

February 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you were one of the nearly 350 attendees at our Annual Luncheon on 12/5, you know that a great time was had by all! Held once again at the Scottish Rite Event Center in Mission Valley, our Holiday Hawaiian theme was center stage as we enjoyed a lovely luau-style lunch with all of our favorite sides. Some dressed in Hawaiian shirts; others in their favorite Christmas sweaters. Seeing old friends

was, of course, the highlight of the event as we all tried to catch up on all that has happened since the last time we were together. A special thanks to *Joyce Kelly* for chairing this event and to her committee for all the hard work that went into it. Did you win a prize in the Opportunity Drawing? Many of you did and if you didn't, well there is always next year! And, speaking of next year, our 2018 Annual Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at the Scottish Rite Event Center. Save the Date and we will be reminding you several times as the year moves on.

*Thanks to all of you* who have provided us with your email address; you are the ones who are receiving this edition of *Retiree Times*. Hard copies will only be mailed in April and October going forward. We realize not all of our members have email. If you know of someone who does not have email, printing this out for them will be helpful.

*Is there anyone* out there who would like to get together more often than once a year? Your board wants to hear from you! Give us your ideas and let's see what we can organize! A Day at the Races? A Padres game? A tour of Balboa Park? A trip to the Getty? Please tell us!

*Wishing you a bright, healthy, happy and FUN 2018!*

Your President,  
Samm McDonald



### New year, new look!

Since we are moving to a primarily electronic version of the *Retiree Times*, we are launching a new format, combining the information from the print style newsletter with the e-newsletter.

For current information on activities, events and notices check the SDGE Alumni Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/408831429206094> or SDGE Alumni website <http://sdgealumniassoc.org>

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## RETIREE SPOTLIGHT – LEE HANEY

Lee Haney left SDG&E in 1994 as Senior V.P., Customer Service. Prior to that, he was Senior V.P., Finance and Chief Financial Officer. He worked for SDG&E for 22 years.

Lee and his wife Vicky have seven children and fifteen grandchildren. The oldest grandchild is twenty-one and the youngest is two. They feel like many of us; grandchildren are a joy to be with and they enjoy “baby sitting” them whenever they can, though only four of them live in San Diego.

Vicki & Lee moved to Rockland County, NY in 1994, where Lee began working for Orange & Rockland Utilities in the same position he held at SDG&E as Chief Financial Officer. Vicki completed work on her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Social Work. Lee retired from O&R Utilities after the company was sold to Consolidated Edison of NY and they left NY in 1999 to return to their permanent home in San Diego. Vicki used her degrees to get a job counseling with women who had addiction issues, while Lee remained retired.

In 2000 they both volunteered with “Voices for Children” as court appointed special advocates for foster children, where they served for seven years.

In 2007, Lee found his passion by volunteering as the financial officer for Holy Innocents Children’s Hospital in Uganda with the goal of building a children’s hospital near Mbarara, Uganda. The hospital was built and began accepting children for care in July 2009. In the eight years since opening, more than 34,000 children have been admitted to the hospital and an additional 163,000 children have received medical care at the out-patient clinic.

Since beginning to accept donations in 2007, more than 97.7 cents of every dollar donated has been spent on programs associated with the children of Uganda. Since 2012, all expenses of the hospital have been paid for by the people of Uganda. In addition, all the staff are native Ugandans.

In 2014, the decision was made to build a surgical center next to the hospital. Construction is nearly complete, with only minor modifications still needed. Lee has been the Project Manager using email to manage construction of the Surgical Center. Some large equipment has yet to be installed, e.g. Digital X-Ray and an Autoclave to be used to sterilize the surgical instruments and clothing.

Items still needing to be completed include sidewalks & sidewalk coverings (it rains 40-50 inches a year); staff housing (required by the Ministry of Health); and a water system that includes drilling two wells and installing pumps and tanks.

In June 2017, Lee traveled to Uganda for the first time to see the Hospital and the Surgical Center. Both Vicki and Lee are looking forward to the day when all the hospital project work is completed. The completion of the Housing Project is still a few years away.

To read more about Holy Innocents Children’s Hospital, Uganda, you can visit their website at <http://www.holyinnocentsuganda.com> or their Facebook page. Or, you can contact Lee directly at [rleehaney@yahoo.com](mailto:rleehaney@yahoo.com).

Lee and Vicky’s philosophy is to continue to do good; to continue to find volunteer opportunities; to stay in good physical condition; to enjoy their children and grandchildren; and, to have a fun and fulfilling life.



