



President's Message



Have you been thinking about how to celebrate Earth Day this year? We know that it is coming up quickly so we thought we would share some of our Board's brainstorming ideas with our Members early in the month. Some of these ideas require a little upfront planning so we didn't want to wait until the last minute. Do one, do two or all of these things!!

- Reach out to individuals at EPA and thank them for the work they do! You can reach out to former colleagues or individuals who are in the positions that you once



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held. It is easy to use EPA's organization chart and directory to find their email address. Some of you did this last year, and it was appreciated! Earth Day Clip Art that you could copy and paste in your message can be found here: [Clip ART](#)

- Recruit a new Member to the EPA Alumni Association so they can stay in touch with friends and up-to-date on environmental issues. Send them the link: <https://www.epaalumni.com/join-now> Tell them membership is **FREE** thanks to alumni donations!
- Share your favorite Earth Day experience on the Association's Facebook page - be it in the last several years or back to 1970! We are all interested!
- Call your H.S. or college alma mater and see if they're interested in a Teach-In Program on or near Earth Day. The Association can help with presentation materials or even presenters from our current volunteers. Here's the [FLYER](#) if you would like to attend.
- Reach out to the teacher who inspired you to work on environmental issues and let the teacher know about your work.
- Some of our Regional groups are getting together either on or close

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to Earth Day. For example, Region 6 is hosting a Social Gathering at Barley House, SMU Boulevard, Dallas 4 to 6 pm central time on April 22nd. See this [FLYER](#) for more information. Or organize your own get together!

- Or How about a Virtual Get together? Reach out to 5-10 EPA friends and have an informal reunion on Earth Day via Zoom.

We hope you have a meaningful and fun Earth Day.

David Menotti
President



Virtual Conversation with Former Administrators at the Annual Meeting

We will be hosting a Virtual Conversation with Former Administrators on May 3, 2022. This will be an opportunity to hear them exchange views with each other on the successes of the past and challenges for the future!

The former Administrators who have accepted our invitation include Carol

[Galo Velasco-Jackson](#)
[Jeri Weiss](#)
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We are most grateful for donations of any size. We want to thank these members who have donated since our February 2022 Newsletter:

John Armstead
Joe Cascio
Kathy Daniel

Browner, Gina McCarthy, Bill Reilly, Lee Thomas and Steve Johnson.

At the beginning of this meeting, we will also announce the newly elected Board Members. Please don't forget to vote (once) prior to election. Watch for our reminder to vote (with a link to the ballot) coming soon.

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FOR THE CONVERSATION

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Upcoming Academy Events:

We have two Academy Events coming up. This is your opportunity to put them on your calendar and register for them!



*A Presentation by Gerry Yamada, A Witness to
Japanese American Internment
Tuesday, May 17th at 4-5:30 PM Eastern*

[Register Now](#)

In honor of National Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month, we have asked alumnus Gerry Yamada to talk about how World War II affected the Japanese American community. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the US government forcibly evacuated 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry into remote internment camps. Gerry's family was evacuated, and he was born at one of these camps.



Panel Discussion on Sustainable Disaster Recovery

*on Wednesday, June 1st
at 3:30-5:00 PM Eastern*

[Register Now](#)



We've asked colleagues who have been engaged in bringing about Sustainable environmental redevelopment after large natural disasters and environmental contamination to tell us about the challenges they faced and how those challenges were overcome. While the country makes progress in addressing the legacy of industrial land contamination, climate change is amplifying natural disasters and



heightening the need to address all land, water and air contamination.

Panelists include (from left to right): David Doyle, Land Revitalization Coordinator, Reg 7; Carmen Guerrero, Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Region 2; and Elliott Laws, Administrative Trustee, Racer Trust and former AA for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

[In Memoriam](#)

Since the last Newsletter (February 2022), the Association has been informed that the following former EPA employees having passed away. If you learn that a former colleague has died, you may share that information on our Facebook Page or let us know at newsletter@epaalumni.org.

We invite you to reflect on your memories of the colleagues listed below by commenting on their obituaries found on our website. Click [Here](#).

Allen Basala
Rembert O. Brown
Charles F. Costa (Chuck)
Judith P. Crenshaw
Robert Dellinger
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THANK YOU CRAIG!

The Association wants to thank Craig Matthiesen for being the Editor of our periodic newsletters. His perseverance and commitment have kept Members informed since he volunteered to edit this Newsletter in 2018.

Craig recently let us know that he was stepping down from this position, and we are looking for a new Editor and team members to keep these

newsletters happening.

AND HELP WANTED!

If you are interested in learning more about our periodic newsletters or volunteering to write articles, please email the Association at epaalumni@aol.com!

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