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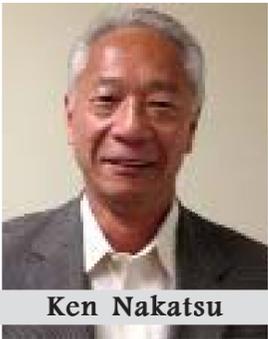
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## OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Masterjohn

I know you all must be tired of hearing about our travels, but I just have one more story to share with you. As I mentioned in my last article, we left for Arizona directly from the March luncheon. After we returned from Chandler, Arizona, I got to play golf a couple of times and then it was off to Mazatlán, Mexico on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Karen had a brief chance to wash a few things out of her suitcase...and then we flew out. Mazatlán was nice and we had 15 days of great weather, and no speeding tickets. We returned on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

So the day I'm writing this column is May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are out in our yard in the rain. I can't stop Karen from transplanting things, planting seeds, or just pulling weeds, which is mostly my job. I don't know if you have ever heard about our Wisteria and Golden Chain trees that have grown together and bloom at the same time. We have people come from all over to see this oddity and take photos. Also the Wisteria is the only thing holding up our carport. As I told you in my previous article, we redid our whole front yard with all plants and a couple of small trees. It keeps me busy weeding or watering most days. It's amazing how much of my time is freed up when it rains!



Ken Nakatsu

I met with Ken Nakatsu at the end of April and we discussed the new ordinance that cleans up the language of the old retirement system plan and lays out the new rules of the SCERS 2 plan. He also mentioned that the Board has invested \$15 million in the Brookfield Infrastructure Fund which focuses on renewable energy development and not on fossil fuels.

SCERS was granted a public disclosure exemption for certain private funds. This exemption is very important for gaining access to the top private fund managers, who otherwise do not want to take on public pensions as clients and, as such, it is important for helping us meet our investment targets. The exemption will also enable SCERS to better monitor and assess their private fund managers' performance.

Now the really good news—Ken has been asked to stay on for another year, so we'll have him through approximately June of 2017. They are still searching for a replacement for his position.

I hope you all had a great Memorial Day and a safe and fun 4th of July. Well, that's all for now.

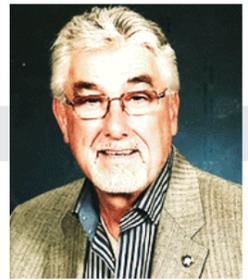
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## YOUR PENSION NEWS

By Lou Walter, Retired Employee,  
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Employees' Retirement System



### SCERS to Revise Its Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) Policy

The Seattle City Employees' Retirement System (SCERS) periodically receives inquiries and requests regarding investment, disinvestment, divestment or other changes for its investment portfolio designed to further environmental, social, and/or governance objectives. Further, given the ongoing national and international discussion of environmental and social investment issues, the Retirement Board has engaged SCERS staff and professional advisors to propose revisions to address those issues.

The proposed revised policy, which modifies the policy adopted by SCERS in 2013, reflects that ESG investment proposals will be given priority to the extent that SCERS' fiduciary obligations are not compromised, clarifies the actions that SCERS is undertaking to seek ESG investment opportunities, and specifies a procedure for considering ESG proposals.

#### A. Fiduciary Responsibilities

SCERS assets are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the members of the system and their beneficiaries. Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 4.36.705A states:

"The retirement fund shall be a trust fund for the exclusive benefit of the members of the City Employees' Retirement System and their beneficiaries. No part of the corpus or income of the retirement fund shall be used for or diverted to, purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of the members of the system or their beneficiaries and the payment of fees and expenses of maintaining and administering the system."

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This structure makes the Board of Administration function as trustees over SCERS' assets—subject to the “duty of loyalty” as well as the duty of prudence in SCERS investments. As summarized by the Washington Supreme Court, this duty of loyalty means that the Board “*must act with undivided loyalty to the trust beneficiaries, to the exclusion of all other interests. ...it may not sacrifice this goal to pursue other objectives, no matter how laudable those objectives may be.*” *Skamania v. State*, 102 Wn.2d 127, 134 (1984) (Emphasis added).

Investment and management of SCERS assets is also a matter of fiduciary responsibility under state law. The Board of Administration must “act with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man or woman acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims; shall diversify the investments of the employees’ pension system so as to minimize the risk of large losses; and shall act in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the employees’ pension system, insofar as such documents and instruments are consistent with the provisions of this title.” RCW 35.39.060. This is very similar to the fiduciary responsibility of the Washington State Investment Board in investing the state retirement systems’ holdings. RCW 43.33A.140.

Because of these directives, it has long been understood by the state, the City of Seattle, and SCERS that investment proposals targeted to address environmental, social, and governance issues have to meet the same fiduciary standards of prudent investment as any other investments. For example, addressing proposed disinvestment from companies doing business in South Africa, in 1985 the Seattle City Attorney’s office opined that “[w]hen the return to and the safety of principal from investments are equivalent, trustees may take into account in making trust investments...moral, ethical, and social considerations.” Opinion 7695 (March 26, 1985). That opinion concluded that the Board of Administration “may not pursue a policy or practice which reduces the financial return to the pension fund or significantly increases the risk to fund capital in order to further ethical or social considerations.” This is consistent with legal opinions throughout the nation regarding public and private retirement fund investments. Exercising its authority to oversee fiduciary responsibility in private pension plans, the U.S. Department of Labor has stated that “in the course of discharging their duties, fiduciaries may never subordinate the economic interests of the plan to unrelated objectives, and may not select investments on the basis of any factor outside the economic interest of the plan,” except in the limited circumstance where two or more “investment alternatives...are otherwise equal with respect to return and risk over the appropriate time horizon.” See U.S. Dept. of Labor Interpretive Bulletins 2008-1 & 2015-1. The Policy for consideration of ESG investment proposals that SCERS has previously adopted follows these requirements; this revised Policy also does so. Of course, where an ESG consideration has a direct relationship to the economic value of an investment, that factor is a proper component of fiduciary analysis of the economic merit of the investment decision.

