

SDG&E Retiree Times

July 2016

President's Message



"Summertime, and the livin' is easy....." I always have that song in my head when summer begins. I also think back to when I was a kid, waiting for that last day of school, to spend the summer playing with my friends and taking a trip with family. I'm now seeing all that through the eyes of my grandchildren and enjoying spending the summer with them, knowing how fast they are growing up! My advice to all of you for the summer: wear sunscreen; stop to smell the roses; take walks; spend time with your kids and grandkids; tell your significant other that you love them, often; read a good book; hold hands; laugh; watch the Party Conventions, especially the one that you don't think you are going to vote with; watch the Olympics; BBQ; try a new restaurant; visit museums and the Zoo; volunteer; HAVE FUN!!!!!!

And, don't forget to mark your calendar for our Annual Holiday Luncheon on DECEMBER 6!

Your President,
Samm McDonald

Here's what is changing for SDG&E customers this summer

Not only does summertime bring changes to the weather, but soon, SDG&E customers will see a change in how they are billed for electricity. Last year, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a new electric rate structure statewide. For SDG&E customers, this will result in a consolidation of the current 3 tier structure, down to 2 tiers. How these changes may affect a customer's electric bill will depend on their energy use, where they live and whether they are enrolled in a bill discount program like California Alternate Rates for



Energy (CARE). To read more about this statewide rate reform initiative and changes to your SDG&E bill, visit: <http://www.sdge.com/RateReform/>.

Summer Savings

Summer is also a great time to save energy and money! Here are some solutions that can help you save money:

- After June gloom it's fun in the sun! A pool can be cool but don't let it soak you. Find ways to save money. Visit <http://www.sdge.com/> and type "pool pumps" in the search bar.
- Cool your jets. Just go to SDGE's Marketplace for pool pump rebates worth \$200: marketplace.sdge.com
- Tune up your AC now so you can be a cool cat all summer long. Check out SDGE's AC Quality Care Program. Visit <http://www.sdge.com/> and type "AC quality care" in the search bar.
- Fun in the summertime doesn't have to mean higher energy bills. Let us help you save this summer. Visit <http://www.sdge.com/summer>.
- Hot tip! You can't turn back time, but you can turn back your thermostat 7-10 degrees for 8 hours per day and save up to 10% a year!

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	Frank Marsman-Feb
Betty Beckett-May	David L Nickler-Feb
Wally Dibb-May	Edward D Peralto-Mar
Robert W Fox-Feb	David F Persing-Apr
David E Hopkins-Mar	Riley E Ramsey-Feb
Vernon H Jenson-Apr	James F Russell-Apr
John Gus Lekos-Jan	Louis Albert Smith-May
John Lutes-Apr	Martha Smith
	Lynn Marie Timony-Jan

Retired in 2016

Margy Alberto-Jul	Mike Iammarino-Feb
Jeff Alexander-Jul	Ruben Jaramillo-Jul

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Alumni Interviews

These are the eleventh and twelfth 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.

Vicki Zeiger

Vicki Zeiger and I worked together at SDG&E for many years. I recently interviewed Vicki for this article.
By Samm McDonald



Vicki began working for SDG&E in 1968 in the El Cajon District Office as a General Clerk B. After about a year, Vicki called Bob Ball, then Call Center Manager to see about a transfer to the Call Center. Very shortly after that call, Vicki began working as a Call Center Representative, where, over the course of time,

Vicki took on many assignments including occasional cashier, Traveling Rep, Task Force participation on the project to move from the paper system to a computer supported one and Customer Service Supervisor. In 1976, Vicki moved to Human Resources. She started as an Employment Rep which was followed by assignments in all of the areas of HR until she was named Vice President of Human Resources for SoCalGas and SDG&E after the merger. About a year before her retirement, the utilities

separated the Human Resources function and Vicki retired as Vice President-Human Resources for SDG&E.

In 1984 Vicki met Carl (who was a widower at the time with 5 year old twins, Lauren and Philip) and they were married in 1987. Philip was married this summer and lives with his new wife, Kristen, in Aliso Viejo. Lauren works in Silicon Valley and lives in San Francisco. Before Vicki retired in 2011, she admits she felt anxious about the idea of leaving SDG&E. She says her life had always been very structured and that she was used to working a demanding schedule. She was concerned that she would be bored and/or feel she had lost her sense of purpose. Three years before her retirement date, Carl suggested that she do some serious thinking and planning about what she was going to do. While it seemed to Vicki that everyone else was so looking forward to their retirement, she had her misgivings.

Once the "R" date was upon her, Vicki got right to implementing her retirement plan which included a regular Pilates class at 7:00 AM most mornings, which continues today after 5 years. "When I was working and raising our family, I never made time for exercise." Once the Pilates habit was formed, Vicki took on other physical activities like spinning, running and biking. Vicki hopes to run in her first half marathon in May.

Vicki and Carl traveled quite extensively while they were working and travel continues to be part of their lives. They will be traveling to Detroit for the Motown Car Show; to Machu Picchu in March; and in April, to Florida.

