

EPA Alumni Association News



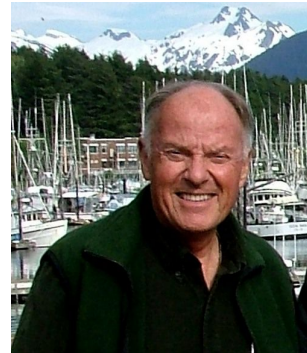
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Message from the President

Dear (Contact First Name),

I am pleased to introduce our Summer 2013 Newsletter and report that the Association is healthy and growing as we prepare to welcome our 1,000th member in the next few weeks. And, we collectively have over 15,500 years of service with EPA. We are well-balanced in terms of program experience - 230 of us worked in the Water programs, 216 in the Air programs, 215 in Waste and Superfund, 211 in Enforcement or other legal positions, 127 in Pesticides and Toxics and 75 in Budget, Contracts & Grants, Human Resources or Administration. We had another successful annual meeting on May 6 with our special guest, Dave Hawkins, Director of Climate Change for the NRDC. Dave's stimulating, challenging presentation led to an active discussion and establishment of a **Climate Change Networking Group** on our Association website.



Dave Calkins, President

Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members who joined since the October 2012 newsletter was distributed. Click a person's name to read their profile.

Jeff Alson
John Alter
Cass Andary
Thomas Ball
Lee Beck
Eileen Glen
Robert Beltran
Jim Berlow
Sally Bethea
Roberta Blank
Paul Boys
Lynn Bradley
Rod Branham
Helen Brownell
Jim Butch

Hawkins Addresses Annual Meeting



Dave Hawkins, whom many of us remember from his days as Assistant Administrator for Air, Radiation and Noise from 1977 to 1981, gave an energizing speech at the DC annual meeting in May. Since leaving EPA Dave has focused on Global Climate Change, and his talk highlighted the challenge of addressing existing and planned coal-fired power plants which, unless somehow controlled, will overrun a "reasonable budget" for climate change

emissions in a dramatic manner. Dave's suggestions for addressing this problem in a practical way are worth hearing/reading. Enjoy Dave's talk via video, audio, or written transcript and slides by [clicking here](#).

Oral Histories

Our very active Oral History Committee has been conducting pilot interviews with EPA's early leaders at all levels of the Agency. The recent deaths of Russ Train and John Quarles reinforce the urgency of capturing the recollections and insights of those who played key roles in shaping the Agency's history. The Committee is evaluating the effectiveness of various techniques and technologies.

An example can be viewed here:



Bonnie Casper
Carolyn Cates
Jane Chadbourne
JoAnn Cola
Jonathan Cole
Valerie Cooper
Bill Cox
Jerry Cunningham
Gordon Davidson
J Michael Davis
Lesa Davis
Thomas DeMoss
Kathy Diehl
Dennis Doll
Dick Dowd
Richard Duker
Eric Faulk
John Fehrenbach
Abe Ferdas
Lonnie Finkel
Anita Frankel
Cynthia Gage
Gordon Garcia
Linda Garwood
Stephen Goranson
Barbara Greenfield
Betsy Grim
Jim Hanlon
Bob Heavenrich
Sharon Hollander
Steve Jackson
Jon Jacobs
Roger Janson
Joe Jung
Robert Kayser
Judy Kertcher
Monica Kirk
Pat La Rue
Nathan Lau
Julian Levy

2-minute clip regarding Chernobyl from Interview with Lee Thomas

The full interview with Lee Thomas on a whole range of topics is presented in 7 separate segments [here on the Association web site](#).

Several more interviews and panel discussions of topics are under development and will be up on the website soon. The Committee is looking for volunteers who can help lead and staff this effort as it moves beyond the pilot phase, particularly anyone with video editing skills. If you are interested, please [let us know](#).

Air and Waste Management Association

At their recent annual meeting in Chicago, A&WMA provided a reception room for EPA AA members from the Region 5 (Chicago) area as well as people belonging to both this Association and A&WMA attending the conference. Despite the Chicago area being struck by a storm with record rainfall and flooding that evening, and competition with the Stanley Cup hockey final game, we still had about twenty attendees who may form the nucleus of a Region 5 chapter (or group) in the future. Steve Goranson, David Ullrich, and Walt Barber played a big role in helping to make this reception a success.



