

## Retirements

### RECENT RETIREES

**Gary Abney**  
28 years of service

**Clark Ackerman**  
33 years of service

**Jeff Adler**  
6 years of service

**Darlene Aflague**  
33 years of service

**Larry Alexander**  
40 years of service

**Gary Apodaca**  
35 years of service

**James Apodaca**  
38 years of service

**William Banks**  
43 years of service

**Larry Barone**  
41 years of service

**Daniel Bonini**  
40 years of service

**Michael Bottini**  
42 years of service

**Paul Boyd**  
32 years of service

**Daniel Brosnan**  
18 years of service

**Richard Brown**  
39 years of service

**Larry Burns**  
45 years of service

**John Campbell**  
40 years of service

**Nancy Cariker**  
31 years of service

**Loretta Carter**  
30 years of service

**William Casella**  
16 years of service

**William Caspar**  
23 years of service

**Joanne Chamberlain**  
38 years of service

**Steven Clark**  
30 years of service

**Jimmy Clawson**  
34 years of service

**Carl Coggins**  
40 years of service

**Thomas Colgate**  
36 years of service

**Guillermo Coronel**  
33 years of service

**Gary Deardorff**  
31 years of service

**Paula Demartini**  
40 years of service

**Thomas Devlin**  
41 years of service

**Tanya Dillon**  
13 years of service

**James Doud**  
34 years of service

**Carlos Drago**  
33 years of service

**Alfred Dumlaio**  
33 years of service

**Rodney Dyer**  
42 years of service

**Raymond Estrada**  
38 years of service

**Murrel Evans**  
32 years of service

**Stephen Fessant**  
7 years of service

**James Findley**  
40 years of service

**Ronald Finney**  
21 years of service

**Barbara Flohr**  
40 years of service

**Steve Freitas**  
39 years of service

**Gerhard Freund**  
44 years of service

**Jerry Gillingham**  
41 years of service

**Lynne Gollwitzer**  
27 years of service

**Jim Gordon**  
42 years of service

**Janice Guerrero**  
19 years of service

**Michael Gunby**  
39 years of service

**Bruce Hagen**  
1 year of service

**Richard Hamilton**  
30 years of service

**Jeffrey Hardin**  
a34 years of service

**Lee Hardwick**  
35 years of service

**Selina Henry**  
30 years of service

**David Hicks**  
34 years of service

**Rickey Holt**  
35 years of service

**Francis Janowicz**  
38 years of service

**Diane Johnson**  
30 years of service

**William Johnson**  
40 years of service

**John Kell**  
30 years of service

**Douglas Kierce**  
36 years of service

**Clayton King**  
40 years of service

**Frederick Lang**  
40 years of service

**Kyi Leong**  
39 years of service

**Gary Le Roy**  
40 years of service

**Patrick Lewis**  
33 years of service

**Richard Lohr**  
32 years of service

**Linda Markiewitz**  
35 years of service

**John Martinez**  
35 years of service

**Cynthia McClurg**  
23 years of service

**Scott McCoy**  
39 years of service

**Edward McNab**  
33 years of service

**William Moore**  
34 years of service

**Jeffery Morris**  
37 years of service

**Wesley Nail**  
42 years of service

**Richard Nyberg**  
39 years of service

**Annette Oftedal**  
35 years of service

**Angela Orr**  
28 years of service

**Richard Ortiz**  
38 years of service

**Emily Papapietro**  
39 years of service

**Steven Parker**  
36 years of service

**Robert Parton**  
8 years of service

**Cory Pfau**  
15 years of service

**George Pfeffer**  
33 years of service

**John Pirie**  
33 years of service

**Stephen Prigmore**  
38 years of service

**Cecilia Reed**  
22 years of service

**Joseph Reyes**  
33 years of service

**John Riccobuano**  
42 years of service

**Gerald Rolls**  
40 years of service

**Orlando Romero**  
41 years of service

**Robert Saunders**  
39 years of service

**Ann Sharp**  
41 years of service

**Stephanie Singh**  
30 years of service

**Gilbert Splitter**  
30 years of service

**Susan Stanton**  
37 years of service

**Terry Stelling**  
23 years of service

**Freddie Stokes**  
40 years of service

**Richard Sullivan**  
47 years of service

**Max Tellez**  
40 years of service

