



"Reaching Out From a Common Experience"

Greetings from a unique group of people - the retirees of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The Laboratory Retiree Group (LRG) is a non-profit corporation which seeks to maintain communications with and to serve the needs and interests of retirees from LANL. If you wish to join our organization, an application is available in this newsletter. For more information, please contact our President Charles R. Mansfield, coyote2@swcp.com or by mail at P. O. Box 546, Los Alamos, NM 87544

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Have a Great Summer!

Hello Retirees: Do You Want More News About Los Alamos and the Lab? Consider These Sources:

1) *Atyourservice.ucop.edu* (UC Benefits)

2) *Netbenefit.fidelity.com* (for 403(b) information)

3) **The Essence of Los Alamos & White Rock** is a bi-monthly publication that celebrates people, places, businesses, organizations, and activities that are essential to life in our community. The *Essence* is a feature of the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce Community Matters initiative. The current issue and an archive of past issues are available online. Subscribe to receive an email notice every time a new digital edition is published. Go to WWW.ReadTheEssence.com.

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- LANL on Twitter, <http://twitter.com/#!/LosAlamosNatLab>.
- LANL video on YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/user/LosAlamosNationalLab>
- LANL photos on Flickr, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/losalamosnatlab/>
- LANL podcasts on iTunes, <http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/video-audio-podcasts-los-alamos/id394142097>
- Los Alamos Report, <http://www.lareport.blogspot.com/>

Excerpts from the May 2012 issue of *LANLhighlights*:

bio-surveillance, anti-terrorism efforts supported by LANL. A [new video](#) on the Lab's YouTube Channel highlights the crucial support LANL provides to nationwide bio-surveillance activities.

Lab remembers, honors fallen workers. LANL has completed the installation of three memorials that honor the memory of workers killed in high explosive accidents in the 1950s. The three plaques are located at two TA-16 accident sites—Building 260 and the Explosives Burning Ground—and Building 40 at TA-9. The "burning ground" accident claimed the lives of four men in 1959. Families of the four visited the memorial after its installation in 2009. The Building 260 accident killed two men, also in 1959. Their families visited that memorial in 2011. The Building 40 accident claimed one man's life in 1956. His family visited this latest memorial on May 25. The following were honored:

- Candalario Esquibel, June 26, 1956
- Leo Guerin, Feb. 24, 1959
- Ray Means, Feb. 24, 1959
- Leopoldo Pacheco, Oct. 14, 1959
- Escolastico Martinez, Oct. 14, 1959
- Sevedeo Lujan, Oct. 14, 1959
- Jose Cordova, Oct. 14, 1959

New Mexico students receive Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund scholarships. Sixty-five students from seven Northern New Mexico counties are recipients of Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund scholarships, funded through more than \$500,000 in donations from Laboratory employees and retirees, along with Los Alamos National Security, LLC, which manages the Lab. Los Alamos High School senior Scott Carlsten received the top award, the platinum scholarship, which provides \$7,500 in financial assistance annually for four years.

Los Alamos, Sandia national laboratories recognize New Mexico small businesses for innovation. Ten projects developed by New Mexico small businesses using the technical expertise and assistance of LANL and Sandia national labs were recognized at the 11th Innovation Celebration sponsored by the New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program.

Science and Technology

Scientists take a giant step forward in understanding plutonium. Plutonium is the most complex element in the periodic table, yet it is also one of the most poorly understood ones. But now a well-known scientific technique, nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, may turn out to be the perfect tool for uncovering some of plutonium's mysteries. Scientists at LANL and the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) have detected the faint signal of plutonium-239's unique nuclear magnetic resonance signature. This signal promises to become a Rosetta stone for deciphering the complex atomic-scale electronic properties of this perplexing element. A new paper on the subject, "Observation of 239Pu Nuclear Magnetic Resonance," was published in the May 18 issue of *Science* magazine.

Ultrasonic technology selected to develop algae harvester unit. The National Alliance for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts (NAABB) has selected the LANL's Ultrasonic Algae Harvesting technology for Phase II development. The technology is based on the Lab's R&D 100 Award-winning Ultrasonic Algal Biofuel Harvester. Research and development to refine the technology at lab-scale has been in progress through NAABB since April 2010.

Researchers develop and test theory of planetary formation. Recent research by Jarrett Johnson and Hui Li of LANL's Nuclear and Particle Physics, Astrophysics and Cosmology group suggests that the first planets in the universe formed well after the first generations of stars. The scientists calculated the minimum metallicity that must be present in the dusty disks surrounding newborn stars in order for planets to take shape.

Glowing future for Los Alamos and Sandia Biotech partnership. Partnering with Los Alamos National Laboratory, an Albuquerque-based company is seeking to transform the way protein and peptide analysis is conducted around the world. Sandia Biotech is using a biological technology licensed from Los Alamos, the split green fluorescent protein (sGFP), as a detecting and tracking tool for the protein and peptide industry, valuable in the fields of Alzheimer's research, drug development and other biotechnology fields using protein folding to understand protein expression and mechanisms of action.

