

SDG&E Retiree Times

October 2016

President's Message



Hope you all had a great summer and that you were able to get in a little travel time or time with your grandkids. My two local grandkids attended "Camp Grammie" again this year and we had a blast! Our Annual Luncheon is coming up on December 6 and your Alumni Association Board hopes that we'll have another great turnout. Your invitation and your ballot is enclosed; please be sure to get them back to us no later than November 18. Until we see you on December 6 for our Annual Holiday Luncheon, Happy Fall, Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

Your President,
Samm McDonald

SDG&E Breaking Barriers. Nation's Largest Battery

Anywhere around the world, at the very instant grid-scale energy is generated, it is used. That's because storing that level of energy hasn't been possible — until now. Imagine a battery so large that it could hold 18 average-sized homes. Yes, we will have that in January. It will be at SDG&E's Escondido sub-station property. We'll also have another one that could fit about one-fourth of those homes in El Cajon.

"Once completed, Escondido will be home to the largest battery-based energy storage project in operation in the United States," said SDG&E's Manager of Advanced Technology Integration Josh Gerber.

According to Gerber, its physical size requires an acre of land, and it will provide 120 MW hours of energy. The El Cajon battery will provide 30 MW hours.

These battery storage projects represent both the company's innovation and flexibility. "Other utilities are not typically doing storage at this scale. This is a nascent part of the industry," explained Gerber. "Only recently has the technology become cost-effective and scalable for full-power storage."

SDG&E has shown great flexibility in delivering these innovative projects. The State of California recently required both SoCal Edison and SDG&E to develop alternative energy sources to serve the needs of Southern California customers when the state's natural gas supply is potentially compromised or interrupted.

According to Gerber, this type of project would normally take 12-36 months to realize. However, these two will be completed in only six months to meet the state's urgent deadline. In May this year, Gerber's team began exploring their technology options and, in July, the project was officially launched.

In January 2017, thanks to the coordinated effort among SDG&E's Major Projects team that manages day-to-day construction, electric regional operations, information technology, electric distribution operations, planning and engineering, electric and fuel procurement, regional public affairs and others, the massive batteries will be actively storing excess energy that is available for use when San Diegans need it. This will increase the reliability of the local electric system.

Final project approvals were received from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on August 18, 2016.

Retired and Deceased Retirees

For a full list of retired and deceased retirees, see our web archive, <http://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/id7.html>.

Deceased in 2016

John C Balint-Jan	Edward D Peralto-Mar
Betty Beckett-May	David F Persing-Apr
Wally Dibb-May	Ed Price-Sep
Robert W Fox-Feb	Riley E Ramsey-Feb
Donald L Goodman-Oct	James F Russell-Apr
David E Hopkins-Mar	Louis Albert Smith-May
Vernon H Jenson-Apr	Martha Smith
John Gus Lekos-Jan	Lynn Marie Timony-Jan
John Lutes-Apr	Richard Ervin Trusty-Sep
Frank Marsman-Feb	Robert A Winger-Aug
David L Nickler-Feb	

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Retired in 2017

Mike Friedberg-Jan Joey Valdivia-Jan

After a 36-year career at the Sempra Energy companies, Scott Furgerson, Vice President of Gas Operations for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), is retiring Dec. 1, 2016.



"During Scott's long, distinguished career at the Sempra companies, he has been an outstanding leader who made significant contributions in a broad range of roles," says Bret Lane, chief operating officer for SoCalGas. "His expertise and judgment will be missed. We wish him well in retirement."

Furgerson's broad range of roles covered 23 positions of increasing responsibility after starting his career as an

engineer with SDG&E at Encina Power Plant in Carlsbad in 1980. He became Director of Construction & Operations for SDG&E in 2007.

In 2011, Furgerson moved to Sempra Generation, the predecessor company to Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, as Director of Asset Mobilization.

From 2012 to 2014, he was Vice President of Construction, Engineering and Operations for Sempra U.S. Gas & Power. In this role he oversaw engineering, construction, operations and asset management in the Renewable Energy Group.

Furgerson has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo and is a registered professional engineer in the State of California. Scott is also an alumnus of the Stanford University executive finance and accounting graduate school.

In retirement, Scott looks forward to time with the love of his life for nearly 40 years, his wife Paula. They have a long list of things they want to do, which includes more traveling. Scott and Paula will spend much of their time with family, including their three children, in the Bay Area and Lake Tahoe.

Alumni Interviews

This is the thirteenth 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.



Mary Wood
 By Samm McDonald

In another of our series of Retiree Interviews, I (SM) spoke with Mary Wood (MW), who retired from SDG&E in 1998. Mary worked in the Law Department from 1978-1980; was Manager, Land Department 1980-1983; and was appointed Assistant General Counsel in 1983 until she retired.

