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*Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association*

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE KASRA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Retirees / Surviving Spouses:

Greetings from California, where winter is just about to give way to spring. The early spring flowers are out and the days are getting warmer.

We hope you continue to enjoy the Newsletter, which is the principal means of communication amongst all of us. We would like to thank Ed Coyne and Sally Hogarty for their efforts in planning, compiling and editing each newsletter, along with fellow board members, before it goes to the printer. If there is a topic that you would like to see covered in a future edition of the newsletter, please send us your feedback at [mdb@e-kasra.com](mailto:mdb@e-kasra.com).

The newsletter is the largest single expense incurred by KASRA each year, accounting for more than 80% of our costs. It is also our most tangible and appreciated service, judging by the many comments we receive from all of you. The Board is very aware that newsletter production causes our reserves to decline at a steady pace each year. This will necessitate that some hard decisions will have to be made in the next couple of years. We will communicate with all of you as we make these decisions. We should emphasize that KASRA is totally separate from the VEBA, and the decisions KASRA makes will not affect the VEBA benefits in any way.

VEBA – This is to remind you that you have until the end of this year (December 2020) to file for your VEBA benefits for the 2019 calendar year. So, it may be a good time to collect all those necessary documents from last year and send off your request for reimbursement to the VEBA. Remember that the maximum benefit for each Family Unit in 2019 was \$4,900. If you have questions, please contact the VEBA by phone at the toll-free number of 1(888) 344-8322 or by email at [VEBA@deltafund.com](mailto:VEBA@deltafund.com).

We encourage you to send in pictures you have taken recently on vacations or backyard barbecues along with your What's Going On forms. Please identify everyone in your photos to make the pictures more meaningful to your fellow KASRA News readers. Please send photos to Sally Hogarty, our Newsletter Editor, at [sallyhogarty@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhogarty@gmail.com) or by mail to the address on your What's Going On form.

We wish everyone good health and happy travels. We look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible during the year with "What's Going On ...".

All the best!

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Accomplishments . . .

The amazing **Stephanie Mann** (Henderson, NV), surviving spouse of **Doug Mann**, has written another book, "Empowerment Parenting: How to Raise Resilient Children Who Become Happy, Self-reliant Adults." She will have a book signing at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda, on March 2 from 7 – 9 p.m. When Doug passed several years ago, Stephanie moved from Orinda to Nevada to be near her daughter and became involved with the Las Vegas Coalition Against Sex Trafficking. "Child sex trafficking is the fastest growing crime in America," says Stephanie, who founded Safe Kids Now (safekidsnow.com) and has written five crime prevention books/guides.



**Les Stone of the Spokane "Prime Timers" on the slopes of Mt. Spokane.**

### Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .

A Belated Happy Birthday to **Stuart (Bud) Rother** (Lake Wylie, SC) who turned 90 in January. He also celebrated his 67th wedding anniversary with his wife Ann the same month. Bud, who retired from Kaiser's Refractories, also en-

joys traveling. This past year he has been to Brooksville, FL, Seneca, SC and Birmingham, AL. He is also a volunteer with the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce and is active in the local Lions Club.



**Stuart Rother celebrating his 90th birthday with his wife of 67 years Ann and granddaughter Alex.**

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

After 22 years living in Camarillo, CA, **Sally Sittel**, surviving spouse of **Richard Sittel**, moved to Canyon Country, CA, to be nearer to her daughter, Virginia. "At 89, I have bought a small home in a retirement community and keep quite busy with its many activities," she writes. "I haven't found a duplicate bridge game yet but hope to soon!"

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Congratulates to **Shirley Sorensen** (Alameda, CA) on welcoming her first great granddaughter. Romi Rose Dunn was born Dec. 20, 2019. "She is so beautiful, and we are so proud," says Shirley. When not enjoying the new addition to her family, Shirley likes to play bridge.

