Board to be filled and each is for a three-year term. Four of these seats are open due to term limits which apply to the following outgoing directors: Jim Glann (a director since 1995), Dick Lemyre (a director since '96), Tim Preece (a director since '93), and Bruce Wilson (a director since '90). A fifth opening occurred with the resignation of Charlie Alongi (a director since 2001), who is resigning due to his wife's recent illness.

We sincerely appreciate the dedicated service of our outgoing directors. Each has generously contributed his time, expertise and wise counsel, and each has promised to be of further assistance as needed.

Remember . . . return your completed ballot now.

### **GOT A GREEN SLIP?**



If there is a green slip in this issue of KASRA News, you have received a reminder to pay your 2002-2003 dues. Please return your dues check for \$15.00 payable to: KASRA, along with the completed green enrollment slip and your ballot in the self-addressed envelope enclosed. Do not send cash. Thank you.

## **The Birth of KASRA**

Fifteen years ago, the first issue of KACC Retiree News was published as an adjunct activity of the retiree luncheon club. Back then, the organization was run by a steering committee composed of Dick Blake, Tom Bowdle, John Cashel, Klaus Fels, Lou Harmon, Dick Harrison, Beverly Heath, Betty Perez and Milt Siemers. There were no dues, no elected officers and no advocacy. However, a paragraph in the first newsletter stated:

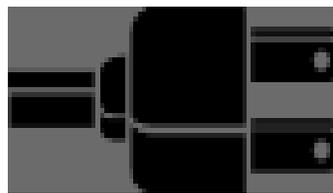
“If we should ever decide that we wanted to take some action as a group, then the skeleton of an organization is in place... we have an established mailing list and newsletter and could be in business very quickly.”

That organization, KASRA, is very much in place today, actively involved in issues impacting all Kaiser Aluminum salaried retirees. Meanwhile, the luncheon group functions in the Bay Area as a separate organization, Kaiser Aluminum Retirees Luncheon Association (KARLA), and through various luncheon clubs located in KACC plant cities across the U.S. Oh, and as for KACC Retiree News? It has evolved into this publication, KASRA Retiree News, ever ready to serve as your vehicle of communication and information for retirees.

## **BAY AREA GOLF TOURNEY Sour Mash Results**

A record turnout of 44 golfers played in KASRA's San Francisco Bay Area Sour Mash golf tournament at Bethel Island Golf Course in May. Winning the featured team event were: Evo Alexandre, Chuck DeHont, Lee Pesavento, and Dick Thompson. Jim McKnight had the lowest individual score, as is most usual. The event will be held again next year on a Thursday in May, 2003. Plan to come and play! The exact date will be announced in this newsletter early next year.

## **Chalmette: Microcosm of the Energy Crisis**



A white paper written by **George J. Binczewski** (Moraga, CA) and published in the widely respected Journal of Metals entitled: “The Energy Crisis and the Aluminum

Industry: Can We Learn from History?” offers an insightful view of the recent energy crisis and its impact on the aluminum industry in the Northwest. The same issues challenging today's industry were present during the birth, life and dismantlement of Kaiser Aluminum's Chalmette plant, which George chronicles in this report. For a free reprint of this informative and detailed perspective, please write George at P.O. Box 6154, Moraga, CA 94570 or e-mail [binksi@hotmail.com](mailto:binksi@hotmail.com).

## What's Going On



(Martinez, CA) and her family!

Retired from L.A. sales, **Tony Procanik** (Monarch Beach, CA) recently visited China and The Three Gorges, soon to be covered by water when that large dam is completed. Of the many, many Chinese people Tony saw there, guess who he ran into on the same tour? Oakland graphics typesetter **Helen Louie**

On the Move: **Al Matthews**, from Piedmont, CA, to Rossmoor, CA, where he reports that despite the move, he and Lisa are still happily married; **Bob Smith** and wife Jan from Castro Valley, CA, to Danville, CA; **Susan Ruebel** to Brentwood, CA; **Olive Burgess** from Lakeland, FL, to Syracuse, OH. Moving cross country from Huntington, WV, to Spokane, WA, to be closer to family is **Richard Nowell**. **Tom Mooneyham** has moved from Ocala, FL, to Morriston, FL .

