

Retiree Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just got back from a road trip to visit my grandchildren in the Sacramento area. This is my favorite time of year to travel by car because the earth is just bursting with color! The Temecula wine country was just beginning to bud. The nut trees in the Central Valley were blossoming. The yellow mustard grass near Paso Robles was vibrant. And, the flowering succulents on the coast were gorgeous! Even though it's a long drive (and I will admit some parts are pretty boring), there is so much to look at and enjoy. Fall will always be my favorite season, but Spring is a close second. Everything feels so new; that it's all about to burst open at any minute; that there is hope in the world. I hope you are enjoying this season.....time to get out and walk amongst the flowers!

Your President,
Samm McDonald



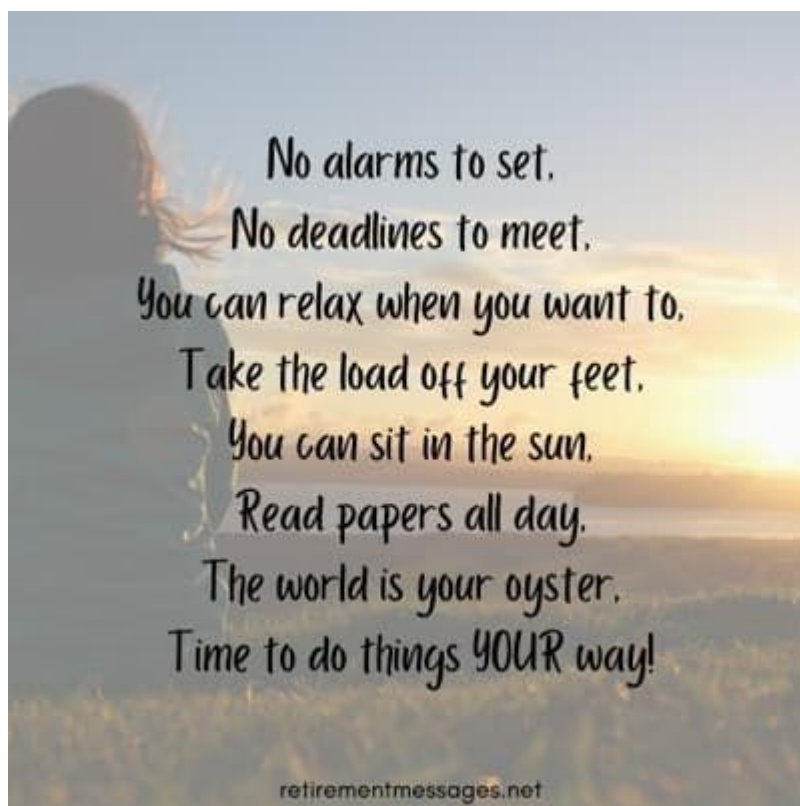
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<http://sdgealumniassoc.org> or

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD ALUMS!

Join Our Non-Profit Board—Make a Difference!

Are you passionate about promoting, renewing and continuing the friendships and fellowships made during our time at SDG&E? SDG&E Alumni Association is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Board of Directors. We are looking for leaders who bring vision, commitment, and expertise to guide our mission forward.

Positions Available:

- President – Lead our organization with strategic direction and inspire our team.
- Vice President – Support leadership initiatives and step in when needed.
- Treasurer – Oversee financial planning and ensure fiscal responsibility.
- Secretary – Manage records and maintain organizational transparency.
- Retiree Times Editor – working with other board members, create and distribute the newsletter.
- Board Members/Directors – Collaborate on key decisions, fundraising, and community outreach.

Why Join Us?

- Make a lasting impact on a cause you care about.
- Network with passionate individuals who share your commitment.
- Utilize your skills to strengthen and grow our organization.

If you have experience in leadership, finance, governance, or community engagement—or simply a strong passion for our mission—we would love to hear from you!

To Apply or Learn More: visit www.sdgealumniassoc.org

Help us keep our alumni's connected—join our board today!

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The number of new retirees continues to grow (see the latest list on page 10) and we need a way to let them know about the alumni association! Who's willing to work together on committee identifying ways to contact recent or upcoming retirees to invite them to become a member and also join our Facebook group?

If you aren't up for that task, would you invite friends and coworkers that are retired to join the Alumni Association www.sdgealumniassoc.org ?

