

SDG&E Retiree Times

August 2014

President's Message



It's summertime and the livin' is easy ... that is, if you are an SDG&E retiree! Hope your summer is going well and that you've been able to spend time with family and friends. I've been spending lots of time with my grandkids Caden and Avery this summer. Caden made the All Star Team, so we had lots of baseball! We've also been to

the movies, bowling, and the museums at Balboa Park. I feel so blessed to have them living close by.

Your board has taken the summer off, but we did have some great meetings at non-profits like 211 San Diego and the San Diego Food Bank. I think it's important to learn how we can continue to give back to our communities and scheduling these meetings with potential partners is one way to do it. We'll be back on our regular meeting schedule in September, to continue planning our Annual Holiday Luncheon. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 9 at the Balboa Park Club. Invitations and ballots for new officers and board members will be sent to you in October. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let us know!

In the meantime, wear sunscreen, drink lots of water and try to keep cool this summer. Remember, we are in a severe drought so conserve water where you can and if you have AC, conserve electricity by keeping that thermostat no lower than 78 degrees!

Your President - Samm McDonald

Tools for Schools

On August 15, SDG&E employees distributed backpacks full of school supplies to the students of Emerson/Bandini Elementary School for the "Tools for School" campaign. Emerson/Bandini is a local under-resourced school with 100% participation in the free lunch program and a 99% minority student population. The average income for families is \$10,000 per year.

SDG&E took the lead with Executive Sponsor Mitch Mitchell to raise nearly \$7,000 to provide all 700 students



with necessary back-to-school supplies as well as physical education, and classroom supplies for the teachers. The Sempra Energy Foundation nearly matched that amount

for a total of \$13,000 going to the students' supplies.

San Diego Food Bank

Your board held their June 5 meeting at the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank. The Board listened to a presentation from Kay Delancey. The Food Bank serves 320,000 people per month through a network of 330 community partners, including churches, schools, soup kitchens, shelters, group homes, food pantries, low-income day care centers and senior centers. The Food Bank has 155 distribution centers. 90% of the food provided through this program consists of fresh produce.

Seniors 60 and over who meet income guidelines receive monthly food packages. The program currently serves 8,500 seniors. They also provide food to children who receive free school meals during the week, but risk hunger during weekends when school meals aren't available. Students are provided a back-pack of food for the weekends. This program serves 30 schools in 10 districts throughout San Diego County. They also provide assistance to clients who qualify for food stamps.

We were then provided a quick tour of the Food Bank warehouse. There are many opportunities to help the Food Bank through donations or volunteering. You can call 858-527-1419 or go to sandiegofoodbank.org and click on Get Involved.

Imperial Beach Habitat Project

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell Announces \$1M Grant for Youth Program in Imperial Beach

On August 13, 2014, U S Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U S Fish & Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe joined state and local officials to announce a \$1 million

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grant to the San Diego National Wildlife Complex in Imperial Beach, CA. The San Diego Complex includes SD Bay, Seal Beach and the Tijuana Slough. SDG&E Regional Vice President of External Relations Frank Urtasun was among the attendees, who support this environmental region and the participating nonprofit partners.

San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex' innovative winning proposal supports outdoor education, stewardship of natural resources and conservation-based projects for youth and young adults. The goal of the SoCal Urban Wildlife Refuge Project is to engage urban youth from diverse communities and provide tangible, hands-on experience in the natural environment that surrounds them. San Diego's Outdoor Outreach, the Earth Discovery Institute, San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research, Ocean Connectors and the Living Coast Discovery Center are among the 10 programs involved in this collaborative program. These organizations are also existing SDG&E partners through SDG&E's Environmental Champions grant initiative.



Frank Urtasun, Secretary Jewell and Don Houston

The refuge is the first among the nation's urban national wildlife refuges to receive the new award through a nationwide competition. With the funds, the refuge will help to engage the next generation of conservationists. As Secretary Jewell described it, "Southern California can be a laboratory for the rest of the country to show how to help people who live in a world made of bricks and concrete connect with a world of grass and rivers, fish and wildlife."

