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Happy 4th of July!

OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Masterjohn

Well it looks like summer is finally here and the flowers are blooming and because of all the rain we had this spring, they look great.

Schools will be out by the time you receive this paper, so we need to be careful of all the kids out there running around and playing in the streets. Also we all need to remember about protecting our homes when we go on vacation, so be careful.

At our April meeting, we had two women from the 350.org group who came and discussed global warming and the City's use of fossil fuels. They were asking us if they could put an article in the *ARSCE News* about the retirement system divesting its holdings in fossil fuels. The Board had a robust discussion about the matter and came to the conclusion not to have them write an article for the paper.

The retirement system has a policy on divestment, so there was nothing they could do on the matter anyway. There are a great deal of opinions on this issue. I've listed some websites you can research if you so desire. Here are three you can look at: 350.org, nipccreport.org, and climatechangereconsidered.org. The Board is looking into developing a policy on articles for the *ARSCE News* – more on that in future columns.

There is not much happening on the negotiating front right now. The Unions agreed on a one-year extension of the current Bargaining Agreement with an agreement to keep bargaining on certain issues – one being retirement.

I am sad to report that David Haley, who was just appointed to the Treasurer position of ARSCE, had a stroke on April 27th and had to resign his position as a Board member and Treasurer. We wish David a full recovery and all the best to his family. I appointed Elizabeth Paschke to fill out the remainder of David's term.

I sure hope you all have a wonderful summer and be sure to have some great FUN out there!

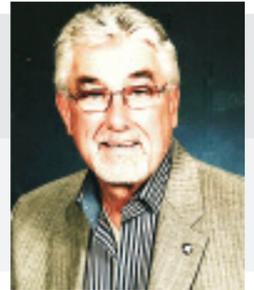
Your President,
John
Masterjohn



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YOUR PENSION NEWS

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



Sustainable Investing Might Be the Future of Long Term Investment Portfolios

Many of you may remember when former Mayor McGinn brought forward an initiative for City of Seattle departments, including SCERS, to divest of carbon based investments. I'm sure it caused quite a stir in the world of Seattle's financial portfolio. I know I had a hard time seeing how we, SCERS, could unbundle our investment portfolio and wondered what effect such action would have on returns. How do you define carbon production (energy companies) or carbon users (automobile manufacturing)? Now there's even more discussion and interest in exploring and redefining exactly what is "long term investment and fiduciary responsibility?"

Will we be able to measure companies, money managers, and capital investments based on Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) performance? ESG refers to the three main areas of concern regarding sustainability and the ethical impact of investing in a company or business. ESG is a catch-all term to evaluate investments from a "socially responsible" perspective. The purpose of ESG is to influence and, in some cases, require how asset managers make investments in their portfolios.

SCERS is a long term investor. In the future do we have a duty, as trustees, to take into consideration an investment portfolio in a way that measures known environmental concerns regarding climate change, hazardous waste, and sustainability? Social concerns such as diversity, human

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rights, consumer protection, and animal welfare? Corporate governance concerns regarding management structure, employee relations, and executive compensation?

On May 27th, 2014, 250 people attended the “inclusive capitalism” conference held in London. In one room, the people there represented or controlled over \$30 trillion in assets. This group doesn’t represent the 99% or even the 1%. This group represents only a tiny fraction of the 1%.

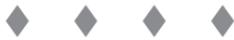
The people represented there were the most powerful financial group of people ever to focus on income inequality. Will capital investment move away from companies that are only interested in short term profits? Will long term sustainable profits gain more value over the short-sighted investors?

Many investors talked about environmental stewardship; others focused on treating workers well. The concern was about restoring and sustaining trust in the capital markets and making sure that economic growth is more “inclusive,” and that the rules of the market favor the many and not the few. I follow the thinking that we should start to see investment decisions looking towards favoring “long term sustainability” over “short term,” expedient investing strategies.

Applying ESG standards into long term investing strategies can restore confidence and sustainability to the global capital markets. Most of the problems in the investment community are self-inflicted. It seems the people with the most wealth are starting the very important conversations required to change how markets are managed.

Finally, the Board appointed me to be your retiree representative on the Seattle City Employees’ Retirement System’s Board of Administrators for another 3 years. It’s a great honor and privilege to serve the retirees and active members of Seattle’s retirement system.

I want to thank everyone for your continuing support. I’m reminded of the old Chinese curse, “May you/we live in interesting times.” It seems like around every corner there’s a new challenge for us to deal with. Interesting times indeed.



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**ARSCE Presents
A Day at the Races

Emerald Downs**

**Saturday, July 12th
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The View from the Buses

By Paul Pioli

April breakfast at the Pancake House – who should walk in but **Jim Craddock**. He came over to visit his daughter and decided to join us for breakfast. Jim lives in Ellensburg and made the trip over. Another one joins the bunch.

Jim O'Rourke retired the 20th of June. A party was held at the Atlantic/Central Base. Well another retiree is heading south. This time it's former ATU 587 president **Dan Linville** who is heading for Buckeye, Arizona. Never heard of it, that's ok – it's 27 miles west of Phoenix. He will be living on a golf course there. Just maybe there can be a retiree golf tournament some day in the future.

