

Portland General Electric Company
RETIREES NEWS BULLETIN

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UPCOMING EVENTS



PGE Retirees' Biglow Canyon Wind Farm Trip

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Cost: \$5 per person (Lunch extra)

Deadline for Reservations: September 7

We will be leaving from the Gresham Line Center, 1705 NE Burnside Road in Gresham, on **Tuesday, September 22, at 8 a.m. sharp!** (Please park in the east end of the parking lot in front of the building.) Since it is about a 2-1/2-hour drive, we must leave on time. (So if you are late, we can't wait!) The Company has donated two passenger vans for our trip. (There will be room for only 24 retirees and guests, so get your reservations in early). We will stop at Cousin's Restaurant in The Dalles for a scrumptious lunch. Each person is responsible for paying for their own lunch, so be sure and bring along lunch money. On our return trip, we will tour The Dalles Dam and Visitors' Center. We will return to the Gresham Line Center by 5 p.m. A small fee of \$5 will be charged for the trip, please make your checks to "PGE Retirees", and mail them to: Terry Judkins, 145 Glacier St., Oregon City OR 97045. If you missed the wonderful trip to the hydro plants on the Clackamas River, join us for this trip. To make your reservation, please contact Ed Miska (503-636-6052), or Terry Judkins (503-655-2863), or Barbara Bergmans (503-682-8858) by September 7.

PGE BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive will be **August 11, 2009, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.** in the 2WTC-Plaza Conference Room, located on the street level. If you are unable to donate in August, make a note to donate on November 18, 7:30 a.m. – noon. On this date the blood drive will be held at the old **Flags Restaurant**, Plaza Level. If you have questions, please contact Joanne Olson, 360-254-7898, or Barbara Bergmans, 503-682-8858. Forty-nine people donated blood at the June Blood Drive.

PGE RETIREES' PICNIC



Photos by Bonnie Oshiro

The PGE Retirees' Picnic was held July 16 at Red Sunset Park, in Gresham. Bob Clayton, Picnic Chairman, and his committee did a wonderful job of putting it together again this year. There were 54 retirees and guests in attendance. The lower attendance could have been due to the hot weather. So you'll know for next year — the picnic is held in a covered area and a wonderful cool breeze blew through which made it pleasant and enjoyable to sit and visit or play a few games of Bingo. As in the past, there was a large selection of wonderful food, and Bob made sure there was more than enough chicken to go around. As always, the Bingo players were wishing there had been more games and that the picnic hadn't ended quite so soon. Russ Bailey did a great job of calling the Bingo numbers. There were several door prizes and several people went home happy.

BOWLING

Looking for something to do this fall and winter **on the first and third Wednesday** of every month? The new bowling season will start on Wednesday, ***September 2, 2009, and will end on May 19, 2010.*** Mark your calendar. We have several new retirees, and Steve and Terry are hoping you'll come and join the retirees' teams. They are also looking forward to welcoming back last season's regulars and would like to see some new faces showing up this season. Both men and women retirees, their spouses and significant others are all welcome to bowl with us. Want to meet a fun group of people? Then we'll see you on September 2, at the 12:30 p.m. check-in time at 20th Century Bowl, SE 92nd Avenue and Powell Boulevard, in Portland. The Retiree Board has again granted each bowler \$10 toward their cost of bowling for this season. Contact **Steve Kuryk, 503-659-2278, or his assistant Terry Judkins, 503-655-2863,** with questions or for additional information

GOLF NEWS

We would like to welcome ***Mike Chapin*** as our new **Golf Committee Chairman**; he will be replacing John Fishback. Welcome aboard Mike!

The **Fall Golf Tournament** is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**, at **Meriwether Golf Course**, 5200 SW Rood Bridge Road, Hillsboro. Tee-Time will be at 10 a.m. If you have any questions or would like to play at this tournament or in an upcoming tournament, please contact Mike Chapin (503-643-1757), or if Mike isn't available contact one of the following gentlemen: Tim Wandell (503-524-8639), John Nelson (503-635-9049) or John Carter (503-653-6261).

Results of the Spring Golf Tournament

The **June 9, 2009** tournament, was held at the **Mountain View Golf Course**. A great turnout of 32 golfers showed up to play.

