



Welcome to 2019!

What's Inside

- Holiday luncheon** (See page 1)
- Board meeting** (See page 1)
- Tours** (See page 2)
- President's corner** (See page 3)
- Blood drive** (See page 3)
- Breakfast and lunch groups** (See page 3)
- Bowling and Golf** (See page 4)
- Volunteer!** (See page 7)
- Retirements** (See page 8)
- Remembering colleagues** (See page 9)
- Thoughts from our editor** (See page 9)
- Things to know** (See page 10)

Before we look ahead let's look back — to the Holiday Luncheon last December! It was a wonderful afternoon full of smiling retirees enjoying themselves with good friends, good food, jokes and prizes. The dedication and drive of our **Luncheon Committee members** (Russ Bailey, Phyllis and Ed Miska, Pat Thompson) brought in the holiday spirit with great success. **THANK YOU!**

At the luncheon, retirees donated food and money to the Portland area Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center which helps U.S. military veterans from any era get the help they need. Russ Bailey, Luncheon Committee Chair, delivered the donations and shares his experience:

"If you couldn't attend the Holiday Luncheon at the Monarch Hotel last December, we missed you and hope to see you in 2019! The recipient of the "Food and \$\$" this year was the **Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center**. My wife **Jean** and I had the great pleasure of delivering the donations to the tune of \$236 in cash and donated food. The 'Center' was ever so grateful for the generosity of our PGE Retirees.

To my surprise, the Center is not a food pantry — **it is a home for veterans and their families who are having a tough time.** Their mission is to give to the veterans and families, safety security, help, hope by providing a place of transition that honors them. They serve three meals a day to an average of 110 people and are currently housing people from infancy to 90 years of age! The PGE Retiree Board of Directors gives all of you who donated a **BIG THANK YOU** for your attendance and generosity."

The next **board meetings** is
Monday, **Feb. 11, 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.

And now let's look ahead

Mark up your 2019 calendar!

This Newsletter includes all the tours that have already been scheduled for 2019. You can find out more in future Newsletters, on our Facebook page, or by calling or emailing the specified contacts or any member of the PGE Board of Retirees. We hope this will help you plan ahead and that we will see you more often this year!

Tours

These fun and educational tours are planned by the unceasing and tireless efforts of Terry Judkins to bring retirees together. If you have questions, contact Terry Judkins at 503-655-2863 or [djjudkins@comcast.net](mailto:djudkins@comcast.net). If you want to be automatically notified of tours, send him your email address.

Date	Event and Location	Contact	Signup by
Tuesday, Feb. 12	LeMay American Car Museum, Tacoma, WA	Terry	Feb. 5
Wednesday, March 13	Low-Voltage Switchgear, Wilsonville with Steve West	Steve West swestmcs@bctonline.com or 503-936-5637	March 6
Tuesday, March 19	Franz Bread Bakery, Portland	Terry	March 7
Thursday, April 18	TMK Creamery, Canby with Tod Koch	Tod, 503-705-2550	TBD
Tuesday, May 14	Candy Basket, Gresham with Norman (CJ) Bennett	CJ, 503-666-2000	TBD
May ____	Annual Spring Luncheon at the Monarch Hotel (details in the next issue)	Terry	TBD
Saturday, June 8	Portland Rose Festival	Terry	TBD
Thursday, June 20	PGE Wind Farm Tour	Terry	TBD
July ____	PGE Retirees Picnic, Tualatin Park	Terry	TBD
Saturday, July 20	Pacific Northwest Lineman Rodeo, Gresham Substation	Terry	TBD
Thursday, Aug 15	Astoria tour and lunch	Terry	TBD
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Thompson Grist Mill, Eugene	Terry	TBD
October	Portland State Football, Portland	Terry	TBD
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Bob's Red Mill, Milwaukie	Terry	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 7	Sullivan Hydro Plant, West Linn	Terry	TBD
Dec. ____	Annual Holiday Luncheon, Monarch Hotel	Terry	TBD



President's corner

by Stan Chiotti

Happy New Year!! Hope you are doing a better job than I am in writing 2019 instead of 2018! Now is the time to mark your new calendars with some of the many activities that are available to us retirees. We can keep you busy with bowling, golf, luncheons, picnics, tours and other get-togethers! Specific dates can be found in this or future Newsletters..

If you want to give back to your community, volunteering for the many PGE sponsored events is a great way. If you put in enough hours, Cause Cards for \$200.00 are available to support 501(c)3 organizations. For information, go to the PGE Retiree's Association website at www.pgeretirees.org or contact **Whitney Welsh** at **503-464-2916** or whitney.welsh@pgn.com.

I hope to see you this year!

