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Upcoming Events

31st Annual PGE RETIREE SPRING LUNCHEON

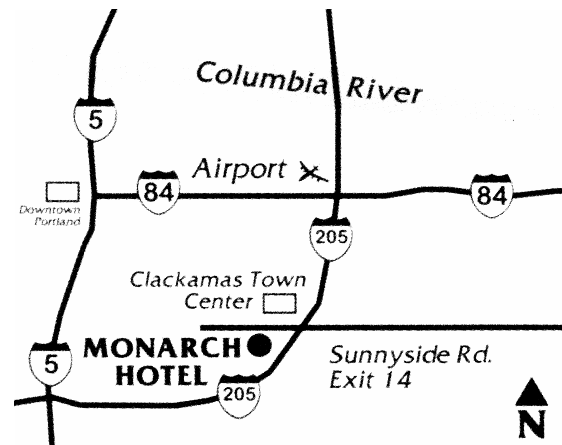
**Thursday, May 20, 2010
Monarch Hotel and Convention Center**

The PGE Retirees' Annual Spring Luncheon will be held at the Monarch Hotel and Convention Center, 12566 SE 92nd Avenue, Clackamas, Oregon (off SE Sunnyside, west of I-205 near the Clackamas Town Center), on Thursday, **May 20, 2010**. Limited handicapped parking is available at the south end of the hotel for easier access to Monarch Hall, where the luncheon will be held.

The doors will open at 11 a.m. for you to gather and meet with old friends. Lunch will be served at noon.

In early May, you will be receiving an invitation in the mail. Please fill it out and return it by **May 13**, along with a check made out to PGE Retirees, 15276 S. Brunner Road, Oregon City, Oregon, 97045, in the amount \$10 per person. This will reserve your place at the Spring Luncheon. (Due to budget cutbacks at PGE, the company is unable to sponsor the retiree luncheon for 2010. However, the retiree

board has worked hard to find a way to continue the tradition. For a cost of only \$10 per person, retirees will have an opportunity to catch up with old friends.) Each retiree is allowed one guest. When returning your card, please list the name of your guest so that name tags may be made. If after you have sent in your card you find that you are unable to attend, please notify **Russ Bailey, 503-632-5423, Chick Colby, 360-573-2096, or Doris Davids, 503-636-2385, by May 17**. No refunds will be made after that date. If you or your guest have a special dietary need, please contact either Russ, Chick or Doris, because they will need to make special arrangements with the hotel. (Sorry—no special diet requests on the day of the luncheon.)



ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW OFFICERS AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON

The current PGE Retiree Board of Directors will vote on the nominees for officer positions for 2010–2011 during the April 12, 2010 board meeting at the Portland Service Center. Ed Miska, current president, will announce results of this vote on May 20, 2010 at the Retiree Luncheon. During the luncheon, Mr. Colby will present the Nominating Committee's report for director nominees of the retiree board for 2010–2011. Mr. Miska will ask for any additional nominations from the floor and preside over the election of director positions. If you are interested in becoming a part of the retiree board, please contact Ed Miska at 503-636-6052.

PGE RETIREES' PICNIC

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the PGE Retirees' Annual Picnic, which will be held on Thursday, July 15, at Red Sunset Park in Gresham, Oregon, the same location as it was last year. (A map will be provided in a future bulletin.) If you have questions about the picnic, call Bob Clayton, our picnic chairman, 503-658-2990. (We will all miss Bob's wife Sandy calling out the bingo numbers at our retiree picnics. Sandy passed away on March 20, 2010.)



PGE RETIREES' SPRING TRIP: MAY 25-26, 2010 A TOUR OF THE PELTON/ROUND BUTTE PROJECT

The upcoming PGE Retirees' spring trip will be a tour of the Pelton/Round Butte Project. It will be an overnight trip, leaving by bus or van on Wednesday, May 25, from the Gresham Service Center (GSC) at 8 a.m. sharp and returning on Thursday, May 26 arriving back at GSC sometime in the evening. Please be at the GSC by no later than 7:45 a.m. We will travel to Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, Casino & Resort, where we will stay for one night. The room rental for double occupancy will be \$115 (including taxes) for the one night's stay (two people sharing a room would be \$57.50 per person or \$28.75 per person for four). The Retirees' Group has reserved 10 rooms. Meals will be on your own; there are restaurants on site. You are free to choose your own activities during your free time at the lodge. They have a wonderful swimming pool, which is heated by the hot springs. Or if you feel lucky, you can take your chances in the casino.

