



Retiree News Bulletin

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Coming soon! Annual Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 17

Monarch Hotel and Convention Center
12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas

Check your mail for your invitation to our 39th Annual PGE Retiree Spring Luncheon.

Dates to Remember

Friday, May 11: Last day to return the RSVP and save your place. As soon as you receive your invitation, fill it out and return it. Space is limited, so please bring only one guest and be sure to put their name on the RSVP.

Monday, May 14: Last day to cancel by contacting one of the committee members listed below.

Tuesday, May 15: Last day to contact one of the committee members if you or your guest have a special dietary need so they can make special arrangements with the hotel. Sorry — no special diet requests on the day of the luncheon.

Thursday, May 17: Let's do lunch! Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch is served at **noon**.

Many many thanks to the wonderful luncheon committee — Russ Bailey (503-708-8650, jarbaileys@gmail.com), Phyllis and Ed Miska (503-636-6052, epm745t@earthlink.net) and Pat Thompson (503-319-6861, mstang81@yahoo.com) — for doing such a great job organizing these luncheons!

Activities and events

- Annual summer picnic, Wednesday, **July 11**, Tualatin Community Park, Tualatin. See the next bulletin and our Facebook page for all the information you need to know!
- Cascade Steel Mill – April
- Local dairy (location to be decided) – May
- Rose Festival Parade in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum – June 9 at 10 a.m. To order tickets, call 503-963-3889 or email groupsales.rosequarter.com. User name = PGE; password = discounts.

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- Lineman Rodeo – July
- Jet boat trip on the Willamette River – August
- Bull Run hydro tour – September
- Bob's Red Mill tour and lunch – October

If you have questions about tours and trips for the retirees, contact **Terry Judkins** (503-655-2863, djudkins@comcast.net).

Volunteer opportunities

April is **THE** month for volunteering! **Register for an event and get all the details!** Register at www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity or email Terry Clelen at Terry.Clelen@pgn.com. Need a PGE volunteer T-shirt? Email Michele Keever at Michele.keever@pgn.com.

What	Where	Date	Time	Description
Be a SMART volunteer	Schools in the Portland Metro area, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McMinnville and Salem	Now through May 18	One hour a week	Help children discover the joy of reading by volunteering with SMART (Start Making A Reader Today). Volunteer for one hour a week and help pre-K through third-grade children become confident readers by providing one-on-one read-aloud time, valuable adult mentorship and books to take home and keep! Days of the week and times vary. For more information, contact Staci Sutton at 971-634-1616 or ssutton@getsmartoregon.org .
Celebrate Arbor Day with Friends of Trees	Beaverton and Northeast Salem	Saturday, April 7	8:45 a.m.–1 p.m.	Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Arrive at the staging site by 8:45 a.m. to register, be assigned a crew and to enjoy some breakfast treats and hot coffee or cocoa. Planting starts promptly at 9 a.m. No experience necessary! Friends of Trees provides tools, gloves and guidance. Just show up dressed for the weather in layered clothing and wearing sturdy closed-toe shoes or boots and your PGE volunteer T-shirt. These are family-friendly events!
Refresh the Human Solutions Shelter	Southeast Portland	Saturday, April 7	Noon–2 p.m.	Help get the Human Solutions Shelter into tip-top shape. Projects include painting, building shelves, organizing, cleaning, sweeping, assisting in organizational projects in the office and kitchen and making the space more livable for everyone!
Serve breakfast at Union Gospel Mission	Portland	Wednesday, April 11 Friday, April 13 Wednesday, April 18 Friday, April 27	6:00–7:45 a.m.	Union Gospel Mission serves a warm breakfast to the homeless twice a week. Volunteers (over 15 years old) prepare at 6:00 a.m., breakfast is served from 6:30–7:15 a.m. in a cafeteria-type food line and cleanup ends about 7:45 a.m. Come to the front door of the shelter with a smile and wearing your PGE volunteer T-shirt, jeans and closed-toed shoes. The Union Gospel Mission has been doing this since 1927.
Annual Native Plant Sale	Oregon City	Friday, April 13 Saturday, April 14	9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (two shifts)	This spring sale is coordinated by the Columbia Land Trust. Volunteers are needed to answer customer questions, provide general event assistance and support on-site parking and plant loading. Feel great knowing that you helped distribute thousands of native plants to nearby backyards!
Sort and stock at Oregon Food Bank West	Northwest Beaverton	Tuesday, April 17	6:00–8:30 p.m.	This is a fast-paced and rewarding volunteer experience for volunteers of any ability who are at least six years old.