Going to the Elk breakfast in May, who do I see but **Johnny Wade** and his wife **Dorothy**. They had moved to California, lived there for about 5 years, and now they're coming back and will live here.

Great news for **Chuck Zigler**. He got the results on May 8th of the MRI taken. All of the junk left from his treatments is getting smaller. This means the dead tumor is melting away. All of his labs were great. He is scheduled for removal of his Chemo port. Now it's really looking like he is cancer free. Also under the weather is **Ross Karell**. **Rosa** and **Ron** take care.

RIP: **Jim Hulslander Sr.** died on April 2nd at the age of 89. His father had been a street car conductor and then a cashier for Seattle Transit. Now they are called revenue processors. Jim and his brother were both drivers; then Jim became a supervisor. His son, Jim Jr., was a driver and then a monitor. The Hulslander family has combined for a lot of years for Transit.

Contact Mr. Pioli with your news at busview@arsce.org

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 Frank dos Remedios at 206.363.1938 or go to 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. Contact Jesse Howell @ 206.282.5338 for further information.

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.

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Parks Department Retiree News

By Alan Hovland

Senior Centers: The Auction for the Ballard NW Senior Center in March was very successful with the final accounting to be completed soon. The funds enable programs for Senior Citizens in nutrition and exercise. The Central Area Senior Center is also back in operation serving wonderful lunches; a program that I excel in always. See www.seniorservices.org. The centers each publish a brochure listing all their programs and activities.

Jesse Howell continues struggling with his health issues, and has many things on his mind. His friends are helping when they can.

Ann Lovell passed away in May and a memorial service was held in early June in Bremerton. Ann worked at the



Ann Lovell, pictured on the far right

Parks and Recreation Department at two distinct periods of time and was liked and respected by her co-workers. She will be remembered for her energy and dedication. The older-timers will think back to her work with Special Populations.

Community Centers and Pools: The Department of Parks and Recreation offered some tremendous programs for citizens of all ages in the past. They still do now at the community centers, pools and parks located in every part of the City. The fall schedule of classes is out in the summer time or you can look at the website www.seattle.gov/parks/ for a listing of programs.

Old Woody: A great article was published in the Seattle Times last February about the Old Woody (baseball) and Old Ossie (football) contests for children that were held each year at playgrounds around the City. These events started in the 1920s and were still being held in the 1960s.



Norm McCrea & Delno Raines

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A Soap Opera Prayer

When the world was
Young and Restless

And we were on a
Search for Tomorrow,

God said you are
All My Children...whether you live in
Boston or Port Charles.

Let Me be your
Guiding Light, your Passions
I will be by your side in good times
and bad...

on a Sunset Beach.

If you're down and out in
General Hospital

without Ryan's Hope,

I will lift you up...

The Bold and the Beautiful.

Hold your head high, you have but
One Life to Live.

Reach through
The Edge of Night,

As the World Turns and

I will take you to Another World.

And, like the sands through an
hourglass, so are

The Days of Our Lives!

Regrettably submitted by Pam Lucarelli

Friendly Skies around the Columbia Basin

By Eric Lamers

Editor's Note: Mr. Lamers is a returning writer for ARSCE News. He is a member of ARSCE, worked at City Light for about 27 years in Station Construction & Maintenance, and shares that he loved every minute of it. He was a fireman in the US Air Force at Larson AFB by Moses Lake. Welcome back, Eric!

I was 19 years old when I immigrated to America from Germany. I stayed with a distant relative in Buffalo for a few months. She was very gregarious and introduced me to some neat people. On my third day in America I had a job at the Ford Motor Plant. I bought a yellow Studebaker convertible for \$190 and soon, thereafter, I left Buffalo for the South – Florida or California. I felt that the yellow Studebaker had a magical secret that could change my life for the best forever if I played my cues right.



I reached Denver and I stayed at the YMCA. On the second day there, I took the Studebaker for a drive on the mountain roads. We had been climbing for a while when the motor died. I lifted the hood panel and looked at the motor; that didn't help anything. After a while, a car full of young people came up and stopped for me. They asked what the problem was. I told them that the motor died. One of the group said, "This happens often. The carburetor is not adjusted to this high altitude." He got a screwdriver and turned the screw on the carburetor one turn. He told me to fire up the motor. I did and *Vroom*, it went. They stayed a while and we chatted. Then they invited me to stay at their place for a few days. They all lived in the same house and paid rent together. The second morning, one of the group said he was going to the Air Force Recruiting Office to see if he could join the service. I said, "I'm going with you." We both were accepted and went for three months basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. So the magical secret was the carburetor that was adjusted to sea level in Buffalo! Had it been adjusted for mountain driving and had the car not died, I would not have met the Denver Group, and I probably would be somewhere in Florida or California now. As it is, I'm living in the Northwest thanks to the little screw, and I think this area is the best in the world.

