



# Retiree News Bulletin

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## Trips and Activities

### PGE Retiree Annual Spring Luncheon

Mark Your Calendar for Friday, May 19, 2017

The PGE Retiree 37th Annual Spring Luncheon (sponsored by PGE) will be held on **Friday, May 19**, at the **Monarch Hotel and Convention Center, 12566 SE 92nd Avenue, Clackamas**. Watch your mailbox for the RSVP. It is located off SE Sunnyside, west of I-205, near the Clackamas Town Center. Note the **change** from Thursday to **Friday!**

Dates to remember:

- **Friday, May 12:** As soon as you receive your invitation, fill out the **RSVP** and return it no later than Friday, May 12. Space is limited, so please limit the number of guests to one and remember to put the name of your guest on the RSVP.
- **Monday, May 15:** If you have to **cancel**, please contact one of the committee members listed below no later than Monday, May 15. We don't want to pay for lunches for people who aren't there to eat them! Thank you.
- **Tuesday, May 16:** If you or your guest have a **special dietary need**, please contact one of the committee members listed below to make special arrangements with the hotel. (Sorry — no special diet requests on the day of the luncheon.)
- **Friday, May 19:** Spring Luncheon! The **doors open at 11 a.m.** for gathering and meeting old friends. **Lunch** will be served at **noon**. Limited disabled parking is available at the south end of the hotel.

Our luncheon committee members, **Russ Bailey** (503-632-5423), **Ed and Phyllis Miska** (503-636-6052), and **Pat Thompson** ([mstang81@yahoo.com](mailto:mstang81@yahoo.com)) do a great job of putting these luncheons together. Thank you for the wonderful job you do.

### And speaking of luncheons . . .

The PGE Retiree Holiday Luncheon was held on Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Holiday Inn on Columbia. Due to Mother Nature's ice storm, several people wisely decided not to attend. Some even brought their suitcases thinking they might book a room at the hotel, but all the rooms were booked due to airlines canceling flights! The brave folks who decided to come anyway enjoyed a great meal, and some lucky ones took home door prizes.

We received thanks from:

- Kyle Hummel from the **Oregon Food Bank** for the 67 lb of food and \$50

- The **Salvation Army** for the \$50 cash donation

We thank:

- **Bob Clayton** for bringing the beautiful poinsettias, which were also door prizes
- **PGE** for their cash donation of \$2,500 plus several door prizes to the PGE retirees
- Kyleigh Gill from **Advantis Credit Union** sending a check for \$500
- **Terry and Darlene Judkins** and their four-wheel drive for delivering the food you donated to the Oregon Food Bank
- **YOU** for your generous donations. We can always count on you.

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## Trips and Activities, continued

### Contact info for trips and activities

If you would like to be notified of trips and events by email, please provide your email address to **Terry Judkins** at [djudkins@comcast.net](mailto:djudkins@comcast.net).

### Mark your calenders for trips and activities in 2017

The following activities are being planned for retirees. See future Retiree News Bulletins for information!

If you have questions, contact **Terry Judkins** at **503-655-2863** or [djudkins@comcast.net](mailto:djudkins@comcast.net).

Event	Date
PGE Emergency Control Center	Feb. 24, 11 a.m.
Wilsonville World of Speed	March 14
Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum	April 13
PGE Retiree's Spring Luncheon	May 19
Seats at Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade	June 10
Chinese Gardens	June 13

Event	Date
Pacific NW Lineman's Rodeo	July 22
PGE Retiree Annual Picnic, Tualatin Community Park	July
Willamette Valley Pie Company	Aug. 24
Hydro tour	Sept. 13
EVRAZ (formerly Oregon Steel)	Sept.
Bob's Red Mill	Oct.
PGE Retiree Holiday Luncheon	Dec.

### PGE box seats at Providence Park

Did you know that you can reserve free PGE Box seats for games at Providence Park when they are available to retirees? All you have to do is contact **Norby Chartrey** at [nccboats@aol.com](mailto:nccboats@aol.com) or **503-357-2614** (or **503-853-4783**) and put your name on his list for available tickets.

The next **board meeting** will be **Monday, April. 10, 9:30 a.m.** at the Oregon City Service Center Conference Room 209 Warner Milne Rd Oregon City OR 97045

All retirees, spouses and significant others are welcome to attend.

### Attention knitters and crocheters!

You can help make the children at the Doernbecher Children's Hospital feel better by knitting or crocheting hats for them! Soft yarn is preferred for their tender heads due to treatments, but you can use your favorite pattern in any size from preemie to teenage.

