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Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Retirees/Surviving Spouses:

On behalf of the KASRA Board, staff and volunteers, we hope you had a memorable holiday season!

Some reminders – some of you recently visited our website at www.e-kasra.com and expressed how pleasantly surprised you are at the wealth of interesting information it includes. For those who have not yet had a chance to visit our website, look for the following:

News/Communications – News on KASRA, the VEBA and the aluminum industry, as well as general communications to our members and a link to the Kaiser Aluminum website.

VEBA—The VEBA Trustees remind participants that December 31, 2014, is the deadline for filing for the 2013 benefit of \$2,250 per family unit. The 2014 benefit of \$2,800 per family unit may be claimed until December 31, 2015. More than 7% of eligible family units have still not enrolled for benefits. If you know someone who may be eligible, please encourage them to contact Delta Fund Administrators, LLC by phone at (888) 344-8322, or by e-mail at VEBA@Deltafund.com.

Events – A listing of regional events and announcements.

Newsletters – We archive copies of these dating as far back as September 2001 - so if you wish to refer to any missed past newsletters, you can access them here. Please send us suggestions to improve/enhance the newsletter — fresh ideas are always welcome!

Photos - We have numerous photos of events and your former colleagues in the Bay Area, Trentwood, Belpre, Newark, Baton Rouge, Chalmette, Mead, Ravenswood, and Tacoma. It is wonderful to hear of activities and view recent snapshots of retirees and surviving spouses whom we knew and who now reside some distance away. Please feel free to share and transmit digital photos of your special events along with descriptive captions by emailing them to web@e-kasra.com.

Forms – This section contains various forms. You can download KASRA and VEBA forms, including enrollment and reimbursement forms for your VEBA claims.

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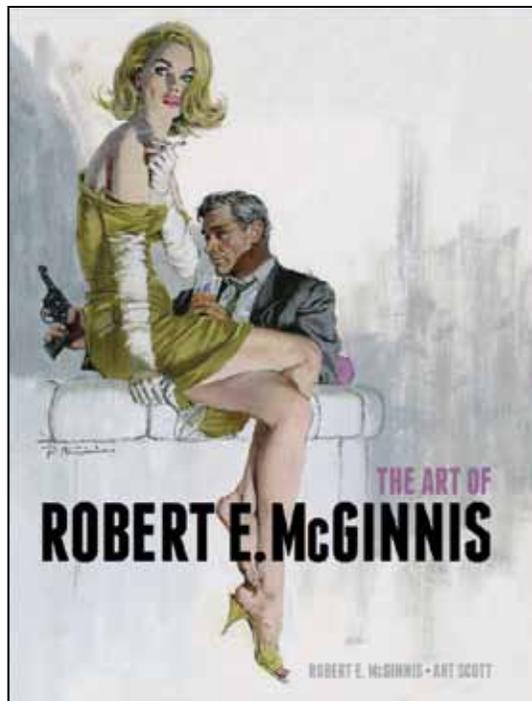
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The Christmas and New Year's holiday season often allows us to pause long enough to reflect on what really matters. It is during the holiday season that we are often reminded of the wonders of life and its fragility. The textures of both joy and sorrow weave a fabric of the year as we close one and begin another. At the end of

WHAT'S GOING ON

Accomplishments . . .

Congratulations to **Art Scott** (Livermore, CA) on the publication of his third book on artist Robert E. McGinnis. "For 3-1/2 years I have been organizing the graphics and writing the text for this survey of the work of one of America's most distinguished living illustrators, whose work I have been collecting since the 1970s," Art explains. Art worked at KACC's Center for Technology at Pleasanton, CA, in the Corrosion and Brazing sections from 1981 – 2000. Since his retirement, he has worked on the three books about McGinnis. "You may not know his name, but you've spotted McGinnis' artwork at one time or another," adds Art. McGinnis, who was elected to the Illustrators' Hall of Fame, painted covers for some of crime fiction's biggest sellers as well as posters for numerous Hollywood movies and much more. Art's current book "The Art of Robert E. McGinnis" is available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and at quality bookstores across the country.



Art Scott just finished publishing a book on the famed illustrator, Rober McGinnis.



