

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS EDITION

Welcome to the December, January, February, March and April issue of Retiree Times! Our apologies for the delay in publishing.....we were first faced with technical difficulties in getting our photos from our December 10 Holiday Luncheon, which is always the focus of our December issue. Unfortunately, that took nearly two months to resolve and then it became old news. Then, we decided to focus on volunteerism and joining SDG&E on some events. Well, you all know what happened next.....the coronavirus! As we waited to find out what impact this would have on future events, suddenly it is April. But I think Brienn did an excellent job, pulling articles together for this issue.

We are definitely witnessing unprecedented times. If you live in San Diego, I am sure you are following the Stay-At-Home order. I personally started my self-isolation on 3/13 and other than walking in my neighborhood, I have not gone anywhere! I had groceries delivered once, but I had to wait 8 days for delivery and the order was absent many of the items I requested. My daughter and teen-aged grandkids have helped with groceries since and I really miss hugging them. We are strictly adhering to the six-foot rule.

To keep connected, we have hosted several get togethers via FaceTime, Facebook Messenger and Google Duo. We'll be participating in a Zoom Happy Hour on Friday with some SDG&E retirees. This time would have been more difficult without social media, to be sure!

So, what have you been doing with your time? Besides social media, I have read 4 books; made 10 afghans for breast cancer patients; completed 4 cross stitch projects; made 6 Christmas ornaments and have watched movies that I recorded as well as on Prime and Netflix. The rain has certainly helped enforce the Stay-At-Home order, but when the weather is nice, I see a lot more people walking, running or biking in my neighborhood. Share what you are doing on our [Facebook page](#) (search SDG&E Alumni Association) or share with me (samm@samm-mcdonald.com) and I'll post it for you!

Until then, or until the next issue, Stay-At-Home and Stay Healthy!

Your President,
Samm McDonald



When you
leave your
place, cover
your face!

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For current information on activities, events and notices check the SDGE Alumni website <http://sdgealumniassoc.org> or Facebook SDG&E Alumni Association page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/408831429206094/>

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SCAM ALERT: Scammers Take Advantage of COVID-19 Outbreak

Scammers often take advantage of times when customers may be distracted or are feeling vulnerable during a crisis – like what we are experiencing right now with the coronavirus pandemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that scammers are taking advantage of the COVID-19 outbreak, using phishing emails, texts and social media posts. It is not uncommon for scammers to impersonate SDG&E professionals through phone calls to target our customers.

Be vigilant in protecting your personal information, and do not click links that may be malicious. In addition to doing [our part](#) to help limit the spread of the coronavirus, we also want to do our best to ensure our customers are safe from scams in these times of additional stress.

In the case of utility scams, the most popular tactic used by imposters is to threaten to turn off a customer’s power unless they offer up immediate payment for a past-due bill. Customers sometimes fall victim to these types of scams because imposters use “caller ID-spoofing” technology to trick caller ID to show our 1-800 number.

What you need to know

SDG&E will never proactively contact customers requesting their credit card, banking or other financial information or threaten immediate disconnection. Currently, due to the financial impact the coronavirus is having on customers who have been laid-off or seen their hours cut back, we are suspending service disconnections for nonpayment until further notice – details [here](#).

SDG&E will NOT:

Call a customer to proactively ask for payment information during the call. Customers may receive communications directing them to pay their bill via their MyAccount at [sdge.com](#), use the [Billmatrix](#) system, or to call and use the automated pay by phone option at 1-800-411-7343

Request that a customer use pre-paid debit cards for payments or cryptocurrencies (i.e. Green Dot, Bitcoin) to pay their bill

Send emails with an online payment method with a QR code

Hang up!

If a caller claims to work for SDG&E and asks for payment over the phone, it is a scam.

Only provide financial information by telephone if you made the call.