**Zdenek Tomsky**  
43 years of service

**Sandra Torres**  
37 years of service

**Daniel Ungles**  
35 years of service

**Joe Vellone**  
30 years of service

**Anthony Villa**  
41 years of service

**Fred Wendt**  
42 years of service

**Cheri Werth**  
34 years of service

**Robert Westmoreland**  
42 years of service

**Leonard White**  
35 years of service

**Richard White**  
40 years of service

**Vickie Wilson**  
12 years of service

**Jimmy Wong**  
32 years of service

**Yan Wong**  
39 years of service



# Retiree News



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March 2013

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## The Little Town That Could

By Russell Eisenman

Once there was a town on the Carquinez Strait brimming with life as a major grain port between Crockett and Martinez in west Contra Cost County. The *Solano* and *Contra Costa*—the two largest ferries in the world—steamed to Benicia and back past sailing ships, warehouses, saloons and hotels on waterfront wharves. At the peak of the grain season, the town was home to more than 3,000 inhabitants—mostly sailors, stevedores and railroaders.

Today, Port Costa is home to some 250 people, and the frenzy from the late 1800s and early 1900s is just a memory. There's a bar and other small shops; and along the waterfront, there is the Port Costa School. In 1989, the Port Costa Conservation Society bought the building from the local school district because it is the only public building in Port Costa.

"It's really important, because people forget their history and therefore keep repeating their mistakes," said Dee Stewart, treasurer of the Conservation Society.

When the school was purchased, its floors had holes everywhere; the roof was warped and the windows broken. Over the past 23 years, Dee and her husband, Lewis, have been rebuilding the school.

"All the work we do is pro bono," Lewis said. "We have put in thousands of hours over the years in the work that we do. It's a good fit for both of us; Dee was an accountant and bookkeeper and worked with a construction outfit, so she's very familiar with the requirements of construction. My contribution is in communication. When I worked for PG&E, I was a photographer and writer and worked for company publications and the website. So for me, it's a continuation of what I used to do."

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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

## Retiree Club Activities

**March 5: San Jose-DeAnza Chapter**  
Lunch: Three Flames Restaurant  
Bob Jefferies: 408-225-2772

**March 6: Yosemite Chapter**  
Lunch: Madera Golf and Country Club  
Bud Elliot: 559-674-5726

**March 7: Fresno Chapter**  
Lunch: Pardini's Restaurant  
Ben Neumann: 559-442-1581

**March 12: San Francisco/Peninsula Chapter**  
Lunch: Irish Cultural Center  
Bob Hillman: 650-583-2799

**March 15: North Valley Shasta Chapter**  
Lunch: Country Waffle  
Don Mason: 530-527-1027

**March 28: Los Padres Chapter**  
Lunch: SLO IOOF Hall  
Gary Corsiglia: 805-544-0890

**April 4: Fresno Chapter**  
Lunch: Pardini's Restaurant  
Ben Neumann: 559-442-1581

**April 10: Sierra/Drum Chapter**  
Lunch: Alta Sierra Country Club  
Lou Norton: 530-885-7631

**April 17: Coast Valleys Chapter**  
Lunch: Spreckles Memorial Building  
Joanie Lozano: 831-663-4608

**April 17: Stockton/Stanislaus Chapter**  
Lunch: Angelinas Spaghetti House  
Carol Mitchell: 209-465-9667

**April 18: Napa/Vallejo Chapter**  
Lunch: Olive Tree Restaurant  
Tom Dunlap: 707-642-5533

**April 19: North Valley Shasta Chapter**  
Lunch: Country Waffle  
Don Mason: 530-527-1027

**April 25: Los Padres Chapter**  
Lunch: SLO IOOF Hall  
Gary Corsiglia: 805-544-0890

## The Little Town That Could

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Lewis and other volunteers do the manual labor. They've had to trench for new foundations and have installed huge steel beams. The process requires engineering and architectural drawings, and of course, money.