The Washington State Investment Board’s policy regarding Economically Targeted Investments (ETIs) takes the same approach, stating that the WSIB “will consider for investment only those ETIs that are commensurate on a risk-adjusted financial basis to alternatively available investments” and that a “decision to invest in an ETI in consideration of its collateral benefits shall be made only after the opportunity is deemed acceptable exclusively on its economic investment merits.”

**B. Approach to Meeting Fiduciary Responsibilities**

The proposed revised policy continues to meet the fiduciary requirements of state law and the Seattle Municipal Code by establishing a systematic method for review of social, geopolitical, governance, or economically-targeted investment proposals.

In considering adoption of the original and revised versions of this Policy, SCERS has received extensive information

regarding permissible investment structures and approaches from its professional investment consultants, investment staff, and legal advisors. Options and structures sometimes used by private and public retirement funds, such as the Principles for Responsible Investing, were also analyzed and considered. The proposed policy is the result of careful examination of each such option and the determination of an approach that fits SCERS’ specific legal responsibilities, structures, policies, and needs.

In establishing its procedures, SCERS concluded that it needs specific and detailed proposals so that it can meet its fiduciary responsibilities. Therefore, ESG proposals must be in writing and provide specific, detailed analysis to support a conclusion that the proposed action is comparable in risk and return to the alternative investments in the same category, and consistent with SCERS’ policies. Proposals that meet those requirements will be referred to SCERS’ professional investment consultants for their evaluation. When a proposed action qualifies under those review processes, it can then be considered for adoption by the Board of Administration. ❖

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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 at 4022 Factoria Square Mall, Bellevue, Washington, at 11 AM. Remember to mark your calendar for the luncheon dates for our remaining 2016 luncheon dates: July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, November 7, and December 5. Now that you have these dates, please mark them down on your calendar for a monthly reminder. We encourage all former employees of MTD, DAS, ESD, FFD, FAS 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 in our luncheon group.

Our April luncheon was attended by a group of twenty-two. In May, we also had a group of twenty-two. No matter what the size of the

group, we all enjoy the opportunity to visit with everyone. Lloyd and Martha were back with us in May, after enjoying the warm weather in Yuma Arizona during this past winter. It is always great to have the both of them back at our luncheons.

April birthdays were celebrated by Paul Kozelisky, Terry Robertson, Tony Wong, and Joe Yamamoto. May birthdays were enjoyed by Bob Bentler, Rita Graumann, Lloyd Hansen, and Gene Lucas. We wish all of those mentioned birthday wishes and continued good health. Above all, we want them all to continue having birthdays.

Remember the dates of our luncheons during the summer and throughout the year. It is so enjoyable to visit with all who attend.

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## It's Your Life

By Veronica Baca

### Retirement Can/Should Be Fun!

You may be following the ARSCE Facebook group, and you may have seen a link to the Huffington Post article on "New Study Uncovers The Upside of Retirement Leisure: The Freedom Zone."

This is a great article. I'm going to give you the Readers Digest version of it here.

♦ Learning how to shift out of a high-pressure, time-constrained, workaholic lifestyle is one of the great challenges (and opportunities) of our newfound longevity. (And can take a full three years to adjust to it.)

The following three statistics tell why it's hard for retirees to make the shift to having so much leisure time:

♦ Working Americans have the fewest vacation days per year compared to other industrialized countries (just 11 days per year).

♦ 41% of employed Americans don't use all of the vacation time they have.

♦ 76% work while on vacation.



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April Birthdays

Left to right: Tony Wong, Terry Robertson & Joe Yamamoto



May Birthdays

Left to right: Lloyd Hansen, Gene Lucas & Bob Bentler

Once a retiree makes the shift from having almost no leisure time, to having a ton of it, good things happen:

- ♦ Freedom, fun, and emotional well-being soar.
- ♦ The study revealed that "Fun" increases by age 55 to be equal to the level at age 25, and then increases to peak at ages 65-74!
- ♦ More money during retirement did not increase the level of enjoyment of one's leisure time.
- ♦ People generally pursued the kind of leisure they could afford, and make adjustments to have a good time.
- ♦ The top activity most retirees in the survey seek is staying healthy.

If you haven't yet, join the ARSCE Facebook group and take a look at this whole article. (There's also a part two that's fascinating!)

If you don't know how to join the Fb group, email me and I'll be happy to walk you through it.

Here's to enjoying our leisure time!

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It could be that you're our next columnist. Tell us about yourself. Contact us at: [arscenews@arsce.org](mailto:arscenews@arsce.org)

## Duffer's Corner

By Joe Matthias



### Fort Lawton to Discovery Park

As Seattle grew, it dawned on the City fathers that a military presence in the form of a post would have an immense impact on the city's economy. With that in mind, they sought after the federal government for a post, fort, or something similar in the greater Seattle area. Now, about this same time two things happened. At the foot of Magnolia Bluff the West Point Lighthouse was built. Magnolia Bluff was so named because its red barked trees reminded the ship's captain who named it of Magnolia trees but were in fact Madrona trees. Just thought that was an interesting side note. This lighthouse, the first of its kind, still stands and operates, though through automation. It is protected under the National Register of Historic Places and can be viewed by the public. Across the bay, also in 1891, the Navy established the Puget Sound Naval Station, and the city of Bremerton grew around it. This was later changed to be called the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and still is a major player in refitting the ships of today's Navy. These two events, coupled with the planned ship canal connecting Lake Washington to Puget Sound, brought concerns of a need for an inland coastal defense. In 1894 the General of the Army appointed the Fortifications Board to look into the matter. In all, eleven sites were identified, Magnolia Bluff being one of them.

One of the stipulations from the board was that the land would be ceded to the government at no cost, so the Seattle Chamber of Commerce took the lead, purchasing the required lands at one dollar an acre from the owners, and eventually acquired 703 acres. That and other considerations gave Seattle the nod. In 1898 the lands were deeded to the US Government and construction began. The post opened in 1900. It was named Fort Lawton after General Henry Lawton. General Lawton was a veteran of the Civil War, a Union soldier with Company E-9, Indiana Volunteers; the Apache Wars including entering Mexico to capture Geronimo; the Spanish American War; and lastly, the Philippines where, in 1899, he was killed by a sniper making him the only officer killed in that conflict.