Hang up and call us directly at [1-800-411-7343](#) if you want to verify information about your account. You can also view your account status, including bills and payments, through our [mobile app](#) or via [myaccount.sdge.com](#)



Know who’s at your door

Next time someone claiming to work for SDG&E seeks to enter your home or business, especially if they did not arrive in an SDG&E-marked company vehicle, if you are suspicious, ask to see their company identification card. If you are still suspicious, please call SDG&E at [1-800-411-7343](#).

Don’t be the next victim

Criminals work year-round to come up with new ways to defraud people. We intend to work harder to make sure our customers know what to do if they are targeted, especially during times when routines may be disrupted and stress may be higher than usual.

If you believe you might have been a victim of fraud, please call us immediately at 1-800-411-7343 to report it. You can also follow these additional tips to avoid becoming a victim of utility scams.

For the most up to date information and warnings regarding COVID-19, visit the [Centers for Disease control \(CDC\)](#) or [WHO](#).

SDG&E Suspends Service Disconnections for Nonpayment as a Part of Its Coronavirus Response

SAN DIEGO, March 13, 2020 – With the coronavirus pandemic causing significant impact on the economy and people’s livelihoods, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) announced today that it will temporarily suspend service disconnections. The disconnection moratorium will remain in place until further notice.

The company is urging customers who are struggling to pay their utility bill due to financial hardships stemming from the coronavirus to call its Customer Contact Center at 1-800-411-7343 to make payment arrangements.

“With our entire region already experiencing many disruptions due to the coronavirus, the last thing we want our customers to worry about is whether they can afford to keep their lights on,” said Scott Crider, SDG&E’s vice president of customer services.

SDG&E will also waive late payment fees for business customers whose finances have been hit hard by the coronavirus. The company does not charge residential customers a late payment fee.

SDG&E’s response to the pandemic also includes adopting a number of precautionary measures to protect the health and well-being of its customers, employees, and the communities it serves.

San Diego Leaders Launch COVID-19 Community Response Fund to Address San Diegans’ Growing Needs Amid Coronavirus Outbreak

Fund Focuses on food security, rental and utility assistance, income replacement or gap funding

\$1.3 million seeded to the fund by San Diego Gas & Electric and The San Diego Foundation.

Make Donations to: SDFoundation.org/COVID19

March 16, 2020 – San Diego, CA - A coalition of regional partners, including San Diego County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), The San Diego Foundation, United Way of San Diego County and San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council, have joined together to create the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund.

As of today’s launch, the fund is seeded with \$1.3 million, including \$1 million from SDG&E and \$300,000 from The San Diego Foundation. The fund will rapidly deploy flexible resources into the community to support programs and organizations addressing the effects of the coronavirus outbreak across San Diego County. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to donate via SDFoundation.org/COVID19.

Hosted and administered by The San Diego Foundation, the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund will receive donations and make emergency grants to nonprofit organizations supporting impacted communities, particularly those that are disproportionately affected by this global pandemic and its economic consequences.

Grant funding will focus on three critical areas: food security, rental and utility assistance, and income replacement or gap funding.

“In San Diego, we care about one another,” said Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, Co-Chair of the County of San Diego’s COVID-19 Subcommittee and the Regional Task Force on the Homeless. “We stand together and step up to help in times of great need. The San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund will lend a helping hand to our friends and neighbors impacted by this ongoing health crisis.”

“The outbreak of COVID-19 is straining our local communities and concerning for San Diegans with serious health concerns, lack of access to basic resources, and long-term economic challenges,” shared Mark A. Stuart, President & CEO of The San Diego Foundation. “The San Diego COVID-19 Response Fund will quickly distribute funds to critical needs in the region, especially for our most vulnerable residents.”

“As members of the community, all of us at SDG&E are privileged and proud to serve the residents of the San Diego region and help in any way we can during these challenging times,” said SDG&E President Scott Drury. “That’s why it’s so important to us that we contribute to the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund to support impacted workers and families who may face hardships because of this pandemic.”

The coalition is closely collaborating with local government, health agencies, nonprofits, businesses and other community partners to identify regional needs and assess potential grant recipients. The San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund will complement the work of public health officials and expand nonprofit capacity as efficiently as possible.

