

# KASRA

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# Retiree News

Dear Fellow Retiree:

There are several items on which I want to report in this month's issue.

First, KASRA has joined the Coalition for Retirement Security (CRS), a non-profit, all-volunteer group of retirees that was formed in 1996 "to correct inequities affecting workers and retirees whose expected pensions and health insurance coverage have been unfairly diminished or denied." CRS also is "committed to educating policy makers and the American public about the importance of retirement security to the nation's workers." Included among the members of CRS are organizations representing retirees at AT&T, IBM, GE, Bell Atlantic, and Johns Manville. Our intention is to cooperate with CRS on matters of concern to Kaiser Aluminum retirees and surviving spouses.

Second, U. S. Congressman John Tierney of Massachusetts in March reintroduced legislation (H.R. 1322) which he had initially introduced in 2001 to protect, preserve and, in some cases, restore medical benefits for retirees. CRS will work with the Congressman to try to build support for his legislation and we will be asking for your help in writing letters of advocacy.

Third, bankruptcy reform legislation has been passed by the U. S. House and now is in the Senate. We will communicate to key members of the Senate the need to include a strengthened role for retirees and employees in the bankruptcy process. At present, bankruptcy law does not adequately recognize the rights of retirees and employees. We will be asking for your help in this communication.

I don't want to artificially raise hopes that we and CRS will succeed in our joint and separate efforts, but I did want to let you know what we are planning and to prepare you for our requests for help. Be assured that before we ask you to make any contacts, we will provide you the background information you need.

Finally, by the time you receive this newsletter, the company will have had another hearing (April 28) with the bankruptcy court. The company said previously that it

would, at the April 28 hearing, seek to extend the exclusivity period within which the company has the exclusive right to file its own plan of reorganization. That period was set to expire April 30. The best way for you to stay up to date on the bankruptcy proceedings and the company's Chapter 11 reorganization is to access Kaiser Aluminum's web site - [www.kaiseral.com](http://www.kaiseral.com).

We will be in touch soon. Thanks, again, for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jed Daniel".

Jed Daniel  
President

## Corporate News Briefs

### Fourth Quarter Loss

Kaiser Aluminum reported a net loss of \$270.8 million, or \$3.37 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2002, compared to a net loss of \$583.3 million, or \$7.23 per share, for the year-earlier period. For the full year 2002, Kaiser's net loss was \$468.7 million, or \$5.82 per share, compared to a net loss of \$459.4 million, or \$5.73 per share, for 2001.

### Kaiser Building Sold

Kaiser Aluminum in mid-March said that it had completed the previously announced sale of its interests in the Kaiser Center office complex in Oakland, CA to Summit Commercial Properties, Inc. of Segundo, CA, for a gross cash purchase price of \$65.6 million.

*The full text of these and other Kaiser Aluminum press releases can be found on the company's web site at [www.kaiseral.com](http://www.kaiseral.com).*

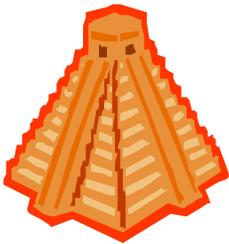
## What's the Scoop?

Please tell us *what's going on* with you. Fill out the enclosed brown slip and mail or email us at [wmipr@aol.com](mailto:wmipr@aol.com)

## What's Going On

It is an "absolutely beautiful" part of the world, writes **Jack Nemes** (San Francisco, CA) of his travels to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. All in the family... Ohio State alums **Dick Rosenbaum** of Danville, CA, and his wife were at the Fiesta Bowl, courtesy of their son, Joe, also an alum, to watch the Buckeyes become the #1 football team in the country. Howdy, neighbor. **Del Dow** (Sonora, CA) ran into retirees Pat & **Jack Peaslee** who live in the same development there. Well, he was not really running, as Del is recovering from a third knee surgery.

