

SDG&E Retiree Times

October 2017

President's Message



Only a few more weeks until the Alumni Association's Annual Luncheon! The invitation and RSVP are enclosed in this issue. Hope to see you all there in your best Hawaiian attire!

As we told you last issue, we are supporting SDG&E's effort to cut costs by reducing the number of hard copy *Retiree Times* we mail each year. We will mail two next year, but would love to send out more by email. If you have not already provided us with your email address, please complete the form below on last page or add it to your RSVP form. Don't have an email address? Perhaps you have a family member or friend who would receive it on your behalf and print it for you. We will also no longer be printing the directories, but sending them by email.

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And finally, the SDG&E Employee's Association will be opening their membership to retirees! Additional information is included in this issue of *Retiree Times* as well as on our website and Facebook page. The Employees Association will have an information table at our luncheon on December 5 to sign you up and answer any questions you might have.

Your President,
Samm McDonald

Smart Pigs Keeping Pipelines Safe

PIG. It is not just a farm animal, it also stands for pipeline inspection gauge, a robotic sensor that travels inside a natural gas pipeline to gather data about its integrity and to detect corrosion.

Prioritizing safety above everything else, our highly-trained employees are dedicated to the daily operation and risk management of the more than 14,000 miles of pipelines to bring natural gas to our customers. This means assessing pipelines using these electronic "smart pigs" to collect information about a pipeline's health. This helps us ensure that infrastructure is safe, and we can do it without having to take the line out of service.

As an operator of high-pressure natural gas pipelines, we are required to identify threats, analyze the risks posed by these threats, and assess the physical condition of our pipelines. In addition, we must take actions to address potential integrity concerns before incidents occur where possible. Ensuring the safety of infrastructure around highly populated areas has applied upward pressure to expand inspections of facilities.



To provide peace of mind, SDG&E performs inspections, testing and patrols of pipelines. We also invest in the necessary manpower to improve safety and enhance reliability. This includes everything from upgrading or discontinuing service at the end of a pipeline's useful life, to making repairs to avoid service interruptions.

Natural gas is an affordable source of energy for families and businesses, which is why the continued safe delivery of natural gas to you is important. Whether you're turning on the heat on a chilly winter morning at home, or a chef is cooking his or her specialty for diners, we want to

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ensure you never worry about having a reliable, steady flow of natural gas to your appliances, or power generated by natural gas when you need it.

We are committed to having a natural gas system that keeps pace with the latest safety and technological advancements for our entire region.

To learn more about how our robotic tools assess pipeline health, check out this video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po8RiHnItm8>.

SDG&E's Aircrane: Saving Communities. One Big Water Drop at a Time

The threat of wildfires has become a year-long reality in the San Diego region. But this fall, experts say it's going to be an extremely challenging fire season. That's why the county, city, CAL FIRE, SDG&E and others have been working together to plan and prepare.



At SDG&E, we are committed to keeping the communities in which we live and work safe. That includes making significant investments in state-of-the-art resources and equipment that will protect our region.

Making the difference is the Erickson Aircrane, which has already been dispatched to douse five fires this year, making nearly 40 water drops for a total of more than 50,000 gallons.

It's the eighth-year we contracted to bring this critical firefighting asset to San Diego County to protect our communities from wildfire.

Jose Torres, who recently witnessed the Aircrane in action, said he believes the helicopter is a vital asset for the region. It brought peace of mind to his own community of Spring Valley last year on the afternoon of August 17 when flames threatened his neighborhood.

"Living in Spring Valley, I never thought I'd be worried about wildfires in my backyard until I realized that some of my neighbors were being told to evacuate," Torres said. "The moment I saw the Aircrane dropping thousands of gallons of water I knew things would be under control soon. With the Sweetwater reservoir close by, the Aircrane got the fire under control within two drops."

The Erickson Aircrane is an impressive machine, holding a maximum of 2,650 gallons of water or fire suppressant – the equivalent of five fire engines. It can be airborne within 15 minutes, and takes only 45 seconds to refill its tank. Over the last eight years it has made 464 water drops. That's over half a million gallons of water dropped to protect our homes, businesses and communities.

"I'm grateful that the fire department had access to this machine for the safety of my family and my neighbors," said Torres.

The Aircrane is stationed at Gillespie Field in El Cajon and is contracted to remain in the region through November – or longer, if fire conditions warrant.

For more information on how you can become better prepared or on SDG&E's commitment to fire preparedness and safety, log onto www.sdge.com/safety.

Employees Association

The Employees' Association invites all retirees to become members. Take advantage of the various activities and discounts extended to you like:

- Recreational activities for you and your family, including the annual picnic, children's ice skating party, holiday dinner dance, etc.
- Discounted tickets for movie theaters, theme parks and more.

