

# RCLEA REPORT

RETIRED CITY LIGHT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. \* Summer, 2017

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

It has been a long winter! It has been a long wet winter! I recently went for a pedicure, and the technician said she would have to charge extra to remove the webs from between my toes. I have missed spring and really looking forward to summer and the RCLEA picnic. (Check the picnic and registration information in this newsletter.)

The fall newsletter mentioned the board was looking for a better site for our annual picnic. We had concerns about the shelter we had been using. The ground was very uneven and the restrooms were up a steep hill via a dirt path. After searching for a new location we decided to stay at Lincoln Park but opted for a different shelter. This year we will be at Shelter #3. It has level ground, and the restrooms are adjacent to the picnic area. The site is really nice but there are a few things you will want to be aware of if you are joining us. It is at the beach, and depending on the weather, it could be a little windier. There is less shade, and

you will want to have sun protection. Being at the beach, it is downhill from the parking lot; not a problem for most. Being at the beach, it is uphill when returning to your car; could be something of a concern.

There is a disabled-only parking lot at beach level. It is limited to four vehicles, but it could be used for drop off and pick up. There is a one-lane driveway accessible from the south end of the south parking lot. The board is planning to shuttle people back up the hill as necessary. I am sure the logistics of getting to and from the beach can be worked out, and the new venue will be well worth any extra effort. Look for the RCLEA signs and call (206) 909-7805 or (206) 948-8694 if you are having problems locating us.

Hope to see you there.

Jack Kelley, RCLEA President

### **2017 RCLEA SPRING LUNCHEON**

On Tuesday, May 9, nearly 90 retired City Light employees and their guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and a chance to meet with former colleagues at the annual RCLEA Spring Luncheon. There was a social time from 11:00–12:00 and luncheon and the annual membership meeting from 12:00–1:00. It was a great time for all present. It was great to see a number of people who haven't attended luncheons in the past and to see many people that have become new friends. Who can you identify in the accompanying photos?





Members Enjoyed the Chuckanut Hike and the Bike Ride to the Redhook Brewery. Once again this year, members enjoyed the annual spring day-hike to scenic Chuckanut Drive. This year the group hiked to the Oyster Dome. Bob Pahlman, John Carlin, Mike and Karen Knutson, Dee Smiley, and Ed Kefgen enjoyed the sweeping views of Bellingham, Samish Bay, Georgia Strait, Skagit Valley, the North Cascades, the Olympic Mountains and the San Juan Islands. This year's bike ride to Redhook might be the last to this destination; the brewery is shutting down and the fate of the Forecasters Pub is not yet known. In any case, these members and guests enjoyed lunch at the pub after this spring's annual ride to Woodinville: Jeff and Jana High, Paula Rose, Ed Kopp, Tom Waite, Bob Pahlman, Mike Knutson, Sally Clapp, Kathy and Ted Elmer.

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FESTIVE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

The Holiday Luncheon will, once again, be at the Nile Golf and Country Club right off I-5 on the Snohomish/King County Line. This is our best-attended event of the year. We know that calendars get busy at holiday time, so reserve this day now. More details to follow in our fall newsletter.

### **BIKE & HIKE WITH MIKE & GET OUT ON THE LINKS**

**BIKE RIDE TO GOLDEN GARDENS PARK**  
Mike Knutson is organizing a bike ride from Magnusson Park to Golden Gardens Park on Tuesday, June 20. Riders will meet at Magnusson Park at 10:30 a.m., and then ride their bikes to Golden Gardens and have lunch at either Ray's Boathouse or The Lockspot Tavern. If interested, please contact Mike by email at [mwknutson@gmail.com](mailto:mwknutson@gmail.com) or call him at (206) 272-0953 for details and carpool information.

