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OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Masterjohn

Well summer is here and a number of us will be going on vacation. Maybe it's because I've only been retired for 3 years now, I still feel like I'm on vacation all the time. We took our grandkids to the outdoor Mounger Pool in Magnolia and had a hard time keeping track of the 3 blondes among all the others!

At our June Luncheon, our guest speaker, Terrie Johnston - SPD Crime Prevention Coordinator - spoke on how to protect your home from burglars. You should either stop your paper and mail or, better yet, have someone collect them for you. Don't leave your porch light on day and night. We always participate in the National Night Out block party to get to know our neighbors, who can then be more aware of our comings and goings.

There has been a change at the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System where Cecelia Carter, SCERS Executive Director, has resigned her post as of June 30th. We wish her the very best in all her future endeavors. Kenneth Nakatsu has been appointed interim Executive Director. I have known and worked with Ken for a number of years and hope to continue our good working relationship. By the time this article is published we will have more information on who the SCERS Board is planning for a new executive. Barb Graham, Judy Flemings and I attended the July SCERS Board meeting and I requested that they start a nationwide search as soon as possible.

The August Board meeting of ARSCE has been cancelled and Lou Walter was kind enough to offer Local #77's new building for our October meeting - Thanks, Lou. I want to welcome all the new board members and I'm looking forward to working with them.

Please make your plans to attend the Fall Luncheon, September 18th, at the West Seattle Golf Course. You'll find the reservation form on page 12.

I want to thank Mariella Cacadac for her work as the Circulation Manager. Mariella has decided to give up her position and assume a new role with the Catholic Women's Society. Pam Lucarelli has volunteered to take over for Mariella.

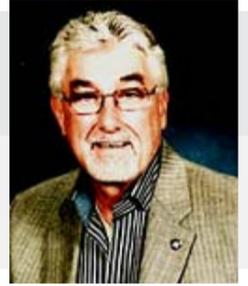
Yours,

John Masterjohn

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YOUR PENSION NEWS

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



First, I would like to wish everyone a great summer. I'm hoping that you all had plenty of BBQs and sunshine.

Now, I'm saddened by the sudden resignation of Cecelia Carter, our Executive Director of the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System (SCERS). Cecelia has indicated that the reason for her departure was due to a personal family situation.

I found Cecelia to be an excellent Executive Director for the retirement system. I enjoyed working with her. Looking back, I would say that when we hired Cecelia, after



Lou Walter & Cecelia Carter

a national recruitment search in 2007, no one could have predicted that the national economy would suffer the worst downturn since the Great Depression. The system experienced losses of approximately 35% to our investment portfolio along with the pressure of an accelerated maturing of our members. As more of

our members become eligible for retirement - this will increase the liabilities to the plan. At the same time we are challenged with improving the plan's investment performance and the funding ratio. I know Cecelia worked very hard to provide leadership and guidance during this unprecedented and extremely difficult time.

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Final Mayoral Candidates Invited to ARSCE Fall Luncheon

ARSCE has invited the two finalists for Mayor of Seattle to speak at our September 18th Fall Luncheon at the West Seattle Golf Course Clubhouse (4470 35th Avenue SW). Lunch will be served at 12noon, with the candidates speaking from 12:30pm-1:30pm.

Nine candidates filed for the upcoming four-year term. The Primary Election, held on August 6th, narrowed the field to the top two candidates who will appear on the November ballot. (*ARSCE News* went to press before the primary, so we did not know the names of the two finalists for Mayor at the time of this writing.)

At the luncheon, the two candidates will each make a brief presentation on why they are running for Mayor, and then take questions from those attending the luncheon. Make your reservations now by using the form on page 12 of this newspaper or sign up online at www.arsce.org and click on the "Fall Luncheon" link which you'll find on the home page.

We hope to see you there!

NOTE: KCTS TV brought together 5 former Seattle mayors for a candid one-hour conversation about the challenges, successes, and unpredictable events they each faced as the City's top executive. This program promises to be interesting and sometimes funny. Use the following link to view this show (originally aired June 25, 2013). <http://kcts9.org/the-mayors>

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Cecelia was there to help us develop the Asset Liability Study in order to reduce risk and improve returns to SCERS. That effort has produced improved performance with reduced volatility to the investment portfolio. Cecelia supervised the recruitment and hiring of additional senior staff to assist with the management of the investment portfolio and financial reporting requirements.

These necessary initiatives and many others were being accomplished during a time when public pension systems were dealing with a changing political climate, and the public support for Public employees and their benefit plans were being subjected to increasing criticism.

The public attitude changed from "I would like to have a good job with benefits (a defined benefit pension)" to "I don't have that, so why should you?" It seems we've changed from the collective thinking to improve our standard of living (a rising tide will lift all ships) to let's reduce our standard of living (driving working men and women to the lowest common denominator).

Cecelia and the SCERS Board of Administrators worked very hard to meet these incredible challenges; with, in my opinion, a lot of distractions - like hearing unfair criticism, second guessing, and recriminations.

I believe we will miss Cecelia's presence and leadership. Now, the task will be to recruit and hire someone to provide the quality leadership and dedication to continue the work required to improve and sustain our Retirement System for the active and retired members of SCERS.

Ken Nakatsu has agreed to fill in as the interim Executive Director, while the Board of Administrators starts the process to hire a new Executive Director. Ken is very capable and will serve SCERS well during this transition period.

SIGN UP TODAY!