Blood drive

Wednesdays, Feb. 13, June 5, Aug. 28, Nov. 6
8 a.m.–2 p.m.
2WTC Plaza Conference Room
121 SW Salmon Street, Portland

At the last blood drive, we registered 47 donors, collected 47 pints of blood and there were six first-time donors! Thank you for your gifts of time and support. We truly appreciate your generosity and the patients who have benefited from the blood collected at the blood drive are beyond grateful. We hope to collect 55 pints of blood on Feb. 13 – just in time for Valentine's Day! Help us meet or exceed our goal.

See the most common reasons people may not be able to give blood at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>.

For more information — or to volunteer because the more volunteers the better — call Denise Baldwin at 503-464-7206. You can also 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

Breakfast and lunch Groups

These wonderful groups meet at designated restaurants, enjoying each other's company as well as the food. If you have any pictures, please forward them to any member of the Board and we will include them in the next Newsletter. Remember to include information about the photo — who, when and where!

Here is a happy group at the Home Town Buffet in December.



Breakfast and lunch Groups (cont'd)

Location of retiree breakfasts/lunches	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
J's Restaurant 2017 Portland Road, Newberg	11:30 a.m.	Second Friday of every month

Sports

Bowling

When: First and third Wednesdays
September through May
12:30 p.m. (practice starts at noon)

Where: Kellogg Bowl
10306 SE Main St
Milwaukie

Who: All retirees, family members and friends

Cost: \$7 for three games, ball and shoe rental and a chance at the \$5 door prize!

Come join the fun and friendship. Questions? Contact **Al Maynard** at **503-654-4149**, alvianm@earthlink.net or **Al Richardson** at **503-518-8600**, alrbjr@bctonline.com.



Golf

A few months ago, Mark Lander asked for volunteers to take the job of organizing Retiree Golf Events for 2019, and John McLain said “sure”. Mark showed him how to get things done at the successful 2018 tournament at Stone Creek in Oregon City and offered to provide continued support and advice to John. Here’s what John says and what he’s done so far!

“Hello all. John McLain here. After four years of retirement, I’ve learned to enjoy the game of golf as a sport, but especially as a way to spend some quality time with friends old and new. I dusted off my clubs and started playing more than just a few charitable fundraising tournaments. It helps keep me

in shape - always gets me to the 10,000 steps goal! Now, my wife and I play a few times a week, weather permitting. We have developed a broad network of new friends at the Charbonneau Golf Course.

My goals for 2019 were to attract more retirees, women, friends and family members and to add locations outside of the Portland area. So in December I emailed a survey with some ideas for future golf locations *in addition* to the Portland Metro courses – Washington State, Willamette Valley, Central Oregon, Oregon Coast, Columbia Gorge.”

Based on the replies received, the following three events outside the Portland area are planned for 2019:

WASHINGTON STATE: Lewis River Golf Course, Woodland (www.lewisrivergolf.com)

Friday, June 21; tee time 8:54 a.m.; \$54 with cart

Play on the Summer Solstice. Yes, the tee time is 8:54 a.m., the official time and day of the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. Play golf, eat a late lunch and get in another 9 or 18 on your own! Plan a vacation and enjoy the area - Mount St Helens Visitor Center, Klager Lilac Gardens, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, kayak the Lewis River or fish Lake Merwin.



OREGON COAST: Florence Golf Links (formerly Sandpines Golf Course), Florence (www.florencegolflinks.com)

July – Details still being finalized



Play on a course built on Oregon sand dunes. Golf Digest’s “Places to Play in the USA” gave the Florence Golf Links a 4½ star rating and said it is “one of the premier courses in the Northwest. The outward nine is sculpted out of a forest of towering pines and majestic crystal blue lakes reminiscent of those found on the Monterey Peninsula. The inward nine brings you back to the soul of the game with its traditional Links style and rolling dunes from tee to green.” Plan a vacation and enjoy the area: Historic Old Town, Sea Lion Caves, Honeyman State Park, go horseback riding on the beach, hike the Hobbit Trail to Hobbit Beach.

Golf (cont'd)

WILLAMETTE VALLEY: Charbonneau Golf Club, Wilsonville
(www.charbonneaugolfclub.com)

Tuesday, Aug. 6; first tee time 8:36 a.m.; \$26 with cart

This is a par 62 course. Nine holes have five par 3's and four par 4's. This course is perfect for me (the older I get, the shorter I hit) and for golfers who want to play a course that doesn't have 500+ yard par 5's. It is a beautifully maintained course that rewards "accuracy" rather than the hitters who go for the green on a short par 4 trying to avoid the water, sand, trees and the rough. Charbonneau is about an hour's drive from Portland, Hillsboro and Gresham and about 40 minutes from Salem.

