

SDG&E Retiree Times

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Editor's note: We are delivering your Retiree Times in a new format. We traded more content (4 pages) for color in order to maintain costs. Enjoy.

President's Message



Thank you so very much for electing me to lead your SDG&E Alumni Association! It was great seeing so many familiar faces at our Holiday Luncheon on December 3 and we hope everyone had a great time. We have set the date December 9, 2014 for our 2014 luncheon, so you can mark your calendars!

And remember, this is YOUR board. We currently have about 2,200 living retirees and surviving spouses and we want to be sure that we are doing what YOU want us to do! We welcome any ideas you have for activities and events that will further the fellowship of our retirees and their significant others. I will be working closely with our SDG&E community relations department to ensure we have information about upcoming company volunteer events and initiatives in which you may want to participate.

Other than the Holiday Luncheon, attendance at our events in 2013 was light; perhaps we did not choose the right ones. I encourage you to contact me or one of our board members and tell us what you would like to see. What events? What information in the newsletter? On our website? We work for YOU and we can't be successful without your input! With your help, we'll have a fun and exciting 2014. Thanks so much for your support!

Your President - Samm McDonald

Alumni Veterans

SDG&E employees have had a long history of service in our military. In our directory and on our website,

we have displayed a list of our WWII veterans. Late last year, after we received a request for photos for a San Diego Union-Tribune article, we began adding all vets to the list. Here's where you can help. If you're a vet, please update your veteran status info by visiting our alumni website, Veterans section, or send us a note with your info (name and branch of service).

Headquarters Buildings – Old and New

By Sammantha McDonald

Many of you may have heard that Sempra Energy is building a new corporate headquarters in the East Village, near Petco Park. This is the first in a series of articles about that move, starting with some history of the current headquarters at 101 Ash Street.



101 Ash Street, on the corner of First Avenue and Ash Street in downtown San Diego, is the current location of Sempra Energy's headquarters. But before it was Sempra's HQ, it was known as the Electric Building, or EB, the headquarters of SDG&E.

Opening in 1968, the building was designed by Richard W. Wheeler. It is 19 stories, with two underground levels for executive and director parking. The old EB not only housed SDG&E's corporate and support employees, but had a full-demonstration kitchen in an auditorium where cooking classes were given to our customers. It also had a bill payment office with an auto-teller allowing customers to drive-in to the A Level and "send" their payments via a pneumatic tube up to the first floor. And all gas and electric bill payment processing was done on site in our Cash Control department.

SDG&E shareholders meetings were held each April in the Auditorium and a full-service cafeteria was located on the third floor, providing breakfast, lunch

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www.sdgealumniassoc.org

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and snacks to hardworking employees. A cup of coffee cost 10 cents. That cafeteria was also the place where many singing birthday telegrams were sent to employees from their family and friends.

Who remembers *Lite Lines*, the newsletter included with the bill? And what about those recipes that were prepared by Mary Means?

What's your favorite memory of the EB? Mine was riding to the 19th floor with our President, Joe Sinnott. Mr. Sinnott used his executive key to go straight to 19. He told everyone to leave the elevator or ride to 19. Everyone got off the elevator, but I had never been to 19 and decided to stay. Mr. Sinnott did not say a word to me on our ride to 19 except to tell me to stay on the elevator when we arrived. He used his key to send me straight down to the first floor. Fortunately, he never asked my name...

Send us your favorite memory and we'll post it on our Facebook page and/or in a future edition of *Retiree Times*. You can email it to samm@samm-mcdonald.com or mail it to me: Sammantha McDonald, SDG&E Alumni Association - Community Relations, Sempra Energy, 101 Ash St HQ10B, San Diego CA 92101-3017.

Swing Into Spring and Save!

As temperatures begin to rise, so can your energy bill. Sign up for My Account today, to analyze your energy usage and avoid getting caught with a high bill during the spring and summer months.

My Account (<http://myaccount.sdge.com>) is home to new energy management tools where you can go to:

- See an overview of your energy use
- Get a current/forecasted bill for the month
- Review your hourly, weekly or monthly energy use
- Analyze your bill to see why it changes
- Learn about energy-saving actions specific to your Home

Interested in doing some spring cleaning and upgrading to new energy efficient appliances? Don't leave money on the table. Take advantage of SDG&E's rebate program (<http://www.sdge.com/buyers-guide/399>) and start saving today!

