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## OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Walt North

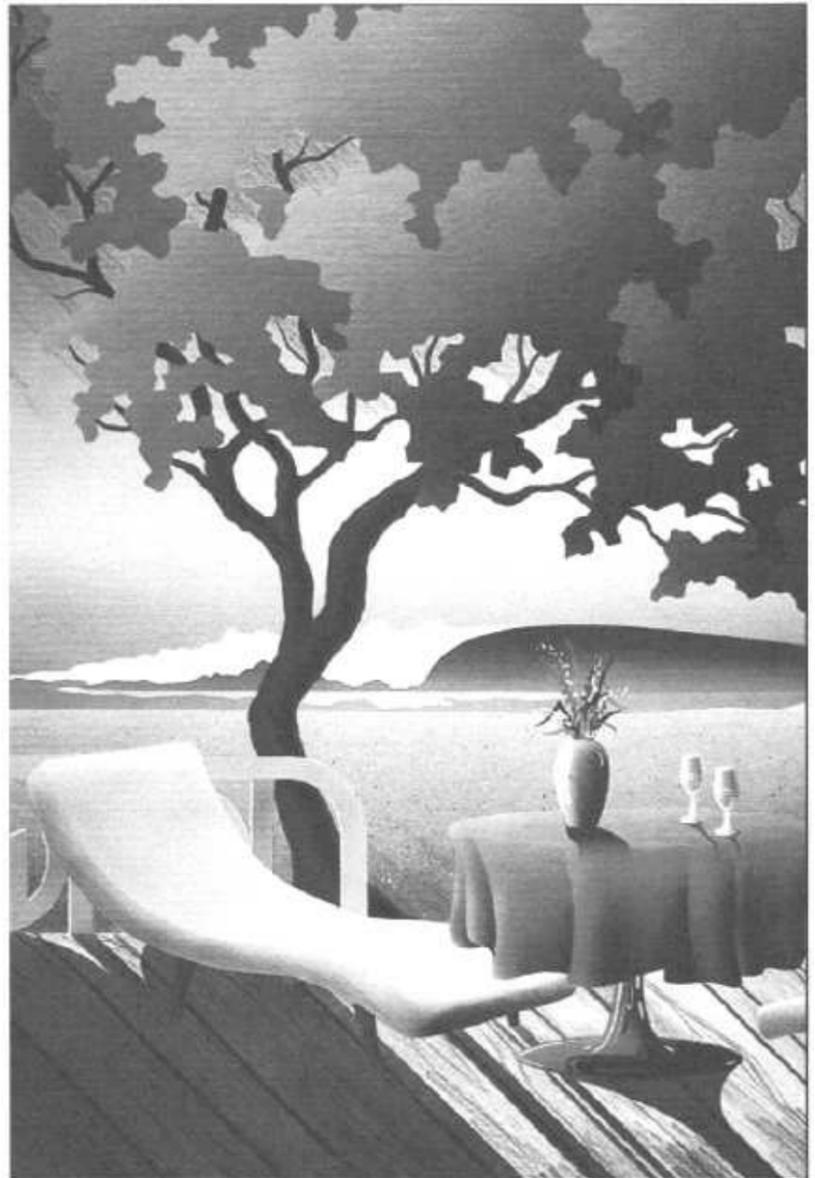
The Association of Retired City Employees Board of Directors is backing Lou Walter for a fourth term on the Seattle Retirement Board. Lou has provided dedicated service for us retirees and we need him on the Retirement Board to lend a voice to our concerns.

Talking about elections, the ARSCE Election results are in. Re-elected to serve on your ARSCE Board are: Sharon Howell, Barbara Graham, and Donna Fisher. New Board Members are John Randall, Al Larsen, and Merle Overland. The three alternative Board members are Vernon Connally, Gerry Willhelm, and Ron Boehm. The alternative members play a very important role on the ARSCE Board. They are encouraged to attend all Board functions and when a Board Member is absent, the alternate fills in for the absent member with full voting privileges. Alternates are also assigned to Board committees.

I recently attended a celebration of life for Doug Howell, Sharon Howell's husband. The service was well-attended, a wonderful gathering for a very special man that will be missed not only by his family, but also many in the community. I had hopes of getting Doug involved in ARSCE, but he had a pretty full plate. You know what they say, if you want to get something done, ask a busy person and Doug sure fit that bill. Doug, you will be missed.

As I keep saying, "GET INVOLVED." The City of Seattle has Springtime Spruce Up through June 3. For more information, call the Spring Clean Hotline at (206) 233-7187.

Enjoy Life ~~



**SUMMER'S COMING!**

## Russ Teller

By Mary Norris, City Light Retiree



Russ Teller  
(ARSCE News photo compliments of Eddie Haw)

Because so many of you have asked, I picked a nice sunny afternoon to pay a visit to Russ Teller. (Retired from Licenses and Consumer Affairs in 1986.) He is always remembered for his dedication to ARSCE and his long pursuit of a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for retirees through his spoken and written words, as well as his City Hall visits over many years.

Russ lives in a retirement home in the north end of Seattle. He was sitting in his wheel chair, dressed to perfection, as was always his style. His wonderful family has surrounded him with their pictures to keep him up-to-date on their activities. Because he is a victim of Parkinson's, his declining motor skills slow and soften his speech. Mentally, he is very aware of ARSCE and the Retirement Board. Thanks to his good friend, Eddie (Ann) Haw, he is kept up-to-date with news of his friends during their almost, always, weekly visit. John (Betty) Love visit him too, but they live farther away so it isn't as often.

If only we can reach our COLA so he can enjoy the gratitude of the retirees he has tried to help and he might also reap some benefits for himself. You may contact Russ by writing to him in care of ARSCE, P.O. Box 75385, Seattle, WA. 98175-0385.

## ARSCE DUES REMINDER

ARSCE's 2008 fiscal year is from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The 2008 dues are payable by July 1, 2007 for all members who self-pay their dues by cash or check. Dues for 2008 are \$ 8.00 per year.

Please check the mailing label on your *ARSCE News*, which notes when your dues expire. If it states "Self-Payment 2007," your \$ 8.00 dues are payable by July 1, 2007 for the coming year. If it states "Automatic Renewal 2007," don't send in any money as your dues will be automatically deducted from your July retirement check.

Please mail your dues to ARSCE, PO Box 75385, Seattle, WA. 98175-0385. Thank you for your support of our organization. If you have any questions regarding dues or membership, or if you need to notify ARSCE of an address change, please contact Joanne Kinsella at 206-362-0902.

## Your Pension News

By Mary Norris  
Retired  
Employee Member  
Of the Seattle City  
Employees  
Retirement System



Spring is well underway as more flowers are displaying beautiful colors and the leaves are rapidly unfolding.

We have completed the first quarter of 2007. We were excited in January when our estimated funding ratio reached 94.37%, the closest it has ever been to 95%. February brought a “roller-coaster” to the financial markets and our investments in real estate and hedge funds helped us avoid a big loss. Our estimated funding level ended February at 93.73%. Mel Robertson is hopeful that the funding will return to 94% and that would mean that once again we are within a point or less of our 95% goal.

Retiree, Bob Sugden, asked a question shared by many of you. What will happen to the 13<sup>th</sup> check when we reach 95%? By ordinance, as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year 95% is reached and the City Clerk is notified, the bonus COLA, or 13<sup>th</sup> check, will be repealed. Payment of the 1.5% COLA and the increase of the floor COLA to 65% will begin with the December paychecks. For the following years, the COLA will be applied in December. Once we begin the new system, we will be very happy and the 13<sup>th</sup> check will be only a memory.

