

April 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you live in San Diego, you know Spring has sprung! The vernal equinox signals new beginnings and nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere! Many cultures celebrate spring festivals, like Easter and Passover.

Observe nature around you!

Worms begin to emerge from the earth. In fact, the March Full Moon is called "The Full Worm Moon" for this reason.

**NOTICE:** As we have been announcing over the past several months, we are transitioning to an online only Retiree Times. This and the October edition of Retiree Times will be the final mailed issues. Beginning in 2019 all Retiree Times will be sent via email and as a link on the SDGE Alumni website. If you haven't given us an email address to contact you, please do so on the SDGE Alumni website. We want to stay in touch with all of the SDG&E Alumni so if you don't have an email address, consider creating one or ask a family member or friend if you can use theirs to continue receiving information from us. For current information on activities, events and notices check the SDGE Alumni website <http://sdgealumniassoc.org/index.html> or Facebook SDG&E Alumni Association page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/408831429206094/>

Notice the arc of the Sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the Sun.

Speaking of birds, did you know that the increasing sunlight is what triggers birds to sing? Cool, eh?

Trees, shrubs, and flowers are sensitive to temperature and day-length, too! Since ancient days, people have used them as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips, and spinach.

Of course, the longer days bring warmer weather! Both we and the animals around us strip off our clothes and heavy coats!

Ready, set, plant! March is time to start gardens and sow seeds in many regions.

Source: Farmer's Almanac

In the spirit of New Beginnings, your Alumni Association board is looking at new ways to involve our members. Look for a survey coming soon to your mailbox.

Did you know that we have a Facebook page? If you are a member of Facebook, you can join our page: SDG&E Alumni Association. You can also post items that may be of interest to our members, but we ask that you not post anything political, religious or advertising yours or another's business. Our Administrators will delete posts that don't fit with our criteria.

And finally, a reminder: Save the Date! The SDG&E Alumni Association Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at the Scottish Rite Event Center. Invitations will be mailed in October.

Your President,

Samm McDonald



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## MY RETIREMENT CONNECTION IS THE NEW RETIREMENT BENEFIT ADMINISTRATOR

**My Retirement Connection is the new retirement benefit plan administrator and service provider for the Sempra Energy family of companies. All retirement administration and services provided by the My Retirement Service Center have transitioned to My Retirement Connection.**

**Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the transition.**

Q: What is the phone number and when will it be available?

A: Call Center representatives are available beginning at 7:00 a.m. Pacific time at the following toll-free number: 855-376-7237

Q: What are the hours for the call center?

A: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific time

Q: What is the website address and when will it be available?

A: [myretirementconnection.ehr.com](http://myretirementconnection.ehr.com) will be available on and after February 12, 2018

Q: What information do I need to log in to the website?

A: At first login, you will be required to go through the first-time user account registration screen to set up your user name and password. You will need your Social Security Number, home ZIP code, and date of birth.

Q: What services will transition to My Retirement Connection?

A: All services currently performed by the My Retirement Service Center are transferring to My Retirement Connection. Electing your official retirement date, when you are ready to retire, and choosing retiree benefits will also transition to My Retirement Connection.