If you are interested in any of the above events, please contact me at john@mclainco.com or 503-799-2527. And if you would like to organize an event at your local course, please let me know. A volunteer is currently organizing a retiree event at Wildwood. As the golf-great Bobby Jones said, "Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course - the distance between your ears." So play more golf! I look forward to seeing many of you.

Volunteer Opportunities in February!

(Check the retiree website www.pgeretirees.org or www.portlandgeneral.com/mycommunity for links to these volunteer websites.)

Portland Winter Light Festival

Date: Feb. 7 – 9; Shift times vary in between 5:30–10 p.m.

Where: Various locations across inner SE and SW Portland

Sign up in myCommunity and:
<http://pdxwlf.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/34550>

Description: Become a volunteer with the Portland Winter Light Festival and help transform and animate our city's nighttime urban landscape through a series of light, fire, and art installations, projections, and performances. This is a free, citywide event and Portland Winter Light Festival needs your help!

Food Repack at Oregon Food Bank, Portland

Date: Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019, 6–8:30 p.m.

Where: 7900 NE 33rd Dr., Portland

Sign up in myCommunity

Description: Join us at the Oregon Food Bank's Portland location. This is an exceptional experience for first-time volunteers because there is a job for everybody age 6 and over and for every ability.

SMART Alphabet Ball

Date: Friday, Feb. 8. Volunteer shifts are flexible and vary from 2 to 6 hours throughout the day between 12:00 and 9:00 p.m., with the majority of shifts from 4:30-9:00 p.m.

Where: The Nines Hotel, 525 SW Morrison St., Portland

Sign up in myCommunity

Description: The Alphabet Ball is SMART's annual fundraising event. With over 400 SMART supporters in attendance, this is destined to be a fun and inspiring evening. We would love to have you join us as volunteers at the event. We need help with raffle ticket sales, Gift Certificate Library, Wine Wall assistance and many more fun event gigs.

**"As you grow older,
you will discover that you have
two hands —
one for helping yourself,
the other for helping others."
~ Audrey Hepburn**

Volunteer Opportunities (cont'd)

Fight for Air Stair Climb

Date: Sunday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Where: 111 SW Fifth Ave, Portland

Sign up in myCommunity and:

https://action.lung.org/site/TR?fr_id=17554&pg=entry

Description: Join the PGE team and climb the stairs at US Bancorp Tower (40 floors, 800 stairs or 20 floors, 400 stairs). This is a fundraiser and participants are expected to raise a minimum of \$100 to climb. Start times are staggered and will be emailed to each registered participant the week of the event. We will climb together as a team. Training on PGE facility stairs is encouraged!

JA Finance Park

Date: Monday, Feb. 11–Friday, Feb. 15
7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Where: Camp Withycombe, 15300 Minuteman Way, Clackamas

Fill out the volunteer form in myCommunity and email it to TKinne@ja-pdx.org.

If you have any questions, email Whitney at whitney.welsh@pgn.com.

Description: At JA Finance Park, students act as adults for a day and make personal financial decisions in a realistic setting. Whatever role they are assigned, students develop lifelong financial skills through the program's in-class and simulation experiences. We are looking for 110 volunteers to coach groups of 6-8 students through the simulation and 10 volunteers to assist with the set-up and tear-down of the program while the exhibit is in the metro area.

Volunteers provide guidance to the students as they plan their budgets. Volunteers who offer to assist will participate in a 90-minute training to prepare for their work with the students. Volunteers do not need to be experts to guide students. Your life experiences managing your money help the students learn how to manage theirs.

Legacy of Play Day- Children's Museum

Date: Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 from
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Where: AC Gilbert House Children's Museum,
116 Marion St NE, Salem

Sign up in myCommunity

Description: The Gilbert House Children's Museum is hosting its annual Legacy of Play Day, a FREE admission day and we want to offer A.C. Gilbert's spirit of tinkering, engagement, and discovery to all of our guests by inviting the makers, tinkerers, and innovators of our community to share their expertise and trade. We hope this event will celebrate and contribute to building and strengthening a culture of innovation and play in our community.

24th Annual Eagle Watch Celebration

Date: Saturday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, Feb. 24 from
8 a.m.-5 p.m. both days

Location: Round Butte Overlook Park, SW Riverview Rd, Madras

Sign up in myCommunity and:

http://www.volunteercentraloregon.org/need/detail/?need_id=315695

Description: PGE, Oregon State Parks, Crooked River National Grasslands and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are proud to host the 24th Annual Eagle Watch Celebration! Join us for this free, family-friendly event. Spot soaring eagles at viewpoints above Lake Billy Chinook. Walk through Eagle Village at the Round Butte Park to participate in one-of-a-kind learning stations and kid's activities including bluebird house and bird feeder construction, while enjoying local art, food and vendors. All proceeds from auction sales benefit research efforts of the Oregon Eagle Foundation.

