



Retiree News Bulletin

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Activities and events



One hundred eighty retirees and guests attended the annual holiday luncheon on Dec. 7. Mike Moses, a retiree from the Meter Department, led us in remembering those who served in Pearl Harbor on that day in 1941. Terry Judkins, our President, entertained us with his stories. And as usual, there were lots of door prizes, including the poinsettias on the tables!

We donated 179 lb of food to the Oregon Food Bank and some cash as well. Between the jar at the front door and the lovely Bob's Red Mill Gift Basket that was raffled off, almost \$300 was donated to a local family in need.

A big **THANKS** goes to:

- **Darlene and Terry Judkins** for the slide show featuring retirees and showing many of us how great — or not so great — we looked in years past.
- **Sylvia Handris** for the Bob's Red Mill Gift Basket.
- **Bob Clayton** for the beautiful poinsettias decorating the tables.
- PGE employees **Dede Jensen, Danielle Hartman** and **Dale Ritter** for all their work on our behalf — and to PGE for the \$3,000 to help us continue our great activities!
- **Amber Hollingsworth** of **Advantis Credit Union** for \$500!
- And, as always, to **Russ Bailey, Pat Thompson** and **Phyllis and Ed Miska**, the exceptionally talented and hard-working luncheon committee.

By the way, if you have a hidden talent (play an instrument, sing, dance, etc.), let one of the board members know. We didn't have entertainment this year and we missed it!



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The next **board meetings** are Mondays, **Feb. 12** and **March 12**, **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.

Coming in 2018

The **2018 PGE Retirees ANNUAL PICNIC** will be in July, usually on the second or third Thursday, but we will let you know as soon as we know exactly when and where!

- Cascade Steel Mill – April
- Local Dairy (location to be decided) – May
- Lunch on the Portland Spirit - TBD
- Rose Festival Parade in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum – June

- Linesman Rodeo – July
- Jet Boat Trip on the Willamette River – August
- Bull Run Tour – September
- Bob’s Red Mill Tour & Lunch – October

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

Portland Fine Arts Guild classes

Class	Acrylics workshop
Description	Beginners to advanced students will learn how to mix colors, perspective paint and create realistic and abstract paintings.
Registration	No preregistration is required.
Dates	Mondays, Feb. 5, 12 and 19
Times	10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Instructor	Annette Jackson
Supplies needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easel, if possible • 16- x 20-in. canvas • Nylon brushes work best; no soft or watercolor brushes • Acrylic paints: basic colors, no small tubes • Tray for paints • Water container (bowl or bucket) • Charcoal or pencil and eraser • Color wheel • Paper towel/or rags • A knife to scrape off paints when dried up • A picture of something to paint

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.biogspot.com
Website	http://portlandfineartsguild.org

NOTE: To find out about March classes, go to their website and click on **Current Classes**.

The Portland Fine Arts Guild is a nonprofit organization.



Volunteer opportunities

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer in February and March. Go to www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity and sign up or email Terry Clelen at Terry.Clelen@pgn.com. Remember to wear your PGE volunteer T-shirt. If you need one, contact 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 .
Plant trees with Friends of Trees	East Portland neighborhoods	Saturday, Feb. 17	8:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join us for PGE's first sponsored planting of the season in the Lents, Powellhurst-Gilbert, Pleasant Valley Neighborhoods! No experience is necessary! Just show up dressed for the weather in layered clothing and wearing sturdy shoes or boots. Friends of Trees will provide tools, gloves and guidance. Planting starts at 9 a.m. but come by 8:45 a.m. to enjoy some breakfast treats and hot chocolate or coffee! As an added treat, neighborhood volunteers are providing a potluck lunch for all volunteers.
Legacy of Play Day at A. C. Gilbert Discovery Village and Children's Museum	Salem	Monday, Feb. 19	10 a.m. or 2 p.m. (two shifts)	The Gilbert House Children's Museum is named after A. C. Gilbert, born in Salem and known worldwide as the inventor of erector sets, which inspired the 20,000-square-foot Outdoor Discovery Area that PGE volunteers helped build in 1998. A scholar, inventor, Olympic gold medalist, entrepreneur and magician, he left the world a legacy of play. In that spirit, admission is free on the Legacy of Play Day , and volunteers are needed so all the makers, tinkers and innovators in our community can engage, tinker and discover!

