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## OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Masterjohn

I would like to start out by thanking Lou Walter for hosting the July Executive Board meeting at the Local 77 IBEW hall. The lunch was terrific!

At the meeting, Lou answered questions from Board members and explained facets of the proposed Cash Balance Pension Plan. As far as we know, there have been no decisions made in negotiations on this issue.

With the City on the hook to continue to fund our current Pension Plan, even if the unions agree with the City's proposal, it should not affect members of the current plan.

I had my monthly meeting with Ken Nakatsu on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, and the good news is the Pension Board extended him for up to another year. The Board began the process to search for a permanent executive director and met with a recruiter in late July.

The Board also approved the selection of Vitech as a vendor to install a new pension administration system. Once they start, it will take about 3 years to tailor the software and install it. SCERS hopes to have data converted, paper records scanned, and an electronic content management system (ECM) available in about a year. The new system will enable far more accurate, expedient, and greater amounts of information for members.

Ken has assured us that the current system is in great shape, so that is more good news.

I hope you all had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and you got through the heat wave we are having as I write this in mid-July. My wife Karen and I decided to take out the grass in our front yard this spring, so we got new plants and shrubs just as the drought hit. Who would have thought we'd have no rain for most of May, all of June, and July in Seattle? Our grandson's wedding was Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Gasworks Park and they originally predicted rain! Our water bill is out of sight. Well, I had better get to watering.

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## YOUR PENSION NEWS

By Lou Walter, Retired Employee,  
Member of the Seattle City  
Employees' Retirement System



### Enjoying the Dog Days of Summer

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer so far. I know many of you have been traveling and may have suffered with this unprecedented heat. The final holiday weekend of the summer is upon us and represents a time to celebrate with family and friends. Labor Day has always had a special meaning to me. Many of you know that I've been a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for over 48 years, and now I've had the privilege of being elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary of IBEW Local 77. But, many of you may not know that my father, Louis J. Walter, was Financial Secretary of the Cook's Union in Detroit, Michigan. So, Labor Day has always had a special meaning to me and my family. I hope that we all take a moment to celebrate the holiday, remembering the benefits the American Labor Movement has given to the American worker over the years.

Your Board of Administrators and SCERS Staff have been busy working on the SCERS Asset Liability Allocation. The importance of the allocation study implementation is to improve the returns and reduce the risk. The Board is also currently considering Private Debt, continuing the conversation on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) investing that would incorporate environmental, social and corporate governance factors within the investment process, and many other investment challenges to improve the overall performance of the fund.

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The SCERS Funding Ratio has been hovering at around 70%. Again, the Board's responsibility is to improve the investment performance without increasing the risk. The current market performance forecast for the next 5 to 7 years is considered a low return and volatile investment performance period. This kind of assessment will make it more difficult for SCERS to improve returns on the portfolio.

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Even with that forecasting, I know that the Board of Administrators and SCERS Staff are dedicated to improving investment returns and implementing decisions that will continue to strengthen your pension system.

It is noted, by this Board member, that the City of Seattle has always met its duty to fully fund our pension plan. We may not always agree on many things, but the City has always made the Actuarially Required Contribution rate that funds our system in order to meet the promise of earned benefits to its active and retired members.



## It's Your Life

By Veronica Baca

### Are Your Ancestors Affecting Your Relationships Today?

Most of us learned a lot about how to relate to others from our parents. Subconscious observation along with mimicking behaviors is one of the primary ways this happens. Like the joke goes: "Sometimes I open my mouth and my mother comes out!"

My own daughter-in-law told me today, "Having anxiety and stress is inherited because it helped our ancestors survive. Now it's killing me!"

Many behaviors that were appropriate over the past couple of hundred years—that helped with survival then—are totally unnecessary in our lives today. So the question then arises, how do we allow our conscious choices to supersede our rote behaviors?

It's a five step process:

1. Awareness - noticing the patterns.
2. Breathing - breathing stops the moment and allows it to be.
3. Owning - asking what's my part in the dynamic.
4. Knowing - that your power is in the moment, now; the power of choice.
5. Action - following through with your conscious choice in the form of even a small action.

Moving from subconscious behaviors to more conscious choices is a powerful life skill that we can all evolve with. And ultimately, doing this helps to allow our offspring, grandchildren, and future generations to have more freedom to do the same.

*Veronica Baca retired from SPU in August, 2013 and has become a Life Coach. You may contact her at [veronicabaca75@gmail.com](mailto:veronicabaca75@gmail.com)*



Your Family Tree

## A Note from the New Financial Secretary

Hello everyone, my name is Victoria Troisi and I'm the new financial secretary for ARSCE. I am still a current employee of the City (SDOT), so I am not available during the day to answer calls. I will be retired by June of 2016. I am still learning the ins and outs of this position. I ask that you bear with me as I get through all of this, and if you find that some information is incorrect or that your call has not been answered, I want to assure you that I am working on it and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, I appreciate it. You can contact me via email or phone: [financialsecretary@arsce.org](mailto:financialsecretary@arsce.org) or 206-992-7311.