You can deliver them in person to OHSU Volunteer Services, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Sam Jackson Hall (Dillehunt Hall) Room 1005 - or you can send them by April 5 to:

Mary Trospen  
PGE  
121 SW Salmon, 1WTC1713  
Portland OR 97204

If you have any questions, email [volunteer@ohsu.edu](mailto:volunteer@ohsu.edu) or contact Mary at 503-464-8406 or [mary.trospen@pgn.com](mailto:mary.trospen@pgn.com).

## Trips and Activities, continued

### Annual PGE volunteer events

April 1–30	<b>Spring Into Action</b> by visiting myCommunity at <a href="http://www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity">www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity</a> to see a variety of volunteer projects.
May 20	<b>Reach the Beach</b> is a fund-raising bike ride that benefits the American Lung Association. Visit <a href="http://www.reachthebeach.org">www.reachthebeach.org</a> to join the PGE Power Pedalers bike team or select a site to volunteer.
June 3	<b>PGE/SOLVE Starlight Parade:</b> PGE volunteers always have fun distributing and picking up SOLV bags at this evening parade!
Sept. 25–Oct. 13	Annual Employee Giving Campaign

Be sure to check out the **myCommunity** website for additions and updates.

### myCommunity, the website for volunteering

myCommunity is our easy-to-use website for Volunteering and Employee/Retiree Giving. This dynamic and highly interactive site offers to help you find and post volunteer projects, record your volunteer hours and earn money for your favorite charities:

- **Log in and register** at [www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity](http://www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity) to get started. You'll need your **employee number** (include the **E** when entering it) and your **email** address.
- **Join events:** You can search for PGE-sponsored events and other volunteer projects, and you can even narrow your search by ZIP code.
- **Earn rewards:** Record 20 volunteer hours at one or more organizations and earn a \$200 Cause Card to give to your favorite eligible charity. No paperwork is required. Record your volunteer hours and redeem your Cause Card directly in myCommunity. Each employee or retiree may earn up to two \$200 Cause Cards annually. This program replaces Community Service Grants.

Please follow these few steps to **register your first time** logging into myCommunity:

- Access the site at [portlandgeneral.com/myCommunity](http://portlandgeneral.com/myCommunity).
- Click on **Register**.
- Read and **click on the disclaimer**.
- Click **Next**.

- Enter your **last name** and your **employee number**, including the "E" (e.g., E12345).
- Click **Continue**.
- Set up your password.
- Set your privacy setting to **Public** (which is PGE only).
- Add your email address.
- Click **Register**.

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 **Terry Clelen** at **503-464-2428** or email her at [terry.clelen@pgn.com](mailto:terry.clelen@pgn.com).

### Receive a Cause Card for your favorite charity

Record **20 hours** in myCommunity and you'll receive a **\$200 Cause Card** to award to the eligible charity of your choice (up to two cards per year)!

## Trips and Activities, continued

### Record your volunteer hours in myCommunity

- Go to [www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity](http://www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity) to record your **volunteer hours**.
- Enter your nonprofit **board service** in myCommunity.
- Add your **board affiliations** to your profile in myCommunity.



## What's New?

### A Note from PGE Human Resources

You may notice something a little different about this issue. Dave Robertson, PGE Vice President of Public Policy and Corporate Resiliency, says one of PGE's 2017 goals is to better connect and communicate with employees, retirees and customers. With that in mind, your PGE Retiree News Bulletin team is making some changes:

- New sections make it easier to find information that interests you. Want to go bowling? Check out the **Sports** section. Want to give blood or join the PGE Fit Factory? Check out the **Health** section.
- PGE historical photos will be included in future issues.

Let us know what you think. Contact News Bulletin Editor Barb Bergmans at [b.bergmans@frontier.com](mailto:b.bergmans@frontier.com), Dale Ritter in HR at [Dale.Ritter@pgn.com](mailto:Dale.Ritter@pgn.com), Retiree President Terry Judkins at [djudkins@comcast.net](mailto:djudkins@comcast.net).

## Health

### Blood drive

Mark your calendars for the next blood drives:

**May 17**  
**Aug. 9**  
**Nov. 8**

Additional information will be in future Retiree News Bulletins.