One hundred percent of donations to the San Diego COVID-19 Response Fund will go toward nonprofits helping San Diegans impacted by the coronavirus. Funds will be released on a rolling basis as fundraising continues throughout the coronavirus outbreak and its recovery phases.

To donate to the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund, please visit SDFoundation.org/COVID19.



A Guide For Seniors On Coping In The Age Of Coronavirus

by [Alyssa Jeong Perry](#) in [News](#) on March 19, 2020 2:50 PM

For about six million Californians 65 and up, life has gotten a lot harder.

Last weekend, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that seniors and people with chronic illnesses need to stay home to protect themselves from the novel coronavirus.

While public health experts agree that self-isolation and social distancing during this time is extremely important, they're also worried about the toll it can take on seniors' mental health and well-being.

Let's be honest: it's probably going to be tough. But here are some tips for surviving — hopefully, even thriving — while stuck at home.

GET DIGITALLY CONNECTED

Many seniors depend on activities at senior centers and volunteer work to keep them active and social.

But public health experts like Dr. Anna Chodos, professor of medicine and geriatrics at UCSF, say there are many other ways to connect with people without being physically present.

She encourages seniors to call the [Institute on Aging's Friendship Line](#). It's a hotline where older people can make a friend over the phone and have someone to talk to if they are lonely.

"It's a good resource to give people if they can't get in touch with their families," Dr. Chodos said.

She's also encouraging family members of isolated seniors to "please call them regularly." Also, if your older family member doesn't know how to use video functions like FaceTime, help them figure it out. (Here's Apple's [handy guide](#). There's also [Skype](#), [Facebook video chat](#) and [Google Hangouts](#)).

KEEP VOLUNTEERING AND EXERCISING, BUT CHANGE IT UP

If you're a senior who has a regular volunteer job that is now on hold, why not see if there's a way to help out online or over the phone?

Also, since going to the gym or a workout class is currently not an option, Dr. Lisa Gibbs, chief of geriatrics at UC Irvine School of Medicine, recommends finding a workout online or from streaming programs like Netflix. The National Institute on Aging has an exercise campaign called [Go4Life](#) that includes online video workouts. Check out their videos.

Or ... get outside! For now, local public health officials have not prohibited outdoor exercise. So take a walk. Just make sure you are six feet away from other people and avoid body fluids.

Gardening or exercising in your yard, if you have one, are also good options.

THAT EPIC NOVEL YOU'VE BEEN MEANING TO WRITE

It's a great time to pick up hobbies that have been on the backburner for a while, such as learning to play a musical instrument or taking an online class. Check out AARP's [guide to online learning](#).

Jeannette, 68, from Fullerton told [KPCC's AirTalk](#) she's taking advantage of her free schedule to write a book.

TACKLING ANXIETY

Doctors are concerned that anxiety will affect seniors in the coming weeks. During this critical period, health experts are encouraging seniors to stay in touch with their health care provider.

Seniors shouldn't be afraid to tell their doctor that they are stressed out, Dr. Chodos said. She said there are a lot of mental health resources by phone that doctors can provide.

The news itself can be anxiety-inducing. Don't sit in front of the television watching news about COVID-19 all day, Dr. Gibbs said. She recommended choosing one trusted source and checking only once or twice a day for updates.

Help by sewing masks

Do you sew? Have extra fabric around the house? There is great need to provide masks to health care workers and others in the public workplace. Here is a link to a site that gives instructions on making approved masks.

<https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask>

How older people can use tech to stay healthy and connected while avoiding coronavirus – another article with good information for friends, family and us!

Seniors should stay home and isolated to stay safe. Video chats and food delivery apps can be lifesavers.

By [Sara Morrison](#) Mar 19, 2020, 10:50am EDT

So, you and your family have decided (or [have been forced](#)) to practice social distancing to help stop the spread of [the novel coronavirus](#). That's [the right thing to do](#). But it also means, by definition, that you won't be seeing much of people outside of your household for a while. And that could be an issue, too.