**Howard Nelson** of Alamo, CA, attended his 50th high school reunion in St. Louis last fall and saw his buddy with whom he co-founded the school golf team. Wonder if their handicaps are up to par. Howard and his wife recently visited Mayan temples and ruins in Central America. **William Boyd** (Moraga, CA) attends annual conventions of the 305th Bomb Group in the USAF 8th Division. Sherman, TX retiree **Donald Phelps** of Park Forest, IL travelled to Spain and Great Britain last fall.



Happy Anniversary. Helen and **Joseph Levy** of Berkeley, CA, celebrated their 60th anniversary in March. Geneva and **Bill Neal** of Lady Lake, FL, celebrated 53 years of marriage in April.

Beaming proud. **Al Schroeck** (Baton Rouge, LA) writes that his 13-year old granddaughter, Dorsey, received Louisiana's Young Heroes Award that honors outstanding students who perform community service, overcome adversity, inspire others and display strength of character. Dorsey was one of 8 students selected out of 200 nominees. Hey, we're proud of her, too! CFT retiree **John Thornberry** (Danville, CA) says that he's getting back into tournament bridge. I'd get into it for the bridge mix (of the snack variety), myself. Brilliant blue hues... **Doug Mann** (Orinda, CA) spent two "glorious" weeks touring the islands of French Polynesia and marvelled at the beautiful waters and great snorkeling. Hated to come home, and we know the feeling.



New business plan. **Elmer Crager** of Bristol, RI, is starting a business, selling and delivering heating oil to residences. Former Kaiser Aluminum benefits person **Virginia Marr** (Castro Valley, CA) is now a benefits legal analyst with Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Oakland. Kaiser Oxnard retiree **Phillip Mose, Jr.** of Oxnard, CA, is the general manager of Aluminum Precision Products, Inc. **John Cashel** (Lafayette, CA)

runs CR Communications and still works with KASRA retirees at his office, when he's not traveling to see family and friends.

### Chuck Carroll

(Georgetown, CA) and his wife Ann have retired to live on a 45-acre ranch in the Sierra and raise horses.

Chuck is on the board of the Georgetown VFW and started a performing arts group in Garden Valley to teach improv and acting classes. Write to the Carrolls at 8091 Wildhorse Trail, Georgetown, CA, 95634. **Jim Falk** (Anacortes, WA) joined the board of the Skagit Symphony. **Frances Quick** of Glendale, CA, reads to elementary school students, knits blankets for premature babies, volunteers at the library and chairs the Sons of Norway scholarship committee.



Lots of cruisin... **Waymon Sloan** (Kaufman, TX) took a Miami to West Coast cruise, a Venezuela to Panama Canal cruise and then went up to San Diego, CA. **John "Jack" Voigt** of Westchester, PA, writes that he is trying to stay fit while battling Parkinsons disease. He helps his wife in her care-taking business. Retiring from the electrical products group in Portsmouth, RI, 23 years ago, **Earl Hazan** now lives at Sun City in Palm Desert, CA, where he still works part time for T&D magazine as an editor and writer. Oakland and Newark retiree **Bill Slayman** (Bethesda, MD) spent four weeks in the Balkans, where he served as an International Polling Station Supervisor in the Kosovo Municipal Elections, under contract with OSCE/EU supervising the elections in Backe Palanka, Serbia. Following the elections, Bill's wife joined him in Vienna to drive through Slovenia, Croatia, and stay in Dubrovnik and Sarajevo.

Driving around for car dealers is a hobby for **Dean Gressley** of Huntington, IN. Doesn't say whether he sits in the passenger seat and makes small talk for a sale, or if he shuttles folks to and fro for the service department. Dean does a bit of gardening and bowling, too. California is a popular vacation and travel destination for **Kos Herad**, a Gramercy retiree who resides in Kenner, LA. Say, if you're ever in the neighborhood, drop by and visit **Jim Sanderson** in Laguna Niguel, CA. The engineered products division retiree will take you sailing out of Dana Point for some whale watching. **Les Burnett** (Berkeley, CA) volunteers at the Berkeley Library bookstore, is part of a Parkinsons disease support group and on the senior advisory committee at Kaiser Permanente, Oakland.