**Betty Jane Webster** (White City, OR) says everything is fine and that she fills her time with music and reading. **William (Bill) Tolley** (Litchfield, IL) recently moved into an assisted living facility and would love to hear from his Kaiser friends. The 87-year-old previously worked for the Kaiser Agricultural Chemical Company. He can be reached at btolley99@consolidated.net or at 217-324-1532. **Alda Almeida** (Bristol, RI) reports that everything is fine with him. "I'm alive still and that is a good thing," he says.

### **Best Wishes . . .**

Our condolences to **Joseph (Joe) Lafond** (Centennial, CO), who lost his wife **Dot** in November. Following her death, he sold their home and moved to Colorado to be close to their four children. Formerly with the Kaiser Extrusion Plant in La Mirada, CA, Joe enjoys interacting with his 16 grandchildren and nine great grands! Our condolences also to **Charles Cager** (New Orleans, LA) who lost his wife **Harriet** in November. Charles had worked for Kaiser in Tacoma, Spokane and Chalmette.

Best wishes to the families of **Elizabeth Chauvin**, surviving spouse of **Lucien Chauvin**; **Shirley Foley**, surviving spouse of **Tom Foley**; and **Barbara Dell VandeVanter**, surviving spouse of **Harley VandeVanter**.



Spokane "Prime Timers" enjoy lunch and a day of skiing at Mt. Spokane ski area. (L-R) Joe Roberts, Dave Williams, Tom Brattebo, Bette Brattebo, John Dorosh and Mary Dorosh.

## MEMBER PROFILE: M.E. "PAT" DAVEY

**Pat Davey** began his working career at the age of 15 running the family gas station and garage in Spokane, WA, but went on to work around the world in international operations, engineering and maintenance management. The 93-year-old lives in Spokane, WA, and has six surviving children (his eldest son passed away), 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

### Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in Spokane, WA. My Dad died of Tetanus in Modesto, CA, three months before I was born. My mother moved back to Spokane, WA. My father's parents and my mom decided that I should spend the summer of 1932 with my grandparents on their homestead ranch in Chesaw, WA. I still remember mom taking me to the Greyhound bus and giving me to the bus driver. The bus only went to Orville, about 20 miles away from Chesaw, where the bus driver took me to the Post Office and gave me to the mailman who delivered me to Chesaw.

Back in Spokane, my mom eventually re-married and my stepdad had a gas station and garage. He taught me how to use the cash register when I was just a little guy. Just prior to World War II, he had taken a six-month leave to drive a gasoline



**Pat Davey joined the Navy in 1944.**

tanker truck and trailer and was frozen to that job when the war started. I was 15, and he left me in charge of the station. I hired my first full time employee, Elmo



**Pat Davey working on the box car unloader project at Mead Works.**

Solseng, to run the station while I was at high school. After high school and on weekends, that's where you'd find me. Lots of our customers were Kaiser employees, so I had a good feeling about the company from early on. I graduated from high school in June of 1944 and joined the Navy in October of that year.

When I worked at Kaiser Mead, Elmo was working for Kaiser. Later, he worked at Valco in Ghana where he was one of my Maintenance Foremen.

### How did you end up at Kaiser?

When I was discharged from the Navy in 1946, my stepdad had started building houses, so I took back our gas station. I soon decided, however, to go into the trucking business hauling Kaiser Frazier cars from Willow Run, Michigan to Seattle, WA.

I married my first wife and decided I needed more education, so I went to college using the GI Veterans' Bill. I graduated from what was then Washington State College (now WSU) with a BS in Mechanical Engineering in June of 1953. I wanted to stay in Spokane and my one local job offer

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was from Kaiser. I started working in metallurgical research at Trentwood Works on temperature testing of new alloys with Al Scott, Tom Summerson, Fred DeMoney, Don Dewar and Elmer Wilson. But research wasn't really my thing, so after two years, I transferred to Mead Works where I implemented the first computerized maintenance PM program in the Kaiser Reduction Division. I was also the Project Engineer for new shot casting and ore unloading facilities and assisted in design and construction of Mead's first rolling ingot casting facilities.