The good news is that, compared to past pandemics, there's new technology that helps keep us together even when we have to be apart. The bad news is that the people who need those services the most — older adults — may also be the least able to take advantage of them. And while not all older people have problems using new technology, they are [more likely](#) to have trouble than any other generation. They're also the people who are [more likely to be affected by social isolation](#), which has a myriad of negative health effects all on its own.

With the Centers for Disease Control recommending that seniors stay home as much as possible due to the virus's higher fatality rate for people ages 60 and above, we asked a few experts about what tech older adults should learn to use to stave off loneliness and stay healthy while ensuring that their needs are met.

Keeping in touch

Communication is perhaps the most important thing for older people to do during these isolated times. This is not only essential for their physical health — if older people start exhibiting symptoms, [they should contact a doctor or go to the hospital](#) — but it's also essential for their mental health to keep in touch with loved ones.

“At this moment in time, we're not just combating the coronavirus, but we're combating fear and anxiety and social isolation as well,” Bill Walsh, vice president of communications at AARP, told Recode. “So it's important to stay in touch with your loved ones and let them know that they haven't been cut off or somehow marginalized.”

Amie Clark, co-founder of TheSeniorList.com, told Recode that she recommends devices that are specifically geared to older people to lower their barrier to entry. For example, a [tablet like GrandPad](#) should make the process of video calling and sharing photos as easy as it can possibly be. For seniors who can navigate a smartphone, Clark recommends apps like Facebook Messenger, Skype, and WhatsApp, which are “easy enough to set up and explain to all but the most technically disinclined.”

Walsh, from AARP, says apps that let loved ones to see as well as hear each other, like FaceTime or Skype, have the added bonus of letting you see how stressed your loved one looks and if they're keeping up their home “which is often an indication of their health,” Walsh said. “We can get a lot of insight that way.”

Shopping for food and supplies

We all need food and other supplies. But it's riskier for older adults to go out to physical stores to get them, because it increases the chances they'll come into contact with the virus. Websites and apps allow them to shop for and order those items without having to step foot inside a building.

“Food delivery services and mail order pharmacies are a really good idea these days,” Walsh said.

Websites like [Amazon Fresh](#), [Instacart](#), [Fresh Direct](#), and [Peapod](#) are all good ways to order food. Meanwhile, Amazon [is prioritizing essential items](#) like household goods and medical supplies to make sure they stay in stock and ship quickly. Most stores have online ordering options these days, too.

How older people can use tech to stay healthy and connected while avoiding coronavirus, continued

“The user experience for these services has gotten much better in recent years, even for the technology-challenged,” Clark said. Just remember that these services are especially strained at the moment and orders may take longer than usual to arrive — if they can be fulfilled at all.

With restaurants [completely shutting down their dining rooms](#) in favor of takeout or delivery options in many areas, restaurant delivery apps and websites may be an appealing option for hungry seniors. There are also meal kit delivery services, like [Blue Apron](#) as well as some [that are geared to seniors](#) and specialized diet needs. But these can be more expensive than ordering and preparing the raw materials, which could be a significant consideration for people on a fixed income. Of course, [Meals on Wheels is always an option](#) (though they, too, are [having supply issues](#)).

Staying active

Being cooped up inside the house may be especially difficult for seniors who are used to going out to stay active. With senior centers that offer exercise classes and equipment shuttered, regular gyms closed, and other group exercise activities like mall walks called off for the foreseeable future, seniors can turn to technology to stay moving. Clark recommends searching YouTube for [senior-focused exercise videos](#). The National Institute on Aging has a series called [Go4Life](#), and the AARP [offers fitness videos](#), too.

Staying healthy

Staying fit isn't the only health concern for older people, especially these days. Seniors generally have more health problems and needs than younger people, and trying to stay healthy is why we're all in this situation in the first place. Tech can help there, too. Clark recommends some kind of medical alert system for seniors with underlying health issues. [There are many](#), they've been around for a long time, and can be as simple to use as pushing a button — no learning curve there — [to the more complicated smartwatches](#).