After my training period, the Air Force sent me to Larson Air Force Base near Moses Lake in the Columbia Basin. There I was assigned to the Fire Department, which was a good place to be. We certainly had enough excitement and we were at the fire station 24 hours on and 24 hours off, so if we took one day off, we had 3 full days off.

There was an Air Force Personnel only flying club. Members maintained the planes, which were kept at the Moses Lake Airport. The flight instructors were mostly pilots in the service. They generally got \$3.00 for an hour lesson. This was in 1958. I joined the club soon after arriving. My first lesson was only about one-half hour long. First we practiced stalls and recovery and then stalls without recovery. When this happens, the plane will go into a spin rotating around its center. At that time, the plane will fly like a maple tree seed when it falls. The more I tried to stop the rotating and rapid descent, the worse it got. I looked at

the instructor, he was calm just sitting there. Then I told the instructor to take over because I'm letting go. As soon as he took the stick the plane flew just nicely. The instructor coached me to the airport and he demonstrated landing. When we were at our tie down spot, I asked the instructor why he let me struggle for so long. He said he does that with every first time student. If they panic, he will not take them on as a student.

During lessons, he pointed out the many navigational aids in the area, such as the U & I Sugar factory, clusters of houses and a potato processing plant that produced steam and a horrific smell. Every time we went, he pointed out the area that is forbidden to all airplanes, except official government planes. This is in connection with the Hanford Nuclear Site. After nine hours of instruction, I soloed and just enjoyed flying the next few days by myself. I was not allowed to have passengers at that time.

On one of my solo flights, a flight (3 planes) of F102s, from Geiger Field by Spokane, crossed my path about a quarter of a mile away. They had come to visit Larson AFB or just to fly the required miles to keep up their readiness. The F102 is a beautiful, triangular airplane. They look like a bouquet of roses among nettles. I flew my plane with great joy; it was a new world for me. Just a few minutes later, three F86s from Larson AFB showed up. Their nickname is "killer planes" for how fierce they were in



battle in Korea. They made a wide circle around me and waved at me and I waved back. Now I really felt good – jet jockey and 65 horsepower T-Craft pilot

greeting each other. They circled around me and waved again. So did I. Then they disappeared and I was thinking that it was nice to greet each other like that. Just then, they all crossed right over my plane from behind. Now I was concerned that they were playing with me. The next pass was one plane above me and the other two below me, and a little tighter on their returns.

I am now becoming frightened and thinking that they are trying to scare me so they can go back to their officers' club and brag about what they did. The next approach was quite slow with all three in a row. Then they lowered their rocket tray...HANFORD, the forbidden zone. Now I knew what the waving was all about. I immediately throttled back so the plane could descend faster and put the nose down to descend as steeply as I dared. I was thinking that the F86s could not go down so fast, as they need more room and they wouldn't shoot their rockets at the ground. I thought about spinning down, but did not feel secure enough to do it. My feeling was not of fear. The adrenalin must have been flowing like water from a hose. I felt like I was the 'Red Baron.' It was like three cats chasing a mouse. I didn't see the jets anymore. What concerned me most now was what would happen when I got back to base. "Will I be deported?" "Will they jail me?" I expected police cars, private and Air Force, and lots of flashing lights. None of that was there. As I stepped out of the plane, my knees collapsed and I had to pull myself up by the door handle. The only car there was mine.



The Computer Guru

By Larry Howell



Will the Heartbleed Bug Affect You?

The primary objective of previous columns has been to detail the responsibilities of home computer users in the task of protecting their computer systems and their personal data. Anti-virus software and routine backup of user files has been the main focus. Recent public disclosure of the Heartbleed security bug has added a new dimension to internet security. This security issue has highlighted vulnerabilities that are integral to the components of what we know as the “Internet.” Unfortunately, these security “bugs” cannot be addressed by the individual home computer user.



The Heartbleed Security bug (name derived from the TLS security protocol implementation of the “heartbeat” extension) attacks servers using secure web servers (Servers with URL’s that begin with HTTPS://), such as financial institutions and commercial websites. Many internet security experts consider Heartbleed to be the worst vulnerability since the implementation of commercial data traffic on the internet.

Note: Secure Servers using Mozilla’s Network Security Services or Microsoft products are not affected by Heartbleed.

The critical issue for the home computer user is to understand that the Heartbleed virus exists on business and government servers, not on home computers. If an “infected secure server” is accessed from a home computer, any information entered by the user, as well as any information on the user’s computer, is available to the hacker.

At the time of the public disclosure of the Heartbleed vulnerability in April of this year, approximately 1 in 5 secure web servers (500,000 servers) were vulnerable to Heartbleed, and had been vulnerable since introduction of the flawed security code in 2012.

When hackers discovered the software bug (estimated to have been discovered by hackers in late 2013), they

were able to use the security flaw to insert malware on the servers. The malware inserted on the secure servers (Heartbleed) enabled the hacker to monitor the data flow and hijack personal information, such as social security numbers, account information, security keys, and passwords, as well as personal information on the home computer connected to the secure server. With this information of file, the hacker was able to impersonate the user and access the personal “secure” websites of the user.

