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EPA Alumni Association News



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Dear Member,

Big things are happening at the Association!

Lee M. Thomas, EPA Administrator from February 1985 to January 1989, will be speaking at our Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, on Thursday, April 19.

Mark your calendar and [click this link](#) to let us know you are coming! We need to provide the building security with a list of names, generate name badges, and provide a count to the caterer. The meeting will begin at 4:30 pm with a social hour. Lee's remarks and discussion will begin at 5:30 and will be followed by a cocktail reception. A video of Lee's talk will be available for viewing a few days after the meeting. The meeting will take place at the offices of Sidley Austin, 1501 K Street, NW, DC. This has been the site of our



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Thank You!

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We are grateful to the Members below who made a financial contribution to the Association since our October 2011 Newsletter was distributed!

Len Miller  
Winston Smith  
David Davis  
Jim Aidala

previous 2 Annual Meetings and we thank Roger Martella and his firm for hosting us.

### **Board of Directors Election**

Members will elect 5 people to our 15 member Board of Directors from a slate of 7 nominees. Voting is underway now. Electronic ballots may be cast any time from now until Noon on April 19. Electronic voting is encouraged but paper ballots can be filled out at the Annual Meeting. Click the names of the candidates to read their profiles:

[Helga Butler](#), [Dave Calkins](#), [Alan Levin](#), [Rick Otis](#), [Fran Phillips](#), [Kurt Riegel](#), [Bob Wayland](#).

[\*Click here to cast your ballot.\*](#)

### **Alumni Now Helping EPA with Training**

The Association is now engaged in a pilot effort to provide EPA with the assistance of its members. Alumni will be participating in the training of new EPA managers at three sessions during 2012. Hopefully, this pilot will pave the way for more opportunities for alumni to lend EPA a hand in the future.

### **Air and Waste Management Association**

Thanks to the Membership Committee, our members can attend the Air and Waste Management Association Annual Conference and Exposition in San Antonio,



Texas, June 19-22, at a discounted, government registration rate. There will also be an Alumni Association Booth in the exhibit hall. Other joint ventures with the A&WMA may include co-sponsoring specialty meetings, guest columns in A&WMA's magazine, and involvement of our technical experts in future webinars and conferences. Click on the logo for registration information.

The Committee is working to make similar arrangements with other professional organizations.

Judy Stober  
Lee Thomas  
David Calkins  
Sharon Wilson  
Joseph Nash  
John Duff  
Robert Varney  
Bill Ruckelshaus  
Bob Hall  
Donald Bliss  
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Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members who joined since the October 2011 newsletter was distributed. Click a person's name to read their profile. (The profile will appear immediately after you sign in.)

Loretta Barsamian
Linda A Baric
LeOntyne L Buggs
Michael J Centola
Norm Chlost
Michael L Davis
Allen A Debus
John Dugdale
Laura K Fujii
George Hamper
Timothy Hunt
David Joseph
Lester John Koehler
Bobbie Kahan
Shirley A Kelley
Anthony
Maciorowski

EPA Recreation Association

We are now working closely with the EPA Recreation Association. They have put our logo and link to our web site on their web site. We are hopeful that this will help raise awareness of the EPA Alumni Association among current employees. And we have reciprocated -- the Rec Association logo and link as shown here are now on our web site. The Rec Association sells a variety of apparel, gear, and gift items featuring the EPA logo online.



Update from RTP John O'Connor



As expected, basketball rivalries are heating up in RTP, with Carolina, NC State, and Duke all looking toward earning berths in March Madness. We have a good number of EPA retirees and alums in the area who will be pulling for their favorite teams as we move through the month.

Our RTP group is thriving. We have about 100 retirees and alums in the RTP area who participate in our quarterly activities and other smaller group luncheons around the Triangle.

The RTP group has been active since about 2008. This

Dan W McGovern
Barbara McGuinness
Tom Miller
David Mobley
Matthew A Morrison
Gerald Nehls
Carolyn K Offutt
James L Olander
Joseph W Paise
Kurt Riegel
Rob Sanchez
Charlene E Shaw
Jay M Sinnott
Pat Spatarella
Fran Tafer
Sharon C Van Meter
Joseph V Weiss Jr
Linda K Wolfe

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

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We have just re-established our Facebook Group. If you are a FB user please join in!

[Find us on Facebook !\[\]\(4fe57c3593bf1b21d272ae7ac8dfaf77\_img.jpg\)](#)

We just created a Linked-in group. If you are "in" click on over!

[View our profile on !\[\]\(b792654f2cef9719eabeb6c5be00811e\_img.jpg\) Linked in](#)

past year, we hosted a luncheon at the EPA facility and Jeff Clark, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, provided us an update on EPA activities. In May, a group gathered to view the webcast of the EPA Alumni Annual Meeting, followed by dinner. During the summer we had a guided tour of historic buildings in downtown Raleigh and in the fall we visited the Carolina Tiger Rescue wildlife sanctuary in Pittsboro, NC.

In May we plan to tour the new NC Nature Research Center in Raleigh. The centerpiece of the NRC will be the Daily Planet, an immersive, three-story multimedia space that will link virtual to real nature and will be the site of live programming on breaking science news. Bill Laxton will lead the tour. Upon his retirement from EPA, Bill became the Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Department of the Environment and Natural Resources and was heavily involved in the design and construction of this environmentally green Research Center building. The building is an LEED Gold building. While at EPA, Bill was also the force behind the design and construction of the unique, environmentally friendly, EPA building in RTP.



Looking down the road in 2012, we are considering a Durham Bulls baseball game, a tour of historic homes in Chapel Hill, a visit to the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, and a visit to the 82nd Airborne Museum at Fort Bragg.

We are also interested in learning more about what other alumni groups are doing around the country and learning what types of activities have the greatest appeal for our membership. Please [click here](#) to let the Association know of your activities or ideas.

## Help Wanted

Barry Gilbert has been a wonderful asset as the Association's web guru -- making many improvements to the web site, taking care of regular maintenance, helping members with questions and problems and coordinating with our web development contractor. Barry has had to step down and we need help with these important tasks. If you can help, [please click here to contact Chuck Elkins](#).

## Earth Day April 22, 2012

Looking for a way to get your hands dirty while helping Mother Earth? Thousands of Earth Day events and activities are listed at <http://act.earthday.org/> Join one or register your own service project. Upload a picture of and account of what you did to our web site or Facebook page.



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