"We get a lot of donations. I'd say 80 percent of the engineering on the building has been pro bono work," Dee explained. "You fall in love with the building when you see it. When I came to this town, I fell in love with the school because I went to a small school, and when I had a chance to give back to the community and help out, I took on the challenge."

Lewis writes a quarterly four-page newsletter that goes out to everyone in town and to the Port Costa Conservation Society. It features information about work on the school, the improvements, donations and contributions so people can share in the restoration process as it happens.

There are a couple of fundraisers and a car show every year at the school; this year the show is on August 4. It's small but very popular, selling out each year. Lewis and Dee said that they see everything from vintage Model T's to some late-model cars and '50s Fords and Chevs. The rules are simple: any model, any year, any make is welcome, as long as it can be driven through the gate.

School reconstruction should happen in the near future. "The goal is to have the school in good shape and safe so we're able to use it as a community center," Lewis said of the historic site, which turned 100 last year. "I didn't think we'd see it being used when we first started, but it's already being used on a very limited basis."

A Silicon Valley company, IDEO, recently rented the school for team-building training and afterwards had dinner at the Bull Valley Roadhouse restaurant.

"They had an incredibly good time," Dee said, "and that is what we want to see happen for the school, this kind of usage. We're all just so thrilled they had such a good time. We are starting to get a lot of inquiries about weddings at the school. It's just an amazing building. We call it the miniature White House. It's a labor of love."

To find out more about the restoration of the school, visit its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/portcosta](http://www.facebook.com/portcosta). Lewis and Dee have a form for interested people to become members of the Port Costa Conservation Society, which costs \$10. Membership, however, is not required to be on the mailing list. You can also email Lewis and Dee at [pccs@portcosta.com](mailto:pccs@portcosta.com).

# UC Merced Thanks PG&E for Benefits of School of Engineering Partnership

By David Kligman

**The University of California, Merced (UC Merced) honored PG&E with its inaugural Vanguard Award to thank the utility for its \$1 million donation to the School of Engineering.**

The honor is a special one since it's the first awarded by the Vanguard, a collection of student presidents of the campus' nine engineering organizations, including groups dedicated to women engineers, robotics and biomedicine.

PG&E President Chris Johns accepted the award during a seminar of senior engineering students at UC Merced, which became the 10th and newest University of California campus in 2005. The school's top administrators, students and city and county officials also attended.

Chris said PG&E was proud to receive the award knowing that PG&E's involvement is so important to Merced.

"This school means a lot to the state and to the community," Chris said. "It provides a lot of vitality to this area. And it means a lot to the Central Valley because this is now a place where the great minds are being developed that will be the leaders of the future."

### 'Transform the education experience'

School of Engineering Dean Dan Hirlleman, who presented the award along with senior mechanical engineering student and Vanguard President Mark Lazarro, said the partnership with PG&E is a gift for students and the San Joaquin Valley.



Matt Clower, standing, a mechanical engineering major from Livermore, works with fellow students in the PG&E engineering lab.

**"We wanted to recognize the companies that have really gone the extra mile. PG&E was hands-down the winner."**

### PG&E grant created opportunities

PG&E has provided more than \$80 million in grants since 2001 for education and to organizations for environmental and general community purposes. But the UC Merced contribution, announced in 2007 and ending this year, is one of PG&E's largest donations to any organization in its service area.

The donation expanded the school's Engineering Service Learning Lab, named for PG&E, where students design engineering solutions for hospitals, public TV stations, blood banks and other community partners. Research included developing a new valve used in the intravenous treatment of infant patients in intensive care at Children's Hospital Central California.

### Benefits include prototypes, tutoring and more

Students also use the lab as a machine shop to construct prototypes of their projects, as a hub to meet with faculty mentors and to write reports and presentations on the lab's computers. PG&E even assisted one of the student groups—the Society of Automotive Engineers—in a student competition to design and build a Formula race car.

Funds from the grant have supported student projects, tutoring and mentoring programs, a community garden and travel to national conferences for workshops.

But PG&E's aid has been more than financial. The utility hosted a career day to talk to engineering students about jobs at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. And PG&E provided the school with two natural-gas-powered cars for its fleet.

