

The Pioneer's Club Newsletter

Florida Picnic

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Well it's here! Monday March 3rd. I hope everyone who can attend makes it. A lot of hard work goes into this get together,

The flyer mentions RG&E's help in funding this event. Well the only thing they help us with is the postage for the Rochester Picnic. So I'd advise anyone attending the Florida picnic to bring something for the "kitty".

2014 Florida Picnic

Reservations have been made for annual RG&E Emeritus Reunion Picnic. This year it will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 at:

Lake Seminole Park, Shelter #5
 10015 Park Boulevard
 Seminole, Florida
 From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please Note: This is the same shelter used in previous years.

For this event we are planning a format similar to the one used for the last few years where each person, couple or group should bring their own food, drink and table service. Grills are available for anyone interested in cooking their own hot, burgers or sausages. Charcoal will be supplied.

The event is open to all retired and former RG&E employees. Immediate family members and interested current employees are welcome, too.

Everyone attending should also be aware that alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park.

We are counting on RG&E to continue contributing toward our expenses. If that policy has been unexpectedly modified or eliminated we may have to ask for a small contribution of perhaps a dollar or two from each attendee. Hopefully, that will not be necessary.

Volunteers interested in helping are welcome. Suggestions to improve the format are also encouraged.

The annual Florida picnic is a great time to renew acquaintances with old friends and former co-workers. Help us share family developments and work experiences. Some of these stories, especially those from work, can be quite hilarious. Hope to see everyone there.

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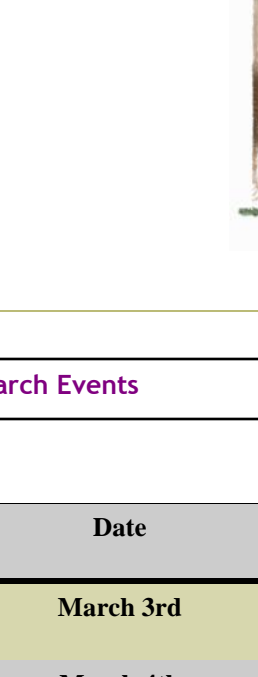
Obituary Page

There were only three members who left us this past month.

Norman S. Titus-Victor, NY, February 18, 2014 at age 81. Norman retired from Electric Substations after almost 40 years of service.

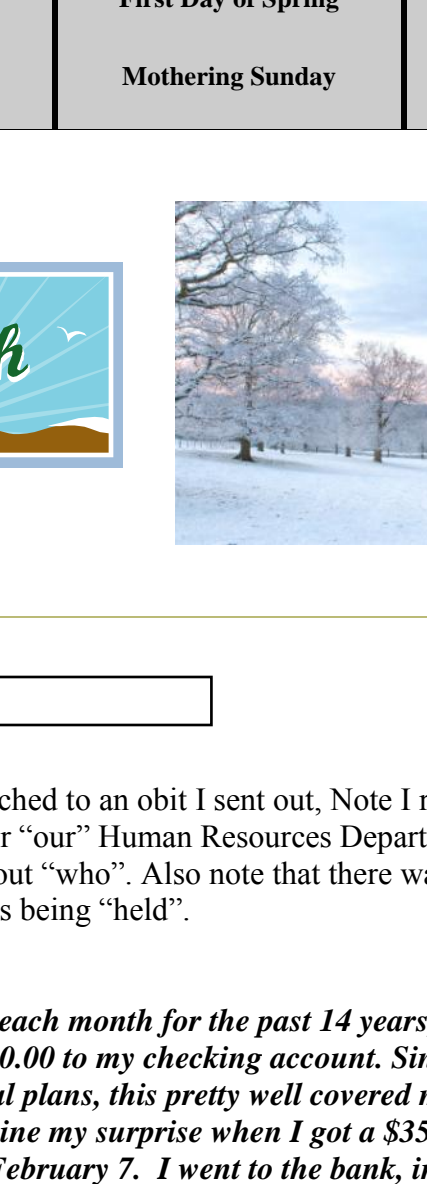
J. Walter Tymkin-Greece, NY, February 20, 2014 at age 85. Walter worked in Electric Maps and Records and Power Control.

