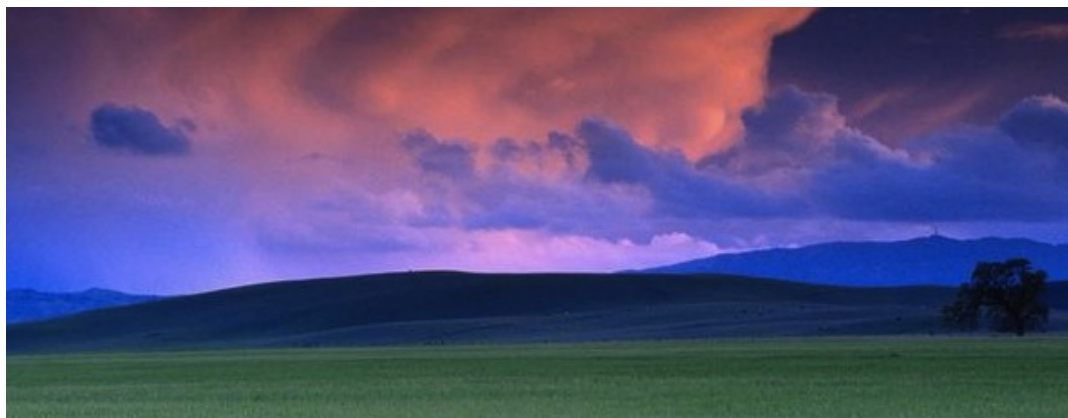


EPA Alumni Association News



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Message from the President

Dear (Contact First Name),

I am grateful to the Board of Directors for their confidence in electing me the second President of the Association a few months ago. With the support of the Vice President Fran Phillips and Executive Director Chuck Elkins, I am confident the Association can find new ways to help our members to have enjoyable and meaningful interactions with one another and recruit additional EPA alums to the Association.



As I contemplate which of our services are most useful to our members, I always come back to the use of our Alumni website, www.EPAalumni.org. It is the major source of information about who we are, what we are involved in, and current environmental stories. For example, we have a page with links to key websites at EPA, Social Security, OPM, and support organizations such as NARFE and the Commission Officers Association of the USPHS. We have recently added a [Travel page](#) to our website which I encourage you to visit. Please also add your own travel experiences. The purpose is much more than a "how I spent my summer vacation" site - the postings critique tour groups, planning considerations, time of year, and any downsides to the trip. We are currently upgrading the website to make it more user-friendly.

Finally, many thanks to past-President Leonard Miller for his terrific work in getting our Association off the ground.

Dave Calkins

Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members who joined since the Spring 2011 newsletter was distributed. Click a person's name to read their profile.

Nancy Adams
Karl Alvarez
Paul Arell
Ronald Barrow
Keith Baugues
Sue Belvill
Katheen Bennett
Barry Benroth
Elaine Brenner
Michael A Brown
Kym Burke
Dianne Byrne
Arden Calvert
Paula Cifka
David Cohen
Jack Colbourn

Russ Train

June 4, 1920-September 17, 2012

Russell E. Train, EPA's second Administrator, died September 17 at age 92 on the Maryland Eastern Shore. Inspired to a lifetime of US and international conservation efforts by African safaris in the early 1950's, Train was the first chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and was Undersecretary of Interior prior to succeeding Bill Ruckelshaus in EPA's top job. As Administrator, Train cancelled several widely-used persistent pesticides which posed cancer risks. He lobbied successfully for enactment of the Toxic Substances Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. The first automobile fuel economy standards were adopted on his watch. After leaving government service he established the Conservation Foundation, and led the World Wildlife Fund -- USA.

Russ was an early and generous supporter of the EPA Alumni Association and he attended our Annual meetings in 2009 and 2011. [Click here](#) to read more about Russ' many contributions to the protection of our environment.

Spring Membership Meeting

Some 100 members attended the Annual Meeting of the Association in Washington, DC, in April. Those who couldn't attend can listen to Lee Thomas' remarks on the Association web site ([click here](#)) as well as to a longer interview with him as part of the Association's Oral History Project ([click here](#)), originally spearheaded by Kerry Clough and now by Alan Levin and Helga Butler. Lee discussed challenges and highlights of his tenure as Administrator as well as his "life after EPA" as CEO of two large forest products companies - Georgia Pacific and Rayonier Corporation. The Spring Meeting marked the conclusion of the Board terms of Mark Greenwood, Barbara Bankoff and Andrew Otis. The membership elected Alan Levin, Helga Butler, and Fran Phillips to new terms on the Board and re-elected Dave Calkins and Bob Wayland.