In answer to his second question: if you leave City employment and withdraw your funds, you will not receive any of the City’s contributions. To simplify the procedure, retirement funds and City funds are always kept separate.

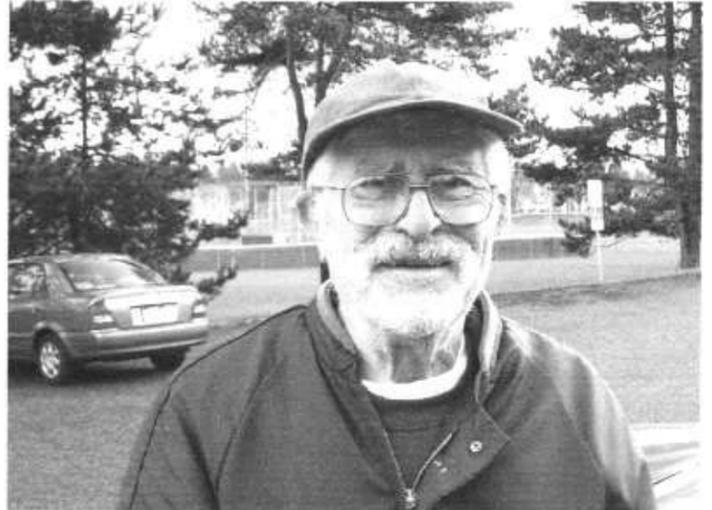
A company has been chosen to search nation-wide for candidates to replace Norm Ruggles, past Executive Director of the Retirement Board. The search for two finalists is expected to take about six months. Selecting the best person for this position is one of the most important responsibilities faced by the Board.

It is important that each of you vote to elect an employee representative to the Board and return your ballot by June 4<sup>th</sup>. New candidates have not been announced, but Lou Walter is seeking another term. He has been a very loyal and knowledgeable member of both the Board and the Investment Committee. I assure you that he is a true friend of retirees and the active employees that he represents. BE SURE TO VOTE!! !

## In the “SPOTLIGHT”

### George Deleau

As written by Jack Fahlstrom, News Contributor



The perpetual motion machine may have been his inspiration. Whatever it was, George Deleau, long-time Civil Engineer at Seattle City Light, has kept himself involved in a wide range of activities since retirement.

George retired as Manager of Facilities Design in 1989, after 34 years at City Light. That same year, his love of tennis led him to found and organize a group of (over 50) senior tennis players for weekly doubles matches at Seattle’s Lower Woodland Park. First to join were other City Light retirees, Larry Mahoney, Leon Harmon, and Jerry Hendricks. Jerry dropped out after a few weeks, complaining that “the tennis ball doesn’t stay put,” and turned to golf.

The Friday afternoon Lower Woodland Park Seniors tennis group of course grew over the past 17 years. Other former City Lighters among George’s roster of 20-30 players are Yura Sihon, Eric Lamers, and me. Regular player Jim Berard has a son, Ted, who also is retired from City Light, where he was a Power Dispatcher. As many as 16 players gather each week, weather permitting. George organizes them into groups for doubles play. The process involves reserving the courts from the Seattle Parks Department, buying tennis balls, and sometimes drying or cleaning the courts before the 2 PM game time (with players contributing funds and labor).

The fact that he is a licensed Civil and Structural Engineer, with a flair for organization, led Mayor Norm Rice to appoint George to the Seattle Design Commission in March, 1992. He served two terms – four years. And, he has for several years been a member of the Seattle Sports Advisory Council, acting as a principal tennis advocate. George has been particularly active in the effort to develop an indoor tennis facility, as well as enlarged and improved outdoor courts at Sand Point property, now part of Magnuson Park.

George has been an avid tennis player as well as an advocate of the sport. In addition to the weekly Friday afternoon matches, for many years, George played one night a week at Robinswood tennis facility in Bellevue. He recruited players from that group to join the Lower Woodland Seniors.

George Deleau’s grateful Lower Woodland Park Seniors recently honored him, again, with a gift for his tireless efforts in organizing their weekly tennis experience. Thank you George.

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## BOOK NOTES



By Lorry Garratt, Library

### ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN: THE JOURNALS OF MAY DODD. By Jim Fergus

Based on an actual historical plan which never took place this novel is fresh, engaging and well told. During the presidency of U.S. Grant the Cheyenne Nations approached the Great White Father to propose a plan to trade 1000 white women for 1000 horses so as to instill white blood and education about the white culture into the native tribes. This is the journal of one of the women. All were volunteers for various personal reasons and this short extraordinary period becomes a superb tale of sorrow and triumph.

### THE INNOCENT. By Harlan Coben

Coben has a way of plotting a story that goes in so many directions that the reader is often unprepared. Matt was a young man in college when he is a bystander in a barroom brawl and accidentally kills a man. He spends time in prison, is released and begins a new life. But when murders begin occurring including a nun he is targeted as the likely candidate and this is just the beginning.

### BEFORE YOU KNOW KINDNESS. By Chris Bohjalian

Two families, united by blood, have spent their summers in New Hampshire at the family home, enjoying their lives of privilege, playing tennis and golf and parties at the club. But one summer everything changes when two young girl cousins, experimenting with alcohol and drugs, cause a family tragedy and ensuing crisis. The family is torn apart, their values put at risk. Rich in unforgettable characters and great depth of feeling and lest the reader feel overcome by grief the ending is very fine.

### A SECOND LEGACY. By Johanna Trollope

Trollope is a distant relative of the great Anthony Trollope and her story telling skills carry on the tradition. Alexia Langley and her infant daughter move to the ancestral home in Scotland after being deserted by husband and father. Alexia begins a new life by converting the crumbling mansion into a renowned hotel and later marries her neighbor. 20 years later her daughter, Carley, armed with a 150 year old diary belonging to her great great grandmother leaves behind her family comforts and travels to Afghanistan to follow in her grandmother's footsteps. A truly mesmerizing tale of strong women and an exotic faraway land.

### READING LOLITA IN TEHERAN: A MEMOIR IN BOOKS.

By Azar Nafisi

An inspired and bold teacher in Iran secretly gathered seven of her most committed female students together and they met in her apartment once a week to discover forbidden works of the western world – Austen, Fitzgerald, Nabokov, James. They risked a great deal in the repressive atmosphere of the tyrannical country and as they read and discussed their own stories emerged. The teacher is now a professor at Johns Hopkins and lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and two children.

### WILD FIRE. By Nelson deMille

As always deMille grabs the reader from the first page and won't let go. This mix includes a luxurious hunting lodge in the Adirondacks, powerful leaders from business, government and military in an elite club led by an absolutely loony billionaire who has an agenda that chills and challenges. And hopefully is not prophetic.

### THE AFGHAN. By Frederick Forsyth

From one of the world's reigning masters of suspense comes a contemporary story line of today's terrorism. The American and British intelligence communities are certain something big is going to happen but haven't been able to infiltrate Al Qaeda to get even a clue. Then a daring new plan is hatched and Iraq-born Col. Mike Martin begins a mission that seems impossible and certainly deadly.

### SNOWSTORMS IN A HOT CLIMATE. By Sarah Dunant

Marla, English college teacher, leaves for a New York reunion with Elly, her best friend, who has been on a spiritual pilgrimage through South America for two years. But Elly is a very different woman, living in luxury, expensively dressed, and devoted to Lenny, her manipulative boyfriend. Slowly the explanation of everything emerges and it is all about cocaine smuggling and the murder and violence that accompany it. Marla is strong and intelligent and determined to save Elly from the drugs and Lenny but this kind of struggle rarely has a happy ending.