The annual membership dues is \$15. You can pay online and find more information at www.easdge.com. If you don't have access to a computer, you can contact Elisa Espinoza at 760-207-3794. Elisa can send you the forms you need to complete for your membership.

Retired and Deceased Retirees

For a full list of retired and deceased retirees, see our web archive, <http://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/id7.html>. If you have any information regarding a newly retired or deceased SDG&E Alumni member, please contact Alice Myers at 858-278-3803 or amolloyputz@san.rr.com. We need your help! SDG&E cannot provide us this info.

Retraction: In our last issue, we reported that Larry Hall was deceased. In subsequent discussions with him, we have found that was not true. From time to time we receive and act on incorrect information. Sorry for our error-ed.

Please help us by reporting any deceased retirees to our Fellowship chair, Alice Myers, or another board member.

Deceased in 2017

Jeannie Akren-Aug	Nenoa "Nona" Hoerger –Jan
Vince Bartolomucci-Apr	Gudrun Hoffmeister-May
Art Bishop-Aug	Bob Hope-Feb
Glen Booth-Apr	William Austin Jones-Jan
John Burton-Mar	Richard A Kliskey-Jan
Jonn Calapp-Oct	Mary Kuehn-Sep
Britt-Carin Drewery	Alice Faye McKenzie-May
Oscar G Cruz-Sep	Randall W Meyers-Sep
Fred Flihan-Sep	Gilbert J Montoya-Sep
Raymond W Ganzer-Feb	Kathy Rogallo –Jan
Leo Gersch-Aug	Irene Rusho-Aug
John Hamrick-Mar	William "Rusty" Walker-Jan
Lucille Henderson-Apr	Frank P Williams-Jan
James Heskett-Jul	Mike Wong-Mar
Walter "Red" Hewitt-Sep	

Retired in 2017

Paul Acosta-Apr	Lazaro G Lupian-Sep
Dan Alvarez-Mar	Mike Manry-Apr
Margy Brookes-Aug	Rick Mendoza-Dec
Debbie Brown-Aug	Daniel Moreno-May
James Condomitti-Jul	Pinkie V Oliver-Feb
Tim Curtis-May	Nina Pacelli-Sep
Scott DeBry-Jan	Gary Price-Mar-Mar
Ernest Ferro-Feb	Paul Santy-Jan
Susan Fratamico-May	Irene Sarenana-Apr
Mike Friedberg-Jan	Rudolfo Suffle-Nov
Kurt Grover-Aug	Jeff Sykes-Mar
Mike Jennings-Jul	Joey Valdivia-Jan
Elsa C Johnson-Dec	Fuzzy Youngkrantz-Jan
Craig Leatherman-Oct	Danny Zaragosa-Apr
Meg Lennox-Aug	

SDG&E Alumni Association Directories

Our alumni association has long published a directory for those who have chosen to share their information. The current version is 137 pages with contact information listed for approximately 1200 members. For the first time, printed directories will not be available at the luncheon this year and they will not be printed in the future. We would like to encourage retirees to provide their email addresses so they will not miss out on future updates, which will always be electronic. We do not publish the

directories online because we would not have a way to protect your information from getting in the hands of SPAMmers. If you have not given us your e-mail address, please update it online at <http://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/id37.html>. You can also use the form at the bottom of the last page.

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 after 2018 when our communications go totally electronic. On our website see <http://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/id37.html>.

Employee Discount Cards

If you move remember to fill out an employee discount card. If you call the SDG&E Call Center at 800-411-SDGE, they will tell you that active employees get an employee discount card from their timekeeper. Retirees don't have a timekeeper, so we are supposed to call the Retiree Service Center (RSC) at 866-491-3316. If you call the RSC and they refer you back to the SDG&E Call Center, use this 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>.

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. This will be even more important as we transition to an all-electronic *Retiree Times* (see President's message).

SDG&E Alumni Association Facebook Page

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have more interesting information to post! Please visit the page at the link above and write away right away.

Holiday Luncheon

We're all set for Tuesday, December 5. Hope to see you at the Scottish Rite Event Center! See the invitation and ballot enclosed.

-----✂----- **Electronic Newsletter and Electronic Directory Listing -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 Gabe Gutierrez at ggutierrez2@semprautilities.com or mail the form to SDG&E Alumni Assn, c/o Gabe Gutierrez, 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: _____

-----✂----- **E-mail Address Update** -----✂-----

Name (please print): _____

Old E-mail Address: _____ New E-mail Address: _____

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