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WHAT TEACHERS LEARNED THIS SUMMER AT SRP WILL HELP STUDENTS THIS FALL

By **RaMar Orgeron**

Three teachers who are working at SRP this summer as part of a university partnership program will take what they've learned back to the classroom next month when school begins.

Sarah Galloway, Peggy Ostrander and Jackie Luebbert are teachers in the East Valley who will use their firsthand

workforce experiences with SRP scientists and engineers to educate their students.

"We can tell our students about the types of jobs that their math and science classes can lead to," said Galloway, who teaches seventh-graders at Mesquite Junior High in Gilbert and has been working in Air Quality and Laboratory Services.

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Cal Bonefield, Senior Scientist/Engineer, Laboratory Services, meets with Sarah Galloway, Teacher, Mesquite Junior High, during a tour of the lab.

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PAM CORNELISSENS RETIRES FROM SRP, IBEW 266

Broke ground as first female business manager

Pam Cornelissens, who joined SRP in 1977 and became one of the first women in the trades, an electrician, and the first female IBEW Local 266 business manager, retired amid farewell speeches and applause during a luncheon in her honor last week.



Mark Bonsall, General Manager & CEO, and Pam Cornelissens.



Among those attending Pam Cornelissens' (center) retirement luncheon were, from left, Ted Candelaria, Garrett Bennett, Christine Martinez, Carmela Lamadore and Kelly Lasker.

SRP DONATES \$20,000 TO PRESCOTT FIREFIGHTER'S CHARITIES

Last week's *Pulse* announced an incorrect amount for a corporate contribution to help families of the 19 firefighters who died June 30 battling the Yarnell Hill blaze.

SRP has donated \$20,000 to Prescott Firefighter's Charities, a nonprofit organization operated by Prescott firefighters. All donations to this group will go to the families of the Granite Mountain Hotshots.

If you'd like to help these families, visit the organization's website at prescottffcharities.org for several donation options. On that site you'll also find a link to the 100 Club of Arizona, 100club.org, which supports the families of fallen

firefighters and police officers.

Other nonprofits that are assisting residents and communities affected by the fire are:

- The Salvation Army, Southwest Division, usw.salvationarmy.org
- American Red Cross, Grand Canyon Chapter, redcross.org/az/phoenix

If you plan to make a donation to other organizations, use caution and be aware that scams and bogus websites have developed as a result of this tragedy. For organizations supported by the Prescott Fire Department, visit cityofprescott.net/services/fire.

SRP RESPONDS TO CORPORATION COMMISSION ABOUT DEREGULATION

As you may have heard or read in recent months, the issue of utility deregulation is back in Arizona.

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), in response to companies eager to see the Arizona power market opened to competition, recently agreed to hear the issue and take comments.

Although SRP is not directly regulated by the ACC, we obviously have a significant interest in any development related to this issue. That's why on Monday, SRP formally filed with the ACC detailed responses to 18 questions the commission has asked in order to analyze this complex issue. APS, Tucson Electric Power and other entities also are providing information to the ACC.

Many longtime employees may recall that this issue was last seriously considered in the 1990s, when California markets began the process to deregulate. The state established a central market and central transmission organization, and it forced utilities to sell most of their generation.

Arizona was making plans to follow, but before the experiment got off the ground here, California's attempt failed spectacularly — and Arizona stopped deregulation in its tracks.

SRP's formal response to the ACC provides a detailed history of these and other past efforts, as well as an explanation of why the Arizona electricity market is now even more complex and faces more uncertainties today than it did in the 1990s. It also explains why deregulation would be bad for consumers in a variety of areas — price, customer service and reliability — and would hinder the ability to respond to the many technological innovations sweeping the industry.

The ACC plans to vote in September on whether to open Arizona's market. SRP's Regulatory Policy team will continue tracking this issue through the summer, and employees will be updated if and when there are major developments.



MY SAFETY COMMITMENT

Photo by Mark Estes



Kevin Cunningham
Section Supervisor
Water Construction

Among my commitments is to "let the Wookie win," which means backing off when over-aggressive drivers challenge for the right of way and force their way into traffic situations.

The term comes from *Star Wars* movies and is a favorite of Bob Veazie, the Commitment-Based Safety trainer. Wookie drivers tend to bring out the worst in us, so it's best to leave them be and not engage their dangerous tactics.

Another focus for me is to not drive distracted. That means concentrating entirely on traffic when behind the wheel and not paying attention to the radio or my phone when it rings.

Each week, Pulse will feature an employee's individual commitment as part of the Commitment-Based Safety approach.

IN THE NEWS

Lesly Swanson, Senior Environmental Scientist, Biological & Cultural Resource Services, has been named



to a three-year term on the board of the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce (SVCC).

She is representing SRP on the board. The SVCC consists of businesses in Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson.