## Lloyd Hara Stars at ARSCE Spring Luncheon

By Gwen Jensen, Associate  
Contributing Writer,  
Photographer



Lloyd Hara

Lloyd Hara, one of five commissioners at the Port of Seattle, elected by the voters of King County for a four-year term, was the main speaker at the ARSCE spring luncheon held March 21, 2007 at the Lake City Elks. Hara, a native of Seattle and past elected Treasurer for the City of Seattle, was no stranger to many retirees who attended the luncheon. Hara presented a general overview of the Port of Seattle and then took questions from the audience. He is very knowledgeable on all aspects of the Port and he is an excellent speaker.

Before Hara began his presentation his assistant handed out a quiz to each audience member which asked the question "What's Your Port of Seattle I Q?" There were 9 multiple choice questions about the Port and it was from this that Hara spoke.

### WHAT'S YOUR PORT OF SEATTLE I Q?

- What is the boundary of the Port of Seattle's jurisdiction?
  - City of Seattle
  - Seattle and the cities around the airport
  - King County
  - Washington State
- How many cargo containers did the Port of Seattle move in 2005?
  - 1,000
  - 550,000
  - 1.48 million
  - 2.1 million
- What is Sea-Tac Airport's rank nationwide, by passenger volume?
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 16<sup>th</sup>
  - 20<sup>th</sup>
- Name the airline with the most international flights leaving Sea-Tac.
  - SAS
  - British Airlines
  - United
  - Horizon
- How many public access and shoreline parks does the Port maintain (using all organic landscaping techniques)?
  - none
  - 6
  - 15
  - 19
- What was the Port's operating budget in 2006?
  - \$210 million
  - \$318 million
  - \$421 million
  - \$1 billion
- What was the Port's capital investment budget for 2006?
  - \$150 million
  - \$230 million
  - \$552 million
  - \$734 million
- How many jobs are supported directly and indirectly by the Port of Seattle's airport and seaport?
  - 5,000
  - 10,000
  - 80,000
  - 194,833
- How many cruise passengers did we have in 2006?
  - 51,000
  - 120,000
  - 280,000
  - 740,000

Hara informed us that 3/4<sup>s</sup> of the Port's budget goes to the Sea-Tac Airport and that our biggest trading partner at the Port use to be Japan but now it is China. We each learned a lot and enjoyed a great meal. *Here's hoping we see more ARSCE members at our future luncheons.*

Answers to the Port of Seattle test:

1. c 2. d 3. c 4. d 5. d 6. c 7. d 8. d 9. d

## Ken's Puzzlements

By Ken Hunich

(Living alone without the companionship and help from his wife of many years, Ken must alone find answers to puzzling matters he encounters.)

Throughout our lives we all have encountered things that we don't understand or to which we have problems determining the answers. It seems to me that I encounter more examples now than I used to. Some recent examples:

**Coffee** What is the correct response for me when I go to a coffee bar and request:

"Give me a cup of regular coffee, black".

The clerk behind the counter, after selecting a disposable cup and before filling it asks:

"Shall I leave room for cream?"

The first time this happened, I assumed it was because I didn't speak clearly. But this has happened more than once. The confusion caused my now gentle senior personality to revert back to approaches as in my earlier years. I now answer the question with a question:

"How many ways do you provide coffee black?"

**Oh, I See** It sometimes is difficult to decide which is better: to clear up a misimpression one has or to appear stupid ... speaking as though I have had a choice. I sometimes find myself doing both at the same time.

I went into a garden store looking for a support for the flowering vines in my backyard.

"Where will I find an Eddie bower that I've heard so much about?"

"Try the mall just south of here", the clerk suggested.

As you can guess, my countenance changed from questioning to puzzlement--then to embarrassment when he explained why Eddie Bauer products are not handled in a garden store.

**Problem Solved: Answer Still Unknown** I had a problem with my computer and the Internet. Using the 'Help' feature I received written instructions on "how to clear my cache, cookies, and history" to address my difficulty. Following the steps given I eliminated the complaint.

"Cache, cookies and history", it has a neat ring to it when you say it real loud in your mind! ("..... real loud in your mind?" Is that possible?)

I solved my difficulty, but I confess I don't know what I did. In fact, I don't even know what the words meant.

**Wrong Again** The strange food odors and office layout puzzled me when I stepped into a business to learn of their rates. The young lady receptionist was polite while answering my question; she informed me that Taco Bell was not a subsidiary of a Mexican phone company and did not provide telephone service

**Missed Opportunity** I received a mailing to older people inviting me to attend classes entitled *Silver Streakers*.

That confused me as I figured this is only what boys did to get attention, challenge the conventional rule to be dressed in public, and show they wouldn't waver from a challenge. But why would they be

teaching this to older men, some of whom have trouble walking fast and whose bodies are significantly effected by chills?

But then a closer reading after adjusting my trifocals showed it was a class entitled *Silver Sneakers!*

I concluded then that this was a class to help older people with limited incomes by giving them instructions in burglary.

Again I was wrong.

I found, instead, it was a gathering where older people who by moving very slowly find out which normal body motions they no longer can perform. It's done in a seniors-only gathering which allows visiting at the end of each session. Attendees then seem to be involved in comparing their limitations in motions and the extent that it causes discomfort. Listening in on conversations suggests each participant is trying to out-do the other with the number of their limitations and the intensity of the pains they get when moving.

**Doctor Visit** Earlier I thought a proctologist was a doctor who examined one's feet. Consequently, when I had an appointment with one I came to my visit with fresh, clean socks on and easy-to-remove shoes. My first puzzlement came when I was told to take off all my clothes and put on an examining gown. When I asked the doctor which foot he first wanted to examine, he instead explained to me what he was going to do.

His answer was shocking and definitely not appropriate for dinner party conversation. He talked of using instruments to do something (really!) that some boys and men jokingly or insultingly talk about doing to someone with common everyday objects.

Clearly, he was not going to examine my feet.

There were several people standing around where the examination would be done. This seemed to suggest the event would be very interesting, so I asked the doctor if I too could watch. He replied in a firm voice, "That's not an appropriate thing to do".

Sheesh!

**Victoria's Secret** When I walk in the mall I pass a store called Victoria's Secret. From its name I presume it is concerned with something about Victoria that some people wouldn't know. But from looking in the windows I was puzzled because from what I saw little is kept secret.

As I said, I was looking in the window; I didn't go inside, feeling that someone of my obvious age strolling through the premises might cause people to think I was some kind of psychological aberration. I reflected that if I entered it might cause mothers with small children, upon seeing my approach, to quickly put an arm around their small ones and herd them away from me. Actually, though, looking more closely I didn't see any mothers with small children strolling about inside. This seemed to suggest that the small children had some kind of effect on the women's interest in the store.