## Tributes

**Corydon D. Abbett**  
12/16/2012; Ret. 10/1/2006  
Field and Metering Services

**Arthur E. Brown**  
1/12/2013; Ret. 8/1/1974  
Electric Substation;  
San Joaquin

**Harrill J. Cantrell**  
12/12/2012; Ret. 7/1/1992  
General Construction

**Thomas H. Carter**  
11/25/2012; Ret. 1/1/1995

**James A. Conley**  
11/14/2012; Ret. 6/1/2000  
A4 Division

**Houston Demorest**  
12/1/2012; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Computer Systems  
Technology; General Office

**Michael D. Dolcini**  
12/4/2012; Ret. 10/1/2004  
Maintenance and  
Construction; Transmission  
and Distribution Operations

**James C. Emert**  
12/19/2012; Ret. 1/1/1995  
DC Line; Customer Energy  
Solutions

**Paul W. Estus**  
12/8/2012; Ret. 2/1/1992  
Electrician; Engineering and  
Construction Business

**Frank T. Fowler**  
12/11/2012; Ret. 12/1/1993

**Joseph J. Fraguero**  
12/7/2012; Ret. 2/1/1986  
Division 16

**Raymond L. Fraser**  
12/12/2012; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Gas Construction;  
Division 22-63

**John T. Gross**  
11/12/2011; Ret. 11/1/1997  
Engineering Mechanic;  
Shasta

**Michael P. Hanrahan**  
1/11/2013; Ret. 9/1/1998  
VP Nuclear Technical  
Services

**Christina Henning**  
1/8/2013; Ret. 1/1/1975  
Customer Services;  
San Francisco

**Anne C. Hunt**  
1/17/2013; Ret. 7/1/1965  
General Construction  
Services; General Office

**Johnny H. Isaak**  
1/24/2013; Ret. 4/1/1989  
Electric Transmission and  
Distribution; Fresno

**Maedella C. Jarvis**  
1/27/2013; Ret. 6/1/1983  
Customer Services;  
San Joaquin

**Myrtle L. Kintonis**  
12/23/2012; Ret. 10/1/1998  
Comptroller; General Office

**Doraetta Klamm**  
1/6/2013; Ret. 7/1/1987  
Customer Services;  
Sacramento

**James R. Lawson**  
12/5/2012; Ret. 4/1/1987  
Building and Administrative  
Services; General Services

**Jack A. Lemos**  
2/2/2013; Ret. 7/1/1983  
Electric; North Bay

**Sherwin E. Lipe**  
1/25/2013; Ret. 8/1/1985  
Electric Transmission and  
Distribution; East Bay

**James E. Magee**  
12/31/2012; Ret. 1/1/1995  
Moss Landing Power Plant;  
Steam Generation

**John J. Mares**  
12/28/2012; Ret. 9/1/1988  
Gas Construction; San Jose

**James O. Murphy**  
12/14/2012; Ret. 5/1/1999  
General Construction

**Kenneth D. Oleson**  
1/4/2013; Ret. 7/11/1996  
Senior Vice President and  
General Council;  
General Office

**Robert D. Osborne**  
1/25/2013; Ret. 4/1/1989  
East Side & Customer  
Services; Fresno

**Joseph Pohl**  
1/8/2013; Ret. 10/1/2000  
Mechanical Maintenance;  
Nuclear Power Generation;  
Diablo Canyon Power Plant

**Floyd Reasons**  
1/8/2013; Ret. 11/1/1993  
Working Forman;  
Engineering and  
Construction Business Unit

**Thomas Rowe**  
12/29/2012; Ret. 7/1/1984  
Power Control;  
General Office

**Harold Schroetlin**  
12/18/2012; Ret. 8/1/1980  
Gas Administrative and  
Technical, San Jose

**Lourdes Smith**  
1/4/2013  
Civil & Hydro; General Office  
General Construction

**Michael Spainhour**  
1/8/2013; Ret. 9/1/2009  
Shasta Operation and  
Maintenance Operations;  
Shasta Hydro Operations