Because of the potential catastrophic consequences to commercial and financial internet activities, operators of vulnerable secure web servers have been quick to respond. As of May 2nd, 2014, 99.2% of the 200,000 most popular web servers were protected from the Heartbleed vulnerability.

Recommended Actions for the Home Computer User

1) The critical action to protect the home computer user must be taken by the institution that operates the secure web server. Contact the Customer Service Department of the financial or commercial institution you will be using (especially your bank or credit union) and verify that their secure web server connection is protected from Heartbleed.

2) Change your password on all websites you access that use secure website services. Preferably, use different passwords on each website. Do not use your email password as a website password, especially if the website requires you to use your email address as your username.



Closing Thoughts:

MarketWatch (operating a financial information website that provides business news, analysis, and stock market data) recently indicated that “nearly half of users who heard about the Heartbleed internet bug still haven’t changed any passwords, and about 12% say just the thought of changing passwords is *too overwhelming*.” MarketWatch reminds us that changing passwords is much less overwhelming than dealing with stolen account data, or worse.

Please email any questions you have concerning the topics covered in this article or any other computer questions. Questions submitted to this column may be used (without identification of the sender) as content for this column. Mr. Howell works with other tech gurus to solve a myriad of computer issues that confound even the best of us.

Email your questions to Mr. Howell at Larry.Howell@arsce.org

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ARSCE’s 2015 fiscal year is from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The 2015 dues are payable by July 1, 2014 for all members who self-pay their dues by cash, check, or money order. The dues for 2015 are \$12.00 per year.

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In A Light Manner

By Frank dos Remedios, RCLEA President

RCLEA Spring Luncheon:

On May 6th, over 80 City Light retirees joined together for the annual General Meeting. The luncheon was held at the Nile Country Club and a scrumptious “Italian Riviera” lunch buffet was served. The picture below shows the President Jack Kelley addressing the group and conducting the meeting items. A good time was had by all and it was nice to see many new faces, not only of recent retirees, but some long-time retirees joined us for the first time.

Spring Hike:

On May 14th, Mike Knutson led a hike to Fragrance Lake, located on Chuckanut Drive. Once again, Mike chose a beautiful day and the hike was fantastic. They enjoyed sweeping views of Chuckanut Bay, Skagit Valley, and the San Juan Islands. Mike is asking for ideas and suggestions for other events. Please send your ideas to Mike at



Avid Hikers at Fragrance Lake

mwknutson@gmail.com or call him at 206-522-5073 and he will coordinate the events.



City Light General Meeting ~ May 6th

Save the Date for the Annual Picnic:

As usual, it will be held at Lincoln Park, but unlike past years, the picnic this year will be celebrated on a **TUESDAY, July 22nd**. Please be sure to mark your calendars and we hope to see you there.

You can reach Mr. dos Remedios at fdosremedios@gmail.com

Old Timers Luncheon Group MTD/DAS/ESD

By Jerry Robertson

The Old Timers Luncheon Group continues to meet the first Monday of each month at the “Old Country Buffet,” 4022 Factoria Square Mall S.E., Bellevue, WA at 11:00am.

Remember to mark your calendar for our luncheon dates: July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 1, 2014.

We had twenty-three at our April luncheon and sixteen at our May luncheon. Remember, your spouses are also invited, and also will enjoy the opportunity to meet others.

We welcomed Tony Wong at the April luncheon. Tony worked in the accounting section of our Department. We welcome you Tony and hope you will be a steady at the luncheons!

Terry Robertson, Joe Yamamoto, and Tony Wong all had birthdays in April. May birthdays were celebrated by Bob Bentler,

Rita Graumann, Lloyd Hansen, Gertie Loffler, and Gene Lucas. Congratulations to all of them.

Joe Yamamoto reminded me that June would be the month he would miss the luncheon. June is the month Joe spent down at the Columbia River, as the shad were running. This fishing trip has been a tradition for Joe annually for many, many years.

TAPS: We lost another member of our group, Allan Smith, who was also a co-worker when I worked at Charles Street. Our condolences to Nancy and all Allan’s family, from his friends in the luncheon group.

Remember to keep us in mind and plan to attend our upcoming luncheons.

