

SDG&E Retiree Times

June 2017

President's Message



In support of SDG&E's initiative to help the environment and to save money, the SDG&E Alumni Association will no longer be printing hard copy directories. We will also be reducing our hard copy *Retiree Times* to two times a year, rather than four, through 2018.

That doesn't mean that we will discontinue these publications altogether; we will continue to publish them and send them via email. At this time, approximately 800 of our 2,300 members have provided us with email addresses. If you still wish to receive this information, we need to have an email address. Don't have one yourself? Would one of your kids or grandkids be willing to receive this on your behalf and print it for you? How about a neighbor or a friend? Perhaps even another SDG&E retiree? We feel it's important to be able to communicate so that we can distribute information about SDG&E and our retirees and send you an invitation to our annual luncheon. We want to assure you that we do not share this information with anyone outside of your board members and you can opt out of the e-mailings at any time. So, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page or go to <http://sdgealumniassoc.org/id37.html> to complete the on-line form. Also, we need some help with *Retiree Times*, so if you are interested, please contact me or Jim Teeter. Thanks so very much and remember to save the date for our next luncheon on December 5 at the Scottish Rite Event Center!

Your President,
Samm McDonald

New natural gas pipeline will provide safe, reliable and clean energy

Natural gas fuels San Diego. It is a key part of our daily lives and helps drive our local economy. That is why San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has proposed the Pipeline Safety & Reliability Project, a new natural gas transmission pipeline to provide safe and reliable natural gas for today's needs and a sustainable tomorrow.

The proposed pipeline will connect SDG&E's Rainbow Metering Station near the Riverside County line to existing facilities on Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar. The primary purpose of the project is safety.

Last month, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) held public meetings here in San Diego on SDG&E's proposed natural gas pipeline project. The purpose of these meetings was for Commission staff to provide information about the proposed project and let the public know how to provide comments before a draft environmental impact report is put together.

A smart investment in safety and reliability

In 2011, the California Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act added new regulations to all natural gas transmission lines which required those that were not pressure tested prior to being installed to be pressure tested or replaced. SDG&E's Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP), which prioritized the testing or replacement of these pipelines, was approved by the CPUC in 2014.

Included in this plan is Line 1600, which was put into service in 1949. The materials and technology used to construct Line 1600 nearly 70 years ago were not as robust as they are today. And, this vintage pipeline is older than 89 percent of the transmission pipelines operating today in the United States.



Line 1600 being installed in 1949

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Also, Line 1600 is one of only two transmission pipelines that deliver natural gas to San Diego. Approximately 90 percent of the region’s natural gas is delivered by a 30-inch pipeline near Interstate 5, and the 16-inch Line 1600 along the Interstate 15 corridor delivers the rest.

SDG&E is required by law to pressure test or replace Line 1600. Replacing this vintage pipe with a larger, modern pipeline and permanently lowering the operating pressure of Line 1600 to distribution level will comply with pipeline safety laws and increase the reliability of San Diego’s natural gas transmission system.

The proposed project will be extremely safe; constructed with state-of-the-art features like fiber-optic technology and automatic shut-off valves.

If approved, the Pipeline Safety and Reliability Project will provide a safe, modern pipeline to serve San Diego and enhance the safety of the entire natural gas system so that we can continue to meet our customers’ energy needs for decades to come.

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 2017

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| Vince Bartolomucci-Apr | Bob Hope-Feb |
| Glen Booth-Apr | William Austin Jones-Jan |
| John Burton-Mar | Richard A Kliskey-Jan |
| Raymond W Ganzer-Feb | Alice Faye McKenzie-May |
| Larry Hall | Kathy Rogallo -Jan |
| John Hamrick-Mar | William "Rusty" Walker-Jan |
| Lucille Henderson-Apr | Frank P Williams-Jan |
| Nenoa "Nona" Hoerger -Jan | Mike Wong-Mar |
| Gudrun Hoffmeister-May | |

Retired in 2017

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| Paul Acosta-Apr | Mike Manry-Apr |
| Dan Alvarez-Mar | Daniel Moreno-May |
| Debbie Brown-Aug | Pinkie V Oliver-Feb |
| James Condomitti-Jul | Gary Price-Mar-Mar |
| Tim Curtis-May | Paul Santy-Jan |
| Scott DeBry-Jan | Irene Sarenana-Apr |
| Ernest Ferro-Feb | Jeff Sykes-Mar |
| Mike Friedberg-Jan | Joey Valdivia-Jan |
| Mike Jennings-Jul | Fuzzy Youngkrantz-Jan |
| Meg Lennox-Aug | Danny Zaragosa-Apr |

Alumni Interviews

This is the fifteenth in our series of Alumni Interviews in *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.

