

RCLEA REPORT

RETIRED CITY LIGHT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. * Winter 2016

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Many of you who are reading this did not receive our last newsletter. (A copy of this and other newsletters can be found on our website www.rclea.net.) You might have even thought RCLEA was cutting back on or stopping the newsletter. That is not the case. We had a problem merging the city's retirement list with the RCLEA membership list. The result was that our "query" for the mailing list to be sent to the newsletter publisher came up short. I think we are back on track now. We still plan on our normal quarterly publications.

Our holiday luncheon was held on December 8 at the Nile Country Club. We were concerned that we

might get a small turnout because of the short mailing list for the newsletter. We sent out email notifications about the mailing error and asked people to pass the luncheon information to those they knew normally attended. Our efforts to contact those interested in attending must have worked. We had 133 members and guests at the luncheon. This turnout was above average. You can find photos from the luncheon posted on our website at www.rclea.net.

I want to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2016! I hope to see you at our next function.

Jack Kelley, RCLEA President



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

It was good to see so many members reconnect with friends and colleagues as they enjoyed traditional holiday fare at the annual Holiday Luncheon, which is held every December. Some lucky members took home centerpieces created by Alice Ekman, with the luckiest also receiving a gift card. Thanks to Ed Kopp for taking photos of the festivities. Who do you recognize? For more photos by Ed, go to www.rclea.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RCLEA SPRING SKIING AT STEVENS PASS

RCLEA is planning the annual day of spring skiing at Stevens Pass on Wednesday, March 2. If you are interested, please contact Mike Knutson at mwknutson@gmail.com or call (206) 522-5073 for details and carpool information. (Note: skiing can be a dangerous sport and RCLEA is not responsible for any type of injury while skiing at Stevens Pass.)

RCLEA SPRING HIKE

RCLEA is planning the annual day hike up Blanchard Mountain located on Chuckanut Drive Friday, May 6. This is a great year-round hike with sweeping views of Chuckanut Bay, Skagit Valley and the San Juan Islands. This moderate level hike is five miles round trip. After

the hike we plan to drive to The Edison Café located in Bow-Edison for lunch. If interested, please contact Mike Knutson at mwknutson@gmail.com or call (206) 522-5073 for details and carpool information.

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 Dr., on the west side of I-5. There are many choices of good things to eat, including a Hot Iron Grill where you choose the ingredients and they cook them up. This popular event routinely attracts more than 100 attendees. If you have any questions, you can contact Nancy Chase Bluhm at nkbluhmer@comcast.net or (425) 334-2499.

2015 RCLEA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Assets, Jan. 1, 2015: \$9,353.08

Income:

Spring Luncheon	\$2,080.00
Picnic	\$650.00
Holiday Luncheon	\$2,660.00
Member Dues	\$3,102.00
Interest Income	\$8.92
Donations, Miscellaneous	\$32.00

Total Income \$8,532.92

Expenses:

Spring Luncheon	\$3,033.73
Picnic	\$486.55
Golf Tournament	\$80.00
Holiday Luncheon	\$3,883.80
Board Appreciation Lunch	\$364.97
P.O. Box Rent	\$144.00
Administration Costs, Supplies	\$142.84

Total Expenses \$8,135.89

Ending Assets, Dec. 31, 2015 \$9,750.11

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Smiley, Treasurer

CATCHING UP WITH OLD FRIENDS

South Line Crews & Friends Breakfast: First Tuesday at 9 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 noon at the Blue Star Restaurant, 4512 Stone Way N., Seattle.

North Line Crews & Friends Breakfast: First Thursday at 8 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Luncheon on May 3, 2016 at the Nile Golf & Country Club, Mountlake Terrace.

NEW RETIREES

Michael Atwood, Robert Blouch, Norward Brooks, Jr., Jorge Carrasco, Max Castillo, Dimne Cote, Mary Pat Dileva, Andre Do, Patrick Gallagher, Daniel Gilmore, Larry Handley, Judy Helton, James Hill, Merrilee Komboukos, Albert Koskie, George Lopez, Frederic Morris, Walter Protis, Gerald Raitzer, Carolyn Rose, Janis Seil, Katherine Smith, William Stewart, Ronald Swanson, Steven Thrush, Garrett Voerman, Linda Walton-Sawadogo, Kyle Wilson, Lenny Yap, Robert Youngs Jr.

IN MEMORY

Lorraine Bernhard, Gordon M. Carlson, Charles W. Chambers, Donald Gill, Robert J. Henderson, Kiku Kijima, Alvin B. Lee, Victor Short

VISIT THE RCLEA WEBSITE

Check our website at www.rclea.net to see notices of upcoming events, past newsletters, board meeting minutes, event photos, and more. We'd love your input; contact Anne Ducey at ducois@gmail.com.

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Questions about Retirement Benefits? Call 1 (877) 865-0079



RCLEA MEMBERSHIP

Do you know that surviving spouses and domestic partners of RCLEA members also become members of RCLEA? The Board welcomes these folks to the Association and to all RCLEA events. That said, we have no systematic way to contact surviving spouses and domestic partners to make sure they know they are, in fact, members and are welcome. Please help us get the word out! They need to contact any Board member to verify that they are on our newsletter mailing list. Thank you.

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DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION FORM

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the City of Seattle, City Employees' Retirement System to deduct from my retirement, beneficiary, and/or disability allowance such dues as are duly established from time-to-time by the Retired City Light Employees Association, Inc. Until further written notice by me to the Retirement System Office, such deductions shall be made annually from my February allowance and shall be paid to the Retired City Light Employees Association, Inc.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____