**SUMMER HIKE TO LAKE 22**  
Mike is also planning a hike on Wednesday, July 26 to Lake 22, located near Granite Falls/Mount Pilchuck area. Hikers will meet and carpool at 9:30 a.m. They will lunch at the lake and return to Seattle by mid-afternoon. This is a moderate hike and very beautiful. If interested in this hike, please contact Mike at [mwknutson@gmail.com](mailto:mwknutson@gmail.com) or call (206) 272-0953 for details and carpool information.

**CITY LIGHT GOLF LEAGUE**  
Any golfers who would like to join the City Light Golf League can contact Paula Rose at [paula-rose@comcast.net](mailto:paula-rose@comcast.net) for information about weekly dates at the various courses where the league plays. There are also opportunities to travel with the group throughout the summer and into the fall. Reminder: There will be no RCLEA golf tournament this year for lack of an organizer.

### **NEW RETIREES**

Shanna Crutchfield, Franklin Dominguez, David Fishman, Vike Hager, Roy Johnson, Kunio Kase, Lyle Maichel, Irving Ogi, Joanne Thompson

### **IN MEMORY**

Michael R. Atwood, Paul T. Rudd, Donald J. Wakenight

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You can now decline delivery of a paper copy of the RCLEA newsletter when you subscribe to newsletter delivery to your email address. Just go to [www.rclea.net](http://www.rclea.net) and click on the SUBSCRIBE button. Fill in all the required information and indicate whether or not you wish to continue to receive a paper copy in the mail. If you have already subscribed to email delivery of the newsletter, follow the same procedure and indicate that you do not want a paper copy mailed to you. Thanks to all of you who have already selected the option of email delivery only.

Also on our website, you can view notices of upcoming events, past newsletters, Board meeting minutes, event photos, and more. We welcome your input; you may contact Anne Ducey at [ducois@gmail.com](mailto:ducois@gmail.com).

## **2017 ANNUAL PICNIC AT NEW LOCATION IN LINCOLN PARK**

The annual RCLEA picnic will be held at Lincoln Park on Tuesday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m. with lunch at noon. Lincoln Park is at 8011 Fauntleroy Way S.W. in West Seattle, about four blocks north of the Fauntleroy ferry dock. The entrance to this site is near the 8600 block of Fauntleroy Way S.W. at S.W. Cloverdale Street. Park in the south lot or in the ample main lot three blocks north on Fauntleroy Way. Metro RapidRide C Line stops near the park.

We will be at a new location this year--Shelter #3. The picnic area is on the beach, located on flat and level ground, adjacent to paved walkways and near restrooms. There is a four-space "disabled only parking lot" at beach level. The entrance to this lot is via a one-lane driveway accessible from the south end of the south parking lot. There is a walkway near the north end of the south parking lot. Watch for the RCLEA signs, take the first pathway to the left and head to the beach. The committee plans to offer shuttle service back up the hill. If you need assistance once you reach the park, please call (206) 909-7805 or (206) 948-8694.

- Date: Tuesday, July 11
- Time: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with lunch at noon
- Place: Shelter #3 at Lincoln Park in West Seattle
- Cost: Still only \$10 per person
- Menu: Baked chicken and hot dogs, with all the trimmings

If you have any questions, please call Gary Moore at (206) 932-6994, or contact any RCLEA Board member.

To make your reservations, complete and mail the picnic form below before Monday, July 3, to RCLEA, P.O. Box 27204, Seattle, WA 98165-1604. Or register online at [www.rclea.net](http://www.rclea.net).



## **SUMMER PICNIC RESERVATION FORM**

Member Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to RCLEA. Checks must be received by Monday, July 3.

Mail to: RCLEA Picnic, P.O. Box 27204, Seattle, WA 98165-1604



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### **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 Jack Carlson at (206) 790-5022 for more information.

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.

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

### **2017 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Caroline Dethloff, Frank dos Remedios, Dix Fulton, Mike Knutson, Bill Kolden, Gary Moore, Tony Raimondi and Mary Winslow

### **WRITING TO RCLEA?**

Address: RCLEA, P.O. Box 27204,  
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**Questions about Retirement Benefits?** 1 (877) 865-0079