At nearly the same time construction was progressing on a series of forts that would ensure defense of Seattle and other inland cities from enemy attack by sea. The Puget Sound Coastal Defense, as it was called, consisted of five key locations not counting Fort Lawton. Fort Whitman was located in the Skagit area. Fort Ward and its appendage, Middle Point, protected the new Naval shipyard at what would become Bremerton. And Forts Flagler, Worden and Casey formed a triangle that covered the broad channel that is Puget Sound north of Seattle. All were armed with heavy artillery. Fort Lawton, though originally thought to be the third line of coastal defense, soon converted to an infantry post never having acquired any permanent coastal defense weaponry. The fort was designed to accommodate a military presence of around 3,500, yet in 1908 the total complement of the post was only twenty-two officers and three hundred thirty-three enlisted. Neither before nor

after did that number really change except during the war years and after that was often considerably less.

Fort Lawton maintained its designation as an infantry post through World War One when it provided security along the waterfront in Seattle. In 1927 the entire fort was given over to the Corps of Engineers who were working several major projects in the Seattle area. They also performed long overdue maintenance to the buildings and grounds of the base. In 1922 the CMTC (Civilian Military Training Camp) was formed. This allowed civilians to drill and learn military protocol and qualifications without having to commit to any actual military duty. If an individual went four years through this course they could apply for officer commissioning. It was little used and faded away soon after it began. In 1933 the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) utilized several barracks as they worked improving local, state, and national parks, trails, and campgrounds. Though this too eventually died out, I think it was a worthwhile program, accomplished a great deal, and improved a number of marketable skills in its participants. Too bad it's not still around today.

Just prior to World War One, Fort Lewis opened south of Tacoma and took away the last hopes Seattle had of Fort Lawton being any economic boon to the city. In 1938, with much of the fort idle, the US Government offered the fort to Seattle for one dollar, but the city council turned them down citing lack of funds to maintain such a large facility. That turned out to be a wise decision as World

War Two began and Fort Lawton became a major embarkation and debarkation point on the west coast. Hundreds of barracks were hastily erected to house the massive amount of soldiers processing through it. By the end of the war the fort had handled up to 20,000 troops at a time, totaling 1.1 million as the war ended.

Included in this number were some 5,000 Italian POWs enroute to Hawaii, and 1,150 German POWs. I have found nothing that

explains why German and Italian POWs were stockaded in Seattle. Many of the Italian prisoners were allowed to stay if they joined what was known as Italian Service Units, actually changing allegiances from the fascist government they previously fought for. These were given a wide range of freedoms including Px privileges, off base passes, and U.S. uniforms. They were berthed in a barracks next to the African American barracks and soon problems developed between the two as the American soldiers understandably resented being next to an enemy that was captured while killing Americans. How the fight started is not well documented, but by the time the MPs had restored order one Italian was dead, a victim of hanging.

Meanwhile, in the stockade, the German prisoners were required to perform chores around the base. One, despondent at the thought of having to return to Germany, drank a quantity of resin and died. He and the Italian killed in the scuffle earlier are the only foreigners buried in the fort's cemetery, located on the eastern boundary of the reservation.

After the war Fort Lawton returned to its former stature. Around that time there was a block of housing built for dependents of deployed soldiers. The Korean War again saw it being used for embarkation, but not to the extent



Old Fort Lawton

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that it saw in World War Two. After Korea the Fort was used for a variety of duties. It was an Air Force radar site for a while. Then it became a Nike missile site for a short time. Toward the end it was utilized mostly for training and reserve units.

In 1972 the US Government ceded most of the fort back to Seattle to develop into a park. A small area designated the 500 area because the addresses were so numbered, and the core of officer's quarters and administration buildings were retained. The officer's quarters are presently owned by a Cleveland based development firm that is trying to sell them as a block. Most of them are occupied by private tenants. The name was changed to Discovery Park; trails were built, open spaces established, and a first class Native American Interpretive center built.

When the City first acquired the property, they envisioned a cleared land for parks and began razing many of the buildings. Though the newer ones, such as the World War Two barracks, were poorly built and disposable, there were also a number of classic buildings from the original construction of the fort. It took a citizen movement, Friends of the Fort, to rally assistance from the federal government. Eventually a large number of buildings were designated under the National Register of Historical Places and are protected today. These twenty-five main post buildings are mostly located in three primary areas: the officers' and NCO quarters, the lower post enlisted quarters, and the support buildings and stable area. All were erected in the 1904-1905 time frame and all are splendid examples of the architecture of the time. In 2008 the City acquired all the base housing and razed them making more room for open space and park. Those still living there were relocated to new housing around the Everett Homeport area. Also around that time the military abandoned the 500 block. It is still unclear as to whether the City will acquire that property.

In all twenty-six structures are under historic protection. The officers' and NCO area consists of two single family



Discovery Park



Fort Lawton Military Cemetery

dwelling, probably senior officers quarters, and twelve two family duplexes. All are immaculate on the outside retaining their original appearance, while the insides have been updated for occupancy, although with an eye to retain its originality if at all possible. All are presently occupied. In the lower enlisted quarter's area the only remaining barracks building is the band barracks. The last area is the support buildings and stable area. There the Post Exchange, the original guardhouse, and the civilian quarters building still stand along with the two stable buildings. There are other buildings still on the grounds but not protected, boarded, and in great disrepair. I hope someday they too may be granted historic status and enjoy a certain amount of reconstruction.

On the extreme east end of the fort is the cemetery. It interred its first resident in 1902. It is presently at capacity at over 900 graves and maintained as a military cemetery. On the outskirts of this cemetery you can find the graves of the Italian POW and the German POW, the only two foreign POWs buried here. There is at least one former base commander also interred here.

