



Johns  
Manville  
Retirees  
Association

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## President's Corner

**M**y tenure as president has gone by at light speed. We have made significant progress during this time as an association.

With a great deal of work from Ed Bettinardi, John Leasher, Terry Faas, and others, we have agreement from JM to include a letter to new retirees, introducing our organization and inviting them to join our association. We have several new members because of this effort.

We initiated the use of "PayPal" as a secure method of paying association dues.

Finally, we are pursuing trademark protection for our association and web sites.

Our board has changed dramatically from the "old man's club," as reflected by makeup of our new board of directors. The officers for the 2020 Board of Directors are Jeanne Mitisek as President, Barbara Kenshalo as Vice President, Terry Faas as Secretary and John Leasher as Treasurer.

Please welcome our new officers and wish them success.

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## JMRA Trademarks

**J**MRA is in the process of securing US and Chinese trademarks on our Internet domain name, 'jmretirees' (as used with .org) and our organization name, 'Johns Manville Retirees Association.'

Trademark owners have the legal right to use their trademarked name as an Internet domain name to protect it from use by others. Trademarking will help protect us from "domain theft." Unauthorized agents have been registering trademarks of domain names they don't own or use, except to demand payment from the rightful owners to get the name back.

JMRA was approached by a Chinese Patent Law firm inquiring about the use of our 'jmretirees' name and possibly trademarking it, putting us on notice to act quickly to secure the trademarks for ourselves. Applications have been made and accepted in both China and the US and we are now waiting for trademark approvals. Intellectual Property attorneys from both JM and outside have helped us with this process. We will update when approvals have been received.

## Incoming President Jeanne Mitisek

**J**eanne Mitisek joined Johns Manville in 1990 and worked in the legal department for several of the general counsels. She then worked for the president of the holding company during the time when JM was renamed Schuller.

She finished her career in Corporate Affairs and Communications where she served as editor of the employee newsletter and was active on the board of the JM STARS, which was responsible for employee volunteer projects. Jeanne retired in 2015 with 25 years of service.

We welcome Jeanne.

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## A Visit to the British Virgin Islands

Bob Whitt

**M**y brother-in-law won a raffle at a golf tournament for a week at a 4-bedroom villa on Tortola in the British Virgin Islands, and obviously I agreed to go along.

Two years ago, hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the island with 250 MPH sustained winds for two days. Most of the vegetation was gone, and no tall trees currently exist. Many of the roads were eliminated on the west side of the island. There were a lot of buildings which remain as empty hulks, and several 40 to 50 ft sailboats which remain on land where the wind and waves deposited them.

Driving in the BVI is of course British. The steering wheel was on the American side, but we drove on the left side of the road. Mountain driving was an adventure, going up a mountain at a 30-degree angle, approaching a switchback and making a 180-degree turns with a 10-foot radius. To make the turn you go almost vertical and do not see the road again until you stabilize. Oncoming traffic is always a concern.

I could not see the scenery while driving, but once we stopped, especially at a secluded cove, the views were amazing. The food at the beachside restaurants that survived or were rebuilt was awesome. Great seafood and curries. No fast food here, the servers are on island time, but lots of time to drink. Snorkeling was awesome and reasonably priced.



Our timing was not the best, because October is the beginning of surfing season. The waves were 12 to 15 feet on the Friday before we left. Not good for swimming. In the spring the seas are said to be like glass with great snorkeling.

## In Memory

This list is assembled from many sources. We try to be accurate, but if you find an error, please let your editor know. Please note that Johns Manville Corp. does not provide the Johns Manville Retirees Association with notifications of deaths. If someone you know has passed—an employee or spouse—please get that name to us for mention in our next newsletter.

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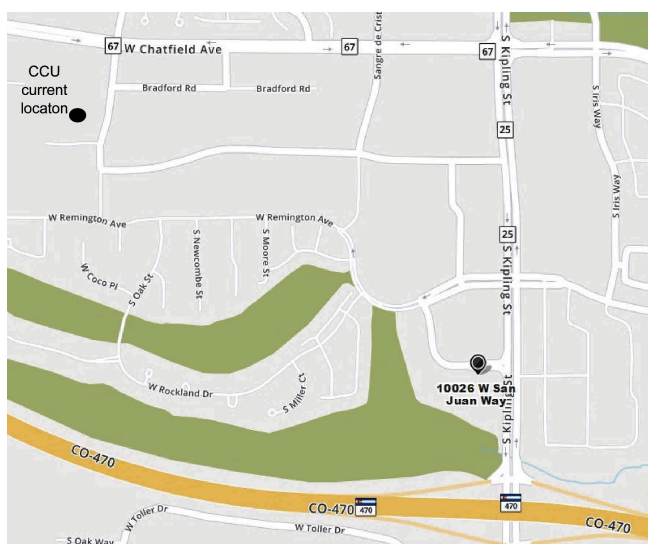
## Colorado Credit Union Relocates Banking Operations

Whitney Thomas, CCU

The board, management and staff are very excited about CCU’s new look and the future of our credit union. We want to assure you that Colorado Credit is not merging nor are we being bought out. The credit union is safe and sound, and performing extremely well as a financial institution. We are excited to share some additional news that will improve your banking experience.

We are proud to announce that our Littleton branch will be moving to Kipling and C-470. We wanted a more visible and accessible location, and have recently purchased the building at 10026 W. San Juan Way in Littleton.

The plan is to move our Littleton banking operation to the San Juan Way location in early 2020. Our corporate offices will remain at the Continental Divide location.



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