

## Tributes

**William I. Ashmus**  
3/28/2012; ret. 2/1/2008  
Operations, Maintenance and Construction; Area 7

**Lynn A. Blodgett**  
4/10/2012; ret. 1/1/2012  
Technical Services; Chico

**Richard A. Bourbon**  
4/4/2012; ret. 10/1/1993  
Gas and Electric Operations; Fresno

**Gordon H. Brooks**  
4/13/2012; ret. 3/1/2003  
Gas Maintenance and Construction; San Francisco

**Antoinette F. Chapman**  
4/8/2012; ret. 9/1/1986  
Construction Accounting; General Office

**Denver R. Chronister**  
3/26/2012; ret. 11/1/1983  
General Construction

**Anthony G. Dorman**  
4/28/2012; ret. 7/14/2000  
Customer Services; Area 1

**Thomas A. Faraday**  
4/2/2012; ret. 12/1/1981  
Marketing; Coast Valleys

**A. Roy Gafner**  
3/28/2012; ret. 4/1/1984  
Electric; San Joaquin

**Jack L. Gray**  
2/24/2012; ret. 10/1/1987  
General Construction

**Dominic M. Guastavino**  
4/26/2012; ret. 11/1/2000  
Information Systems  
Technology Services; Area 1

**Horatio J. Harper**  
4/12/2012; ret. 6/1/1987  
Computer Operations; General Office

**Ernest C. Hein**  
4/19/2012; ret. 1/1/1979  
Division Transportation; San Joaquin

**John R. Herbner**  
4/21/2012; Active  
Electric Distribution; Area 3

**Christopher J. Hill**  
3/3/2012; ret. 12/1/1989  
Hydro Electric and Construction

**Wanda J. Hollowell**  
3/19/2012; ret. 8/1/2008  
Electric Construction; Area 4

**Marjorie Jensen**  
4/2/2012; ret. 3/1/1984  
General Services; General Office

**Marian A. Kalman**  
4/28/2012; ret. 10/1/1998  
General Services

**Abelardo Landin**  
3/30/2012; ret. 10/1/1986  
General Services; Golden Gate Region

**Frank R. Larson**  
4/30/2012; ret. 5/1/1973  
Gas Transmission and Distribution; Humboldt

**Leo E. LeRoy Jr.**  
4/7/2012; ret. 2/24/1989  
Redwood Region

**David G. Loughhead**  
4/30/2012; ret. 1/1/1995  
Customer Energy Services; Diablo Canyon

**Michael C. Mahutga**  
3/17/2012; ret. 1/12/1993  
Service Planning; Sacramento

**Ralph M. Mansfield**  
4/2/2012; ret. 11/1/1988  
Pipeline Operations

**Claude McCrory**  
3/30/2012; Active; Station  
Construction; Area 1

**Darrel L. Melander**  
4/2/2012; ret. 1/1/1995  
Transmission System

**Wilbur E. Mitchell**  
3/21/2012; ret. 4/1/1987  
Electric Transmission and Distribution; Coast Valleys

**John D. Mortell**  
3/31/2012; ret. 4/1/1987  
Computer Operations; General Office

**William H. O'Hara**  
4/29/2012; ret. 9/1/2004  
Substation Maintenance and Construction; Area 2

**Robert C. Paterson**  
4/26/2012; ret. 1/1/1995  
San Francisco

**Manuel H. Santos**  
3/21/2012; ret. 8/1/2000  
Materials and Fleet; Area 4

**Howard B. Shinn**  
4/5/2012; ret. 4/1/1983  
Substation; Coast Valleys

**Ronald L. Tyler**  
4/25/2012; ret. 1/1/2006  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

**Vincent A. Verlod**  
2/20/2012; ret. 4/1/1987  
Region General Services; San Joaquin

**William F. Webber**  
4/26/2012; ret. 8/1/1984  
Electric; East Bay

**John W. Wolfenden**  
3/31/2012; ret. 10/1/1993  
Gas Transmission and Distribution

**Irene B. Young**  
3/23/2012; ret. 8/1/1979  
North Bay

**Wee M. Young**  
4/11/2012; Active  
T-Line Design Engineering South; Area 2

**Tom J. Zimmerman**  
4/12/2012; ret. 11/1/1976  
Electric Transmission and Distribution; Stockton

## Retirements

**MAY AND JUNE RETIREES**

**Courtney Allen**  
39 years of service

**Frank Anderson**  
33 years of service

**James Aram**  
30 years of service

**Paul Arruabarrena**  
33 years of service

**Clark Bomagat**  
36 years of service

**Robert Bosetti**  
36 years of service

