

# RCLEA REPORT

RETIRED CITY LIGHT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. \* Spring 2016

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

I had a great winter. Even though there was a record amount of precipitation, I did not have to shovel any of it. Whoever is in charge of such conditions, I thank you and my back thanks you. The 2016 edition of the Board of Trustees is already hard at work for your benefit. We seem to be doing okay on planning annual and special events, but as always communications are an ongoing struggle.

You can find new information regularly posted on our website at [www.rclea.net](http://www.rclea.net) thanks to our web-master, Anne Ducey. We are working to improve our email notifications. We are implementing a new program to manage the email list. We need your help in this effort. If you have not sent us your e-mail address or have changed your address or provider, please let us know. You can now

subscribe to the newsletter via email by hitting the SUSCRIBE button on the website and filling out the response form, or by contacting a Board member directly. (RCLEA will NOT share your email address with any other businesses or associations.)

The quarterly newsletter is the cornerstone of our communications. Mary Winslow is our current newsletter editor. Mary is doing a great job of gathering content and coordinating with the publisher. We have less control at the publishing end when budget and desires do not match. The board is working hard to maintain the quality of this publication and hope you enjoy this latest edition.

I hope to see you all at the Spring Luncheon on May 3rd at the Nile Country Club.

Jack Kelley, RCLEA President

### **SKI TRIP TO STEVENS PASS**

As you can see in the photo, there was abundant snow at Stevens Pass for this year's spring ski trip. This event is usually scheduled for early March each year. Thanks to Mike Knutson for coming up with this and several other interesting outings for our members throughout the year. Please check Upcoming Events for more activities that Mike has put together to get us all out and about.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## **RCLEA SPRING HIKE**

RCLEA is planning its annual day hike up Blanchard Mountain located on Chuckanut Drive on **Friday, May 6**. This is a great year round hike with sweeping views of Chuckanut Bay, the Skagit Valley and the San Juan Islands. This moderate level hike is 5 miles round trip. After the hike we plan to drive to The Edison Café located in Bow-Edison for lunch. If you'd like to join us, please contact Mike Knutson at mwknutson@gmail.com, or call (206) 522-5073 for details and carpool information.

## **SECOND CALL FOR THE SKAGITEERS REUNION**

This year's reunion will be on **Saturday, May 7, at 11:30 a.m.** The place once again is the **Royal Star Buffet in Mount Vernon, 2300 Freeway Drive**, on the west side of I-5. If you have any questions, you can contact Nancy Chase Bluhm at nkbluhmer@comcast.net or (425) 334-2499.

## **RCLEA BIKE RIDE TO THE REDHOOK BREWERY IN WOODINVILLE**

RCLEA is planning another bike trip to the Redhook Brewery in Woodinville on **Wednesday, June 22**. This event is a favorite every summer, and so let's do it again. We will meet at Magnusson Park at 10:30 a.m. and have lunch at the brewery's Forecasters Pub when we get there. Please contact Mike Knutson at mwknutson@gmail.com or call (206) 522-5073 if you are interested.

## **RCLEA ANNUAL PICNIC**

The annual RCLEA picnic will be on **July 20** at our usual spot in Lincoln Park. More information on menu, cost, and registration will be in the Summer Newsletter.

## **RCLEA HIKE TO LAKE 22**

We are planning a hike on **Monday, July 27** to Lake 22, located near Granite Falls/Mount Pilchuck area. We will meet and carpool at 9:30 a.m. We will lunch at the lake and will return to Seattle by mid-afternoon. This is a moderate hike and very beautiful. If interested in this hike, please contact Mike Knutson mwknutson@gmail.com or call (206) 522-5073 for details and carpool information.

## **ATTENTION SEATTLE-AREA GOLFERS**

The City Light golf league is made up of current and retired City Light employees and their families and friends. We are a casual traveling group; we don't have any official competitions, and we play a different course every week (mostly Saturdays, some Mondays, plus a three-day trip once a month). If you would like to join us, a little or a lot, contact Paula Rose at (206) 938-0104 or paula-rose@comcast.net. Make plans to join us for the RCLEA Golf Tournament in **August**. We expect to be playing again at Foster Golf Links in Tukwila. Watch for details in the Summer Newsletter.

## **CATCHING UP WITH OLD FRIENDS**

**South Line Crews & Friends Breakfast:** First Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at Denny's, 14821 First Ave. S. Call Arnie Schroeder at (206) 824-1747 for more information.

**Retired Range Service Employees Lunch:** Second Wednesday at 12:00 noon at the Blue Star Restaurant, 4512 Stone Way N., Seattle.

**North Line Crews & Friends Breakfast:** First Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Shay's Restaurant, 15744 Aurora Ave. N., near 160th on the east side of Aurora. Call Bud Eickstadt at (206) 362-8336 for information.

## **NEW RETIREES**

Peter Barton, James Dickinson, Kenneth Grohs, Barry Kaiser, Patrick Modrell, Blot Rmah

## **IN MEMORY**

Byron L. Burns, Kent B. Jansen, Ralph A. Jenkins, Allen L. Meyer

## **SPRING LUNCHEON 2016**

Celebrate the coming of spring by enjoying a delicious lunch with your retired colleagues. This year the Spring Luncheon will take place on **Tuesday, May 3**, once again at the **Nile Golf & Country Club** located on the King County/Snohomish County line. From I-5, take the Edmonds/Kingston Ferry exit to 6601 – 244th St., Mountlake Terrace, WA. **Please mail the attached reservation form and your check made out to RCLEA no later than Wednesday, April 27.**

### ***The luncheon buffet menu (subject to change) includes:***

Poached Salmon with Sliced Baguettes & Tarragon Aioli  
Herb Roasted Chicken with Pineapple Mango Salsa  
Wild Rice Pilaf  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Balsamic Garden Salad with Tomato and Cucumber  
Marinated Mushrooms and Artichoke Hearts with Spinach & Feta Cheese  
Rotini Pasta Salad with Grilled Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Red Onion, Peppers and Olives  
Fresh Fruit Salad  
Coffee, Decaf and Hot Tea

**Happy Hour at 11 a.m., Lunch at Noon, Price per Person: \$20**

## **RCLEA SPRING LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM**

**Please mail this reservation form and your check no later than Wednesday, April 27 to:  
RCLEA, P.O. Box 27204, Seattle, WA 98165-1604**

If you have any questions, please call **Carol Everson at (206) 878-1712**

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$20 each for the RCLEA Spring Luncheon. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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You can now authorize your annual dues deduction from your retirement allowance from our website [www.rclea.net](http://www.rclea.net), as well as subscribe to RCLEA newsletter delivery to your email address. On the website, you can also see notices of upcoming events, past newsletters, board meeting minutes, event photos, and more. We'd love any input; contact Anne Ducey at [ducois@gmail.com](mailto:ducois@gmail.com).

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