



Retiree News Bulletin

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PGE retiree holiday luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017
Monarch Hotel and Convention Center
12566 SE 92nd Avenue
Clackamas, Oregon



The PGE Retirees' Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Monarch Hotel & Convention Center in Clackamas on Thursday, Dec. 7. The luncheon is at the same location as the Spring Luncheon (not at the Airport Holiday Inn as in previous years). **Doors open at 11 a.m.** for social hour, and **lunch** will be served at **noon**. More information will be in the next news bulletin.

The luncheon is open to PGE retirees and limited to one guest per retiree, with a special invite to new retirees and those who haven't joined us before!

To reserve your place at the luncheon, please send an RSVP, along with a check made payable to **PGE Retirees**, 745 3rd Street, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034, in the amount of **\$10 per person**. Please include your name and the name of your guest and if you prefer a vegetarian lunch or have any other special diet requirements. Sorry, **no special diet requests on the day of the luncheon**.

These luncheons take work to set up, so a big **thank you** goes to the committee for the wonderful job they do. If you would like to help the luncheon committee or have any questions, contact **Russ Bailey** at **503-708-8650** or **jarbaileys@gmail.com**, Phyllis or Ed Miska at **503-636-6052** or **epm745t@earthlink.net** or **Pat Thompson** at **503-319-6861** or **mstang81@yahoo.com**.

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The next **board meeting** is Monday, **Oct. 9, 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.

The PGE retirees send our thoughts and prayers to all retirees and loved ones who are dealing with extreme weather — fires, flooding, hurricanes, tropical storms —and their aftermath.

Get ready, get set: The holidays are coming!



Vendors wanted for the holiday craft bazaar

Vendors

- Honey, cookies and other food products
- Gluten-free baking mixes
- Fashion jewelry
- Wreaths
- Glass beads
- Photography prints
- Pot scrubbers
- Quilts
- Knitted socks
- Quilt purses
- And more!



Details

- **Nov. 14 and 15, 2017** (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- **11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**
- **2 World Trade Center** (SW 1st Avenue and Salmon Street), Plaza Conference Room
- **\$15** vendor fee (all fees go to the Providence Cancer Center)
- Tables are **6 ft. x 3 ft**
- **Parking not provided**
- Register with a check made out to **Providence Cancer Center**.

Questions?

Contact **Sara Boyd** at sara.boyd@pgn.com, **503-464-7027**.

Open Enrollment is coming! Here's what you need to know.

Open Enrollment for nonbargaining retirees, your opportunity to select your benefits for 2018, is **Nov. 8-27**. Take time to understand your options and choose the plans that provide the maximum benefit advantages for you and your family. Watch your mailbox toward the end of October for an open enrollment booklet.

If you do not want to make any changes, no action is necessary.

If you **plan on making any changes** in your choice of medical plan or a family member's choice, **it is very important** that you submit your completed

2018 enrollment form. Return your completed and signed 2018 election form by Monday, **Nov. 27** to:

PGE Benefits
121 SW Salmon St, 1WTC0605
Portland OR 97204

Questions?

If you have specific questions about health plan provisions, contact the health plan providers or call **PGE Benefits at 503-464-7250**, select the **Benefits option**.



Activities and events

Mark your calendars

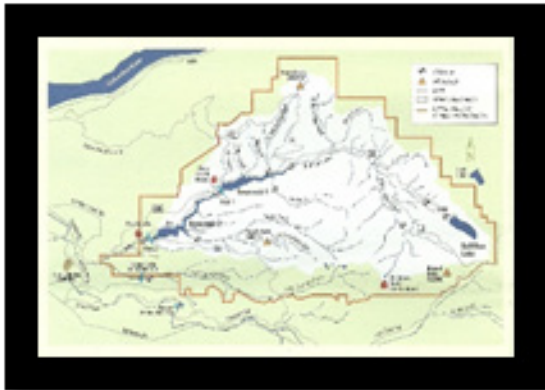
The following **fun** activities and events are being planned. Questions? Contact **Terry Judkins** at **503-655-2863** or djudkins@comcast.net. Do you want to be notified of activities by email? Send your email address to **Terry**.

