



Doug Mann
KASRA President

Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Retirees and Surviving Spouses:

I hope you all had a very happy and healthy 4th of July. This holiday always brings back fond memories of my childhood days full of fireworks, parades, good food and good friends.

Every year in July we hold our annual membership drive. Each of you will receive a letter from me accompanying the hard copy of the July newsletter indicating your current dues status.

For those of you who already are KASRA members, I thank you for your ongoing support, and I encourage every one to fill out and return the green "Dues Renewal" form enclosed.

Unfortunately, each July the post office returns a number of non-delivered mail marked "no forwarding address." So it's important you keep us posted whenever you change your address. By doing so, you can be sure that you are being kept informed on any matters arising on both KASRA and the VEBA.

I encourage those of you who have allowed your membership to lapse to please rejoin. We miss you!

If you have any questions about VEBA or your qualified benefit amount for 2017, please direct your inquiries to the Delta Fund Administrators, LLC, P.O. Box 2308, Stockton, CA95201-2308. You can also telephone them toll free at (888) 344-8322.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support of KASRA. It truly wouldn't exist without your participation. So keep in touch, tell us what's going on with you and send along those pictures!

That's it for now, folks! So until the next issue, stay well and keep busy!

All the best!

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

Doug Mann
President, KASRA

Visit website at
www.e-kasra.com

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 . . .

Retirement is not in **Jack Lashover's** (Baton Rouge, LA) vocabulary. The former Kaiser Gramercy employee recently presented a two-part lecture entitled "Process Control in the Chemical Industry" to Tulane University's Chemical Engineering seniors. "At the invitation of the faculty, I presented examples and solutions to industrial process control problems to help the students relate to what they were learning," says Jack. Teaming up with **Franz Vogt**, another Kaiser retiree and alumni of Tulane, Jack is assisting Tulane's Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Department to add new laboratory experiments, which will provide state of the art learning experiences for the students. "The laboratories are housed in the Lindy Claiborne Boggs Center, a uniquely constructed building that permits advanced experimental studies with minimum environmental interference," he adds. Jack has also published eight papers, rated in the top five percent viewed on Academia.edu. But Jack's favorite accomplishment is his marriage to Faye. The couple will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on July 9.



Cliff Halstead and his wife Fern celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in May.



Jack Lashover at Valentine's Day with flowers given to him by his wife Faye. Jack and Faye will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on July 9.

Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .

Congratulations to **Cliff Halstead** (Spokane, WA) who celebrated his 93rd birthday on March 28 with a family dinner in Couer d'Alene. Among the gifts he received was a box of golf balls (Cliff plays golf most Wednesdays) and a canvas copy of the acrylic art work he painted. Attending the party was Judy Suits, the daughter of former Kaiser employee **Fred Suits**. A few months later on May 28, Cliff and his wife Fern celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They have five children.

Cliff began working for Kaiser at the Trentwood, WA, Aluminum Rolling Mill in 1946. He worked as an electrician there until 1985, but his legacy continues to this day. Every year the Board of Directors with Horizon Credit Union (formerly the Kaiser Employee Credit

(What's Going On, from Page 2)

Union) in Spokane, WA, proudly offers the Halstead Scholarship for high education in Cliff's honor. He has served on the credit union's board of directors for more than 40 years. "Cliff has exemplified honesty and perseverance throughout his career and those are the qualities that personify what we are looking for in scholarship candidates," said former Board Chairman Tom Farr.

Traveling Near and Far . . .

Diana Elder (Spokane Valley, WA) has been traveling and investigating all around the Washington area with her three daughters. They call themselves the Elder Investigation Team (ELITE), and they find former towns through the Internet and then, with a metal detector, search for evidence of habitation. "None of the artifacts found are valuable, but they provide us with a sense of history," says the 83-year-old former Mead employee. "My daughters invited me into their investigation team after I lost my husband Robert



Diana Elder (center) with daughters Jill (L) and Dani (R) unearth artifacts on former town sites.

last fall. We even have shirts and caps with ELITE on them."