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## The Film Guy

Some Favorites on DVD  
By Jim Mohundro



### The Detectives: It's a Mystery to Me

Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler created the archetypal fictional private detectives of the '30s, '40s and '50s—Sam Spade and Philip Marlowe. Chandler, discussing detective fiction in an introduction to his 1944 essay, “The Simple Art of Murder,” wrote “There are those who read it only when they are tired or sick, and, from the number of mystery novels they consume, they must be tired and sick most of the time.” The same goes for mystery stories on stage, radio, television and film. Whether the detective is a private investigator with a blonde and a bottle in his desk drawer (maybe even the same drawer); a pregnant police chief in Brainerd, Minnesota; or a *dilettante* for whom solution of crimes is a hobby and evening dress not optional (e.g., Lord Peter Wimsey or Philo Vance), the popularity of these stories continues.

The intellectual Clifton Fadiman included many classics—if classics are works that have stood the test of time—in his *Lifetime Reading Plan*, but Fadiman did not recognize extraordinarily widely-read *genre* fiction like that of the adventures of Conan Doyle’s “consulting detective,” who still seems quite real and alive, and receives mail in London today. It’s elementary, my dear Watson, that we will start with.



Sherlock Holmes has been portrayed on stage, film and television by William Gillette, John Barrymore, Peter Cushing, Robert Downey, Jr., Benedict Cumberbatch, Ian McKellen and many others; however, for many, Basil Rathbone is the quintessential Holmes in 1939’s *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, with the inimitable Nigel Bruce here as Holmes’ dogged companion Doctor Watson and in thirteen popular and successful films thereafter (80 minutes).

Earl Derr Biggers’ Charlie Chan, based on real-life Honolulu cop Chang Apana, but played by Swedish-born Warner Oland, is assisted by Number One Son (Seattle’s Keye Luke) with Boris Karloff as a prime suspect in 1936’s *Charlie Chan at the Opera* (68 minutes).

*Thank You, Mr. Moto* (1937) Based on its success with the Chan series, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox casts Austrian refugee Peter Lorre as Japanese detective Moto in films based on the character created by novelist John P. Marquand, but Pearl Harbor puts an end to this eight-film series (67minutes).

With a wire-haired fox terrier and two or three pitchers of martinis, William Powell and Myrna Loy’s



Nick and Nora Charles solve the mystery in Director “One-Shot Woody” Van Dyke’s 1934 film of the Hammett novel, *The Thin Man*. This motion picture spawned five sequels in which Nick has been forever erroneously thought of as “The Thin Man” (91 minutes).

Dick Powell, aging out of his juvenile crooner persona (*42nd Street*, *Dames*, *Gold Diggers of 1933*, *1935* and *1937*, etc.), turns his film career around as Chandler’s Philip Marlowe in Director Edward Dymitryk’s *Murder, My Sweet* (1944), the second filming of the novel *Farewell, My Lovely*. The producers change the title because they fear the audience will think it a musical, but “...It was a cool day and very clear. You could see a long way—but not as far as Velma had gone...” (95 minutes).

Agatha Christie’s amateur sleuth Miss Marple is made flesh by Margaret Rutherford in *Murder Most Foul* (1964), an English “cozy.” Marple investigates a murder set in and around a small English theatrical company. Look for Stringer Davis, Rutherford’s real-life husband, as Miss Marple’s pal Mr. Stringer (90 minutes).

*Detective Story* (1951) The always intense Kirk Douglas is Detective Jim McLeod in William Wyler’s gritty film of Sidney Kingsley’s Broadway play about a day in the life of a precinct (103 minutes).

Frances McDormand picks up her first Oscar for Best Actress in the 1996 *Fargo*. An overnight sensation here, McDormand’s actually been working on Broadway and in films since 1984. With William H. Macy and Steve Buscemi as incompetent crooks, the world would be a better place (98 minutes).

These films have subtitles in English or “close captions” for the hearing impaired, and are around town at video stores that carry decent inventories of the classics, but the films may not be available with subtitles or close captioning from cable or satellite, or from “streaming” resources such as Netflix and Amazon.



And here’s a bonus: Although *The Maltese Falcon* is just a film about a black bird, it’s “the stuff that dreams are made of.” With Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Sidney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, Elisha Cook Jr., Gladys George, Ward Bond, Barton MacLane, Jerome Cowan, Lee Patrick, and Walter Huston, whose son John makes his 1941 directorial debut. Dashiell Hammett’s novel was filmed twice before, in 1931 and 1936, but, here, Bogart is Sam Spade.

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## Duffer's Corner

By Joe Matthias



### The Duffer at Pike Place

I sit at the foot of Pine Street. I form an “ell” with First Avenue, then Pike Place on my eastern border and Western Avenue below me to my west as it winds down toward the waterfront. I am the buildings on the south side of Pine Street, and north between Pike Place and Western Avenue to Virginia Street. My total area covers nine acres.

I was originally known as simply the public market, then later as the Pike Place Market, and finally today as the Pike Place



Market Historical District. From the restaurants and open spaces that grace my western edge, I have a commanding view of Puget Sound and the Seattle waterfront. I am 115 years old, and I am expecting to be around for many years to come.