**James Bowen**  
35 years of service

**Marilyn Caragher**  
28 years of service

**Stephen Cook**  
38 years of service

**Michael Cooper**  
34 years of service

**Richard Culbertson**  
45 years of service

**Freddie Eason**  
31 years of service

**William Eldridge**  
43 years of service

**Steven Fisher**  
45 years of service

**Sarah Fong**  
40 years of service

**David Fortner**  
39 years of service

**Robert Gaffney**  
6 years of service

**Gabriel Gonzales**  
40 years of service

**Daniel Griffin**  
38 years of service

**Vincent Hogan**  
40 years of service

**Leslie Hudson**  
35 years of service

**Robert Kauffman**  
41 years of service

**Clark Keefe**  
33 years of service

**Kurt Kendall**  
34 years of service

**Kenneth Leung**  
38 years of service

**Robert Lipscomb**  
32 years of service

**Antonio Longueira**  
41 years of service

**Larry Lucero**  
44 years of service

**Lonnie Martin**  
41 years of service

**Chang McKoon**  
40 years of service

**Rickey Nelson**  
43 years of service

**Maureen Nevosh**  
11 years of service

**William Olson**  
29 years of service

**Lamont Payton**  
39 years of service

**Manfred Pleger**  
36 years of service

**Dale Quedens**  
27 years of service

**Sandra Rankins**  
44 years of service

**Manuel Rivas**  
27 years of service

**Dave Romero**  
39 years of service

**Rodney Shaeffer**  
36 years of service

**Ed Shelton**  
39 years of service

**Lazett Smith**  
43 years of service

**Alvin Wolf**  
35 years of service

**Henry Ybarra**  
40 years of service

**NOTE:** In the April 2012 edition of Retiree News, Simon Chiang was incorrectly listed as a retiree. The following retirees were not included in the Recently Retired list: **Joe Sanchez**, 40 years of service and **Gerald Kuhnle**, 40 years of service



# Retiree News

June 2012

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## San Francisco: Building the Golden Gate Bridge defied the naysayers

Throughout May, *PG&E Currents* ([www.pgecurrents.com](http://www.pgecurrents.com)) celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge by taking a look at the bridge and how PG&E played a role in some of its significant moments. The following article looked at how the bridge was built between 1933 and 1937.

**San Francisco**—It is impossible. Skeptics warned that nature's power would prevent the construction of a bridge to span the narrow passage into San Francisco Bay.

Water too deep. Strong ocean currents too powerful. High winds and dense fog create dangerous working conditions. Funds for the huge project are scarce in the Great Depression, and owners of large fleets of passenger ferryboats on the bay threaten to scuttle the project.

Yet, a bold team of engineers, architects, geologists, contractors, and some 4,000 laborers led by chief engineer Joseph Strauss overcame the obstacles and launched construction of the Golden Gate Bridge on Jan. 5, 1933, extending from Fort Point in San Francisco to Lime Point in Marin County. San Francisco and Bay Area counties approved \$33 million in construction bonds backed by the Bank of America under financier A.P. Giannini.

Forty-one months later, on May 27, 1937, the 1.7-mile bridge opened as the world's longest suspension bridge.

"During these 41 months, an epic of construction was played out," wrote Kevin Starr, university professor and professor of history at the University of Southern California, state librarian of California emeritus, and author of "Golden Gate, The Life and Times of America's Greatest Bridge."