You can reach Mr. Robertson at oldtimers@arsce.org



Terry Robertson & Joe Yamamoto



Bob Bentler, Lloyd Hansen & Gene Lucas

~ BIRTHDAYS GALORE CELEBRATED! ~

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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In Memory

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Roland Anderson, Parks
 Retired: 03/04/09
 Died: 02/19/14
 Age: 68

Curt Funk, Personnel*
 Retired: 3/02/11
 Died: 02/09/14
 Age: 68

Larry Martin,
 Planning & Development
 Retired: 09/22/04
 Died: 04/07/14
 Age: 76

Doug Banta, Parks
 Retired: 03/16/01
 Died: 02/17/14
 Age: 76

Carroll Girouard, City Light*
 Retired: 04/01/95
 Died: 03/05/14
 Age: 85

Joan Mayor, City Light
 Retired: 06/01/97
 Died: 02/27/14
 Age: 69

Mary Bowen, Beneficiary
 Died: 03/18/14
 Age: 95

Robert Goode, Parks*
 Retired: 06/13/07
 Died: 04/10/14
 Age: 64

Paul McCloud, Police
 Retired: 11/03/04
 Died: 03/11/14
 Age: 72

Donald Brown, Transportation
 Retired: 08/01/88
 Died: 03/29/14
 Age: 80

Betty Henrichs, Library*
 Retired: 09/01/88
 Died: 03/05/14
 Age: 91

Colleen Meredith, Police
 Retired: 05/13/02
 Died: 03/24/14
 Age: 69

Eddy Chinn, Engineering*
 Retired: 05/01/87
 Died: 03/13/14
 Age: 89

Evert Hoffman, Vested
 Retired: 08/01/80
 Died: 03/25/14
 Age: 99

Nancy Scribner, Beneficiary
 Died: 04/04/14
 Age: 72

Carl Comnick, Engineering*
 Retired: 09/01/79
 Died: 04/13/14
 Age: 99

Richard Howell, City Light*
 Retired: 10/01/93
 Died: 02/18/14
 Age: 90

Allan Smith, Fleets & Facilities
 Retired: 03/04/97
 Died: 03/29/14
 Age: 78

David Cook, Fleets & Facilities*
 Retired: 05/05/04
 Died: 02/15/14
 Age: 73

Paul Jarrett, Engineering*
 Retired: 04/01/87
 Died: 03/06/14
 Age: 82

Warren Suzuki, City Light
 Retired: 07/01/83
 Died: 03/18/14
 Age: 93

Myron Cornelius, Law
 Retired: 02/09/00
 Died: 03/03/14
 Age: 71

Paul Krummel, City Light
 Retired: 03/01/84
 Died: 03/03/14
 Age: 95

Helen Voigt, City Light*
 Retired: 12/01/78
 Died: 04/25/14
 Age: 97

Edmond Durocher, City Light
 Retired: 03/04/86
 Died: 04/01/14
 Age: 89

Cheryl LaVergne, Public Utilities
 Retired: 12/08/99
 Died: 02/15/14
 Age: 66

Donald Wilson, City Light*
 Retired: 11/01/75
 Died: 02/28/14
 Age: 96

C. Peter Farnham, City Light*
 Retired: 06/01/94
 Died: 03/17/14
 Age: 83

Harold Lind, City Light*
 Retired: 07/01/86
 Died: 03/29/14
 Age: 81



Louise Young, Beneficiary*
 Died: 03/10/14
 Age: 96

John Fifield, Vested
 Retired: 03/02/02
 Died: 03/25/14
 Age: 74

Archie Zottman, City Light*
 Retired: 08/01/88
 Died: 03/14/14
 Age: 88

BOOK NOTES*By Lorry Garratt, Library***THE EXILES ~ By Allison Lynn, 2013**

A couple, escaping from the opulent lifestyle of Manhattan's upper East Side, moves to Newport, Rhode Island when they are evicted from an apartment they can no longer afford. Nate and Emily are not married, but they have a 10-month old son. Nate is a midlevel Wall Streeter whose salary isn't enough, so he finds a job with a small firm in a town with lower prices and they even find a house they can afford. But on their first day, their car and belongings are stolen and they are left with an empty house, since their furniture hasn't arrived, and a modest amount of cash since they must cancel their credit cards and block bank information after the theft. This is a hard story to read. These are interesting, but not likeable people and the story marches on through the mad grab for the American dream, a tainted gene pool, art theft, and all the weight of their pasts. But it is compelling – the anticipation of the ending keeps one turning the pages.

THE 500 ~ By Matthew Quick, 2012

In the high stakes world of Washington politics there are 500 elite men and women who really run Washington and the world, and there is one man even more powerful because he knows their secrets. Mike Ford, son of a loser dad who has spent many years in prison, decides that his only road out of a similar life is education, namely Harvard Law School. As a young juvenile delinquent, he learned many tricks of the con man trade and therefore is unprepared for the offer to join the Davies Group, the most well-respected strategic consulting firm with tentacles to everyone in power, more a secret society than a business. Mike rises fast and soon learns what this will cost him. A fast ride, an entertaining read, and being compared to Grisham's "The Firm."

THE WIVES OF LOS ALAMOS ~ By Tarashea Nesbit, 2014

This tells the story of the wives of the scientists of the Manhattan Project. Their average age was 25, they were well educated, and they came from Berkely, London, Paris, and Chicago. They were ready for adventure and willingly gave up careers to follow new husbands to an unknown location in New Mexico. From the beginning, the women didn't know what their husbands did and their barely finished houses were surrounded by barbed wire. So they formed their own community, had their babies, had their mail censored, lived with water and food shortages, lack of freedom and boredom. And at the end there were bigger challenges as the scientists and their families struggled with the burden of their contributions to the most powerful and destructive force known to mankind.