So I just slowly walk past, much like looking in a toy store window, noting what is of interest to young people. I'm past the age of playing with children's toys. Also, I'm old enough to have learned things---I clearly know what Victoria's secret is.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Mary Candler, Health  
 Mary Lynne Evans, Snohomish County  
 Wilbur Gates, City Light  
 Doug Goett, Seattle Public Utilities  
 Mary Hillman, Library  
 Jane Lomont, Library  
 John Petersen, Seattle Department of Transportation

Erle Pieratt, Municipal Court  
 Helen Smart, Beneficiary  
 Bill Stafford, Office of Intergovernmental Relations  
 John Szeto, Police  
 Sandy Werner, King County  
 Larene Wilson-Pleasant, Fire

### Golden Contributions

Leif Bjorseth, Water  
 Frances Bourassa, Beneficiary  
 Bob Graham, Engineering  
 Joy Hale-Graham, Health  
 Phyllis Jaeger, Fire

Chiseko Nagaishi, Engineering  
 Walt North, Engineering  
 Bernice Sisson, Beneficiary  
 Helen Smart, Beneficiary  
 Alice Stipcich, Water  
 Larry Weisgerber, SeaTran

### MEMORIALS

Eda Anthony, Water  
 In memory of Jim Rice, Water

Alice Stipcich, Water  
 In memory of Lois Bray,  
 Water  
 In memory of Joe Norris

### RECOGNITION

Roger Nowell, Law Department  
 In recognition of Walt North,  
 Engineering

## Endorsement

Your ARSCE Executive Board has unanimously endorsed LOU WALTER for reelection to a fourth term on the Board of Administration of the Seattle City Employees Retirement System. LOU is the Senior Employee Member Representative for the Seattle Retirement System. Ballots for this election will be mailed out on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for filing your ballot by mail is no later than Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.



Lou Walter

Lou Walter is a 32 year veteran career employee of Seattle City Light. LOU's endorsement is based on his nine years of performance and support for the sound fiscal management of our Retirement System to provide benefits for the active and retired members of the system.

LOU WALTER has proven dedication to the following goals:

- Continues to support and recommend improvements to the current COLA, both the Loss of Earning Power floor, and the Annual Compounding COLA for our retired members.
- Where practical, provide equity of benefits for ALL retirees.
- Call for an Actuarial Report as soon as the funding ratio reaches 95%.
- Assure that Retirement System Funds are used only for securing and maintaining the fiscal integrity of the system.
- Oppose and expose any political use of our Retirement System.
- Objective administration of our Retirement System for the benefit of all the members of our system
- Opposition to any alternative pension scheme or two tier benefit plan that would undermine our current Retirement System.

Your ARSCE Executive Board urges all retired and active retirement system members who share these goals and concerns to VOTE in this month's election to Re-elect LOU WALTER as our Senior Employee Representative to the Board of Administrators.

### Key Personal Endorsements:

LOU WALTER is endorsed by Mary Norris, Rod Rich, and Frank Mathews (all current elected Retirement Board members).

LOU WALTER is endorsed by Eddie Haw, Russ Teller, Pete Tenerelli, Walt North, Viola Weeks, Kirk Jones, Jack Herold, and John Curtin (all former Retirement Board members).

### Key Organizational Endorsements:

IBEW Local 77

ATWU Local 587 (retired group)

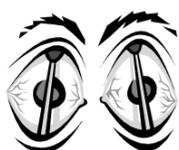
## About Cataract Surgery

By Norma Arnold, Library Retiree, Contributing Writer

Your eye doctor says you have cataracts but how bad are they and should you really have them removed? You are uneasy about the surgery part and so you put off making a decision. I've just finished the operation on my second eye. Let me tell you about the process I went through.

About four years ago my eye doctor said that I had cataracts and would need to have them removed soon. I won't say that the idea frightened me but I sort of forgot to go back for an annual checkup for several years. Last fall I realized that I couldn't read street signs or see many things clearly. Well, I thought, maybe I needed new contact lenses. I made an appointment and found that the cataracts

had grown and my eye doctor said that new contact lenses wouldn't improve my sight. In fact, I had two choices, cataract surgery or staying home with continued decreasing sight. Big choice, huh?



A couple of weeks later I was being examined by the cataract surgeon. He confirmed the presence of cataracts. Since I had been wearing hard contact lenses I would have to go without them until my eye balls returned to their natural state. Wearing hard contact lenses causes flattening of the eye balls. And, because I had worn them for 40+ years this would take a few weeks. Fortunately I had saved my old glasses (for 40+ years!) and could see passably with them I didn't have to buy a new pair of glasses to get through the waiting period.

Two weeks later I returned to the surgeon's office for eye ball measuring. They said come back in two weeks and if the measurement had not changed I could proceed to surgery. The second measurement was quite different from the first so I kept returning every other week. Several weeks later my eye balls stabilized and surgery was scheduled.

I was now three months into the process (don't start this if you've scheduled a cruise)

The surgery to insert the IOL (intraocular lens) is reputed to be the safest and easiest surgery one can have. I'll describe the process that I went through. I think the process will be similar whoever does the surgery.

The day of surgery went like this: Your blood pressure will be taken (mine was 40 points high—not very nervous!). A series of eye drops will be administered to cleanse the area, dilate your eye and numb the surface of the eye. They also administer something to relax you but not knock you out. You go into the operating room and sit in a dentist-type chair. One quarter of your face is wiped down with disinfectant. A huge sticky bandage-like thing is placed over that part of your face and an opening over the eye appears. Some things are attached to your eyelids to hold them open. The surgeon tells you to hold very still and look at the very bright light that is in front of you. The light is the only thing you can see so this is a no-brainer. Next, a slit is cut into the side of the eye ball. You feel nothing, no pain, no pressure. If your cataract is advanced, an ultrasound device is used to break up the cataract. It sounds like a distant drill or hammer or something like that. Then the debris is removed and the new lens is inserted. The surgery took no more than 15 minutes, maybe less. Then all the stuff is removed from your face and you are led out. I was offered juice and a cookie and given post-operative instructions.

Over the next few days you return for checkups and you apply eye drops four times a day. About a month later you return for your second eye. The second surgery is easy because you know the routine.

This operation is covered by Medicare.

Since I have had very poor eye sight all my life I opted to the new presbyopia correcting IOL. These lenses have a correction factor in them and should give you excellent eyesight at a distance. However, you may have to wear reading glasses to see close up. These lenses are not covered by Medicare but may be covered by your medical plan. Mine were not covered but I paid (\$3400. in my case) to have them because the idea of not cleaning lenses every day plus the memory of crawling around the floor looking for a lost lens made the cost bearable (even without the COLA).

I would encourage anyone who is putting the surgery off to go ahead and do it. There is much to gain from being able to see well. I will gladly answer any questions via e-mail, snail mail or whatever. You can reach me through this newspaper at ARSCE News, P.O. Box 75385, Seattle, WA. 98175-0385 or at [arscenews@yahoo.com](mailto:arscenews@yahoo.com)

## YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

In order to keep our ARSCE Database updated and make sure all ARSCE members receive the *ARSCE News*, once a year ARSCE uses the "Address Service Requested" help provided by the US Postal Service. This provides us with changes of address for members who have moved, but have not notified ARSCE. This year the Address Service Requested was the March/April issue of *ARSCE News*. It costs ARSCE \$ 1.55 for each newspaper returned as "forwarding order expired" and 75 cents for the post office to provide us with a photocopy of the current address change for members. The cost to ARSCE since March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 has been \$ 120.40.

**PLEASE NOTIFY ARSCE WHEN YOU MOVE** so your change of address can be entered into the ARSCE Database. You can send in a change of address to: ARSCE, PO Box 75385, Seattle, WA. 98175-0385; or use our website at [www.arsce.org](http://www.arsce.org); or, you can call Joanne Kinsella at 206-362-0902.



## The View from the Buses

By John D. Love

An e-mail from Dave Luttien informed me that he was in New Zealand in April of this year. Dave sings with a group and has traveled throughout the world to singing engagements.

I have received information that Dale Bartz will be laid up with a joint replacement. Dale has had this operation before.

A note from John and Nikki Daniels informs me that they have sold their home and they plan to take off in a motor home and head south until they find some sunshine. Their cell phone number is 425-870-9340. Give them a buzz and maybe run into them as they wander about the southwest.