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### Retiree Contacts

Alumni Advocates: 415-972-5803  
 PG&E Outage Hotline: 800-743-5002  
 PG&E Customer Service: 800-743-5000  
 PG&E Pension Payroll: 415-973-3767  
 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: 800-637-5993  
 Email: [alumniadvocates@pge.com](mailto:alumniadvocates@pge.com)  
 Web: <https://myportal.pge.com>

HR and Benefits questions:  
 phone: 800-700-0057  
 email: [HRBenefitsQuestions@exchange.pge.com](mailto:HRBenefitsQuestions@exchange.pge.com)  
 mail: 1850 Gateway Blvd., 7th floor, Concord, CA 94520



## Defend My Dividend Campaign

On December 31, our current tax rates on dividend income, which are now capped at 15 percent, are set to expire. Protecting our current tax rate on dividend income is an important issue for PG&E employees, retirees, customers and shareholders. By maintaining parity between tax rates on dividends and capital gains, PG&E can continue to attract investors and raise capital. Such capital-investment programs fund major infrastructure and investment projects that help us provide safe, reliable and affordable gas and electric service to our customers. They also help stimulate high-quality job creation in many states, including California. If federal tax policy favors growth stocks and debt investments over dividend-paying investments, investors could retreat from stocks that pay dividends in favor of other investments with a lower tax burden.

In addition to the potential impacts on investments, an increase in the dividend tax rate will also have an impact on Americans who directly own stocks that pay dividends. For example, if Congress does not act, the maximum tax rate on dividend income will almost triple. Many PG&E employees are stock owners who stand to be affected by this tax rate increase.

Take action and learn more about this important issue facing our industry and our company by going to [www.defendmydividend.org/pgge](http://www.defendmydividend.org/pgge).

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## Building the Golden Gate Bridge

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### PG&E provided power on both ends

PG&E took the first steps toward construction of the bridge, erecting power lines on both sides of the bay passage to deliver electricity to service the contractors.

“Electricity, furnished by the PG&E, did a great share of the work, just as it did on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge,” the P.G. and E. Progress monthly newspaper reported.

“Power usage totaled 4.5 million kilowatt hours—enough to supply all homes and businesses in a city of 6,000 for an entire year. Service was made possible by construction of several miles of temporary lines at both ends of the job,” the Progress noted.

“These lines will supply current to operate derricks, hoists, pumps, concrete mixers, air compressors and other motor-driven machinery in the various shops, to light buildings and roads,” the Progress reported, adding, “Later permanent service will be installed for the lighting system on the finished structure.”

The construction costs totaled \$27,125,000.

On a more somber note, the bridge under construction took the lives of 11 men. Until Feb. 17, 1937, there had been only one fatality. On that day, 10 more men fell to their death when a scaffold fell onto safety nets and they failed. Through the construction, the nets saved the lives of 19 men who were called the members of the Halfway-to-Hell Club.

The new bridge also attracted attention to its reddish-orange color selected by the span’s architect, Irving Morrow, who felt that it blended with the bridge’s setting. The color is known as International Orange. (Today, 38 painters work on the bridge.)

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, one of the two surviving men who worked constructing the bridge is a former PG&E employee. Frank Hanly, now 96, was one of those who helped apply the original coats of paint on the bridge. He worked for PG&E from 1937 until 1978.

“The Golden Gate Bridge was very close to his heart,” a relative told the newspaper. “He was always very proud of that.”

On April 28, 1937, the last rivet, made of Sierra gold, was driven into the last span and the bridge that began as a madman’s dream had been finished, the Progress said.

### Seven days of parties, pageantry

Much more was ahead. An elaborate “Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta” to celebrate the opening of the bridge featured seven days and nights of pageantry, music, and other entertainment throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Among the festivities:

- At least 150 warships sailed into the bay.
- Two colorful cauldrons traveled from Canada and Mexico to meet at the bridge and be joined by others from Western states.
- Nightly entertainment was presented by more than 3,000 actors and actresses.
- San Francisco’s streets were decorated in blue and gold festoons.