LOSS OF INNOCENCE ~ By Richard North Patterson, 2013

A sweeping family drama of dark secrets and individual awakenings in Martha's Vineyard, against the tumultuous summer of 1968. For Whitney Dane, 22, youngest daughter of the wealthy and powerful Dane family, life could not be safer or the future more certain. She is everything her doting father wants her to be and is soon to be married to the perfect man who will round out this picture in a wedding extravaganza. Enter Benjamin Blaine, underprivileged, ambitious, charismatic, a force of nature the Danes hadn't prepared for. Soon Whitney's future seems not as satisfactory and her picture perfect family not as pretty or safe.

LANGBOURN ~ By Jo Baker, 2013

An affecting look at the world of "Pride and Prejudice," but from a different point of view – the servants' hall where other lives are lived simultaneously, but with very different dreams and concerns. In the Austen masterpiece, the Bennett family's rundown estate of Longbourn is under threat because there are no sons. Many of the original characters are here, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, their daughters, and the suitors. But there is also a new footman, James, who has a secret. Then he disappears. And there is another secret, long held, between the housekeeper Mrs. Hill and her employer, Mr. Bennett. For the avid readers of Jane Austen this enchanting book will not be a disappointment.

NOAH'S COMPASS ~ By Anne Tyler, 2009

Liam Penneywell set out to be a philosopher, but ended up teaching 5th grade in a rundown Baltimore school. Now he is a solitary 60-year old man trying to come to terms with a new life because of a forced early retirement. This doesn't especially bother him, but somehow he knows he lived the wrong life, never being really engaged in anything or with anyone in spite of two marriages and three daughters. Then on the first night in his sparse new condo, he goes to sleep and when he wakes up, he is in a hospital with a bandaged head and no memory of why he is there.

This is a finely developed, rather short story of Liam's search for the missing time and a new connection to the people in his life who have always been there but as unknown to him as those lost hours.

THE SILVER STAR ~ By Jeannette Walls, 2013

A heartbreaking and redemptive novel about an intrepid girl who challenges the injustice of the adult world. 12-year old "Bean" Holladay and her 15-year old sister Liz live with their artistic mother Charlotte in a small California town. It is 1970 and Charlotte has found something wrong with every place they have lived, so this time she goes off alone to find herself, leaving the girls with enough money for a month. They decide to take a bus to Virginia where their Uncle Tinsley lives in the decaying family mansion. There are also other relatives in the town and the girls settle in to a financially meager but loving family circle. But when they take minimal jobs working for a brutal and dangerous factory foreman they encounter the deceit and power of adults against whom they must find a way to triumph.

THE STORYTELLER ~ By Jodi Picoult, 2013

Sage Singer is a baker, a young woman who has few friends, bad memories, and a married lover. In a community group, she strikes up a friendship with Josef Weber, an elderly man who is much beloved as everyone's favorite teacher and little league coach. Then one day he asks her for a favor – a shocking favor – he wants her to kill him to help him atone for his darkest sin, he was a Nazi SS guard and he deserves to die. At this point, the story becomes two stories because Sage's beloved grandmother is a holocaust survivor and, in her words, we hear of that horror. Sage is now confronted with the question, "When does a moral choice become a moral imperative?" There are several narrators in this tale and, as always, in Picoult's novels the ending has an unexpected twist.

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It's Your Life*By Veronica Baca***The "Think System" Might Add More "Life" Into Your Life**

Do you remember that movie "The Music Man" with Shirley Jones, Robert Preston and little Ron Howard?

A con man ends up inspiring the other characters – and they him – to experience the full enthusiasm of life, including letting go of old emotional wounds, creating fun, and expanding into life with more and more love.

The Music Man uses what he calls the "Think System" where he teaches, and uses, enthusiastic visualizations.

This movie is a vivid example of how many great achievers, in their own lives, have actually come to realizing some amazing accomplishments.

Think of Roger Bannister who broke the 4-minute mile barrier, running the distance in 3:59.4. As part of his training, he visualized the achievement to create a sense of certainty in his mind and body.

What do you want in your life? Improved well-being? More love? Strengthened family ties? More harmony, knowledge, and wisdom?

You, too, can use the "Think System" – and see what you want turn into reality!

Veronica Baca retired from SPU in August 2013 and has become a Life Coach. You may contact her at veronicabaca75@gmail.com.

The Duffer's Corner

By Joe Matthias



History 101

I was sitting here in my dining room, casually going over the headlines on my favorite website today, when I happened to notice a headline that caught my attention. A group called the American Humanist Association is suing the Matawan – Aberdeen Regional School District in New Jersey over their use of the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. Their claim was that it violated the rights of atheists and other children whose beliefs are not religion-based or whose religion is different.

Funny, I remember growing up saying the Pledge of Allegiance all through my school years and I never once related it to an attempt to downgrade one group of people or another. It was just part of the Pledge. Now this isn't the first such lawsuit of this type over the last number of years and definitely won't be the last; but it has me thinking as to just where this great country of ours is headed.