Carlos Xavier (standing) was the MC at the Bay Area's Christmas luncheon. Also shown are Mary Alice and Art Donaldson (lower left) and KASRA president Chris Laszcz-Davis.

Birthdays, Anniversaries . . .

Belated congratulations to **Lawrence Kessler** (Mexico, MO) who married Mae Guilford last year. Former Gramercy, LA, worker **James Miller** (Rocky Point, NC) and his wife Erika celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in July. Before that happy event, they visited family and friends in Texas where they welcomed their 6th great grandson. They then traveled to Germany to visit other family members and friends.

Special congratulations to **Marie Fallon** (Oak Forest, IL) who turned 95 in December and **Phyllis Bixler** (Sun City Center, FL) who celebrated her 98th birthday in May. **DeDe Cook Pauley** (Ashville, OH) and her husband Dave celebrated their first wedding anniversary in August. DeDe retired from Constellation – Ravenswood, WV, which was the old KACC plant, in September but her husband Dave still works there. "I like singing and dancing, even if it is just in the house," DeDe says. She also likes to float around in the swimming pool and be involved in community theater.

William "Bill" Prior (Pickerington, OH)

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and his wife celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in September. The two also traveled to Florida's West Coast during the winter. When at home, Bill volunteers as an income tax preparer and spends time writing, teaching and moving people from place to place.

Honoring Those Who Served . . .

Robert D. Shockey (Ravenswood, WV) joined the Navy in January of 1944 at the age of 18. His parents, who had three other sons already in the military, were opposed to his joining the war effort. He served aboard the destroyer USS Heywood Edwards in the South Pacific. Upon discharge from the military, Robert returned home to Ravenswood, WV, and on June 16, 1946, married his childhood sweetheart, Martha Ann (Smith) Shockey. By the time he joined Kaiser Aluminum Ravenswood, WV, he and Martha Ann had seven children. He retired from Kaiser in 1989. "Dad has commented frequently on his gratitude to Kaiser Aluminum and the living it provided for the



Robert Shockey served aboard the USS Heywood Edwards in the South Pacific during World War II.

family," says his daughter Ethel. "He enjoys the KASRA newsletter and takes great pride in being a part of the Kaiser family."

Golf, bowling and gardening keep **Eugene Melanson** (Post Falls, ID) busy as he works his way to 100 years of age. He recalls flying 34 missions during World War II as a ball turret gunner. In 2014, **Richard Nowell** (Spokane Valley, WA) traveled to Sandpoint, ID, Colombia Falls, MT, Chelan, WA, and Ocean Shores, WA. In May, Richard was also part of Honor Flight from Spokane, WA, to Washington, DC. "It was a very rewarding flight," says Richard. "We had 89 veterans from World War II, the Korean War and Viet Nam."

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

Dick Mace (Mesa, AZ) and his wife Judy like to spend the summer at their home in Hope, ID, and winter in Mesa, AZ. The former Extruded Products Division worker still plays tennis three-four times a week and also enjoys biking. He and



Ken Scannapiego and his wife JoAnn at their June 2013 wedding.

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Judy still remember their month in Europe fondly where they spent time in Amsterdam, Belgium, Paris and Eastern France. Hobbies for **William Miller** (West Chester, PA) include woodwork, carvings and art projects. He and his wife Bette are selling their cottage in Maine and have applied for a retirement community in Pennsylvania. **Lynn Huston** (Erie, PA) hasn't been able to do his wood projects or travel recently due to back operations. But, he has continued to help with repair projects at his church.

According to **Kerney Craft** (Abita Springs, LA), his job is to stay retired. "I'm enjoying my marriage of 62 years along with my children and grandchildren," says Kerney. "I also participate and support my local church." **Jerry Bennett** (Walnut Creek, CA) still works at the Home Depot and helps with payroll systems at the Pacific Maritime Association. Formerly with Kaiser Oakland, CA, in Revenue Services, Jerry rebuilds porches, explores UFO reports and studies the history of Belize, South America. **Betty Lou Koska** (Winnemucca, NV) volunteered at the yearly fair and attended the rodeo.