If you have questions or would like to volunteer at a blood drive, contact any of the following people:

- **Linda Peerenboom:** 503-253-5262 or [linda.peerenboom@gmail.com](mailto:linda.peerenboom@gmail.com)
- **Linda Reed:** 503-256-7903 or [dandreed\\_linda@centurylink.net](mailto:dandreed_linda@centurylink.net)
- **Jeanette Mullins:** 503 397 3348 or [jj.mullins@comcast.net](mailto:jj.mullins@comcast.net)
- **Stan Chiotti:** 503 397 0805 or [chiotti1@gmail.com](mailto:chiotti1@gmail.com)
- **Bob Steele:** 503-282-3646 or [rsteelpdx@q.com](mailto:rsteelpdx@q.com)

## Health, continued

### 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 **Wendi Arant** at **503-464-8075**.



### 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.

## Sports

### Bowling

Everything you need to know about bowling with retirees:

When	The <b>first</b> and <b>third Wednesdays</b> of the month until May 17
Where	300 Lanes, <b>3031 SE Powell Boulevard</b> , Portland, OR 97202
Cost	<b>\$7.50</b> includes three games, ball and shoe rental, and a chance at the \$5 door prize
Who	All retirees, spouses and significant others. We don't have teams. We just divide up the number of bowlers that show up.
Why	To have fun!
Questions	Contact Al Maynard (503-654-4149, <a href="mailto:alvianm@earthlink.net">alvianm@earthlink.net</a> ) or Al Richardson (503-518-8600, <a href="mailto:alrbjr@bctonline.com">alrbjr@bctonline.com</a> )

### Golf

The golf season is over until spring. The new schedules will be announced in a future Retiree News Bulletin. Mark Lander, our golf chairperson, is compiling an email list of golfers to inform you and let you know of any changes. (Please note that this email list will be for Mark's use only.)

All retirees are welcome to join. It's a great way to enjoy a fun day of golf and see old friends and make new ones.

If you want to join or have questions regarding schedule, times and places, contact:

- Mark Lander: 503 691 6853 or [landerm@comcast.net](mailto:landerm@comcast.net)
- Kim Michek: 503 860 6017
- Terry Judkins: 503 655 2863 or [djudkins@comcast.net](mailto:djudkins@comcast.net)

## Retirements: A total of 404 Years of Service

### December

- Diericks, Susanne (14 years), customer service representative

### January and February

- Coles, Michael (42 years), specialist, Training
- Gorman, Edward (39 years), supervisor, Distribution
- Heintzman, David (26 years), engineer, Electrical
- Hickman, Russell (39 years), specialist, Network
- Hopper, Gary (6 years), manager, Strategic Sourcing
- Klein, David (11 years), technician, Printing
- Lawrence, Scott (41 years), specialist, Environmental Science
- Millican, Robert (20 years), supervisor, Facilities Management



## Helpful Information and Websites

### PGE Retiree Museum

The items in the PGE Retiree Museum have been catalogued and moved to the Bull Run location. We will keep you updated on the status in future Retiree News Bulletins. Remember that any **items donated in 2016 are tax deductible!**

### Send a little sunshine

Want to make a retiree feel a bit brighter? **Barbara Beck**, our **Sunshine Chair**, can send them a card from the retirees! So if you know of someone who is not feeling well, has a special birthday anniversary or any other special occasion and want them to receive a card, contact Barbara Beck at **503-775-9236** or [barbara4488@gmail.com](mailto:barbara4488@gmail.com).

### March

- Brown, Carol M. (47 years), specialist, Community Relations
- Luedtke, Nancy (21 years), customer service representative
- Moore, Brian (47 years), supervisor, Distribution
- Sherman, John (38 years), plant electrician
- Stahlnecker, Kenneth (27 years), hydro control operator

## Sad News

**Helen Murphy**, a longtime PGE retiree board member and dear friend and lady, passed away on Dec. 6 at the young age of 96. When Helen became very ill and was no longer able to care for herself, our fellow retirees Russ and Jean Bailey came to her rescue. Helen didn't have children or any living relatives, so the Baileys made sure she got to her doctor's appointments and got her set up with and into assisted living. In addition, they helped with all of her finances, closed out her estate and made her final arrangements. We are grateful for this wonderful couple's true and caring compassion. Thank you, Russ and Jean.

### PGE retirees website

<http://pgeretirees.org/>

**Linh Huynh**, our PGE retiree website master, has added a new link that connects you directly to the myCommunity website (see page 3). You can also find back issues of the PGE NewsLine and the Retiree Bulletins and lots of interesting information. If you have anything you would like to see on the website, email Linh at [linhbuuhuynh@yahoo.com](mailto:linhbuuhuynh@yahoo.com).

### myCommunity

<http://portlandgeneral.com/myCommunity>

myCommunity is PGE's easy-to-use interactive website for Volunteering and Employee/Retiree Giving. It helps you find and post volunteering projects, record your volunteer hours and earn money for your favorite charities. See more information on page 3.