Getting and keeping track of prescription drugs can be done through several apps. [Medisafe](#) reminds users to take their medications, while [CareZone](#) uses a device's camera to scan medication prescription labels so it can remind the user when to take and refill them.

Some apps may be useful from a caregiver's perspective, too. Apps like [Lotsa Helping Hands](#) and [Caring Village](#) let caregivers and family members (and these are often one and the same) create groups to organize and share duties for someone who needs the extra help.

“You can assign tasks, make sure things are getting done, send reminders, schedule meals,” Walsh said. “But there's also some fun lifestyle stuff. You can share photos and updates, too. It really helps create a little more cohesion around the virtual village that you're trying to create.”

Finally, telemedicine services allow people to virtually consult with their doctor and other health professionals, reducing the need to seek medical attention in person. Medicare recently [expanded its telemedicine coverage](#) (including [relaxing patient confidentiality rules](#) so that apps like Skype, FaceTime, and Facebook Messenger can be used) for this reason, with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administrator Seema Verma urging people to help older loved ones navigate the technology needed to take advantage of the program if they couldn't do it for themselves.

“If it's your mom, you may need to go over to her house to help her do this,” she said. “Bring your smartphone — but remember, don't visit if you're feeling sick.”

Ultimately, all of these tech solutions are only as helpful as a senior's ability and desire to actually use them. If your loved one just can't get the hang of apps and devices — or simply doesn't want to bother with them — don't fret. Your grandmother may never get the hang of using an iPhone, but she almost certainly knows how to use a regular phone; she's probably been using one her entire life. She can always call stores and restaurants to order supplies and food for delivery, or call a tech-savvy loved one to make the online order for her.

And, of course, you can always call her. She'd probably love to hear your voice.

Fun things to do while practicing Social Distancing

By: Natalie Dreier, Cox Media Group National Content Desk
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We've survived the first week of self-quarantine and social distancing while working from home and being a homeschool teacher.

Now is the time to relax, but when you've been cooped up for a week, and still can't hit the malls or movie theaters, how can you spend your time?

There are a lot of options out there.

Stream a movie early

Movie studios who were banking on playing their films on the big screen are now releasing them early to streaming devices.

[Disney announced](#) that it made the decision to release the latest Pixar film "Onward" starting Friday at 8 p.m. EDT/5 p.m. PDT. Friday's release is for purchase through services like iTunes. It will be on the Disney+ streaming service on April 3.

Warner Bros. is releasing the latest Ben Affleck flick "The Way Back" on digital March 24. The company is also releasing "Birds of Prey" the same day. If horror is more your style, "The Invisible Man" was recently released less than a month after it appeared in theaters, USA Today reported.

[Click here](#) for a list of new movies that are being released to streaming apps early.

Binge-watch a series

Want to find out why everyone's talking about Baby Yoda, but you haven't sat down to watch "The Mandalorian?" Now is your chance.

There's a bunch of shows that are perfect for binge-watching while you're still home.

Maybe you'll want to start new shows like "Picard" or catch up on those classic "Seinfeld" episodes.

[>> Coronavirus: Hallmark Channel to air Christmas movies during pandemic self-quarantines](#)

Get some culture

The Metropolitan Opera is streaming nightly. [Click here](#) for the schedule.

[Broadway HD](#) also has about 300 classic musicals, plays and shows, [according to Cosmopolitan](#). [BroadwayWorld](#) is also posting clips of stars singing songs from popular shows.

You can also visit a museum without leaving the comfort of your home.

[Click here](#) for a list.

See a concert

A lot of artists are holding livestream and virtual concerts. [Click here](#) for a list.

Go on a safari

Zoos are putting up [their animal cameras](#). The Cincinnati Zoo has a "Home Safari Facebook Live"

Read a book

Psychology Today suggests reading five books you have always wanted to read but never had the time.

Call someone

Don't let social distancing keep you from interacting. [Psychology Today says](#) call someone, text them, use FaceTime.

Write, journal

The COVID-19 pandemic has a lot of people saying we're living in an unprecedented time. Write about it. Or if you always wanted to write a book, start writing, [Psychology Today suggested](#).