Finally retired, **Kenneth Scannapiego** (Cleveland, TN) looks forward to traveling for pleasure rather than business. "All of my seven grandchildren live in very close proximity. Consequently, I get to 'volunteer' for services," he says. Ken worked for Kaiser at Gramercy, LA, from July 1995 to January 1999.

Geraldine Rose (Boonville, CA), formerly of Kaiser Operations Research in Oakland, CA, remembers 1964 as a very important year. "I both entered and then



Jed Daniel (left) came up from California to present an informative presentation on VEBA. Over 70 retirees, including many from Mead Works, attended the luncheon at the Eagles in Spokane Valley, WA.

left the convent that year," she says. In order to afford a car and attend college, Geraldine got a job for Kaiser in Oakland, CA. "I worked in accounts payable and spent all my time paying the corporation's phone bill," she says. Geraldine worked in a variety of department for over 12 years before leaving to complete her education.

Patsy Schroder (Anchorage, AK) spent part of last summer at her 60th high school reunion in Toppenish, WA. Not only did Pat see old classmates, she set up meetings with her fellow workers at Mead Works, WA, including **Cheryl Hockberger** and **Lynda Betts**. The three friends met in Spokane, WA, and had lunch with **Pat Beeman**, dinner with **Pat Rossini**, coffee with **Gerry Gemmill** and breakfast with a group of their former supervisors. "It was wonderful to see so many old friends. All of us were Mead retirees."

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Married for 22 years, **Dick Lemyre** (Port Washington, NY) and his wife Barbara moved back to Long Island, NY, where both had attended high school. "We were high school sweethearts, but we both married others, raised families and were widowed," Dick explains. "We're excited to be only 40 minutes from New York City and anticipate taking advantage of concerts, Broadway shows, museums and all the excitement of the city."

Wayman Sloan (Mesquite, TX) recently moved into the Christian Cove Center retirement home but he still likes to travel when able. Gem cutting and woodworking are favorite hobbies of **Joseph Samrow** (Gramercy, LA). After 33 years as a charter boat captain for fishing excursions, **Frank Gerlach** (Harborcreek, PA) has officially retired. His nine grandchildren, plus serving on nine boards, gives him little time for the fishing, gardening and cooking he also enjoys. Retired from Frostburg State University, **Maxine Blair** (Frostburg, MD) now has more time for distance walking and visiting her grandsons who attend West Virginia University.

Roger Olson (Lake Havasu City, AZ) divides his time between fishing, four-wheeling in his jeep and volunteering

with the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank. Dancing hula for nine years keeps **Michele Tarkington** (Castro Valley, CA) in fine shape. "I danced at the Aloha Festival in August," says the former KACC worker. Former Ravenswood, WV, employee **Darwin Ekstrom** (Polson, MT) works one day a week at his local food bank. "We also moved from Cherry Orchard on the East Shore of Flathead Lake, MT, into Polson," he says. Archery and bow hunting are **Thomas Paxton's** (Charleston, WV) favorite hobbies. The former Maintenance and Production Supervisor at Kaiser's Pot Repair plant has traveled to Canada, Texas, Wyoming and many more states to hunt. He is also an elder at the 1st Presbyterian Church – Nitro, WV.

Joseph Reger (Meridian, ID) loves restoring and showing classic cars. He and his wife Melba recently attended the Early Ford V-8 Western National meet in Thousand Oaks, CA, where his 1946 Lincoln Continental Convertible took the top award – the Dearborn Emeritus. "The car is one of only 201 manufactured by the Ford Motor Company in 1946," Joe explains. "I have just acquired a 1946 Mercury Convertible that I hope to finish restoring in about a year," said the former Oakland, CA, corporate employee.

John Billips (Liberty Lake, WA) still enjoys a good golf game as well as gardening, cooking and reading. Meanwhile, **Cathy Peterson** (Plano, TX) finds time for genealogy and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The former Akron, OH, Sales Office employee also works



Joe Reger (right) and his wife Melba attended the Early Ford V-8 Western National meet in Thousand Oaks, CA.

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three days a week in an accounting office. Running four miles every day keeps **Gordon Gane** (Pleasanton, CA) in shape. He also plays harps, dulcimers and a classical music ukulele daily and always has multiple art projects going. **Mary "Betty" Mills** (Slidell, LA) thanks VEBA for the yearly dividend. "It helps with my medicine," she says. **Aprina Leavy** (Oakland, CA) enjoys singing, walking and acting.