I received an e-mail from Lloyd and Joanne Moore as they are traveling throughout the state. They had some mechanical problems but was lucky enough to have an extended warranty to cover most of their repair bill.

Ken and Judy Teague headed to Texas this past April.

### TAPS

The following have passed on: Harry Gordon, Cecil Meyer, and Morrie Romanick. Death benefits were awarded by the ATU for November and December Edward J. Jenson, William E. Kingsley, Cecil Meyer, and Richard B. Skouge Jr. Harry retired on 09/02/81; Cecil retired 03/68; Morris retired 06/16/69; Edward Jenson retired 05/01/69; William Kingsley retired 08/23/84. I have no information on Richard Skouge Jr.

I have just received word that John Ball passed away on 03/11/07. John was a respected supervisor and was considered a supervisors' supervisor. John retired on 03/31/98. Word has been received that Dean Barry's daughter has passed away. She was only 30 years old at her passing.

Our sympathies go out to those families that have lost loved ones. We should remember that the survivors need support in their time of sorrow and we should extend that support to the best of our ability.

**I want to remind all that on June 21, 2007 there will be a picnic at Lower Woodlawn Park next to the Lawnbowler Courts. This is the same place that the picnic has been held for years. This is a fun thing and you get to see retirees that you have not seen for years.**

If you have news that you want to share, please send me a note and I will see that it is in the next *ARSCE News*. Send your news to John Love, 3227 S. 184<sup>th</sup> Street, SeaTac, WA. 98188-4955. My telephone number is (206) 242-8665. You can also reach me at e-mail address [Dennerle1@juno.com](mailto:Dennerle1@juno.com)

That's all for now ~~ John

**"The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others."**

Solomon Ibn Gabriol

## 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 AM. Remember to mark your calendar for luncheon dates in 2007: May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5, and December 3. As you will see, some of these dates are on the second Monday because the first Monday falls on a holiday.

Attendance at our luncheons has improved since the weather has been getting much nicer. We had twenty-four attending our March luncheon and twenty-six at our April luncheon. In March we welcomed a couple of new faces, Burt Bossert and Monte Steere. A big welcome to both of them and we hope to see them regularly in attendance.

Hans and Gertie Loffler were at the April luncheon. Gertie told us their trip back to the East Coast lasted much longer than they had planned due to illness. It was great to see them both back with us for the luncheons.

As we are all aware, our birthdays keep occurring annually, which is a good thing considering the alternative. March birthdays included: Reiner Graumann, Gordon Hirai, Paul Nikolaisen, and Alberto Quan. April birthdays were celebrated by Burt Bossert, Terry Robertson, Harry Shigaya, and Joe Yamamoto. Birthday wishes to all of them.

### TAPS

Cal Plattner passed away December 17, 2006. Cal retired from MTD in 1971. Our sympathy to Cal's family....

Again, let me remind all of you that have retired from our department to join us for some fellowship at our monthly luncheons. Remember to keep the first Monday each month in mind and join us for lunch at "The Old Country Buffet" at Factoria Square.

## ARSCE Summer Lunch Entertainment

The Banjuba Duo will be featured at ARSCE's June 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Kevin Johnston plays the banjo and Paul Ostler plays the tuba, bass, and he sings. Kevin has been all over the U.S. playing Dixieland and banjo festivals. Since relocating back in Seattle he has played with a variety of local bands.

Paul Ostler graduated from Nathan Hale and joined the U.S. Navy where he played in the Navy band. During his 20 years as a tuba player, a bassist, and a vocalist, he has performed throughout the world at concerts, special events, and for dignitaries. In Seattle, he has performed with many local bands such as the Duwamish Dixieland Band and the Foggy Bottom Jazz Band.

Send in your reservation soon for the June 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Bring your spouse and/or call some of your retired buddies. Come early to enjoy visiting and then be prepared to have a good time listening to – or maybe singing along with – the Banjuba Duo. This should be a lot of fun.

## Coming soon . . . Casino Trip

A free bus trip to the Tulalip Casino and \$ 5.00 off the lunch buffet.

This time, bus riders must sign up as members of the Tulalip Rewards Club and use the Rewards Card when gaming.

More details available in the July/August issue of ARSCE News



# Internet Schmineternet **http**

By Jim Taylor, ARSCE Webmaster



## Websites of the 2008 Presidential Candidates

In anticipation of the 2008 presidential contest, the previous "Internet Schmineternet" column was devoted to the websites of the major political parties. As promised in that column, this edition of "Schmineternet" is devoted to the candidates themselves.

There is no end to the material on the internet concerning the already hot and heavy 2008 presidential race. The Net is littered with blogs ranging from knowledgeable and thoughtful to uniformed and misleading. Each announced candidate has one or more official sites, which presumably carry the messages that the candidate most wants us to hear. The expected articles appear on the sites of the major networks, (i.e., [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)) newspapers ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)) and news aggregators, such as [www.yahoo.com/news](http://www.yahoo.com/news). How does one begin in this dizzying array?

An excellent starting point is [www.politics1.com/p2008.htm](http://www.politics1.com/p2008.htm) Politics 1 is the blog of Ron Gunzberger, a Miami resident who has been tracking U.S. political developments since 1997. Though this column concerns presidential politics, Mr. Gunzberger also covers state races, and various political issues. When you visit "Politics 1" have a look around at the excellent compilation of links to other political sites, including the outstanding sources that follow the list of candidates.

As of April 2, 2007, Gunzberger lists thirty-three announced presidential candidates from six political parties. He lists an additional seven as potential candidates from the Republican and Democratic parties, and a myriad of others from the "minor" parties. He also provides a list of potential write-ins that includes Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City.

The site of the Democratic Party, [www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org), has links to all the announced Democratic candidates. The republican site, [www.gop.com](http://www.gop.com), does not provide such links; instead, the focus on the home page is on presidential activities. Following are the official campaign sites of the announced Democratic and Republican candidates. For others, and for those who announce in the future, you are strongly urged to visit [www.politics1.com](http://www.politics1.com) and follow the links there.

### Democrats

Joe Biden: [www.joebiden.com](http://www.joebiden.com)  
 Hillary Clinton: [www.hillaryclinton.com](http://www.hillaryclinton.com)  
 Chris Dodd: [www.chrisdodd.com](http://www.chrisdodd.com)  
 John Edwards: [www.johnedwards.com](http://www.johnedwards.com)  
 Mike Gravel: [www.mikegravel12008.us](http://www.mikegravel12008.us)  
 Dennis Kucinich: [www.kucinich.us](http://www.kucinich.us)  
 Barack Obama: [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)  
 Bill Richardson: [www.richardsonforpresident.com](http://www.richardsonforpresident.com)

### Republicans

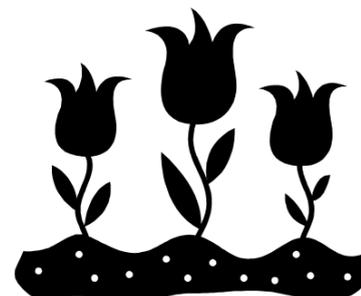
Sam Brownback: [www.brownback.com](http://www.brownback.com)  
 Jim Gilmore: [www.gilmoreforpresident.com](http://www.gilmoreforpresident.com)  
 Rudy Giuliani: [www.joinrudy2008.com](http://www.joinrudy2008.com)  
 Mike Huckabee: [www.explorehuckabee.com](http://www.explorehuckabee.com)  
 Duncan Hunter: [www.gohunter08.com](http://www.gohunter08.com)  
 John McCain: [www.johnmccain.com](http://www.johnmccain.com)  
 Ron Paul: [www.ronpaul2008.com](http://www.ronpaul2008.com)  
 Mitt Romney: [www.mittromney.com](http://www.mittromney.com)  
 Tom Tancredo: [www.teamtancredo.com](http://www.teamtancredo.com)  
 Tommy Thompson: [www.tommy2008.com](http://www.tommy2008.com)