Fort Lawton/Discovery Park resides at the extreme west end of Magnolia Hill overlooking Puget Sound and has enjoyed an honorable and important role in Seattle's history.

It has been a number of years since I have been there but I remember it being rich in greenery, rich in Seattle history, and a wonderful place to spend a day. I remember, as a boy scout in the 60s, holding our annual jamborees in the wooded areas around the old enlisted barracks. I remember drilling in the buildings of the 500 block in the early 80s when my reserve unit had been displaced from Sand Point which was being

converted to Magnusson Park. I plan to get back there before too long. I encourage you to go, also. Don't forget your camera.

Duffer, out.

Joe Matthias, Lighting Department (Lineman), Retired



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## Ramblin' Roads

By Alan Brittenham



### Old Benson Road

Everywhere you go, you travel on ground with a past, with an untold story or one that has been forgotten. This is most evident in our roads, the old roads. Some, like the Beacon-Coal Mine road that takes off from 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Skyway, past the trailer court and winds down the Black River Valley wall to come out on Monster Road by the transfer station, have faded into the background, travelled by few and forgotten by most.

Others, like today's subject, Old Benson Road, and in particular one stretch of it from Cascade Vista on top of the South Hill to Main Street in downtown Renton, are traveled daily by thousands of us on our way to work.

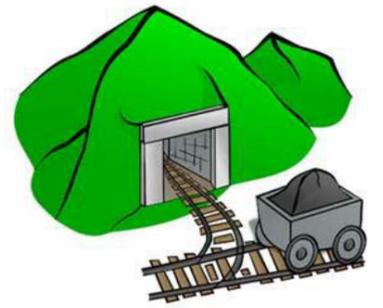


Old Benson today is not the same road it was, thanks to the recent "improvements" to I-405, that did hand those of us who live on the hill our own private on-ramp to get us to the traffic jam quicker and easier. The new Old Benson that emerged from that project was higher and jogged to the east as it went under the new off-ramp.

For years, like so many of us, I noticed some kind of platform structure on the east side of old Benson at a wide spot in the road just up from the building that became City Hall. It had some kind of plaque on the base of it, visible as you went up the hill. I always wondered what it was about, but you know how it goes, there's always something to do and gotta get there soon, so who had time to stop and read the plaque?

Finally, after at least 15 years of driving by on a daily basis, I stopped off one Saturday morning on my way to McClendon's and actually read the plaque. What it said was that the plaque had been affixed to the base of a foundation for the steam donkey (common nickname for a steam-powered winch, or

logging engine widely used in past logging and mining operations) that ran the winch that brought the ore cars from the inside of the coal mine whose adit (entrance to the mine) was under what is now the S-curves of Interstate 405 directly to the east. The top of the base was at about level with the road surface and appeared to be made of solid concrete cast in sections, or mortared in place like giant bricks. The date on the plaque was 1949.



I went to the Renton Historical Society Museum down on Main Street for the rest of the story. It seems that there was actually a dedication ceremony for the Coal Mine Hoist foundation, as it is officially known, last August, but we missed it.

There was a man named Smithers who found coal on the side of Talbot hill back in 1873. With financial help from Capt. Renton, the Renton Coal Company dug into the hill right there off Benson Road and by the time they quit in 1918, they had extracted some 1,300,000 tons of coal from a mine that went a full mile east of there. It had some 22 branchings and many air shafts, one of which opened up under a Renton Hill garage in 1981. They rediscovered the mine entrance in 1963, when the I-405 was built and sealed it up again. The rest of the mine is still there, full of water, mostly.

It's a good thing I stopped to read the plaque when I did because you can't get there anymore. With the relocation of Old Benson the plaque is still there, but now it's down below the road surface behind a fence on your right as you crest the hill before the bridge over I-405; the wide spot in the road is long gone. You'd have to park at City Hall and walk up the hill to see it now. Who's gonna do that?

Like the aerial photographs of the Cascade Vista neighborhood that used to be on the wall at Willie's Tavern, like the woods full of deer around Philip Arnold Park, things that are part of the history of our neighborhoods are disappearing around us. Keep telling yourself to stop and enjoy them while you still can. If you wait 15 years, they may be gone. Then all you'll have left are the memories. 😊

## A Life Well-Lived

By Joyce Dickhaut



*Editor's Note: This issue, we are introducing you to a new columnist ~ Joyce Dickhaut. She worked for King County as a Motor Pool Secretary and ultimately served as Manager of Fleet Administration until retiring. She volunteered for the Crisis Clinic for 16 years and is a worldwide traveler. Welcome Joyce!*

### The Slender Thread

In 1965 I saw a movie called "The Slender Thread." It was filmed in Seattle and starred Sidney Poitier and an actor called Steven Hill who was my cousin, so the movie held an especially strong attraction for me. The "thread" in the title referred to the telephone connection between a suicidal man (Hill) and a worker at the Seattle Crisis Clinic (Poitier) and how a life was ultimately saved by that telephone call. It also sparked my interest in the Crisis Clinic, founded in 1963, one of the earliest suicide hot lines in the nation.

I inquired about volunteering at the Crisis Clinic and after interviewing there it was clear to me that my full time job, as well as a husband and kids at home, precluded my being available for the comprehensive training sessions as well as the weekly four hour shift answering telephones. However, I set the idea aside for that unknown time in the future when

I was retired and had unlimited time to pursue activities that interested me.

That time came in 1990 after I retired from the Fleets and Shops Division of DAS as Fleet Manager. I revisited the Crisis Clinic, was accepted in the volunteer program, completed their extensive training regime, and was assigned a weekly four hour shift. During the training, I was surprised to learn that most of the calls were not the heart-thumping emergency calls we imagine with the caller about to pick up a gun or other lethal means and harm themselves, although those calls did occur and were not easily forgotten. When I was working there, only about ten percent of the calls involved suicide either directly or indirectly. Mental health was a huge issue with many calls from family members trying to deal with mentally ill relatives or from others suffering with problems seeking help, either for professional referrals or just wanting to talk. There were callers who were alone and needed a person at the other end of the line to just listen to whatever was troubling them;



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anything from a sick pet to a death in the family or worse. (Seattle Crisis Clinic phone number: 206-461-3222.)