Volunteer Opportunities, Continued

What	Where	Date	Time	Description
Oregon Food Bank West	Beaverton	Wednesday, Feb. 21 (sign up no later than Feb. 14)	6:00–8:30 p.m.	Bring the family and join the fun in the Perishable Repack Room! Temperatures in this space average 50°F, so dress in layers and wear closed-toed shoes for safety. The Food Bank needs an accurate volunteer count, so sign up at least one week in advance, and please “show up if you sign up.” The Food Bank is counting on us to help them get the food out the door on schedule.
Plant trees with the Johnson Creek Watershed Council	SE Portland	Saturday, March 3	8:45 a.m.–noon	Bring your family and help plant, weed and mulch for a healthier watershed with the Johnson Creek Watershed Council. Tools, snacks and fun will be provided — and a pizza party too!
Be a mock Interviewer!	Oregon Convention Center, Portland	Tuesday, March 13	9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	If you have some experience interviewing candidates and would like to help teenagers gain confidence and skills, this volunteer opportunity is for you! At least 150 volunteers are needed to give about 1,000 students mock job interviews. Organized by the nonprofit agency Portland Workforce Alliance, mock interviews are a valued part of the NW Youth Careers Expo that features leading employers and attracts about 7,000 students from 70 different high schools.
Portland Columbia Symphony Orchestra	SW Portland	Friday, March 16	6:15 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	Volunteer and get two free concert tickets to a future performance! The Portland Columbia Symphony Orchestra is a not-for-profit service organization and features regional composers, soloists and musicians, both professional and semi-professional. Friendly and energetic volunteers are needed to help attendees with programs, tickets and concessions. Note: Please wear a white shirt and black skirt or pants.
Plant native shrubs and trees with Friends of Trees	Happy Valley	Saturday, March 17	8:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Join us for the PGE-sponsored planting of native trees and shrubs to help restore the riparian vegetation around Mt. Scott Creek. Mt. Scott Creek is a tributary of Kellogg Creek, which is a vital tributary of the Willamette River and home to coho salmon, steelhead and many other species. No experience is necessary! Just show up dressed for the weather in layered clothing and wearing sturdy shoes or boots. Friends of Trees will provide tools, gloves and guidance. Planting starts at 9 a.m. but come by 8:45 a.m. to enjoy some breakfast treats and hot chocolate or coffee.

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

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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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.

Health

PGE blood drive

Mark your calendar for these future blood drive dates:

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

At our last blood drive of 2017, we exceeded our goal of 45 pints. Why? Because 50 of you donated 50 pints of blood and four of you were Power Reds (double red cell donations)! Thank you and thanks to our retiree volunteers!

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



Sports

Golf

Golf is over until spring, but if you are looking for something to do, why not go bowling with us? It's lots of fun, and you can get out of the house on the cold and wet winter Wednesdays twice a month. (See Bowling.)

Bowling

When	Sept. 6, 2017–May 17, 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!

dollar! The more players, the more \$5 door prizes, so encourage your friends and former co-workers to come and join in the fun.

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. Hope to see you there!"

