



# Retiree Newsletter

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## Calendar of events

### Tours

| Date                                     | Event and Location  | Contact  |
|--|---|--|
| Tuesday, Sept. 17                        | Thompson Grist Mill, Eugene   | <b>Terry Judkins,</b><br><a href="mailto:djudkins@comcast.net">djudkins@comcast.net</a> . <i>The best way to receive up-to-date information about retiree tours is to send your email address to Terry so he can add you to his only-for-retiree-announcements database.</i> |
| Tuesday, Oct. 15                         | Bob's Red Mill, Milwaukie   |  |
| Thursday, Nov. 7                         | Sullivan Hydro Plant, West Linn   |  |
| Tuesday, Nov. 19, and Wednesday, Nov. 20 | Holiday Craft Bazaar, World Trade Center  |  |
| Thursday, Dec. 5                         | Annual Retiree Holiday Luncheon, Monarch Hotel, Portland <i>(Invitations will be mailed well in advance.)</i> |  |

### Bowling

| Date  | Location/Cost   | Contact   |
|---|---|---|
| Wednesdays, Sept. 4 and 18; Oct. 2 and 16, <b>Noon</b> <i>(and every first and third Wednesday through May)</i> | Kellogg Bowl, 10306 SE Main St, Milwaukie<br>\$7 per bowler for three games, free shoe rental, and you get a chance to win a \$5 prize! | <b>Al Richardson,</b><br><a href="mailto:alrbjr@bctonline.com">alrbjr@bctonline.com</a> ,<br>503-518-8600 |

### Golf

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| Date               | Location                       | Contact  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Thursday, Sept. 26 | Wildwood Golf Course, Portland | <b>John McClain,</b><br><a href="mailto:john@mclainco.com">john@mclainco.com</a> ,<br>503-799-2527 |

### Employee/Retiree Giving Campaign

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| Date                             | Contact  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Monday, Sept. 30–Friday, Oct. 18 | <b>Whitney Welsh</b><br><a href="mailto:whitney.welsh@pgn.com">whitney.welsh@pgn.com</a> ,<br>503-464-2916 |

### Blood Drive

| Date                                      | Location   | Contact  |
|---|--|--|
| Wednesday, Nov. 6,<br>8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | 2WTC Plaza Conference Room<br>121 SW Salmon St, Portland | <b>Denise Baldwin,</b><br><a href="mailto:Denise.Baldwin@pgn.com">Denise.Baldwin@pgn.com</a> ,<br>503-464-7206 |

## Calendar of events (cont'd)

### Volunteering

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| Date/Time   | Event/Location   | Sign Up/Contact  |
|---|--|--|
| Thursday, Sept. 12,<br>6:00–8:30 p.m.                         | Repack food at the Oregon Food Bank<br>7900 NE 33rd Dr, Portland         | <b>myCommunity</b><br><b>Whitney Welsh</b><br><a href="mailto:whitney.welsh@pgn.com">whitney.welsh@pgn.com</a> ,<br>503-464-2916   |
| Friday, Sept. 13,<br>5:00–11:00 p.m.                          | Hope Quest with American Cancer Society<br>4555 N. Channel Ave, Portland | After you sign up in <b>myCommunity</b> ,<br>email <b>Whitney Welches</b> at<br><a href="mailto:whitney.welches@cancer.org">whitney.welches@cancer.org</a>                   |
| Saturday, Oct. 5,<br>8:30 a.m.–noon                           | AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk<br>Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum, Portland   | <b>myCommunity</b><br><b>Whitney Welsh</b><br><a href="mailto:whitney.welsh@pgn.com">whitney.welsh@pgn.com</a> ,<br>503-464-2916   |
| Friday, Oct. 11,<br>8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.<br>(shift times vary) | Make Strides Against Breast Cancer<br>4555 N. Channel Ave, Portland      | After you sign up in <b>myCommunity</b> ,<br>email <b>Whitney Welches</b> at<br><a href="mailto:whitney.welches@cancer.org">whitney.welches@cancer.org</a>                   |
| October to mid-<br>May, one hour per<br>week                  | A school near you with a SMART program                                   | <b>SMART</b><br><a href="mailto:metro@getsmartoregon.org">metro@getsmartoregon.org</a><br><a href="http://www.getsmartoregon.org">www.getsmartoregon.org</a><br>971-634-1628 |