*Photos of children from the Holy Innocents website*

The Retiree Spotlight feature is a way to see what some of our fellow retirees are up to. If you would like to share your story, or know someone who would be good to feature, contact Samm McDonald.

Calling all retirees! Did you know that we added over 300 new retirees since 2014? That's a whole lot of new alumni to keep in touch with. If you know someone that is a part of this group, make sure they know about the SDG&E Alumni Association. Share this newsletter with them so they can stay informed about activities and alumni news. As mentioned in the *President's Message* we are evaluating additional activities for the association in 2018.

The SDG&E Alumni Association was established in 1942 by Hance H. Cleland as the "SDG&E Old Timers" in order to promote, renew and continue the friendships and fellowships made during employment at San Diego Gas & Electric Company; recall and perpetuate the facts, traditions and memories attaching to the development of the gas and electric industry in San Diego and Orange Counties, California. Today as the SDG&E Alumni Association, a registered non-profit 501(c)(7) organization, we remain committed to the original goals and objectives of the founders of the original organization so many years ago.

## 2017 ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

A great time was had by all at the annual luncheon as evidenced by some of the pictures below! If you have photos from the event and want to share them, post them on our Facebook page. For more pictures visit

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/408831429206094/>



## MODERN MARVEL: THE BRAINS BEHIND RELIABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY

Just like your smart phone, your power grid is a modern marvel—thanks to the development of advanced software that allows the electric system to operate more efficiently and more reliably, as more renewable energy comes online.

At SDG&E, we are pioneering a little-known and invisible piece of technology called a Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS). It's the brains behind our efforts to build a smarter power grid. DERMS is the software that makes technologies like microgrids, battery storage, fuel cells and solar work together to reliably bring more clean energy to our customers.

Today, 43 percent of the energy we deliver to our customers comes from renewable energy and that number is growing. The amount of clean energy we are providing is among the highest in California and the United States. Nationwide, an average of 8 percent of the energy delivered to customers comes from renewable resources.

One challenge as more renewable energy, such as wind or solar, is brought into the mix is managing the fluctuations in the amount of power being generated over the course of the day. During those times when the sun is not shining and the wind is not blowing we need a system that can regulate the ups and downs in power generation. This is where DERMS comes in.

We are currently testing the system to remotely operate one of America's largest utility microgrids. Built by SDG&E, [the Borrego Springs Microgrid](#) can independently provide power to the remote desert community, which is susceptible to extended power outages due to extreme weather and other factors. The microgrid is currently connected to two backup generators and onsite battery, and will be fully integrated to a third party-owned 26-megawatt solar farm in the near future.

When the main electrical system is down in Borrego Springs and the microgrid is activated, DERMS looks at what the electric load is and what energy is available at any given time and then optimizes operations on the system. For example, it



can regulate the charging of batteries during the day when solar generation is at its peak and discharge that energy when it is needed at night.

Besides implementing DERMS as part of the microgrid project, we are expanding its use to operate two other energy storage systems, and there are plans to integrate a half a dozen more batteries in the coming year. At SDG&E, we are committed to building a smarter grid to allow for more solar and wind energy to power your home and business, while ensuring reliability.

## SDG&E ALUMNI TRANSITIONS

### 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 - unknown  
Dennis Fitzwater - May  
Fred Flihan - September  
Marion Fujimoto - November  
Raymond W Ganzer - February  
Leo Paul Gersch - August  
James W Hall, Jr - January  
John Hamrick - March  
Jerry Haynes - October  
Lucille Henderson - April  
James E Heskett - July  
Walter Leroy "Red" Hewitt - Sept  
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  
Randall W Meyers - September  
Gilbert J Montoya - September  
Virginia Moore - March  
Geraldine "Jerry" O'Connor - Dec  
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  
Bill Glasco - January  
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  
Cinthy 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  
Girlando "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

Alex Garcia - January  
Robert "Bob" Lauzier - January  
James Moralez - January

For a full list of retired and deceased retirees, see our web archive, <http://sdgealumniassoc.org>  
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.

- Interested in learning more about bees in an up close and personal way? Check out Girl Next Door Honey for tours.  
<http://girlnextdoorhoney.com/product/bee-hive-tour/>
- Love arts? Explore one of the nine Arts Districts San Diego has to offer.  
<https://www.sandiego.org/campaigns/district-arts.aspx>
- Visit a camel dairy – that's right! A unique family farm celebrating animals and humans working together achieving extraordinary things.  
<https://cameldairy.com/>