

EPA Alumni Association News

May 2019



President's Message

Dear Chuck ,

Our Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., held on Earth Day, was well attended (almost 100). We were fortunate to have former Administrators Bill Reilly and Gina McCarthy as speakers. I think we all left the room a bit more hopeful! You can view the meeting [here](#). Thanks to Chuck Elkins and David Menotti, as well as others, we had excellent food/drink, and everything went smoothly. We even have photos.



Phyllis Flaherty

Congratulations to Vic Kimm, Kevin Minoli, Marylouise Uhlig (second term), David Ullrich, and Steve Weil (second term), who were elected to our Board of Directors by our membership. I want to thank the Board members who recently completed their terms - Tom Voltaggio (Vice-President, Treasurer) and Phil Angell. Many thanks also to Ingrid Wadsworth who had to leave the Board early because of other professional commitments. The time and effort you all contributed are much appreciated!

The week of April 22 was busy - Board meeting and Annual Meeting on Monday - and the Conference on the Future of EPA and the Environment that we co-sponsored with American University on Tuesday and Wednesday. Approximately 80 Association members attended the Conference. In addition, many alumni participated as panel members, including 3 former

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Administrators. Over 200 people attended the Conference in person. In addition, our Association funded the web-cast for an additional 45 participants. The energy and commitment were inspiring! ([See details](#)) I'm optimistic that the dialogue will continue and have a positive impact. We have also posted a 14 minute video of an inspiring message from William Ruckelshaus that was shown at the Conference ([See Ruckelshaus Video here](#)).

The work by the Focus Groups (approximately 60 Association members) and the Survey of our members were an important part of the work that culminated in the Conference. The Focus Group Reports and a Summary Report of the Survey can be viewed [here](#)). A summary of the 8 take-aways from the survey are included below. I want to thank members of the Focus Groups and the nearly 400 members who responded to the Survey as well as the Board and the Committee chaired by Derry Allen and Tom Voltaggio.

Please read the article below on Operation Shutdown! This project made a huge difference in the lives of those EPA and SEE employees who received gift cards from our members. A total of \$36,000 was distributed to 165 employees by 280 alumni. Recipients were extremely grateful, and many sent heartfelt thank you messages.

Last, the Board has begun discussions on how we might celebrate EPA's upcoming 50th Anniversary in December 2020. Your input is welcomed! [Please share your ideas!](#) In closing, I am pleased to say that our membership continues to grow with 1,878 members as of this week.

Phyllis Flaherty
President

Annual Meeting - Washington DC

On Earth Day, the EPA Alumni Association held its Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Nearly 100 attended in person and about 40 participated by teleconference.

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Membership Tops 1,878

Welcome to the new members listed below who joined the Association since November, 2018. Click on any name to read the member's profile.

Diane Ajl
Toni Allen
Vera Ashworth
Mike Barry
Jeuli Bartenstein
Deane Bartlett
Chris Baughman
Gary Bertram
Joann Brennan McKee
Susan Bromm
Barbara Brooks
Samuel Brown



[Click here to listen to Bill Reilly's and Gina McCarthy's excellent remarks and for photos.](#)

AU Conference on EPA and Environmental Protection of the Future

You now can scan the agenda and watch selected panels' discussion via video. All the background papers including the Focus Group reports are also provided.

[Videos and materials from our very successful Conference](#)

Survey of Association Members

Thank you to those that responded to our November 2018 Survey regarding Future Directions for EPA and Environmental Protection. We had a 24.5% response rate (381 alumni). Some of the key take-aways included:

1. Climate change is far and away viewed as the most important environmental challenge of the future....

3. Scientific excellence is a critical foundation for EPA's actions and future role, especially science directed toward developing tools and solving problems.



Marjorie Buckholtz
Rich Campbell
Vivian Daub
Cameron Davis
Richard Emory, Jr.
Jeffrey Fowley
Roger Gardner
Jeanne Geselbracht
Rachel Goldstein
Jennifer Hammitt
Robert Hartman
Bram Hass
Pamela Hill
Dennis Huebner
James Jaffe
Roselyn Johnson
Monica Jones
Mary Kemp
Michael Kosusko
Richard Kotelly
Brad Lamb
Lily Lee
Sarah Levinson
Clare Lindsay
Joan Nicholson
Michael Mason
Cathy Mastropieri
Marna McDermott
Monica Middleton
Gary Miller
Grace Musumeci
Toney Ott
Seshi Patibanda
Cynthia Peurifoy
Caroline Isber
Shelly Rosenblum
Ilana Saltzbart
Shruti Sanghavi
Lesley Schaaff
Julie Shannon
Lisa Sharp
Patricia Sims
Betsy Smith
Joseph Sopata
Charles Vanderlyn

READ ALL of the 8 KEY TAKE-AWAYS from the Survey Report.

