

PAG Waves Goodbye to Danny O'Donovan

FMC and the East Plant Public Advisory Group wished a sad but fond farewell to member Danny O'Donovan who recently moved out of state in conjunction with a career change. Energetic and always cheerful, Danny is greatly missed by fellow PAG members, friends and work colleagues.

Born and raised in Clonard, Republic of Ireland where he received his formal education, Danny worked in Dublin and London, England for 22 years holding various management positions in international banking. In 1994, Danny was recruited by One Valley Bank as Senior Vice President of Corporate & International Banking and moved to Charleston, WV. At One Valley (currently known as BB&T) he established an International Division in importing and exporting and established bank correspondent relationships in

China, Australia, Europe, South Africa and the Middle East.

Danny was with the FMC PAG for 2 years and has been an active member. "I have made many great friends, and will miss the interaction and discussions," said Danny. "I enjoyed working with people in the community that were concerned about social and economic issues in the area, and I greatly admire FMC and their efforts to redevelop land to benefit the local and surrounding communities economically and socially."

Danny enjoys the outdoors, and playing golf is one of his forte's. He also likes to spend time with his wife, Edith and sons Paul and David.



Governor's General Counsel Visits Site

Alexander Macia, General Counsel to WV Governor Bob Wise brought greetings and support of the governor to the FMC East Plant site team when he visited on January 27. "This is exactly what the Voluntary Remediation and Redevelopment Act was meant to accomplish," said Macia after he toured the site. Workers at the site continue to remove old building foundations and build infrastructure to support the new business development expected this year. "I applaud the businesses that have chosen this location for their expansion," he added, "and I hope more will follow their lead." "This site is a perfect example of the positive outcomes that can occur when government, business and citizens all work for a common good."



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Joe Holland and Holzer Clinic to Build

A new auto maintenance mega-shop and additional medical facilities will soon be under construction at the former location of FMC's East Plant according to project manager Jim Bodamer. "We're pleased that our goal of returning this site to productive use is well on its way to realization" said Bodamer from his Philadelphia office.



Joe Holland

The site was the first to be entered in the West Virginia Voluntary Remediation and Redevelopment Program in 1998. "This is a true example of our vision for this forward-thinking program" said WV Dept. of Environmental Protection Program Director Ken Ellison. "Remediating industrial properties and returning them to the market is a boon to both the environment and the economy. In this scenario, everybody wins."



It was the right thing for South Charleston, too, according to South Charleston Mayor Richie Robb. "Its wonder-

ful to see equipment moving and people working over there. We hope to see development at the East Plant spill over into increased downtown business, too."

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Holland's property will be about 3 3/4 acres while the Holzer facility will take up about 1 1/4 acres. Construction on both the Holzer and the Holland buildings will begin this spring.

Shelley Moore Capito Visits East Plant

Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito visited the East Plant site on Wednesday, January 9 in order to get an update on site progress. Congresswoman Capito, who was present for the Voluntary Remediation and Redevelopment agreement signing ceremony on May 11, 1998 as a WV State Legislator, found the visit inspiring. "It is very encouraging to see legislation in action," she said. "We worked hard to formulate a state 'brownfields' program that would preserve our precious green spaces yet still meet the needs of the local citizens by creating jobs. I am proud of the high

standards that the state produced which have played an important role in how the federal brownfields programs will be managed."



FMC's Bob Smering and Jim Bodamer discuss site plans and progress with Congresswoman Capito

Quotes from the Web Site's Guestbook



Mark Scott:

It is encouraging to see the work being done to remediate this site and return it to productive use. Good job!

Tom Kittredge:

It is an honor to be involved with the Public Advisory Group. It will most certainly serve as a model to other such groups. Please feel free to call (304-755-1324) or e-mail tom.kittredge@terraddon.com with questions regarding www.eastplant.com.

In Memory of Stephen E. Pritchard

Editor's Note: *This message was forwarded to us by Mr. Pritchard's son, Edward.*

Stephen Pritchard, 85 of Sistersville, WV died January 2nd, 2001 at the Sistersville Center after a long illness. He was born September 5th, 1915 at Dunsmore, WV, the son of the late John E., and Isabel Heatherly Pritchard.

Pritchard was employed with the Chlor-Alkali Chemical Division of FMC at the South Charleston Plant for 28 years followed by 17 years as the Manager of FMC's solutions mining facility at Ben's Rin in Tyler Co. During the late 1950's and 60's he was FMC's representative to the South Charleston Sanitary Board during its massive installation of a treatment plant and collection system. He retired in 1980 and worked on his family history for several years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 60 years, Frances Seaman Pritchard, two children, Edward and Alice Ann Metzler and two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Forest Pritchard.

PAG Members Enjoy Some Light Entertainment



(L-R) Bill & Wanita Walton, Earl Rothfuss, Jay Brubaker, Jason Williams, and Tiffany Ellis

Do you know what 'VRRR' means? How about 'natural attenuation'? The Public Advisory Group volunteers do!

They've spent the last three years learning the technicalities of the Voluntary Remediation and Redevelopment Act (VRRR) and the various means of cleaning up groundwater and soil. In addition to that, since the East Plant property will soon begin to see new tenants, the PAG is learning about the ins and outs of economic development! That's quite a load for a handful of otherwise very busy community volunteers!