Volunteer opportunities, continued

What	Where	Date	Time	Description
Mulch trees at Estacada Public Library and Whispering Pines Senior Village	Estacada	Saturday, April 21	10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	Be part of the volunteer crew needed to mulch nearly 2,000 newly planted tiny trees and shrubs at the Estacada Library and neighboring Whispering Pines Senior Village! Build on the great work of the Clackamas River Basin Council Earth Day volunteers.
Dia Del Niño Fair needs Spanish-speaking (preferred) volunteers	Northeast Salem	Thursday, April 26	5:30–8:00 p.m.	McKay High School is hosting this year's Dia Del Niño, a day all about the kids in Salem's community. Wear your PGE T-shirt and hand out fun PGE safety goodies and walk children through our Hazard Hamlet Safety Display! Two or three volunteers are needed for this event.
March for Babies	Rose Quarter Commons	Saturday, April 28	8:30–11:00 a.m.	Walk in this fund-raiser for the March of Dimes and participate in the many activities that are offered. The 10k begins at 9 a.m., and the 3k Family Fun Walk begins at 9:15 a.m.
Collect and organize supplies for veterans	Tualatin	Saturday, April 28	Noon–4:00 p.m.	Spend an afternoon emptying bins, sorting items and folding clothes collected for homeless veterans for Transition Projects to pick up and distribute.
Trojan Park cleanup	Rainier	Wednesday, May 2	9:00 a.m.–noon	Help ready PGE's Trojan Park for the annual Memorial Day weekend opening! Energetic volunteers are needed to groom the grounds, spread mulch, plant flowers and power wash picnic areas, followed by lunch and door prizes! Wear your volunteer T-shirt, dress for the weather and bring your favorite garden tools — rakes, shovels and brooms are especially helpful. This is a family-friendly project and a great way to reunite the Trojan community.
Clip coupons for Store to Door	2WTC Oregon Room, Portland	Thursday, May 3	Noon–1:00 p.m.	Store to Door supports independent living for Portland area seniors and people with disabilities by providing a low-cost, volunteer-basis grocery shopping and delivery service. Volunteers clip and organize coupons to help Store to Door clients save money on their groceries and also take phone orders, shop and deliver groceries. Save your manufacturer and Fred Meyer coupons! Bring the coupons and your scissors and clip for Store to Door volunteers to sort and attach to clients' shopping lists. If you can't attend, you can still help by sending coupons to Lynn Demicheli , 3WTC0402, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon 97204.
NW Pilot Project Walkathon	South park blocks near PSU	Sunday, May 6	12:30–2:00 p.m.	Walk laps of the south park blocks near PSU to raise money for housing assistance for low-income seniors. Walkers are asked to pledge at least \$25 and are encouraged to have their own pledge sheet and ask friends and family to support them with a donation.

Portland Fine Arts Guild classes

Class	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
Parking	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!
Contact	Laurie Martin-Cohn, Publicity Chair; lauriemartincohn.blogspot.com
Website	http://portlandfineartsguild.org

The Portland Fine Arts Guild is a nonprofit organization.

Happy adventuring to Ed and Phyllis Miska!

Ed and Phyllis Miska have announced their retirement from the Retiree Board. They both gave us several wonderful years of service on many committees, including those fabulous luncheons! Ed has also been our treasurer and legal advisor for many years, and we will really miss his expertise. We wish them well in their future adventures. When you see them at

the Spring Luncheon, please thank them for all their service.