Seattle, in the 1800s and early 1900s, sat atop a bluff that overlooked Puget Sound whose waters lapped hungrily at its base. Docks on a broad wharf and a roadway named Western Avenue extended along the water's edge, mostly built on pilings. This area has since been filled in thanks to the Denny Hill regrade project extending the shoreline away from the bluff as one of Seattle's signature hills disappeared. Alaskan Way now skirts the water's edge lined with a ferry terminal, wharves, and restaurants. The only plus to this earlier arrangement was the gradual decline to the south where Yesler meets First Avenue. Along here were the commission houses, the middlemen who bought fresh produce from the 3,000 odd farmers of all nationalities that tilled the bottomlands around Seattle, often leaving the producer with nothing to show for their work, then selling it to a hungry populace for a handsome profit. That was the way business was conducted for our agricultural community until 1907. That year, thanks to an extremely overpriced onion crop and the thoughts of a City councilman named Tom Revelle, Seattle proposed and passed a resolution creating the public market where vendors could interact and sell their goods directly to the consumer without the need of the middlemen. They located it at the intersection of Pine and the newly named Pike Place west of First Avenue. My first day was August 17, 1907 and the few vendors that showed sold out before noon. Shortly, over fifty vendors were selling their goods to a very enthusiastic clientele. The only drawback was their exposure to the weather which impacted not only the public attendance but often damaged the produce they hoped to sell.

Frank Goodwin, recently returned from Alaska and now wealthy in his own right, sensed in the market something grander and financed construction of a covered arcade on

the property. He opened its doors on November 30, 1907. Here vendors could sell their goods without being exposed to the elements. With an eye to the future, he began acquiring the lands the market sat on. Later he expanded the arcade so that other merchants could utilize it. In 1911 the arcade was again expanded north to Virginia Street and John Winship was hired as the first Market Master, a title that survives to this day. In 1910 the Sanitary Market opened, so called because it allowed no horses inside the building. In 1912 the Corner Market Building opened. 1914 saw the rise of the Fairley Building, a maze built downward over the steep bluffs separating Western Avenue and Pike Place. At the same time the recently acquired Bartell Building at First and Pike was added.

By 1917 the full core implant of my future self was in place.

Over my life I have seen many attempts to alter the Market toward other



purposes. The first, in 1921, was due to the advent of the automobile. Western, at that time, wound its way from Pike Place down to the waterfront where ships loaded and unloaded their cargo, and the complex that was the market created nearly impossible conditions to their passage. It was suggested the market be relocated elsewhere, possibly to Westlake Avenue, which was received poorly by the vendors. A battle ensued which ended in a City council vote which the vendors won by a single vote. 1924 saw a proposal to expand the market into a spectacle of buildings and rides that would have destroyed its intent. That also died. In 1929 the depression caused the owner, the Goodwin family, to default, and new ownership was acquired by Guiseppe Desimone, a farmer who had quietly amassed a fortune while he waited for his chance to do something extraordinary. “Joe,” as he was known to most people, immediately wrote out a will forbidding his ancestors from ever selling the property and that was honored until finally it was sold to the City as a historical area. Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, brought the City and the rest of the country to war with Japan. Nervous and edgy, Seattle, as elsewhere, retaliated by interning all people of Asian descent, many of which were farmers, which effectually shut down over half the booths at the market and put an enormous strain on its ability to stay solvent. Later it was proposed, in 1950, that the market be levelled and replaced by a parking lot. This was also eventually defeated.

Finally, in 1963, the City, under the guise of the ‘Pike Place Redevelopment Project’, proposed raising the market and building a series of office buildings flanked by terraced gardens overlooking the salt water. The project seemed all but unstoppable until a group opposing the project called the ‘Friends of the Market’ rallied and, working with the newly formed Historical Preservation Department, managed to get the area designated for historical preservation. Forced into a corner, the City eventually purchased it in its entirety. The last payment was made in 1971. Almost immediately the City began renovating my aged structures, eventually putting hundreds of millions

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## Old Timers Luncheon Group MTD/DAS/ESD

By Jerry Robertson

The Old-Timers luncheon group continues to meet the first Monday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 4022 Factoria Square Mall SE, Bellevue, Washington, at 11:00am. Remember to mark your calendar for the luncheon dates remaining in 2015: October 5, November 2, December 7, and January 13, 2016. We encourage all you former employees of MTD, DAS, & ESD to join us at our luncheons each month. As I've stated before, wives are very much welcomed. The wives seem to enjoy joining in the various conversations and have become a real part of our luncheon group.

We had a very good crowd at our June luncheon. We had a total of twenty-six in attendance. We welcomed several new people that were recent retirees: Dave Lozier, Paul Kozelisky, and Tony Wong—welcome to each of them. Also in attendance were Shirley Schattenkerk and Carol Cox. Shirley had not been to our luncheon for several years; we were all happy to see her again. Carol Cox also had not been here for a while. Welcome back to the two of them and we all plan to see them often.