## In Memory

Note: Names with an asterisk (\*) are ARSCE Members

Ethel Adams, City Light*	Louis London, Seattle Center
Retired: 09/79	Died: 01/01/07
Died: 12/05/06	Age: 82
Age: 88	
Douglas Alfrey, Comptroller*	Roger Martin, Transit*
Retired: 09/78	Retired: 07/84
Died: 02/22/07	Died: 11/23/06
Age: 85	Age: 91
Virginia Brownfield, City Light*	Mildred MacKay, Engineering
Retired: 10/83	Died: 01/14/07
Died: 12/07/06	Age: 96
Age: 85	
Edward Drobnack, City Light	William McFarlane, City Light*
Died: 01/13/07	Retired: 01/80
Age: 89	Died: 12/19/06
	Age: 83
Ethel Egan, Fire*	Howard Meyer, City Light*
Retired: 07/77	Retired: 06/79
Died: 11/23/06	Died: 11/02/06
Age: 90	Age: 86
Alice Gates, City Light*	Gladys Olsen, City Light
Retired: 05/02	Died: 12/14/06
Died: 02/14/07	Age: 88
Age: 69	
Harry Gordon, Transit*	Alfred Ottele, City Light
Retired: 09/81	Died: 01/07
Died: 01/20/07	Age: 92
Age: 89	
Wayne Gray, Water*	Arlene Pierce, Administrative Services
Retired: 03/90	Retired: 01/05
Died: 01/16/07	Died: 02/19/07
Age: 85	
Clifford Hester, DCLU*	Lloyd Plattner, DAS
Retired: 06/82	Died: 12/27/06
Died: 12/18/06	Age: 97
Age: 87	
Charlotte Hoover, Personnel*	James Rice, Water*
Retired: 05/89	Retired: 10/77
Died: 01/14/07	Died: 01/15/07
Age: 80	Age: 91
Doug Howell, Engineering*	Morris Romanick, Transit*
Retired: 06/02/98	Died: 12/02/06
Died: 03/17/07	Age: 81
Age: 70	
Melvin Hundahl, City Light	Gordon Smith, City Light*
Died: 11/04/06	Retired: 05/77
Age: 81	Died: 11/16/06
	Age: 89
Kathryn Johnston, City Light*	Lawrence Tuffs, City Light
Retired: 11/75	Died: 01/06/07
Died: 12/23/06	Age: 83
Age: 83	
Mutsu Kato, Administrative Services*	June Turner, Municipal Court
Retired: 11/94	Died: 01/12/07
Died: 12/28/06	Age: 81
Age: 87	
John Kennebrew, Engineering	Patrick Wedin, Water
Died: 01/28/07	Died: 11/19/06
Age: 80	Age: 88
Dorothy Knapp, Library*	Lester White, Parks*
Retired: 04/78	Retired: 03/84
Died: 01/11/07	Died: 12/21/06
Age: 93	Age: 84

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## Parks Department Retiree News

By Pat Coupens

The big news is Russ Bean has shaved his winter beard. What a change. I'm sure he was glad to get rid of it.

I had a phone call from Clare Peterson (wife of Bob) last week. She wanted me to know she is now a great grandmother. Her granddaughter, Kelly, and her husband had a baby boy on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Swedish Hospital. They named him Alex.

Also, Clarice Yeager (wife of Verle) called me recently. She had fallen and injured her arm again, but is doing okay now. She had been in Tacoma where her son lives.

I went to Phoenix, AZ in February with my daughter and son-in-law. We visited with my grandson and family and other friends who are snow birds. The weather was nice. Cool in the early mornings, but by 10 or 11 AM it warmed up and was nice for walking. We noticed a big difference in the weather when we came home. It was COLD.

Ralph Jellison said at the March luncheon he was planning to go to Peoria, AZ and visit his son and grandson. He hoped to go to some of the Mariners games.

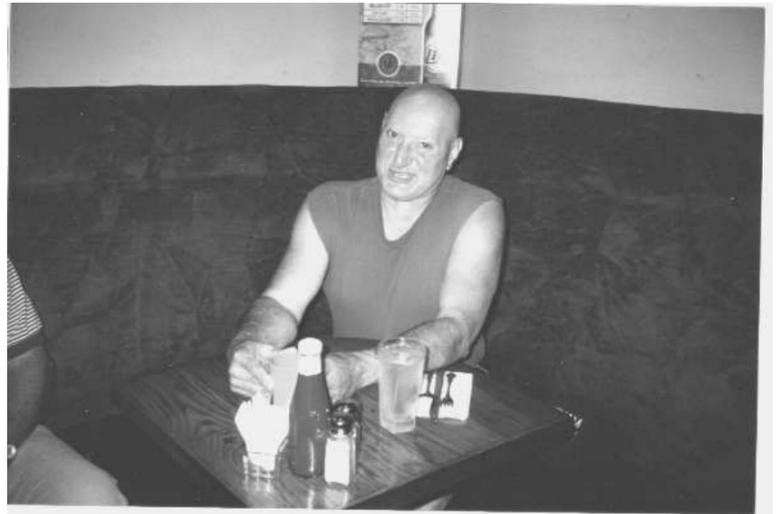
Debbie Skaw provides the following news item about a trip on the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train. On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Marty and I took Marty's parents, Floyd and Lorraine Skaw, along with my father, Joe Formanek on the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train. This was to celebrate Marty's parents 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and my birthday.

We rode in the Mt. Rainier dome car to get the best seats possible. The car was built in 1952 and holds 52 passengers. The cars are well maintained. We had great seats at the back of the dome car. The staff is excellent. They are very helpful and attentive. Our waiter, Allen, was funny, always making jokes. What impressed me the most was with all the movement of the train, our waiter was able to serve us quickly and efficiently. Even with the train movement, nothing spilled, not even the drinks.

After we left the Renton Depot we traveled along the shorelines of Lake Washington and Mercer Island, then over the Wilburton Trestle on to the Columbia Winery with about a 40 minute layover. On the ride we saw a lot of beautiful new houses, old ones, and many businesses. The Wilburton Trestle is the oldest trestle in Washington and is inspected once a week. The trestle is 102 feet high and 92 feet long. It was built in 1892 with lumber supplied by the Wilburton Mill.

Unfortunately, the last day for the train to run is scheduled to be July 31<sup>st</sup>. I would suggest for anyone who hasn't been on it to do so before it is too late. With the excellent staff and delicious food, a good time is assured for all.

Jesse Howell said he read in the obituary column that Sigurd (Sig) Oswick passed away February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the age of 96. He worked for the Seattle Parks Department for 35 years, retiring in 1975. He worked at the Ballard Community Center. Sig and his wife, Stella, celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary last November. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Kathryn Oswick. Sig and Stella had attended the monthly luncheons several years ago.



A clean-shaven Russ Bean



Front Row: Marty Skaw, parents Lorraine and Floyd Skaw  
Rear: Debbie Skaw and father, Joe Formanek

Ed note: To those groups listed below (who do not send in information about who, what, when, where, how, and why), please designate a writer to contact *ARSCE News* so word will spread about volunteer work, hobbies, vacations, & idiosyncrasies. Do name names; we want to read about you and/or others in your crowd.