**Fred Lawson** of Carmel, CA, serves one week per month on the Army Science Board, which reports directly to the Secretary of the Army. Technology continues to drive the future of military combat forces and their systems, as clearly seen with recent events. "It's fascinating work involving travel to many Army Re-

search facilities as well as Army proving grounds around the country,” writes Fred.

Play ball, gently. After signing up for the senior center softball team, **Dick Tenney** of Bainbridge Island, WA, writes that he is on the six week injured reserve list. Southfield, MI, retiree **Sharon Rutchik** has moved lock, stock and barrel along with the bulldog and motorcycle to Casa Grande, AZ. They are loving the weather and activities at Palm Creek Resort, and especially enjoy the twelve month motorcycle riding season. Give me a 100. **Joe Voss** of Palm City FL, works out at the gym five days a week, shaping up for his 100th birthday... coming up in 15 years. Former Kaiser public affairs honcho **Dick Spees** (Oakland, CA) retired from civic duty last fall, after serving 23 years as an Oakland city councilman. One of several tribute events to honor Dick also helped to establish an endowment for the Chabot Space and Science Center, where he is a board member. After moving from the Bay Area to the Quail Lake community several years ago, Pat and **Gerry Carrell** (Clovis, CA) keep busy as after school tutors in reading, writing and math to a group of 5th graders. Gerry says it's a blast to be a kid again, even though he's the only one in class who shaves.



On the Move: **Sherwood J. Gray** from Arvada, CO, to Sparks, NV; **Jack Geitz** from Auburn, CA, to Del Webb's Sun City in Lincoln Hills, CA; from the Bay Area, Judy and **John Lullo** will settle in Clio, CA, in the Sierra Nevada in June. **L.M. (Ponnie) Brinkman**

of St. Louis, MO, is moving from her home of 47 years down the street to start a fresh life with daughter Bebe and grand daughter Vanessa.



Twelve for twelve on twelve: A dozen retirees gathered at the Omni Hotel in Richardson, TX, for lunch on April 12, writes **Cathy Peterson**

**Eaton** (McKinney, TX). It was the start of what will be a lively new Lunch Bunch group, which hopes to meet quarterly. If you are interested in joining the Texas group, please contact Cathy at (972) 562-2352 or email her at Cathypeaton1@attbi.com. After spending 4 years on the Sun City Condominium Assn Board (3 as president), **Joe Moore** (Columbiana, OH) finally retired by spending a few weeks in the UK, and hopes his handicap will go down. Thank you, **Guy Robicheaux** of Chalmette, LA, for sending the editor a pair of vintage '94 Christmas ornaments, made lovingly by hand. They'll claim a spot on the next tree.

Thought you'd never ask. Several folks who recall seeing KASRA News Editor **Roberta Wong Murray** (Walnut Creek, CA) in varying stages of maternity at corporate headquarters have inquired about her children. Well, Marshall is now 21, plays shortstop for the Eagles at Laney Jr. College, Oakland. An MVP and first team all conference selectee, Marshall is waiting for the right call from a four-year Div I team. Mei-Ling, 17, is a high school senior and ballet dancer planning to attend the Univ of Arizona, where she has been offered a scholarship. In her spare time, Mei-Ling models for an SF model agency.

Help Sherlock Holmes aka **Phil Marksburly** track 'em down. He is looking for these Mead retirees:

Mildred Gillingham	Judy Jones
Joanne McDaniel	Julia M. McDonald
Thama Shull	R. A. Thompson
Martha Welch	J. P. Williams

If anyone out there knows where any of these folks are, or their status, please contact Phil at the address or number below. Also, if any Mead folks have moved or changed phone numbers, let him know.

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### *In Memoriam*

Robert Bowen, Baton Rouge, LA  
John F. Delany, Walnut Creek, CA  
Jack T. Putnam, Orinda, CA  
Leo Tillman, Mexico, MO  
Reid Edwards, Alamo, CA  
Henry (Hank) Szczepanski, Chalmette, LA

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

Editor's Note: With the closing of the KACC benefits office in San Ramon, CA, KASRA News will no longer receive corporate information about retiree deaths. If you become aware of the passing of colleagues, please send information directly to the editor at our address below. We would appreciate receiving notices directly from families as well as newspaper obituaries.

