

Name Change

As you know, the company's name changed to Johns Manville a few months ago. We are changing the name of our retiree newsletter also and will be asking you to approve this on the proxy card that will be sent out for this year's election of officers.



'97-'99 Slate

The nominating committee this year was comprised of the following members of the Association: Jerry Attridge, Nate Henn, Bill Johnson, Andy Sokal and Carl Vander Linden. The committee elected Carl Vander Linden as its Chairperson.



The committee nominates for the following positions:

- Vice President & Director
John Leasher (incumbent)
- Treasurer & Director
Roy Hillmer (incumbent)
- Director
Barney Coleman (incumbent)
- Director
Burt Emory (new nominee)
- Director

Bob Feeney (incumbent)
All of the above positions are for two year terms. All nominees have been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected.

Many thanks to Al Moore who served on the Board for the past term and had previously helped in the formation of your Association. We hope Al will continue to be involved with the Association's activities.

Additional Nominations

The by-laws state:

"Nominations may be made by any five or more Members if filed with the Secretary within thirty days after mailing of the list of nominees, with permission of the candidate(s)."

Any additional nominations should be sent to:

Bill Snyder, Secretary
Johns Manville Retirees
Association
1952 W Ridge Rd
Littleton, CO 80120.

The nomination(s) should be signed by at least five Association members as well as by the candidate(s) indicating willingness to serve if elected.

If there are additional nominations, secret ballots will be

mailed to members for their vote. Should there be no additional nominations, a request for proxies will be sent to members and the Secretary will be directed at the annual meeting to cast a ballot for the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee.

The time and place for the annual meeting will be announced when the ballots or proxies are mailed to members.

Johns Manville Fund Fern Bengtson

In our May 1994 issue, we ran an article on the "Schuller Fund" which is now named the Johns Manville Fund. In a recent check with the administrator of the fund, Joni Baird, she advised me there have been no changes in administration of the fund—only the name has changed.



The general aspects of the plan are:

- 1) It operates on a budget which limits the number and amount of contributions made each calendar year.
- 2) Some Fund programs require employee initiative and/or direct involvement to

begin the grant making process. In others, review priority is given to proposals confirming employee and/or family involvement.

- 3) Johns Manville Fund contributions are made to organizations in communities where Johns Manville has a presence.
- 4) Johns Manville active and retired employees, their spouses and dependent children may participate in Johns Manville programs.

Program details, deadlines, procedures and forms may be obtained from Joni Baird, Johns Manville Fund Administrator, P. O. Box 5108, Denver, CO 80217-5108. You may call her at (303) 978-3863 or send a FAX to (303) 978-3547.

What Happened to John Hancock?

Diane Persons

On March 1, 1997 John Hancock's group health and life insurance business was purchased by UNICARE Life and Health Insurance Company.



UNICARE is a subsidiary of WellPoint Health Networks Inc. Some of WellPoint's other subsidiaries include: Blue Cross of California, WellPoint Dental Plan, WellPoint Pharmacy Plan and WellPoint Life Insurance Company.

What does this mean to Johns Manville retirees who have *John Hancock* coverage? There has been no change in our medical plans. The claims will continue to be processed through the Texas office with the same telephone number of 1-800-523-2928.

Within the next few months, medical identification cards will be printed along with claim forms showing not only Johns Manville's name but also UNICARE's name. In the meantime, you should continue using the forms and ID cards with the Schuller and Hancock name on them.

Waukegan Regional Representative

We are sad to report that Everett Paddock, our Waukegan Regional Representative, passed away recently. The Board is in the process of finding a regional representative for the Waukegan region. You will be advised as soon as it has been finalized.

Where is Everyone?

Just a reminder - please advise the Association of any change of address. We have no way to trace if the post office doesn't give a forwarding address. We are losing track of some members in this way.



Also, as yet, we don't receive a listing of new retirees (or deaths) from the company. So if you have friends who retire and would like to be a member, please have them contact us. There are no dues at this time.

Snail Mail for E-Mail Roy Hillmer

I have 24 addresses on file of those who responded to the request for E-mail addresses (March '97 issue, see below). Unfortunately, I crashed my computer and may no longer have everyone's address. If you have had no reply from me, please send me a new message.



I have smartened up and now I immediately print out a hard copy and file it. rhillmer@rmi.net

(from the March Newsletter)

MRA Internet?

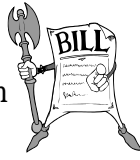
We are trying to determine how many people are connected to the Internet to see if we should set up a home page. Send your e-mail messages to Roy Hillmer <rhillmer@rmi.net>

Roy will reply and acknowledge your address. Please do not send any other questions as he is just trying to set up a network. We do not want to get into a Q&A session until we are ready.

Remember, "Letters to the Editor" go to Fern Bengtson at 6330 South Bluebell Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439. All other mail goes to Box 3336 and e-mail to rhillmer@rmi.net.

Insurance Alert
Roy Hilmer

If you belong to the JM Standard Comprehensive Plan or the Core Medical Plan and if you are going to the hospital for any reason, be it inpatient or out-patient, be sure and call the UNICARE pre-authorization number 1-800-325-5554.



I have recently run into problems on out-patient charges where they only want to pay 50% as they say I did not get pre-authorization. I have called in, told them why and they would tell me I did not need to get pre-authorization as I was not being admitted. Then when the claim finally went through, they only want to pay 50% because I had not gotten it approved.

So: Set up a file so when you call them you can write down the date, get the person's name, write down why you called and what they told you. I have received conflicting answers on the same treatment. So far, with a lot of effort, I have been able to get them to reverse their position and pay at the proper rate.

Manville/Schuller Retiree's Association Fund Activity Summary Year 1996	
Beginning Balance	
Funds on Deposit	\$ 65,929
Income:	
Credit Union Dividends on Deposited Funds	\$ 2,524
Expenditures:	
Legal and Accounting Fees	1,639
Insurance	2,500
Newsletters, Postage and Misc.	<u>2,645</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,784
Net Change in Funds During Year	\$ -4,260
Ending Balance, Funds on Deposit	\$ 61,669

(from) Roger DeVries C.P.A.
Board of Directors
Manville/Schuller Retiree Association

I have examined the financial records of the Manville/Schuller Retiree's Association for the year 1996, and found the financial operations of the Association to be in order.

The enclosed Financial Summary was compiled from the Association records without audit. As it was not subject to audit, and as it is not accompanied by other financial statements generally considered necessary for full financial disclosure, I am unable to express an opinion as to this Financial Summary.

Yours very truly,
Roger DeVries



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