

Johns Manville Retirees Association

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### **President's Corner**

Jeanne Mitisek

Dear JM Retirees,

and I hope the majority of you have been able to be vaccinated. While everyone is anxious for this time to be over, I think age is definitely an advantage. By retirement we have all lived lives with many ups and downs. That experience makes it easier to be patient with the steps necessary to get back to a more normal lifestyle.

Another positive – earlier this year JM celebrated 20 years as a Berkshire Hathaway Company. This acquisition gave JM a strong financial foundation, as well as the ability to focus on the long-term and invest in the future. The company, like the rest of us, will come through this challenging time. When in doubt, just breathe.

#### Use E-Mail Jack Ellis

I'm your friendly newsletter layout editor; been that for twenty-nine years. That's also the age of the printed JMRA newsletter.

We started the newsletter when mass communication was by U.S. mail. Fern physically collected the articles and drove between my house, the printer and the post office to get it published.

We are a little more efficient now; we use email and the internet to move things around. But we still use snail-mail for a printed newsletter. And many of you have switched to email for delivery of your newsletter.

I like email. It doesn't require time and expense to create a mailing. Voting is direct and when there is a need for communication, it can be timely.

Be with us through email. If we don't have your email address, add it by using our website at <a href="http://www.jmretirees.org">http://www.jmretirees.org</a>.

Or use the Membership Form at the end of this newsletter.

Go email! (Couldn't help it; it's football season.)

#### **Nominations**

In accordance with the JMRA by-laws, the Board of Directors appointed Dick Graves, Debra Baker and Rich Johansson to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. The Committee elected Dick Graves as its Chairman.

The Committee nominated the following for two year terms and for the positions as shown below. All nominees have agreed to serve if elected.

Barbara Kenshalo – President
Terry Faas – Vice President
(1yr term) and Secretary
Sherrel Price
Jared Ingwalson
Norm Zettel
Terry Anglada (to replace Rocco Russo, retiring 2021)

In addition, the Board of Directors has appointed Jan Nelson to replace Board member Bob Whitt, who recently retired.

The by-laws state that other (additional) nominations may be made by any five or more members in good standing, with the permission of the named candidate. Such nominations must be filed with the Secretary within thirty days after this mailing of the above list of nominees.

If additional nominations are made, secret ballots will be mailed to members. Should no additional nominations be made, the Secretary will send out a proxy request and at the annual meeting will cast a ballot for the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee.

# JM Produces Nonwoven Fabric for Face Maskes

The Johns Manville plant in Richland, Mississippi, started production this month to make nonwoven filtration media that will be used to create needed face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

"Our high-performance nonwoven material is designed to provide high levels of filtration for various types of face masks. Johns Manville is in a unique position to serve a market that is fulfilling a great need across the world," said Mary Rhinehart, President and CEO of Johns Manville. "We are proud of our teams in Richland and throughout JM for finding new ways to support the communities and people who are on the front lines of this global crisis."

Most nonwoven production of face masks was abandoned in the U.S. many years ago and moved to Asia. Given the shortage of face masks in the U.S. and Europe, JM's Engineered Products business decided to build on its existing capabilities and help fill the market demand.

"Our high-performance nonwoven material is designed to provide high levels of filtration for various types of face masks," said John Vasuta, President of JM's Engineered Products business.

JM media meets or exceeds Level 1 BFE 95% (Bacterial Filtration Efficiency) and VFE (Viral Filtration Efficiency) requirements. These results were verified by an FDA-registered national laboratory.

The JM plant in Richland employs about 50 people and produces a variety of filtration products for various air and liquid applications using polypropylene and polyester meltblown technology. Richland's meltblown filtration media can be found in numerous industrial, automotive, consumer products and FDA-approved food and healthcare applications.

## JM Produces Nonwoven Fabric for Medical Gowns

The Johns Manville plant in Spartanburg, South Carolina, started production this month to make nonwoven fabric that will be used for manufacturing of urgently needed disposable medical gowns used in the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

"There is a desperate need in North America and in Europe for medical gowns," said John Vasuta, President of Johns Manville's Engineered Products business. "Our teams are working quickly to create solutions and manufacture a new coated polyester spunbond nonwoven fabric. We are going through unprecedented times – so every step to support health care workers and others on the front lines helps right now."