Last October, the Department launched an ambitious initiative to inspire millions of veterans and young people to play, learn, serve and work outdoors. President Obama

strongly supported the initiative by proposing \$50.6 million for Interior youth programs in his 2015 budget.

Saving Water

Make Low Flush 1.6 Gallon Toilets into "dual flush" Ultra Low Flush Without any New Parts

Use as little as two or three quarts of water per flush.
By Ted Svendsen

Ted Svendsen was born in San Diego in 1937. He attended San Diego City College where he was trained as an aircraft engine technician and came to work at SDG&E in 1965 as a Surveyor. He also worked as a Title Examiner, handled Street Vacations, was an Indian Affairs Agent, and ended his 31-year career as a Right of Way Agent.

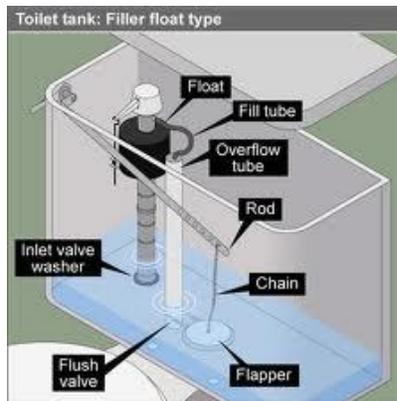


Since retiring from SDG&E in 1996, Ted has been the owner/operator of The Svendsen Travel Group until 2012 and he and his wife have enjoyed taking 108 cruises!

He also participates in flying 4 line stunt kites with the San Diego Kite Club and is active with his church, singing tenor in choir. Ted and his wife Freeda love getting together with their family of 2 kids, 4 grandkids and 7 great grandkids in Julian.

The article below was written by Ted and appeared in the June 3rd edition of the Clairemont Times. Reprinted with permission.

Most toilets needlessly flush over and over, two, three or four times with every flush. The fact of the matter is only one flush is necessary to flush liquids. This simple dual flush adjustment gives you the option of a single flush or multi flush as needed. It can reduce water used in old style large tank toilets from 5 gallons to as little as 2 gallons. A single flush of today's low flush toilet uses over six quarts (1.6 gallons) of water. This simple adjustment can cut that volume in half or better to make your low flush toilet an ultra-low flush toilet.



Application: Applies to any residential low flush and even old standard high volume toilets that use the typical standard "flapper" valves. This adjustment prevents the flapper valve from "floating" in the open position, needlessly draining the entire tank.

Step 1 Close the water shut off-off valve to the toilet. Remove the tank cover, and place a mark on the inside of the tank at the water lever (pencil works best). Disconnect the chain from the toilet handle lever; remove any float balls that may be attached to the chain. Lengthen the chain several links until the handle lifts the flapper valve off its seat about half an inch. A half inch is all you need for a flush, there is no need for the flapper to float wide open, hence the water savings. Open the shut off valve and fill the tank. Leave the tank lid off for measuring water used.

When the chain is properly adjusted, pressing the toilet handle for 1 or 2 seconds and quickly releasing will cause the flapper valve to immediately close and stop water from entering the toilet bowl. (Note: if more than one flush occurs, the flapper valve is still “floating”. Continue to lengthen the chain, link by link until the flapper closes when the handle is released and a single flush occurs. Non-liquids may require more than one flush, so simply hold the flush handle down a little longer. Even though it is a “double flush” you are still saving water.

Step 2 Next, remove the end of the rubber tube pouring water down the overflow tube. Clip or fasten it to the outside of the overflow tube so that water from the rubber tube helps fill the tank. A simple reverse of the hose clip from an inside tube fill to an outside fill is all that is required.

If the toilet handle is pushed down for a second or two and the toilet does not flush properly, simply shorten the chain, so when the handle is pushed for a second or two and the toilet water is moving, quickly release the handle.

Step 3 Flush away. For liquids it is always a simple flush. For solids, you may have to simply hold the handle for another 1 or 2 seconds. You will still be saving water.

