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### *Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association*

#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENTS**

Dear Fellow Retirees/  
Surviving Spouses:

our past president, Doug Mann and his family. He has been courageously fighting his illness and doing it with tremendous grace.

We hope all of you have experienced an extraordinary fall and stayed safe and healthy. Our hearts and prayers go out to all who were negatively affected by the massive natural disasters that affected our country over the past few months.

Our membership drive this past July included the mailing of a membership renewal card and return envelope, a “What are you doing?” card for you to share any personal news, and the July 2017 newsletter. A high percentage of past members have renewed for another year. Please continue to share you life’s events with us!

This newsletter is a bit different than those in the past. There is now a council of three representing KASRA instead of a single president. We (Steve Ping, Erach Tarapore and Mike Venie) are all Kaiser Aluminum retirees who have volunteered to share this role until such time that a single qualified person is selected for the position. We all have experience on the Board of Directors, so it was rather straightforward for us to take on the duties of our outgoing president, Doug Mann.

Your \$10 yearly dues help to offset the cost of publishing/distributing the newsletter six times per year, but is not sufficient to fully cover these costs. The balance is sourced from our fund reserves, which originated from very generous donations from Kaiser retirees more than 25 years ago.

To refresh your memories on what we did while working for Kaiser, you can go to [www.e-kasra.com](http://www.e-kasra.com) (the KASRA website) and see the September 2017 newsletter that profiled Mike, the March 2017 newsletter that profiled Erach and the July 2014 newsletter that profiled Steve. We are currently deciding which of the president’s duties will be handled by each of us, but the transition to a shared-president position is proceeding smoothly, although cautiously.

These same retirees did much of the work to organize KASRA. It was their foresight and hard work, along with the strong leadership of the follow-on KASRA leaders who legally fought for and eventually won in bankruptcy court the Kaiser Aluminum payout that now funds our yearly health care costs reimbursement through VEBA. We owe these many past KASRA leaders very high praise indeed!

Please continue sending your prayers for

In a future newsletter, we will describe the way VEBA is organized so you all can appreciate the fine work being done by the VEBA team. If you ever have questions about VEBA or your qualified

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Accomplishments . . .

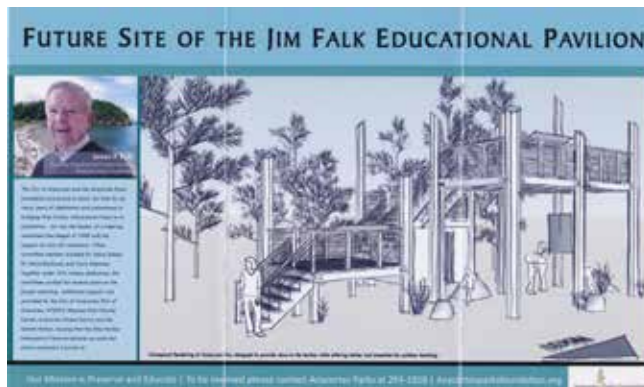
**Jim Falk** (Anacortes, WA), who worked for Kaiser at Trentwood, WA, Oakland, CA, Ravenswood, WV, Grand Prairie, TX, Hong Kong, China, and Cleveland, OH, enjoys underwater photography, golfing, boating, music and volunteer work. He has had extensive travel experiences in China, Indonesia, Australia, and other Southeast Asian countries, mostly to pursue his love of scuba diving. Jim is most proud of his role founding the Anacortes Parks Foundation and Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve. You can go online to [Anacortesparksfoundation.org](http://Anacortesparksfoundation.org) for details. There's a large sign on the trail which honors Jim. Placed by the city, it reads, "Future Site of the Jim Falk Educational Pavilion." The pavilion will provide views to the harbor and offer amenities for outdoor teaching.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .

**Grant T. Facer** (Las Vegas, NV), who last worked at Building Products, Oakland, CA., celebrated his 95th birthday in August. **Maurice "Moe" Eskins** (Westerville, OH) just moved from Ravenswood, WV, where he also last worked. Moe, who enjoys gardening and



**Betty and Carl Holland at a senior dance in Bay Minette, AL.**



**James Falk with an artist's rendering of the Jim Falk Educational Pavilion to be built in Anacortes, WA.**

hunting, is proud to celebrate his 65th anniversary with his wife Ceil. **Thomas A. Vicknair** (Slidell, LA) from Chalmette, LA, still loves backyard gardening, fishing, hunting, shopping and cooking. For 17 years, he has been a Deacon at Slidell's Community Christian Church. Thomas celebrated his 67th wedding anniversary on August 29.