James S. Murphy-Rochester, NY, February 26, 2014 at age 96, Jim worked in Electric Maps and Records and was a veteran of WWII.



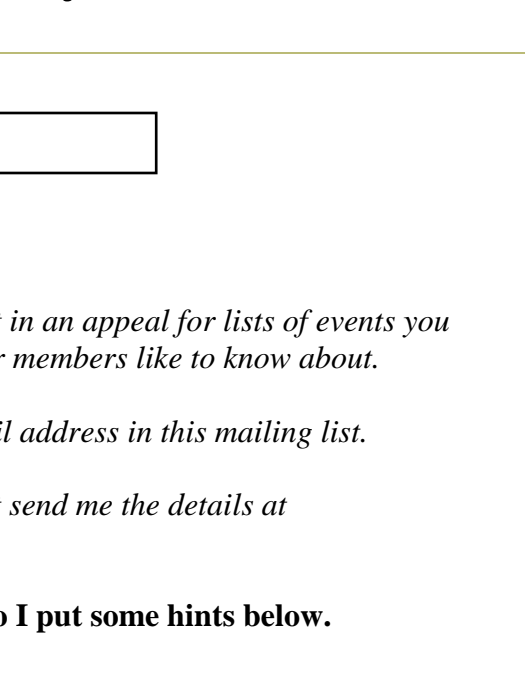
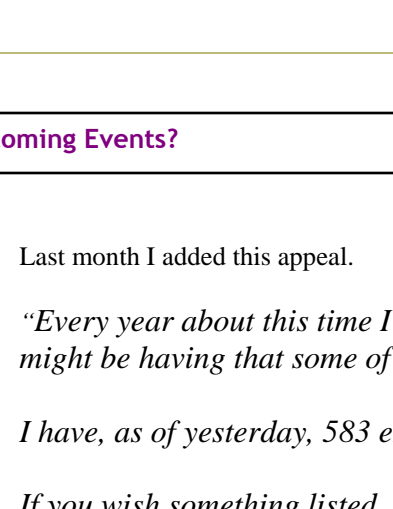
March Birthdays

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Birthday
CAREY	CAROL	S	29-Mar
CATLIN	AUDREY	C	09-Mar
Conradt	Patrick	J	15-Mar
CROMARTY	JOHN	W	02-Mar
Grove	Dana		23-Mar
HODGE	BRUCE	D.	08-Mar
Lemen	Mary Kay		07-Mar
Micelotta	Bonita	T.	27-Mar
Ortiz	Ben		09-Mar
PIPITONE	PAUL	P.	17-Mar
ROYCE	MARY	A.	16-Mar
TAFT JR	HARRY	J.	06-Mar
VOGEL	WILLIAM	F.	26-Mar
Welch	Gary	J	22-Mar



March Events

Date	Title	Comment
March 3rd	Florida Picnic	
March 4th	Mardi Gras	If you attend the Fla. Picnic, you'll be close.....
March 5th	Ash Wednesday	
March 9th	Daylight Savings Begins	
March 10th	Canberra Day	Australia
March 15th	Purim	Begins at Sundown
March 17th	St Patrick's Day	
March 20th	First Day of Spring	(I'll believe it when I see it)
March 30th	Mothering Sunday	UK



They are at it Again

I got this email attached to an obit I sent out, Note I really don't know if it was Mellon Bank or "our" Human Resources Department, but I'll leave it to you guys to figure out "who". Also note that there was no warning letter sent that the deposit was being "held".

Tom,
 On the first day of each month for the past 14 years, RG&E had automatically deposited \$100.00 to my checking account. Since I did not sign up for any of their medical plans, this pretty well covered my unreimbursed medical expenses. Imagine my surprise when I got a \$35.00 overdraft notice from my bank on February 7. I went to the bank, immediately, only to find that the deposit had not been received, and I had written a couple of checks, with the assumption that all was well. I phoned BNY Mellon, and their people told me that the direct deposit had not been authorized. So, on Monday, Feb. 11, I spoke with Retirement people at R. G. & E.. Evidently, I was one of 18 people who had reported a discrepancy the previous week. Hopefully, this will be reconciled on March 1. But, I wonder how many other people never received their deposits, and also, why this oversight occurred. (I hope it's an oversight.)