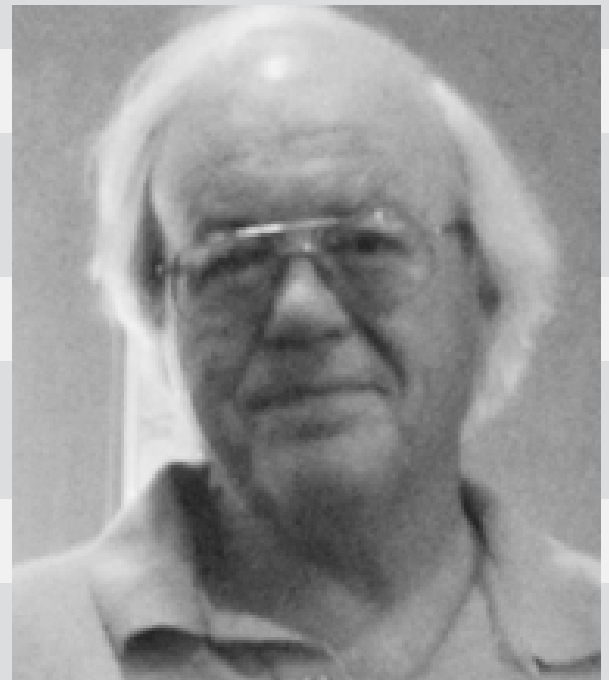
Our July luncheon was attended by sixteen, which is down from last year's attendance for July, which was twenty. I am certain that the very nice weather we have been having was a part of the reason for the smaller attendance number. I certainly have not been able to remember a June month such as this year has produced. Now, of course, we have to wonder what the pay back will be!

June birthdays were celebrated by Pete Gaiser, Cliff Mayor, John O'Day, Tom Peters, and Jerry Robertson. A very happy birthday to each of them. A July birthday was celebrated by Gary Sutton, happy birthday Gary!

For those of you who are veterans of the military, Old Country Buffet will give you a discount on your meals if

you show them proof of military service. It was a pleasant surprise to learn of this discount on our lunch. This is good for both the lunch menu and the dinner menu.

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Jerry Robertson

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### Duffer at Pike Place...continued from page 5

of dollars into updating it while retaining its early 1900s charm. The results were, and are, spectacular and are ongoing still today as you will see if you will take the time to visit me.

Atop my structure there is a grand neon sign and clock. That was installed in 1937. Directly below this is Seattle's answer to London's Speaker's Corner, an area adopted by preachers, orators, rebels, political promoters, and the like where they were free to expound on whatever pet causes they chose. It is still used to that purpose today. Within my walls are vendors selling fresh produce, meats and fish (and yes, they still sail fish across the room), keepsakes and souvenirs, food to go and restaurants, clothing, and so much more.

Also you will find the ghosts of Seattle's past unwilling to leave the haunts they are familiar with. Kikisoblu, otherwise known as Princess Angelina and the oldest daughter of Chief Sealth from whom our City is named, is often seen wandering the market in full tribal regalia. She lived in a hut located on the very property I occupy from 1850 until her death in 1896. Arthur Goodwin, the nephew of Frank Goodwin and once appointed Market Master, is often seen by patrons as a shadowy figure looking down from his elevated, now closed office inside the shopping area. Then there was the "Fat Lady Barber," who first sang to her victims putting them to sleep, then robbed them. She unfortunately fell to her death. Workers claim they still hear her singing in areas of the market at night. The Bend Emporium is said to host the spirit of a small boy. Shiela's Magic Shop retains the ghost of a woman known as 'Madam Nora' in a crystal ball. Both establishments claim items in their shops move randomly and unexpectedly. At the Greek Deli noises are heard from the downstairs freezer that sound very much like several people fighting. So real are these sounds that most of the employees will not go into it. If you research you will undoubtedly find others.

Councilman Tom Revelle presided over the dedication of the market when it opened in 1907. A plaque commemorating his thought resides within my walls. It reads:

"The Market is yours—". Indulge yourselves. Best to all, Duffer out.

**"THE MARKET IS YOURS. I DEDICATE IT TO YOU AND MAY IT PROVE A BENEFIT TO YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN. IT IS FOR YOU TO PROTECT, DEFEND, AND UPHOLD, AND IT IS FOR YOU TO SEE THAT THOSE WHO OCCUPY IT TREAT YOU FAIRLY."**

Joe Matthias, Lighting Department (Lineman), Retired

## Ramblin' Roads

By Alan Brittenham



### Indecision



Not just any squirrels, but the Eastern Gray Squirrels that abound in our parks and wooded areas are, in the words of my professional gardener wife, “fuzzy-tailed rats with good PR,” an invasive species that have pushed out the native red squirrels in a big way. That is why I was none too quick to take evasive action when one of them ran out in front of me.

I was rolling through the neighborhood down a slope approaching the Post Office on my left. Before that came a small half block strip mall that supported a tavern with the highest number of DUI arrests in the county at one point, the obligatory smoke shop and the usual beauty college/teriyaki joint mix. On the other side were apartments and a vacant lot across from the Post Office from whence the gray bandit sprang without warning. Coming the other way was a Puget Power line truck, one of the big ones with the 70-foot folding bucket lift built in, rolling on the big 12-inch wide front tires, headed up the hill.

The squirrel scampered out into the center of the street, and then stopped to reconnoiter. Those tiny little heads are like an echo chamber inside and thoughts tend to bounce a few times before they turn into action. Turning his head to the left he saw me coming as I saw him standing there. He judged he had plenty of time to go the rest of the way across before I arrived.

Turning his head to the right, he saw the oncoming line truck, which must resemble the wrath of God when you're a squirrel and one is bearing down on you. In the meantime, the go thought found its way to the action center in his pistachio-sized brain, and he began to run the rest of the way across the road. Halfway across the second lane, he thought, “A-a-h, line truck, Go Back, Go Back!” and reversed course and began a full speed scuttle back to the safety of the vacant lot.