Listen to podcasts

Find your favorite topic and listen to a podcast on it, [The New York Times suggested](#).

Go for a walk, get outside

You can leave your homes in most cases, just practice social distancing if you're not under curfew or shelter-in-place orders. Doctors say fresh air and exercise are good for not only your physical health but also mental health, [USA Today reported](#). You can walk around your neighborhood if you live in the suburbs, go to a park, go hiking or go jogging.

One place you should avoid is a playground. If you do end up on a playground, make sure you wash your hands and don't touch your face, [USA Today reported](#).

Cook

See what you have in your pantry and whip up a new meal, [Psychology Today recommends](#).

Can't find hand sanitizer? [Click here](#) for recipe

<https://www.wired.com/story/how-to-make-hand-sanitizer/>

SDG&E - A Look Back at 2019's Key Moments and Milestones

We are taking a few moments to look back at a year defined by key milestones in clean transportation, wildfire safety, energy reliability, clean energy and community engagement. Together, as a region we are collectively making progress to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by electrifying our transportation sector, incorporating more renewable energy into our power grid, and reducing wildfire risk.

In 2020 and beyond, the 4,000 plus employees at SDG&E will continue our commitment to improve lives and our community by becoming the cleanest, safest, and most reliable energy company in America.

Clean

In 2019, we saw a 50 percent increase in the number of electric vehicles on the road in our region. Today San Diego and southern Orange counties – SDG&E's service territory – are home to more than 51,000 electric cars, compared to around 34,000 at the beginning of 2019. These vehicles produce zero or low emissions, and play a critical role in helping to meet local and state goals to reduce carbon emissions and air pollution.

As the number of EVs continues to grow, our Clean Transportation Team is ramping up efforts to add more EV chargers at schools, beaches, parks, office buildings, and industrial and commercial facilities.

In August, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) gave SDG&E the greenlight to launch a [major EV charging infrastructure program](#) to serve a minimum of 3,000 plug-in medium-duty and heavy-duty (MD/HD) electric vehicles and equipment. A new charging network will be built over five years to support zero-emission transit buses, school buses, delivery trucks, forklifts and refrigerated semi-truck trailers.

This program signifies a new phase in the clean transportation movement. Transportation electrification is now moving beyond passenger vehicles to industrial and commercial vehicles.

Three months after the CPUC's approval of the medium-duty and heavy-duty EV charging program, SDG&E garnered approval for [another program](#) to expand charging infrastructure to schools, parks, and beaches. Under this program, 340 chargers – a mix of Level 2 and DC fast chargers – will be installed at 30 educational institutions and 22 state beaches, and state/county/city parks.

Our region's transition to a sustainable future went beyond clean transportation in 2019.



Look back, continued

As part of a statewide effort, SDG&E was the first investor-owned utility to transition residential customers to Time of Use pricing plans. These plans incentivize customers to use energy when there is an abundance of renewable energy, such as solar and wind, on the grid. As of the end of 2019, nearly 800,000 residential customers in our region have moved to a Time of Use plan, and these customers are helping the region and the state move towards a clean energy future.

Holiday Lights and Sights Trolley Tour a big success!

More than 40 alum and family or friends attended the Old Town Trolley Holiday Lights and Sights event on December 17th. We had one and a half trolleys and had a great time and commiseration sharing the beautiful holiday light displays throughout downtown San Diego and Coronado. We plan to do it again for those who missed it.



We are working on other events this year so we'll keep you posted on dates and specifics. (Hint: picnic and a volunteer event.)

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Safe

2019 was another challenging fire year for California. To keep our communities safe, SDG&E [launched](#) and announced multiple initiatives last year to reduce wildfire risk and help our region and local residents get better prepared.

In addition to an Aircrane capable of dropping 2,650 gallons of water, SDG&E leased an additional firefighting aircraft in 2019 to support regional firefighting efforts. The UH-60 Blackhawk can fly up to 140 mph with a tank of water while enroute to a fire. It holds 850 gallons of water and refills in 45 seconds.