ARSCE Fall Luncheon



Wednesday, September 18th, 2013
West Seattle Golf Course

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(Change of Address/Membership Questions)
E-mail: financial.secretary@arsce.org
Website: www.arsce.org

Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens: 206.684.0500
(Information on available programs/services)
E-mail: seniors@seattle.gov
Website: www.seattle.gov/seniors

Personnel Department: 206.615.1340
(Benefits)
E-mail: benefits@arsce.org
Website: www.seattle.gov/Personnel/

Retirement Office: 206.386.1293 or 1.877.865.0079
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The Film Guy

Some Favorites on DVD
By Jim Mohundro



Playing Against Type

Actors may be “typecast” for their entire careers, e.g., Boris Karloff as Frankenstein’s monster in 1931 and as a leading character in horror films for the next 40 years. In interviews, Karloff attributed his career success to the monster, and regarded that part with great fondness (except for the extraordinarily long daily makeup application and removal). Basil Rathbone began on stage as a Shakespearean actor in 1911 and, in his long film career ending with his passing in 1967, portrayed suave villains or morally ambiguous characters, such as Karenin in *Anna Karenina* and Sir Guy of Gisbourne in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. He’ll always be remembered as Sherlock Holmes in 13 films from 1939 through 1946. Rathbone came to hate Holmes because he felt his identification with that part was so vivid that he would never again be considered for any “serious” role; however, in 1948, he won a Tony Award for Best Actor in *The Heiress* on Broadway.

Some actors will play one sort of role, break away into one or two parts that briefly contradict their screen images, and then return to the “type” with which they are identified, and some will change their established film personas into something different for the rest of their professional lives. Here are a few:

Ginger Rogers takes off her dancing shoes as comely Susan Applegate masquerading as 12-year old Su-Su (Rogers was then 30) in Billy Wilder’s 1942 comedy *The Major and the Minor* (Wilder’s directorial debut). There are complications. Ray Milland, Rita Johnson, Robert Benchley, Diana Lynn and Frankie Thomas ably aid and abet this entertaining nonsense.

Rogers becomes Kitty in *Kitty Foyle* (1940), a drama for which she won the Oscar for Best Actress. Kitty Foyle is a working girl when that was not an ambiguous term. Dennis Morgan and James Craig are the love interests. Rogers went on to play both dramatic and comedic parts for many years, but appeared just once more with Fred Astaire in 1949’s *The Barkley’s of Broadway*.

Arkansas crooner Dick Powell is young, singing juvenile Billy Lawler in the 1933 Lloyd Bacon/Busby Berkeley musical *42nd Street*, and Powell played essentially the same part with different character names in more than a dozen other films. This quintessential backstage musical involves many others: Warner Baxter, Bebe Daniels, George Brent, Una Merkel, Ruby Keeler, Guy Kibbee, Ginger Rogers, Ned Sparks, George E. Stone, Eddie Nugent and Allen Jenkins, and Busby Berkeley’s incomparable geometry.

Powell changes his career path dramatically as Raymond Chandler’s Philip Marlowe in Edward Dmytryk’s 1944 *Murder, My Sweet* based on Chandler’s hard-boiled *Farewell, My Lovely*. Powell’s film persona thereafter was often as a tough guy and he never played in another musical. Claire Trevor, Anne Shirley, Mike Mazurki and Otto Kruger provide menace and romance.

Greta Garbo is Anna Karenina in perhaps the best version of the often-filmed Tolstoy classic *Anna Karenina* (1935); Garbo’s 27th in a career of 29 dramatic roles in silent and sound films. She is joined by an all-star cast: Fredric March, Freddie Bartholomew, Maureen O’Sullivan, May Robson, Basil Rathbone, Reginald Owen and Reginald Denny.

Then, in her 30th film, Garbo is Russian special envoy Nina Ivanovna “Ninotchka” Yakushova in Ernst Lubitsch’s 1939 comedy *Ninotchka*. Parisian culture shock and romance abound. Melvin Douglass, Felix Bressart and Bela Lugosi help and hinder. Garbo, wanting to be alone, followed with just one other film, a comedy, and retired.

James Stewart, easy-going, drawling, nice guy, is Tony Kirby in *You Can’t Take it With You* (1938), Frank Capra’s film of the hit Kaufman and Hart Broadway comedy. Lionel Barrymore, Jean Arthur, Spring Byington and Edward Arnold join the fun.

After World War II, Stewart’s film career limps along. Even his favorite film *It’s a Wonderful Life* makes just a small profit at the box office. He returns to Broadway to star in Mary Chase’s *Harvey*. In 1950 Stewart convinced Universal Studios to hire Director Anthony Mann for the western drama *Winchester ’73*. In this film Stewart is an obsessed, revenge-driven Lin McAdam, developing in Stewart an intensity not seen since *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* and *It’s a Wonderful Life*, paving the way for Stewart’s John Ferguson in Hitchcock’s great *Vertigo*. Mann and Stewart made seven more films together.

Film Guy Correction:

This writer inadvertently added Raymond Chandler to the cast of *A Matter of Life and Death* in the July/August, 2013 issue of *ARSCE News*. This greatest of all authors of “hard-boiled” mysteries actually appeared in a non-speaking part in one film, *Double Indemnity*, which he co-wrote with its director, Billy Wilder.

Writers Wanted!



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Parks Department Retiree News

By Alan Hovland

Vance and Molly Tagart celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary and his 90th Birthday with a big family party in late June. Congratulations.

I did have a successful hip replacement surgery at the end of May and with the help of my wonderful family and friends I have made a remarkably quick recovery. I can highly recommend the medical staff at Ballard/Swedish Hospital and the staff at the Foss Home rehabilitation unit for the outstanding care I received.