Activity	Date	Cost
Bull Run hydro tour	Monday, Oct. 16	\$5
Bob's Red Mill	Thursday, Oct. 19	
PGE Retiree Holiday Luncheon	Thursday, Dec. 7	\$10

Prices on some events reflect the cost after the \$5 contribution from the PGE Retirees organization. At least two weeks prior to the event, please make out your checks to **PGE Retirees** and send to:

Ed Miska
745 3rd St
Lake Oswego OR 97034

Bull Run Watershed tour - a first-person account



On Aug. 5 Lee and Vickie Greene and my wife, Bette, and I took the Bull Run Watershed tour. It was explained when we started that there are limited restroom facilities during the tour. We met our bus at a Fred Meyer store in Portland.

Then we headed to the far end of the Bull Run Watershed. Just before we got there, we stopped at a ranger station/public restroom to be on the safe side. Then the nice air-conditioned bus took us on in, and shortly after that we took a short hike in a real beautiful forest. Then the bus took us to Bull Run Lake where we had lunch. There were portable toilets there as well. There were three cabins at Bull Run Lake for the crew that built the PWP project.

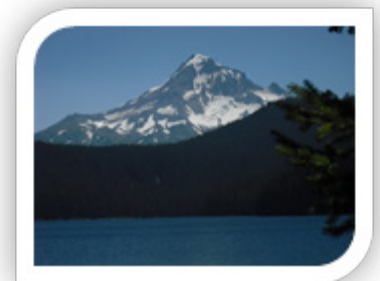
After lunch the bus took us to Reservoir 1, where we also found portable toilets. There is a concrete dam

that makes Reservoir 1. We took 144 steps down the face of that dam and then entered a tunnel that went through the entire base of the dam. The bus met us on the other side. On our way out, we saw Reservoir 2.

I am leaving a lot out of this report, as it was an eight-hour tour, and I can't tell you everything, but as for me, I say it is a do-over. Don and Sharon Brady, Phillip Lovings and Scot West and his son Steve took this tour in late August.

I now have a better concept of why a water bill is what it is. Bull Run Lake was constructed in 1917. The Bull Run watershed is a multimillion dollar project. Water has to be stored, transported, tested, treated and distributed, and that is how we get clean drinking water. The limited restroom stop was not nearly as bad as was expected.

~ Al Richardson



Activities and events, continued



Fun at the Willamette Valley Pie Company

On Aug. 24, 15 PGE retirees and friends toured the Willamette Valley Pie Company production facility in Silverton, Oregon, to watch pie making in action. It was a wonderful **free** tour

of their facility.

We began with the freezer storage room. It was -4°F in there, so it was a quick walk in and out! We really enjoyed walking through the kitchen where



Ron Kirsher dressed to enter the production area.

employees were making pumpkin pies. The machine mixed the pumpkin ingredients, then employees measured the mixture into hand-crimped pie shells, then put the pies on racks that hold trays and trays of pies to bake in the three huge rotating ovens. Berry cobblers were also being made and it was fun to watch.

In addition to nine-inch pies, they also make minipies, turnovers, cobblers and frozen jam. A machine cut dough into balls, then pressed them flat like a tortilla and put into a pie tin, then

employees hand crimp them and fill with whatever berries or fruit they are working with that day. There's also a machine that cuts the dough for turnovers and crimps the edges once the fruit has been stuffed into the turnovers. The day of our tour, 65 kitchen employees were making 6,000 minipies.

Then we went to the oven room. Racks of pie trays are rolled into the three rotating ovens, then go to another area for cooling. The pies are each quality checked by hand for spills and cracks before being boxed for shipment. That oven room of cooked pies smelled absolutely wonderful and we all wanted a piece of pie right then. No wonder **no** purses are allowed in the production area!

They make a million pies a year in 27 varieties. Most of the pies made at the Willamette Valley Pie Company are frozen (not baked) for distribution to stores all over Oregon. The No. 1 seller? Marionberry.

After the tour, some of us went to the retail store to have lunch and, of course, dessert! It was a great way to end our tour. My advice: If this tour is offered again, you gotta go and see — and smell — for yourself!

~ Article and Photos by Linda Peerenboom



Front: John Peragine, Darlene Judkins, Pearl Lee, Barbara Bergmans, Anna Lee-Craig, Ron Lee

Back: Dick Inman, Terry Judkins, Russ and Jean Bailey, Don and Linda Peerenboom, Ron and Diane Kirsher

Not pictured: Jim Den

Activities and events, continued

Fun at the PGE retiree picnic

The sun came out and everyone had a wonderful time at the picnic! Hats off to **Al Richardson** for being our announcer. Al is always one of the first to step up when help is needed. And a big thank you to all the

other folks who helped us set up and tear down. The committee also thanks PGE, **Ted and Sylvia Handris** and **Barb Bergmans** for donating door prizes.