Both the Aircrane and the Black Hawk are stationed year-round at Gillespie Field in El Cajon – available for dispatch by CAL FIRE. The Black Hawk was dispatched to nine fires and dropped more than 43,000 gallons of water in 2019.

The Aircrane was dispatched to 31 fires and dropped more than 177,000 gallons of water last year. Both aircrafts have played an instrumental role in initial fire attacks, which help prevent small fires from growing into large fires.

Thanks to the hard work and partnership of public safety agencies, we are tremendously grateful that our region did not experience any major fires in 2019.

In 2020, as part of our [Fire Safe 3.0 program](#), we look forward to opening a new Fire Science and Innovation Lab. The lab will bring together leading thinkers and problem solvers in academia, government and the community to create forward-looking solutions to help prevent ignitions, mitigate the impacts of fires, and ultimately help build a more resilient region. With this lab, SDG&E aims to lead the development of the next generation of fire science and wildfire innovation.

Reliable

For the 14th year in a row, we were honored to be named the most reliable electricity provider in the West. In November, SDG&E received a regional ReliabilityOne™ Award for "Outstanding Reliability Performance" from PA Consulting. To be named the most reliable utility in the Western United States means electricity is available when customers need it, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with fewer interruptions than elsewhere in the West.

Community Engagement

Giving back to our community is a big part of our company culture. Our company and our employees give back in many ways – through donations to charities, through mentoring programs, and through volunteering for community events. In 2019, our employees and their families volunteered more than 5,000 hours to make our community a better place to live by participating in events such as Coastal Cleanup Day, tree plantings, and serving meals to families with critically ill children.

Through a [partnership with DonorsChoose.com](#), a crowdfunding platform for educators, SDG&E also provided matching grants for more than 1,000 classroom projects in science, technology, engineering, and math. Those projects collectively touched the lives of 92,354 students, 628 teachers, and 322 schools.

2019 Holiday Luncheon - a great time was had by all!

More than 300 Alumni attended our annual Holiday Luncheon at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.



SDG&E ALUMNI TRANSITIONS

Deceased

2019

August

Rafael Garcia Sr

Michael Patrick Mitchell

Robert Daniel "Bob" Parsons

Frank G Perez Jr

September

Willis Gerald Brull

John Linwood Lawson

October

Charles E "Charlie" Watson

November

George Arthur Rinner

John B Gordon Jr

December

Mary Lee Huff

Roger Robledo

2020

January

Anita Wood

February

Robert Dale Fitzherbert

March

Sandy Baird-Armstrong

Retired

2019

April

Joseph Bauers

Valerie Brody

Patrice Butcher

Willie Ford

Roland Moreno

May

Matthew Davis

Scott Kuder

Thomas Kurland

Raul Leso

Lloyd Owens

Edwin Peters

Bryan Relph

June

Morrieau Kennedy

Ronald Miller

Bruce Saucier

James Tello

Chris White

July

Jennifer Bogan

Martin Colling

Linda Daniel

Michael Frugone

Barry Harkins

George Katsufakis

Andrey Komissarov

Michael O'Malley

Joseph Pounds

George Romero

Wayne Sonnenwald

Robert Thompson

Trevy Winterstrom

August

Michael Calabrese

Randy Lyle

Brian Magnuson

Michael Pena

Susanne Shaw

Antonio Valdez

Carl Villarreal

Retired 2019, continued

September

Michael Heskett

Kevin Kenyon

Keith Melville

Steven Nelson

Edalia Olivo-Gomez

Parks Pemberton

Corey Wiggins

October

Jacqueline Cacho-Fenner

John Dixon

Richard Gardner

Peter Girard

Jeffrey Johnson

Ray Lopez

Robert Nakamoto

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James Stielau

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Wendy Johnson

Steve Campbell

December

Charles Harmstead

Lolita Isgriggs

Tommy Saenz

2020

January

Sallie Brennan

Cary Likes

Debra Panciera

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