The Parks Retiree luncheon continued with the group of regulars in attendance in June. Russ Bean, Jesse Howell, Ted and Diane Lockhart, Lee Werle and Alan Hovland were there. Lee Werle

had traveled to Kenya with a group from the Zookeepers Association for a great travel adventure.

Ken and Diane Petrie took a big vacation in May by taking the train down the Coast, a cruise ship back to Vancouver, and took another train to Calgary. They had a great time and even visited some relatives along the way.

Howard Bogie gathered Bev Ross, Larry Sunblad and Ernie Ferrero together for a long coffee break from their busy retirements in June. They all looked good.

I had a long talk with retired Recreation Coordinator Tom Ostrom, who is currently working for the Associated Recreation Council, the program partner for the Parks. I also met with Bill Keller who is back working full time; and Lee Bicknell has retired once again and has quickly moved with his wife to enjoy the sunshine in Yakima.

Marty Bluewater is living on his beautiful Protection Island; having retired yet again.

Congratulations go out to John Masterjohn in his new role as ARSCE's president; he's certainly remembered by many Park Retirees.

I want to say thank you to the retiring ARSCE Editor, Judith Flemings, who was very helpful and kind to me. This is the second time around in writing this column for me and I, too, remember the wonderful Virginia Jacobson, who edited the newspaper before the widespread use of computers. It was much more difficult then to produce.

Mr. Hovland can be reached at parksnews@arsce.org



Parks Retiree Luncheon Regular: Lee Werle



Marty Bluewater at home

Complete Our Circle



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

Application on Page 12.

ADVANCE NOTICE Mark Your Calendar!

**ARSCE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARTY & LUNCHEON**

West Seattle Golf Course Banquet Room

Wednesday,

December 4th, 2013

Doors open at 11:00am

Come for Wonderful Food & Fun!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sandy Brooks, Parks

Esther Carter, Library

Linda Rae Colby, City Light

John Cunningham, City Light

Patricia Elder, Parks

Joanne Flemings, Water

Sharon Furutani, Public Utilities

Janet Henderson, Health

K. Suzanne Kenyon, Aging & Disability

Roberta Krouse, Police

Marita Dede Meyerholtz, Library

Ross Morgan, City Light

George Oakes, City Light

Jeanette Pfothhauer, City Attorney's Office

William S. Vaughn, Finance

In A Light Manner

By Frank dos Remedios, RCLEA President

Our Association is in need of assistance. We are seeking candidates to serve on the Executive Board. Five of the current Board members are up for re-election. We need to find at least two additional candidates willing to serve, assuming the current Board members will stand for re-election. The Board meets once a month for about 2 hours and the business of the association is conducted. The meetings are fun with opportunities to contribute to the betterment of the association. If you are interested please contact me at fdosremedios@yahoo.com. We would enjoy having you on the Board.

Our picnic on July 24th was a success even though we had a smaller turnout than usual. The weather cooperated and the food was great. It is always great to visit with former co-workers.



RCLEA Picnic - July 24th

Mike Knutson, our activities chairperson, continues to plan and organize fun activities. Unfortunately, the bike trip to the Red Hook Brewery had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, but Mike will contact those who had signed up and reschedule it. Mike led a hike to Lake 22 near Granite Falls on July 30th. Mike should be contacted if you have ideas for events that you think might be of interest for our members.

In late August we participated in a Skagit tour conducted by the North Cascades Institute. As usual the scenery was breathtaking, the guide was informative, and being able to tour Ross Powerhouse was an additional bonus. Many of the participants had been involved with various aspects of projects related to the Skagit, so the visit was most meaningful.



Skagit Tour led by the North Cascades Institute

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

Fellowship All Over Town



Engineers Luncheon: Retired County and City Engineering people meet for lunch quarterly. Call Barbara Graham @ 206.525.7859; or John Randall @ 206.723.4118; or Ted Ormbrek @ 206.522.7867; or Joe Curulla @ 425.643.0309 for info.

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 8:00AM. Call Bud Eickstadt at 206.362.8336 for information.

RCLEA (Retired City Light Employees' Association) Lunches: If you retired from City Light, you should be receiving the Newsletter sent out at regular intervals which lists the dates and locations of the informal luncheons and the more formal fall and spring luncheons. For information contact Frank dos Remedios 206.363.1938 or go to www.rclea.net

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

Seattle Transit Breakfast (North End): This group meets at Denny's at 155th Street and Aurora Avenue North on the first Saturday of each month. Contact Vern Brenden at 206.784.6907.

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

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

SDot's Traffic Signal Division retirees meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Tommy's Café, 74 Rainier Avenue South in Renton, WA. Contact General Seymore at 360.893.6759 for information.

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 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 11:00 AM at the Denny's Restaurant located at N. 155th St. and Aurora Ave. No. in Shoreline, WA. Contact Roy Galloway at 206.362.3937 for further information.

Parks Dept. Retirees' Luncheons are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the 125th Street Grill located at 12255 Aurora Ave. North. Meet at 11:30 AM for lunch. Contact Jesse Howell @ 206.282.5338 for further information.

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

The Computer Guru

By Larry Howell



What's the Best Computer Option for You?



Prologue: If the detail in this column overloads your brain circuits, just jump to the summary at the end. If you become curious about the basis of the opinions expressed in the summary, the details are presented in the body of the column.