Volunteers are needed to help make this annual public event successful. You can greet people, assist in a booth, with kid's educational stations or craft activities, at the silent auction or in set-up/clean-up. We'd love to have you on our team!

Retirements: a total of 1,179 years of service

December

- Duane Chrowl, specialist, planning (38 years)
- Chris Dieterle, analyst, generation projects (42 years)
- George Hann, equipment operator (42 years)
- Gerry Hillard, leadman repairman (40 years)
- Jim Kacalek, field supervisor, Salem line (35 years)
- Preston Martin, accountant, asset accounting (37 years)
- Debra VanHollen, customer service representative (15 years)
- John Wilhoite, hydro maintenance operator (21 years)
- Larry Zeis, area line manager, Salem Line (40 years)

January

- Michael Barnhart, systems administrator (21 years)
- Stanley Burnharm, data center operations (42 years)
- Kenneth Carter, analyst, business systems (38 years)
- Todd Dinkel, operator (28 years)
- Deborah Haines, analyst, IRM cyber security (34 years)
- Kate Hunter, analyst, finance (32 years)
- Kristine Koneck, project manager, IT (9 years)
- Michael McClain, manager, IT governance (22 years)
- Patricia Palmer, developer, applications (13 years)
- Rick Park, developer, applications (18 years)
- Norith Pou, developer, applications (35 years)
- Gregory Puckett, architect, enterprise (22 years)
- Farhad Rabizadeh, manager, IT infrastructure (9 years)
- Ronald Rodgers, leadman repairman (37 years)
- Rebecca Slapper, analyst, application QA (47 years)
- Dwaine Wisthoff, manager, technical training (40 years)

February

- Roxanne Bailey, analyst, operational compliance (30 years)
- Sandra Boggio, customer service representative (19 years)
- Jackie Dornfeld, specialist, intermediate facilities (41 years)
- Michael Dwyer, plant manager (29 years)
- Josie Freeman, customer service coordinator (38 years)
- Daniel Gauger, supervisor, dispatch (41 years)
- Larry George, specialist, SDPM (39 years)
- Patrick Hager, manager, rates and regulatory affairs (35 years)
- Barbara Halle, specialist, high level attorney (33 years)
- Steve Hufford, analyst (12 years)
- Howard Joham, engineer, staff operations distribution (46 years)
- Thomas Lindmark, supervisor, plant operations (37 years)
- Kurt Liptau, supervisor, field line (29 years)
- Kim Skriiko, customer service representative (14 years)

Remembering colleagues

We celebrate and remember these colleagues who have recently passed away:

Robert Bell (age 91) Phyllis R. Smith (92)
 Richard F. Furrer (74) Scott Hoisington (50)
 Casper Jensen (age 95) Sal Faruqui (69)
 Idabelle Shoemaker (91)



Portland Fine Arts Guild classes

The calendar for 2019 is now available on the Portland Fine Arts Guild's website. The Portland Fine Arts Guild is a nonprofit organization.

When	Mondays
Where	Rivercrest Community Church Community Room, Lower Level 3201 NE 148th Avenue, Portland
Parking	Please park and enter on the north side of the church..
Cost	\$15 per class for guild members \$20 for nonguild members \$10 if it is your first class with the guild \$10 for all-night classes
Registration	You do not have to preregister for these classes. Just come and enjoy!
Website	http://portlandfineartsguild.org . For details about classes, click on "Classes."

Note from the editor

Hello fellow Retirees,

As we approach a new year with hope and enthusiasm, we also need the friendship of the wonderful people that made a difference in the work place. This is why we keep this publication alive. When we were working, we spent more of our time with our co-workers than with our families. Many of you put in many work hours, more during storms and many deadline demands. This publication is a part of the next phase in our lives. Enjoy.

Remember that this Newsletter is for us — the hard-working PGE etirees, so please participate in the fun and informative events — try not to pass them by. And your contributions are always welcome.

Enjoy the first months of the New Year and I hope to see you at one or all of the events in 2019!

Sylvia



Things to know

Brighten the day of a retiree!

Barbara Beck, our Sunshine Chair, sent cards to several of our retirees and their spouses. Because of privacy concerns, we will no longer be sharing the names of those receiving cards, but Barbara is still sending them!

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://pgeretirees.org/>

Check out the 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.

Volunteer on 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 **Whitney Welsh** at **503-464-2916** or Whitney.Welsh@pgn.com

Like us on Facebook!

About 70 retirees (and counting) think the PGE Retirees Group Facebook page is a great way to communicate, discuss and make announcements. It is more secure than a normal Facebook membership because it is a "closed" group; **you can't see any of the information it contains unless you are a member.**

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.

Did you move? Get a new 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 **HR Connect** at **503-464-7250** or HR.Connect@pgn.com.