FREE! PGE box seats at Providence Park

Sometimes **free** PGE Box seats for games at Providence Park are available to retirees! To put your name on this list for available tickets, contact **Norby Chartrey** at nccboats@aol.com or **503-357-2614** (or **503-853-4783**).

Annual giving campaign kicks off Sept 25

Thank you for your continued support of the campaign and for helping to build stronger, healthier and more vibrant communities. This year's Campaign runs Sept. 25 through Oct. 13! Look for campaign materials in your mailbox on our about Monday, Sept. 25. This year, retirees get a 50 percent match up to \$2,000 to eligible organizations and can pay by credit/debit card, online only, or by check.

Helpful hints:

- Make a list of the organizations you want to support and obtain the correct EIN (Employer Identification Number) from the organization before you log onto myCommunity or fill out your pledge form.
- Keep a copy for your records
- Please donate online via myCommunity at www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity.
- Access the giving web site by typing www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity into the browser bar on your computer
- A password is required, so you may want to go onto the site before the beginning of the campaign to make sure you can easily access the site during the campaign
- If you have trouble accessing the site, you can call or email our campaign administrator at mypgecommunity@yourcause.org or toll free at 866-751-6031
- Credit and debit cards are charged when you pledge
- If you're paying by check, be sure to mail your check with a copy of your online confirmation or your paper pledge form to:

YourCause, LLC
PGE Employee Giving Campaign
6111 W. Plano Pkwy Ste. 1000
Plano, TX 75093
Attn: Program Services
- The deadline to mail your pledge materials is Oct. 13. Those received after Oct. 13 will be returned
- You can view your campaign history and tax documentation online anytime at www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity >Donation History>Export Summary>Donation Summary>2016

Contact **Terry Clelen** at terry.clelen@pgn.com or at **503-464-2428** if you have questions.



Activities and events, continued

Portland Fine Arts Guild classes

When: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on the **first and third Monday** of each month (except July, August, December and major holidays)

Where: Rivercrest Community Church,
3201 NE 148th Avenue Portland

Please park and enter on the north side of the church. The class is in the Community Room on the lower level.

Cost: \$15 per class for guild members
\$20 for nonguild members
\$10 if it is your first class with the guild

Registration: You do not have to preregister for these classes. Just come and enjoy!

The Portland Fine Arts Guild is a nonprofit organization.

Contact: Laurie Martin-Cohn, Publicity Chair;
lauriemartincohn.biogspot.com

Website: <http://portlandfineartsguild.org>

Health

PGE blood drive



Thursday, Nov. 29, 2017

7:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

2WTC Plaza Conference Room

Retirees donated 39 units of blood at the Aug. 9 blood drive. Thanks to all of you who donated and to the wonderful volunteers who help. If you have questions or would like to volunteer at a blood drive, contact any of the following:

• **Linda Peerenboom** (volunteer coordinator):
503-810-1914 or linda.peerenboom@gmail.com

- **Stan Chiotti:** 503-397-0805 or chiotti1@gmail.com
- **Jeanette Mullins:** 503-397-3348 or jj.mullins@comcast.net
- **Linda Reed:** 503-256-7903 or dandreed_linda@centurylink.net
- **Jim Rodman:** 503-407-6053 or jimrodman@frontier.com
- **Bob Steele:** 503-282-3646 or rsteelepdx@q.com

Fit Factory

Get fit and make friends! For only **\$20 a month**, PGE retirees can use the health club facilities in 3WTC. Participate in the classes, use the weight machines, treadmills or shower facilities. If you have questions or want to join, contact **Wendi Arant** at **503-464-8075** or Wendi.Arant@pgn.com.



Group get-togethers

All PGE retirees, your spouses or significant others are welcome to attend any of these groups. If you would like to start a group closer to you — or you know a group that isn't here — contact **Terry Judkins** at 503-655-2863 or djudkins@comcast.net.