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Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Status

A new SEC designation is effective under the EEOICPA for Department of Energy (DOE and predecessor agency employees, contractors and subcontractors who: Were monitored or should have been monitored for radiological exposures while working in operational Technical Areas with a history of radioactive material use at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days from March 15, 1943 through December 31, 1975, or in a combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees in the SEC. These employees **or** their survivors are potentially eligible for benefits (OF UP TO \$150,000 TAX FREE) if, after beginning covered employment, the covered employee contracted a specified cancer. For information about this program please call:

U.S. Department of Labor, Energy Employees Compensation Resource Center, 412 Paseo de Onate Suite D, Espanola, NM 87532
Toll Free: 1-866-272-3622 or (505)747-6766

In Memoriam

As of 6/13/12



Robert Day
Robert J. Grieggs
Shirley A Langhorst
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James "Danny" Doss
Ida Mae Antos
Bill Van Buskirk
Robert Albertson

*Also:

Not Lab employee but instrumental in LASL/LANL:

*Gordon Sumner, Jr. Lt. Gen. (Retired)

2012 Annual Meeting



Registering for Door Prizes



Chef John Cooking Burgers



Great Food, Great Fun, Great Friends!! Even John Wayne!!



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LABORATORY RETIREE GROUP

The annual meeting of the Laboratory Retiree Group was held at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday, May 12. The festivities began at 4 PM. About 75 people were served hamburgers, hotdogs, soft drinks and assorted chips, dips and cookies. The LRG President, Chuck Mansfield, was in California and unable to attend. Dale Thompson, the Vice President, chaired the business portion of the meeting which began at 5 PM.

Glenn Lockhart, chairman of the Health Issues Working Group, made an appeal for LRG members to contact their Congressional delegation and express their concern about raising the cost and decreasing the benefits of the supplemental health care insurance. Daniel Ortiz and Loretta Valerio from the New Mexico Office of Nuclear Workers Advocacy made a presentation about the work their office does to assist and advocate for nuclear workers who have become ill as a result of occupational exposures while working at DOE facilities. If you are in this category you may be entitled to fiscal compensation. This office can be contacted at 505-827-1636 or by email at nmenv.onwa@state.nm.us. Consultation is free. If you receive compensation they will take less than one percent to help cover the costs of running the office.

The Board of Directors for the Laboratory Retiree Group, LRG, consists of 15 members. Each year five members are elected or re-elected for a period of three years. This year three members were presented for re-election to the Board of Directors. They were Bob Meier, Paul Guthals and Molly Birely. This leaves a vacancy of two members on the board. Vice President Dale Thompson conducted the election of the three board members and called for nominations from the floor for the additional two members. There were no nominations from the floor. Vice President Thompson reminded those in attendance that in this situation the Board of Directors has the authority to appoint members to the Board. If there are any LRG members who would like to serve on the Board of Directors please contact President Mansfield.

Vice President Thompson told those in attendance that the monthly board meeting for the month of May was cancelled. The annual meeting of the Laboratory Retiree Group was officially closed by Vice President Dale Thompson at 6:45 PM.

There are several vacancies on the Board, please contact Chuck Mansfield if you can volunteer. The Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month in the Mesa Library.



Membership Application

THE LABORATORY RETIREE GROUP, INC. (LRG)

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Affiliate ☐ Friend
☐ Change of address ☐ Check here if requested information remains unchanged.

The Laboratory Retiree Group, Inc. is comprised of retired Los Alamos National Laboratory employees, their spouses, and affiliates. An affiliate is a surviving spouse or a former spouse of a LANL employee, who is eligible for LANL retiree benefits. Annual dues for calendar year **2012** are **\$12 per year** per household for both **members and affiliates** and **\$15 per year** for **friends**.

Lab. Retiree: _____, _____ Year Retired: _____ Retiree System: _____

(Please print or type last name first)

Spouse: _____, _____ LANL Retiree? N __ Y __ Year Ret.: _____

(Please print or type last name first)

Friend: _____, _____

(Please print or type last name first)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax or E-Mail _____

Please make your check, which will serve as your receipt, payable to LRG, Inc. and mail to:
LRG, Inc.
PO Box 546
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Check #: _____ Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

I WISH TO BE LISTED IN THE LABORATORY RETIREE DIRECTORY: Yes _____ No _____

Health Issues by Glenn Lockhart

Los Alamos National Security, LLC, (LANS) usually sets health care rates for the next calendar year in July. If you are listed in LRG's Directory, you should have received a letter from Chuck Mansfield (LRG President) in late April or early May asking you to write to the New Mexico Congressional Delegation about health care premiums. If you have not written to the New Mexico Congressional delegation, PLEASE do so immediately.

I have received a few calls asking for guidance on what to say in the letters. Following are my suggestions (please use your own words):

1. You are a retiree from Los Alamos National Laboratory.
2. In 2010, The Department of Energy (DOE) directed LANS (over LANS' objections) to increase the health care premium paid by employees and retirees to 20% of the estimated plan cost for 2011.
3. We are afraid that DOE will direct LANS to increase premiums paid by retirees for calendar year 2013, resulting in a heavy burden on many retirees.
4. **Ask the Senator/Congressman to intercede with DOE to prevent any increase in the percentage of the estimated plan cost paid by retirees.** The addresses are:

Senator Jeff Bingaman
Suite 101
119 East Marcy
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Senator Tom Udall
Suite 302
120 South Federal Place
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Congressman Martin Heinrich
Suite 1605
505 Marquette Ave NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Congressman Steve Pearce
Suite 200
200 East Broadway
Hobbs, NM 88240

Congressman Ben Ray Lujan
Suite 1605
505 Marquette Ave NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

If you have questions about health care or benefits, call Glenn Lockhart at (505) 672-3784, e-mail at mandmlockhart@cs.com, or snail mail at 91 Mimbres Drive, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

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