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

When Kaiser sold the Alumina and Re-



Ravenswood Retirees had their Spring Fling at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV, on April 20. (L-R) seated: Ruth Mick, Rose Morris, Hazel Parsons, Gail Westenhaver, Shirley Hodge; standing: Don Waldie, Sandy Morgan, Pete Westenhaver, Peggie Ritchie, Mary Eakins, Lillian Weese, Monnie Landis, Sue Corder, Carolyn Waybright, Martin Gerwig, Helen Thomas, Doris Osborne and Dottie Whitman.

(What's Going On, continued Page 7)

MEMBER PROFILE: Klaus Adler

Klaus Adler worked for Kaiser for 33 years as part of the Management Systems Group, where he had responsibilities for both corporate and division systems. He and his wife, Lucy, have two children and two grandchildren. Lucy passed away August 6, 2016, just three weeks before their 55th wedding anniversary. Klaus lives in the family home in Walnut Creek, CA.

Tell us about your family?

I was born in Germany, but in 1956, at the age of 23, I immigrated to Canada. At that time, Canada was asking for immigrants. I had been reading about Canada and America and was impressed with the life style and people. Especially in the U.S., I felt I would have more opportunities than in Germany, which was still recovering from the war. I moved to the United States in 1958 and joined the Air Force. They thought I had enough smarts to learn computers so they trained me. Fortunately for me, I was stationed in the Philippines, where I met my future wife, Lucy A Filipino, who worked in the same department. We started dating and married in 1961 -- the same year I became a U.S. citizen. When I got out of the service, Blue Cross hired



Klaus and Lucy with their daughter Nicole at Nicole's 1995 graduation from the University of Santa Cruz in California.

me, and we moved to Oakland, CA.

Lucy and I had a wonderful marriage. We have a son, Heiko, who lives in San Francisco, CA, and a daughter, Nicole, who lives in Oakland with her husband and our two grandchildren. The oldest grandchild starts high school next year.

You got involved with Kaiser because of a lunch time walk, right?

Yes. Blue Cross was right across the street from the Kaiser Building. At lunch time, we'd walk around Lake Merritt, and one day I ran into someone who worked for Kaiser, Ed Crowe. We started talking about our jobs, and as we were leaving to go back to work, he mentioned he was looking for a systems analyst. He asked me to come over and talk to him about it. I ended up being hired a few weeks later.

What was your job like at Kaiser?

I designed new systems and kept old ones running error free. This was at a time when computers took up the entire third floor of the Kaiser Center in Oakland.

My first assignment was to test, install and maintain the Corporate Accounting System (CAS). Bud Caro designed the system, and I think most of the accountants will remember it – both the good and the bad! When I started, we only had one data center in Oakland. Trentwood and Ravenswood had computer systems as well. But, all accounting data had to be sent to Oakland for input to the CA System.

It's ironic that my first assignment turned out many years later to be my most challenging job when Kaiser decided to decentralize the data center in Oakland.

(Members Profile, from Page 4)

Each plant would have its own computer hardware and accounting systems. That meant finding replacement accounting systems for CAS, installing computers and hiring programmers at the plants.

Also, a challenging assignment, but on a smaller scale, involved putting in a new computer system for Tom Morris, the

Manager of VALCO in Ghana. No one in Ghana could sell me the equipment so Jerry Lambert, our purchasing agent, assisted in finding everything we needed in the U.S. and shipping it to Ghana. IBM had to train local people on the IBM equipment. VALCO programmers went to New Jersey for six months to learn the software.



Klaus showing off his prize sturgeon.



Klaus Adler (far right) with a gathering of accountants from Europe at the rooftop garden at Kaiser Center in Oakland, CA

Through my entire career, I was fortunate in having worked with a great team of people such as Blanca Ostrovsky, Don Bristol and so many others.

Did you stay in Oakland for most of your career with Kaiser?