To measure the volume of water used per flush, shut off the water supply valve after the toilet fills. Push the handle down until the water in the toilet bowl starts moving. Quickly release the handle. After the flush, determine the volume of water used by pouring a quart of water at a time until the water reaches your pencil mark in the bowl. A minimum flush should only take 2 or 3 quarts of water instead of 1.6 gallons. In standard 5 gallon tanks a flush can be cut to 2 or 3 gallons of water. As stated, these simple adjustments cut water used per flush in half or less! If these adjustments were made on toilets across the nation, imagine the water that could be saved.

Retired and Deceased Retirees
Deceased in 2014

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| Dwight Adams-Mar | David Knight-Jun |
| John "Mike" Ager-Apr | Ralph D Mastro-Feb |
| Roberto M Anguiano-May | Robert Mathison-Mar |
| Richard "Dick" Allen-Jun | Jim McCabe-May |
| Bertha Aviles-Mar | Charles W McCarty-Mar |
| Carol A Bartolone-Feb | Kent D Miles-Jun |
| Lou Bernath-Apr | John T Neil-Jul |
| William R Carlson-Jul | William H Neild-Apr |
| Dwayne Christensen-Dec | Garth O'Brien-Apr |
| Charles H Christman-Aug | Dominic Paradise-May |
| Ruth Doherty -Jun | Sam Rinaker-Mar |
| Don Everberg-Mar | James Sevier-Jul |
| Leo Miles Flick-Jun | Harry E Simons Jr-Feb |
| Mickie Foster | Raoul A Snodgrass-Jun |
| William Hazelrigg-Jun | Troy Stewart-May |
| Jim Hinrichs-Apr | Donald R Stoudt-Jun |
| Philip Klauber-May | George E Sullivan-Jul |
| Thomas L Knox-May | William J "Bill" Velte-Mar |

In order to make room for other content, we have left out retired alumni this issue only. For current info now, see <http://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/id7.html>.

Alumni Interviews

This is the fourth in our series of Alumni Interviews in the *Retiree Times*. If you have ideas for people to interview or would like to see us ask other questions, please email Samantha 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.

Dave Guebert



David Guebert was raised in the St. Louis area. He attended college at the University of Nebraska and graduated with a BS degree in engineering. Following college, he joined the US Navy and flew various carrier based combat

aircraft during the Vietnam War. After his discharge from the Navy, Dave went to work for General Dynamics Convair’s engineering department, then moved over to Cubic as a design engineer on airborne training systems.

Dave was hired by SDG&E in June 1978 as a mechanical engineer in the Management Services department. During his years at SDG&E, he has worked in Customer Programs, Distribution Engineering, Facilities, Land Management, and Customer Services. He is currently the manager of

Federal Accounts for SDG&E. Dave also worked for Sempra Energy Solutions for two years implementing energy efficiency projects on military bases throughout the United States.

DAVE GUEBERT (DG) - SAMM MCDONALD (SM)
(SM) Besides work at SDG&E, what else do you do?
(DG) I devoted over 20+ years of weekend time to the Naval Reserves and retired as a Captain. I am the Chair of the San Diego Armed Services YMCA and also the Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee for the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). I am also a Fire Lookout for the San Bernardino Forest Association and volunteer time with the Escondido Humane Society assisting with dog behavior training.

(SM) Dave, I've heard that you've had an interesting military career. Can we talk some more about that?
(DG) I was deployed to numerous locations throughout the world supporting the Navy on various exercises. I was the CO of VAW-88; an E-2C Hawkeye Reserve squadron based at MCAS Miramar providing support to carrier battle groups and drug interdiction efforts.

(SM) What awards or recognition have you received?
(DG) I was awarded the Department of Energy Lou Harris Award for energy excellence, the SAME Regional VP

Award for engineering excellence, Meritorious Service Medal, selection to the Society of Fellows for SAME. I also received the Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and the National Defense Service Medal.
... (See interview continued on our website at <http://sdgealumniassoc.org/id16.html>).

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 more 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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