

# Retiree Times

4th Quarter 2023 – Holiday Edition



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This President's message is a repeat from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Retiree Times to ensure our members received the information about our upcoming Holiday luncheon. Our theme this year is **CELEBRATING JOY** (see article on page 5), and this year's event will be held on **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at a **NEW LOCATION**. We'll be meeting at **MARINA VILLAGE CONFERENCE CENTER, 1936 QUIVIRA WAY, SAN DIEGO** in the **SEASIDE ROOM**. Seating is **limited to 300**, so please make your reservation as soon as you can. The ticket price this year is **\$17.00** and it will be a Holiday-themed menu with turkey, ham and all the fixin's. There will also be a fish option.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please submit your payment no later than November 22nd by one of the methods below. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Clay at [kjclay@cox.net](mailto:kjclay@cox.net) or 619-820-2057. You may make your payment with a debit card, credit card, or Paypal. Just go to <https://www.sdgealumniassoc.org> and click on Holiday Luncheon or click on <https://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/holiday-luncheon>. Select the number of

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<http://sdgealumniassoc.org> or

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Ken Clay 10533 Ironwood Ave Santee, CA 92071-1202. No refunds will be given after November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have a group that wants to sit together, just be sure that someone in the group arrives early and reserves the appropriate number of seats. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you at the luncheon!

Your President,  
Samm McDonald



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## OLD TOWN TROLLEY HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOURS ARE BACK!

When it comes to the holiday season, San Diegans do it better than most. Whether with holiday tamales and margaritas, watching the parade of lights on San Diego Bay, or seeking out local holiday traditions, a San Diego Feliz Navidad day is in order. Because of our year-round picture-perfect weather here, sometimes we need reminding when the holidays are approaching. But when they do, we go all out! For a full-on, unique experience in ‘America’s Finest City,’ take an Old Town Trolley’s Holiday Sights & Festive Nights Tour and ride a wave of holiday cheer! Join in sing-along caroling with our Elf conductors as they share fun holiday facts, trivia, history, and traditions. Hop aboard to see the festive holiday sights of Old Town, Little Italy, Banker’s Hill, Garrison Street, and more!

If anyone wants to do another Alumni Group night, contact Brienn Woods 858-344-6005 or [nancy.woods4202@att.net](mailto:nancy.woods4202@att.net) for more information.

Depending on interest we can reserve our own trolley or just go as a group!

## MARINA VILLAGE EVENT CENTER IS OUR NEW HOLIDAY LUNCHEON VENUE

We are excited to bring our event to the beautiful **Seaside** waterfront banquet room on Mission Bay. The views are spectacular, the sound system is fantastic (no more straining to hear the speakers), and the holiday fare will be the same delicious food we all enjoy so much! Don’t forget cash for the very popular and exciting opportunity drawing for fabulous prizes.

Weather permitting, there is a covered outdoor patio for pre-luncheon mingling and catching up with fellow alumni prior to taking your seat for the event to commence.

The room is located ground level for easy access and parking is plentiful. Signage will be located as you approach the venue and the banquet room. Look for blue and green signs reading **ALUMNI EVENT**.

### Directions:

#### FROM THE 5:

1. Exit Sea World Drive. Turn RIGHT if you have exited going south, turn LEFT if you have exited going north.
2. Continue on Sea World Drive for about 2 miles.
3. West Mission Bay Drive will be on your right, just beyond the lanes marked with arrows to Sea World’s entrance.
4. Stay in the right-hand lane, continue around loop to right.
5. After loop, merge all the way to the furthest left lane.
6. At red light (Quivira Road), go left.
7. Go left again immediately (Quivira Way).
8. Continue about a half mile.
9. We are on the right-hand side, past Seaforth.

#### FROM 8 WEST:

1. Take 8 West to the “Beaches” exit, past I-5.
2. Exit West Mission Bay Drive on the right.
3. Stay in the right-hand lane and continue over the bridge.
4. After the bridge ends, West Mission Bay Drive continues on about 100 yards UNDER the overpass, and curves in a loop to the right. Do NOT continue straight on Ingraham.
5. After loop, merge all the way to the furthest left lane.
6. At red light Quivira Road, go left.
7. Go left again immediately (Quivira Way).
8. Continue about a half mile.
9. We are on the right-hand side, past Seaforth.

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### Where to find events throughout San Diego County

San Diego has much to offer to help get into the holiday spirit. If you are looking for street fairs, Santa arrivals, tree lightings and sightings or parades, check out all the events here:

- [Holiday Events and Activities in San Diego, California](#)
- [Christmas in San Diego 2023 - The Ultimate San Diego Holidays Guide \(sandiegoexplorer.com\)](#)
- [Your 2023 guide to holiday events in San Diego County: tree lightings, festivals, parades and more - The San Diego Union-Tribune \(sandiegouniontribune.com\)](#)

Each of the links above have different (and also some repeating) events which offer many choices across the county throughout the holiday season!



