

## Retirements

### JULY AND AUGUST RETIREES

**Dennis Ardizzone**  
47 years of service

**Sheu Au**  
40 years of service

**Charles Barber**  
39 years of service

**Neida Bennett**  
28 years of service

**Joseph Bronner**  
40 years of service

**Alfred Cadinha**  
27 years of service

**Gordon Cross**  
46 years of service

**Albert Danielson**  
40 years of service

**Paul Derks**  
30 years of service

**Peter Drinkward**  
33 years of service

**Jack Dunlap**  
41 years of service

**Carole Edmark**  
28 years of service

**Ray Espinosa**  
27 years of service

**Mary Feenan**  
35 years of service

**Susan Flessner**  
11 years of service

**Patrick Gallegos**  
36 years of service

**Robert Gimblin**  
34 years of service

**Anthony Gonsalves**  
41 years of service

**William Grossen**  
34 years of service

**Alan Hanamura**  
34 years of service

**Cynthia Haver**  
32 years of service

**Clement Holst**  
46 years of service

**Larry Jameson**  
15 years of service

**Jack Joyce**  
42 years of service

**Robert Le Boeuf**  
35 years of service

**Chi Lee**  
30 years of service

**David Lehman**  
40 years of service

**Grace Livingston-Nunley**  
32 years of service

**John Lopes**  
44 years of service

**Wayne Maddock**  
43 years of service

**Luciano Manansala**  
36 years of service

**David McCleary**  
41 years of service

**Merle McGregor**  
39 years of service

**Beverly Mendel**  
3 years of service

**Delia Muniz**  
38 years of service

**George Murillo**  
34 years of service

**Gregory Peterburs**  
21 years of service

**Thomas Phebus**  
38 years of service

**Craig Pierce**  
32 years of service

**Anton Pirtz**  
35 years of service

**Norma Ricker**  
38 years of service

**Richard Roberto**  
39 years of service

**Robert Rubio**  
40 years of service

**Joe Ruiz**  
40 years of service

**Greg Schmall**  
33 years of service

**Erwin Schmidt**  
40 years of service

**Robert Schroeder**  
39 years of service

**Mark Shoulet**  
32 years of service

**Ray Sowards**  
43 years of service

**Wayne Spears**  
40 years of service

**Nona Thompson**  
40 years of service

**Jim Verges**  
40 years of service

**Nancy Walters**  
22 years of service

**Thomas Yee**  
38 years of service

**Jose Yeverino**  
34 years of service

## COMING SOON: Campaign for the Community

The annual PG&E Campaign for the Community will launch on September 18. The Campaign provides an opportunity for retirees to donate to nonprofit organizations and schools from Eureka to Bakersfield. PG&E employees and retirees have a giving tradition and we anticipate another successful campaign.

Our last Campaign for the Community achieved a 2012 pledge of \$5.3 million, and the goal for 2013 is \$5.6 million. Some 451 retirees contributed almost \$147,000 in 2012, a hefty increase from \$119,000 pledged by 410 retirees in 2011.

Look for more information about the Campaign for the Community in the September Retiree News.



## North Bay Retirees stock Marin food bank

PG&E's North Bay Retirees pulled together recently to provide more than 170 cans of food to help stock the Marin County Food Bank. The North Bay Retirees will continue its outreach programs, focusing on a toy drive in December.



# Retiree News

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### Highlights:

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Photo by Wayne Dunn

## More than 400 PG&E retirees, volunteers gather for the PSEA's 30th Annual Picnic

**LODI**—More than 400 PG&E retirees and volunteers recently put on the lively Pacific Service Employees Association (PSEA) Retirees Picnic at Micke Grove Park in Lodi, continuing their 30th annual gathering of friendship, reunions, community services, great food and beverages, and a lot of fun.

The day-long events featured bingo games and prizes, two-dozen raffle prizes, a door prize of a 42-inch television, and the picnic's famous "salami wheel" which awarded 50 sausages to lucky winners.

Retirees were also pleased to collect and donate 92 pairs of prescription glasses to the Lion's Club, an annual service for those in need.

The yearly picnic, of course, served up a feast of barbecue and all the fixings with the good help from retiree James McDaniel's catering company.

The picnic also is a reminder that through its grass-roots network of volunteers, PSEA has fostered family unity among all PG&E'ers. PSEA's goal is simple: to provide benefits, discounts, events and recreational activities to enhance the lifestyles of members and their families.

There are currently 18 local PSEA volunteer chapters and 18 retired employee clubs providing social venues for members throughout Northern and Central California.

