

SDG&E Retiree Times

October 2015

President's Message



Summer is over; football season has begun; the World Series will be played in October; the kidlets will be trick or treating at your door; we'll all give thanks with family and friends; we'll meet at the Alumni Association Holiday luncheon; we'll exchange gifts; and then it will be 2016. I don't know about you, but I was at my retirement celebration and I blinked and it's 11 years later. Remember how long it took to get to your birthday or to summer vacation? Life is good and I'm having lots of fun in retirement, but it just amazes me how quickly time goes by!

And, in just a couple of months, we'll all be getting together again to renew old friendships and catch up with one another. We'll be meeting at the Scottish Rite Event Center in Mission Valley on Wednesday, December 9. Doors will open at 10:30 with a buffet lunch beginning at 11:30. Those of you who have not attended before should seriously consider being there; I'm sure anyone who has attended in the past will tell you they had a great time!

So, fill out the reservation form and send it in by November 13 to be included. See you there!

Your President, Samm McDonald

SDG&E leads the way with launch of new online energy efficiency Marketplace

Putting your home on an energy diet is kind of like losing weight in the traditional sense. We know we should, but many times don't know how to get started.

A new customer solution, SDG&E's Marketplace, offers the first step for customers interested in shedding kilowatt-hours from their bills. And, like any successful diet program, an easy and customized approach to energy savings will yield noticeable results.

The online store, launched September 2, helps customers quickly and easily shop for energy saving products

offered by third-party retailers. "SDG&E is among the first utilities in the nation to launch this type of online tool," said Caroline Winn, SDG&E's chief energy delivery officer.

At the SDG&E Marketplace, customers will be able to shop for rebate-eligible products, such as high-efficiency appliances, smart thermostats, and water conservation products. The SDG&E Marketplace also offers an option for personalized energy-saving tips based on a customer's home profile and smart meter data.

To explore the new SDG&E Marketplace, visit sdgemarketplace.com.



Update on New HQ

By Sammantha McDonald

The new HQ is up and running! All 750 employees and another 150 vendors and contractors have settled into their new work spaces. Folks are really enjoying the wonderful views, the East Village neighborhood, the large onsite café and outdoor patios. The building features three times the meeting space as 101 Ash Street had, so we hope the Alumni Association will take advantage of the new site for a meeting and tour sometime - we have more visitor parking as well!

Retired and Deceased Retirees

See <http://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/id7.html>.

Deceased in 2014

Herbert L Sunden-Nov

Norman R Wykes-Nov

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www.sdgealumniassoc.org

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Deceased in 2015

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Retired in 2014

Charlie Arce-Nov	Steve Krebs
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Retired in 2015

Kathy Babcock-Oct	Ronald G Paape-Jul
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Tom Chouinard-Oct	Jane Roome-May
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Walter Manning-Jul	

Alumni Interviews

This is the seventh in our series of Alumni Interviews in the *Retiree Times*. If you have ideas for people to interview or would like us to ask other questions, please email Samm McDonald at samm@samm-mcdonald.com. Visit our website, where past issues of the eNewsletter and *Retiree Times* are archived; or sign up for the eNewsletter.

Sue and Tim Coker



Although Tim is not technically retired, Sue retired from SDG&E in 2001 and Tim left in 2003.

Sue began her career with SDG&E in 1980 in the Call Center (also known as the "fish bowl") at the Electric Building. She then worked in the Escondido district office for a year before moving on to Lighting Services. For over two years, she worked the Outreach program for SDG&E spending time at home shows, street fairs and the Del Mar Fair to provide the public with information about SDG&E and the programs we had to offer. She ended her career in Marketing in July 2001. Sue was an active member with the Energy Speakers Corp and also worked with Gary Cotton and Junior Achievement.

Tim has not really retired and is working for an electrical contractor doing standby line work. He trained at line school and became a journeyman lineman. He was an electric troubleman for over 10 years until 2003.

They have traveled some in the USA in their RV and have taken some cruises to Alaska and through the Panama Canal.

They are surrogate grandparents to two great boys, ages 3 years and 7 months. Sue and Tim enjoy babysitting for them and the boys truly light up their lives.

After retiring, Sue spent several years working for Casa de Amparo doing fundraising and as a mentor to at-risk children ages 6 months to 5 years old. She found it both rewarding and challenging.

Sue says the best thing about being retired is she has her own schedule, but she always seems so busy! She often wonders how she ever got things done while working and balancing home and family. Sue guesses it was because she was younger then!

Her best memory about SDG&E, beside the people that she worked with, was when she got to see a crew move a hawk's nest to safety. She also loved doing power plant tours.

Tim and Sue enjoy their home, their family and their friends.

See interviews 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>.

Remember to update your e-mail address, too! On our website see <http://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/id37.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 info.

E-Newsletter

If you gave us your e-mail address, you're also receiving occasional electronic newsletter updates. If you haven't but would like to receive them, go to our website at www.sdgealumniassoc.org and click on the Directory link (E-mail Address Update page) and fill in the online form.

Sempra's New Contact Address

Now that Sempra headquarters has moved, there is a new address for our SDG&E Alumni Association liaison. It is:

SDG&E Alumni Association
P O Box 129831, HQ08S2
San Diego, CA 92112-0750

Alumni Board membership

We're looking for volunteers who would like to serve on the SDG&E Alumni Association board. All it requires is attendance at about one board meeting per month and some occasional event planning. There are also opportunities for writing articles or other administrative tasks. If you're interested, contact any board member.

Holiday Luncheon

The 2015 luncheon is set for Wednesday, December 9 at the Scottish Rite Event Center. Your invitation and a ballot are enclosed. Return them by November 13 to the address above in order to make a timely reservation. Hope to see you there!

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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, HQ08S2, P O Box 129831, San Diego CA 92112-0750. 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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