Prolific Writer: **Jim Schultz** (Lafayette, CA) has written a new book "The Romance of Small-Town Chautauquas" published by the University of Missouri Press. It will be in bookstores this fall. In May, **Dave Fenton** (Oakland, CA) took a Barcelona to Rome cruise. A month later, Dave attended his 50th college reunion at Yale University. Another 50th year collegian having a reunion is **Allen Davaz** of Greenacres, WA, who's also heading to Denver to visit his son Dan and wife. Also Colorado-bound to visit her sister is **Genevieve Wolff** of Buchanan Dam, TX. Genevieve visits with patients at hospitals and clinics as a cheerful volunteer.

**Ken Stowers** and wife Dania are in California this summer, visiting from Ravenswood, WV, where Ken spends his time teaching youth seminary, operates a small trailer park, works on his family genealogy and is a member of the John Birch Society. Besides all that and water aerobics thrice weekly, Ken says he just loafers around. Okay.



Good Morning! That pleasant greeting comes from **Joan Augood** of Danville, CA, who spends time at a Senior Retirement Center as an on-call receptionist when she's not baby-sitting her grandsons.

**Larry Britton** (Hudson, OH), who worked in KACC packaging and foil, is retiring from Alcan Aluminum in August, capping 32 years of combined service in the industry. Of that time, Larry said his 18 years at Kaiser were the best in his career. CFT retiree **Leo Barsotti** (Pleasanton, CA) returned from an enjoyable two week tour of France. Lone Star State resident **Waymon Sloan** (Kaufman, TX) is a land developer and board

member of the Kaufman Co. Senior Citizen Service Inc. Since all of his money went into remodeling the house, **Jerry Sealy** (Plano, TX) discovered that the best things in life are free, like the view from his new deck. He's also found free golf at Marshall Stonebridge Ranch in McKinney in return for being a golf starter. Jerry and his wife celebrate their 45th anniversary in August.

Reeling the big one in is **Joseph Gregoire** of Maurepas, LA, who lists fishing as his sole hobby. **Paul Kochman** (Davenport, WA) likes to play golf, fish and do wood working. **Flonell Grace** of Savannah, GA, does many a crossword puzzle for her hobby and you can count on her to be at senior friendship day every Wednesday at church, where there's exercise, line dancing and lunch.



Chalmette reunion: The former board of directors for the Chalmette Credit Union met at Salassi's Piney Lodge in Ponchatoula, LA. They included: Carol & **Vic Bolian**, Bertha & **Ray Lightell**, Lois & **Harold Walker**, Ellen & **Frank Kraus**, Ellen & **William "Carey" Salassi**.

In his 20th year as Commissioner for the Sherman Housing Authority, **Phil Mischkot** (Sherman, TX) writes that his real job is keeping the house and yard in good shape. Phil is seeing a granddaughter graduate from high school and another granddaughter graduate from college this year. Another grandparent celebrating high school graduation for three of her grand kids is **Amy Yurkonis** of New Port Richey, FL. Amy writes that 26 family members cruised the Southern Caribbean together. Of the grandchildren who made up half of the party, she reports: "We did not throw any of them overboard!"

On the road again... Vel & **Art Duckworth** of Ravenswood, WV, enjoy using their motor home to visit children in Washington, Georgia and Virginia. Speaking of wheels, **Sharon Rutchik** of Clarklake, MI, will pull up the stakes and move to Casa Grande, AZ.