Yes, but I also traveled quite a bit to the other plants – Trentwood, WA; Ravenswood, WV; Mead, WA; Baton Rouge, LA; Newark, OH; Tacoma, WA, and more. I also went overseas to Hawaii, Germany and three times to Jamaica and to VALCO in Ghana.

What was the most gratifying part of your career?

The most gratifying and fun part of working for Kaiser was being assigned to Germany in 1970. My parents were still living there and my sister and her family lived in Switzerland, so we had many family reunions during our two years in Germany.

While most of the Americans who worked in Germany lived in Frankfurt, Lucy and I lived in Andernach on the

Send KASRA Your News & Pictures

Write us your news, travels, stories... humorous tales welcome. Send a note to Sally Hogarty, P.O. Box 84, Canyon, CA 94516 or sallyhogarty@gmail.com.

* Photos encouraged.

(Members Profile, from Page 5)

Rhein River. We found a house with a real kitchen. At that time, most places in Germany didn't have full kitchens. Andernach was very beautiful but, since it was a small town, everyone expected you to speak German. That meant Lucy had to learn enough German to do the shopping.

I worked at the Koblenz plant and helped design and program an Order Entry System, but I also traveled to Berlin and other European plants for various assignments.

Lucy and I had many visits from friends in the U.S. and Kaiser people vacationing in Europe who would drop by for a few days. Living in Germany also allowed us the opportunity to travel to many other European countries, which we loved.

When did you retire from Kaiser?

I retired in 1997. I started in 1964 and watched Kaiser evolve into this great company, I was there at the end, which



Klaus and Lucy enjoy Russeau Gorge in New Hampshire in October of 1999.



Lucy (L) and Klaus (R) in a 1997 trip to Ireland.

was terrible. With Henry Kaiser and Edgar Kaiser gone, the company was sold and Houston became the corporate headquarters. When I got the option to get an early out, I took it.

What did you do after retiring from Kaiser?

Lucy and I traveled a lot. We went back to Germany, picked up a new car at the factory and drove all over Germany and Austria. We also made trips to Canada, Ireland, Switzerland and Italy. Traveling to the East Coast here in the U.S. to enjoy the fall colors, as well as going to New Orleans for Mardi Gras was wonderful.

My wife and I were both very involved with the Pastoral Council at our church, and I chaired the Stewardship Committee for seven years.

Since Lucy passed away, I don't travel any more. I spend my time taking care of the house and garden, enjoying the grandchildren and swimming six days a week to stay in shape.

(What's Going On, from Page 3)

duction plants in VALCO, Ghana, **Frank Davis Jr.** (Ft. Myers, FL) went to work for Noranda Aluminum in New Madrid, MI. He retired as Vice President and Plant Manager in 2015 and now enjoys life in Florida.

Hazel Parsons (Ripley, WV) reports that Kaiser retirees have been very busy in her area. On April 20, the Ravenswood Retirees held their annual Spring Fling luncheon at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. The Jackson County Senior Gospel Choir provided the entertainment. Then, on May 10, the Retired Kaiser Women, totaling 481 years of service at the Ravenswood plant between them, met at the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Ripley, WV. The group has been getting together for the past 17 years with some of the members beginning their work at Kaiser in January of 1956.

Best Wishes . . .

We hope that **Betty Lou Koska** (Winnemucca, NV), who fell at her local Walmart store, is healing quickly.

Condolences to **Charles Schimmel** (Slidell, LA) whose wife **Jaqueline** passed away in May and to **Irene Smith** (Newark, OH) who lost her husband **Robert** in April. Irene had worked for Kaiser at the Newark facility, while Robert worked for the Newark Telephone Company.

Our condolences also go to the families of **Mildred Barber**, **Thelma Chaney**, **Erline Fields** (surviving spouse of **Conrad Fields**), **Margaret Joslin**, **Gloria Marcotte** (surviving spouse of **Steven Marcotte**), **Audrey McGoey**, **Coramae Mohondro**, **Lora Neal** and **Elizabeth Reinking** (surviving spouse of **Willard Reinking**).

