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# **RCLEA** REPORT RETIRED CITY LIGHT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. \* Spring, 2017

I would like to make a case for electronic communication. It is convenient, efficient and cost effective. RCLEA currently sends out notifications, reminders and other information to some of our members. We really want to increase the number we reach via e-mail and add the newsletter to our notifications.

The board is aware not everyone has a computer or smart phone. We understand those members will need to continue to receive their newsletter in the mail. It is the connected members we are trying to reach. RLCEA currently maintains an e-mail list of 400 plus members. With over 1,300 total members, that leaves a lot of room for improvement.

RCLEA has benefited from the support and generosity of others. This includes help with producing and delivering the newsletter. While grateful, the board realizes this assistance does not come with a guarantee. We are fortunate to have the convenience and cost savings of

### SUBSCRIBE TO EMAIL DELIVERY ONLY

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 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.

#### **ANNUAL SKAGITEERS SPRING REUNION**

This year's reunion will be on Saturday, May 6, 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. There is a wide selection of good things to eat at the buffet, including a Hot Iron Grill: You choose the ingredients, and they cook them up. This popular event routinely attracts more than 100 attendees. We look forward to seeing you all again this year. If you have any questions, you can contact Nancy Chase Bluhm at nkbluhmer@comcast.net or (425) 334-2499.

#### **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 noon at the Blue Star Restaurant, 4512 Stone Way N.

#### **2017 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

- electronic delivery available to us. Not only can we reduce our reliance on others but we have the opportunity to increase the quality and quantity of the content in our newsletter.
- If you have an e-mail address and are not on our mailing list, I encourage you to sign up. It is as simple as going to our website at www.rclea.net and clicking on Sign up on the homepage. You should also do this whenever you change your e-mail address. Please remember we do not share your information and use it only for RCLEA business. If we all pay attention and get on board, it will help us to maintain our dues assessment at a modest \$6.00 per year. I know that would make me happy.
  - Another thing that would make me happy is seeing you all at the spring luncheon on May 9. In the meantime, stay happy yourself.
  - Jack Kelley, RCLEA President

#### **RCLEA SPRING HIKE**

RCLEA is planning a day hike on Friday, May 12, to the Oyster Dome, located on scenic Chuckanut Drive. This is a great hike with sweeping views of Bellingham, Samish Bay, Georgia Strait, Skagit Valley, the North Cascades, the Olympic Mountains and the San Juan Islands. This is a moderate-to-strenuous level hike, 6.4 miles round trip, elevation gain: 150 – 2,000 feet. We could either plan to drive to Fairhaven for lunch after hiking or pack a lunch to eat when we arrive at the Oyster Dome. If interested, please contact Mike Knutson at mwknutson@gmail.com or call (206) 272-0953 for details and carpool information.

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

RCLEA is planning another bike trip to the Redhook Brewery in Woodinville on Wednesday, May 24. 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 (mwknutson@gmail.com) or call (206) 522-5073 if you are interested.

#### **RCLEA BIKE RIDE TO GOLDEN GARDENS PARK**

RCLEA is planning a bike ride from Magnusson Park to Golden Gardens Park on Tuesday, June 20. We will plan to meet at Magnusson Park at 10:30 a.m., and then ride our bikes to Golden Gardens and have lunch at either Ray's Boathouse or The Lockspot Tavern. If interested, please contact Mike Knutson by e-mail at mwknutson@gmail.com or call him at (206) 272-0953 for details and carpool information.

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

The annual RCLEA picnic will be on Tuesday, July 11, in Lincoln Park. Thanks to Gary Moore and Paula Rose for scouting out sites that might be easier to get to. In the end, we settled on a new location in Lincoln Park. This new location is closer to the water, and it can be reached by traversing level ground from a parking lot for those with disability passes, or those who are

dropped off at that lot. More information on menu, cost, and registration will be in the Summer Newsletter.

#### **RCLEA HIKE TO LAKE 22**

We are planning a hike on Wednesday, July 26th 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.

#### JOIN THE CITY LIGHT GOLF LEAGUE

An opportunity awaits current and retired City Light employees and friends to get out there and hit some balls! The City Light Golf League is already underway, having started up on March 18th. There are weekly dates at different courses, as well as opportunities to travel with the group through the fall. Please contact Paula Rose at paula-rose@comcast.net for more information. There will be no RCLEA golf tournament this year unless someone out there would like to be the organizer. If so, please contact Paula Rose at paula-rose@comcast.net. Many thanks to Al Yamagiwa for organizing this event which was enjoyed by so many members for so many years.

#### **NEW RETIREES**

Samuel Alvarez III, Gary Carver, Robert Hansen, Kathleen Johnsen, John Likes Sr, Ward MacKenzie, Michael Mackey, Bruce Matthias, Jose Presas Jr. Bruce Raymond, Craia Reid, Vern Teuscher

#### **IN MEMORY**

Timothy W Akers, Robert A Bonzon, James A Bryan, Iris Clay, James C Daniel, Charles E Gordon, James S Graham, Gerd Jerochim, Stephen H Kotts, Eric Lamers, Ralph Lieser, Jr., Louise R McClellan, Houston T Mcintosh, Kevin W Marshall, Warren J Nelson, Evangeline D Razon, William C Shanafelt, James C Sheppard, Robert W Thompson, Alton Thostenson, Arlie W White, Norman H Zenk

#### **SPRING LUNCHEON**

#### Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Spring is here again. You can feel it in the air. It is lighter longer, and days are getting warmer. Things are greening up and starting to grow. Nature is renewing itself, and here is your chance to join right in. After the past winter, you deserve a break. So, why not call your City Light friends and arrange to meet at the annual RCLEA Spring Luncheon?

Make your reservations and plan to join us at the RCLEA Spring Luncheon and General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th. The price per person is still only \$20.00. You can complete and mail in the form below or register at the RCLEA website: www.rclea.net. Either way, be sure to send a check made out to RCLEA to RCLEA, P.O. Box 27204, Seattle WA 98165-1604, no later than Wednesday, May 3. You will have the opportunity to renew friendships and visit with old acquaintances. Perhaps you will also meet some new interesting people.

The Buffet Lunch includes: Herb Seasoned Chicken with Pineapple Mango Salsa • Fresh NW Salmon with Lemon Thyme Butter • Wild Rice Pilaf with Cranberries • Seasonal Sautéed Vegetables • Warm Artisan Dinner Rolls with Butter • Balsamic Garden Salad with Tomato and Cucumbers • Greek Salad • Rotini Pasta Salad with Roasted Vegetables • Fresh Fruit and Berries Display • Assorted Chef's Choice Desserts • Ice Tea with Lemon, Gourmet Coffee, Decaf and Herbal Tea.

When: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 No-Host Cocktail Hour: 11:00 a.m. Lunch: Noon Where: Nile Golf & Country Club, 6601, 244th St. S.W., Mountlake Terrace, WA. Located on the King County/Snohomish County line. From I-5, take the Edmonds/Kingston Ferry Exit.

Please fill out the reservation form below or register on-line at RCLEA.net. Then mail your form and/or your payment so that we receive it no later than Wednesday, May 3.

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Please mail this reservation form (unless you registered at www.rclea.net) and your check no later than Wednesday, May 3 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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