Location	Time	Date
Retired 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 Dave Gibson, 503-708-8364 , 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
Retired 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
 J's Restaurant 2017 Portland Road, Newberg	11:30 a.m.	Second Friday of every month

Sports

Bowling

When: **Sept. 6–May 17, 12:30 p.m.**
(practice starts at noon)
First and third Wednesdays

Where: **Kellogg Bowl**
10306 SE Main St
Milwaukie



Who: All retirees, family members and friends

Cost: **\$10** for three games, ball and shoe rental **plus** a chance at the \$5 door prize!

Be sure to join us this year even if you don't know how to bowl! We go to have fun and spend time with each other. **Note that our location has changed. We will be bowling in Milwaukie for the rest of the year.**

Direct questions to: **Al Maynard** at **503-654-4149** or alvianm@earthlink.net or **Al Richardson** at **503-518-8600** or alrbjr@bctonline.com.

Sports, continued

Golf

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Golf tournaments!

("KP" below is short for closest to the pin. The winner is the person who gets their golf ball closest to the hole after one shot.)

June Tournament, Broadmoor
KP: **Scott Bither** and **Doug Blair**
Long Drive: **Bill Cole**

July Tournament, Rose City Golf Course
KP: **John Adamski** and **Doug Blair**
Long Drive: **Scott Bither**

August Tournament, Stone Creek Golf Course
KP: **Scott Bither**
Long Drive: **Joe Davis**

We look forward to seeing you at the tournaments in 2018. In the meantime, come bowling with us!

Thanks to Mark and Kim for jobs well done!

After serving as cochairs, **Mark Landers** and **Kim Michek** have decided to "turn the clubs over" to someone else next year. If you are interested in taking over, contact **Mark** at **503-691-6853** or landerm@comcast.net, **Kim** at **503-860-6017** or kmichek@comcast.net, or **Terry Judkins** at **503-655-2863** or djudkins@comcast.net.

Retirements: a total of 438 years of service

July

- Le, Quang (8 years), analyst, developer

August

- Meredith, Malcolm (19 years), journeyman wireman

September

- Johnson, Donald (7 years), engineer
- Kendell, David (10 years), journeyman garage mechanic
- Monsive, Robert (35 years), specialist, balance authority operator
- Odem, LaVonne (41 years), storeroom head
- Routson, Leonard (22 years), technician, Coyote Springs

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- Collet, Cynthia (20 years), analyst, senior project manager
- Coutts, Steve (26 years), lineman working foreman
- Hardie, John (20 years), fuel equipment operator
- Lyman, Peter (36 years), analyst, business



- Speigle, Roger (5 years), analyst, Enterprise Architecture
- Steele, Sheila (13 years), specialist, Dispatch
- Stephany, Janet (5 years), specialist
- Stubblefield, Carl (11 years), specialist
- Wamre, Robert (40 years), mechanical foreman
- Zimmerman, Judy (33 years), specialist, designer

- Mannen, Peter (9 years), building operator serviceman
- Tenne, Dan (22 years), senior special tester
- Waltosz, Garrett (30 years), chief operator
- Wooten, Terry (26 years), working foreman lineman

Things to know

PGE retirees have a Facebook page!

Facebook is a great way to communicate, discuss and make announcements. **Mark Lander** has created a Facebook page called “PGE Retirees Group.” It is a “closed” group; **you can’t see any of the information it contains unless you are a member**, so it is more secure than a normal Facebook membership.

Send your email to Mark Lander at landerm@comcast.net if you:

- Would like to join the group.
- Already have a Facebook account.
- Don’t currently use Facebook; Mark can send you a link that can get you started pretty easily.
- Need any kind of assistance.

See you on Facebook!

Have you moved?

Remember to let PGE know if you have changed your address or phone number so you or your beneficiaries don’t miss important information.

Contact **Danielle Hartman** at **503-464-7333** or Danielle.Hartman@pgn.com.

Send a little sunshine

Help a fellow retiree feel a little brighter! **Barbara Beck**, our Sunshine Chair, will send a card from the PGE Retirees organization to any retiree who isn’t feeling well, has suffered a personal loss, or has a birthday, anniversary or a special occasion. Cards were recently sent to **Ted and Sylvia Handris** and **Al Wallaert**. If you know of someone who might appreciate a card, contact **Barbara Beck** at **503-775-9236** or barbarab4488@gmail.com.



PGE retirees website

<http://pgeretirees.org/>

Can’t find your NewsLine or PGE Retirees Bulletin? Check the website! Want a bit of historic PGE information? Check the website, and also find links to other interesting places!