### Open Enrollment

| Date                          | Sign Up/Contact                           |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Coming in November; dates TBD | See materials that will be mailed to you. |



**2019 Retiree Board Meetings:**  
**Mondays, Oct. 14 and Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m.**  
 at the  
 Oregon City Service Center, Conference Room  
 209 Warner Milne Rd  
 Oregon City OR 97045

All retirees, spouses and significant others are welcome to attend.

## Confused between the Newsletter and NewsLine?

The **PGE Retiree NewsLETTER** (what we hope you are reading right now) is written by retirees and then formatted, printed and mailed by PGE to your address. **The Newsletter is still printed and mailed to retirees at home**, as well as posted on the PGE Retirees Facebook Group page.

**PGE NewsLINE** was the company publication that used to be sent to employees at their work locations and to retirees at their homes. Earlier this year, it was combined with the weekly online news and is **now only available to employees on the internal myPGE website**. There is no longer a paper version. The change was made primarily to give employees a source of information they could receive on a timely basis, as well as saving money and paper. Several retirees have said they miss getting the NewsLine. Your newsletter editor does, too.



### President's corner *By Stan Chiotti*

The retirees' annual picnic in July was a great success. Perfect weather (82°F and sunny), delicious food (more fried chicken than we could eat) and more prizes than people (so everyone won at least once). Bingo was hard core (two cards for a dollar) and prizes were a gift or real hard cash — not enough to write home about but rewarding anyway! My thanks to everyone who helped with the event, brought food or just came to enjoy the day. We hope to do this again next July, and we hope to see you and your family there!

The retiree board members and I hope you can take advantage of the tours we offer, as well as the chances to go bowling or play golf. And be sure to check the many locations where retirees are getting together for breakfast, lunch or just plain chatting.

You know I am passionate about volunteering. With the start of school, now is a good time to help your local grade school by using some of your time to help kids with reading or math. You'll be surprised at how much fun you can have and how rewarding it can make you feel.

I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and making some new ones!

### And speaking of the retiree picnic *By Terry Judkins*

There were 22 retirees and family members who joined together for a fun lunch with lots of good food and scrumptious desserts (yum, yum, good). We played bingo with many winners who received wonderful prizes — many received gift cards. All seemed to have a wonderful time. I want to thank everyone who took part in all the activities, everyone who came early to help set up and everyone who stayed and helped clean up and get everything back into my pickup. I especially thank the mechanic at the Oregon City garage for helping get the picnic supplies back to their storage spot! We always have fun and share many funny stories when we gather together. PGE retirees are a fantastic group.



## Retiree get-togethers

These groups meet at various places to enjoy each other's company and sometimes food. If you go, take a photo! Post it on the retiree Facebook page and/or send it to [SmilinJudyFrancis@gmail.com](mailto:SmilinJudyFrancis@gmail.com) to include in the newsletter. Remember to include when and where the photo was taken and the names of the people having a good time!

**Are you going to be a sunbird?** Retirees **Sue Johnsen** and **Lynda Tatum** will be in Arizona this winter and would like to get together with retirees and former PGE employees. Are you interested? If so, email Sue at [suejohnsen@msn.com](mailto:suejohnsen@msn.com) or Lynda at [blatumaz@msn.com](mailto:blatumaz@msn.com). Please feel free to share this with anyone you know who may also be in Arizona this winter.