## Fellowship All Over Town



**Water Department Office Workers** luncheons are organized by Eda Anthony. Contact Eda at (206) 932-2832 for the time and place of their next get-together. (Spouses and others are welcome.)

**Engineers Luncheon:** Retired County and City Engineering people met for lunch quarterly at the Lake City Elks, at NE 145th Street and Bothell Way Northeast. Call Jim Coover at (206) 242-6011 for more information.

**City Light Line Crews & Friends Breakfast:** This group meets at Denny's at North 155<sup>th</sup> St. and Aurora Avenue N. on the first Thursday of the month at 8:30 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 on this contact Denis DeVries at (425) 488-4065 or go to [www.rclea.net](http://www.rclea.net)

**Retired Range Service Employees** meet at Voula's Off Shore Cafe, 658 NE Northlake Way, Seattle, at 8:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Seattle Transit Breakfast (North End):** This group meets at Dennys' at 155<sup>th</sup> Street and Aurora Avenue North every Tuesday at 7:00 AM. Contact Vern Brenden at (206) 784-6907.

**Transit Retirees (South End):** Meet at the Burien Elks Club located at 14006 First Ave. So. on the third Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM for breakfast. Contact Al Ramey at (206) 243-8504 or Whitey Rickert at (206) 264-7131.

**Seattle Transit Mechanics & Supervisors and All Retirees Lunch:** This group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 11 AM at Andy's Diner on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. Call John Love for information at (206) 242-8665

**Another Retired Transit Group:** This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 7:30 AM at Barley's Restaurant located on N. 205<sup>th</sup> Street about 3 blocks east of Aurora Avenue No. (north side of the street) Contact Dave Carter at (425) 673-2481.

**Old Timers Luncheon Group MTD/DAS/ESD.** This group meets at 11 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10 AM at the Marie Callander Restaurant located at 9538 First Avenue NE.. Contact Roy Galloway at (206) 362-3937 for further information.

**Parks Dept. Retirees' Luncheons** are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Marie Callander Restaurant at 9538 First Ave. NE. Doors open at 11:00 AM. Contact Jesse Howell (206) 282-5338 for further information.

**Building Dept./DCLU Retirees:** This group arranges lunches and parties from time to time. Also Ann Hanes has a group of Building Dept. women who meet every other month at different locations. She can be contacted at 242-3769.

**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 524-7837.

## African Safari

By Marian Goddard, Parks Retiree and Woodland Park Zoo Docent

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 we departed Seattle on a flight to Amsterdam to connect with a flight to Nairobi. Arriving on the evening of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, fifteen docents from the Woodland Park Zoo were met by five Maasai warriors in their red shukas (capes) at Kenyatta Airport.

We spent two days in Nairobi going to the Giraffe Manor Education Center and to Daphne Sheldrick's Baby Elephant Orphanage that also houses baby rhinos. It was interesting to see a two week old baby orphan elephant playing in the mud. This was the beginning of a wonderful, educational, two week experience.

From Nairobi, we traveled to Merrueshi Group Ranch, a four and one-half hour ride, with the five Maasai as our guides at all times. The leader was Kakuta who divides his time at his village, Simba Camp, (where we stayed) while he attends the Evergreen College in Olympia, Washington and works the summer months at the Woodland Park Zoo.

It was the rainy season with lots of mud, but this did not stop most of the group from taking two hour walks at 6:00 AM before breakfast. The chef, Samuel Kamau Kariuki, is a marathon runner who ran for 2-3 hours before preparing breakfast each day.

The highlight of our trip was visiting the Merrueshi Primary School which was composed of several buildings: classrooms, boys and girls dormitories, the teacher's buildings, and kitchen facilities. There are 168 students, grades K through 8 and a secondary school is now under construction. This school is four years old and was built by money received from the Seattle Art Museum, Nordstroms, and the Woodland Park Zoo. We brought lots of school supplies which were much needed and appreciated by both students and teachers.

Our group spent several hours at the Emali Cattle Market buying 18 young cows. The Maasai Association owns the cows and are trying to replenish stock that was lost during a devastating drought. The auction is for goats and cattle which provides the primary source of monies needed for the Maasai group ranch. We even attended the "MA" branding of each cow the next day.

The elder Maasai ladies were busy making beaded jewelry and gave us a lesson in how to make these beautiful necklaces. We learned about their culture.

The time to leave Simba Camp came much too soon and there were lots of hugs and tears by all when we left after the wonderful six days in the Merrueshi Community. Someday I hope to return to the Maasai Compound.



Native Dress



A Maasai jewelry maker



The author at the Merrueshi Primary School

## WISDOM

### The Mayonnaise Jar & 2 Cups of Coffee

(author unknown)

*When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.*

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.



The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things: your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions. And, if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full."

"The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car."

"The sand is everything else, the small stuff." "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls." "The same goes for life." "If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you."

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."



## Seattle Presents . . .



Seattle Presents showcases leading Seattle-area performers year round in the City Hall lobby and outdoors on the Civic Plaza in the summer. These are **FREE** concerts on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. The concerts begin at Noon and they are open to the public. Brown bag lunches are welcome. City Hall is located at 600 Fourth Avenue in downtown Seattle. See and hear the following:

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Jim Knapp Orchestra.** Seattle instrumentalists perform works by recent Jazz Hall of Fame inductee, Jim Knapp. Knapp, a composer/arranger has big band compositions that resound with round harmonies.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> – Quinton Morris & Friends** Metropolitan Opera soprano Indra Thomas and Seattle pianist, Byron Schenkman, join acclaimed violinist Quinton Morris for a performance of classical and contemporary music. Morris was raised in Seattle and is the founder of the Young Eight String Octet. Indra Thomas is “one of the most sought-after sopranos in the world” and Byron Schenkman has received international acclaim for his classical music interpretations.

**May 31<sup>st</sup> (bonus performance) – Seattle Pro Musica** led by conductor Karen P. Thomas, will perform works by composer-in-residence Morten Lauridsen. This is a celebration of the best of American choral music.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – Holly O’Reilly (Figueroa)** O’Reilly has wowed audiences internationally and logged nearly 900 tour dates. She brings the group home to play tunes from her latest recording “Gifts and Burdens.”

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – Two Loons For Tea** Fresh off their European tour and performing as an acoustic trio, Two Loons for Tea will play tracks from their forthcoming CD recorded at Willie Nelson’s Pedemales Studios.

There are several parking lots located within a one block walking distance of entrances to City Hall including: Sea Park Garage, Seattle Municipal Tower, Bank of America Tower, United Parking on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Cherry Street, 4<sup>th</sup> and Columbia Parking – same block as United Parking, Diamond Garage on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Cherry St.

Telephone 684-7171 for additional information. Or, go online to reach Seattle Presents at [arts.culture@seattle.gov](mailto:arts.culture@seattle.gov)

## HELP WANTED – Pierce County ATTN: Retired City of Seattle Engineers

The Development Engineering Section of Pierce County Planning and Land Services have an ongoing need for engineers with experience in design and plan review. This work involves the site development review of road improvements, commercial projects and formal plat subdivision projects in unincorporated Pierce County for compliance with County Standards.