There was one call that I can never forget. If this had happened in a Lifetime made-for-TV-movie, the watcher would say, “N-o-o-o-o!” I answered the phone as usual, “Crisis Clinic, how can I help you?” The caller was a young man from another country who was a student at the University of Washington. His sister was also a U.W. student and they shared a rented apartment. He told me they were from an extremely religious family and the family thought this was the safest living arrangement. Neither of the students had ever dated nor had any social interaction with the opposite sex. He told me he felt awkward talking to females and could not bring himself to ask a girl out. It seemed that raging hormones had gotten the best of him (or perhaps both of them) and his sister had become pregnant. He felt he had to solve this but did not know where to turn. Crisis Clinic telephone workers are not supposed to give advice or solve problems for the callers, but should refer them to professionals who are educated and equipped to help them. We can listen empathetically and help them along the way to resolution. In this case, I could not help but say that he must leave his sister alone, with the implication that they stop any physical relations. After asking him the appropriate questions, I gave him referrals and ended the call.

To this day, I wonder how that situation was resolved. In fact, all of the volunteers wondered about all their callers because we cared for them and wanted the best outcomes possible. It was hard to resist the urge to give advice or opinions, but when I deviated from that protocol I found it didn't work. Most did not want advice, but just a friendly, non-judgmental ear. When we got suicide calls that turned serious, we raised our hand and our supervisor, a mental health professional, got involved and, if necessary, called police or some other authority. That happened to me many times, but we had very exact protocols and those calls, although stressful, were not as hard to handle as some others such as domestic violence or really mentally disturbed callers.

My experiences over the sixteen years I volunteered were far too many for this article, but the work was fascinating and made all of us volunteers realize how lucky we were with our mundane lives. I felt as if I had made a difference and might have been that slender thread that saved a life, either from a needless suicidal death, or from a horrible future in an abusive marriage. As I drove home at the end of my shift, it never failed to make me realize that my problems were insignificant compared to those of some of our callers.

After sixteen years my life changed; I moved to the eastside without easy access to the Crisis Clinic office and, honestly, I think I was a little burned out. I have worked at other volunteer positions since then and always felt as if I had made a difference for the better. Travel, golf, or gardening after retirement are great, but saving lives made a difference in my life. In addition to helping others, what I learned and what I experienced enhanced my own life. Specifically, I learned the value of empathy and being able to listen without imposing my own opinions or solutions to others' situations. Children, even adult children, really appreciate that and often don't get that from a parent who “knows best.” Those qualities carry over to my relationships, even today. ❖



## 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 Shop** retirees meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am. Restaurant TBA. Signs, Signal, Paint, Inventory and Office retirees are all welcome. For information contact Denise at 206.999.2642 or email [DAHawk8@comcast.net](mailto:DAHawk8@comcast.net).

**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!

### New Members: Active

Aziz Alfi	Frank McDonald
Laurel Anderson	Doreen McGrath
Pam Banks	Virginia McHenry
Shauna Fitzner	Catherine L. Mentele
Joseph Grande	Julio Moran, Jr.
Jerome Iranon	Wendy Morgan
Ashish Kumar	Karla Oman

Nelson Park
Devona Polomis
Marcella Randall
C. Rose Smith
Frank L. Tsuboi
Leslie Wagoner
Cindy M. Wright

### New Members: Retired

Jacqui Anderson, FAS
Dix Fulton, SCL
Donald Harris, Parks
Kevin Hobson, Police
Frank Jacobson, SPU
Lorie Munger, SDOT
Mary E. Turner, SDOT

## Memorials

Barbara Graham  
in memory of Loretta Moore, SPU

## Golden Contributions

Paul Bonin      Thomas Coglas

## In Memory

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

Harold B. Bolger, Beneficiary  
Died: 5/1/2016  
Age: 94

Brian Michael Born, SCL  
Died: 5/12/2016  
Age: 69

Paul W. Chesterman, SPU  
Died: 3/7/2016  
Age: 56

Jake E. Couch, Vested  
Died: 4/2/2016  
Age: 83

Margaret W. Davis, Vested  
Died: 3/14/2016  
Age: 82

Clarence L. Dean, Muni Court  
Died: 4/30/2016  
Age: 76

Robert M. Dennis\*, DCLU  
Retired: 7/2007  
Died: 3/27/2016  
Age: 75

Wallace M. Draper, Vested  
Died: 5/9/2016  
Age: 91

Edna H. Drobnack, Vested  
Died: 5/9/2016  
Age: 100

Lauretta E. Eccles, Vested  
Died: 4/4/2016  
Age: 97

John Freeman, SCL  
Died: 4/21/2016  
Age: 74

Robert E. Freimund \*, Health  
Retired: 6/1979  
Died: 3/22/2016  
Age: 94

Wilberdel Frye, Muni Courts  
Died: 2/1/2016  
Age: 78

Geoffrey H. Getchman,  
Police  
Died: 4/2/2016  
Age: 68

Katherine A. Kelly, Vested  
Died: 5/9/2016  
Age: 97

Thomas D. Kelly, SCL  
Died: 3/26/2016  
Age: 73

Harold W. Kemmerer\*, DAS  
Retired: 8/1987  
Died: 5/22/2016  
Age: 87

Daniel B. Kennard, SPU  
Died: 4/20/2016  
Age: 74

Michael H. Lindblom\*, SPU  
Retired: 12/1995  
Died: 5/13/2016  
Age: 76

Marie K. Masunaga,  
Seattle Center  
Died: 5/6/2016  
Age: 83

John K. McAlerney, Health  
Died: 4/4/2016  
Age: 82

Ordonez Nemesio, Library  
Died: 3/30/2016  
Age: 79

Anabel M. Reif, Vested  
Died: 3/14/2016  
Age: 95

Della L. Schmitz, Vested  
Died: 4/17/2016  
Age: 96

Robert D. Selles\*, Water  
Retired: 6/1985  
Died: 4/24/2016  
Age: 94

Michael A. Smith\*,  
Fleets & Facilities  
Retired: 9/2010  
Died: 4/6/2016  
Age: 71