If you want something posted or have a question, contact Retiree Webmaster **Linh Huynh** at **503-328-7915** or linhbuuhuynh@yahoo.com or **Barbara Bergmans** at **503-730 7903** or b.bergmans1938@comcast.net.

myCommunity

MyCommunity (www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity) is PGE’s website for volunteering and employee/retiree giving. The interactive site helps you find and post volunteer projects, record your volunteer hours and earn money for your favorite charities. For information or if you have forgotten your employee number or don’t have a computer, contact **Terry Clelen** at **503-464-2428** or terry.clelen@pgn.com.

Fun fact: Retirees volunteered 1,200 hours in 2016!

PGE retiree museum

The museum has been moved to Bull Run. Barb Bergmans is working with the Bull Run folks, deciding when the museum will be open to the public and what kinds of exhibits they want us to help with for their planned open houses. Volunteers are needed to go through and sort and help set up displays. If you are interested in helping, please call Barb. It's a big job, and she is going to need all of the help she can get.

We are still accepting donations. Please call one of the folks below and set up an appointment to make arrangements for one of us to pick up your donation. Our search is still on for old or new Bullseyes and/or NewsLines. If you have any laying around, please mail them to:

Barbara Bergmans
9250 SW 4th St
Wilsonville OR 97070

If you happen to have items laying around the house that you acquired while you or your spouse worked for PGE and no longer want them, then donate them to the museum, and you and the museum group will both be happy and thankful. We'll also take your old

retirement books, slides, awards, etc. Cash donations are also accepted, since we do need some cash to pay for insurance and in case we need to purchase items we need for the museum. Don't forget — your donation is tax deductible. We will give you a receipt for your tax records.

If you have any free time in September or October, Barb would really welcome your help. If you are interested in helping, please contact the following:

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503-730-7903
b.bergmans1938@comcast.net

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503-655-2863
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Phyllis Miska, secretary
Ed Miska, treasurer
503-636-6052
epm745t@earthlink.net

Who? What? When?

PGE Retiree Judy Francis is helping PGE identify some historic photos for their archives. Thanks to **Stephanie Choate**, **Karen Dobson**, **Jackie Dornfeld** and **Pete Neumann** for identifying employees in the previous issue. Here are three more!

If you recognize anybody in these photos, know when it was taken or remember the event, please email Judy at judetulley@yahoo.com.





Note from the editor

This summer has flown by way too fast. My longtime friend flew up from California and helped me with the July antique show. It was fun spending time with her and giving her a quick tour of our beautiful state, since she had never been here before.

PGE gave the retirees some PGE box seats tickets to the Timbers game as a door prize. There were more tickets than a lady could use, so she offered me some. (I didn't get her name, so I hope she contacts me so I can thank her in person!) I gave the tickets to some boys in my neighborhood who are always outside playing some kind of ball, usually soccer.

A few years ago, I told the boys that if I was ever able to get PGE box seats to a soccer game, I would give the tickets to them. When I took the tickets to the boys, they were at soccer practice, so I gave them to one of their dads, who was watching a soccer game! On July 29, I took some friends out to dinner, and when I arrived home about 7 p.m., the boys were outside playing. I asked them why they weren't at the soccer game, and they told me one of their dads had been called to work in an emergency. I know all my neighbors, so I told the boys, "Go tell your folks I'm taking you to the game. I know nothing about soccer, but you boys aren't going to miss this game." I was just getting into my house when one of the boys came and told me their dad had gotten home and he was taking them to the game! Going to the game on July 29 was something they will remember for the rest of their lives.

It's the season for shots, and I'm still harping on getting your shingles shot. I've suffered a lot of pain through my life, and shingle pain is one of the worst. I still have flare-ups. Check with your doctor or your local pharmacy.

Also, please remember that you are encouraged to send me items you would like to see in the Retiree News Bulletin. It's great to have folks get involved. And if you are a new retiree, this is a personal invitation to join us!

Our Wednesday bowling team had to find a new location, and we are now bowling at Kellogg Bowl in Milwaukie. At our last event, Phil Loving bowled a 236 game. Jerry followed a close behind with a 209. Bette Richardson was the leading lady with two games of 108. We won't mention the rest. We are there to have fun and that we do.

In closing, please note that I have given up my house phone, so am only using my cell phone, **503-730-7903**, and I have a new email address, b.bergmans1938@comcast.net.

Respectfully,

Barb Bergmans
Editor and Vice President