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### Retiree Contacts

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 Pacific Service Credit Union: 888-858-6878  
 Pacific Service Employees Association: 800-272-7732  
 PG&E Retirement Award Customer Service: 800-385-3139  
 San Joaquin Power Employees Credit Union:  
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# Smart-Pig technology allows PG&E to assess, validate its gas pipelines

By Matt Nauman

This article originally appeared on Currents at [www.pgecurrents.com](http://www.pgecurrents.com) on July 9, 2012.

*Retiree News will continue to report our company's programs to strengthen the safety and reliability for services we provide to our customers. Timely and valuable news will help our retirees keep up to date with new developments.*

**MILPITAS**—A 14-foot-long “smart pig” weighing nearly a ton is helping PG&E inspect the insides of its large natural gas pipelines.

The state-of-the-art inspection tool, commonly known as a smart pig, was on display for the media on July 9 at PG&E’s Milpitas Gas Terminal at the intersection of Interstate 880 and Highway 237.

Jesus Soto Jr., PG&E’s senior vice president of gas transmission operations, was joined by representatives of PII Pipeline Solutions and the fire chief of Milpitas in speaking about the technology and how it benefits PG&E customers throughout the company’s service area.

Using a medical analogy, Soto said that the tool “provides an MRI for a pipeline segment and will help us increase the effectiveness of how we assess our pipeline segments.” Soto joined PG&E recently after a 20-year career with El Paso Corporation’s Pipeline Group. “I can tell you that this is the most advanced way to determine the overall condition of the pipeline,” he said.

PII Pipeline Solutions’ Eric Quick explained how the tool collects data about the pipeline. Quick is the global products marketing leader for the pig’s manufacturer, which is a joint venture of GE Oil & Gas and Al Shaheen.

Smart pigs rely on GPS mapping data, magnetic sensors and other technology to record detailed information from inside the pipeline. They can find defects as well as measure the thickness of pipeline walls. And, if corrosion or any other signs of weakness are found, repair crews are able to reach the part of the pipeline that needs work with precision.

Smart pigs are free-swimming, Quick added, meaning that the pressure of the gas moves them through the pipeline, ideally at 5 or 10 mph.

The massive tool can be used to test pipelines measuring 24- to 30-inches in diameter. The multi-diameter flexibility makes it especially useful, Quick said. He demonstrated how the technology works using a 5-foot-long model that can inspect 6-inch-diameter pipelines.

The larger smart pig will be used later this week to assess a pipeline that runs from Fremont to San Lorenzo.

The backdrop for Monday’s event was the PG&E’s Milpitas Terminal, where gas transmission pipelines that feed Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties begin.

Chief Brian Sturdivant of the Milpitas Fire Department spoke of the “robust” relationship that his agency has with PG&E. Over the past 18 months, a series of meetings has led to refining emergency-response procedures and practicing drills that included first-responders and PG&E.

During 2012, PG&E plans eight smart-pig inspections covering more than 200 miles of pipelines; more are planned for 2013 and 2014. Additionally in 2012, PG&E plans to replace about 39 miles of transmission pipeline; conduct hydrostatic strength tests on about 170 miles of pipeline; and install 46 automated valves.

That progress is significant, Soto said, “but when it comes to safety, our job is never done.”

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The in-line inspection tool, known as a smart pig, will provide finely detailed data on the condition of a gas transmission pipeline.

