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JMRA Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee met in accordance with the by-laws of The Johns Manville Retiree Association. The Committee consisted of: Jerry Attridge, Bill Johnson, John Swenson, Carl Vander Linden, The committee elected Carl Vander Linden as their chairperson. The committee nominated:

Andy Sokal, Vice President and Director.

Andy has one year remaining on his two year Director term and will resign from that responsibility to accept the Vice President and Director position.

Lou Stravato, Treasurer and Director, Incumbent.

Ed Bettinardi, Director, Incumbent.

Bob Clark, Director, New,

One year term to fill the Directors position held by Andy Sokal.

Jack Ellis, Director, New,

Two year term (Jack has been the Newsletter Layout editor since 1992).

Dick Graves, Director, New,

Two year term.

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 should be signed by at least five association members in good standing as well as by the candidate(s) indicating willingness to serve if elected.

If there are additional nominations then secret ballots will be mailed to members for their vote. Should there be no additional nominations, the Secretary will be directed to cast a ballot for the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting.

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

Help Wanted

Tom Krzemien

Johns Manville Retirees Association Classifieds

Globalization has created immediate openings within the Johns Manville Retirees Association Regional Representative staff. No travel required. Work from home. This is a critical part-time position responsible for coordinating fellow employee input with the Directors and Newsletter staff.

Do not miss this opportunity if you are a Johns Manville Retiree Association member. Openings are available in the Atlanta GA and the Alexandria/Richmond IN locations. Prior experience preferred but not required. Contact your newsletter editor to join us. Excellent working environment. Great people. EOE

National Retiree Legislative Network Summer 2007 Newsletter

A. J. (Jim) Norby, President, NRLN

“Retiree Health Care: Next Financial Tidal Wave” – *The Desert Sun*.

“RIP: Retiree Health Plans” – *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine*.

“Employers Chip Away at Retiree Health Benefits” – *The Los Angeles Times*.

If headlines like these send your blood pressure rising, stop and take a deep breath. You probably can’t afford your prescription blood pressure medication due to current laws favoring the big pharmaceutical companies. Under the current system, the same drugs, manufactured in the same factory, routinely sell for nearly two times as much in the U.S. as they do in other countries.

The big drug companies are also trying to prevent Americans from cashing in on substantial savings from generic drugs by marketing so-called “authorized” generic drugs. According to recent press reports, these “authorized” generics are nothing more than re-labeled versions of brand-name prescription drugs produced by the same brand manufacturer in order to confuse consumers and shut true generics out of the market. Not wanting to let go of the huge profits from their brand-name drugs, the brand manufacturer offers its repackaged “authorized” generics at lower prices to drive true generics out of the market. Once that occurs, they stick it to the consumer by raising the cost of their “authorized” generics.

At the NRLN, we believe that now is the time for Congress to take action on health care issues important to retirees and workers. Americans—especially retirees living on fixed incomes—can no longer afford the high prices of life-saving medicines that are maintained through the monopoly power of pharmaceutical companies. But these big drug companies aren’t giving up without a fight, which is why we have our work cut out for us during the coming months.

Throughout 2007, NRLN volunteers and our professional staff on Capitol Hill will be working aggressively on behalf of needed legislation, including the Pharmaceutical Market Access and Drug Safety Act of 2007 (S. 242) and the Fair Prescription Drug Competition Act that would end the marketing of “authorized generics.”

Last year, passage of the pension reform package proved that retirees can prevail and reverse the trend of policy decisions and legislation favoring corporate interests over the retirement security of millions of working class Americans. Our legislative efforts helped convince lawmakers to substantially tighten corporate pension plan funding requirements and close loopholes that enabled companies to accumulate huge pension liabilities.

The NRLN enters 2007 with a very educated activist membership and professional staff. Our grassroots organization of volunteers is trained and ready to respond to key legislative issues with a barrage of letters, e-mails and telephone calls to elected delegates from their districts. Our Washington staff is on Capitol Hill participating in hearings and one-on-one meetings with Senate and House members and their staffs. And we continue with our aggressive media relations campaign in support of our issues. All of these strategies have enhanced the NRLN’s perception as a reliable source of information among key congressional members.

The coming months will be critical, as NRLN volunteers and staff members work to educate the new and existing members of Congress and their staffs on the urgent need for health care reform to protect medical coverage for millions of retired Americans. Please help us in this important effort by mailing in a contribution of \$15, \$35, \$75 or more along with the Membership Donation form attached to this letter. Your generosity will ensure that we continue to make our views known on Capitol Hill, where key issues affecting your future health care and retirement security will ultimately be decided.

Recent conversations with congressional staff members who are involved with key legislative committees have left me convinced that meaningful health care reform for retirees is achievable in 2007. With your help and financial support, we can make our voice heard where it matters and over time we will succeed.

Sincerely, A.J. “Jim” Norby

NRLN Individual Membership Form

The NRLN is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. Contributions are not tax deductible.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

RETIRED FROM _____

Mail this form with your check or money order (no cash please) for \$15, \$35, \$75 (or more if you can) to:
NRLN, Inc., P.O. Box 18757, Washington, D.C., 20036-8757

QCC Induction

The Denver Chapter of the Johns Manville Quarter Century Club inducted nine new members into their chapter on Friday, September 14, 2007. Over 175 QCC members and fellow employees honored these inductees at the Denver, Hyatt Regency Tech Center.

The Denver Chapter is only one of 14 locations that will induct members this year. Over 80 individuals from the United States and Canada will be recognized for their service and contributions to Johns Manville in this manner. Johns Manville is still one of the few companies where such a tradition still exists.

We would be happy to report about your experiences if you attended one of the other induction ceremonies.

Retiree Luncheon

Many JM Retirees in the Denver, CO area meet four times a year for lunch and a program. This JM Retirees Luncheon Group is independent of the JM Retirees Association (JMRA), of the JM QCC, and of Johns Manville Corporation. It is financially independent and self-supporting, although many attendees are also members of JMRA and/or JM QCC.

Two programs are currently planned, each including lunch at Columbine Country Club. On Thursday, December 6, 2007, the Joe Peterson Orchestra, along with several other entertainers, will present a musical program for the holiday season. A similar program in 2006 was highly acclaimed. On Thursday, March 20, 2008, Mike Nelson, local TV weatherman for 7NEWS, will talk about weather forecasting and the delivery of these forecasts via television. Programs are varied and include JM speakers, outside speakers on topics of interest, and entertainment.

Denver area JM retirees who currently do not participate but who want to be notified of future events of this group should send their email address to George Kinzer at GRKinzer@aol.com or call him at 303-347-2753 with their mailing address.

In Memory

Morris Boykin Ft Worth TX
Weldon Daniel Ft Worth, TX
Donald L. Dasbach Sarasota, FL
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Archie Franks Ft Worth TX
William A. (Bill) Hindon Denver, CO
W.E. (Bill) Horton Denver, CO
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Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
Links to Medicare part D information.

<http://seniorlaw.com/dra2005.htm>
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My favorite medical information website
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