As I keep saying, these minions are not our friends.

I don't know what bank she uses but the last time I bounced a check it was \$35 per check in overdraft charges tacked on to my account.



Remembrance

Jeff Trost sent me this note about Jim Murphy. I added it to our Obituary Page on the web site.

This note brings to mind the fun it was to work at RG&E in the old days.

Hi Tom,
 Murph was the best. A man with a great sense of humor. I remember when I was hired into Maps & Records Murph was to teach me about the transformer serial number files, how they were inventoried and mapped. He had all these piles of pink slips. He told me, "You move this pile to this pile, this pile to this pile, this pile to this pile." I asked what about "this pile?" He told me to "throw it away, because its been around so long."

Jeff Trost



Coming Events?

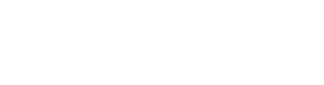
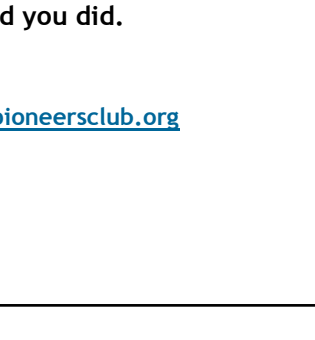
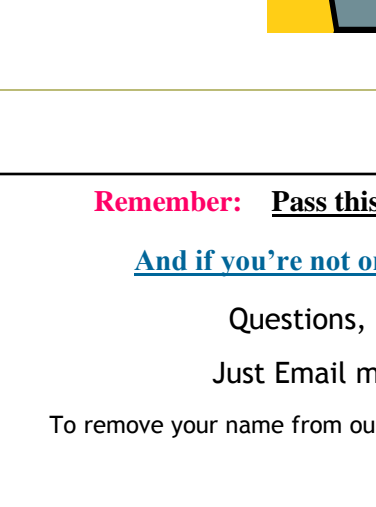
Last month I added this appeal.

"Every year about this time I put in an appeal for lists of events you might be having that some of our members like to know about.

I have, as of yesterday, 583 email address in this mailing list.

If you wish something listed, just send me the details at thclegg@gmail.com"

So far I have heard nothing. So I put some hints below.



Life Span Coming Event-Reminder

They have their Celebration of Aging luncheon happening on March 25th at noon at the Convention Center and our keynote speaker will be Naomi Judd.

Naomi will be speaking about "aging gratefully".

Tickets are \$55 each and tables of 10 are just \$500 and this includes a nice sit down meal.

It would be great to get a group of Pioneer Club members together to attend this event!! To purchase a table or tickets folks can call Julie directly at 287-6382 or go online to <https://www.lifespan-roch.org/celebration-of-aging.htm>.

What Comes Next?

This cold weather keeps me inside where I have too much time to think.

I was thinking of where we retiree's go next (beside in the ground) when the money runs out, or we become infirm, or (heaven forbid) our spouse dies.

Do we become a burden on our children, or live in a cardboard box under a bridge? If when we retired we elected to take the total retirement and not opted to take a lower amount so our spouse would continue to receive a check?

Once I tried to check out what was eligible to us retirees in rent stipends. So I drove over to the County's building on St Paul Street. I was surprised to find a line out the door waiting to see one of their reps. I tried on different days of the week and at different times if the day. Same line every time so after a month, I just gave up.

This time I'm going to bother the folks at Life Span and see if they can point me in the correct directions.

Let's face reality, we are all bring in less now then when we were working. There are no cost-of-living raises (except Social Security, and that's a laugh). And just to help us out, the government is planning to make up the monetary shortfalls in the new Health Care System by taking money from Medicare.

(I had a pace maker "installed" in December. Medicare is supposed to pay all in hospital "stuff". I got a bill from Strong for almost \$400! So much for Medicare Part A covering in hospital stuff.)

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