We don't know yet if the trip to Pelton/Round Butte will be taken in one day or split between the two days. The cost per person depends on the number of people taking the tour. To reserve a space for the trip, please send in a check for a deposit of \$50.00 per person by April 15, 2010. Make your checks out to "PGE Retirees", and mail them to: 15276 S Brunner Rd., Oregon City, Oregon 97045. If we do not get enough people who are interested in going on this trip it will have to be canceled, so please respond as soon as possible; this will also help us decide if there will be any more trips in the future. Thanks! For information and to register call Chick Colby, 503-895-7924, cwcolbyir@yahoo.com, or 360-573-2096, Ed Miska, President, 503-636-6052, epm745t@earthlink.net or Barbara Bergmans, 503-682-8858, b.bergmans@verizon.net.

ROAD TRIP PLANS OR IDEAS WANTED



Still thinking about the Astoria Trip from the last issue? We are still looking for a few adventuresome folks interested in exploring Astoria in May, as advertised in the December/January 2010 bulletin. This all-day field trip would explore Astoria, Oregon and visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum, the Astoria Column and historic Fort

Clatsop, along with other interesting sites. The group would return to Portland around 5 p.m. The cost would be in the range of \$5 to \$15, depending on the number interested. You would be on your own for lunch at a local restaurant. This trip is still in the planning stages. If you are interested in learning more or have an idea for a field trip to somewhere in Oregon, please contact Terry Judkins, 503-655-2863, djudkins@comcast.net.

PGE RETIREE MUSEUM

The museum is still in need of *Bullseyes* and *NewsLines*. A **BIG thank you** to a new retiree, Mike Anderson, who donated his large collection of *NewsLines* dated from the 1980s through the end of 2009. If you happen to have any *Bullseyes* and/or *NewsLines* lying around, please bring them to the luncheon, even if it's only a single copy. (We don't mind duplicate copies because we use them for other projects in the museum.) We still have several people not identified in some of the group pictures, so please stop by the tables and take a minute or two to help us identify anyone you might know so we can put names to faces in the pictures. The museum group will be very thankful for any help you can give us. Please let your families know that when you are finished with anything that you think might be of interest or value to the museum to please contact us and we will gladly pick it up. We also would like to have your old retirement books, slides, etc. We also are accepting donations of money. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

PGE is always looking for a few good volunteers. There are tons of volunteer opportunities out there just waiting for YOU!

Check out the enclosed *Volunteer Power* flyer to find an opportunity to spring into!

To sign up for any of the events listed go to www.easymatch.com/pgevp Click on "Join a Project".

VOLUNTEER AT THE WOMEN IN TRADES FAIR

Feel like encouraging today's youth in exploring career opportunities in the power industry? We are looking for a few energetic retirees interested in volunteering at the Women in Trades Career Fair, April 29-May 1. This trade fair will be held at NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center, 16021 NW Airport Way, Portland. Please contact Maureen Fallt at 503-464-7296 or via e-mail at maureen.fallt@pgn.com.

PGE BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive will be Thursday, April 8, 2010, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Flags room on the plaza level of 2WTC. If you are unable to donate at the April blood drive, please mark your calendar for June 6, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Joanne Olson, 360-254-7898, Barbara Bergmans, 503-682-8858, or Stan Chiotti, 503-397-0805.

BOWLING

There are only a couple of months before this season's bowling will close on May 20, but we are still in need of bowlers, so grab your bowling bag and shoes (or rent some at the bowling alley), and come down and join us for the last few sessions. Don't bowl? Come anyway to watch the fun and cheer on the teams. The new bowling season will start back up in September 2010 (dates to be announced later) and end in May 2011. Both men and women retirees, their spouses and significant others are welcome. Check-in time for practice is 12:30 p.m. and the games begin at 12:45. We are located at 20th Century Bowl, SE 92nd Avenue and Powell Boulevard in Portland. Games are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. A BIG THANK you goes out to Steve Kuryk, who has been the chairman for the Retirees' bowling team for a long time. Steve has decided to step down and has turned the reins over to Terry Judkins. Al Richardson is now assistant to the chairman. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Judkins, 503-655-2863, or Al Richardson, 503-518-8600.