## A FEW "SENIOR" SNICKERS

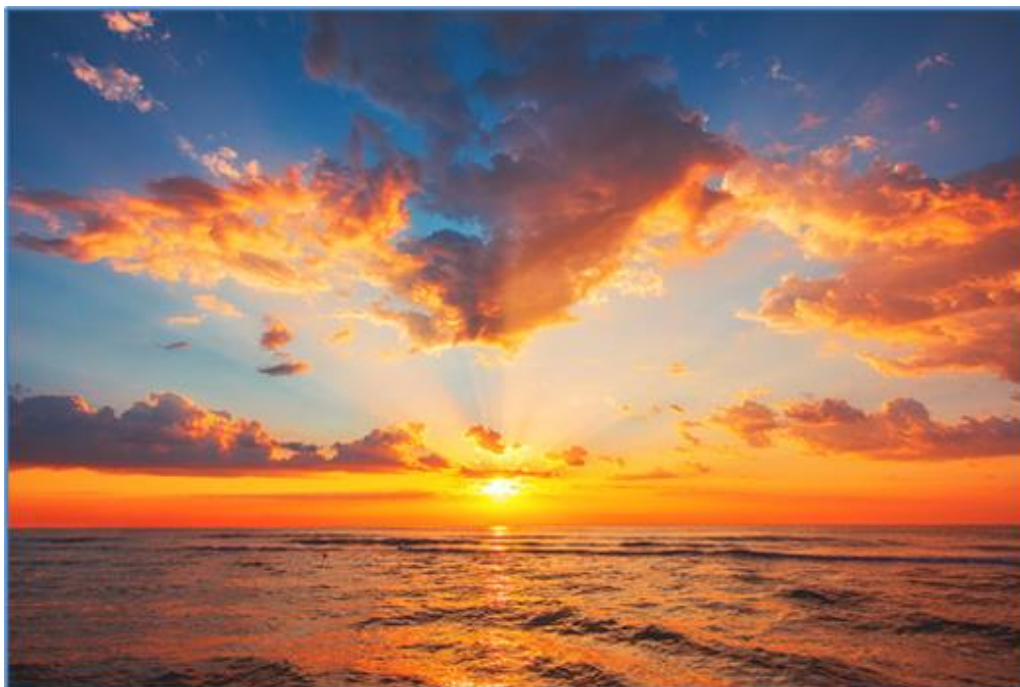


**SDG&E ALUMNI TRANSITIONS**

Since this is the final edition of the 2023 Retiree Times, we are including all our alumni who passed this year. Our hearts and thoughts go out to their families at this time of the year.

A complete list of retirees and deceased members can be found on the SDG&E alumni website: [Retired and Deceased Alumni | SDGE-Alumni-Assoc \(sdgealumniassoc.org\)](http://sdgealumniassoc.org)

Ronald "Ron" Atkinson	Apr	Lance Lovering	May
Barbara Carpenter	May	Coyote Moon	Jul
Ronald R Continelli	Apr	Paul O'Neal	May
Eileen Dibos	Feb	Ralph A Purves	Sep
Leah (Bouts) Fitzherbert	Mar	Alfred P Reinhold	Dec 2022
Santiago H "Jim" Flores	Feb	Peter Richard Reva	Jun
Chip Fox	May	Don Schoolcraft	Sep
Nancy K Garegnani	Jun	John R "Jack" Shiplette	Jun
Willard C Gibson	Dec 2022	Marvin R Stamback	Oct
William "Guy" Hansen	Jun	Loren A Swanson	May
Paul Thomas Hodiak	May	Erroll W Walker	Sep
Robert Keith Hutchens	Oct	Carolyn D "Carol"	
Heidi James	Mar	Westover	Feb
		Cecilia Wey	Sep



## QUOTES TO HELP YOU BRING CLOSURE TO THE YEAR

### Julie Hage – Filling the Jars

As you think about the months that have passed and prepare to put this year in the books, take some time to enjoy these last day of the year quotes. Everyone can use these inspirational year-end quotes to get closure on this year and reset their mind to deal with transitioning to next year.

- *“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, Whispering ‘it will be happier’.”*  
— Alfred Lord Tennyson
- *“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.”*  
— Søren Kierkegaard
- *“It is always important to know when something has reached its end. Closing circles, shutting doors, finishing chapters, it doesn’t matter what we call it; what matters is to leave in the past those moments in life that are over.”*  
— Paulo Coelho
- *“Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.”*  
— Hal Borland
- *“The secret to having it all is knowing you already do.”*
- *“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.”*  
— Bill Vaughan
- *“If plan A didn’t work, the alphabet has 25 more letters.”*
- *“By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.”*  
— Confucius
- *“Maybe this year, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives not looking for flaws but looking for potential.”*  
— Ellen Goodman
- *“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”*  
— Albert Schweitzer
- *“As the year comes to a close, it is a time for reflection – a time to release old thoughts and beliefs and forgive old hurts. Whatever has happened in the past year, the New Year brings fresh beginnings. Exciting new experiences and relationships await. Let us be thankful for the blessings of the past and the promise of the future.”*  
— Peggy Toney Horton
- *“Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other, a little more loving, and have a little more empathy, and maybe, next year at this time we’d like each other a little more.”*  
— Judy Garland

## NATIONAL JOY DAY

National Joy Day is a time to celebrate the power of joy in our lives. This annual holiday reminds us of the importance of finding moments of happiness and contentment, even in difficult times.

Whether it’s through spending time with loved ones, engaging in creative pursuits, or simply enjoying the beauty of nature, there are countless ways to experience joy each day.

### Origin of National Joy Day

It will amaze you that National Joy Day (every December 7th) was marked to appreciate and celebrate all the people named Joy around the world. However, its celebration now transcends people, but everything and every way we can derive joy and happiness each day even in the smallest things.

### National Joy Day activities to lift your spirits

- Writing – journal about things you are grateful for
- Invite friends over for a visit – gathering with those we care about does wonders for the body and mind
- Soak in nature – go for a walk, sit on the beach or just your porch and enjoy your surroundings
- Volunteering brings a sense of fulfillment – find a place that can use your talents
- Learn a new skill or language – keep learning and growing