But it was not to be, this day. As he approached the center of my lane and glanced to his right and saw me bearing down right on top of him, he changed his beady little mind again. He reversed course again into the path of the left front tire of the line truck, which instantly turned the fuzzy-tailed rat into a frisbee right in front of my eyes. The thing was, he would have made it, both times, if he had just kept going. It was the turnaround that cost him his life.

The moral of this story is you can have all the good PR in the world, but you still don't want to step out in front of a line truck. And once you get started, best keep going...

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Celebrate Monday ~ September 7th ~ 2015

## Fellowship All Over Town



**Engineers' Luncheon:** Retired City and County Engineering people meet for lunch quarterly. Call Barbara Graham @ 206.525.7859; or Ted Ormbrek @ 206.522.7867; or Joe Curulla @ 425.643.0309; or Sharon Howell @ 206.363.1909 for information.

**City Light Line Crews & Friends Breakfast:** This group meets at Shay's Restaurant, 15744 Aurora Ave. North, near 160th on the East side of Aurora, on the first Thursday of the month at 8:00 AM. Call Bud Eickstadt at 206.362.8336 for information.

**RCLEA (Retired City Light Employees' Association) Lunches:** If you retired from City Light, you should be receiving the Newsletter sent out at regular intervals which lists the dates and locations of the informal luncheons and the more formal fall and spring luncheons. For information contact Jack Kelley at 206.522.0807 or go to [www.rclea.net](http://www.rclea.net)

**Retired Range Service Employees** meet at the Blue Star Restaurant, 4512 Stone Way North, Seattle, at 12 Noon on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Seattle Transit Breakfast (North End):** This group meets at Shari's Restaurant, 15252 Aurora Ave. N., on the first Saturday of each month.

**Transit Retirees (South End):** Meet at the Burien Elks Lodge at South 140th St. and 1st Ave. South on the third Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM for breakfast. Contact Al Ramey at 206.243.8504 or Dave Carter at 206.910.8311.

**City Light South End Crews and Friends:** This group will meet for breakfast at 9:00 AM the first Tuesday of each month at the Denny's located on First Ave. So. and So. 148th Street. Call Arnie Schroeder at 206.824.1747 for information.

**SDot's Traffic Signal Division** retirees meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Tommy's Café, 74 Rainier Avenue South in Renton, WA. For information contact Jim Chase at 206.246.5848.

**METRO Retirees' Lunch:** This group meets at 11:00 AM the second Tuesday of Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., and Nov. at the Crazy Moose Casino, 22003 66th Ave. West in Mountlake Terrace. At 11:00 AM on the second Wednesday of Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., and Dec. The group meets at Billy Baroo's Restaurant located at 13500 Interurban Ave. So. in Tukwila. For information call Lonnie Sewell at 206.915.1415.

**Another Retired Transit Group:** This group meets the 1st Saturday of the month at the Family Pancake House located at 238th & Aurora at 7:30 AM. Contact Dave Carter at 206.910.8311.

**Old Timers Luncheon Group MTD/DAS/ESD.** This group meets at 11:00 AM the first Monday of the month at the Old Country Buffet, 4022 Factoria Square Mall SE, Bellevue, WA.

**Engineering Retirees' Lunch:** Engineering Dept. Field Personnel Retirees meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM at Shay's Restaurant located at N. 160th St. & Aurora Ave. N. in Shoreline, WA. Contact Roy Galloway at 206.362.3937 for further information.

**Parks Dept. Retirees' Luncheons** are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the 125th Street Grill located at 12255 Aurora Ave. North. Meet at 11:30 AM for lunch.

**Health Dept. Environmental Health Workers and Spouses** meet weekly every Saturday for breakfast at 7:30 AM. All Health Dept. retirees are welcome. For information call John Nordin at 206.524.7837.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jessica Chandler, Library   Ana V. Corado, Parks   Susan Farrell, Personnel   Teresa Feely, Health  
Josefina Lopez, City Light   Norm Ruggles   Perry M. Wong, Department of Planning