	A Flight	B Flight	C Flight	D Flight
1	Bruce Trout	Mike Chapin	Rob Hatteberg, R. Totten, John Nelson (tie)	Mike Shaw
2	Jim Wyatt	Dale Cox	Wally Linger and J. Alderman (tie)	Pat Moore
3	Bill Cole	John Carter and Jim Dornfeld (tie)		Carl Lane
4	Jack Yates	Don Keilblock		Richard Ackerman

UPCOMING EVENTS — MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**PGE FALL BEACH CLEANUP,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

The Fall Beach Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at Fort Stevens State Park, the same location as last year. Registration will be at 9 a.m. This year's cleanup will be part of the 150 Days of Service and there are additional fun activities planned for the day. Please plan on attending and bringing the family.

PGE EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN, OCTOBER 5-30, 2009

This year's Giving Campaign will be held October 5 through October 30, 2009. The Company will match 50 cents for each dollar you contribute to your selected 501C(3) organizations. You will be receiving your campaign material shortly before the starting date. Please mark these dates on your calendar. If you have questions or would like to volunteer as a Campaigner, please contact Terry Clelen at 503-464-2428 or e-mail her at Terry.Clelen@pgn.com

REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Do you have volunteer hours that you haven't turned in? There are two ways you can report these hours: (1) Fill out and mail in the Volunteer Form attached to your Retirees' News Bulletin or (2) log on www.easymatch.compgevp.

Helpful Information for Retirees

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*).

PGE RETIREES WEB SITE (PGERETIREES.ORG)

Haven't checked this site for a while? Then take a few minutes to go see what new items have been added. Can't find your Retirees' News Bulletin? Check this site; you'll find it there. If there is something that you would like to or see on this site, please contact **Jack Wojnowski, 360-885-4671, e-mail jnmnwojnowski@yahoo.com**, or **Barbara Bergmans, 503-682-8858, e-mail b.bergmans@verizon.net**.

RETIREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

During these difficult times, some of us may need a little additional assistance. That is what the Retiree Assistance Program is available for. The folks listed below are here 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. This program is here for you if you need it. 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.

VOLUNTEER POWER TOOL WEB SITE FOR PGE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES



To check out what projects for volunteers are coming up or to send in your volunteer hours, log on to www.easymatch.com/pgevp to find out the dates, times and places. 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.

FOUR PGE RETIREEE GET-TOGETHERS

- On **August 4 at 9 a.m.** a group will be meeting for breakfast at the **Village Inn**, 10301 SE Stark Street. These PGE retirees meet on the first Tuesday of February, April, June and November at the same time and location.
- Former Customer Service retirees 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 and significant others. If you would like to start up a group closer to your area, 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.

RETIREEES

(a total of 233 years of service!)

August 2009

Michael E. Anderson, Analyst III, IR
(37 years)

Stephen C. Bullock, Specialist IV,
Environmental Science (32 years)

B. Jane Hunter, Analyst IV, IR
(15 years)

D. Ted Mead, Journeyman Wireman
(12 years)

William Y. Wong, Specialist III,
Designer (37 years)

September 2009

Mark A. Bell, General Manager, Hydro
Operations and Wind (34 years)

Karl F. Machtanz, Utility Worker
(28 years)

C. Mike Yang, Engineer IV (38 years)

ENRON CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS - GENERAL INFORMATION

Below please find some information for retirees who suffered losses to their 401(k) due to the Enron bankruptcy and are interested in finding the latest developments on the various class action lawsuits.

With the variability of information being shared to individuals that may be affected and the number of class actions suits occurring, the best way to keep abreast of the most up-to-date information is to do the following:

1. **Make sure your address is up to date.** To help ensure that you are contacted in a timely manner, make sure your address is up to date with Enron. You can easily do this by accessing the Web site www.enron.com. To change your address, select the link at the top of the page "For Employees" then click on the "Benefit Address Change Form" link on the second row of links on the Web page.
2. **Access the Web sites listed below.** These sites contain a wealth of information. You may find many of the answers to your questions in "Question and Answer" or "FAQ" pages. Also, most of the sites have contact information, such as e-mail addresses or phone numbers for the parties who are managing the class action suits so that you may contact them directly with your questions.

For your convenience, these links are now available on the PGE retiree Web site at www.pgeretiree.org:

www.enron.com
www.gilardi.com/enron/securities, telephone: 800-961-2086 or 800- 654-5763
www.enron.planfiduciary.com
www.enronfraud.com
www.fiduciarycounselors.com
www.enronvictimtrust.com, telephone 866-225-3511

We hope you find this information helpful and encourage you to keep it handy for future reference.

**The next Retirees' Board Meeting will be on Monday, August 10, 2009,
at 9 a.m. in the Oak Grove Room in the basement of the Portland
Service Center, 3700 SE 17th Avenue, Portland.**

All retirees are welcome to attend.