Read the full **Survey Report**

IN MEMORIAM

The following former EPA employees recently passed away:

Doug Costle; Michael Deland; Arnie Kuzmack; Bill French; Mary Leland; Mike Idol; Andy Zownir; Rick Linthurst; Alan Hecht; Bill Benoit; William H. Preston, Jr.; Dr David Stephan; Haig Farmer

We invite you to reflect on your memories of them by commenting on their obituary found on our website. We will gather up your reflections later and pass them on to the family.

[Click here for more information](#)

Transition Updates Continue with a new Name

When Steve Weil began preparing his weekly roundup of news about the transition at EPA, shortly about the time Scott Pruitt was nominated, nobody expected that there would still be significant vacancies in appointed positions at EPA well over a year later. We have decided to rename it as ***EPA and Environmental News Update***.

We only send the Update to those who request it - currently 730 of our members. If you would like to subscribe, [click here](#). If you aren't sure, browse recent issues which are posted on our web site [here](#).

Operation \$hutdown \$upport

As a group, some 280 alumni donated \$36,500 in \$20 increments, which was distributed to 165 EPA employees/SEE enrollees who especially needed our help during the recent government shutdown. That was over 1,800 separate transactions. Thanks to all who participated in this effort. Special kudos to CHUCK ELKINS, the Alumni Association Executive Director, who designed and led the effort.

From an employee who was a recipient of this assistance: *"Things had gotten bad because I was about to be evicted and my medicine was running out."*

Barbara Viney
Estella Waldman
Donn Walters
Harry Wells
Timothy Whitehouse
Christine Williams
Patricia Wingfield
Robert Wolcott
Peter Wyckoff

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Another said:

"My husband also unexpectedly lost his job in December. We have a two-year-old daughter, and I can't take her out of daycare or she'll lose her spot, so money is really tight. I'm so grateful for you guys."

Also during the shutdown, many employees and alumni volunteered. For example, a long tradition at the EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) in North Carolina, they organized volunteer opportunities to fulfill their ongoing commitment to public-service - even under the difficult furlough circumstances. [Click here for more details](#)

Seeking OLLI Members

The Association's Alumni in the Classroom program is seeking to identify Association members who are also active or have been active in Osher Lifelong Learning Institute locations across the country.



If you are one of these members, please let us know by going [here](#). We'll be in touch later to see whether you are interested in a new idea we have.

Region 6 Alumni Spring Social Gathering

On Thursday April 11, Region 6 Alumni held a social event attended by former DRA Fran Phillips, ORC Diana Dutton, and former RA Adlene Harrison.



If you prefer to send a check, please make it out to EPA Alumni Association and mail it to 628 Chester River Beach Road, Grasonville, MD 21638

Many thanks to all our members who have donated since November 2018:

**Dennis Abraham
John Adams
John Adams
Derry Allen
John Armstead
Charles Auer
John Bachmann
Linda Baric
A. James Barnes
Sara Bartholomew
Anne Barton
Dale Bates
Ralph Bauer
Janet Bearden
Nancy Beck
Bonnie Bellow
Jim Berlow
Michael Berman
Charmaine Berry
Gordon Binder
Kathleen Blinebury
Laszlo Bockh
Patricia Bonner
Lawrence Bowerman
Marilyn Bracken
Candace Brassard
Walter Brodtman
Dale Bryson
Michael Burke
William Burnam
Helga Butler
John Calcagni**

Photo by Betty Williamson, formerly of Region 6

Region 9 Alumni Hikers - March, 2019 at Coyote Hills Regional Park



Photo by Dave Calkins

Bay Area Hiking Group

The Bay Area hiking group had an outing in the Redwood Regional Park in Oakland in January. This hike was special in that in addition to our 20+ regular Alumni hikers, we had 5 furloughed EPA Region 9 employees who joined up with us. They were very appreciative of being included in our hike and complimented us on the Operation Shutdown effort. We got an inside look at how staff is surviving the current Administration policies and the shutdown as well.



Bay Area Hikers

David Calkins
Georgia Callahan
Carol Campbell
Jonathan Cannon
Gus Chavarria
Colburn Cherney
Norman Chlost
Stephen Clark
John Clark
Kerrigan Clough
Jonathan Cole
Robert Collings
Kris Colt
Thomas Conlon
Margaret Conomos
Valerie Cooper
Douglas Costle
Elizabeth Cotsworth
Elizabeth Craig
Betsy Curnow
Kathy Daniel
David Davis
J Michael Davis
Barbara Davis
Michael DeBusschere
Walter DeRieux
Thomas Devine
William Dickinson
Thomas Diggs
Brendan Doyle
Eleanor Dwight
Cindy Dyballa
Barbara Elkus
Daniel Esty
Ernest Falke
David Fege
Margie Fehrenbach
Elissa Feldman
Robert Ferri
Timothy Fields
Mary Fillmore
Charles Findley
Phyllis Flaherty
Deirdre Flannery
Tanaka
John Fowle III
David Frank
Laura Fujii
Thomas Gallagher
Barry Garelick

Joe Cotruvo receives Science Award

Recently at the Press Club our own Joe Cotruvo received an award for outstanding science from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists.