## Golden Contributions

Paul H. Berry, Fleets   Kenneth Lowthian, Water

## In Memory

Note: Names with asterisk (\*) were ARSCE members

Timothy Alsup, Parks  
Died: 05/28/15  
Age: 67

Juaneita Alverson, Beneficiary  
Died: 06/12/15  
Age: 97

Edward Broz\*  
Died: 06/28/15  
Age: 80

Virgie Campbell, Beneficiary  
Died: 05/31/15  
Age: 96

Patrick Carlson, City Light  
Died: 07/03/15  
Age: 73

Donald Dawson\*  
Died: 06/15/15  
Age: 96

Sebastian Ezenwoye, Public Utilities  
Died: 07/02/15  
Age: 66

Wilfredo Gayotin, City Light  
Died: 07/19/15  
Age: 70

Marguerite Hansen  
Died: 07/13/15  
Age: 94

Mack Heck  
Died: 05/08/15  
Age: 78

John Hendrickson, SEATRAN\*  
Died: 06/18/15  
Age: 68

Kevin Hernandez, Fleets & Facilities  
Died: 06/27/15  
Age: 61

Audrey Hester  
Died: 07/10/15  
Age: 89

Ramona Kertes, Beneficiary  
Died: 06/13/15  
Age: 91

Joseph Lewis III, Parks  
Died: 06/02/15  
Age: 70

Diane Luke  
Died: 05/19/15  
Age: 84

Valerie Nishimura, Personnel\*  
Died: 06/25/15  
Age: 67

Stephen Paine, Beneficiary\*  
Died: 06/15/15  
Age: 92

Barbara Plank  
Died: 06/23/15  
Age: 92

Bobbie Roberts, City Light\*  
Died: 05/15/15  
Age: 89

Marguerette Roberts  
Died: 05/28/15  
Age: 95

Lois Schumacher\*  
Died: 07/05/15  
Age: 85

Khan Tran, Executive Services  
Died: 06/15/15  
Age: 75

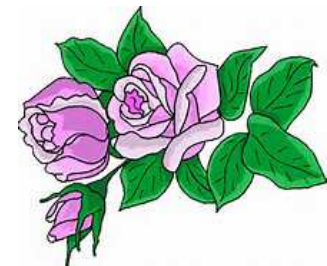
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Age: 76

Deanna Wagner, SPU\*  
Died: 06/05/15  
Age: 75

Larene Wilson, Beneficiary\*  
Died: 06/29/15  
Age: 97

Fred York, Public Utilities  
Died: 05/25/15  
Age: 78

Delos Young III, Beneficiary\*  
Died: 05/31/15  
Age: 86



## LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?



Many ARSCE members currently volunteer. Others would like to volunteer, but are not sure what opportunities exist. Space limitations mean we cannot list individual opportunities in the ARSCE News.

Please refer to these two extensive websites for volunteering opportunities in the Seattle area: United Way of King County ([www.uwkc.org/volunteer](http://www.uwkc.org/volunteer)). This is probably the most comprehensive of the local volunteer opportunity websites. A search of their database using the term “parks” returned 76 different volunteer opportunities; “animal” returned 65 opportunities, “home” returned 141, “senior” returned 50 and “children” returned 595. You can register on the site and arrange to have internet “feeds” sent to you about volunteer opportunities in areas that interest you.

Volunteer Match ([www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)) is another very good comprehensive site with some interesting geographical limit capabilities. Enter your home zip code to start.



**BOOK NOTES***By Lorry Garratt, Library***HUNTING SHADOWS. By Charles Todd ~ 2014**

A dangerous case with ties leading back to the battlefields of WWI, which bring nightmares and flashbacks to Inspector Ian Rutledge when he is summoned to the quiet isolated fen of the East Anglia Country to solve a series of seemingly unconnected murders. It is August 1920 and the killer strikes again and again, beginning with a society wedding which becomes a crime scene when a guest is shot just as the bride arrives. Soon there is a second murder, then a shooting in a village nearby—this time there is a witness, but her description of the killer is so horrific it is unbelievable. The strong atmosphere and scenic background add to a very complicated story.

**PERSONAL. By Lee Child ~ 2014**

In the Jack Reacher series Lee Child writes the same story again and again, but if this genre is your choice he's really good. Reacher is a super hero, longtime military police, and risen to the rank of major before retirement. He is honorable, has insight, and investigational skills beyond the norm and is highly regarded on both sides of the crime network. In this action, it all begins with a shot at the President of France. Security forces from the major countries gather. It is a tangled web of suspicion, wrong guesses, and finally, as always, a totally unexpected solution. Fast paced and enthralling and good entertainment.

**ALL THE OLD KNIVES. By Olen Steinhauer ~ 2015**

A dinner by the sea in Carmel dominates the reunion of Henry and Celia, old CIA colleagues and lovers. Celia has retired and married, and lives with her husband and children. Henry is still on "Company" business and has been assigned to investigate a terrorist attack from 5 years before that left 120 men, women and children dead on an aircraft at a Viennese airport. The outcome of the tragedy and failed negotiations point to a traitor, and Henry knows it could be Celia. This is a slight book and a splendid tour de force in the turmoil of the geopolitical landscape.

**THE ARSONIST. By Sue Miller ~ 2014**

After working in Africa for 15 years, Frankie Rowley has come home to Pomeroy, New Hampshire where her family always spent summers. On her first night, still jet lagged and unable to sleep she is out walking when a strange car passes and at the same moment a house down the road begins burning to the ground. Then there is another fire and several more, all to the houses of summer people and increasingly obvious the work of someone they all know. Frankie's life is even more out of control when she begins an unexpected affair with the editor of the local paper, and her mother and sisters struggle to manage the increasingly erratic behavior of their husband and father as he sinks into dementia. Suspenseful and rich in sensitive nuance and insight.

**THE CARE AND MANAGEMENT OF LIES. By Jacqueline Winspear ~ 2014**

Kazia Marchant and Thea Brisenden have been lifelong friends. But now in 1914 with the Great War beginning, Thea's

passionate involvement in women's suffrage—which could send her to prison—and Kazia's impending marriage to Tom, Thea's brother, they have grown apart. Tom and Thea now own the huge family farm after their father's early death, and Kazia, gently raised, is not prepared for the responsibility of being a farm wife. Then Tom enlists and she is in charge, and Thea becomes an ambulance driver in France. Tom and Kazia's letters to each other tell much of the story, but are masked to hide the unspeakable horrors of trench warfare and Kazia's exhausting and noble struggle to keep the farm productive while waiting for Tom's return.