If you would like to be board treasurer or know of anyone that could, contact **Terry Judkins** (503-655-2863, djudkins@comcast.net).

Getting to Know Us

Remember the "Getting to Know Us" stories about retirees in earlier issues? Barb Bergmans would like to start writing them again. If you know of someone you think has a story that would be interesting to readers, let her know!

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The next board meetings is
Monday, **Apr. 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.


Remembering retirees

We celebrate and remember these retirees who have passed away after living fruitful lives:

- Victor Brown, 96
- Gladys Fengler, 81
- Steven Gasaway, 64
- Joseph McConnell, 64
- Robert E. Short, 85

Group get-togethers

All PGE retirees, spouses and significant others are welcome to attend any of these gatherings. If you would like to start a new one closer to you — or you know one that isn't here — contact **Terry Judkins** at **503-655-2863** or [djjudkins@comcast.net](mailto: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

Ever wonder where we all live?

It's no surprise that out of 1,695 retirees, most currently live in Oregon (1,358) and Washington (155), but did you know that the other 182 live in 29 other states? (Numbers are as of March 2018.)

Alabama - 2	Georgia - 1	Michigan - 0	North Carolina - 3	Utah - 6
Alaska - 0	Hawaii - 4	Minnesota - 4	North Dakota - 0	Vermont - 0
Arizona - 57	Idaho - 12	Mississippi - 0	Ohio - 4	Virginia - 0
Arkansas - 0	Illinois - 1	Missouri - 0	Oklahoma - 2	Washington - 155
California - 25	Iowa - 0	Montana - 5	Oregon - 1,358	West Virginia - 0
Colorado - 5	Kansas - 1	Nebraska - 0	Pennsylvania - 2	Wisconsin - 1
Connecticut - 0	Kentucky - 0	New Hampshire - 1	Rhode Island - 1	Wyoming - 2
Delaware - 0	Louisiana - 1	New Jersey - 0	South Carolina - 0	
District of Columbia - 0	Maryland - 1	New Mexico - 3	South Dakota - 1	
Florida - 10	Maine - 1	New York - 0	Tennessee - 1	
	Massachusetts - 0	Nevada - 12	Texas - 13	

Health

PGE blood drive

Mark your calendar for these future blood drive dates:

Wednesday, May 30
Wednesday, Aug. 8
7:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
2WTC Plaza Conference Room

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

For only **\$20 a month** — a real bargain — PGE retirees are welcome to 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 **Cameron Mitchell** at director@fitfactorywtc.com.

Sports

Bowling

When	Now through May 16, 2018 First and third Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.
Where	Kellogg Bowl 10306 SE Main St Milwaukie (next to Pietro’s Pizza)
Who	All retirees, family members and friends
Cost	\$6 for three games, ball and shoe rental plus a chance at the \$5 door prize! Win the door prize, and you get it all for \$1!

With only \$6, you get three games, bowling shoes and a ball (if you don’t have your own), and if you win the \$5 door prize, the whole event only costs you a dollar! The more players, the more \$5 door prizes, so encourage your friends and former co-workers to come and join in the fun.

Golf

The first tournament of the year is coming in June, so get your clubs ready! Don’t miss the opportunity to see old friends and have a great day of golf. Look for the tournament dates in the next bulletin. If you have questions, contact **Mark Lander** (503-691-6853, landerm@comcast.net), **Kim Michek** (503-860-6017) or **Terry Judkins** (503-655-2863, djudkins@comcast.net).

The price is right and it’s all about the camaraderie. When you join us, you get a pretty red shirt with “PGE Retirees” and your name on it!

Both men and women retirees, their spouses and/or significant others are welcome. New bowlers are always welcome, including friends and family members. Just show up at the Kellogg Bowl at 10306 SE Main Street in Milwaukie on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at noon.

May 16 is the last day for this season, but we’ll start again in September!

If you have any questions, contact **Al Maynard** at **503-654-4149** or alvianm@earthlink.net or **Al Richardson** at **503-518-8600** or alrbjr@bctonline.com.