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## The Lunch Bunch

Below are upcoming regional luncheon group meetings.  
Please contact directly to attend.

**May 8**

**Mead**

Social club lunch at Moose Lodge, 6363 N. Lidgewood. Call Joe Fife at (509) 466-9155 or email [ajjfife@aol.com](mailto:ajjfife@aol.com) or Phil Marksbury at (509) 325-1798 or email [Pjmarksb@aol.com](mailto:Pjmarksb@aol.com)

**May 15**

**Trentwood**

Meeting 11:00 a.m. Elks Lodge 2605 N Robie, Spokane Valley. Speaker: Steve Colwell, Exercise for Successful Aging; Election of New Officers. Call Joe Cavanaugh (509) 924-8986 or email [jocavanaugh875@aol.com](mailto:jocavanaugh875@aol.com)

**May 21**

**Erie**

Luncheon meeting at 1:00 p.m., Lake Shore Country Club. Contact Tim Healy (814) 474-3536 or email [thealy@leol.net](mailto:thealy@leol.net)

**June 2**

**Bay Area KARLA**

Luncheon 11:00 a.m. Elks Club, Walnut Creek. Speaker: George Turner, Marketing Director, Oakland International Airport. Call Al Matthews (925) 930-8243.

**June 2**

**Los Angeles (So CA)**

The Elephant Bar, 14303 E. Firestone Blvd., (Santa Ana Freeway & Valley View), La Mirada, CA 90638 (714) 994-1474. Ask for the Kaiser Aluminum table. Contact Norm Manger (310) 377-2135 or email [normmanger@cox.net](mailto:normmanger@cox.net)

**June 4**

**Tacoma**

Luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge. Call Bob Mohr at (253) 564-9308 or email [bobjanetmohr@attbi.com](mailto:bobjanetmohr@attbi.com).

**June 5**

**Baton Rouge**

Lunch at noon Phil's. To confirm location, call Bob Lister (225) 272-2886 or Bob Eisenbach (225) 926-1334 or email [beisenbach@prodigy.net](mailto:beisenbach@prodigy.net)

**June 7**

**Ravenswood**

Pit Barbecue, 1:00 pm at KERA. Pork, beef venison ala Dave Whitman. No charge for meal. You bring trimmings, side dishes and drinks. Table service provided. Call Dave Whitman (304) 273-5548 or email [dwhitman@wirefire.com](mailto:dwhitman@wirefire.com)

**June 10**

**Bristol**

"Jump Into Summer Luncheon" 11:30 a.m. at The Lobster Pot. Contact John Carre at (401) 247-2199 or Carol Cook at (401) 253-4251.

**June 12**

**Mead**

Social club lunch at Moose Lodge, 6363 N. Lidgewood. Call Joe Fife at (509) 466-9155 or email [ajjfife@aol.com](mailto:ajjfife@aol.com) or Phil Marksbury at (509) 325-1798 or email [Pjmarksb@aol.com](mailto:Pjmarksb@aol.com)

**June 18**

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**July 3**

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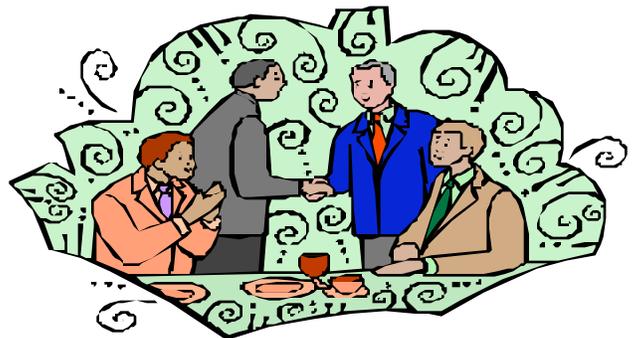
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**July 29**

**Newark**

Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. at Stacey's Smorgasbord, Heath. Call Bob Abel at (740) 323-2268 or email [rpabel@alltel.net](mailto:rpabel@alltel.net)



### Retirees in Texas:

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