#### **How did you meet your current wife?**

I was divorced, living in Tacoma and working at Mead Works with Jim Swan, Steve Pope and so many other wonderful people, when a neighbor invited me over for dinner. He had also asked his sister Edith to join us. We hit it off and started dating. I had gone down to Chalmette, LA, to look at some casting equipment for Kaiser, and when I got back to Tacoma, I found out I was being transferred to New Orleans. I called Edith and told her I didn't want to go down there alone and asked: "How about marrying me?" She said yes and we had a wonderful 48 years together. She had four children by a previous marriage, and I had three, so we had quite a crew together. She passed away seven years ago.

#### **Tell us a little about your Kaiser career.**

I was blessed with many excellent employees, staff and mentors during my Kaiser career, allowing me to enter each new assignment and country with enthusiasm. I wish I had room to mention them all. My career involved lots of travel. Luckily, both Edith and I loved to travel. She and the kids traveled with me on long term assignments in Ghana,



**Pat Davey at a social event in Tema, Ghana.**

Bahrain and North Wales. She was such a wonderful lady and got along great with everyone.

First assignment, Mead Chief Engineer Don Courtright was transferred to Tasmania as Project Manager of the first Billet Casting station in Australia, but he had a non-work problem and needed to return home. I was sent over to finish the project and was there about five months and worked with Ian Read. Upon my return, I was still assigned to Mead but doing a project in Tacoma with Rich Cable, Mac McAdams, Don Gibson and Dick Finch. About this time, I was transferred to Chalmette Works, LA, as Maintenance General Foreman for Propertzi Continuous Rod Casting.

About a year later, I was transferred to Volta Aluminum in Tema, Ghana, where I was the Chief Mechanical Engineer during construction and startup, as well as conducting weekly oversight visits to the Volta River Dam and being responsible for both the electric power supply and a new water works supply for the country. Next, I was Maintenance Manager and then Production Manager for production operations in this 150,000 ton-per-year aluminum reduction plant. I also managed

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#### **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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design review construction and startup of a fourth potline, which increased production 33%.

In 1972, after six and one-half years in Ghana, I was transferred to Manama, Bahrain for two years and worked with Ron Schutz, Bob Walls, John Cook, Lloyd Amos and Lee Hunt. As Plant Manager, I was responsible for a 120,000-ton aluminum reduction plant employing 3,000 people. The plant was not designed by Kaiser and had massive start-up and operational problems.

Then Edith, I and the kids found ourselves back in the United States at Kaiser's Corporate offices in Oakland, CA, for a year before being transferred to Anglesey Aluminum in Holy Head, North Wales, in 1974. It was very gratifying to take this 104,000-ton plant employing 800 people and, in two years, change it from operating at less than 50% capacity (with massive monthly losses) to operating at 90% capacity with a significant monthly profit.

Following our adventures in North Wales, Edith and I came back to Mead Works

in Spokane, WA, for a year before going to Ravenswood, WV, for two years where I was Plant Manager.

In 1979, I was back in Oakland at the corporate office as Engineering and Maintenance Manager for all nine smelters. I retired in 1982.

### **Did you continue working after retiring from Kaiser?**

I became a self-employed consultant working for a group of Spokane businesses, who wanted to design, construct and operate a large aluminum can recycling plant in Spokane, and I also worked on the relocation of an aluminum reduction plant.

In 1984, I became the Vice President and Operations General Manager for Energy Products of Idaho in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Then I decided to retire again.



**Pat Davey at 93.**



**(L-R) Plant Manager Pat Davey, Safety Officer Norman Harvey, Minister of Labour Ibrahim Hozaldan and General Manager Ian Livingston during a tour of the power plant in Bahrain.**

At first, I kept busy remodeling our house and lake cabin and did just about everything else I could find, but it wasn't enough. I formed Davey and Associates, Inc. and went back to consulting, but this time for projects in the UK, Canada, Sweden, China, Ukraine, Russia, Argentina, Venezuela and Trinidad – all dealing with aluminum smelters. I was also a Consultant and Director of Solv-Ex, a tar sand oil refinery in Fort Mc Murray Alberta, Canada.

