

Seattle City Light
PO BOX 34023
Seattle, WA 98124-4023

Address Service Requested



PRSR STD
US POSTAGE PAID
SEATTLE, WA
PERMIT NO 5130

RCLEA REPORT

RETIRED CITY LIGHT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. * Winter, 2019

WANT TO CUT BACK ON PAPER CLUTTER?

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 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.

Also on our website, you can see 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.

2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President	Jack Kelley	(206) 522-0807
Vice President	Tony Raimondi	(612) 384-4244
Financial Secretary	Anne Ducey	(206) 364-8913
Treasurer	Steve Hagen	(206) 242-5570
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Robb	(206) 919-1069
Recording Secretary	Dana Wheelock	(206) 234-2635

OTHER TRUSTEES:

John Carlin, Carol Everson, Dix Fulton, Stan Krohn, Gary Moore, Maureen O'Neill,
Bob Pahlman, Dee Smiley, Dianne Westergaard

WRITING TO RCLEA?

Address: RCLEA, P.O. Box 27204,
Seattle, WA 98165-1604

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

Published by the Retired City Light Employees Association, Inc.
Editor: Stan Krohn (206) 409-6753

Web page: www.rclea.net
Webmaster: Anne Ducey, ducois@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

I was just checking the obituaries and my name wasn't there. Guess there is no getting out of writing this article. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the chance to touch base with you all. It is just a fact, no matter how well you plan, deadlines really suck.

Here we are in 2019. Hope your holidays were as wonderful as mine. For the first time in my life, even after two Thanksgiving dinners, an RCLEA holiday buffet lunch, a Christmas brunch, a New Year's Eve celebration and all the miscellaneous goodies between, I weigh less than at the start. Maybe wonderful is not the right adjective, how about miraculous!

This year at the RCLEA holiday luncheon, the board tried something a little different. In the past we have used this article to solicit comments on the possibility of delivering the newsletter electronically. The feedback was very limited with nothing definitive. At the luncheon we polled each table for

opinions and advice on the same subject. Most members in attendance thought online newsletters were the way to go but a few still held out for hard copies. No decision has been made by the board at this time. I only bring this up so the participants in the poll will know the results. There may be more about this in future newsletters.

Congratulation Tony Raimondi on your re-election to the board and welcome new members Diane Westergaard, Stan Krohn, Dana Wheelock, and Bob Pahlman. Thank you, exiting board members Frank Dos Remedios, Alice Ekman, Bill Kolden and Caroline Dethloff, for your service. I hope you enjoy your well-deserved rest. You will be missed.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the holiday luncheon and I hope to see you all at the spring luncheon (save the date: Tuesday May 7).

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year,
Jack Kelley, RCLEA President



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

On December 5, over 100 retired City Light Employees and their guests enjoyed another great Holiday Luncheon at the Nile Country Club on the Seattle/Snohomish County border. The banquet room was beautifully decorated for the holidays, and the food was a delicious buffet featuring both turkey and ham plus all the trimmings. It was great to reconnect with old friends and colleagues, see folks dressed in Holiday colors, and toast friendships and the holidays. If you missed this event in 2018, you can still check out the photos on the RCLEA website. We hope to see you at one of our three annual events in 2019; the Spring Luncheon in May, the Picnic in July, and/or the next Holiday Luncheon in December. Once again, thanks to Ed Kopp for taking photos. You can go to www.rclea.net and click on PHOTOS at the top of the page to see even more of the folks who attended this popular event.

BOUNDARY AND MILL CREEK TOURS, OCTOBER 3, 2018

Beautiful country! That was a frequent exclamation from the 13 retired folks on the tour. Chief Operator Dave Rick walked us through the powerhouse, including the control room, governor floor and turbine pit of an off-line unit, then a trek past the transformers for a view of the dam, including sluice gates and spillway with new deflectors intended to reduce dissolved gases during spill. It is reported to cause mist like Snoqualmie Falls at flood and concern was expressed about the impact on the abutments and the spillway itself.

Following the plant tour, Terry Bordon, Manager, led a caravan to the Mill Creek project wherein an old crib dam was removed, draining an 85-acre pond – the Mill Pond – and restoring the creek to its original bed. Jason Dotson, Project Manager, explained that many years ago the area was logged, in preparation for dam construction. Where it was difficult to determine just where the stream originally flowed, the contractor excavated to expose old stumps, searching for those at the lowest elevation, the natural location for the stream. It will be beautiful when complete, to include camping areas and trails, but many locals grieve the loss of the pond, ideal for kayaking and observing a moose come down for a drink.

Removal of the crib dam resulted in a very significant delta at the confluence of Mill Creek and the Pend Oreille River, visible from the highway bridge at Metaline Falls.

In all, an interesting tour of the facilities and wonderful vistas of the surrounding country side showing off autumn colors.



BREAKING BREAD WITH OLD FRIENDS

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.

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.

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

ELECTION OF RCLEA TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

Congratulations to Tony Raimondi who was re-elected to a new three-year term as a Trustee and to new members of the Board of Trustees, Stan Krohn, Bob Pahlman, Dianne Westergaard, and Dana Wheelock who were elected as Trustees for three-year terms at the December Holiday Luncheon. At the January Board meeting, Steve Hagen was elected as Treasurer and Dana Wheelock was elected as Recording Secretary. The other officer position will be elected at the February Board meeting when all the Board members are present.

NEW RETIREES

Welcome to the Good Life! Mark Stewart, Sandra Anderson, Pamela Fowlkes, Gary Legere, Ian Cooper, Debbie Sue Martin, Matthew Hanson, Cornelia Glebe, Lartica Simpkins, Gerald Watson, Jr., John Abraham, Thomas Giles, Aceni Naico, Robert Kephart, Joseph Spallino, John Knight, James Healy, Clifford King, David Rowan, Alan Drager, Nancy Dailey, Edward Dailey, Kenneth Sturgeon, Terry Lovell, and Scott Powell.

IN MEMORY

Our condolences to the Family and Friends of; James Campbell, Judy A. Dodd, Kenneth F. Hanson, Gene Nyland, Robert M. Webb, and Kyle J. Wilson.

RCLEA 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash in bank, Jan. 1, 2018:	\$9,418.05		
<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>	
Mbr Payment, Spring Luncheon	1,822.00	Spring Luncheon	\$2,581.58
Member Payment, Picnic	530.00	Picnic	546.05
Mbr Payment, Holiday Luncheon	2,388.00	Holiday Luncheon	3,694.16
Member Dues	2,928.00	Board Appreciation Lunch	355.53
Interest Income	16.81	Web Page	395.74
Donations, Misc.	229.78	PO Box rent	160.00
Total Income	\$7,914.59	Admin costs, supplies	35.00
		Total Expenses	\$7,768.06

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Smiley, Treasurer

Cash in bank, Dec. 31, 2018: \$9,564.58

RETIRED CITY LIGHT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are \$6 per year. Automatic dues deduction from the February allowance can be initiated by completing the form on our website www.rclea.net or by completing the form below and mailing it to RCLEA, P.O. Box 27204, Seattle, WA 98165-1604. This form only needs to be submitted once. (If you prefer, dues may be paid annually by check or money order payable to Retired City Light Employees Association, Inc. and sent to RCLEA, P.O. Box 27204, Seattle, WA 98165-1604.)



DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION FORM

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the 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 RCLEA, 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 _____