**James W. Miller** (Rocky Point, NC) who last worked at Gramercy, LA, celebrated his 58th anniversary in July with his wife Erika and family. He even "enjoys" helping his Erika with housework. He also likes camping and really loved a June visit with Erika to Texas "to visit with our kids, grandkids and great grandkids." **Carl A. Holland** (Bay Minette, AL) celebrated 65 years of marriage with his bride Betty in June. Carl, who volunteers at his church, enjoys woodworking and music. A guitar player, Carl enjoys singing Country Bluegrass.

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

**Patricia Bondurant** (Gainesville, FL), spouse of **James O. Bondurant**, from Belpre, OH., is retired and enjoys sewing, swimming and walking while volunteering for church missions. In June, she visited her son in Daytona Beach, FL., and her daughter in Orlando, FL. **Butch**

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**Lowenthal** (Tybee Island, GA), from the A.G. Division in Savannah, GA., enjoys playing golf three days a week and interacting with his grandchildren. **Frank "Beef" Lewis** (Baton Rouge, LA), who used to golf with his wife and Don Herbert, but bemoans the fact that he can't play anymore. Lewis lives in a senior retirement home with his wife of 65 years, "Biddy." The former Gramercy, LA, employee still volunteers on Thursday at a WW II naval destroyer in Baton Rouge, LA. Though "Beef" says "I'm getting too damned old to do much," he enjoys "these news notes."

**Phyllis Glubka** (Orangevale, CA), the surviving spouse of **Vincent A. Glubka**, who passed in 2000, now lives at the Brookdale, Orangevale Senior Living facility. She says the staff keeps everybody busy with various activities. After 25 years living in one spot, **Juanita Johnson** (Spokane Valley, WA) also moved. She now has a cottage at Good Samaritan, a senior living facility. Juanita, a bridge devotee, looks forward to having someone else doing her yardwork.

**James E. Mire** (Baton Rouge, LA), loves to read, follow L.S.U. sports, and play bridge. He enjoyed traveling for 25 years, but, "is too old for that now," but he still enjoys volunteering for St. Vincent De Paul Society, which he has also done for a quarter century. Mire enjoys keeping up with people via the newsletter.

**Ray Liganell** (Kiwowood, TX), employed in the Accounting Department at Chalmette, LA., plays golf every week and serves on a local community board.

**Robert Mohr** (University Place, WA) who retired from Tacoma Reduction, enjoys walking, reading and church mission projects such as Habitat for Humanity. He notes, "My oldest daughter lives



**Thomas Vicknair and his wife celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on August 29.**

in Maastricht, Netherlands, and I spend at least a month with her family every year."

**Jeanne Haslam** (Alameda, CA) from Kaiser International in Oakland, CA., enjoys gardening and tries to do water aerobics three times a week. She recently visited Yellowstone and the Tetons with two of her daughters and described the experience as "spectacular country and a fun trip." **Joan D. Turner** (Cary, NC), whose deceased spouse **Lloyd A. Turner** last worked at Ravenswood, WV, sends her thanks to the KASRA staff "for keeping us informed."

**Robert C. Newsom** (Pleasanton, CA), who worked at Gramercy, moved to California when flooded out of his Baton Rouge, LA., house. The four feet of water stripped the house so that everything was lost except the shell. Despite going from a 2,400 square foot house to a 700-foot apartment, Robert is still upbeat. In fact, he traveled back to Baton Rouge, LA.,

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in March to visit “our daughter and her family.” Newsom, who volunteers for his “Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints,” enjoys reading, watching TV, and visiting his family.

**Frances Quick** (Glendale, CA) is known as “Grandma Quick” on the campus of Glenoaks Elementary School. The surviving spouse of **Bill Quick** spent the last 26 years reading books and telling personal stories on Friday mornings to kindergarten through third grade students. Having turned 89 in September, she has retired from her volunteer position. Since most of the books she read were from her own collection, Frances had quite a few books to dispose of. Her good friend and traveling companion, Johnnia Elkins, had mentioned that her library in Linden, TN, had a very small budget for purchasing children’s books so Frances put together eight boxes and donated them to the library. Over the years, Frances and Johnnia have traveled to Barbados, New Zealand, Alaska, Ireland and more. “While I miss reading to the children every Friday, it was time to retire,” says Frances. “I hope my books help the children of Linden develop a love of reading.”

**Alda J. Almeida** (Bristol, RI) says the rest of his life is one big vacation. “In the old days, I liked to work on my yard planting flowers and gardening. I also loved to travel but, at 91 years of age, it’s difficult to do those things now, so I guess I’m on vacation!”