*On July 26, Susan Nopper, Judy Francis, Russ Hickman, Barb Kohler, Ron Kirsher, Julie Wandell and Roger Gibson shared stories, adventures and laughs at Maplewood Coffee and Tea in SW Portland.*

| Location of retiree get-togethers   | Time                | Date   |
|---|---------------------|--|
| Retired union employees: Union Hall<br>17200 SE Sacramento (off 182nd Avenue)                     | 11:30 a.m.          | Fourth Monday of every month; <b>potluck</b>   |
| Village Inn<br>10301 SE Stark Street  | 8:30 a.m.           | First Tuesday of even-numbered months  |
| <b>PGE Retiree Travel Group</b><br>Shore Side East Clubhouse<br>1400 SE Lava Drive, Milwaukie     | 10:00 a.m.–<br>noon | <b>Tuesday, Oct. 8</b><br>Contact: <b>Deb Schallert, 503-706-0745</b>  |
| Black Bear Diner<br>237 SW 4th Street, Madras   | 8:30 a.m.           | First Wednesday of each month; contact <b>Dave Gibson, 503-708-8364</b> , for information                          |
| Village Inn<br>Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens   | 9:00 a.m.           | First Wednesday of each month  |
| Hale's Restaurant<br>17502 SE McLoughlin Blvd   | 9:00 a.m.           | First Wednesday of each month  |
| Elmer's Restaurant<br>390 SW Adams Street, Hillsboro  | 9:00 a.m.           | Every Wednesday  |
| Retired Customer Service employees:<br>Wichita Bar and Grill<br>19140 Molalla Avenue, Oregon City | 9:00 a.m.           | First Thursday of each month   |
| Maplewood Coffee & Tea<br>5206 SW Custer Street, Portland   | 9:00 a.m.           | Fourth Thursday of every month; contact <b>Terry Clelen at 503-853-3861</b> or <b>Roger Gibson at 503-330-3213</b> |
| Guest House<br>4850 Portland Road NE, Salem   | 7:30 a.m.           | Every Thursday   |
| McDonald's<br><b>17555 SW Farmington Road at the Farmington Mall, Aloha</b>                       | 9:30 a.m.           | Every Thursday   |
| J's Restaurant<br>2017 Portland Road, Newberg   | 11:30 a.m.          | Second Friday of every month   |

**Location Change!**

## Golf

By John McLain



The last golf event in 2019 is **Thursday, Sept. 26 at the Wildwood Golf Course in Portland**. To join us, email me at [john@mclainco.com](mailto:john@mclainco.com) or text me at **503-799-2527**.

*For 2020, we will explore golfing opportunities in central and eastern Oregon where PGE has generation facilities and maybe combine golf with tours of the PGE facilities.*

**Golf is for friends and family, too.** PGE retiree golf events are intended to be fun and social events, as well as good golfing experience. Retirees are encouraged to bring their spouses as well as extended family (children, in-laws, grandchildren, godparents and close friends, too). About 50 retirees have opted to give me their email addresses so I can provide timely information about plans and scheduled events. If you would like to be added to my personal PGE retiree golf email list, send your email to me at [john@mclainco.com](mailto:john@mclainco.com).

**Lewis River Golf Course**, Woodland, Washington: The PGE retiree golf season kicked off on the summer solstice with 30 retirees, family and friends playing a fun scramble team game. Brenda Hankins and others took some great pictures. You can see them on the PGE Retirees Facebook Group page. The weather was perfect, and after finishing the round, we met for

a drink and bite to eat overlooking the Lewis River. Prizes were awarded for several categories. The winners were:

- Overall winner, first (low score of 66): John Ademski, John Carter, Bruce Trout, Bill Cole
- Men's division, first (low score of 68): Mark Lander, Steve Peck, Mike Walters, Russ Altree
- Couples' division, first (low score of 72): Cathi and John McLain, Barb and Marlin Narragon

**Florence Golf Links**, Florence, Oregon: It was a spectacular summer day on the Oregon Coast on July 19, perfect for this special course. The first nine holes weave in and out of coastal pine trees, the second nine is treeless with great views and both are full of areas of sand and water — a beautiful place to be playing golf with friends from PGE. Twelve of us played, and we were all winners!

