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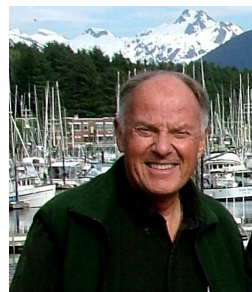
March 2013
Region 9 Edition



Special Region 9 Edition!

Greetings!

This Newsletter was created especially for EPA Alumni Association Members who have worked for EPA Region 9.



As of March 3, there are 951 members of the Association with 108 indicating they have worked for Region 9. Twenty Region 9'ers have joined since December 2012. We warmly welcome all new members and encourage you to pass this newsletter along to colleagues and friends who are eligible to join but have not yet signed up. (A name list of Region 9 members appears in the right column.)

Since last December, Region 9 Region has had a very large group of employees exiting the Agency. Many were able to attend a get together at the Regional Office where employees were able to gather and share memories and say farewell. Pictures from that gathering are below and on the Association Web site.

Last May, we hosted a luncheon for Region 9 Alumni Association. The 28 who attended had a great time. We will be having another get together soon and welcome your ideas and suggestions on appropriate venues.

Finally, long-term Regional employees Melanie Blaha and Deanna Weiman have agreed to join a newly formed Communications Committee of the Association to enhance our efforts to keep our members informed on all EPA Alumni Association activities and news.

Cheers,

Dave Calkins
President
EPA Alumni Association

Region 9 Members

All EPA Alumni Association Members who identified themselves as having worked in Region 9 are listed below. Members who joined since December 2012 are indicated with an asterisk. Click a name to be taken to that person's profile on the Association web site (after signing in).

Julie Barrow
Loretta Barsamian
Charmaine Berry
Paula Bisson
Wayne Blackard
Melanie Blaha*
Roberta Blank*
Larry Bowerman
Mark Brucker
Helen Burke
Julia Bussey
Dave Calkins
Jean Circiello
Ronald Clawson
Richard Coddington

January 29 Farewell for Over 50 Region 9 Staff

by Dave Calkins

Region 9 said farewell to more than 50 employees who retired in December and January. On January 29, RA Jared Blumenfeld invited the retirees to a festive gathering in the RA's reception area on the 18th floor. He thanked them for their service and showed a video featuring many of them and their reflections on working for EPA Region 9.

"I'm honored to pay tribute to all you've contributed to EPA's mission and our community Jared said. "Through it all, you've been a constant force for good in the Agency."



Jared Blumenthal Thanks Retirees

While some at the gathering had retired earlier in January, most still had a day or two left in their EPA careers. Dave Tomsovic of CED echoed a common sentiment, saying that his feelings about retiring are "...bittersweet: I think of all the EPA people I've known who have passed away. I'm going to miss the people here now, and our mission of protecting public health and the environment." Nevertheless, he was looking forward to new projects at home - "household restoration, taking care of my wife's shih-tzu puppy, and restoring a piano I found that's more than a century old."

JoAnn Cola*
Jack Colburn
Gail Cooper
Valerie Cooper*
Frank Covington
Jennifer Dill
Steve Drew
John Duff (Deceased)
Richard Duker
Susan Durbin
Douglas Eisinger
Pat Eklund
David Farrel
Michael Feeley
Jeff Fontaine
Laura Fujii
Anthony Garvin
Lois Green
David Healy
Paul Helliker
Richard Hennecke
David Howecamp
Robert Ireson
Dave Jesson
David B Jones
Joe Jung*
Bobbie Kahan
Lester Kaufman
John Kim
Kent Kitchingman
John Koehler
Carl Kohnert
Maury Kruth
Nathan Lau*
Roccena Lawach
Frederick Leif
Bruce Lery
Norman Lovelace
Jake Mackenzie
Felicia Marcus
Richard Martyn*
Cheryl McGovern*
Dan McGovern
James McGrath
Michelle Moustakas*
Wayne Nastri
Lisa Nelson*
Ann Nutt
Terry Oda
Steve Pardieck



Retiree Larry Wood with Laura Bloch



Bill Keener and retiree Juanita Whitehead

Additional photos and comments by those attending the January 29 send-off can be found at the [Alumni Association Web Site](#).

Reprinted from Fall 2012 Newsletter:

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 event and collect ideas from those present on future activities.

Ed Pike
Barry Pollock*
Richard Reavis
Mike Reed
Bob Rock
Sara Russell
Joseph Schmidt
Karen Schwinn*
Sara Segal
JoAnn Semones
Vicky Semones
Kathy Setian
Audrey Shileikas*
Dave Souten
John Spafford
Bill Sylte
Jan Taradash
June Taylor
Anita Tenley
Donald Thomas
Bill Thurston
Ida Tolliver
Barbara O'Neill
Donna Turnley
Lucille VanOmmering
Winona Victory*
Lauren Volpini
Jon Wactor
Barbara Walsh*
Linda Wandres
Joe Westersund*
Mathilde (Mat) White
Deanna Wieman
Bill Wilson*
John Wise
Lily Wong*
Larry Woods*
Wallace Woo
Carolyn Yale
Pat Young
Al Zemsky
Mark Zuckerman

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

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

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

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## 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).

## Previous Newsletters

Copies of the previous six electronic newsletters are available on the Association homepage, or click one of the links below. Some images are missing from the archived copies.

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May 2010 (First Newsletter)

Bob Wayland, Newsletter Editor
EPA Alumni Association

p.s. We hope you enjoyed this newsletter and welcome your ideas on future articles and events. If for any reason you no longer wish to be on our e-mail list please drop us a note at newsletter@EPAalumni.org.



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