In the past year, computer users have been faced with some rather dramatic changes in the hardware and operating systems of computers. Regardless of whether these changes are improvements or not, these changes create stress. I would like to pass on some of my personal observations and opinions to help our readers understand how the changes affect them and their future decisions about computers.

PC vs. Mac

I shouldn't even venture into this arena; conversations between PC users and Mac users usually end up in verbal fist fights. Without getting into a lot of technical jargon, each platform has its benefits and weaknesses. Since this column targets PC users, I'm pretty sure that each of you appreciates what a computer can do for you. I am also pretty sure that you have your own list of frustrations with PC's and the Windows operating system.

When a client asks me about Apple Computers, the answer seems pretty straight forward to me. Apple offers a number of excellent alternatives to PC/Windows. The iMac, for example, is a good fit for many users. The system is locked down much more than the PC/Windows option, which minimizes the number of things that can go wrong. It also limits the ability to upgrade the hardware in an Apple computer.

Apple has, in my opinion, an excellent customer service and training program. The quality of this customer service program is most obvious to an end user when the user is in the process of converting from a PC to an iMac. My PC clients who have migrated to iMac's have reported that the process of transferring files and learning how to use their new computer has been an easy transition...thanks to the Apple Customer Service and Support team.

The biggest disadvantage of Apple products is the cost. The iMac, for example, can easily cost 50% or more than a comparable Windows-based PC.

You, the end-user, should look at both options and choose the solution that best fits your needs and your pocket book.

Computer Form Factor

Back in the old days, as my granddaughter would say, there were essentially two types of computers: 1) Mainframe computers, and 2) desktop computers. Today, we have a continuum of personal computing options starting with the powerful desktop computers and ranging to the ultra-compact smartphones. Each of the computing options varies in size and functionality.

If you are or will be in the market for a replacement for your Windows XP computer (that is over a decade old), you will need to have a general understanding of the jargon associated with the types of computing options you will be encountering. As always, keep in mind that new technology is changing the face of computing and communication on a daily basis.

At the top of the personal computing options is the **Desktop PC**. The desktop PC is a full function, upgradeable computing option with multiple input options (USB, external SATA,

Bluetooth, and several types of Audio Visual input and output options). If you are strictly a home computer user, the desktop computer is my PC computing option of choice. The full size keyboard and mouse, large monitor (my eyes aren't what they use to be!), the connected printer and the full version of software applications provide the functionalities that I need for:

1. Producing documents, such as Word, Excel and PDF files.
2. Editing photographs.
3. Creating videos.
4. Computing tasks that require speed and substantial data storage capacity.
5. Ability to upgrade hardware, such as the display adapter, when an operating system upgrade or application requires new processing capabilities. All-in-one desktop PC's may have limited upgrade potential.

The next best PC solution, based on functionalities, is the **Laptop**.



1. Reasonable portability.
2. Full-function keyboard.
3. External input and output ports (USB external hard drive support and Visual and Audio ports).
4. Internal Data Storage drives.
5. Internal optical disc drives (DVD).
6. Monitors are smaller than those available with desktop computers, but still more than adequate.
7. Some ability to be upgraded in response to changes in software requirements and hardware protocols (increased RAM, increased size of hard drive or upgrading to solid state drives and upgrading the internal network card in order to take advantage of the increased data transmission speed of new wireless transmission protocols).

If portability is a high priority, **Notebook** computers may be an appropriate solution for you. A Notebook differs from a laptop in the following ways.

1. The keyboard is the smallest possible keyboard.
2. The monitor/screen is much smaller than a laptop screen.
3. No internal optical disc drive.
4. Graphics/display quality may be reduced compared to a desktop or laptop computer.
5. It is much more portable than a laptop.
6. It has a battery life of 50% or greater than a laptop, depending on the battery option chosen.

An even more basic computing device is the **Netbook**.

1. About half the size of a laptop.
2. No internal data storage drive.
3. Netbooks do include connections for external devices, such as external hard drives and external optical disc drives.

Pushing the portability factor even further, we come to the **Tablet** computer.

1. Small, thin, light. Designed for "on the go" access to online data.
2. Not really functional for creating files, such as Word and Excel documents.
3. Touch screen display.
4. No physical keyboard. The operating system does provide a virtual on-screen keyboard.
5. No data storage drive.
6. No external ports.

And, rounding out the computing options is the **Smartphone**.

1. Most portable "computing" option.
2. Includes cell phone capability.
3. Includes texting capability.
4. Provides mobile access to email.
5. Provides access to online data, such as traffic information and location and directions, and functionalities such as audio and video streaming.



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Best Computer Option For You...continued from page 6

Before you buy a new computing device, it is extremely important to determine how you will use the device. If you buy a tablet computer because they seem to be a “hot” item right now and are really portable, you may experience disappointment when you try to produce the next newsletter for your organization.

The last consideration for this column is the operating system. Next year, Microsoft is scheduled to stop supporting Windows XP. Your XP computer will continue to work, but your computer will become increasingly vulnerable to malware attacks. Microsoft will not be providing any new security updates after they suspend support of XP. In addition, the browser will become outdated and will not be fully compatible with new features being introduced in web page design. Internet Explorer Version 8 is the highest version available for Windows XP. The current version for Windows 8 is Version 11.

When buying a new Windows-based computer, your options will likely be limited to some version of Windows 8. Unless you are purchasing a computer with a touch screen, my experience suggests that selecting a computing device with Windows 7 installed (if available) would be the preferred solution for a majority of users migrating from Windows XP or Windows Vista.