There are no costs or dues to be a member, but it is the best way to find out information about events, new retirees and decedents, get assistance about retirement questions, etc.

The annual Holiday Luncheon is a great way to ring in the holiday season with friends and colleagues. The 2025 Holiday luncheon will be on Friday, December 5th at the Marina Village Conference Center – maybe make it a long weekend at one of the local hotels?



**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
WAS A SUCCESS WITH
180 IN ATTENDANCE**



A fun time was had by all!



Smile!

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
WAS A GREAT TIME
FOR ALL!**



Good

Times!



*Another successful celebration in the books! See
you next year – Friday, December 5th!*

MORE PICS FROM
THE HOLIDAY
LUNCHEON





Don't miss out next year...seeing friends and colleagues is priceless!



Sharing friendships

SDG&E'S COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A HEALTHIER AND BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR EVERYONE

About the Community Assistance Fund

The SDG&E Community Assistance Fund is a \$10-million shareholder funded grant program that provides local nonprofit organizations with transformational support ranging from \$250,000 to \$1 million. It's the single largest one-year charitable initiative SDG&E has ever launched.

The grant recipients selected provide services in the areas of food security and housing stability. SDG&E grants will enable these nonprofits to expand food pantries, emergency rent assistance, financial coaching and much more.

This funding is intended to support the region's most vulnerable populations, including the elderly, low-income individuals and families, as well as under-resourced communities.

Over the past 12 years, SDG&E has invested more than \$100 million in shareholder dollars to improve lives in our communities. Most of that money went to diverse and underserved communities for workforce development, education, public safety and environmental stewardship among other things.

In this issue Feeding San Diego is featured:

Feeding San Diego is the leading hunger relief and food rescue organization in San Diego County and the only Feeding America partner food bank in the region. SDG&E's grant will support critical hunger relief programs with a focus on rural communities and food deserts. Efforts will include agency partner distribution, school pantries, mobile pantry, produce pantry and a backpack feeding program. The grant will also allow Feeding San Diego to continue its model of rescuing more than 75% of its food from the waste cycle, connecting good food with those in need.

For more information about SDG&E in the community, visit [our community page](#).

SENIOR SNICKERS

AT THE BAR THE OTHER NIGHT

An elderly looking gentleman, (mid-nineties) very well dressed, hair well-groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel, smelling slightly of a good aftershave, presenting a well-looked-after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge.

Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady.

The gentleman walks over, sits alongside her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her, and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

RETIREMENT, A WIFE'S VIEW

A frustrated wife told me the other day her definition of retirement:

"Twice as much husband on half as much pay."

FOR THE BIRDS

An 85 year old walks into a bar with a parrot on his shoulder. The barman asks:"hey, where did you get him?" The parrot answers:"at a nursing home, they're all over the place there!"

ART CRAWL: PUBLIC MURALS TO VISIT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY IN 2025

This list is made up of murals painted in 2024 that commemorate individual and historic accomplishments or elevate the local art scene

Carlos Rico | The San Diego Union-Tribune

San Diego County was brightened by vibrant murals in 2024. Some of them commemorated individual and historic accomplishments by local volunteers and a sports star. Other murals were commissioned by various groups to help elevate the art scene in various parts of the county, such as San Marcos, Ramona and La Jolla.

Here's where locals can find murals — painted in 2024 at public locations — that they might have missed and can check out to start 2025.

City Heights: [Plaza del Sol](#)

Description: Mexican-American artist and local designer Josué Baltézar was the muralist who painted a six-panel mural on the Plaza del Sol apartment complex in City Heights. The murals honor some of the people who live and work in City Heights: Ethiopian, Kumeyaay, Latino, Somali and Vietnamese. The murals also spotlight the county's regional diversity. The nonprofit ArtReach approached Baltézar about the City Heights mural and gathered feedback from the community on what the murals should have, Baltézar said.

Location: 4061 Fairmount Ave., San Diego.

Hillcrest: [Ignite Creativity](#)

Description: Over 200 community members painted a mural on the side of the nonprofit ArtReach's building in Hillcrest. The mural that was dedicated in September is titled "Ignite Creativity" and celebrates Hillcrest's vibrant community and the county's history, according to Anna Laroque, advancement manager at ArtReach. The mural has various sections including a coastal scenery that represents the Kumeyaay land, sun prints of local wildflowers, a disco ball, a rainbow and the Georgia Street Bridge. The mural took three weeks to complete.