So when Project Manager Jim Bodamer

invited the PAG to join the FMC technical team for a holiday dinner party, everyone was ready for an evening with a light agenda. On December 10, 2001, the groups gathered at the Charleston Marriott for a dinner meeting. The evening was topped with Bodamer's praise, "we know that there are about a thousand other things you could be doing rather than attend PAG meetings. But the city of South Charleston and FMC are better – the whole East Plant project has gone better – because you're here. We owe you our thanks."

Conclusion? The evening was a perfect antidote to technical burnout!



(L-R) Andy Frishkorn, Bob & Lyn Smering, Phillis & John Fenwick, Ed & Jane Rothman

East Plant Profile: Marianne Brockwell

Marianne Brockwell has a wealth of information when it comes to traveling. Running The Travel Agency Inc. at the in South Charleston, she is truly a very charming woman. Her bubbly demeanor adds much delight to the people she meets as she busily tries to locate the best getaway for her customers.

Born in Evanston, Illinois, Marianne wasn't destined to stay at her birthplace long. With her father working for NATO, "we were constantly on the move" she said. "I left at only 6 weeks old, and by the time I was 50, I had lived in eighty different places and five different countries, including Japan, Philippines, Greenland and England."

Marianne came to live in South Charleston in 1983 and after leaving for a short while, returned in 1987. Having traveled for much of her life, Marianne made traveling her occupation. She returned to school, attained her certificate as a Travel Agent and began working for travel agencies in Charleston. In 1993,

after receiving great enthusiasm and backing from her clients she opened a travel agency in South Charleston.

"Owning a small business is difficult as you get to do all the work and all the worrying, but I have never walked in here [the agency] and not been glad to be here. I have learned a lot about owning a small business, things I might never have known. There is no other place I would rather be. I enjoy the personal contact I have with my customers; customers we have helped come home, travel to new and exotic destinations, and recommend the perfect escape. One of my most memorable moments was in 1996 when a World Sport Jujitsu tournament was held in South Charleston. We provided flights for young competitors from all over the world including Australia and Israel. It was a most enjoyable



community project."

When Marianne is away from her business she likes to spend time gardening, cooking, decorating and landscaping her home. She also enjoys spending time with her husband of 5 years, Jonathan.

Marianne has been with the PAG for more than 4 years and is involved in numerous community activities in the South Charleston area, including the Greater Federation Women's Club (GFWC) where she currently participates in a reading and redevelopment program. "My husband and I cannot imagine leaving South Charleston, but if we do, we plan to come back and retire here. Joining many of the community groups has made me feel like I belong here. This is my home and I plan to stay here for a very long time."

East Plant Terminology

Below are terms that will assist you in understanding the articles within "East Plant Update." Further questions and comments from the public are welcome. FMC has provided outlets such as a hotline, Web site, and information repository for this purpose.

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Brownfields – any program (state or federal) that seeks to streamline the clean up of unused industrial property through voluntary remediation.

East Plant – former FMC plant that operated in South Charleston, WV from 1948 to 1985. The site is located across MacCorkle Avenue from the Criel Mound in downtown and is West Virginia's first voluntary remediation site.

Public Advisory Group (PAG) – a cross-section of South Charleston stakeholders that have undergone a technical and regulatory education process. The group serves as a liaison between FMC Corporation and the South Charleston community. The PAG will assist in determining end uses for

the site that will most benefit South Charleston.

Remediation – the actual construction and implementation of clean up technology at an environmentally contaminated site.

VRRR – West Virginia's brownfields law. Acronym for Voluntary Remediation and Redevelopment Act, which became state law in 1996. FMC submitted their application for the East Plant on June 6, 1997.

VRA – acronym for Voluntary Remediation Agreement, which spells out the terms of site clean up between the state of West Virginia and industry.

FMC Expands Project Scope

The success of the Holzer and Holland property remediation efforts has convinced FMC to get busy on additional sections of the property well ahead of schedule according to Remediation Manager Jim Bodamer.

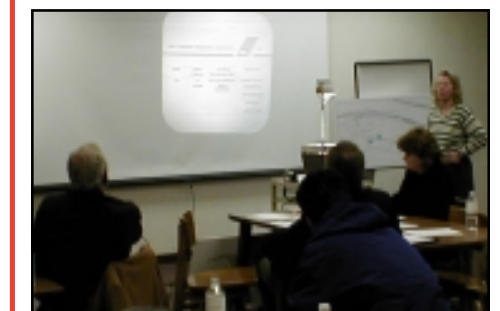


Project Manager
Jim Bodamer

after a commitment has been made from a buyer. We believe that using the contractors and equipment now, while they are already on site, will result in an ultimate cost savings to the company."

"It's the right thing to do," says Bob Smering, the on site Project Manager. "The unusually mild winter has allowed us to make unexpected progress and that momentum can be well-directed to the MacCorkle Avenue side of the property," he added.

Site Realtor Bill Currey is delighted. "This portion of the property already fronts MacCorkle Avenue and is just perfect for retail development. Having the environmental issues behind us and getting the utilities placed makes it even more attractive to potential buyers." As for prospects, Bill isn't speculating. "Let's just say that there is substantial interest," he says with a grin.



Dr. Marjo Carpenter recently presented Risk Assessment information to PAG members

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