If you do select a computer with the Windows 8 operating system installed, be aware that there are several changes in Windows 8. The Windows 8 operating interface has removed user access to several important functionalities available to the user in previous versions of Windows (XP/Vista/7). Many of these functions (for example, the start button) can be restored by downloading and installing 3rd party utilities at little or no cost. However, I am of the opinion that most of the clients that I have supported will have neither the inclination nor the skill (no criticism intended) to go this route.

In Summary:

1. Windows XP users will have little choice but to buy a new computing device.
2. Windows Vista users who have not upgraded to Windows 7 should consider upgrading their PC operating system to Windows 7 while it is still available.
3. Windows 7 users, especially users without a touch screen monitor, should stay with Windows 7.
4. Users purchasing a new Windows-based, non-touch screen computer should select a computer with the Windows 7 operating system (which may be difficult to find).
5. If you purchase a Windows 8 computer, don't be surprised that some of the functions that you have previously used are not present in Windows 8.

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

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

ARSCE Summer Luncheon “Attendees”

Event Held June 12th
West Seattle Golf Course
Clubhouse Banquet Room



John Masterjohn, New ARSCE President, honors outgoing President, Merle Overland (on the right)



ARSCE Officers & New Board Members sworn in.



Terrie Johnston, Seattle Police Crime Prevention Coordinator, shares about Safety for Seniors

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Jim Coover, Engineering
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Ken on a Young Man's Car

By Ken Hunich

A wife told her husband the car was not running well and there was water in the carburetor.

"Where's the car now?" he asked.

"It's in the lake," she answered.

My brother is a lifeguard in a carwash.

Want ad: "For Sale: parachute, used only once, never opened, small stain."

Look and See ~ People do many things for a purpose, sometimes without being aware of why. Or they may declare reasons for their actions that really are false.

You can learn many things about some young men just by observing what kind of cars they own. You must keep in mind, though, what you see may not be based on what the person wants to buy, but what he is allowed to buy, usually because of his personal finances.

A Wannabe - I feel young men, when able, select cars that represent what they think will show to others what kind of person they are – or wish they were. I think a young male would like to be thought of as a leader who is the supreme example of someone with great self-confidence, who is in control of his surroundings, and can rise over those around him. Of course, he feels he also should have a lean and muscular body that young women get giddy over, suggesting physical endurance seemingly without end. Clearly, he wants to be seen dominating the males around him.



However, the reality is too many big, fat hamburgers with a twelve ounce soft drink, half lying on his back before the television for hours on end; avoiding walking or any exercise or doing things that would make him sweat and have a positive effect on his body. When he examines his unclothed form before a mirror he notes he has much of the smooth, unwrinkled skin that women yearn for and spend countless dollars to get. However, much of his smooth places hang down in rolls, and there are no bulges that suggest there are muscles underneath.

Do It Right ~ But when you shape your hair correctly, buy the right clothes, select properly shaded and shaped shoes, have tattoos AND get the right car...women will conclude you are the ideal male and yearn to be with you.

His car is expensive and money is not a problem for those who have it made. But for him, people are not aware of the back-breaking payments he has to make each month.

An Example ~ The car has a big engine and will start fast and easily reach high speeds well above speed limits. It makes a lot of noise, especially when accelerating. It sounds as though it doesn't have a muffle. But he knows he is in command, not like others who timidly drive at the speed limit and leave too much



space in front of their car. With his remarkable skills he can easily handle awesome action on the roads and freeways that would overwhelm an ordinary person. And he frequently demonstrates his abilities by weaving back and forth through congested traffic on the freeway.

The Right Car ~ His car's shape and color must be correct to inspire admiration by others and infer to them the car's performance when it moves. Though street-legal and not a racecar, others must know that in the right operator's hands it can do on the street what race machines can do on a track. It might have a thin wing-like bar across the rear trunk lid that interferes with a smooth profile, but it also tells others of the car's heritage and capabilities. Race cars have a very large wing-like air foil over their back, that at high speeds presses down and improves rear wheel traction. The owner lets others know, with this small symbolic appendage, what kind of car he has that is under this driver's control, allowing the car to perform like a racing car.



The low, hard-to-get-into body shape, along with uncomfortable suspension and driver seating position are needed to accommodate the effects of the wind at near supersonic speeds on his car. This shape is not necessary for cars only driven at highway posted speeds.

The color must be bright and contrasting to make sure it catches the attention of those nearby. And it does. As he winds back and forth around other cars on the freeway, he notes some drivers have raised an arm with a forearm vertically moving up and down showing their approval of him and how he can control his car moving at high speed so close to other cars. If he were a passenger in that car, he would be aware the driver in the car he had just passed was pumping his arm, had a white-knuckled clenched fist, and had an angry look on his face while muttering, "You bastard!"

Surprise! ~ He will be dumfounded when a red-flashing state patrol car pulls him to the side of the road and gives him a driving ticket that will cost him dearly. His weaving back and forth between lanes will be ticketed as reckless driving.

The reason he was pulled over, he surmises ~ he was pulled over too soon for the officer to be impressed with the young man's car handling ability.

As I said earlier, you can tell a lot about a fellow by watching him and what he does. Here, we have been watching a moron driving a car who is a hazard to all near him on a road.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

I don't approve of political jokes; I've seen too many of them get elected.

The fastest part of your commute in Seattle is going down your driveway.