Help For Seniors

2-1-1 San Diego understands the needs of the community and believes that all people deserve to live healthy, happy and thriving lives.

Through more than 400,000 annual connections with customers, 2-1-1 serves the entire population of San Diego and Imperial counties as the region's primary connection to more than 6,000 community, health and disaster services. In more than 200 languages and dialects, 24 hours a day, they provide connections to services ranging from food assistance, healthcare information, services for families, children and seniors, military and veterans.

By dialing 2-1-1, customers are linked to a live, highly-trained Customer Service Representative (CSR), who helps clients navigate resolutions to their needs using assessment and motivational interviewing. This helps to match them to the best and closest resource in their community and empower them to take the next step.

During a disaster, 2-1-1 serves as the region's connection to community and support services, providing public information to the community, rumor control and trend analysis to public safety officials. They also report community needs, relieving the burden on 9-1-1 operators, and serve as the central communications point for other agencies and organizations.

For our nonprofits, community-based agencies and governmental entities, 2-1-1 can alleviate administrative burden and reduce costs associated with managing information and referral services. This allows these organizations to focus on serving, rather than finding clients. In addition, 2-1-1 is a trusted data provider to help local government, business and nonprofit leaders make informed funding and planning decisions.

Since its inception, 2-1-1 San Diego has provided information and resources to seniors in San Diego. Formerly known as InfoLine, SDG&E has been a major supporter through its Corporate Community Relations department for many years. As the community becomes more aware of the special needs of our senior population, 2-1-1 aims to reduce the

many barriers to finding services by providing an easy-to-remember three digit dialing code.

2-1-1 relies on the generous philanthropic support of corporations, foundations and individual donors who recognize the value of both the critical connections to services, and the important data on community needs and resources collected by the organization. This support is critical in helping 2-1-1 put resources at the fingertips to those that need them most.

Need financial assistance? Food? Need daycare for your grandkids? Dial 2-1-1 or go to www.211sandiego.org. They are here to help.

Alumni Interviews

This is the third in our series of ALUMNI INTERVIEWS in the Retiree Times. If you have ideas for people we should interview or would like to see us ask other questions, please email Sammantha McDonald at samm@samm-mcdonald.com. To read the entire article, visit our website, where all past issues of both the eNewsletter and *Retiree Times* are archived - or sign up for the eNewsletter.

2001/2000/2007 Alumni Walter and Judy Scott



Walter and Judy on the Wharf in Seattle, WA

Walter joined SDG&E in 1969 and worked primarily in the Customer Service Division with brief assignments in Public Affairs and Governmental Relations. He retired in 2001 with 31 years of service. Judy began her career with SDG&E in 1974, working also in the Customer Service Division, retiring also in 2000 with 26 years of service as an Account Executive for residential and commercial services. Judy returned to the company in 2004 and retired again in 2007. Walter and Judy were married in 1980. Their daughters, Penney Newell and Delinda Persons are employees of SDG&E.

(SM): What have you done since you retired?

(WS): I have served on the Board of Directors for Family Health Centers of San Diego for the last 26 years. Judy and I love to travel in our motorhome and we have been to nearly every state in the U.S. and have crossed Canada.

(JS): When not traveling, I volunteer at my church, Calvary Chapel. I like to work in the yard and have been attempting to learn to use woodworking tools.

(SM): Tell us about the time you spend with each other, your kids and grandkids

(JS): We spend most of our time together. We love to be with our 3 daughters and their families, but now they are the ones who are busy all the time. We have 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandkids

(SM): What do you consider to be the best thing about being retired?

(WS): Traveling, not being in rush hour traffic and shopping at times other than the weekends.

(JS): The best thing is doing what I want, when I want to do it. I love being able to sip tea and watch the Today Show until I feel like getting out of bed. It's also great to hop in the RV and take off any time we want to.

(SM): What's your Retirement Philosophy?

(JS): I never thought about a retirement philosophy, but I'd say retirement isn't stopping work, it's changing the work you do. Having time to do the "my important things" in life is a blessing.

... (See interview continued on our website at <http://sdgealumniassoc.org/id16.html>).