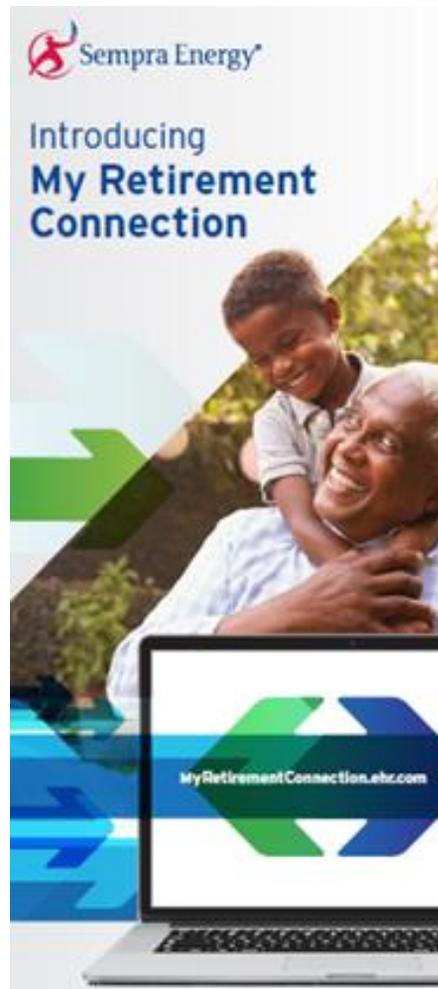
### **Retiree FAQs**

Q: Will anything change with regard to my monthly pension payments because of the transition to My Retirement Connection?

A: No. Your established monthly pension payments will continue to be paid, as scheduled, from Bank of New York Mellon. After February 12, 2018, all changes you may need to make (such as a change of address, change in direct deposit, or change to your tax withholdings) can be completed online electronically via the My Retirement Connection website.

[myretirementconnection.ehr.com](http://myretirementconnection.ehr.com)

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What do you want from the SDG&E Alumni Association? Are you interested in getting together in small, regional events? Group activities like sporting or cultural events? How about informational sessions or company updates? We want to hear from you! A brief survey has been created to capture your preferences. Be on the look out for an email in the coming weeks!

## Why did we switch to My Retirement Connection?

- We had the prior vendor for over 10 years. We went out to bid and chose Willis Towers Watson (WTW) as our new retirement administration vendor, My Retirement Connection, to replace the prior administrator, My Retirement Service Center. WTW is also our actuaries so we are already partnered with them. They know our employees and retirees. Their product and solution was superior to the competitors.
- We wanted to provide a positive retiree experience with comprehensive, highly secure, online tools supporting a fully integrated experience.
- My Retirement Connection is a streamlined retirement process where employees can elect benefits and select their retirement date in the new system.
- The Call Center is local and located in San Diego and will provide a significantly improved service level for retirees.
- Increased Productivity - It allows the Benefits team to research and resolve issues and questions for retirees in a more timely manner
- Easy website navigation to assist retirees in quickly locating information and making decisions, including the ability to model different retirement scenarios.

## RETIREMENT CONNECTION, CONTINUED

Q: Will my retiree medical or dental benefits change as a result of the transition to My Retirement Connection?

A: No.

Q: Will anything change regarding my retiree medical and dental premium payments?

A: Yes.

If you are direct-billed, the invoices will be mailed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month, which is later than they have been mailed in the past.

New account numbers were assigned so check your account if you are paying by check and reference the new number.

If you have a Healthcare Reimbursement Account (HRA), there will not be an option to pay your retiree medical and dental premiums with the HRA debit card. You can be reimbursed through WageWorks for all benefit premiums that you pay each month.

If you currently pay for your retiree benefits using a credit card, you will need to select an alternate payment method. Credit cards will not be accepted for monthly premium payments.

If you currently pay for your retiree benefits using your bank's online bill payment services, you will need to update to the new payment information that will be included with your invoice.

If you currently have auto pay to pay for your retiree benefits, you will need to enroll in auto pay through the My Retirement Connection [myretirementconnection.ehr.com](http://myretirementconnection.ehr.com) website on or after February 12, 2018.

Q: What if I have a change and need to update my medical and/or dental plan?

A: You can make updates to your medical and dental plans online electronically via the My Retirement Connection [myretirementconnection.ehr.com](http://myretirementconnection.ehr.com) website or you can call My Retirement Connection at 855-376-7237.

Q: How do I verify or change my beneficiaries?

A: This is housed in the "My Profile" section of the website. It is important that you verify that all of your information is correct.

SDG&E ALUMNI TRANSITIONS – reprinted from February edition for our paper copy members.