So let's start with a little history on the Pledge of Allegiance. On September 8th, 1892 the magazine “The Youth's Companion” first published the original pledge as written by either Francis Bellamy or James Upton. To this day they're not sure who actually wrote it, but Mr. Bellamy usually gets the credit. It was composed for use by school children across the country in their October 12th assemblies honoring Columbus's landing in the New World four hundred years earlier. Since that time it has been repeated by millions of school-aged children at the beginning of each school day, at least for the first fifty years. The original pledge entitled “The Pledge of the Flag” read:



I pledge allegiance to the flag, and to the Republic in which it stands: one Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Originally penned for school children, the Pledge of Allegiance began to catch on and soon adults were using it also. It remained essentially unchanged for nearly thirty years until June 14th, 1923, when the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress and had it changed from “my flag” to “the flag of the United States,” and then again just one year later to “the flag of the United States of America.” This new wording was widely accepted and lasted the next thirty years. It was officially adopted as the National Pledge of Allegiance with the appropriate name change by Congress on June 14th, 1942, inserted in the US Code Title 4 – Chapter 1, The Flag under section 4, and was instrumental in helping to unite a nation wrapped in two wars, and influenced them to think and act as one. The complete verse at this time read:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic in which it stands: one Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The actual salute, as promoted by Mr. Bellamy in 1892 and used by all Americans into the mid 1900s, was with the right arm extended and slightly elevated, fingers pointing out. With the advent of Hitler's Germany and the “Heil Hitler” salute, this was quickly amended in June of 1942, Chapter 7 of the US Flag Code, to the present right hand over the heart.

Not a bad place to stop, but politicians being what they are and with McCarthyism and Communism reigning large and scaring the pants off most of the country, one more change was initiated. In June of 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed into law the last change, adding the words “under God” under pressure from many groups led by the powerful Knights of Columbus. Synopsizing his words, it was done to set America apart from the Communist state and establish this nation as the righteous world leader. It was never meant to isolate any one religion or group, although that is exactly what it ended up doing. The final product reads:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic in which it stands: one Nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The pledge, though penned in good faith, began to cause dissension from as early as when it was first being written. The word “equality” was strongly considered for the piece, but rejected because of widespread opposition to equal rights for women and African Americans at the time. So immediately it became an issue. Other groups, including many prominent religions, rejected it outright as a mandate and endured the wrath of a nation because of it. School age children were, by law, required to say the Pledge of Allegiance each morning for the next fifty years, violating their right of free speech. Though most school age children do not understand the term, their parents did and voiced their objection. In 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that no one could be forced to say the Pledge of Allegiance if they so chose not to.

And that should have taken care of things, right? Wrong. The fact that a person could choose not to say the Pledge of Allegiance was not enough for the rising number of groups who found it distasteful to even hear the wordage from other people. Lawsuits flourish, even today, from one group of believers/non-believers pushing their rights by stepping on the rights of others who wish to repeat the Pledge. Mostly it's all about separation of God and country, yet the Pledge of Allegiance does not infringe on government at all; or the legality of someone's right not to hear something they find offensive by taking away someone else's right to free speech.

The bottom line is this: the words “under God” ARE a part of the Pledge of Allegiance. They have been legally, as per the US Flag Code section 4, since 1954 – the last sixty years. Whether the term “under God” should be there or not is academic. They are and, as such, should be said when repeating the Pledge of Allegiance. If that bothers a person, then don't say it. The law says you don't have to. The answer, if there is one, isn't going to be found in the myriad of lawsuits existing across the country today. It is going to need to be fought by taking Congress to task. Sue them if you must sue anyone – to force a change in the wordage in the Pledge of Allegiance. It's been done before, it can be done again. Let's remember what this country was founded on – freedom of speech for everyone, which means one person's rights are NOT more important than another's. I know people who don't say things the way I would like to hear things said. Suing them, taking away their rights, just to mollify my own is not the answer.



See you next issue.

Joe Matthias, Lighting Department (Lineman), Retired

The Film Guy

Some Favorites on DVD
By Jim Mohundro



Woody Allen ~ Nebbish/Philosopher/Filmmaker

Woody Allen: “And a lion shall lie down with the lamb, but the lamb won’t get very much sleep.” Allan Stewart Konigsberg can’t have been getting very much sleep: he begins writing television comedy in the 1950s (e.g., *Caesar’s Hour*), articles, short stories, books and Broadway plays; performing Catskills standup comedy; and writing, directing and even sort of acting in films for nearly 50 years, from 1965’s *What’s New, Pussycat* to this year’s *Magic in the Moonlight*, slated to begin production in July.

Take the Money and Run (1969), with Woody Allen and Janet Margolin, 85 minutes. Virgil Starkwell has always had a bit of trouble with spelling; here, it’s his undoing.

Radio Days (1987), with Mia Farrow, Seth Green, Julie Kavner, Diane Wiest, Danny Aiello, Tony Roberts and Diane Keaton, 85 minutes. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear.