A Note from AI:

"Hi, retirees! Do you like to bowl? Would you like to hash over the good old days with other retirees? 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

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

Retirements: a total of 711 years of service

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- Greg, Marlyn, customer service representative, Collections (32 years)
- Johnson, Donald, engineer (8 years)
- Main, Rick, journeyman wireman (34 years)
- Thompson, James, specialist, Construction Management (39 years)

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- Abbott, Jeffrey, customer service representative, field (14 years)
- Cody, Marc, analyst, Fuels/Forecast (22 years)
- Graham, Rhonda, customer service representative, Field (23 years)
- Griffith, Richard, Plant Serviceman AA (28 years)
- Griggs, Larry, specialist, Service & Design Project Management (47 years)
- Henderson, Cam, vice president, Chief Information Officer (12 years)
- Hosseini, Behzad, director, Office of the CIO (20 years)
- Jenkins, Douglas, specialist, Industrial Hygiene (29 years)
- Kaplan, Cheryl, customer service representative (28 years)
- McFarland, Douglas, Serviceman AA (41 years)
- Monroe, Douglas, specialist, Planning (36 years)
- Morgan, Ray, working foreman lineman (35 years)
- Peck, Steve, specialist, Senior Systems Administration (18 years)
- Phillips, Kathleen, assistant (23 years)
- Potterton, Angela, technician, Cash Remittance (11 years)
- Ramseyer, Robert, repairman leadman (45 years)
- Sanders, Richard, specialist, Security (10 years)
- Saunders, Kathryn, assistant, Administration (21 years)
- Vaughn, Robert, technician (16 years)
- Wales, Robert, repairman leadman (37 years)
- Watkins, Carolyn, assistant (39 years)
- Williams, Gwen, consultant, HR (43 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.



Young men reading a Nuclear Terms Glossary

Thanks to Bob Bausserman for identifying the below photo in the last issue. According to Bob, it is the Customer Service Department's rotary file in the old Electric Building. The files were full of **IBM** punch cards with customer information — and so large they had to remove windows and place the files with a crane!



Things to know

Help a fellow retiree feel a little brighter!

Barbara Beck, our **Sunshine Chair**, recently sent sympathy cards to the families of **Richard Murphy**, **Joseph W. Smith** and **Kenneth Renne**.

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

PGE Retiree Museum — we need your feedback

The PGE Retiree Museum is “on hold” and the artifacts are stored at Bull Run. We still plan on keeping items that are “The History of PGE.”

Volunteers will eventually be needed to help organize the collection at Bull Run. After all of the hard work and hours spent collecting items from PGE's past, it would be a shame if they were lost. Check future newsletters for dates and times volunteers will be needed.

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. You will also find back issues of NewsLines and Retiree Bulletins and a bit of PGE history.

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

Have you moved? Do you have a new phone number?

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.

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.

Please send comments to:

Barbara Bergmans, president
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or

Terry Judkins, vice president
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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.

Things to know, continued

Do-Not-Call List

If you have been receiving more and more unwanted phone calls on your cell phones or landlines, remember the **Do-Not-Call List**. Thanks to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007 (which became law in February 2008), the numbers you register are permanently placed on the registry, and telemarketers covered by the National Do-Not-Call Registry have up

to 31 days from the date you register to stop calling you. If you receive a call and you don't recognize the number, don't answer it!

Register at www.donotcall.gov or call **1-888-382-1222**.

Note from the editor

I'm writing this from sunny Yuma, Arizona. I arrived a week after the holiday luncheon, and it sounds like I left Portland just in time. I don't do well with ice. In January 1998, I fell on the ice, hit my head on the sidewalk and ended up in the ER. So when I hear the "ice" word, I stay inside.

I am enjoying my new place. Every day there are a ton of activities going on, and the people are very friendly. A lady named Yani bought a place near me. She is from Logan, Utah, and is going to live here year-round. In talking with her, I found out she worked in the same Walmart Store in Logan as Vicki Garlock did. It is a very large store, and each remembers seeing the other one but had never met. It really is a small world. So far I have met folks from Canada,

the northeastern U.S. and Forest Grove, Bend and Gresham, Oregon. And of course, my neighbor in Wilsonville, who is the reason I ended up in this RV park.

And **yes** I'm still harping on anyone who hasn't gotten a shingles shot to get one. After almost seven years, I still have a flare-up when I get stressed, and it isn't fun.

Take care and God bless, and I hope you all have a wonderful new year.

Respectfully,

Barb Bergmans
Editor and Vice President