Location: 1065 University Ave., San Diego



ART CRAWL: PUBLIC MURALS TO VISIT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY IN 2025, continued

Chula Vista

Dylan Cease



Description: One of the newest murals painted of a San Diego Padres player in 2024 was of Dylan Cease in September. It celebrates Cease's no-hitter game on July 25. It also shows the phrase, "Cease se puede," a play on words from a popular Spanish saying, "Si se puede," or "Yes, it can be done." The mural was painted by Ground Floor Muralist and Gors from HK Tattoo drew the lettering.

Location: 810 Paseo del Rey, Chula Vista

Escondido

Hummingbird Jubilee



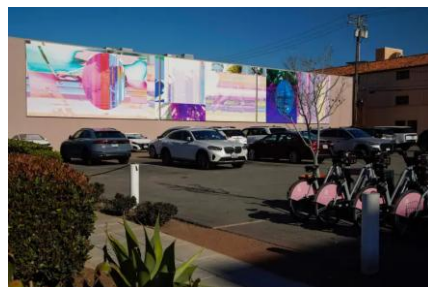
Description: In December, a hummingbird mural was unveiled in downtown Escondido. The artwork is named "Hummingbird Jubilee" and is intended to illustrate downtown Escondido's beauty, energy and joy. The 14-by-100-foot mural was designed by local artist Brenda Townsend. It shows three hummingbirds in a colorful garden, along with butterflies. Townsend had 40 volunteers help paint the mural, which took two months to complete.

Location: Corner of West Grand Avenue and Maple Street Plaza in downtown Escondido

La Jolla

In 2024, three murals were painted in La Jolla. They are part of Murals of La Jolla, a commissioned public art project intended to bring modern art into La Jolla.

Ghosts in the Machine



Description: Behind a mixed-use commercial and retail building on Prospect Street is the mural "Ghosts in the Machine." It was curated by Todd Gray and was inspired by errors from developed pictures he took in Ghana in 2007 and of sculptures at The Huntington in San Marino in 2020. According to the Murals of La Jolla website, these photographs were "corrupted by a malfunctioning memory card in the camera," resulting in "highly distorted images...as if some sort of trickster, or ghost, had taken over the optics."

Location: 1111 Prospect St., La Jolla

To learn about others, go to: [San Diego Mural Magic | See Striking Streetside Art](#)

SDG&E ALUMNI TRANSITIONS

Listing of Retirees and Deceased since the last edition of the Retiree Times

A complete list of retirees and deceased members can be found on the SDG&E alumni website:

[Retired and Deceased Alumni | SDGE-Alumni-
Assoc \(sdgealumniassoc.org\)](https://sdgealumniassoc.org)