In Memoriam

*Dorothy S. Asher
Slidell, LA*

*Joan C. Bankston
Denison, TX*

*David C. Benedict
Carmichael, CA*

*Robert E. Farris
San Pedro, CA*

*James E. Finch
Greenville, NC*

*Dean A. Gressley
Roanoke, IN*

*James J. Guinther
Millwood, WV*

*George M. Johnston
Ashburn, GA*

*John D. Odom, Sr.
Pride, LA*

*Willard A. Reinking
Ogden, UT*

*Willard Henry "Will" Schnieder
Castro Valley, CA*

*Arnold Silva
Bristol, RI*

*David I. (Ian) Smith
Roseville, CA*

*William B. Wood
Edmond, OK*

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.

P.O. Box 1171
Lafayette, CA 94549
(925) 685-1313

E-Mail:
news@e-kasra.com

KASRA Board of Directors

Doug Mann
President

Erach Tarapore
Treasurer

Steve Ping
Secretary

Directors

Klaus Adler
Ed Coyne
Tim Parker
Charles Schimmel
Norm Schwemberger
Tom Summerson
Mike Venie
Dave Whitman

Board Advisors

Steve Abernathy
Chris Laszcz-Davis
Ed Quinnan
Ed Westerman

We're on the Web!
See us at:

www.e-kasra.com

Belpre

Lunch at 12 p.m. at Western Sizzlin Parkersburg. Contact Betty Blair at (304) 489-1337 or email bettylou13@sudden-link.net.

Chalmette

Lunch at 11 a.m. at NOLA Lagniappe, 1375 Gause Blvd., Slidell. Cost \$20 Contact Chuck Schimmel at (985) 643-0437 or email schimcol@aol.com.

Erie

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Peggy's, 3512 Liberty Street., Erie. Contact Tim Healy at (814) 402-1062 or email thealy1931@gmail.com.

Los Angeles

Lunch at noon at Marie Callendar's, 540 N. Euclid, West Anaheim. Contact Bob O'Leary at (714) 898-7463 or email robemmet39@gmail.com.

Mead

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, North Division St. Contact Danny Petrus at (509) 483-2171 or email

Aug 26

dpjr70@comcast.net.

Newark

Lunch at 11 a.m. at Stacey's Hometown Buffet, Heath. Lunch paid for by the Newark plant. Contact Bill Snider at (740) 403-8328 or email colbill44@roadrunner.com.

Ravenswood

Lunch at 12 p.m. at Cedar Lakes. Contact Pete Westenhover at (304) 266-4109 or email Pete26164@gmail.com or Lee Corder at (304) 273-9457.

Trentwood

Meet 11 a.m. Hot Meal served 11:30 a.m. at Valley Eagles, 16801 E. Sprague Ave. Contact Steve Harvey at (509) 924-1132, or email slharv3y@comcast.net or TJ Summerson at (509) 448-1228 or email tsummerson@aol.com.

Bay Area (KARLA)

Holiday luncheon will held at San Ramon Golf Club on Monday December 11 at 11 am. Contact Sharon Fraetis at lafnatv@gmail.com or 925-330-8533.

Sep 6

Sep 7

Jul 15, Aug 19, Sep 16

Oct 17, Nov 14

Jul 10, Aug 7, Sep 4

Jul 13, Aug 10, Sep 14

Aug 8

Sep 7

Oct 17, Nov 14

Dec 11



Retired Kaiser women enjoyed a luncheon meeting on May 10 at the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Ripley, WV. (L-R) first row: Thelma King, Donna Keller, Hazel Parsons, Carolyn Waybright, Glenna Witchy, Ellie Keffer; second row: Monnie Landis, Ingrid Lee, Phyllis Hunt; third row: Lillian Weese, Jeanne Casto, Shirley Hodge, Mary Eakins, Rosita Morris and Debbie Thaxton.