Play it Again, Sam (1972), with Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Tony Roberts and Jerry Lacy, 87 minutes. Film critic Allan’s muse is Humphrey Bogart (“...I never saw a dame yet that didn’t understand a good slap in the mouth or a slug from a .45.”). Here’s looking at you, kid.

The Purple Rose of Cairo (1985), with Mia Farrow, Jeff Daniels and Danny Aiello, 82 minutes. A movie lover’s dreams come true when Hollywood heartthrob Jeff Daniels walks off the screen and into Mia Farrow’s arms.

Match Point (2005), with Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Scarlett Johansson, Emily Mortimer, Matthew Goode, Brian Cox and Penelope Wilton, 124 minutes. Roger Ebert gave this Hitchcockian thriller his highest rating – four stars, writing “...I am going to become maddeningly vague in order not to spoil the movie’s twists and turns, which are ingenious and difficult to anticipate.” Warning: This is not a comedy: it’s a suspense thriller with some violence.

Bullets Over Broadway (1994), with John Cusack, Jack Warden, Chazz Palminteri, Jennifer Tilly, Rob Reiner, Dianne Wiest, Harvey Fierstein, Tracey Ullman and Carl Reiner, 99 minutes. In one of those occasional reversals Allen’s screenplay has been adapted as a “comedic musical” on Broadway.

Everyone Says I Love You (1996), with Edward Norton, Drew Barrymore, Alan Alda, Natalie Portman, Goldie Hawn, Woody Allen, Itzhak Perlman and Julia Roberts, 101 minutes. It’s a modest but delightful tribute to those 1920s’ musical comedies where, for no apparent reason, the players break into song from time to time.

Midnight in Paris (2011), with Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Marion Cotillard, Michael Sheen and Kathy Bates, 100 minutes. One of Allen’s most box office-successful films in recent years, it wins the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay, the Golden Globe Award for Best Screenplay, and is nominated for three other Oscars: Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Art Direction.

W.A.: “What if everything in life is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case, I definitely overpaid for my carpet.”

These films have subtitles in English or “close captions” for the hearing impaired, and are around town at video

JUST FOR FUN



INDEPENDENCE DAY TRIVIA QUIZ



- Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - George Washington
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - John Adams
- Which of the following did not sign the Declaration of Independence?
 - Samuel Adams
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - John Hancock
 - George Washington
- Which of the following was not one of the thirteen original colonies?
 - Georgia
 - Virginia
 - Vermont
 - Massachusetts
- What happened on July 4, 1776?
 - The first battle of the Revolutionary War was fought.
 - The Second Continental Congress declared independence from Britain.
 - The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.
 - The Declaration of Independence was signed.
- Which of the following European powers did not fight on the side of the colonists in the Revolutionary War?
 - Spain
 - France
 - The Netherlands
 - Germany

Answers

1. c) 2. d) 3. c) 4. c) 5. d)

LOOKING FOR 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). 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) is another very good comprehensive site with some interesting geographical limit capabilities. Enter your home zip code to start.

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.

You can reach Mr. Mohundro at filmguy@arsce.org



**ARSCE Presents
A Day at the Races**

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Emerald Downs

Saturday ~ July 12th, 2014



Gates Open 9:00AM ~ First Race 2:00PM

\$12.00 Ticket includes:

Admission, Program & Tip Sheet

5th Level View Room Table Seating
with Betting Window

Elevator Accessible

Food & Beverage Service available at your table.
Restrooms located outside View Room.

Address & Directions

2300 Emerald Downs Drive

Auburn, WA 98001 ♦ 253-288-7200

Enter Clubhouse at glass doors, take elevator
to 5th floor and continue north to View Room.

Parking

ADA parking is available and fills quickly.
Parking area has passenger tram pickup
every few minutes.

PREFERRED PARKING AVAILABLE: \$7.00

VALET PARKING: \$10.00



See You at the Races!

For information regarding this event,
please contact Anne Miller ♦ 206-937-6071
ARSCE Program Committee
Association of Active & Retired Seattle City Employees

2014 MEETING AND PUBLICATION DATES

Wed. July 9 - ARSCE Executive Board Meeting
Northgate Community Center
10510 - 5th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA
@ 10:00am

Tues. July 22 - News Deadline (Sept./Oct. Issue)

Fri. Aug. 22 - Mail ARSCE News (Sept./Oct. Issue)

Wed. Sep. 10 - ARSCE Executive Board Meeting

Tues. Sep. 23 - News Deadline (Nov/Dec Issue)

Wed. Oct. 8 - Executive Board Meeting

Fri. Oct. 24 - Mail ARSCE News (Nov/Dec Issue)

Annoucement:

There will not be a Fall Luncheon,
usually held in September, this year.

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. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date Retired _____ From Dept. _____ Amt. Encl. _____

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

E-Mail Address _____

Annual Dues: \$12.00. July 1 to June 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.

Name (Please Print) _____ Department _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Or Apply online at: <http://arsce.org/membershipapp3.htm>