Ann Stice

By Samm McDonald

This issue’s interview features Ann Stice, who worked for SDG&E and Sempra from 1978 – 2015. Annie worked in many different departments over her career and said many nice things about the people she worked with.



Annie’s grandkids, Eden and Ramona

SM: Give us a brief history of your work history.
 AS: I was hired in 1978 as a part time Customer Service Representative. I worked in the call center (aka Fish Bowl) in the Electric Building, as a CSR, a Lead CSR, and then as a trainer for new Call Center employees. I left in fall, 1981, after my 2nd child was born. I returned in 1982, taking a number of part time jobs throughout the Customer Services Division. In 1994, I returned full time, again as a CSR, next in marketing and on to the CISCO project. I moved back to the Call Center, transferred to Sempra on the My Info Project and then back into SoCalGas/SDGE as an integrated Call Center manager. My last position was as a Project Manager in the Customer

Service Project Management Office until my retirement date of February 1, 2016.

I want to shout out and thank all the managers and directors who gave me opportunities to develop new skills. And to Margie Day: Special thanks for hiring me, for letting me work on CISCO project, and CS Project Management Office.

SM: Tell us a bit about what you have done since you've retired

AS: I took a 5-week trip to Europe in July and August, 2016; 2 weeks in and around Paris, 12 days in Italy, and 12 in Spain. In 2017, I plan to spend another 3-4 weeks in a villa in Florence and in Barcelona, Bilbao, and San Sebastian, Spain, with perhaps 3-4 days in Monterosso, a small town in the Cinque Terre region of Italy. This last is important because there's ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO except lie on the beach and float in the Mediterranean.

SM: How about time with your kids and grandkids?

AS: I have my 12 year old grandson, Eden, with me after school daily. And I fly to Oakland every 4-5 weeks to spend time with Ramona, my 3-year-old granddaughter. In passing, I give my adult children, Tim and Amy, a hug and a kiss, as well as their special spouses. I'm also lucky enough to spend a lot of time with my 90-year-old mom, and we take a lot of short road trips, most often to Pismo Beach/Central Coast and Oakland. My nephew co-owns a small restaurant there, and we love to eat.

SM: What's the best thing about retirement for you?

AS: Travelling whenever and wherever I want and spending more time with my kids and grandkids.

SM: What's your retirement philosophy?

AS: God Bless SDG&E and Sempra.

SM: What is your fondest memory about working at SDG&E?

AS: Isn't it the people? I feel that every retiree misses the people but not the work. Ken and Lora, Paul, Nancy, Connie, Margie, and Jane, all say it's the people. I don't miss the work.

SM: What do you do now that you couldn't do while you were working?

AS: More exercise. I added twice weekly Reformer Pilates and thrice weekly water fitness to my workout regimen. I haven't felt this fit in YEARS and YEARS.

SM: I've heard from other's that it is harder to get on a retiree's schedule, now that you are no longer working. Is it true for you?

AS: That's very true. But that's because my schedule is filled with activities that involve my friends.

SM: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

AS: I'd like to add here that I NEVER, EVER had a bad supervisor or manager or director. I was blessed to work with a terrific and SMART group of employees in every organization!

Reminders

Update your address(es)!

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 currently mailed. Contact the MyRetirement Information line at 866-491-3316 or visit

<https://www.benefitsweb.com/sempra.html>.

Remember to update your e-mail address, too! This will be more important as we near 2018 when our communications go totally electronic. 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

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

E-Newsletter

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www.sdgealumniassoc.org and click on the Directory link (E-mail Address Update page) and fill in the online form. This will be even more important as we transition to an all electronic *Retiree Times* (see President’s message).

Holiday Luncheon

We're looking for a volunteer to take photos next year’s luncheon, set for Tuesday, December 5. Please contact committee chair Joyce Kelly at JoyceAKelly@cox.net. Hope to see you at the Scottish Rite Event Center!

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Name (please print): _____

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

Phone (include area code): _____ Cell: _____

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

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