Recent and Upcoming Retirees

Name	Date Retired	Name	Date Retired	Name	Date Retired
Tiffany Maycumber	2024	Leslie M Young	Jul 2024	Kathleen M Reiff	Nov 2024
Travis L Jones	Mar 2024	Frederick W Zarcilla	Jul 2024	Dennis L Savary	Nov 2024
David M Miller Jr	Mar 2024	Craig S Bergwitz	Aug 2024	Robert C Stroh	Nov 2024
Nancy Smith-Taylor	Mar 2024	Kelly L Burns	Aug 2024	Steve L Wheelock	Nov 2024
Gail D Poston	Apr 2024	Elizabeth P Gainlin	Aug 2024	Jeffrey A Bellers	Dec 2024
Debra L Watson	Apr 2024	Cristina Inglett	Aug 2024	Gordon B Bristol Jr	Dec 2024
Steven J Weingartner	Apr 2024	Jami L Moch	Aug 2024	Kenneth J Deremer	Dec 2024
Mark D Chatfield	May 2024	Roland A Rodman	Aug 2024	Joseph D Franco	Dec 2024
Timothy P Daly	May 2024	Josephine Unverferth	Aug 2024	Arthur Hedberg	Dec 2024
Ly C Hong	May 2024	Jeffrey M Vars	Sep 2024	Efraim Iribe	Dec 2024
Julie Suzanne Speidel	May 2024	Floiran G Alcantara	Sep 2024	Peter Keesling	Dec 2024
Valerie L Warren	May 2024	Anthony F Alfano	Sep 2024	Kristie Kirsén	Dec 2024
E L Li	Jun 2024	James W Baker	Sep 2024	Lawrence Mascari Jr	Dec 2024
Sang M Phu	Jun 2024	Steven K Montoya	Sep 2024	Joseph A Monterosso	Dec 2024
Tariq Rahman	Jun 2024	Lori P Thomas	Oct 2024	Patty Christensen	Jan 2025
Julie A Rapulje	Jun 2024	Ben W Bond	Oct 2024	Robert "Bob" Cornish	Jan 2025
Mary E Scanlan	Jun 2024	Loren E Lones	Oct 2024	Patrick Martinez	Jan 2025
William V Watson	Jun 2024	Cheryl L Lum	Oct 2024	Uyen Nguyen	Feb 2025
Parviz Ebrahimzadeh	Jul 2024	Alvaro Munevar Jr	Oct 2025	Sandra Williams	Mar 2025
Cathy J McClelland	Jul 2024	Stephen H Potter	Oct 2024	Lynne Azuma	Apr 2025
Elsa A Morales	Jul 2024	Jack Strumsky	Nov 2024	Sheri Gates	Apr 2025
Michael E L Saldana	Jul 2024	Jon R Christensen	Nov2024	Mark Ruiz	Jun 2025
Donna B Sherlock	Jul 2024	Maria E Higgins			
Thomas F Stam	Jul 2024	James G Minton			

Deceased

Name	Date Deceased
William L Barth	Oct 2024
Mary Lou Clark	Nov 2024
Beverly Delaney	Oct 2024
John J Digenan	May 2025
Carol Dorsey	Nov 2024
Margaret Florence	Jan 2025
Martin Florence	Jan 2025
David Guebert	Nov 2024
Stephen Gurney	Oct 2024
John O Hansen	Dec 2024
Samuel Harris	Dec 2022
Jim Hay	2024
Henry "Hank" Holloway	Mar 2023
Manuel L Huerta	Nov 2024
Dennis L Humberstad	Aug 2024
Richard "Rick" Lennon	Feb 2025
Jerry L Millsap	Sep 2024
Margaret "Margee" Moore	Oct 2024
Francisco Rabanzo	Apr 2025
Dave Reistetter	May 2025
Jimmy N "Jim" Runzel	Feb 2024
Sallie Schiff	Sep 2024
Robert L "Bob" Schlotter	Mar 2025
Edward R Van Herik	Jan 2025

Did you know...

The SDG&E Alumni Association was established in 1942 by Hance H. Cleland as the "SDG&E Old Timers" to promote, renew and continue the friendships and fellowships made during employment at San Diego Gas & Electric Company; recall and perpetuate the facts, traditions and memories attaching to the development of the gas and electric industry in San Diego and Orange Counties, California.

Today as the SDG&E Alumni Association, a registered non-profit 501(c)(7) organization, we remain committed to the original goals and objectives of the founders of the original organization so many years ago.

The Alumni Association does not receive notice of retirements or retiree contact information from SDG&E. To be included in the Directory, retirees need to submit their information to us. Go to sdgealumniassoc.org, click on Directory and then on Update Directory Information. Complete and submit the form and your information will be included in the next quarterly update of the Directory. You need to send the info to us! Sempra Energy and SDG&E will NOT give us any information about employees or retirees because they are protecting your confidential information.

There are two types of membership available:

Regular Membership

- Any person, who has been employed by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and has been retired under the SDG&E retirement plan, shall become a Member.
- Any active employee of SDG&E with 25 years of employment as of 12/31/97, who is already a member, will continue to be a member.
- Any person who has qualified under these requirements cannot be removed because of re-employment at SDG&E or any changes in work status.

Associate membership is open to the following, by petition to the Board:

- Any SDG&E employee who leaves the employ of SDG&E prior to retirement, when they reach age 55
- Any SDG&E employee with 25 years of service as of 12/31/97, who has transferred to another Sempra affiliate; and
- Any spouse of the deceased retired SDG&E employee

Once approved by the board, the Associate Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of Membership.