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

**Carl Hinger** (Spanish Fort, AL), who last worked at Electrical Products in Bay Minnett, AL., made his annual trips this year to South Carolina to visit his daughter, to Huntsville, AL., to visit his son and to Newark, NJ, to visit friends. He still finds time to devote to his local church and to activities at the local senior center. Carl, “who always enjoys reading about our people in the KASRA News, leaves everybody with some advice: “Enjoy life and keep that body moving.” **Howard Haisley** (Spokane, WA), from Mead, enjoys puttering with old cars. In June, he and his wife took a Viking River Cruise that started in Amsterdam, Holland, and ended in Budapest, Hungary. Howard called it “very fun and interesting.” He also volunteers two days a week at home



**John Miller (far right) and his wife Marilyn had a lovely family reunion on Barbados Island in the Caribbean.**

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helping kids with reading at the elementary school.

**Elizabeth “Liz” Simon** (San Francisco, CA), a veteran of Pleasanton, just returned with her husband from a month in Asia where they cruised from Singapore to Shanghai. Along the way, they took a cooking class in Ho Chi Minh City, fed baby tigers in Thailand, and visited Korea’s DMZ. The highlight for Liz was seeing Mount Fuji, Japan, for the first time since 1969. **Margaret Cooper** (El Sobrante, CA), who worked in the Credit Department at San Ramon, CA., just came back from trips to Clear Lake, CA. (with her granddaughter and a friend), Marble Falls, TX., and New Orleans, LA. She is still very much into walking, dancing and gardening.

**Dennis English** (Venice, FL), who is into golf, landscaping and interior decorating, traveled to Gulf Shores, AL, to see children and grandchildren; to Sacramento, CA., to visit his brother; to Northern Michigan to visit siblings and families; and to Atlanta, GA, and Charleston, SC to visit friends. He also celebrated his 55th high school reunion in Lansing, MI.

**Richard E. Nowell** (Spokane Valley, WA), enjoys cooking, yard work and trav-



**Kaiser retirees enjoyed a luncheon on September 6 at NOLA Lagniappe restaurant in Slidell, LA. (L-R) Pat Arnold, Gayle Bellanger, Earl Bellanger, Kathleen Pille, Doc Incaprera, Ted Aucoin and Augie Alban.**



**George Binczewski placed a bouquet of roses on the final resting place of Henry Kaiser at Mt. View Cemetery in Oakland, CA, on the 50th anniversary of Kaiser’s death on August 24, 1967.**

el. Richard, who adds a hobby as “living at 90,” has taken vacation trips to Oregon, Idaho, Arizona and Montana. The trips included a chance to see his granddaughter graduate from Boise State University and attend Midwestern University Med School. Richard also enjoyed an Alaskan cruise.

**Cliff Rider** (San Ramon, CA), who worked in packaging in Oakland, CA, keeps active gardening and volunteering. Cliff just completed his 30th cruise, an Alaskan venture “which included a

land tour of Denali Park to celebrate my 80th birthday.”

**Theodore “Ted” Aucoin, Jr.** (Slidell, LA) is just back from a two-week Alaskan cruise. Ted highly recommends the adventure, calling the area “the most beautiful place I have ever seen.” Ted, who has a taste for family genealogy, also volunteers two days a week in the surgery waiting room at Slidell Memorial Hospital to support

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## MEMBER PROFILE: BUD CARO

**Bud Caro** worked for Kaiser for 39 years at Chalmette, LA, Ravenswood, WV, and Oakland, CA. He and his wife Marie Louise live in the retirement community of Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield, CA. They have five children, four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. As this newsletter comes out, Buddy will be celebrating his 88th birthday!

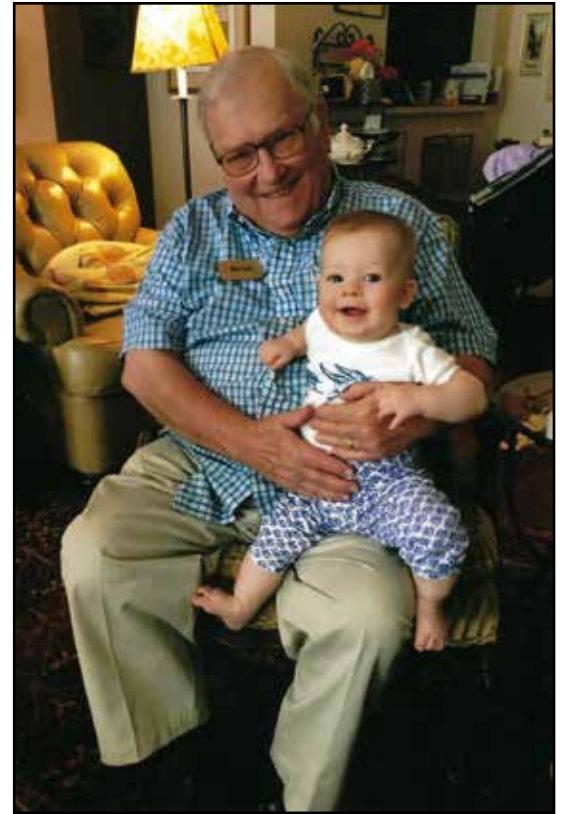
### When did you start working for Kaiser?