Thereafter, winters will be spent in sunny Arizona and they'll fifth wheel the country during the summer months. Somebody else who is sold on Arizona is **Jack Orndoff** of Humboldt, IL. Jack and his wife enjoyed the gun fights at Tombstone and seeing the London Bridge at Lake Havasu. Covering 5800 miles by RV from Arizona to Pennsylvania and points in between were Anne and **C.S. "Kopie" Kopcsak** of

Dewey, AZ. Kopie reports he's overcome cancer and doing okay with heart meds. By the way, they welcome any retirees passing through to visit their home at Prescott CC. And Happy 65th anniversary to the Kopcsaks this month!

Wedding Anniversaries:  
Dorothy and **Brent Harrah** of Sylvania, OH, celebrated their 50th anniversary at a party given by their children. They'll continue to celebrate with a trip to Eastern Europe this year. Oh, and Brent shoots his age in golf. That's impressive! Janie & **Grover Dobbins**



(Baton Rouge, LA) celebrated their 45th anniversary by going to the Kentucky Derby, compliments of their children. Betty and **Carl Holland** of Bay Minette, AL, celebrated their 50th anniversary at a party given by their four children and eight grand kids. Jennie & **Don Fallquist** (Spokane, WA) had their 65th anniversary in June, followed by Don's 89th birthday!

Helping test little ones' eyesight through the Tennessee Lions Program for Kids is **David Martin** of Humboldt, TN, who also serves as Gibson County Commissioner. It helps to have friends in high places. In this case, **E. H. Ballard** of Salt Lake City, UT, got a special treat from her grandson when she visited Las Vegas recently. She got to see Wayne Newton for free. Did I mention that her grandson works at MGM?

Wedding Bell Bliss... Congratulations to **Marion K. Wright Brady** of Norco, LA, who recently married Donald Brady, also of Norco. They took a Caribbean cruise to celebrate.



Speaking of celebrations, this one is special. **Albert C. Peck** (Kahuku, HI) who worked at Alpart in Jamaica, Permanente Metals in Oakland and Baton Rouge, LA,

celebrates his 90th birthday this month on the north shore of Oahu with family members gathered from near and far. Happy Birthday, Albert and be sure to know that some of those fireworks at the Fourth of July bonanza in the glorious Hawaiian skies were meant for you!

Under communism, Eastern Europe's primary aluminum plants were pollution monsters, writes **Tom Singer** (Appleton, NY), who lived and worked in Europe for 8 years. The plants are shut down now, but Tom is nevertheless looking forward to visiting Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. He serves

on the International Council of The Nature Conservancy, which is considering growing its overseas projects. **Shelby Delhomme** (Chalmette, LA) visited Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy, in the spring.

Last year, **Robert Jacquay** (Parish, NY) was awarded the Dedicated Service Award by the Grand Lodge of New York. Robert's been a member of the North Syracuse Masonic Lodge for 53 years and presided as Master during a grand period when the Lodge had 550 members. **Yvonne Nauss** (Las Vegas, NV) writes that the literacy student she tutored was recently tested and got top grades! Yvonne also gardens, reads and spends time with her 12-year-old granddaughter.

### *In Memoriam*

William Bears, West Point, CA  
Byron Clow, McLean, VA  
Ira Davidson, Napa, CA  
Jack Duncan, Dublin, GA  
Edward Gilmore, Metairie, LA  
Alvin Goelzenleuchter, Abbeville, LA  
Peter Hanson, Priest River, ID  
John Kincheloe, Mexico, MO  
John Knight, Santa Barbara, CA  
Peggy Kopis, Roseville, OH  
Joseph Loupe, Arabi, LA  
Raymond Mills, Baton Rouge, LA  
Mrs. James M. (Dorothy) Moore, Ravenswood, W.Va.  
(widow )  
Alphonse Meilleur, Spokane, WA  
Richard Myer, Salem, OR  
Warren Pratt, Overland Park, KS  
Rosemarie Ryan, Dolton, IL  
William Sanford, Olympia, WA  
Jonas Stutzman, Spokane, WA  
Marie Teran, Oakland, CA  
Matthew Troiano, Bristol, RI  
Francis Uzee, Arabi, LA

The **Board of Directors** extends its deepest sympathy to the families at the loss of their loved ones.

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