Site development review will primarily involve the storm drainage and road design disciplines of civil engineering. The ideal applicant should have significant work experience in a similar position: BSCE, EIT, or P.E. is desirable, but is not required. Salary determined on qualification(s). We can offer flexibility in work hours and work location. *Note: Retired City of Seattle employees can work up to 1,040 hours/year for Pierce County without compromising retirement benefits.* For more information, please contact Mitch Brells, P.E., Pierce County Development Engineering Manager, (253) 798-3755, e-mail address [mbrells@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:mbrells@co.pierce.wa.us); or Ken Cook, P.E., Pierce County Area Review Supervisor at (253) 798-7239 or e-mail him at [kcook@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:kcook@co.pierce.wa.us).

## WANTED . . .

a dependable individual who is outgoing, who loves to meet people. This person will replace this newspaper’s “circulation manager.”

Every two months, when the paper is published, it is picked up and distributed throughout City departments, offices, and the various SMCU branches. While it is not necessary to physically visit each destination, it is necessary to label and bundle the papers and deliver them to key locations for dissemination.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please telephone Walt North at (206) 365-5416 or e-mail him at [president@arsce.org](mailto:president@arsce.org). There is a small remuneration paid for this service.

## An Invitation . . .

Would you enjoy reading a column about employees who worked in *your* City of Seattle department? The next time you get together with your former co-workers, designate a writer who will send in tidbits about what each of you are doing. We would like to hear from groups – large or small – who worked for the Police Department, the Fire Department, Municipal Court, Personnel, Executive, City Council, Seattle Center, Human Services, Law Department, et al. Send your scoop to ARSCE at P.O. Box 75385, Seattle, WA. 98175-0385. Or, you can e-mail it to us at [arscenews@yahoo.com](mailto:arscenews@yahoo.com). If enough of you respond, we will start a **Potpourri** column as a new feature in this newspaper.

## WANTED . . .

someone interested in a fun, part-time job opportunity. Would you be interested in learning how to put the *ARSCE News* together? If you have computer skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office software (or its Publisher feature) and a little “time on your hands,” you can learn to compile and edit the *ARSCE News*.

Once familiar and experienced with “putting the paper to bed” you could become the next Editor of the paper. If this opportunity appeals to you, contact Jim Taylor at [webmaster@arsce.org](mailto:webmaster@arsce.org). There is a small remuneration for each paper published.



# How Old is Grandpa???

(from the Internet)

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The grandfather replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before: television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees, and the pill.

There were no: credit cards, laser beams, or ball-point pens.

Man had not invented: panty hose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers. Clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your grandmother and I got married first, . . . and then lived together. Until I was 25, I called every man older than me "Sir". And, after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, Sir."

We were before computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by good judgment and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and on weekends, not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yoghurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to the big bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5 & 10 cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel.

And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a Chevy Coupe for \$ 600., . . . but who could afford one?

Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day: "grass" was mowed, "coke" was a cold drink, "pot" was something your mother cooked in, and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby. "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store and "software" wasn't even a word.

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap.

And how old do you think I am?

It is pretty scary to think about how old you must think I am, but you and perhaps many other people may be shocked. Are you ready?

I am 59 years old.



"No, THEY LEFT THE MONEY, BUT, THEY SIPHONED ALL OUR GAS..."

# JUST FOR FUN

## SPRING CLEANING

B	I	R	C	E	X	S	R	U	R	S	E
H	S	Y	A	R	T	E	L	B	A	T	L
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| BEDS   | DESK   | MOUSE  |
| BIBLE  | DIVAN  | RADIO  |
| BOOKS  | HAMPER | ROCKER |
| BROOM  | HANGER | SCREEN |
| CATS   | HEATER | STEREO |
| CHEST  | HUTCH  | STOOL  |
| CLOCKS | MIRROR | TABLE  |
| CRIB   | MIXER  | TRAYS  |

## When I Am Old and Live With My Kids – Retribution

(from the Internet)

When I am old I'll live with each kid,  
and bring so much happiness just as they did.  
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.  
Returning each deed oh, they'll be so excited!

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites, and blues,  
and I'll bounce on the furniture. . . wearing my shoes.  
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.  
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,  
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.  
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,  
and when that is done, I'll hide under the bed!

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,  
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat.  
I'll gag on my okra, spill my milk on the table,  
and when they get angry . . . I'll run if I'm able!

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click.  
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.  
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,  
and play in the mud till the end of the day!

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh.  
I'll thank God in Prayer and then close my eyes.  
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,  
and say with a groan,  
"They are so sweet when they are sleeping!"

## ARSCE SUMMER LUNCHEON



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20TH, 2007  
AT THE LAKE CITY ELKS  
14540 BOTHELL WAY NE**

11:00 am — Noon: No Host Bar and visit with friends  
Lunch is served at Noon

**COST: \$ 18.00 Per Person**

**RESERVATIONS by Tuesday, June 12th, 2007**

ARSCE Officers & new Board Members will be sworn-in

**The Banjuba Duo will perform.  
Kevin Johnston will play the banjo and  
Paul Ostler, a tuba player and a bassist  
will sing. Kevin has played throughout  
the United States and Paul  
has performed throughout the world**

(Cancellations no later than 48 hours prior to the  
luncheon. Cancellation questions? Call  
Joanne Kinsella at (206) 362-0902)

Please mail your check or money order  
with your completed coupon below

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NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCHEON CHOICE:**

# Attending	Menu Choice
	Salmon, Rice, and Vegetable
	A Trio Salad
	Vegetarian fettuccini w/white sauce

**MAIL TO: ARSCE LUNCHEON  
P.O. BOX 75385  
SEATTLE, WA. 98175-0385**

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION AS EARLY  
AS POSSIBLE. Thank you!**



Contact us at [www.arsce.org](http://www.arsce.org)



**MEMORIAL DAY, 2007**

**2007**

### MEETING & PUBLICATION DATES

- Tue. Apr. 03 ..... News Deadline (May/June Issue)
- Wed. Apr. 11 ..... Executive Board Meeting – Elect Officers
- Fri. Apr. 27 ..... Mail ARSCE News (May/June Issue)
- Tue. May 29 ..... News Deadline (July/August Issue)
  
- Wed. June 20 ..... Luncheon Meeting (Swear in Officers & new Board Members)
- Fri. June 22 ..... Mail ARSCE News (July/Aug Issue)
- Tue. July 31 ..... News Deadline (Sep/Oct Issue)
- Wed. Aug. 08 ..... Executive Board Meeting
- Fri. Aug. 24 ..... Mail ARSCE News
  
- Wed. Sep. 19 ..... Luncheon Meeting
- Tue. Sep. 25 ..... News Deadline (Nov/Dec Issue)
- Fri. Oct. 26 ..... Mail ARSCE News (Nov/Dec Issue)
- Wed. Nov. 14 ..... Executive Board Meeting
- Tue. Nov. 27 ..... News Deadline (Jan/Feb Issue)
- Wed. Dec. 12 ..... Annual Christmas Party

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

#### **Application for Membership The Association of Retired Seattle City Employees**

Address Change?( ) Dues Payment?( ) Donation?( ) New Member?( )

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Annual Dues: \$ 8.00. Fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. Dues for Jan. 1 to June 30 are \$ 4.00.

If you wish to have your dues deducted from your July pension check, please fill out the following section for the Retirement Office and include it with the rest of this coupon when you send it to ARSCE.

#### **The Association of 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 City Employees Retirement System to deduct from my retirement, beneficiary and/or disability allowance, such dues as are duly established from time to time by The Association of Retired Seattle City Employees. 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 The Association of Retired Seattle City Employees, P.O. Box 75385, Seattle, WA. 98175-0385.

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail to Association of Retired City Employees. P.O. Box 75385,  
Seattle, WA. 98175-0385. Attn: Joanne Kinsella**