Retired and Deceased Retirees

Retired in 2013

Fred Barker-Sep	Bruce R Barnes-Dec
Lela Clubb-Dec	William Scott Cuda-Dec
Margaret Finley-Dec	Pete Gonzales-
Doug Herman-Dec	Gabriele M Hong-Nov
Steve Jack-Dec	Ron Kolek-Dec
Cailian Liao-Dec	Jay MacMaster-Aug
Larry Mahoney-Sep	Andrew Martin-Sep
Walt Phillips-Aug	Francisco F Rabanzo-Aug
Jan Reistetter-Dec	Leslie Sabin-Mercado-
Ray Sheriff-Sep	Bryan L Smith-Dec
Barbara Thomas-Dec	David Torres-Sep
William Yturalde-Sep	

Retired in 2014

Emma Brillo-Jan	James Brown-Feb
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Earl Fish-Apr
 Ron Gregorich-Apr
 Donna Johnson-May
 George Nelms-Apr
 Ruth Rabun-Jan
 Irene White-Jan

Larry Gibbens-Apr
 Patrick Harner-Apr
 Hector Montes-Jan
 Harold Poyner-Feb
 Kathy Sinclair-Jan
 William R White-Apr

Deceased in 2013

Thomas/Irene Beadles-
 Carl R Cash-Dec
 Martha Clark-Dec
 Trudy Lee Coyte-Dec
 Adelard Ted Lauzier-Oct
 Robert E Meier-Oct
 John Q San Nicolas-Nov
 Harley W Solomon-Sep
 Ben Wegand-Oct
 Charles Anton Welch-Dec

Mallina Bonaccorso-Oct
 Mattie Chastain -Nov
 Robert L Colvin-Jun
 John Dorrell Jr-Mar
 Joseph R Luscher-Dec
 Alex Q Rojas-Dec
 John Sedlack-Oct
 Gaston Vanoni Jr-Dec
 George A F Weida-Nov
 Benjamin F Wood-Nov

Deceased in 2014

Thelma Ahrensberg-Jan
 Douglas James-Feb
 David E Kniffing-Jan
 Denis Richter-Jan
 Diane Paige Spencer-Jan

Jerry L Bowers-Feb
 James G "Jim" Kerr-Feb
 Ernest LePage-Jan
 David J Roberts-Jan
 James A Taramasco-Mar

Frederick L Van Every-Ja J G Villalpando-Jan

Reminders

Update your address!

Please notify the Retiree Service Center when you move. This is the address Sempra uses to notify you of any changes and also where this Newsletter is mailed. Contact the My Retirement Information line at 866-491-3316 or visit MyRetirement at <https://www.benefitsweb.com/sempra.html>.

Retired and Deceased Employees

If you have any information regarding a newly retired or deceased SDG&E Alumni Member, please contact Alice Myers at 858-278-3803 or amollyputz@san.rr.com. We need your help! SDG&E cannot provide us this information.

Annual Holiday Luncheon

The annual holiday luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at the Balboa Park Club. Check the website for details as we learn them.

-----✂----- **DIRECTORY-Sign up here** -----✂-----

If you are already listed in the SDG&E Alumni Association directory, there is no need to submit your information again, unless it has changed. Your information will continue to be included in future editions of the directory. If you need to update your information in the directory or would like to be added to the directory, please provide the information requested below—or enter the information at our website (Directory tab) at www.sdgealumniassoc.org. Please check one of the categories below to indicate membership status. Eligible members are:

- 1 ___ SDG&E Retiree
- 2 ___ SDG&E Employee with at least 25 years of service on 12/31/97
- 3 ___ Former SDG&E employee 55+ years of age (if not SDG&E retired, will receive newsletters only if checked)
- 4 ___ Spouse of deceased member

You may e-mail your information to Penney Newell at pnewell@semprautilities.com or mail the form to SDG&E Alumni Assn, c/o Penney Newell, 101 Ash Street, HQ10B, San Diego CA 92101. Current laws prohibit SDG&E from providing any personal information.

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone (include area code): _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____ Year Hired: _____ Year Retired: _____ Month Retd: _____

Veteran Status (optional, circle one): Merchant Marine, USAF, US Army, USCG, US Navy, USMC, Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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