- First (score of 70): Rena Snyder, Steve Peck, Dore Judd, Scott Bither
- Second (score of 72): Marlin Narragon, Barb Belland, Pat Moore, Sandi Wold
- Third (score of 75): John McLain, Cathi McLain, Phil Hankins, Brenda Hankins

There are lots of pictures and comments about our recent golfing events at the Lewis River Golf Course and the Florence Golf Links on the PGE Retirees Facebook Group page. Join the Facebook group to keep up with all kinds of events and posts from your friends at PGE. It is a closed group, so it is very private and limited to PGE retirees, friends and family.

*PGE retiree golfers (left to right) Cathi McLain, Phil Hankins, Marlin Narragon, Barb Belland, Rena Snyder, Dore Judd, Scott Bither, Steve Peck, Pat Moore and John McLain gather after enjoying the Florence Golf Links. Not pictured: Brenda Hankins, who took the photo.*



## Retirements

### March

- Robert DeLair, supervisor, field operations
- Nora Fortune, service inspector

### April

- Jerry Thomas, lead spill coordinator
- Patti Hansen, training specialist

### May

- Susan Holm, senior payment processor
- Stanton Sittser, principal communications consultant
- Jeffrey Hotchkiss, journeyman garage mechanic
- Tim Dale, manager, area line operations
- Julie Lundquist, workforce management specialist
- Berton Kephart, senior administrative assistant
- George Dewitt, service inspector
- Mark Lewis, senior training specialist
- Gary Boswell, principal safety specialist
- Jaisen Mody, senior manager, operations support

### June

- William Dewitt, equipment operator
- Alan Kaseweter, senior special tester
- Jeana Menger, senior IT knowledge management analyst
- Valerie Bass, application developer
- Gary Bryant, supervisor, field operations
- Diana Hayes, administrative assistant
- Susan Oliver, associate, continuous improvement
- Randy Tinker, repairman leadman
- Julie McCarty, customer service representative
- Robert Buck, principal customer process improvement
- Kim Owen, derrick truck operator
- Christopher Vike, senior manager, IT
- Joseph Rinard, leadman repairman
- John Vesik, manager, plant maintenance
- Marco Bento, senior customer service coordinator

### July

- David Julien, hydro control operator
- Valerie Saunders, specialist, high-level attorney
- Pamela Gentry, technician, surveyor
- Timothy Nakonsky, storeroom
- William Tierney, manager, T&D projects and programs
- Aaron McCabe, senior mechanical design, plant engineering
- Gary Potter, inventory and compliance technician
- Carin Rittby-Kane, senior safety specialist

### August

- Stephen Lundquist, technical business support analyst
- Cheryl Legler, associate resource scheduler
- Larry Legler, equipment operator
- Douglas Koster, staff design project manager
- Wendy White, senior benefits analyst
- Carmen Pierce, repair dispatcher
- Mari Vandewettering, principal customer research analyst
- Donald Williams, foreman, hydro maintenance

## Judy's jottings

By Judy Francis, PGE Retiree Newsletter Editor



Back in the day when one of my responsibilities was to write the PGE Employee and Retiree Handbooks, I had to stick to the facts and be clear and accurate when describing benefits, especially those complicated health and retirement plans. The information in this newsletter still needs to be clear and accurate, but the contents are more fun and being the editor is a lot more fun! On March 10, 1915, PGE (then Portland Railway Light & Power) published the first issue of its first company newsletter, Watt's Watt. One year later, the editor printed the following headline: "Watt's Watt is one year old, and the editor is still permitted to linger on". Well, this editor is lingering on, but you will have to wait for the next issue of the newsletter to see Watt's Watt! By the way, according to Webster's, the word "jottings" is defined as "a brief (and hurriedly handwritten) note" — a reasonable description of this section.

## Remembering colleagues

- Phyllis Bass
- Phyllis Bockes
- Charles Cason
- George Crandall
- Gregory Davis
- Palmer Erickson
- Ladena Gollihugh
- Merlin W. Hodgson
- Marvin Karlsen
- Willie Kemp Jr.
- Jean Musselman
- Ronald Myers
- Harvey Nickel
- Lee Perry
- Tay Robbins
- Allen Sandstrom
- Herbert Schmidt
- Marion Street
- Randall Syverson
- David Vannatta
- Neil B. Wight
- Beatrice Williams
- Ruth Yaw
- John Zinich

Retiree Joan Amero posted the following memoriam on the PGE Retirees Facebook Group page:

“I’m so sad to tell you that John Gibbs passed away after a year-long battle with leukemia. There will not be a public service. There may be a “celebration of life” event, but nothing is planned for the immediate future.