San Francisco Bay Area Luncheon

In May 28 EPA-AA members and spouses gathered for lunch at Oliveto's restaurant in Rockridge (Oakland), California. Attendees from as far as 350 miles away enjoyed the chance to meet face to face, get caught up on one another's current activities and share stories of their EPA days together. Melanie and Jerome Blaha helped Dave Calkins organize the

Kathleen Curry
Wayne D'Angelo
Russ Dawson
Diane Debus
Michael Dourson
Eleanor Dwight
Richard Fairbanks
Barry Feldman
Jack Fowle
Marcia Ginley
Louis Gitto
Annie Godfrey
Ray Gregory
Matt Hale
Louise Hall
Hank Hankla
Bill Hanson
George Harlow
Pat Hirsch
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Christian Holmes
Bill Jordan
Bob Kellam
Chuck Kent
Sharon Kercher
Richard Kuntz
Jim Lamb
Peter Larsen
Ron Lillich
Bob Lord
Ray Ludwiszewski
Raymond Magyar
Tom Marvin
Mel McCottry
David McKee
Emma McNamara
David Morell
Walter Muelken
Charlie Murray
Sharon Nickels
Ann Nutt

event and collect ideas from those present on future activities.



Left

to Right: Jake Mackenzie, Jean Cinciello, Jan Taradash, Tony Garvin, Bob Rock, Ann Nutt.

[Click here to see additional photos on the Association's Web site.](#)

Membership Cards

A few weeks ago we were able to send our first 800 members a complimentary identification card. Board Member Stan Legro, formerly Assistant Administrator for Enforcement, generously donated funds to underwrite the cost of the cards. Thanks, Stan, for the substantial contribution which allowed us to produce and distribute the membership cards. We are also very grateful to the 113 Members who responded to the included appeal for financial support by making a donation.

When our membership grows by several hundred additional members, we hope to be able to make ID cards available to those who joined after the cutoff date for this first batch. The production costs drop dramatically with the size of the order. In the meantime, those who wish to purchase a card with a personal photo, can do so by [**clicking this link**](#), supplying the required information, and remitting \$18.50 (no markup by the Association).

Drew Peake
Bonnie Piper
Susan Pope
Bob Reeves
Amie Richardson
Michael Risner
George Schewe
Kathy Setian
Robert Shankland
Steven Shimberg
Julie Spyres
Linda Stacy
Elaine Stanley
Daniel Steinborn
Jan Taradash
Louis True
Stephen Tuber
Donna Turnley
Mat White
Louise Wise
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If you know of former colleagues who are not yet members, please forward this newsletter and invite them to join!

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## Membership Committee John O'Connor

The Committee is working to increase membership in the Association and develop programs that enhance the membership experience.

Herb Barrack is leading an effort to increase membership in the NE Regions (1, 2, and 3). Bob Hall, Winston Smith, and I are exploring ways to improve membership from ORD Alumni. Winston Smith and John O'Connor are looking into ways to increase our Associate membership numbers (current EPA employees who are eligible to retire).

Fran Phillips and Art Spratlin will be identifying professional organizations that we should consider contacting in order to locate potential members. Please send any suggestions for organizations that you think we should contact to me. We are also looking into how we can use Social Media for our membership activities. Elizabeth Cotsworth is exploring some ideas with LinkedIn. Any suggestions on ways to use Social Media would be welcome.

We would really like to get your thoughts on how we might improve your membership experience. Please feel free to send them to me at [johnoc5@gmail.com](mailto:johnoc5@gmail.com) and I will share them with the membership committee and Board. We will all benefit from a more active organization, and we look forward to hearing your ideas on how to make that happen. And if you'd like to help us out on the Membership Committee, please let me know.

### *True Green Published*

Mississippi State University professor and former Region 10 Deputy RA and Director in the Air Program Jerry Emison has co-edited a [text book](#) with Old Dominion University professor John Morris. Jerry and six other current and former EPA managers have written chapters which explore various management and environmental challenges faced by EPA and lessons learned in tackling them. Lee Thomas provided a Preface.

### **Poets, Painters and Teachers**

In previous newsletters we have highlighted some of the post-EPA activities our members have mentioned in their profiles ... classic car restoration and wine making. Recently we did a key word search on some avocations that we

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Thank You!

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If you are "in" click on over!

[View our profile on Linked in](#) 

spotted in friends' recent posts. Some interesting results emerged. Forty-four members indicated that they have been teaching--from college courses to kindergarten. Seventeen members volunteer with zoos or museums and eight of you are painting. But knowing that quite a few have only posted bare name and address profiles, these are probably low numbers. That must be the case for yoga aficionados -- only 6 members tell us they engage in this popular activity. And 135 members list travel among their non-EPA activities. Please keep your profile up to date and give those with common interests information they might use to get in touch. - RW

Thank You Contributors

We are most grateful for donations of any size. We want to acknowledge more than 100 members who have made a donation since our Spring 2012 Newsletter.

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