**AT THE WATER'S EDGE. By Sara Gruen ~ 2015**

Madeleine Hyde and her husband Ellis disgrace themselves at a high society party in 1944 Philadelphia, and Ellis' wealthy father cuts off their financial support, in part, also because of Ellis' fake color blindness to keep him out of military service. In an effort to restore his reputation and financial circumstances, Ellis, his friend Hank, and Madeleine set sail for Scotland through U-boat infested Atlantic waters to search for the legendary Loch Ness monster and thus become honored and considered brave. Maddy is sweet and innocent and is left mostly alone in an isolated inn in a tiny village, but unexpectedly becomes charmed with the stark beauty of the highlands, makes new and true friends, and discovers true love. It is a tight race for everyone's goals because Maddy suspects Ellis will either kill her or have her locked in an asylum as he has threatened since has used up all of his money in foolishness and she has inherited a large fortune when her father dies.

**LEAVING TIME. By Jodi Picoult ~ 2014**

For over 10 years Jenna Metcalf has grieved for her mother who mysteriously disappeared after a tragic accident in an elephant sanctuary in New Hampshire. Alice Metcalf was a devoted wife, mother, and scientist who studied grief among elephants in the savannas of Africa and in the sanctuary. However, her devotion to her 5-year old daughter made her abandonment impossible to understand. Now teenage Jenna is determined to find the answers and she enlists the help of Virgil, an ex-cop, and Serenity, a questionable psychic. The ending and the answers are total shockers.

**MASSACRE POND. By Paul Doiron ~ 2013**

Maine game warden Mike Bowditch is featured in a complex mystery of blood, violence, death, and the unique personalities of the residents who live in the magnificent beauty and isolation of the Maine woods. Betty Morse, ex-hippie turned millionaire, is determined to preserve this wilderness for a national park while the locals fear job loss and cultural change. In a bizarre and shocking crime ten moose are senselessly slaughtered and left to rot. This ruthless cruelty does not stop with animal murder and Mike risks losing everything as he seeks to enforce the law and protect the environment.

Contact Ms. Garratt at [booknotes@arsce.org](mailto:booknotes@arsce.org)

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**NEXT NEWS DEADLINE: September 22nd, 2015**

(All submittals become the property of ARSCE.)



## Parks Department Retiree News

By Alan Hovland

ARSCE Facebook Page: Jim Taylor has helped me get off to a good start on Facebook with our new forum for discussing issues important to City Retirees. Some articles are fun, some recognize retirees and their multiple interests, and some discuss serious issues like the ongoing public pension debate. The FB page will work closely with the ARSCE News and the ARSCE website, [www.arsce.org](http://www.arsce.org), to provide information that is important to us. The organization is for “Active and Retired Seattle City Employees.” In addition to retirees we are looking to inform current City employees.

Gary Rittenmeyer continues to enjoy his retirement in Chelan.

Maureen O’Neill is thinking of finding a new home for a portion of her cookbook collection.

Esther Jacoby passed in early June. She was the wife of TJ Jacoby, who worked for years in the Facilities Maintenance Plumbing Shop. The family got it right in the obituary when they said that “Esther was a hard worker.” So was her husband TJ who now has health issues but looked sharp. Both were in the Parks Bowling League and attended many Park Retiree Luncheons at Leilani Lanes. TJ enjoyed going to the OK Lunch, under the Spokane Street viaduct west of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. South. The place looked like a Montana roadhouse and scones were served with breakfast on Wednesdays. Esther and TJ were a hard working team with many friends.

New Superintendent of Seattle Parks and Recreation Jesus Aguirre has announced his “Superintendent Listening Tour.” Go to their website [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks) for information, or fill in the online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SeattleParks>. The tour has many dates in the fall at all community centers and two open houses: Sept. 22nd at Van Asselt CC and on Sept. 26th at Northgate CC. This is a great chance to have your views heard and learn about the continuing great work that is being done in the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. Our friend in Public Information, David Takami ([david.takami@seattle.gov](mailto:david.takami@seattle.gov)) will be happy to answer your questions.

A Celebration of Life was held for Jeff Lewis in June. Jeff was in the recreation field for over 40 years, notably as

a Recreation Manager where he helped mentor many people in all the Park divisions. Many current and retired employees were in attendance at the service: Maureen O’Neill, Mary Pat Byington, Virginia Swanson (thanks for the kiss), Don Allen, Mike Wanless, Randy Smith, Tom Ostrom, Malcolm Boyles, Rod Taylor, Patti Petesech, David Gilbertson, Don Harris, John Herman, Ernie Ferrero, Andrea Eyre, Jon Martin, and Rod Taylor. Virginia, Malcolm, and David all spoke at the ceremony.



Willis Ball Scholarship at Western Washington University— Before coming to Seattle Parks and Recreation, Willis played football and was the first Black Graduate of WWU (1956). He was a Recreation Manager for many years and passed in 1987. Several of his Department friends ran a softball tournament for several years to raise funds for a scholarship for minority students. Willis’ Poker Group still makes contributions to the scholarship fund in his name.

Auction: I have a Willis L. Ball WWU Scholarship Tournament “Tourney Champs 1996” tee shirt (green, x large) that David Gilbertson ([david.gilbertson@seattle.gov](mailto:david.gilbertson@seattle.gov)) is helping me auction off to raise some funds for the Scholarship.