Specially noted in the plaque are Joe's "distinguished qualities of personal leadership" and his "originality in devising new techniques for addressing environmental issues."

New Book by Jim Repace

Enemy No. 1 - Waging the War on Secondhand Smoke

James L. Repace is a Maryland-based biophysicist and scientific consultant known for publishing research on passive smoking. He worked in the EPA Office of Air and Radiation from 1979 to 1998. While there, he served on both the Air Policy and Indoor Air Staffs, as well as in the Exposure Analysis Division of the Office of Research and Development.

From Amazon: "Jim Repace's powerful memoir chronicles the generational struggle for smoke-free workplaces by gassed-out nonsmokers. Railing against the smoky mores of the 20th Century, they battled the dark forces of Big Tobacco. We encounter their tales of misery in smoke-filled offices, restaurants, bars, casinos, and hospitals, as well as trains, planes, ships, and in durance vile [a long prison sentence]. We relive the contentious courtroom dramas, great and small."

[Click here for more information](#)

Books of Poetry by Michael H. Levin

Michael Levin, former Director, EPA Regulatory Reform & Innovations Staffs from 1979 to 1988, has published two books of poetry: *Watered Colors* (2014) and *Man Overboard* (2018). A 3rd (*Falcons*) is due out this year. He also co-wrote and co-produced a play with his wife entitled *Two Pianos: Playing for Life*, a play with live classical music. The play premiered in Philadelphia last June and it may travel to Rutgers-Newark, Leipzig Germany, and other venues.

[Click here for more information on poetry books](#)

[Click here for more information on the play.](#)

Marius Gedgudas
James Giattina
Anne Giesecke
Annie Godfrey
Joseph Goffman
Bernard Goldstein
Alan Goodman
Philip Gray
Harlan Green
Geoffrey Grubbs
John Gustafson
James Hagan
Sally Hanft
Ed Hanley
James Hanlon
Bill Hanson
Robert Hardaker
Al Havinga
Phillip Hutton
Patricia Jackson
Lisa Jaeger
Susan Janowiak
Joanne Jordan
William Jordan
Tom Jorling
Bobbie Kahan
Barbara Karn
Judith Katz
Sylvia Kawabata
Thomas Kelsch
John Kennedy
Michael Kenyon
James Ketcham-
Colwill
Victor Kimm
David Kling
Myron Knudson
Eric Koglin
Carl Kohnert
Frans Kok
Walter Kovalick
Cat Kuhlman
Stanley Laskowski
Nathan Lau
Richard Lawrence
Korina Layne-Jones
Lily Lee
Susan Lepow
David Levy
Lori Lewis

To Submit Material.....

If you have an idea for the newsletter, or a photo, information about a book you or your colleagues have written, etc., please email us at newsletter@EPAalumni.org.

Who said this?

"Earth is here so kind, that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest."


Answer below

Douglas William Jerrold, playwright and humorist (1803-1857)

Mary Lindsay
Philip Lorang
Katherine Lose
Raymond
Ludwiszewski
Michael MacDougall
Anthony Maciorowski
Douglas MacMillan
Justice Manning
Craig Matthiessen
Janet McCabe
Mel McCottry
Diane McCreary
Robert McGhee
Daniel McGovern
Jack McGraw
Chilton McLaughlin
Dorothy McManus
John Meagher
Albert Meiburg
Luther Mellen
Mary Melley
David Menotti
Karen Metchis
Leonard Miller
Joel Mintz
Brian Molloy
Mark Moloney
David Monroe
Jane Moore
Douglas Mundrick
Edward Murphy
Wayne Nastri
Lucas Neas
Denise Ney
Norine Noonan
Terry Oda
Margo Oge
James Olander
James O'Leary
Gary O'Neal
Wayne Ott
Joseph Paisie
David Parrish
Donald Patton
Marcus Peacock
Robert Perciasepe
Donna Perla
Frances Phillips
Michael Quigley

Larry Reed
Phyllis Reed-Halloran
Ruth Robenolt
Marvin Rubin
Milton Russell
Richard Sanderson
Sam Sasnett
Amy Schaffer
John Schakenbach
Sara Segal
John Seitz
Steve Shapiro
Kris Shurr
John Silvasi
Terry Simpson
Jay Sinnott
Henry Slack
Candace Smith
Jane Souzon
David Standley
Elaine Stanley
Bob Steiert
Rosemary Stein
Fred Stiehl
Judy Stober
Jerry Stubberfield
Robert Sussman
Frances Tafer
Alexandra Teitz
Pat Thorne
Steve Tiber
Gary Timm
Nikki Tinsley
Catherine Tunis
Rachel Van Wingen
Kathleen Veit
Winona Victery
John Warren
Stephen Weil
Anne Weinberg
John Wheeler
John White
Deanna Wieman
David Wiley
J. Kemper Will
Marcia Williams
Robin Williams
Marcia Williams
Betty Williamson
Jim Willis

Louise Wise
James Woolford
Gene Wossum
Susan Wyatt
Russel Wyer
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