You can contact Mr. Hunich at kenhunich@arsce.org



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In Memory

Note: Names with asterisk (*) are ARSCE members

Sione Aho, Public Utilities
Retired: 01/02/04
Died: 07/04/13
Age: 70

Henry Ronald Boehm,
Public Utilities*
Retired: 02/17/98
Died: 06/05/13
Age: 80

Tunkan L. R. Bolin,
Engineering*
Retired: 10/01/76
Died: 06/23/13
Age: 90

Doris K. Carlson, Beneficiary
Died: 03/12/13
Age: 89

Thomas Detert,
Public Utilities
Retired: 06/02/00
Died: 06/13/13
Age: 79

Patricia W. Hagey, Parks*
Retired: 04/01/86
Died: 06/16/13
Age: 91

Chermaine L. Hayes,
Muni Court
Retired: 04/08/00
Died: 03/17/13
Age: 81

Margaret Jack, Beneficiary
Died: 03/12/13
Age: 91

Darrell W. Locklin, Vested
Retired: 11/01/95
Died: 10/06/12
Age: 78

Arthur E. Maronek, Water*
Retired: 09/11/99
Died: 06/21/13
Age: 69

Eloisa Martinez, Beneficiary
Died: 05/20/13
Age: 77

Joseph D. Muhar, Engineering*
Retired: 12/01/83
Died: 01/16/13
Age: 94

Glen C. Myers, City Light
Retired: 04/01/92
Died: 01/28/13
Age: 66

Kenneth E. Nielsen,
Transportation
Retired: 05/01/85
Died: 10/31/12
Age: 87

Kenneth K. Olson, Parks*
Retired: 05/01/85
Died: 06/19/13
Age: 90

Virginia Ostrander, Beneficiary*
Died: 11/24/12
Age: 92

June F. Parry, Beneficiary
Died: 06/25/13
Age: 82

Dennis A. Pearson,
City Light
Retired: 11/07/09
Died: 07/02/13
Age: 65

Alfred Petty,
Construction & Land Use
Retired: 11/01/88
Died: 03/21/13
Age: 86

Timothy A. Rash, Office of
Economic Development
Retired: 04/06/12
Died: 06/16/13
Age: 50

Deanna Richards,
Public Utilities
Retired: 03/23/06
Died: 06/08/13
Age: 74

David D. Rooney, Police
Retired: 07/01/95
Died: 05/29/13
Age: 69

Elmer J. Severin, City Light*
Retired: 03/01/83
Died: 01/26/13
Age: 92

Robert W. Smilanich,
Public Utilities
Retired: 01/05/00
Died: 06/24/13
Age: 75

Ellen M. Smith,
Engineering
Died: 06/10/13
Age: 92

Robert L. Snyder,
Executive Services
Retired: 02/08/00
Died: 05/18/13
Age: 83

Vera Thompson, Water*
Retired: 07/01/82
Died: 05/22/13
Age: 92

Adele M. Toennesen,
Beneficiary
Died: 06/07/13
Age: 90

Thomas Turner, Parks
Retired: 01/01/83
Died: 06/17/13
Age: 97

Florence L. Withey,
Beneficiary
Died: 02/19/13
Age: 90

Martin P. Zawislak, Metro
Retired: 07/09/99
Died: 04/03/13
Age: 72



The View from the Buses

By Paul Fioli

It was a great day for **Jim Vaughn**. June 1st breakfast at the North end Pancake House, Jim walks in and has breakfast. Just before Christmas Jim went in for open heart surgery and for nearly 3 months he fought it, wouldn't quit. All of us who were getting the updates from your wife, and those of us who came to see you can only say one thing. **ATTA BOY JIM**.

I got word from Jan McKee, the wife of **Lynn McKee**. Lynn had a health scare in mid-April when he had what was diagnosed as a seizure. So for 6 months he had to rely on others to take him places or take the bus. Wife Jan has been willing to transport; Lynn does his best to be a respectful passenger and does not offer a "ride check".

Lou Torres called to say he was going in for heart surgery. He will be having a valve replacement and a possible by-pass. Lou will be having his surgery at Overlake Hospital. Bob also reported that **Ann Cameron** is still having her problems that she has had for over a decade.

On the 27th of June, 65 hardy souls attended the annual BBQ/Picnic at Lower Woodland Park. The weather was not the best, to say the least, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. **Jim Craddock** came over from Ellensburg. Nice talking with Jim who wanted me to come over and see his machine shop he has for working on old tractors. It was also great to see everyone who came. Too many to mention; give one name and forget another.

I had the opportunity to talk with **Bernie Fischer**. He is another snowbird spending his time in Yuma, Az. in the winter and Port Orchard the rest of the time. Always great to talk with guys I haven't seen for a while. He was saying that George Criddle and Rudy Kohler are over there in the Port Orchard area also and go for lunch on occasions. Bernie is like Jim Craddock in that he works on old tractors; has a shop at his place to do the work. **Chuck Zigler** has given an update of his status with nasopharyngeal cancer. A scan showed a pretty good size tumor located behind his sinuses. This is causing all sorts of problems for Chuck. He began going through chemo and radiation starting the 25th of July to fight this thing.

RIP - C.P.Larsen reports that **Dan Maher** lost his battle with lung cancer on the morning of July 11th. Dan was unique in that he had retired from both Metro and City Light. I saw in the July 23rd *Seattle Times* that **Ron Yoshida** passed away at 88 years of age. Ron worked 38 years for Seattle Transit and Metro.