**Deceased**

**2017**

Jeannie Akren - August  
 Vince Bartolomucci - April  
 Art Bishop - August  
 Glen Booth - April  
 John Burton - March  
 Jonn Clare Calapp - October  
 Barbara Cronin - July  
 Oscar G Cruz - September  
 John Dimuzio - October  
 Britt-Carin Drewery - 2017  
 Dennis Fitzwater - May  
 Fred Flihan - September  
 Marion Fujimoto - November  
 Raymond W Ganzer - February  
 Leo Paul Gersch - August  
 Larry W Hall Jr - January  
 John Hamrick - March  
 Jerry Haynes - October  
 Lucille Henderson - April  
 James E Heskett - July  
 Walter Leroy "Red" Hewitt - September  
 Nenoa "Nona" Hoerger - January  
 Gudrun Hoffmeister - May  
 Bob Hope - February  
 William Austin Jones - January  
 Linda Keene - November  
 Richard A Kliskey - January  
 Mary Kuehn - September  
 Anton Kwik - May  
 Leland Marrs - April  
 Ralph "Mac" McCormick - October  
 Alice Faye McKenzie - May  
 Gilbert J Montoya - September  
 Virginia Moore - March  
 Randall W Myers - September  
 Geraldine "Jerry" O'Connor - December  
 Betty Jordan Paull - October  
 Kathleen Rogallo - January  
 Irene Rusho - August  
 William "Rusty" Walker - January  
 Frank P Williams - January  
 Mike Wong - March

**2018**

Amelyn Agoncillo - January  
 Shirley Ann Ball - March  
 Bill Glasco – January  
 Donald Madison - February  
 Leonard "Clark" Siebrand - January

**Retired**

**2017**

Paul Acosta - April  
 Dan Alvarez - March  
 James Avery - March  
 Margy Brookes - August  
 Debbie Brown-August  
 George Castro - December  
 Susan M Claffey - March  
 Cathy Collins - October  
 James Condomitti - July  
 Scott DeBry - January  
 John Dimuzio - October  
 Ernesto Ferro - February  
 Joe Frani - April  
 Susan Fratamico - May  
 Mike Friedberg - January  
 Kurt Grover - August  
 Greg Haddow - April  
 John Hayes - June  
 Mark Howell - April  
 Mike Jennings - July  
 Elsa C Johnson - December  
 Jon Kress - June  
 James "Craig" Leatherman - October  
 Margaret "Meg" Lennox - August  
 Lazaro G "Larry" Lupian - September  
 Christopher S Maier - December  
 Mike Manry - April  
 Cinthi Martin -2017  
 Rick Mendoza - December  
 Daniel J Moreno - May  
 Pinkie V Oliver - February  
 Nina Pacelli - September  
 Kathryn Pike - December  
 Gary Price - March  
 Fernando Reza - December  
 Giralmo "Gerry" Rosselli - August  
 Paul Santy - January  
 Irena Sarenana - April  
 Susan Schoensee - June  
 Rudolfo "Rudy" Suffle - November  
 Jeff Sykes - March  
 Joey Valdivia - January  
 Larry "Fuzzy" Youngkrantz - January  
 Danny Zaragoza – April

**2018**

Sue Campbell – June  
 Alicia Flohs - February  
 Alex Garcia – January  
 Dave Greene - May  
 Mary Lassiter - February  
 Robert "Bob" Lauzier - January  
 James Morales – January  
 Lupe Aguirre Palmer – March  
 Diane Rodgers - March  
 Tom Saunders – July  
 Lee Schavrien - April

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

**JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT**

Looking for something new and different to do? Here are a few places to explore.

- **Mission Federal Art Walk** – April 28 – 29  
<https://www.sandiego.org/members/festivals/artwalk-san-diego/events/mission-federal-artwalk.aspx>
- **Carlsbad Flower Fields** – through May 10 - <http://www.san-diego-beaches-and-adventures.com/flower-fields-carlsbad.html>
- **Old Town Saturday Market** - Saturdays from 9 AM - 3 PM at San Diego Old Town. <http://oldtownsaturdaymarket.com/>
- **Mine your own gems** - You may not strike it rich at the gem mines near Pala, but you can [Mine Your Own Gems](#). Your finds may include tourmaline, purple kunzite, and others.