Former Ravenswood, WV, employee **Sherry Hellyer** (Ravenswood, WV), surviving spouse of **Homer Hellyer**, recently retired after 60 years of working – first at a grocery store, then at Sherry's Bar and Grill and, finally, at Sherry's Beauty Shop. "I may still do hair for the sick, but right now I'm adjusting to being retired," says Sherry, who also follows her granddaughter's career in fast pitch softball. Granddaughters Molly and Sally kept **Lee Corder** (Ravenswood, WV) in great shape. "They spent 10 days with us, and I think we swam 85 times," he says. **Ralph Fleming, Jr.** (Parkersburg, WV) spends his time cutting his grass. Working his 3,000 acres of timber and spending time with his family are top priorities for **Hollis Johnson** (Alamo, GA).

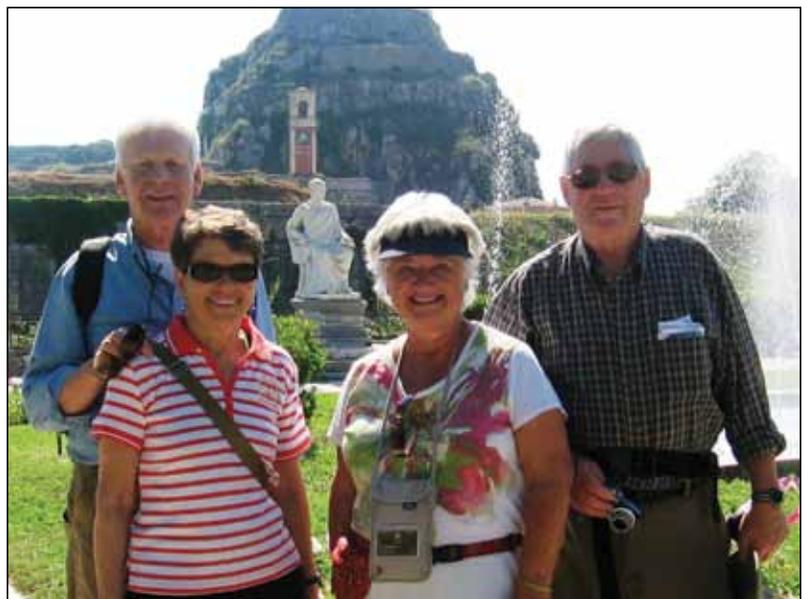
Traveling Near and Far . . .

Raymond Ferrev (Valrico, FL) went on his 53rd cruise over December to celebrate his 62nd anniversary. Also traveling during December was **Bruce Wilson** (Pleasanton, CA) who went to Costa Rica with his

wife Mary Louise and son Steve. **Don Woodward** (Oakbrook, IL) and 13 members of his family toured the beaches of Normandy and the World War I areas in Belgium and France this past summer. "Our years with KACC helped make it possible to take such a wonderful vacation," says Don.

William Croushore (New Albany, IN) and his wife Linda attended the Kentucky Derby in May with their grandson Dylan. The former Erie, PA, Forge worker still works at Morgan, Inc. and enjoys golfing and boating. **Tom Brattebo** (Liberty Lake, WA) recently cruised the Greek Isles with fellow Kaiser retiree **Roy Twining** and his wife Betty. Roy also attended his wife Bette's high school reunion in New Hampshire.

Also cruising were **Will Roussel** (Baton Rouge, LA) and his wife Margaret. "We spent two weeks on a Mediterranean cruise from Barcelona to Venice," Will says. The former Personnel and HR Manager for Gramercy Works, LA, is presi-



Tom and Bette Brattebo (on left) and Betty and Roy Twining cruised the Mediterranean recently and stopped off at Corfu, Greece. Bette, Tom and Roy all worked at Trentwood, WA.