GOLF NEWS

A retirees' golf tournament is being planned for the third or fourth week of June 2010. Mike Chapin and his committee would like the weather to get a little better before setting a firm date. This will give you plenty of time to get those golf clubs out of storage and get them all cleaned and polished for the upcoming tournament. If you would like to help Mike or have any questions regarding schedule, times and places please call Mike Chapin, 503-643-1757, Chapinc@aol.com, or Tim Wandell, 503-524-8639, wandell4310@comcast.net or Wally Linder, 503-925-9018, wclinder@yahoo.com



CHANGES AT EBA

Employee Beneficial Association (EBA) offices may have closed January 1, 2010, but the administration work goes on. The trust has contracted with Associated Third Party Administrators (ATPA) to continue the administration of the health, vision, dental and prescription drug plans for union retirees. They will also coordinate the mailing of the monthly health coverage invoices. Please feel free to contact them directly with questions on coverage or premium invoicing by calling 503-454-3829 or toll free at 800-654-4411.

PGE welcomes Dee Lyons to the health and welfare team. With Dee's expertise of the union health plans, she is an important part in making this transition successful. If you

have any questions about these changes, please feel free to contact Dee at 503-464-7380 or via e-mail at dee.lyon@pgn.com

UPDATE ON NEWBY VERSUS ENRON SETTLEMENT

If you worked for PGE during the Enron years, we have recently learned that a new distribution of settlement proceeds from the Newby vs. Enron Corp. lawsuit will be transferred to eligible participants. A recent press release from Fiduciary Counselors, the appointed independent fiduciary for the Enron Savings Plan, contains additional information about the distribution.



Read the entire press release by accessing the PGE retiree Web site at **www.pgeretirees.org**. The press release indicates that 14,000 non-active participants have already been notified by mail that they are eligible for a settlement payment.

Fiduciary Counselors has determined that approximately 2,500 current and former employees who have active accounts in the Portland General Electric 401(k) Plan will have their settlement money automatically transferred directly into their accounts. Please note that the information provided does not indicate when this transfer will occur. **If you are eligible for a settlement, you will receive notification from Fiduciary Counselors after the funds have been deposited to your PGE 401(k) account.**

If you are one of the 14,000 participants who do not have an active PGE 401(k) account, you may have already received a letter from Fiduciary Counselors with an election form for you to indicate how you would like your settlement paid. According to the letter mailed to participants, if the independent fiduciary does not receive your election form by April 30, 2010 your settlement will be rolled over to a default Individual Retirement Account (IRA) with ROLLOVERSYSTEMS, Inc. After April 30, 2010, you may contact them at 888-472-7678.

Have you recently changed your address? Now would be a good time to make sure your contact information is up to date with the Enron Savings Plan. Access the Web site **www.enronsavingplan.com** to send them your current address.

To find out more information about this settlement please visit www.enron.planfiduciary.com to get answers to frequently asked questions. You may also contact Gilardi and Company, which assisted the independent fiduciary with the calculations and will process the settlement distributions. Please feel free to e-mail your questions to classact@gilardi.com.

RETIREES
(a total of 329 years of service!)

April 2009

Aamodt, David A., Associate General Counsel, (17 years)

Bailey, Dale I., Operator (19 years)

Fotheringill, Larry J., Specialist V, Dispatch (28 years)

Johnson, Janice L., Customer Service Representative, Paperwork (31 years)

Johnson, Sharon (Shari) L., Specialist III Risk Management (23 years)

Klingler, Charles, Supervisor IV, Customer Service (31 years)

Riggs, Carol M., Customer Service Representative, Collection (23 years)

Schrimsher, A., Analyst II, (30 years)

Snyder, Rena C., Manager II., IT Customer Applications (41 years)

May 2010

Brown, Bobbye J., Assistant IV (23 years)

Hites, Doty M., Specialist III (33 years)

Thacker, Mary B., Specialist IV (30 years)



IN MEMORIAM

2009

**(Not included in August/
September 2009 issue)**

Berent, Dennis L.

Booth, Leonard J.

Brice, Harry K.

Brooks, Jack J.

Cadigan, Kevin T.

Carpenter, Edward R.

Cavanagh, Bernard A.

Landis, Duane R.

Madaris, Robert D.

Miyake, Chikaichi C.

Neal, Martha A.

Newman, Glen D.

Petty, Harvey D.

Rowse, R. Larry

Strecker, Roy N.

Sirpless, William J.

Tweedle, Oris E.

Walt, Thomas

Webb, Viola J.

Wright, Harold W.

2009–Gone Before Their Time

Buckley, Barbara M.

Kim, Cam-Van B.

Okazaki, Victor

2010

Grenawalt, Mildred L.

Johnson, Merritt E.