Edward P. Van Leeuwen,  
Police  
Died: 3/5/2016  
Age: 77

Joyce B. Van Tuyl, Library  
Died: 3/26/2016  
Age: 90

George B. Watts,  
Seattle Center  
Died: 3/5/2016  
Age: 95

Allen I. Zelk\*, Engineering  
Retired: 7/1990  
Died: 4/12/2016  
Age: 90

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## BOOK NOTES

By Lorry Garratt, Library



### **DARK CORNERS. By Ruth Rendell ~ 2015**

Ruth Rendell died in 2015 and this was her last book. A baroness and a British Life Peer, she was one of the most renowned and honored of mystery and psychological suspense authors and this one lets the lady go out in style. Typically she gives us an anti-hero—Carl a striving and not too successful novelist who has inherited a flat and its contents from his father. He reasons that he will be secure financially if he rents out a few rooms in the attic and Dermot, the first applicant, is chosen. In addition, Carl sells a few meds, that his father stocked, to an overweight friend who needs to slim down to keep her acting job. Unfortunately, the pills kill her and Dermot, who has happened to overhear this information, begins to blackmail Carl and refuses to pay rent. But he too is a seedy, pathetic soul and falls into a similar pit.

Rendell wrote more than 60 books, a number of them under the name of Barbara Vine, and every one is a treasure of the genre.

### **THE JAPANESE LOVER. By Isabel Allende ~ 2015**

Themes of lasting passion, friendship, and reflections in old age are featured in a saga that moves from modern San Francisco back to traumatic WWII years. Irini Basilli is the personal assistant to designer Alma Belasco, a Polish Jewish refugee sent to live with wealthy California relatives in 1939. There she meets Ichimei Fukado, youngest son of the family gardener and though they are both young children, the love they share all their lives begins then. Unable to marry because of cultural differences, they nevertheless continue to meet regularly in a moving tribute to the constancy of the human heart in a world of change.

### **FINALE; A NOVEL OF THE REAGAN YEARS. By Thomas Mallon ~ 2015**

The story takes place primarily in 1980, two years after Reagan's final triumphant campaign and two years before he vacates the White House for good. His Presidential legacy is on the line. The fateful nuclear arms meeting in Iceland with Gorbachev and the brewing Iran-Contra scandal both threaten to undo it. This is a historical fiction that carries a sense of foreboding, at times bordering on panic. It's an audacious and important work, leaving the reader to wonder if Reagan was an idiot or brilliant, and when did the Alzheimer's begin to take hold?

Nancy Reagan's character is both humane and convincing and the character of Nixon is strangely likeable and observant and often is the novel's most reliable narrator. The ensemble cast includes both real life and fictional persons.

### **WHERE IT HURTS. By Reed Farrel Coleman ~ 2016**

Former Long Island cop Gus Murphy is working as a courtesy driver for a run-down hotel after his son's unexpected death, which led to divorce and his departure from the Suffolk County police force. When petty criminal Tommy Delcamino locates him

and begs for an investigation into his own son TJ's murder, Gus at first refuses and then relents when he finds Tommy's murdered body and is nearly shot by the killers. This is a gritty, hardboiled mystery with a clever plot and a winning protagonist in Gus.

### **DEATH OF A DISHONORABLE GENTLEMAN. By Tessa Arlen ~ 2015**

For the fans of Downtown Abbey, here is your mystery. 1912 England on a wealthy estate; a time when social classes were distinct and separate, a weekend house party and ball, and the vivid details of the privileged classes and their servants. The victim of the gruesome murder is a member of Lord and Lady Montfort's family. He is young and handsome, slick, and involved in all manner of nefarious activities, but his death is nevertheless unexpected. No one kills nobility, after all. But they do, and Scotland Yard must uncover the secrets of all the classes.

### **THE NATURE OF THE BEAST. By Louise Penny ~ 2015**

Penny continues her multi-layered novels set in the remote tiny village of Three Pines, Quebec with its cast of familiar characters, which includes now retired De. Insp. Armand Gamache and his wife Reine Marie. This thoughtful and intriguing tale begins with a 9 year old boy who runs freely in the woods and often comes home with tales of aliens and beasts. But one day he doesn't come home, and after the villagers search he is found murdered, perhaps having seen a real monster. This discovery and investigation has broad tentacles and leads to evil so profound that other murders occur in the attempt to hide it.

### **BADLANDS. By C.J. Box ~ 2015**

Cassandra Dewell is the new hire as chief investigator in Grimstad, N.D. in the midst of the huge oil boom which has brought millions of dollars, thousands of people, and untold crime and drugs to the area. Her husband is dead and her 10 year old son Kyle is a sweet boy, but developmentally slow and lives with his damaged mother and her criminal boyfriend. Kyle is literally invisible to everyone as he delivers his newspapers on his bike and thus becomes a dangerous focus for both cops and the drug cartel when he witnesses something horrific. Fast moving and suspenseful, a different kind of suspense.

### **THE ENGLISH SPY. By Daniel Silva ~ 2015**

The 15th in the Gabriel Allon series and the English spy of the title is Christopher Keller at the side of the legendary Israeli spy and assassin. A much loved British princess is killed by a bomb on her yacht. British Intelligence knows who to contact to track the killer and Gabriel and Christopher know who their killer is—Eamon Quinn, master bomb maker and mercenary of death to anyone with the money. But this time he has no hope of escape because his two pursuers each have a personal reason for revenge.

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### NEXT NEWS DEADLINE:

July 19th, 2016

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## The Film Guy

Some Favorites on DVD

By Jim Mohundro



### Homages, Remakes, and Parodies

Sometimes it's difficult to tell the difference between successfully remaking a film, paying homage to a well-loved motion picture, and creating a successful parody.