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dent of his AARP chapter as well as his local Lions Club. Long-time Kaiser employees, **TJ and Sue Summerson** (Spokane, WA), attended the ASTM (American Standards of Testing Materials, International) November technical meetings in New Orleans, LA. Committee G01 on Corrosion of Metals was celebrating their 50th year anniversary and TJ was recognized as a charter member. At these same meetings, TJ participated in the presentation of the prestigious Award of Merit to **Jim Sanderson** for his efforts over the past 20 years in Committee B07 on Light Metal Standards.



Ray Bates and Gary Bennett reminiscid at Trentwood's December luncheon.

William Reeve (Gresham, OR) took boat trips on Puget Sound, the Olympic Peninsula and several lakes. **Len Sedlin** (Baton Rouge, LA) and his wife took three of their grandchildren on a cruise from Boston, MA, around Nova Scotia and down the St. Lawrence River to Quebec City and Montreal. When at home, Len volunteers with the Louisiana Naval War Memorial (USS Kidd) and serves as president of the Score Association Louisiana District.

Kirk McVean (Walnut Creek, CA) and his wife Nancy traveled to Europe last summer to visit their son and daughter-in-law in Vienna, Austria. They went on to Lisbon and stopped in Normandy to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

Cruises to Mexico and the Panama Canal as well as trips to Hawaii, kept **Russ and Lee Radach** (Porterville, CA) very busy. Russ worked at Kaiser Oakland, CA, in the tax department while Lee worked at the Center for Technology in Pleasanton, CA. "Our seven children and some of our grandchildren gave us a fantastic 40th anniversary party in February and then a cruise to Alaska," says Russ. "When home, we are very busy with lots of pot-lucks, BBQ's and game playing."

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the day, it comes down to life being a "gift". Our "gift" always is to make music with all that we have, and then, when that is no longer possible, to make music with all that we have left.

Hope the year 2015 brings you joy, health, prosperity and wonderful memories!

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Jan 5, Feb 2 **Los Angeles**
Lunch is usually held on the first Monday of each month at The Elephant Bar, 1403 Firestone Ave., La Mirada. Contact Bob O'Leary at (714) 898-7463 to confirm time and location.

Jan 8, Feb 12 **Mead**
Lunch 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, North Division St. Contact Danny Pertuss (509) 483-2171 or dpjr70@comcast.net to confirm.

Jan 17, Feb 21 **Erie**
Breakfast 8:30 a.m. at Shirley's Country Kitchen, Wattsburg Rd., Erie. Contact Tim Healy (814) 474-3536 to confirm.

Jan 30 **Belpre**
Breakfast 9:00 a.m. at Shoney's Restaurant, Garfield Ave., Parkersburg. RSVP to Betty Blair (304) 489-1337 or Betty-lou13@suddenlink.net. Visitors always welcome.

Feb 10 **Newark**
Lunch 11:00 a.m. at Stacy's Hometown Buffet, Heath. Lunch is paid for by the Newark plant. Contact Bill Snider (740) 403-8328 or colbill44@roadrunner.com.

Mar 4 **Chalmette**
Lunch 11:00 a.m. at La Rosetta Trattoria, 348 Robert Blvd., Slidel. Cost remains at \$20. Contact Chuck Schimmel at (985) 643-0437 or schimcol@aol.com to confirm.

Mar 17 **Trentwood**
Meet at 11:00 a.m. at The Valley Eagles, 16801 Sprague Ave., Hot lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Mead retirees are always welcome. Following lunch, guest speaker will be Jayne Singleton, Director – Spokane Valley Heritage Museum. Contact Steve Harvey (509) 924-1132 or slharv3y@comcast.net.



Joe Drennan, Howard Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Dot Creel and Dot Drennan had fun at Chalmette's December luncheon.

In Memoriam

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Patrick H. Blake - Baton Rouge, LA
Sherwood J. Gray
Colorado Springs, Co
Edwin J. Doody - Baton Rouge, LA
George L. Earle - La Cross, IN
Phillip E. Hudson - Ravenswood, WV
Stuart Martin King - Spring, TX
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Francis M. Krill - Topsham, ME
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James S. McEacharn - El Paso, TX
Mary V. Riffle - East Brunswick, NJ
Alphonse "Al" G. Schroeck, Jr.
Baton Rouge, LA
Kenneth A. Shaw - Charleston, WV
Margareta A. Sullivan - Arcata, CA

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.