Laurelhurst Salmon Bake will return on September 10<sup>th</sup>, as it has been held for over 50 years. Many Park legends like Don Rall, Norm Houston, and Lee Bicknell have been essential to its success over the years.



Mr. Hovland can be reached at [parksnews@arsce.org](mailto:parksnews@arsce.org)

### DONATIONS TO ARSCE

Since ARSCE operates on a limited budget, donations are always welcome and very much appreciated. ARSCE is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Your donation will be tax deductible within the limits established by the Internal Revenue Service.

Regular donations are noted in the “Golden Contributions” section of ARSCE News listing the donor’s name and department retired from.

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### ARSCE Donation Application

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**Mark Your Calendar Now!**



~ Advance Notice ~

## ARSCE Christmas Luncheon

**Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015**

West Seattle Golf Course  
Clubhouse Banquet Room  
4470 - 35th Ave. SW  
Seattle, WA 98126



Save the date for a great holiday party with friends, old and new.

Doors will open at 11:00am and lunch will be served at noon.

The Christmas Elves will help with our Gift Exchange. (Everyone who brings a gift, will receive a gift. Couples should bring 2 gifts.)



**You'll find your Reservation Form in the next issue of ARSCE News.**



## JUST FOR FUN



### Labor Day WORD SEARCH

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### The Computer Guru

By Larry Howell



Mr. Howell's educational and entertaining column will return in the next issue of this paper.

You can contact him at: [Larry.Howell@arsce.org](mailto:Larry.Howell@arsce.org).

### Complete Our Circle



**Join ARSCE today as a Retiree, Beneficiary or even if you are currently working.**

Application on Page 12.





## The View from the Buses

By Paul Pioli

Sitting around talking at the June breakfast at the Elk's you find out what others are doing with their time being retired. Bob Rothwell spends his time as a volunteer driving for Hyde Shuttle. He works when he wants to work and enjoys doing it. If you are interested in this, call Bob at 206-218-2511. Just give him a call and he can tell you what it's all about. You can also call Hyde Shuttle directly at 206-727-6262 and ask them about it. Bob was saying that help is really needed in the Burien area.

What a day June 25<sup>th</sup> was! That was the retirees' picnic at Lower Woodland #6. Almost 80 members enjoyed the great weather and friendship of the day. As usual, Dave Carter busted his butt getting things ready. Members brought salads and desserts. All were good and tasty. Jim Craddock and Don Kneebone came over from Ellensburg. Outgoing 587 president Paul Bachtell and incoming president Kenny McCormick were among those enjoying the day.

How many George and Pansy stories do you know? Well I heard another. It seems George and Pansy bought a folding ladder downtown. They tried to get on a bus by tying the ladder to the side of the bus. The driver promptly said, "No." and the duo had to find another way home.

Harold Mann came to the July lunch—up from the Monterey Peninsula—saying he was finally retired; having worked at Pebble Beach Golf Course. He is looking to move to Henderson Nevada, but first had a golf date with Darell Dungeon.

RIP: **Jesse Cross** passed away the morning of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of press time no arrangements had been made. At Jesse's request there were no services. Jessie had worked as a 1<sup>st</sup> Line Supervisor in the bases and retired from tunnel control.

Contact Mr. Pioli with your news at [busview@arsce.org](mailto:busview@arsce.org)



### 2015 MEETING AND PUBLICATION DATES

- Wed. Sept. 9 ARSCE Executive Board Meeting  
Northgate Community Center  
10510 - 5th Ave. NE, Seattle @ 10:00am
- Tues. Sept. 22 News Deadline (Nov/Dec Issue)
- Wed. Oct. 7 ARSCE Executive Board Meeting  
Northgate Community Center  
10510 - 5th Ave. NE, Seattle @ 10:00am
- Fri. Oct. 23 Mail ARSCE News (Nov/Dec Issue)
- Wed. Nov. 11 ARSCE Executive Board Meeting  
Northgate Community Center  
10510 - 5th Ave. NE, Seattle @ 10:00am
- Tues. Nov. 17 News Deadline (Jan/Feb Issue)

**ACTIVE & RETIRED EMPLOYEES ~ YOU'RE INVITED  
TO ATTEND THE ARSCE BOARD MEETINGS.  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US!**

**Note: Calendar is subject to change by Board approval.**

### Application for Membership: Active & Retired Seattle City Employees

New Member  Beneficiary   
Address Change  Dues Payment  Donation

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Retired \_\_\_\_\_ From Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Encl. \_\_\_\_\_

If still employed with the City, indicate the number of years: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: \$12.00 (7/1-6/30)

Semi-Annual Dues: \$6.00 (For new members joining 1/1-6/30)

If you wish to have your dues deducted from the check you receive in July, please fill out the following section for the Retirement Office and include it with the rest of this coupon when you mail it to ARSCE. Or apply online at the email address below.

#### Active & Retired Seattle City Employees Dues Deduction Authorization

To: The Board of Administration, City of Seattle Employees' Retirement System:

The undersigned hereby authorizes the City of Seattle 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 Active & Retired Seattle City Employees (ARSCE). Until further written notice by me to The Retirement System Office, such deduction shall be made annually from my July allowance and shall be paid to Active & Retired Seattle City Employees, P.O. Box 75385, Seattle, WA 98175-0385.

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