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

BOOK NOTES

By Lorry Garratt, Library



THE PANTHER. By Nelson deMille 2012

Anti-Terrorist Task Force agent John Corey and his wife, FBI agent Kate Mayfield, have been posted to Yemen, one of the most dangerous places in the Middle East, to track down the Panther - one of the masterminds of the USS Cole bombing. He is ruthless, elusive, and a multiple murderer, but also a US citizen born and educated in this country. Initially John and Kate don't know why they have been picked for this assignment, but it becomes apparent that AL Qaeda and the Panther are not their only dangers - there is also an unknown role being played by the CIA and FBI.

THE PARIS WIFE. By Paula McLain 2011

This is the story of Ernest Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley Richardson, as well as the fabled "Lost Generation" in the hard drinking, fast living and free loving life of Jazz Age Paris. The players include Gertrude Stein, Scott Fitzgerald and Ezra Pound as well as many other familiar names. The Hemmingway's were considered a golden couple, deeply in love, and both committed to Ernest's writing during this time before his success took off and before he became American literature's original bad boy.

THE ART FORGER. By B.A. Shapiro 2012

In 1990, 13 works of art, today worth over 500 million dollars, were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It remains the largest art heist in history and Claire Roth, struggling young artist, is about to discover there is much more to this crime than meets the eye. Making a living reproducing famous art works for a popular online retailer, she is lured into an agreement with a powerful gallery owner to forge a Degas masterpiece, one of the stolen works, in exchange for a one woman show in his renowned gallery. When the long missing Degas is delivered to her studio, Claire begins to suspect that it may itself be a forgery and she will be copying a copy.

DEATH COMES TO PEMBERLEY. By P.D. James 2011

P.D. James and Jane Austen meet in a splendid tale that brings back familiar persons from "Pride and Prejudice". Elizabeth and Darcy have had 6 years of peaceful and happy life at his impressive estate, Pemberley. They have two young sons and enjoy visits from Elizabeth's father and her sister Jane and husband who live nearby. Then the tranquility changes when in the midst of the preparation for the extravagant Lady Anne's Ball there is a murder on the property and the likely perpetrator is Wickham, husband of Lydia, the youngest Bennett daughter, who has been barred from the estate for disgraceful behavior. James masterfully recreates Austen's world while bringing her own excitement and suspense to a brilliant crime story.

TOUCH AND GO. By Lisa Gardner 2013

Justin and Libby Denbe seem to have the perfect life. Justin's construction company is a multimillion dollar corporation, Libby is lovely, talented, a much admired hostess and neighbor, and their 15 year old daughter Ashlyn is adored by her parents. Then the family vanishes, totally, leaving no clues and no ransom note and no witnesses. Investigators and the FBI pull out all stops but are stymied by the lack of evidence. This is an excellent read, twisted and continuously puzzling until the astonishing answers begin to emerge.

A WEEK IN WINTER. By Maeve Binchy 2013

This is Binchy's last book, completed just days before she died in 2012, and published with her husband's approval. It is typical of this popular author to gather together a group of people, tell their stories and then have them interact, usually with a happy ending. And so - Stoneybridge is a small town on the west coast of Ireland where all the families know one another. Chickey Starr decides to take on a decaying mansion and turn it into a restful place for a holiday by the sea. This is her first week with all the tension and suspense of not knowing if her plans will succeed. The visitors bring their problems and, in this warm and charming place, briefly become a community of new friends.

SUSPECT. By Robert Crais 2013

LAPD cop Scott James and Maggie, a German Shepherd K-9 military dog who has had three tours in Afghanistan, are both in bad shape. Both have lost their partners and both feel responsible for not protecting them enough. They both suffer from PTSD. Maggie is being retrained to hopefully be sent back to service and Scott too, recovering from horrific injuries, hopes to go back to active duty. Assigned to spend time together Scott, without authorization, goes to work on the case that killed Stephanie. This is an exceptional story about an exceptional relationship with some parts of the story told through Maggie's eyes.

WARWOLF. By T.R. Pearson 2011

Deputy Ray Tatum takes on Blue Ridge crime and carnage, kicked off by the discovery of a body high in the limbs of a black oak tree. He pursues a savage killer through rural Virginia assisted by hot-headed FBI agent Kate LeComte. Never has the Appalachian highlands seemed so tawdry, illiterate, squalid, and base and yet be the scene of hilarious, ribald comedy.

Contact Ms. Garratt at booknotes@arsce.org

"Raz~ma~taz!"

By Bill Kruller, Retiree, Seattle Public Utilities

I was in the food line at a grocery store. There was nobody else in the line. I was buying three oranges. The cost was one dollar and fifty-three cents.

I pulled out a one dollar paper bill and reached for my coin change purse. I found two quarters and two pennies. I had the purse punched open and the clerk said that she saw a third copper penny in the back corner of my purse. I fumbled around to retrieve that penny. The clerk and I were both concentrating on this magnificent retrieval when I got punched twice in the left side of my ribs. I do not know if the punches were with a closed fist or straight fingered jabs. The blows were substantial.

A loud male voice said, "Move it! I have an important meeting I have to get to."

I have some belligerent tendencies. My head was still down looking at the counter and I replied, "I am retired, I have a lot of time, and I am not in a hurry."

I am very considerate about not holding up a line while I dig for change. I raised my head and turned around expecting to see

someone I would recognize. I have lived on Bainbridge Island for more than forty years; I know a lot of people, and there is a wider population of folks I recognize. I have never seen this guy, who appeared to be in the fifty-year old bracket. He looked startled!

He said, "You are not Al!" I said, "No I am not Al." He said that he thought I was "Al from the club" (I do not know what club) and he wanted to give me a little "Raz~ma~taz".