In Memoriam

2007

Carl E. Adams
Dennis Bleything
Walter H. Bomersheim
Roy E. Bothwell
Edwin L. Burcham
Joyce Clawson
Gerald L. Coates
Wayne F. Evers
Donald Gritzmacher Sr.
Dale E. Horton
William S. "Lineman
Bill" "Penny" Penrose
Betty Y. Stevens
Betty Jean Toppendorf
Kathleen Wendland

2008

Verne E. Alford
Arthur A. Armstrong
John W. (Bill) Barrett
Dick L. Bennett
Ronald Boone
Bert M. Bradshaw
Clarence F. Bueller
Daniel D. Buser
Lorraine L. Campagna

Robert J. Conner
Laurance (Ike) D.
Cooper
Lloyd J. Couch
Stanley E. Danill
Robert L. Davidson
Robert W. Dejongh
David A. Dietz
LeRoy R. Elliott
Jerry J. Ellis
Earl J. Gosvener
George L. Gould
Leland Hall
Esther "Patty" Post Hill
Voss (Everett) Hollister
Jr.
Chester J. (Chet) Irelan
Inez G. Koch
Albert L. Lane
Beverly L. Larson
Melvin A. Lemon
Alan R. Mellis
James N. Pickett
Calvin W. Queahpama
Judith R. Rosen
Armand Russo
Verner A. "Pete" Setala
Rayford L. Stafek

Norman F. Stanley
Robert E. Sullivan
Douglas C. White
Arnold B. Wight

2009

Joseph G. Azrak
Dan Beard
Duane B. Brown
Patricia C. "Pat" Carlson
Leo E. Chaffin
Sam R. Christensen
Murvyn D. Cook
William T. Godfrey
Jack M. Groves
Fred S. Hansen
Alfred V. Haugen
Robert G. (Bob) Kallen
John G. Kegg
Donald A. Reitzer
Frederick J. (Fred)
Schlack
Robert L. Torkelson
Frank M. Warren
John T. Wiitala



Gone Before Their Time

Christopher D. (Chris) Ryder (2008)
James E. Coombs III
Brandi M. Dyer
Brian T. Hebener
Ronald D. Heiple
Donald J. McCready
Victor Okazaki

Paul Rose
David M. Williams
Cian W. (Paula) Walker-Liddell (PGE
employee and also the daughter of
Retiree, Laura Liddell and her
husband, Paul)



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This has been quite a couple of months! I have undergone two cataract surgeries and now have 20/20 vision in both eyes (except for reading). I have worn glasses for 65 years so this is a real new experience for me to not to have to wear glasses. After talking to several people in the business and patients that have had the surgery I choose to have the straight lens implant rather than either of the “fancy” other two types they now offer. If some strange lady speaks to you and you don’t have any idea who she is, look closely because it is probably me not wearing glasses. ☺

Due to my eye surgeries, a trip to Salt Lake to attend my brother-in-law’s funeral and with a long list of retirees that we have lost I have decided not to submit a “Getting To Know Us” story in this issue, but will return with a story in our next issue. Thanks folks for letting me know you read and enjoy these stories as much as I enjoy writing them, it means a lot to me.

In checking back through last year’s issues I discovered that I did not list the names of the retirees that we lost from part of 2007 and all of 2008, so I have included them in this issue.

We still need at least a couple of new board members to replace Bob Kallen and John Wiitala, (two great gentlemen who gave us many years of service and they will be missed) and the two members who did not renew their terms. So, if you would like to join the board, please show up at one of our board meetings, we meet the second Monday every two months; the next meeting will be August 10. Hope to see you there.

If you know of someone's story you would like to see in the bulletin or you would like for me to write your story, please contact me. I write these stories to help record the history of PGE — history that will be lost if we don’t get these stories recorded — and to get to know each of you better and hopefully bring back fond memories. You may contact me by either calling 503-682-8858 or e-mailing me at b.bergmans@verizon.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Barbara Bergmans



Retiree Volunteers

Portland General Electric has a program where retirees who volunteer at an Oregon nonprofit organization or in schools are eligible to apply for a financial grant of up to \$500 per organization per year. Many retirees volunteer on a regular basis with organizations that seek funds from PGE, and the request is scrutinized to see if employees or retirees are involved.

Please take time to complete this form describing your volunteer activities and return to Scott Guptill. If you would like an Employee Volunteer Grant Request form or if you have questions, please contact Scott Guptill. 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 Guptill Portland General Electric 121 SW Salmon St, 1WTC0303 Portland OR 97204	Scott Guptill 503-464-8554	scott.guptill@pgn.com

Comments