Vicki and Carl also got the theatre bug. Vicki is the newly elected Board Chair of the Old Globe Theatre and rarely misses a performance there. It's thrilling to get to know the performers, staff and exceptional Artistic and Business Directors. She has been able to call upon many of the things she learned at our Company to apply as a Board member. "The things I enjoy most are the exceptional shows." Vicki says. The Old Globe is the 6th largest regional theatre in the country and has had numerous shows go to Broadway, including the Steve Martin musical, Bright Star, which will be appearing in NYC in March, 2016. Steve will be launching a new show at The Old Globe later this year called Meteor Shower. The Old Globe has introduced a new program to take plays out into the community, including military bases, Senior Citizen Centers and homeless shelters, so that people who don't have the opportunity to buy tickets to see a play can experience one. "I realize better now that arts and culture is important to a robust, thriving city." Vicki said. She also talked about the exposure we received as employees of giving back to our community and to those

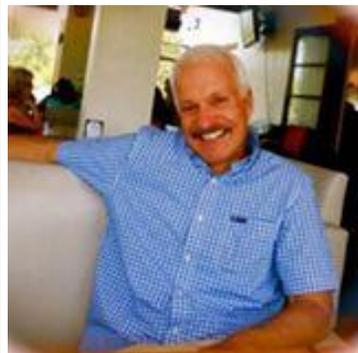
in need. Vicki and Carl, along with a handful of friends, put money together to launch a program for underserved kids in the Escondido, Vista, San Marcos areas. The after-school program, which is free to participating kids, is called A Step Beyond. Basically, this is a 501(c) (3) after school program to support underserved kids by combining dance, academic tutoring and direction, and family services and counseling. “The idea is to have kids start with us in the 3rd grade and stay with our program all through high school with the ultimate goal to prepare them each for college or a vocational school.” Again, Vicki thinks her job at SDG&E helped her believe that with additional support, kids could prepare themselves for the best future possible. SDG&E and other companies and individuals have provided on-going financial support and SDG&E also helped support their summer program to build reading and math skills. The teachers and principals say they have seen a remarkable improvement in student performance and attitudes and have been extremely supportive and positive about the program. Enrollment has now reached 60 3rd and 4th graders since opening 2 years ago, growing to 300 students at any one time. You can read more about this program at www.ASTEPBEYOND.org or you contact her directly at vzeiger@cox.net.

Vicki is also a Board member of the Classic Car Club of America, which has added fun and travel to their lives. Carl and Vicki both have an interest in Classic Cars and drove their 1941 Cadillac Convertible across country from New York City to San Francisco. Their most recent acquisition is a 1936 Packard 12, Convertible Sedan.

Vicki ended our interview by saying, “Like a lot of people I retired with, I still have a lot to give and want to keep active and have fun and still get things done.” Sounds like Vicki is following her plan.

Jack Keane

By Samm McDonald



Jack Keane began his career with SDG&E on April 23, 1983 where he worked in the Conservation Department; was a Supervisor in Regulatory Affairs; was an Analyst in Conservation and Marketing, Special Projects and System Support Services; a Special

Investigator; and finished his career as a planner with the Eastern Service Order Team. Jack retired in March, 2014.

For the last couple of years, Jack has been working on two books. One is a historical autobiography of the times and music of the period from 1965-1975, and the other is a spiritual journey that explores the ways you can “have more in a have not world.”

Jack is also a trail guide for Mission Trails Regional Park; a volunteer usher at Humphries by the Bay, Old Globe and La Jolla Playhouse; works several times a week with recovering alcoholics and drug addicts; works out at the LA Fitness Center at least 4 times per week; and walks and runs regularly.

He feels that one of the most positive aspects of his retirement is that he is able to assist his son Zach in completing his degree at SDSU in Applied Design and Woodworking and helps his wife, who still works, keep house, cook and clean. He also enjoys spending more time with his dog Toni B. “The best thing about retirement is having the ability to do what I want when I want to do it,” says Jack. Not having the pressure to be at work at seven AM daily and perform within the context of the office environment is an added plus.

Jack’s retirement philosophy is “Live and let live. Live each day to its fullest. Try to perform one act of kindness that is unannounced and unheralded. Be the best and nicest person you can be to everyone you see. I want everyone to say that they feel a little bit better after having seen me and having been with me.”

He fondly remembers a fashion show that was held in the old electric building. Jack was one of the models and had a Russian outfit complete with a Cossack hat. He even did a Russian Dance as he walked down the runway!

Jack’s son is an accomplished Woodworker and his wife is a fabric artist who has completed a number of quilts and appliques. So, Jack felt he needed an artistic outlet. “I have always wanted to paint but did not like traditional art. Abstract called me. I researched and found a method of painting that allowed me to express myself without the use of brushes.” He creates abstracts using acrylics and water, and music and meditation. “I allow the music and my inner voice guide how I manipulate the paint on the canvas.” He has sold a number of his original artworks and has a shop on Amazon Homemade called GoWiththeFlowArt.

You can see Jack’s works at jackkeaneart.com.

See all prior alumni interviews at <http://sdgealumniassoc.org/id16.html>.

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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 Rites Event Center. Hope to see you there!

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