Left to right: Cathy Garra, Dick Kuntz, Gordon Garcia, Dave Kee, and Marilyn Kee at the Chicago Reception

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Kristen Loughery
Norman Lovelace
Barry Malter
Shek Mark
Richard Martyn
Nancy Marvel
Ellie McCann
Cheryl McGovern
Tom Merski
Betsy Metcalf
Tamara Mick
Marshall Miller
Breck Milroy
Michelle Moustakas
Lisa Nelson
Jim Newsom
Brand Niemann
Mike Osborne
Bob Patrick
Maria Pimentel
Christine Podeszwa
Barry Pollock
Frank Princiotta
ST Rao
Mike Reed
Dorothy Richards
Matthew Robbins
Tom Robertson
Annette Rocanova
Rosemarie Russo
Amy Schaffer
Karen Schwinn
Clint Seiter
Audrey Shileikis
Thomas Skinner
Dwight Smith
Joseph Somers
Sarah Sullivan
Vickie Thomas
Robert Tolpa

Speak Up, Speak Out!

Some of the environmental issues in today's headlines have been of concern to EPA and have been hotly debated for years, while others have more recently come to the fore. What's your opinion, as a trained professional, on these?

White House-EPA Climate Change Plan

Natural Gas Production from Hydraulic Fracturing

The Keystone-XL Pipeline

The Association web site offers a forum to tell others what you think and a mechanism to enlist others if you want to take action.

Two former DRAs take opposing views on Keystone-XL to get the discussion going. Click [this link](#) to go to the Speak up/Opinion section of www.epaalumni.org.

Calling All Photographers

The gorgeous photo of the Eastern Tailed Blue Butterfly on Plain-tain-leaf Pussytoes on the masthead of this newsletter was taken by Janet Pawlukiewicz at Chilton Woods State Park in Lancaster, Virginia. We plan to feature additional photos from our members in future newsletters. If you have photos you'd like to be considered, please email them to newsletter@epaalumni.org.

Thanks!

Board of Directors Election

Final ballots were cast and tallied at the Annual Meeting for six seats on the Association Board of Directors. Vic Kimm and Len Miller begin new terms and new Members Phil Angell, Bruce Diamond, Tom Voltaggio, and Victor Yamada join the Board. [Click this link](#) for more information about the Board.

Dale Turner
Lucille Van Ommering
Kathleen Veit
Winona Victery
Janice Wagner
Barbara Walsh
Nancy Wentworth
Jeffrey West
Joe Westersund
John White
Bill Wilson
Lily Wong
Kevin Wong
Larry Woods
Pat Young
Eric Yunker
Don Zinger
Mia Zmud

If you know of former colleagues who are not yet members, please forward this newsletter and invite them to join!

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Thank You!



Phil Angell



Bruce Diamond



Vic Kimm



Len Miller



Tom Voltaggio



Vic Yamada

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## *Thank You Contributors!*

We are most grateful for donations of any size. We want to acknowledge the 38 members who have made a donation since our October 2012 Newsletter.

Philip Angell, John Bachmann, Herb Barrack, Blake Biles, Mary Blakeslee, David Calkins, Paul Cough, David Davis, Belle Davis, Russ Dawson, Robert Despain, Daniel Esty, Daniel Fiorino, Linda Fisher, David Foster, Roy Gamse, Victor Kimm, John Kolojeski, Frederick Leif, David Levy, Creavery Lloyd, Barry Malter, Chilton McLaughlin, Joe Nash, John Nevius, Ann Nutt, Gary O'Neal, Bonnie Piper, Michael Risner, James Rogers, Ernie Rosenberg, Art Spratlin, Judy Stober, Ann Vanino, J. Kemper Will, Carolyn Yale, Victor Yamada, and Karen Young.

## **Cantors, Choristers, and Troubadors**

Previous newsletters have highlighted some of the post-EPA activities our members have mentioned in their profiles ... classic car restoration, wine making, and poetry. I was intrigued to note in the profile of a member who recently joined that this person composes music. I personally know several of you who are in choirs, marimba bands or perform professionally at Tian Tian Fang Restaurant in Chevy Chase, MD. Doing a key word search of member profiles for "singing" produces just seven "hits" among our nearly 1,000 members. And "choir" just nine. I know there are more vocalists in our membership (including one of the performers mentioned above)! The more information you include in your profile, the more likely you are to connect with others who have similar interests! Your profile can only be viewed by fellow EPA-AA members. If you've forgotten your password for the web site, just enter your email address and request that your password be emailed to you. - *RW*

**Bob and Susan Wayland**, Newsletter Editors  
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