This is the second move by Johns Manville to quickly develop and launch a product that can improve the safety of people in potential direct contact with the COVID-19 virus. In April, production started in Richland, Mississippi, of nonwoven media for the manufacturing of face masks.

"Given the urgent need for action," Vasuta said, "we quickly decided to build on our own capabilities and develop a coated product to supply the domestic medical gown manufacturing industry."

The JM plant in Spartanburg employs 100 people and produces a variety of polyester nonwoven products for the use in mainly filtration, roofing and specialty applications using JM's proprietary spunbond technology. Johns Manville operates a multitude of polyester spunbond lines across the globe with a distinct customer and market focus.

#### **Financials**

Johns Manville Retirees Association Fund Activity Report As of December 31, 2020					
	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)		
Beginning Balance,	12/31/2020	12/31/2019	12/31/2018		
Funds on Deposit, January 1	\$17,621	\$18,455	\$23,199		
Income: Credit Union Interest	\$294	\$355	\$136		
Dues Collected	3,380	5,560	320		
Total Income	\$3,674	\$5,915	\$456		
Expenditures:					
Audit	\$325	\$325	\$325		
JM Retirees Trademark Issue	-	2,350			
Web Site & E-Mailing Program	212	1,272	751		
Directors Liability Insurance	1,686	1,653	1,637		
Newsletters	1,649	956	2,212		
P.O. Box Expenses	168	154	140		
Miscellaneous	43	39	135		
Total Expenditures	\$4,084	\$6,749	\$5,200		
Net Change in Funds During Year	-\$410	-\$834	-\$4,744		
Ending Balance,	\$17,211	\$17,621	\$18,455		
Funds on Deposit, December 31					
Checking	\$727	\$363	-		
Savings	12,397	1,461	\$3,009		
Certificate	4,087	15,797	15,446		
	\$17,211	\$17,621	\$18,455		



#### 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.

Om Anderson Jack Angelovic  John Richard Ballent Stephen Lee Barichello Glenn Bauman David Spenser Bechman  Bettie Bellamy-Rosenson Barbara A Bowser William Breese Sandy Brown  Glen Junior Coe Frank Collins, JR	Parkersburg, WVA Surprise, AZ Kulpmont, PA Rockdale, IL Denver, CO Winder, GA Denver, CO Lompoc, CA Boulder, CO Joliet, IL Parkersburg, WVA Manville, NJ	Mary Hammond Don Hampshire Dennis Lee Helberg Bob Hermann Joyce Hunter David J. Kloepfer Bernard L. Kotyuk Darcy Lehman Robert E Lepic Charles Arthur Life Dorthy Jeanne Lindgren Genevieve T Marvuglio	Richmond, VA Defiance, OH Willows, CA Denver, CO Denver, CO Devver, CO Manville, NJ Defiance, OH Denver, CO Washington, WVA Elkhart, IN Trenton, NJ
John Collins, Jr Edwin Cox	Littleton, CO Chapel Hill, NC	Frederick Matthews Karl Ray Matz	Denver, CO McPherson, KS
James L. Crawford	Cleburne, TX	Shirley Mae Parris Jones	Neil Etowah, TN
Frank Chapman Develle Micheal John Dimock Bernard David Dover Selma Elkins Bliss Ermak Josephine Felsoci Jack D, Florence Joseph Fulmer	Edwards, MS Bakersfield, CA Lompoc, CA Coaldale, CO Denver, CO Milford, NJ Waverly, WVA Denver, CO	Richard Oblack Florence Zackiewicz Pacif Jeane Deloris Pascale Alan Perry Laerence Peppers Jim Ritchea David Robertson Roger Jacob Spangler	Brick, NJ Defiance,OOH Behlehem, GA Parkersburg, WVA Fayette, MS Oakwood, OH
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#### JMRA Membership

Johns Manville Retirees Association is a nonprofit, self-funded, not tax deductible organization.

We always welcome new members. If you know JM Salaried Retirees who are not members, please invite them to join by using our website <a href="http://www.jmretirees.org">http://www.jmretirees.org</a>. Also, please use the website if you have a change of address or e-mail address.

Dues are payable in odd numbered years. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. Dues are payable this year through check or PayPal on our website. http://www.jmretirees.org

Please mail membership information (your email) to

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