I started my career with Kaiser in October of 1954 at Chalmette, LA. I had graduated from Tulane in New Orleans, LA, in 1951 with a degree in accounting. I spent three years in public accounting. When I heard that Kaiser was looking for accountants, I applied and was fortunate to be hired. Initially I managed accounts payable and the accounting for the spare parts warehouse. Later assignments included production accounting, sales invoicing and cost accounting

### Did you also work at other Kaiser facilities?

I stayed at Chalmette until the spring of 1957 and then moved to West Virginia for the next six years. Kaiser operated two facilities at Ravenswood, a reduction plant and a fabricating one. I had assignments in both. One day Milt Siemers visited and talked to me about a position in Oakland, CA. That was in 1963 and, before I knew it, we found ourselves in the San Francisco Bay Area. In Oakland, we decided to live right in the city close to the Kaiser Center. My wife, Marie Louise, and I liked it so much that we stayed there after I retired from Kaiser in 1993.

My basic assignment was in Management Systems and included a significant



**Bud holds his great-granddaughter, Anna Marie Jones.**

up-grade to the Corporate Accounting System and installation throughout the domestic facilities.

I traveled quite a lot and was fortunate to see most of Kaiser's major domestic plants. I also made it to Australia, Jamaica and one trip to Brazil, although Kaiser chose not to open a plant in that country. Brazil is a beautiful place, but much of the country suffers from deep poverty.

I worked with so many great people like Tim Preece, Ed Quinnan, Klaus Adler, Jim Sparkman, Ed Coyne, Charlie Alongi and Chuck Hines. It was a wonderful company until the whole industry changed.

### What did you find most exciting about your career with Kaiser?

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My Jamaica assignments were very exciting. The government wanted to participate in the bauxite mines that Kaiser operated, and passed new legislation that we had to abide by. I worked with a handful of people to make sure the government requirements were met and that Kaiser had a good financial deal as well. In the end, we established a partnership with the government, secured rights to future bauxite and kept to a minimum any cost increases. I was fortunate to work with many people in government, as well as our staffs in Kingston and Discovery Bay.

My wife traveled with me on one of my Jamaica trips and had a really nice time. The wife of one of the Kaiser employees was a newspaper reporter, and she took Marie Louise to many tourist spots. Marie Louise saw much of the country that I never had a chance to see!

### **What was the most challenging part of your job with Kaiser?**

When I was in Oakland, CA, I worked



**Bud Caro working for Kaiser at the Corporate Offices in Oakland, CA.**

with the Treasury Department refinancing debt, managing foreign exchange, daily cash flows, etc. It was challenging, but very rewarding.

The retirement community where we live often offers tours of museums and other places. They have scheduled a tour to Kaiser Center's rooftop garden. Some of the residents asked if I would be going. I opted out. But I did enjoy that roof top garden for years.

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

I met Marie Louise when I was a college student at Tulane. After graduation, we were married and soon started our family. She postponed college. We now have four girls and one boy. When we were living in Oakland and the kids were in school, Marie Louise finally got to attend college. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a History Degree and a Master in Library Science. Hastings Law School was next. She finally achieved her dream of becoming a lawyer. She enjoyed many interesting experiences as a judicial law clerk in the Federal District Court in San Francisco and continued to work for a few years after I retired from Kaiser.

Our children are a bit spread out now, but our oldest daughter lives close by in Fairfield, CA. Two daughters live in Oregon and our son is in Nevada. Our youngest daughter lives in Vermont. Her husband is also a lawyer and both love living in Vermont. They have two teenagers that we don't see often enough. Our other two grandchildren are twins and live closer - one in Sacramento and one in Daly City, who gave us a great-granddaughter.

### **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](mailto:sallyhogarty@gmail.com).

\* Photos encouraged.

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Marie Louise and I both grew up in New Orleans and loved it as well, but we've been in California for so long, it's really home. New Orleans is so much larger now. When we were there, we didn't experience many hurricanes.