Director Mel Brooks borrows liberally from *Frankenstein* (1931), *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935) and 1939's *Son of Frankenstein* to create *Young Frankenstein*, perhaps the funniest film of 1974. Gene Wilder is Baron Victor Frankenstein's grandson, Marty Feldman is Igor, and Peter Boyle replaces Boris Karloff as The Monster. Brooks' sensitivity to the look and feel and music of the originals is extraordinary.

The glossy *An Affair to Remember* (1957), with classy lovers Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, wears its sentimentality well, a film that can be seen comfortably more than once, and Nora Ephron's script for the 1993 *Sleepless in Seattle* deftly incorporates just enough of *Affair's* elements to keep that picture in this story. The lonely lovers Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks, and Jimmy Durante's version of "As Time Goes By," heard over the title, seem just right. An extra treat, for some, perhaps, will be glimpses of a few City of Seattle employees who served as extras during the location filming.

A remake usually changes the actors, the setting, and the time, but not the basic story narrative. Director Ernst Lubitsch's *The Shop Around the Corner* (1940), with James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan as young co-workers in a Budapest shop, is remade as 1949's *In the Good Old Summertime* in which Judy Garland and Van Johnson appear in the Sullavan and Stewart roles, with added music and Technicolor; and, for the digital age, it's *You've Got Mail* (1998), with Hanks and Ryan as the romantic duo.

There are many private eye tales out there, and when the detectives are just seedy enough and the films just *noir* enough, those stories can be entertaining and, at their best, as memorable as Jacques Tourneur's 1947 *Out of the Past*. The lead actors are Robert Mitchum, Kirk Douglas, and Jane Greer (there is nothing like a dame like Jane), and not much good happens to any of them; what does happen, does so in great *genre* style. In *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid*, the 1982 parody of *Out of the Past* and many other 1940s' private eye films, a new tough guy embarks on these mean streets. Steve Martin is private peeper Rigby Reardon in Director Carl Reiner's film. Good guys, bad guys, good women and bad women lurk around every corner, and many of those faces are suspiciously familiar and familiarly suspicious, and these folks are sometimes even tougher than Mitchum, Douglas, and Greer.

You must remember this. *Casablanca* (1943) often competes with *Citizen Kane* in popular and critical lists of best [American] picture. Perhaps you've seen Bogie and Bergman and supporting cast (many of the actors in this film, like Peter Lorre and Paul Henreid, are real refugees from



Germany and Central Europe) a dozen or more times, or too many times, or maybe you'll give it one more go. Woody Allen's patented neurotic screen persona works well in the 1972 film version of his Broadway hit, *Play It Again, and Sam*. It's a love story (Allen, Bogart and Diane Keaton in no obvious order), a comedy and a respectful, near-perfect tribute to its wartime model.

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 are two bonuses not in my principal picks because current DVD prints do not include English subtitles: *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and *Pimpernel Smith*.

Audiences (not limited to small boys) always seemed to have been attracted to heroes inhabiting two personalities, e.g., Clark Kent/Superman, Don Diego/Zorro, *The Desert Song's* (Pierre in Sigmund Romberg's operetta, Paul in the films)/The Red Shadow, and Sir Percy Blakeney, Baronet, in Baroness Orczy's novel and the films/*The Scarlet Pimpernel*. Each public persona of an innocuous, often effete character disguises the hero.

*The Scarlet Pimpernel* (1935) is about an Englishman and master of disguise who rescues French aristocrats from what might fairly be called *la guillotine's* overkill during the French Revolution. Leslie Howard plays Blakeney, who, at his English home, is rather a silly fop (wealth is so wasted on the rich) who advises the Prince of Wales (Nigel Bruce) on the dainty length of his royal sleeves. Blakeney's wife, the Frenchwoman Marguerite St. Just, who may have betrayed an aristocrat, is played by the glamorous Merle Oberon, and Raymond Massey is the villain, Citizen Chauvelin.

In 1942, Howard, by this time too old to enlist, supports Great Britain's Second World War effort by starring in, producing and directing 1942's *Pimpernel Smith*, a film in which Howard, not surprisingly, plays vague Cambridge archaeology professor Horatio Smith who rescues European refugees from the Nazis. In common with *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and his relationship with Citizen Chauvelin, a good amount of humor happens at the expense of the Nazis (especially Francis Sullivan, distinguished British character player in David Lean's *Great Expectations* and *Oliver Twist*). In 1943, the Germans get a sort of revenge when the Luftwaffe shoot down Howard's KLM flight over the Bay of Biscay, a sad event about which some mystery still persists.

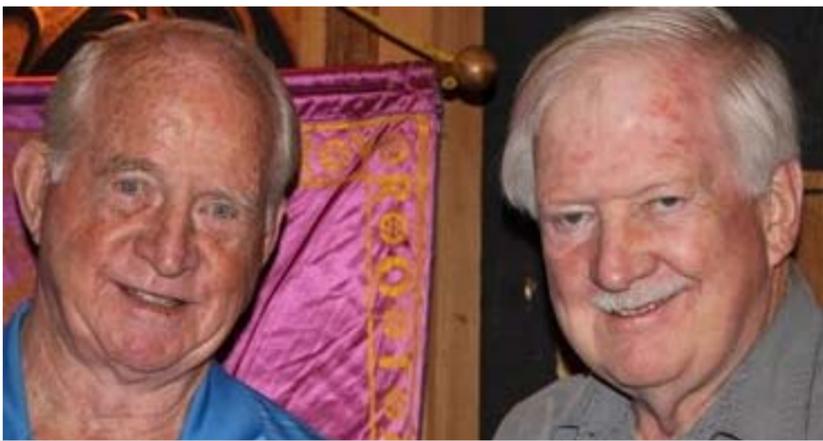
No quality uncut DVDs exist of the first film (currently assumed to be in the public domain), but some quality MGM-issued VHS copies are in the hands of collectors; a copy can be streamed from the Seattle Public Library's website, and a new DVD (with British PAL encoding not generally playable on U.S. DVD players) is scheduled for release in the UK in August, 2016 and may precede a later U.S. issue. Both films are shown from time to time on Turner Classic Movies, and copies of each can be found on eBay from time to time. ❖