## Don't be fooled!

Phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents who threaten or promise a big refund if you provide them with your private information are a major threat to taxpayers, especially the elderly.

**The real IRS contacts taxpayers only by mail** — not by phone or email. The criminals require certified return receipts. So don't be fooled — **just hang up!**

Many criminals use threats to intimidate and bully you into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke your driver's license if they don't get the money. They sometimes make their caller ID number look like the IRS is calling, use fake IRS employee titles and badge numbers, and even use your name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

Criminals often do the following, but the **IRS never**:

- Demands immediate payment using a specific payment method, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer on the phone.

## Note from the Editor

### Happy wonderful new year everybody!

Life threw me a few curves this past year, but life must go on. It's hard losing a loved one, but somehow we manage to go on.

My longtime friend, Bonnie Oshiro, offered me her condo in Sun City, Arizona, knowing that I wanted to escape the cold weather. Bonnie and her lovely mother are just around the corner, so it's wonderful having them close.

On the trip down, I stopped in Eugene and had dinner with my grandson, Blake, and stopped by in Roseville and visited my middle son, Roger, and his beautiful wife to be, Lisa.

As I write this, I am in the Santa Barbara, California, area visiting my granddaughters and their families: my oldest granddaughter, Ashlee; her husband, Donny; and their four lovely children, Zander (13 years old), Natasha (9 years old), Lucy (2½ years old) and Baby Wilson (10 months old). While here I attended the baby shower of Alison, my middle granddaughter, and her great husband, Nathan. Their baby girl is due in March.

- Threatens to immediately bring in police or other law-enforcement group to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demands you pay your taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Asks for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

If you don't owe taxes or don't think you do:

- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Call **800-366-4484** to report an IRS telephone scam.

If you owe taxes or think you do, call the IRS at **800-829-1040**.

**Every taxpayer** has a set of fundamental rights called the **Taxpayer Bill of Rights**. Explore them at [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov).

Shortly I'll be heading back to Sun City. While in the area, I visited my dear and longtime friend of over 60 years, Fida, and another dear friend, Tonie. She and I have hung out for over 40 years.

Back home, Protection 1 and all my great neighbors are watching out for my home there until I return.

So far it's been a fun and interesting trip. I hear the weather is really giving you folks in Oregon a hard time. Everyone thinks it's great that everywhere I have been, the rain has followed me, and here I thought I had gotten away from it. Oh, well; better than having to shovel snow.

I want to congratulate all the new retirees and extend a personal invitation to all of you to come and join us. We are a busy group, and as you can see from our list of trips planned, we may be retired, but we "ain't dead yet"!

~ Barbara Bergmans  
Editor and Vice President

## Retiree Group Meetings

All PGE retirees, their spouses or significant others are welcome to attend any group listed below. If you would like to start a group that is closer to you — or you know a group that isn't listed here — contact **Terry Judkins** at 503-655-2863 or [djjudkins@comcast.net](mailto:djudkins@comcast.net).

PGE Retiree Group Meetings		
Location	Time	Date
For former union employees: Union Hall 17200 SE Sacramento (off 182nd Avenue)	11:30 a.m.	Fourth Monday of every month; potluck
Village Inn 10301 SE Stark Street	8:30 a.m.	First Tuesday of even-numbered months
Black Bear Diner 237 SW 4th Street, Madras	8:30 a.m.	First Wednesday of each month; contact <b>Dave Gibson, 503-708-8364</b> , for information
Village Inn Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens	9:00 a.m.	First Wednesday of each month
Hale's Restaurant 17502 SE McLoughlin Blvd	9:00 a.m.	First Wednesday of each month
Elmer's Restaurant 390 SW Adams Street, Hillsboro	9:00 a.m.	Every Wednesday
For former Customer Service employees: Wichita Bar and Grill 19140 Molalla Avenue, Oregon City	9:00 a.m.	First Thursday of each month
Guest House 4850 Portland Road NE, Salem	7:30 a.m.	Every Thursday
McDonald's 192nd Avenue and TV Highway	9:30 a.m.	Every Thursday
The Bomber 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd	11:30 a.m.	First Friday of odd-numbered months



## Where are You?

If you change your address or telephone number, please let PGE know. That way you are sure to receive important information about your benefits, taxes, and the Retiree News Bulletin!

Contact: **Danielle Hartman** at 503-464-7333 or [Danielle.Hartman@pgn.com](mailto:Danielle.Hartman@pgn.com)