I then looked around at the other people there. The clerks in the other aisles had stopped working, were looking at us and laughing. The customers in those aisles were looking at us and laughing. I "loosened up" and joined in the laughter.

I said, "Well I hope this guy Al, who you thought I looked like, is handsome."

As I left the counter area, the clerk in the next aisle said, "If you want to go back up my aisle and get in behind him, you can give him some 'Raz~ma~taz'."

I said, "Thank you, no. I am going home."



Old Timers Luncheon Group MTD/DAS/ESD

By Jerry Robertson

The “Old Country Buffet,” 4022 Factoria Square Mall, S.E. Bellevue, WA, continues to be our meeting place the first Monday of each month at 11:00AM. This seems to be ideal for most of those attending as far as convenience of the location. There are a few of us that have a long commute, but the enjoyment of visiting with old friends and co-workers is worth the trip.

Ahead in 2013, our luncheon dates are: October 7, November 4, and December 2. Keep these dates in mind and add to your to-do lists to finish out the year.

The attendance at our June luncheon numbered thirty-one. This was one of our biggest groups we have had for a very long time. It was wonderful to see a group this large. We again had a new attendee in June, McKay Moore, who worked in the Charles Street Metal Shop before moving to City Light to finish out his career with the City. Our July luncheon had eighteen in attendance; probably a few were missing because Seattle was getting some warm weather, for a change, in early July.

George McDonald had shoulder surgery in June, and he informed me it has been the most painful recovery from surgery he has ever experienced. I have been told this same thing from others that have had shoulder surgery also. George was back with us at the July luncheon, although he was not planning any golf games at this time. Best wishes for a continued recovery, George.

It has been a pleasure to see Don McBride back with us again at the June and July luncheons.

June birthdays were celebrated by Hans Loffler, Joan Mayor, Tom Peters, and Jerry Robertson. We have no members of our group with a birthday in July. Best wishes to all of them and may they enjoy many more!



June birthday celebrants, left to right:
Joan Mayor, Jerry Robertson, and Hans Loffler.

I certainly hope all of you enjoyed the wonderful July weather we experienced; it was really unusual for all of us web-footed natives of Seattle. The steady run of warm days and no rain were rare!

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

JUST FOR FUN

~ Word Jumble ~ North American Cities



Unscramble the name
of these U.S. and
Canadian cities.

1. CHANGEOR _____
2. MOONDENT _____
3. ATASKSOON _____
4. LATEMORN _____
5. LASTTEE _____
6. PLANTROD _____
7. GAINDOSE _____
8. LASTTACKYLIE _____
9. TICKETROLL _____
10. INSLANG _____
11. HALLVINES _____
12. LACETHORNS _____
13. LATETORCH _____
14. HIPHIPALADEL _____
15. LOANPAINS _____
16. THESALSAALE _____

Answers below:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 16. Tallahassee | 8. Salt Lake City |
| 15. Annapolis | 7. San Diego |
| 14. Philadelphia | 6. Portland |
| 13. Charlotte | 5. Seattle |
| 12. Charleston | 4. Montreal |
| 11. Nashville | 3. Saskatoon |
| 10. Lansing | 2. Edmonton |
| 9. Little Rock | 1. Anchorage |

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). This is probably the most comprehensive of the local volunteer opportunity websites. A search of their database using the term “parks” returned 76 different volunteer opportunities; “animal” returned 65 opportunities, “home” returned 141, “senior” returned 50 and “children” returned 595. You can register on the site and arrange to have internet “feeds” sent to you about volunteer opportunities in areas that interest you.

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

ARSCE Fall Luncheon



Wednesday, September 18th, 2013
 West Seattle Golf Course
 Clubhouse Banquet Room
 4470 - 35th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98126
 (Ample Accessible Parking)

11:00am – Noon: Visit with Friends
 Lunch is served at Noon.

Luncheon buffet features London Broil, Chicken Filet, vegetable selections, salad, rolls and a special dessert. Coffee, tea and soda provided.

COST: \$20.00 Per Person

Reservations due by Wednesday, September 11th, 2013

(Cancellations no later than 48 hours prior to the luncheon. Cancellation questions? Call Pam Baer at 206-992-7311.)

Please make your check or money order payable to ARSCE Fall Luncheon and mail it with your completed reservation form below.
Or, you may register & pay online by simply going to www.arsce.org and click on the "Fall Luncheon" link which you'll find on the home page.



NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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No. Attending = _____ x \$20 each = \$ _____

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 P.O. BOX 75385
 SEATTLE, WA 98175-0385**



Please mail your reservation early, or sign up online, and invite a friend or two!
 Thank You!

2013 MEETING AND PUBLICATION DATES

- Wed. Sep. 18 - Fall Luncheon Meeting @ West Seattle Golf Course Clubhouse Banquet Room
- Tues. Sep. 24 - News Deadline (Nov/Dec Issue)
- Wed. Oct. 9 - Executive Board Meeting
 IBEW Local 77 Building
 19415 International Blvd., SeaTac, WA @ 10:00am
- Fri. Oct. 25 - Mail ARSCE News (Nov/Dec Issue)
- Wed. Nov. 13 - Executive Board Meeting
- Tues. Nov. 19 - News Deadline (Jan/Feb Issue)
- Wed. Dec. 4 - Annual Christmas Party @ West Seattle Golf Course Clubhouse Banquet Room
- Fri. Dec. 23 - Mail ARSCE News (Jan/Feb Issue)

Note: Calendar is subject to change by Board approval.

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The Association of Retired Seattle City Employees Dues Deduction Authorization

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

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