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## Parks Department Retiree News

By Alan Hovland

I, Alan Hovland, started working for the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation over 50 years ago. I reported for work at Golden Gardens on June 6, 1966 as a Seasonal Park Laborer and within weeks I had met several other Parks' employees who remained very influential in my life. The Foreman was Mr. Elmer Bodie and the Lead Worker was Delno Raines. There were many others: Norm McCrea (still doing well at Oak Harbor), Billy Quarles, Ralph Brown, Shig Sumioka (UW, 442<sup>nd</sup> and wounded in France), Herman Lewis and Walt Lindlauf. In a class by himself was Henry (Heine) Schultz who was on Normandy Beach before D-Day and helped me in so many ways like roofing, truck driving, and to be aggressive in life and work. Later it was the great Rich Clark, Jessie Howell (alive and well at the Norse Home), Jon Abrahamson, and a surprising entry in this list, Ken Petrie. Then a transition figure in the most feared man in Grounds Maintenance, Yosh Kiyonaga, (he expected people to work for their living) who took me up and in a short time taught me so much.



Alan Hovland with Jim Lambright (left), former UW Football Coach, meet for coffee at University Sunrise Rotary Club.

And then on to Facility Maintenance and a hard fought and wonderful career; always remembering all who had helped me along the way. Johnnie White hired me into the Custodial Unit and I was mentored by the wonderful O.G. Givens, and in learning by adversity, Ralph Terry. And in this same vein, the Director Dick Richards (alive and well in Ballard), and did I mention Gene Jacobs and Warren Witt? I cannot fail to mention a few of the wonderful people that I was fortunate to supervise: Walt Logan, Vicki Baker, Mr. Narcotics Anonymous Willie Pompey, Lily Cook, and Patricia (Forever) Young (still working at West Bridge) and later Luis Victoriano. There are so many and I fear I have left out many dedicated Park Workers. Next month I will list the many friends I had in the Recreation Division, and in the joy I found in the ready-made family that I was so lucky to have found through the Parks Department, my late wife Diana Henry Hovland, and my daughter Amy. So more memories later and comments are welcome.

Woody Wilkenson and Carol Ann are enjoying their well-deserved retirement by living at Providence Point and taking several cruises, the latest being in Europe on a river cruise to cities like Prague.

Howard Bogie is enjoying his family and has met his great-grand daughter for a four generation picture.

Kevin Stoops continues to enjoy his fairly recent retirement and just enjoyed the May wedding of his daughter.

Kathy Whitman wants me to correct the news of her retirement. The picture of her with the Mayor was for 45



Father of the Bride, Kevin Stoops with his Mother at the happy event.

# JUST FOR FUN

## Summertime Word Scrambles



1. C E I L O P P S

2. N S N U Y

3. B G I I K N

4. A E L R X

5. M O R S T Y

6. A L P Y

7. R N E M O L E T A W

**Answers:**

1. POESICLE 2. SUNNY  
3. BIKING 4. RELAX  
5. STORMY 6. PLAY  
7. WATERMELON

years of service and she promised to read the ARSCE Newsletter for retirement advice.

Norm McCrea and his wife Sue just returned from a road trip to visit a cousin in Boise and a visit to Gary Rittenmeyer for a tour of Chelan and last year's fire sites.

Oscar Bray is still going strong at 97 years old and has planted his garden once again.

Reco Bemby sent along the news that the Late Night Program celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May at Rainer Community Center; a program that has helped so many young people in the City over so many years.

The Lifelong Recreation Program, with Cheryl Brown as the Program Coordinator, offers such a wide variety of exercise and arts program all over the City for Seniors (yes, you). [www.seattle.gov/Parks](http://www.seattle.gov/Parks).

Pat Coupens has sold her house and is now living in Arizona.

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

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*Thank You, Judith!*

Judith Flemings served, both professionally and with ardent aplomb, as ARSCE News Editor for 8 years. She also served on the ARSCE Board with great zeal.



Please read Judy's email to the Board below:



*As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, my term is up. I wanted to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your ARSCE News Editor for eight (8) years. I am grateful to Dr. Jesse Tapp, the President of ARSCE when I became a Board member, in 2003 or 2004. He "recruited" me. I am appreciative of Virginia Jacobson, the first Editor of the paper, who taught me how to manually produce the paper when she learned she was ill. No computers were available to her at that time.*

*So many memories, including interviewing Mayors Gordon Clinton, Wes Uhlman, and Norman Rice. [Charlie Royer never responded to my two attempts to interview him.] And, I remember my first meeting with Jim Taylor, thanks to Marty Chakoian; when, as Communications Chair, I asked him if he would be willing to create the ARSCE website. [I wonder if he remembers meeting with me about this at a Ballard restaurant oh so many years ago? I think the restaurant was Mannings.]*

*I will definitely see you at the annual Christmas soiree. Take care my friends!  
 Judith "Judy" Flemings*

*Judy...you will be dearly missed.*

**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.

**2016 MEETING AND PUBLICATION DATES**

Wed.	July 13	ARSCE Executive Board Meeting
Tues.	July 19	News Deadline (Sept/Oct Issue)
Fri.	Aug. 19	Mail ARSCE News (Sept/Oct Issue)
Wed.	Sep. 14	ARSCE Fall Luncheon
Tues.	Sep. 20	News Deadline (Nov/Dec Issue)
Wed.	Oct. 12	Executive Board Meeting
Fri.	Oct. 21	Mail ARSCE News (Nov/Dec Issue)
Wed.	Nov. 9	Executive Board Meeting
Tues.	Nov. 15	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. \_\_\_\_\_

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 (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.

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Active & Retired Seattle City Employees  
 P.O. Box 75385, Seattle, WA 98175-0385 Attn: Victoria Troisi  
 Or Apply online at: <http://arsce.org/membershipapp3.htm>**