## Tributes

**Richard G. Artru**  
5/18/2012; Ret. 1/1/1995  
Gas Service; Sacramento

**Elmo J. Assante**  
6/17/2012; Ret. 11/1/1981  
Division General Services;  
East Bay

**Edward L. Ault**  
5/19/2012; Ret. 8/1/1986  
Electric Transmission and  
Distribution; East Bay

**Marilyn J. Berndtson**  
3/25/2012; Ret. 11/1/1993  
Customer Billing;  
General Office

**Francis P. Brady**  
6/6/2012; Ret. 9/1/1979  
Electric Generation Steam;  
San Joaquin

**Jon. R. Brudvig**  
5/15/2012; Ret. 7/1/2001  
Electric Maintenance  
and Operations

**Susan C. Caruso**  
6/2/2012; Active  
Service Planning and  
Estimating; Operations  
Maintenance and  
Construction

**Edwin A. Cornagey**  
6/4/2012; Ret. 10/1/1993  
Operations

**Moise J. Cortez**  
5/25/2012; Active  
Gas Field Services; Area 7

**Ronald E. Davis**  
6/10/2012; Ret. 9/1/2006  
Electric; Operations,  
Maintenance and  
Construction

**Leonard R. Dearman**  
5/16/2012; Active  
Customer Operations

**Randy R. Du Bois**  
6/10/2012; Ret. 2/1/2007  
Construction and  
Maintenance; Fresno

**Marilyn R. Friend**  
3/26/2012; Ret. 9/1/2001  
Customer Service;  
Sacramento

**Donald F. Gomez**  
5/7/2012; Ret. 11/1/1996  
Electric; Sacramento

**Edward Hackley**  
4/27/2012; Ret. 6/1/1987  
Steam Generation

**Frank B. Hanly**  
5/22/2012; Ret. 2/1/1978  
Gas; San Francisco

**John I. Harger**  
5/23/2012; Ret. 11/1/1993  
Gas Transmission and  
Distribution; Diablo

**Henry Horowitz**  
5/24/2012; Ret. 10/1/1984  
Law; General Office

**Mary J. Irvine**  
5/23/2012; Ret. 4/1/1987  
Stock Transfer;  
General Office

**John R. Kamberg**  
5/3/2012; Ret. 4/1/1987  
Maintenance Operations;  
Steam Generation

**Gaston C. Kiser**  
5/10/2012; Ret. 2/2/1982  
Gas; General Construction

**Dorothea S. Klahn**  
6/4/2012; Ret. 6/1/1978  
North Bay

**Wilfred LeMay Jr.**  
6/9/2012; Active  
Electric; Operations,  
Maintenance and  
Construction

**Joanne L. Lucchese**  
5/7/2012; Ret. 4/25/1997  
Power System

**Fred L. Massey**  
5/11/2012; Ret. 3/1/1990  
Gas Dispatch; San Jose

**James A. Mazzi**  
5/16/2012; Ret. 2/1/1992  
Los Padres

**George A. McKee**  
5/15/2012; Ret. 7/1/1995  
Fleet Services; Bay Region

**Robert J. Morante**  
2/23/2012; Ret. 2/1/2009  
Gas Field Services; Area 5

**Katharine R. Nielsen**  
1/26/2011; Ret. 7/1/1982  
Customer Services;  
East Bay

**Robert Oliver**  
6/14/2012; Ret. 7/1/1976  
Hayward Gas Transmission  
and Distribution; East Bay

**Alba M. Price**  
6/16/2012; Ret. 10/1/1979  
District Customer Services;  
Stockton

**Thomas Radcliff**  
6/15/2012; Ret. 6/1/1993  
Substation

**Robert A. Ray**  
5/26/2012; Ret. 5/1/1997  
Gas; Central Coast

**Kenneth F. Sager**  
5/14/2012; Ret. 4/1/1986  
Materials Distribution;  
General Office

**Rosa W. Schoening**  
6/1/2012; Ret. 8/1/1997  
Law

**Devin W. Scotto**  
5/29/2012; Active  
Gas Construction  
Transmission; Area 7

**Richard J. Signor**  
6/3/2012; Ret. 3/1/2006  
Field and Metering Services;  
Area 6

**Orland M. Silva**  
5/11/2012; Ret. 6/1/1993  
Region Transmission;  
Mission Trail

**Jack L. Smead**  
5/31/2012; Ret. 2/1/1993  
Gas Service; Vaca Valley

**Michael W. Smith**  
5/26/2012; Active  
General Construction;  
Area 2

**Eleanor C. Stagnaro**  
6/3/2012; Ret. 3/1/1985  
Division Personnel; Stockton

**William L. Warren**  
6/1/2012; Active  
Gas Construction; Area 2

**Mary Whitworth**  
5/9/2012; Ret. 6/1/1993  
Division Manager’s Office;  
East Bay

**Sandra J. Yarbrough**  
5/15/2012; Ret. 6/1/1997  
Construction and  
Maintenance; Mission

**Herbert W. Young**  
5/24/2012; Ret. 9/1/1981  
Electric Transmission and  
Distribution; North Bay

## Retiree Club Activities

**August 8: Coast Valleys**  
Lunch: Bahama Island Grill, Carmel  
Joanie Lozano: 831-663-4608

**August 8: Stockton**  
Picnic: Micke Grove Regional Park  
Carol Mitchell: 209-465-9667

**August 10: East Bay Associates**  
Lunch: Francesco’s Restaurant,  
Bunnie Brown: 510-895-0638

**August 14: Sacramento**  
Lunch: Vince’s Italian Restaurant  
Arlene Cook: 916-988-8905

**August 20-24: Plymouth/49er Village**  
Robert Gaggero: 707-526-7739

**August 23: Los Padres**  
Annual BBQ: Cuesta Park, SLO  
Gary Corsiglia: 805-544-0890