(SM) Tell us a little bit about what you have done since you retired.

(MW) The day after my retirement, my husband, Rob Wade, and I took off on a driving trip to locate places where he could ski powder snow. After examining Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee, and several resorts in Montana, he picked Grand Targhee. Targhee is in Wyoming, but to get there you go to Driggs, Idaho and then up the road into the Rockies. We have spent a month most winters in Driggs, Idaho, renting a condo there. Targhee is an old fashioned type ski resort, very family oriented, decent season pass prices, and Driggs is a nice former farming town, now more recreation oriented. As a point of reference, Driggs is on the west side of the Rockies – Jackson Hole, Wyoming is on the east side of the Rockies.

I have also visited Virginia, North Carolina and Charleston, South Carolina and have been to the Czech Republic, Hungary, Ukraine, England, Scotland. We made several trips to British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, so Rob could make sure that Targhee was still the best powder snow resort. We took a most educational and informative Viking Cruise in Ukraine a couple of years before Russia annexed Crimea. In Scotland, went to the Inner Hebrides and Orkney Island. I recommend the latter, but would not do Ukraine at this time.

After retirement, I started taking watercolor painting classes. From time to time I have exhibited paintings in the San Diego Watercolor Society Member Shows. One regular size painting won Best in Show; one mini painting won Best in Show. I Also make jewelry and art cards. (When paintings don't turn out – which is quite often – I tear up the paintings and collage them into art cards.) I have been in several shows, but I am better at making "stuff" than selling "stuff"! I also volunteer as the Secretary of the San Diego Watercolor Society, putting some of my legalese into use.

I love to travel and visit art museums. I also read a lot, garden a little and I like to cook.

(SM) You are one busy person! What about family? Are the close enough to spend time together?

(MW) Rob and I are enjoying our time together. We have five granddaughters, and two of them live in San Diego. We've enjoyed all of the girls, but naturally have spent more time with the local girls. One of the local granddaughters was born in 1998 shortly before I retired and the other local granddaughter was born in 2001. So I have spent a lot of time babysitting and doing things with

them. Yesterday took them shopping for back to school outfits!

(SM) Spending time with grandkids is such a gift and it sounds like you are making wonderful memories with them. Other than your ability to travel and spend time with family, what's the best thing about retirement for you?

(MW) Having time to enjoy the "business" of living and not being sleep deprived! Having time to be with and help family and friends. Having time to go to the gym regularly and take walks, without having to get up at 5 a.m. to get it done before work!

(SM) What's your "retirement philosophy?"

(MW) Create a vacuum and something will come to fill it. People worry about what they are going to do with their time after retirement. I have found that if time is available you will find all kinds of exciting things to do, places to go, and people to meet.

(SM) Good advice. What is your fondest memory about working at SDG&E?

(MW) The other employees with whom I worked. While I was at SDGE I got to work with talented, down to earth, quality people. Being at SDGE during the transition from a traditional utility to the unregulated market was very interesting, and the people I worked with who made it happen were great.

(SM) It really is all about the people, isn't it? What do you do now that you couldn't do while you were working?

(MW) Spend as much time as I like with family and friends, read as much as I like, and do my art work.

(SM) Just one last question, Mary. Is it true that it's harder to get on your schedule now that you've retired?

(MW) No, I don't have a complicated schedule. I like to look at my calendar and see that I have nothing scheduled for the day.

(SM) If you have an idea about a retiree who would be interesting to interview (including yourself), please email me at samm@samm-mcdonald.com or leave me a message at 858.229.9671.

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

Employee Discount Cards

If you move and forget this, it will cost you money. I know first-hand! It's enough when you forget to do something right, like filling out an employee discount card when you move. It's quite another when a service provider can't shake hands with current employees. So if you encounter the same problem I did, there's a work-around. If you call the SDG&E Call Center at 800-411-SDGE, they tell you that active employees get an employee discount from their timekeeper. Retirees don't have a timekeeper, so we are supposed to call the Retiree Service Center (RSC) at 866-491-3316 to obtain an employee discount card. Unfortunately, when you call the RSC, they refer you back to the SDG&E Call Center, who—you guessed it—refers

you to the SDG&E Retiree Service Center. The work-around? Go to our website FAQ page and download a copy of the form with instructions where to return. See the FAQ page at <http://sdgealumniassoc.org/id45.html>. Right now might be a good time to check your latest SDG&E bill to make sure you are still receiving your discount.

Retired and Deceased Employees

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Holiday Luncheon

Pictures from the 2015 Holiday luncheon are posted on our SDG&E Alumni Association Facebook page. The 2016 luncheon has been set for Tuesday, December 6 at the Scottish Rite Event Center. Hope to see you there!

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