“This is a photo of happier times. This is how I think John would want us to remember him; fishing with his best buddy, Bob. I know we will all miss this wonderful, generous man with the infectious smile and twinkling eyes.”



*John Gibbs and Bob Buck*

## Volunteering

### Employee Giving Campaign, Monday, Sept. 30 – Friday, Oct. 18

As retirees well know, PGE touches our communities in many ways, including the annual Employee/ Retiree Giving Campaign. Your giving dollars assist hundreds of organizations, whether you choose to help feed hungry families, support medical research or invest in education. PGE matches your qualifying contributions at 50 percent (\$2,000 maximum match per person), which makes your contribution go even further. Retirees have access to the PGE Matching Gift Program all year (see Things to Remember on page 8), but it’s only during the giving campaign that you can submit match request forms on paper and donations through YourCause, PGE’s processing vendor. Additional information and forms will be mailed in mid-September. If you have questions, email Whitney Welsh at [whitney.welsh@pgn.com](mailto:whitney.welsh@pgn.com) or call 503-464-2916.

### Repack Food at the Oregon Food Bank

Help repack food for delivery to families on Sept. 12 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. at the Oregon Food Bank on 7900 NE 33rd Drive in Portland. Sign up in myCommunity.

### Hope Quest with American Cancer Society

Hope Quest is a 24-hour picture video and GPS scavenger hunt that educates participants about the American Cancer Society’s mission in a fun way. Volunteers are needed to help monitor the 24-hour experience and tally team points throughout the event day, Sept. 13 from 5–11 p.m. at 4555 N. Channel Avenue, Portland, OR 97217. Sign up in myCommunity and then email Whitney Welches at [whitney.welches@cancer.org](mailto:whitney.welches@cancer.org).

### AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk

Did you know that Oregon has one of the highest rates of suicide in the nation? Join the PGE Power Walkers in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s walk to raise awareness about suicide prevention. Help give hope to those who struggle on Oct. 5 from 8:30 a.m.–noon at the Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum in Portland. Sign up in myCommunity. For more information about AFSP, go to <https://afsp.org>.

## Volunteering, con't.

### Make Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

These walks raise awareness and funds to save lives from breast cancer. Volunteers are needed to help set up or clean up on Oct. 11 at 4555 N. Channel Avenue between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (shift times vary). Sign up in myCommunity and then email Whitney Welches at [whitney.welches@cancer.org](mailto:whitney.welches@cancer.org).

### Volunteer with SMART and Start Making a Reader Today!

Volunteer for one hour per week beginning in October through mid-May in the SMART programs throughout

the Portland area, Salem, Hillsboro, Forest Grove and McMinnville. Read one on one, be a mentor and help pre-K to third-grade children become confident readers! An average program year consists of 26 one-on-one reading sessions.

Learn more about SMART and how to get involved by calling 971-634-1628, emailing [metro@getsmartoregon.org](mailto:metro@getsmartoregon.org) or going to their website at [www.getsmartoregon.org](http://www.getsmartoregon.org).

## Things to remember

### PGE's Retiree Facebook Group

The PGE Retiree Facebook Group is simply the best way to stay current and connected with other retirees and events. It's a closed group, so even though anyone can see the group and who runs it, **only members can see who's in it and what they post.** To join:

1. **Go to your Facebook page.** If you aren't a member, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), and follow the instructions to join.
2. **Click on Groups** in the menu on the left.
3. Enter **PGE Retirees** in the search bar at the top.
4. **Select the group.**
5. **Click on + Join Group** below the cover photo.
6. **Wait for our Facebook administrators** (and gurus) Dana and Mark Lander to respond.
7. **Congratulations!** You are now a member of the Facebook PGE Retiree Group!