**What do you and Marie Louise enjoy doing now?**

We used to travel quite a bit but now that I'm 88, we don't often travel. We have visited most of Europe and fell in love

with Paris, France, which must be a sign of our French heritage and early years in New Orleans. There are many activities here in our retirement community. I'm on the finance committee, and I try to attend most other meetings here as well. There are quite a few retired military here at Paradise Valley, which is new to us. We have made new friends and, of course, the kids keep us busy. We often have visits from friends and distant relatives. Our last visit was from a friend from England.



Enjoying a crab feed with his family is (first row) Marie Louise, Bud, Matt Heinz (second row) Kyle Jones, granddaughter Kristin Jones, daughter Denise Harter and granddaughter Megan Heinz.

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families while they wait for a loved one in surgery.

**John Miller** (Spokane Valley, WA), who last worked in Customer Service at Trentwood, WA, and his wife Marilyn hosted their children and grandchildren to a wonderful family reunion on Barbados Island in the Caribbean. "Temperatures were in the low '90s with humidity in the high '80's and lots of sunshine and light sea breezes,"

recalls John. "The ocean is full of all kinds of creatures, including turtles and many, many fish, easily viewed with a snorkel and mask." John also advises to be sure your hotel has a swimming pool for any little ones. A highlight of the trip was a catamaran cruise. "The Bajans are a warm, friendly people with a great sense of humor, but they are also very crazy drivers," he adds. Both John and Marilyn say hi to all their Kaiser friends.

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In the meantime, please contact any one of us or go to the KASRA website and send a message if you have any questions or concerns relating to KASRA. We wish you great adventures this fall and throughout the holidays. And remember to call your Kaiser friends often to let them know how lucky you were to share a valuable part of your life with them!

All the best!

Erach Tarapore, Mike Venie and  
Steve Ping

Co-Presidents, KASRA

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### Best Wishes . . .

**Beatrice Beran** (Sarasota, FL) had a knee replacement surgery at the start of August. **Jesse Vincent** (Spokane Valley, WA) notes that his retirement plans have changed "since I had a stroke that cost me my golfing arm." He adds, however, "I am still enjoying retirement."

### Condolences . . .

Our condolences go out to **James Rambo** on the death of his wife **Jane** on August 24, 2017 and to the family of **Naomi Fern Hafner** (surviving spouse of **George Hafner**) who passed away on September 14, 2017.

## In Memoriam

*Paul L. Anderson  
Pleasanton, CA*

*Theodore R. Broscius  
Leroy, WV*

*Jack M. Donohoe  
Spokane, WA*

*Melba Y. Erickson  
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*Miriam T. Page  
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*Darrel J. O'Dell  
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**Baton Rouge** Nov 15  
Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Oak Lodge, 2834 So. Sherwood Forest Blvd. Email Bob Presson at leilap3@cox.net.

**Bay Area** Dec 11  
Holiday lunch at 11 a.m. at Wedgewood Banquet Center, San Ramon Golf Club. Contact Sharon Fraetis at (925) 934-4334 or email lafnatv@silcon.com.

**Belpre** Jan 27  
Breakfast at 9 a.m. at Shoney's, Garfield Ave., Parkersburg. Contact Betty Blair at (304) 489-1337 or email bettylou13@suddenlink.net.

**Chalmette** Dec 6  
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** Nov 18 Dec 16  
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** Nov 6 Dec 4  
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** Nov 9 Dec 14  
Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, North Division St. - Contact Danny Petruss at (509) 483-2171 or email dpjr70@comcast.net.

**Newark** Dec 12  
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** Dec 2  
Christmas Luncheon at 1 p.m. at Green Hill Country Club. Contact Pete Westenhaver at (304) 266-4109 or email Pete26164@gmail.com or call Lee Corder at (304) 273-9457.

**Tacoma** Dec 6  
Lunch at noon at Johnny's Dock, 1900 East B St., Tacoma. Contact Bob Mohr at (253) 820-6569 or Bobmohr1942@comcast.net or call Roy Brennan at (253) 535-4942.

**Trentwood** Nov 14  
Meet at 11 a.m. Hot Meal served at 11:30 a.m. at Valley Eagles 16801 E. Sprague Ave. Contact Steve Harvey at (509) 924-1132 or email slharv3y@comcast.net or call TJ Summerson at (509) 448-1228 or email tsummerson@aol.com.



Enjoying Tacoma Washington's June 7 luncheon at Johnny's Dock in Tacoma are (L-R) Clark Kenney, Clara Kenney, Sonya Whitcombe, Cathy Penson, Lindy Nelson, Diane Nelson and Dave Weaver.