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Edith had become sick while we were living on the Little Spokane River, and we moved to a retirement home. She passed away in 2013.

### **What have you been doing since?**

I became more active in the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Language Center, El Katif Shrine Temple & Honorary Life Member of Abou Saud Shrine Temple in Panama.

I was also active with International Executives Service Corp. started by Hallmark. They help small companies overseas. You donate your time for around three months, but they pay for your travel and accommodations. They treat you extremely well. I even went to Krasnoyarsk Siberia and stayed at a hotel that Kaiser owned to house our employees while doing a project there.

I have had Consulting Agreements with Management Technology in Alamo CA, Venco in New York, KTD LLC in Spokane, WA, KACC Division Technology Center Spokane, Kaiser International in Spokane, WA, Hatch Engineering, Canada, Fluor Daniel Corp., CA, and Davy McKee Corp, San Ramon, CA.

Now at 93, I limit my volunteering to primarily being the leader of our Pegasus Village on the South Hill local veteran's group. We have 29 active members and have monthly breakfast meetings. There is a special bond among vets who have pledged to die for their country. We offer advice and guidance to the young ones.

I'm also fortunate that our kids live close by, so I have lots of activities with the grand kids and great grands.

## *In Memoriam*



*Kenneth Warren Bailey  
Tracy, CA*

*Earl Thomas Bellanger  
Metairie, LA*

*Jerry Botelho  
East Greenwich, RI*

*Alice Camozzi  
San Leandro, CA*

*Bernard DeHovitz, MD  
San Francisco, CA*

*Geoffrey Austin Dorsey  
Danville, CA*

*Edwin "Ed" Frank  
Metairie, LA*

*Cynthia Laplante  
Chattanooga, TN*

*William H. Martin  
Baker, LA*

*Mary McKinley  
Spokane Valley, WA*

*Harley Vernon VandeVanter  
Newport, WA*

*Joseph Whittington  
Summit, MS*

*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](mailto:kcharlie34@comcast.net).*

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#### Baton Rouge

April 15

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Juban's Restaurant, 3729 Perkin's Road. Email Bob Presson at leilap3@cox.net, or Bob Schoen at bobschoen@cox.net, or call Bob Schoen at (225) 937-2984.

#### Chalmette

Mar 4, June 3, Sept. 2

Meeting at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at NOLA Southern Grill, 1375 Gause Blvd., Slidell. Cost \$21. Contact Chuck Schimmel at (985) 643- 0437 or email schimcol@aol.com.

#### Los Angeles

Mar 9, April 6, May 4

Lunch, 11:30 a.m. at Ruby's Diner, 1128 W. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim. Contact Bob O'Leary at (714) 898-7463 or email robemmet39@gmail.com.

#### Mead

Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Cathay Inn, North Division St. Contact Dan Coe at (509) 944-7264 or email danco33@comcast.net.

#### Tacoma

June 3

Lunch at noon at Johnny's Dock, 1900 East D St., Tacoma. Contact Bob Mohr



(L-R) Jeanne Doyle, Ralph Veller, Arnold Schlottmann, Guy Robicheaux and Bill Doyle at Chalmette's holiday luncheon in December.

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or bobmohr1942@gmail.com.

#### Trentwood

Mar 17, Apr 21

Meet at 1 p.m. at Timber Creek Grill and Buffet, 9211 E. Montgomery Ave., Spokane. Contact Steve Harvey at (509) 939-7132 or email slharv3y@comcast.net.



Tacoma retirees welcomed 2020 at a January luncheon at Johnny's Dock. (L-R) Ray Bates, Sandra Bates, Roger Hamm and Carolyn Hamm.