On May 27, 1937, the span’s entire roadway was opened to excited walkers from dawn to dusk, beginning with 18,000 people waiting to cross at 6 a.m. An estimated 15,000 an hour passed the 25-cent turnstiles.

The Fiesta’s second day would be for automobiles. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in the White House declaring the span open to the entire world.

The Golden Gate Bridge was alive.

## Retiree instructors needed for 2012 PG&E PowerPathway™ training courses

What do retirees Ed Bruno, Sandy Hagerty, John Oberholser, Tim Chappelone, Floyd Wright and Mike Martin have in common? Well, each is retired from PG&E. But recently, they returned to share their industry knowledge by teaching through PowerPathway™—PG&E’s nationally- recognized workforce development program. Would they recommend this satisfying and rewarding work to other retirees? You bet.

If you have any of the these desired qualifications...

- Journey-level work in any field job classification
- Taught at PG&E Academy, or similar educational experience
- Acted in a supervisory role: foreman, supervisor or superintendent
- Human Resources department experience (to assist with soft skills training)

...we want to hear from you!

PowerPathway™ training courses are designed to strengthen students’ candidacy for employment and increase their understanding of the energy and utility industry. In addition to pole climbing, Ed, Floyd, John and Tim share their expertise in safety, ropes and knots, industrial ergonomics, tools and materials, worksite protection and excavation awareness. And Sandy, a retiree from PG&E’s Human Resources department, helps students polish their resumes and improve their interviewing skills.

### Interested?

In 2012, PowerPathway™ will offer customized, short-term **Bridge to Utility Worker** and **Pre-Apprentice Lineman Climbing** courses at local community colleges in Oakland and Fresno on the following (tentative) schedule:

- Oakland (Cypress Mandela Training Center): September–October
- Sacramento: 2013
- Fresno (Fresno City College): July–August
- Fresno: 2013

If you are available during one or more of these times and want to learn how you can become a PowerPathway™ instructor, please contact us at [powerpathway@pge.com](mailto:powerpathway@pge.com), as soon as possible. For information about PG&E PowerPathway™, visit [www.pge.com/careers/powerpathway](http://www.pge.com/careers/powerpathway).



## Retiree Club Activities

**June 1: North Valley/Shasta**  
Picnic: Anderson River City Park  
Don Mason: 530-527-1027

**June 4-9: Reddy Rovers**  
Manteca  
Robert Gaggero: 707-526-7739

**June 5: San Jose-DeAnza**  
Lunch: Three Flames, San Jose  
Bob Jefferies: 408-225-2772

**June 7: Fresno**  
Lunch: Pardini’s Restaurant  
Ben Neumann: 559-442-1581

**June 7: Kern**  
Lunch: Rice Bowl, Bakersfield  
Del Sands: 664-661-9151

**June 7: Yosemite**  
Lunch: Woolgrowers Restaurant  
Darrel Worthy: 209-826-1668

**June 8: North Bay**  
Lunch: Deer Park Villa  
Patty Waller: 415-892-3408

**June 12: San Francisco/Peninsula**  
Luncheon: Elks Club, SSF  
Bob Hillman: 650-583-2799

**June 12: Sierra/Colgate**  
Lunch: Plaza Room, Yuba City  
Jim Edwards: 530-671-0449

**June 13: Coast Valleys**  
Lunch: Corralitos Comm. Center  
Joanie Lozano: 831-663-4608

**June 13: North Valley South**  
BBQ: Durham Park, Durham  
Gary San Filippo: 530-873-4571

**June 24: Humboldt**  
Lunch: Hunan Village Restaurant  
Shirley Jackson: 707-777-1727

**June 28: Los Padres**  
Lunch: SLO IOOF Hall, SLO  
Gary Corsiglia: 805-544-0890