Retirements: a total of 528 years of service

March 2018

- Brusch, Cindy, surveyor (18 years)
- Donaldson, Sharon, assistant (22 years)
- Fishel, Brad, principal analyst, Organizational Development (37 years)
- Garcia, Donna, specialist (18 years)
- Hollands, Glenn, repairman leadman (28 years)
- Long, David, analyst (7 years)
- Mills, Carol, project manager (37 years)
- Peschka, Terry, general manager (19 years)
- Riddle, (Jack) Thomas, specialist, Sales/Commercial (22 years)
- Shrum, David, operator, Fuel Equipment (20 years)
- Tingley, Gary, manager (39 years)
- Whitaker, Lorrene, assistant (24 years)

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- Allcock, Charles, director, Business Development (42 years)
- Altig, Sue, customer service representative (15 years)
- Batchelor, Jeanne, assistant (19 years)
- Custer, Tim, specialist, Sales/Commercial (36 years)
- Fairham-Wheeler, Kevin, customer service representative (18 years)
- Strous, Larry, specialist, Marketing/Sales (35 years)
- VanWyngarden, Stu, supervisor, Distribution (42 years)
- Willington, Teresa, technician (30 years)

Who? What? When? Where?

Who are these people? **What** are they doing? **When** and **Where** are they doing it? PGE Retiree Judy Francis is helping PGE identify some historic photos for their archives. If you know anything about these photos, email Judy at judetulley@yahoo.com.

Thanks to Richard Turnock for information about the photo in the last issue.



It wasn't THAT long ago, was it?



Things to know

Brighten the day of a retiree!

Barbara Beck, our Sunshine Chair, recently sent Sympathy cards to the families of **Joseph McConnell, Steven Gasaway, Robert E. Short, Frank Godwin, Victor Purvis** and **Art Hartenstein** and Get Well cards to **Linda Peerenboom, Darlene Judkins, Al Richardson** and **Russ Bailey**.

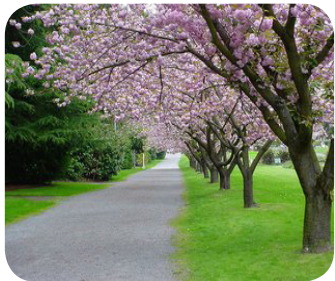
If you know of someone who isn't feeling well, has suffered a personal loss or has a birthday, anniversary or a special occasion, contact **Barbara Beck** at **503-775-9236** or **barbarab4488@gmail.com**.

PGE retirees website

<http://pgetirees.org/>

Check out the new link that connects you to the PGE **myCommunity** site where you can record your volunteer hours or find NewsLines, Retiree Bulletins and some history of PGE.

If you want something posted or have a question, contact Retiree Webmaster **Linh Huynh** at **503-328-7915** or **linhbuuhuynh@yahoo.com**.



Note from the editor

I'm enjoying my winter home in Yuma and have met a lot of nice people — several from Oregon. I'll be coming home shortly after I make a trip to the Santa Barbara area to visit my granddaughters and their families.

While traveling back and forth to Oregon, several of the park residence gentlemen rebuilt my deck and made it twice the size it was. I paid for the material, but they wouldn't let me pay them for their labor, so before I leave, I'll be hosting a "new deck party" as a thank you.

Did you change your address or phone number?

You and your family (or beneficiaries) don't want to miss important information, so let PGE know if you have changed your address or phone number. Contact **Danielle Hartman** at **503-464-7333** or **Danielle.Hartman@pgn.com**.

Like us on Facebook!

The PGE Retirees Facebook page is a great way to communicate, discuss and make announcements. 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.

If you would like to join the group, already have a Facebook account, don't currently use Facebook or need any kind of assistance, send your email to **Mark Lander** at **landerm@comcast.net**. He can send you a link that gets you started.

Volunteer on 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**.

I want to extend a personal invitation to all of the new retirees to come 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."

Please note that I no longer have my home phone, so if you need to contact me, please call 503-730-7903 or email **b.bergmans1938@comcast.net**.

Respectfully,

Barb Bergmans
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