Miniutti, Albert E.

Ott, "Tony" Harold L.

Snedecor, Estes

Strother, Averil L.

Vandenbrock, Joan

White, Mildred O.

Zollner, Kenneth E.

2010–Gone Before Their Time

Petersen, Kim D.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Mr. and Mrs. "Ham" Ambrose Chiotti celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on January 9, 2010, with their four children, four of their 12 grandchildren and three of their 14 great grandchildren, along with other family members and friends. Ham and Martha were married on January 9, 1940, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, where they are still members. Ham served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Ham retired from PGE on January 1, 1977 after over 34 years. Two of Ham's sons, Stan and Charles, followed in his footsteps and worked for PGE. Stan lives in St. Helens and retired in 2004, and Charles lives in Hillsboro and is still working as a dispatcher for PGE. Ham and Martha lived in the beautiful home they built in Hillsboro for over 65 years before moving to Harmony Guest Home. Their daughter Diane Munden remains in the family home, where she cared for her parents for several years. Their oldest son Ron lives with his family in California.

Mr. & Mrs. "Dick" Richard Welch recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary. They were married on February 12, 1939, in Long Beach, California. Helen and Dick have three daughters, Judy Hendren, Carol Gourley and Linda Davis and a son, Rick Welch. They have three grandchildren, Tara Hendren, Tyler Davis and Natalie Davis and one great grandchild, Henry Davis. Dick served as a U.S. Naval commanding officer and continued in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He retired in 1968 as a captain and remains active. The Welches moved in 1955 to Portland from Athens, Greece. Dick was employed at PGE as an electrical engineer and was a consulting engineer when he retired in October 1979. Dick and Helen make their home in Lake Oswego when they aren't traveling around the world. For many years they celebrated their anniversaries in Hawaii. They attend Lake Grove Presbyterian Church.

The next Retirees' Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 12, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the **Faraday Conference Room** in the basement of the Portland Service Center, 3700 SE 17th Avenue, Portland. Elections of officers will be held.

All retirees are welcome to attend.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue I have updated the list of folks we have lost since the last posting in the August/September 2009 bulletin and because of this there will not be a *Getting To Know Us* story, but there will be one in the next issue. There were a couple of people that were not included last time, because I had not received the notice of their passing. They are included in this bulletin. I update the bulletin right up until it is ready to be sent to printing.

After Roy Strecker's story was printed his son, Steve, came by my house and dropped off Roy's retirement book, some slides of Trojan being built and an award Roy had received. He wanted these items to be given to the museum. We really appreciate his donation of these items; they are very valuable to us. We are hoping that other retirees will request that items like these be given to the museum when they no longer need them. Because of Roy's story, I was able to connect a former co-worker with Steve because they had something they wanted to tell him about an item he might come across in Roy's belongings. They wanted Steve to know where it came from and why Roy had it.

I'm excited! My 14-year-old granddaughter, Alison is coming up to spend her spring break with me. In the past my middle son, Roger, and his wife, Debbie, always felt she was too young to travel by herself. I always flew to California to see them and visit my many friends living there. This is Alison's first trip to Oregon, so I don't know who is more excited—her or me. I have a long list of "things to do" but don't think we'll get it all done in seven days, but we are sure going to try. We just enjoy spending time together. Blake had his spring break last week so we'll slip in time for the three of us when we can.

Our sympathy goes out to Bob Clayton for the loss of his wife, Sandy. Bob is one of our board members who serves not only on the Retirees' Board but also on the Museum Board,. Bob has been in charge of the Retirees' picnics for the last couple of years, as well as this year, and Sandy was always in charge of calling for the Bingo games. She will be missed.

I'm always looking for my "next story" for *Getting To Know Us*, so if you would like your story told or the story of your loved one told, please contact me. I really appreciate those of you who have let me tell your and your loved ones' stories, and I am looking forward to future interviews. These stories help me document the history of PGE and the lives of all of you who worked for the company. And the best part for me is that I get to meet and make new friends. Please call me at 503-682-8858 or e-mail me at b.bergmans@verizon.net. If you don't have e-mail, you can send me your story or a note to contact you. My address is; 9250 SW 4th Street, Wilsonville, OR 97070. All of these stories are kept on file at the museum, so please keep those names coming.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Luncheon and I'll be waiting to hear from you. "Thank you" to all of you who have let me know that you enjoy reading these stories.

Barbara Bergmans

Helpful Information for Retirees

(Detach and post on your bulletin board or refrigerator.)