Have questions? Need help? **Contact Mark at [landerm@comcast.net](mailto:landerm@comcast.net).**

If you don't want to be on Facebook, the other best way to find out about retiree events is to **send your email address to Terry Judkins.**

### PGE's Retiree Matching Gift Program

This great program is now available year-round; you don't have to remember dates. The program includes a 50% match for personal contributions up to \$2,000 annually to eligible schools and nonprofits. You can contribute directly to your favorite charity, and then request a match, making your dollars get to the charity more quickly with no third party in the middle. How? You can:

- Pay online at **myCommunity** by credit or debit card, and submit a match request when you submit your online payment.

OR

- **Donate directly** to your charity by check or with a credit or debit card. When you get your confirmation receipt, upload it into myCommunity and request a match.

For more information, call **YourCause** at **866-751-6031** or email [mypgecommunity-support@yourcause.com](mailto:mypgecommunity-support@yourcause.com).

### Have you moved recently? Have a new phone number?

If so, make sure PGE knows so that you and your family (or beneficiaries) don't miss important information. Contact **HR Connect at 503-464-7250** or [HR.Connect@pgn.com](mailto:HR.Connect@pgn.com).

## Things to remember, con't.

### Brighten the day of a retiree!

Barbara Beck, our Sunshine Chair, sends cards to retirees and spouses who aren't feeling well, have suffered a personal loss or have a birthday, anniversary or a special occasion. We don't share names because of privacy concerns, but Barbara still sends them.

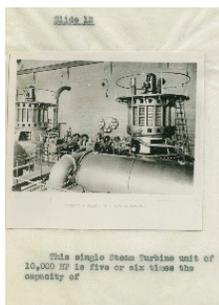
If you would like someone to receive a card, contact **Barbara Beck** at **503-775-9236** or [barbarab4488@gmail.com](mailto:barbarab4488@gmail.com).

## Blast from the past

### PGE's Steam Stations C and E

PGE owned and operated steam generation plants in Portland, Salem, Silverton and Vancouver, Washington, from 1901-1975. Hydro and steam generating plants were originally called "stations" and designated with capital letters (i.e., Station A, Station B, Station L) and substations with small letters (i.e., Substation a, Substation b). However, it became too confusing as more and more stations and substations were built, so the use of letters was discontinued. Steam plants, however, kept their letter designations. Here's a brief summary of two of the first steam stations, Stations C and E.

**Station C** was built in 1901 at Front Avenue and Nicolai Street in Portland near an adequate supply of inexpensive wood waste from nearby mills, including the Eastern & Western Lumber Company. The original generators at Station C were originally in the Station A and Station B hydro plants at Willamette Falls in Oregon City. Operational until July 1907, Station C was dismantled in 1912.



**Station E in 1905** contained the most up-to-date steam equipment available at the time.



**1905 Lewis & Clark Exposition:** Electric lights illuminate the Bridge of Nations and the U.S. Government Building

**Station E** was built in 1905 to serve the extra load and the expected increase in trolley car traffic when the decision was made to feature electric lighting of the buildings and grounds at the 1905 Lewis & Clark Exposition. It was located next to Station C to be close to the supply of wood waste and because it was within reasonable transmission distance to the Lewis & Clark Exposition grounds. Operational until 1930, Station E was finally retired in 1968.

### PGE Retiree Medical Assistance Program

This PGE Retiree program provides financial assistance for out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered by insurance or Medicare to help any qualified retiree or surviving spouse. Requests are handled with strict confidentiality.

For more information, call **Tom Kreis, Medical Assistance Program Chair**, at **503-645-2754**, or **Barbara Beck**, **503-775-9236**.



In 1904 **Station C** contained a 800-kW, 550-V railway service generator, rope-driven by a 1,600-horsepower engine; a 750-kW, 10,000-V, 33-cycle generator, rope-driven by a 1,000-horsepower cross-compound condensing engine; and two marine-type, compound steam engines direct connected to a 400-kW and a 200-kW, 550-V railway generator.