NEED TO MAKE AN ADDRESS CHANGE?

If you have moved, temporarily gone south for the winter or experienced a change in your mailing address or telephone number, please let PGE know. This will help PGE to make sure your annual tax documents, other important documents or even the Retiree Bulletin is securely mailed to your temporary mailing address. Please notify PGE when you return so we can switch you back to your original home address.

If you experience any mailing address or e-mail changes, please contact Linda Peerenboom at 503-464-7337.

RETIREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Retiree Assistance Program is available to help any qualified retiree or surviving spouse. It can provide financial assistance for out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered by insurance or Medicare. Your request is handled with strict confidentiality. Requests for assistance must be in writing. Call Tom Kreis, 503-645-2754, Barbara Beck, 503-775-9236, or Russ Bailey, 503-632-5423, for more information.

FIT FACTORY

For only \$20 per month, PGE retirees are welcome to use the health club facilities located in Three World Trade Center. As a member, you are welcome to use the weight machines, treadmills, shower facilities or participate in any of the offered classes. To join or get answers to your questions, contact Sonya Duffin at 503-464-8075.

WEB SITE FOR VA CLAIMS/APPEALS

Are you or your spouse a veteran and need to file a claim or an appeal? Nancy Nash, the wife of PGE retiree and veteran Douglas Nash, has set up a Web site to be a guide to help veterans and/or their dependents file claims or appeals with the VA. The forms you need are available on this site, plus the site gives you a step-by-step "how to" guide for filling out the forms. This may save you from having to hire an attorney, but in case you need to, you'll have your forms already filled out. The Web site is www.howtoassemblevaclaims.com (*one word, no spaces*).

VOLUNTEER POWER TOOL WEB SITE FOR PGE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

To check out what projects for volunteers are coming up or to enter your volunteer hours, log on to www.easymatch.com/pgevp. You may sign up to volunteer online and/or print a

form, fill it in and send it to the address listed on the form. Log in to this Web site using **your employee number without the E**. Your **initial password** is the **last four digits of your Social Security number**. (*You will be asked to change your password the first time you log in.*) For additional information or if you don't know or have forgotten your employee number or have other questions or don't have a computer, please call Scott at 503-464-8554 or e-mail him at Scott.Guptill@pgn.com.

PGE RETIREES WEB SITE (PGERETIREES.ORG)

Can't find one of your older bulletins? Check out our Web site for old issues. You will be surprised and amazed how much information you will find on this Web site. Jack does a wonderful job maintaining it. He updates the retirees Web site daily as new items become available to him. There are items on this site that aren't just for Retirees, but are of interest to all employees. Learn about the history of PGE, plus find links to several other sites. If there are items or events that you would like to add to the Web site, please contact Jack Wojnowski, 360-885-4671, or at jnmnwojnowski@yahoo.com, or Barbara Bergmans, 503-682-8858, or b.bergmans@verizon.net.

PGE RETIREE GET-TOGETHERS

A retiree group meets for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at the Village Inn, 10301 SE Stark Street. **These PGE retirees meet on the first Tuesday of the even months of the year.** The next breakfast will be on April 6, 2010.

Former Customer Service employees meet at 9 a.m. for breakfast on the **first Thursday of each month** at The Wichita Bar and Grill, 19140 Molalla Avenue, in Oregon City. Others are welcome to attend.

A group of retirees meets every **Wednesday at 9 a.m.** at Elmer's Restaurant, 390 SW Adams Street in Hillsboro.

Load dispatchers and other PGE retirees meet for breakfast at **9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month** at Hale's Restaurant, 17502 SE McLoughlin Blvd.

All of the above groups are open to all PGE retirees, their spouses or significant others. If you would like to start up a group closer to your area, or know of a group that hasn't been listed in the bulletin and would like for it to be or have any questions regarding any of the groups, please call Terry Judkins at 503-655-2863 or e-mail him at djudkins@comcast.net.

Retiree Volunteers

Please take time to complete this form describing your volunteer activities and return to Scott Guphill. If you have questions, please contact Scott Guphill. You would be surprised at how much time you volunteer!

Portland General Electric

Retiree Volunteer

Recording Sheet

Retiree Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Name of Volunteer Organization	Month and Hours

Return To	Or Call	Or E-Mail
Scott Guphill Portland General Electric 121 SW Salmon St, 1WTC0303 Portland OR 97204	Scott Guphill 503-464-8554	scott.guphill@pgn.com

Comments