CONGRATULATIONS! JULY SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

40 YEARS



Bob Henderson, *Navajo Generating Station*



David Kieffer, *Water Construction Maintenance*



Thomas Speer, *Substation Construction*



McDonald Hicks, *Navajo Generating Station*



David Hinkle, *Transportation Services*



Doug Jones, *Hydro Generation*



Ko Kvitkovich, *Coronado Generating Station*



Francis LaFrance, *Water Operations*

35 YEARS



Russ Bloomfield, *Coronado Generating Station*



Carroll Carthel, *Coronado Generating Station*



Roy Chee, *Navajo Generating Station*



Leroy Dejolie, *Navajo Generating Station*



Joe Giles, *Transmission Planning*



Lorenzo Gonzales, *Fault Locating Operations*



Dave Nielsen, *Major Projects*



Dan Pellouchoud, *Power System Planning & Engineering*



Wilson Robbins, *Navajo Generating Station*



Gayle Siewert, *Risk Management*



Wade Stoddard, *Coronado Generating Station*



Richard Verduzco, *Water Construction Maintenance*

30 YEARS



Gene Haase, *Metering Field Services*



Jolayne Lange, *Customer Services*



Robert Murdock, *System Protection*



Bill Santucci, *Engineering Services*



Gena Trimble, *Marketing & Communications*

25 YEARS

Scott Moore, *Purchasing Services*

Tony Moya, *Community Outreach*

Charlie Swenson, *Material Services*

20 YEARS

Guy Chatterton, *Customer & System Improvements*

Jeff Conyers, *Groundwater*

Lori Jones, *Customer Billing*

Ty Tuxhorn, *Santan Generating Station*

15 YEARS

Bill Ahern, *Energy Risk Management*

John Baker, *Blue Stake*

Mark Freebury, *Groundwater Resources Geohydrology*

Laura Oates, *Systems Record Maintenance*

Rick Saucedo, *Advanced Metering Infrastructure*

Greg Vasile, *Assets & Work Management Systems*

Tom Wilson, *Regulatory Policy & Public Involvement*

Gabriel Yazzie, *Navajo Generating Station*

10 YEARS

Travis Cunningham, *Human Resources*

Delson Fitzhugh, *Transmission & Distribution
Substation Field Operations*

Paul Garner, *Water Construction Maintenance*

Ruby Valdez, *New Business Design and Construction East*

Luke Wilson, *Transmission Maintenance*

5 YEARS

Joshua Andersen, *Civil & Structural Engineering*

Todd Asquith, *Water Construction Maintenance*

Aaron Baldwin, *Safety Services*

Isaac Brainard, *Corporate Accounting Services*

Kyle Bridges, *Preventive Distribution Maintenance*

Gordon Brodie, *Customer Systems*

Kevin Calder, *Santan Generating Station*

Benjamin Cox, *Transmission Line Design*

Ezequiel Dominguez, *Mechanical C&M Hydro Support*

Robert Dubois, *Fault Locating Operations*

Elvira Esparza-Bencomo, *Mechanical, Electrical
& Controls Engineering*

Julian Galindo, *Civil & Structural Engineering*

Joda Gray, *Graphic Records*

Jason Hall, *Customer & System Improvements*

Brenda Hernandez Velasco, *Apparatus Engineering*

Christina McCullough, *Substation Design*

Kaitlyn Murphy, *Human Resources*

Jeff Parker, *Generation Engineering*

Raymond Sawyer, *Cash Management*

Michelle Schang, *Customer Construction Services –
New Business East*

Pam Syrjala, *Resource Planning & Development*

Stewart Tano, *Substation Design*

Anniversary announcements compiled by Diane Wiese

RETIREMENTS

Benny Arroyo Retirement

Farewell: July 18,
1:30–3:30 p.m.,
West Valley CR,
123 Building 6.

Benny joined SRP in 1974 and retires as a Working Foreman, Substation Maintenance West. Please join us for refreshments as we wish Benny all the best in his retirement. His last day will be July 18. For memory pages, contact Dawn.Rosenbalm@srpnet.com, (602) 236-4714.



Margarita Espericueta Retires:

July 20. Margarita joined SRP in 1979 and retires as a Business Solutions Technician,



Corporate Operations Services, Purchasing and Supply Chain Services. Margarita plans to spend time with her family, travel and tend to her organic garden. Margarita has been a valued member of the Supply Chain team, and her colleagues wish her the very best in her well-deserved retirement.

Frank Alvarez Retires:

July 23. Frank joined SRP in 1980 and retires as a Light Vehicle Technician, Transportation Services. His



colleagues and friends would like to wish Frank well in his future endeavors and retirement. Enjoy!

To submit announcements or photos for Retirements, contact Diane.Wiese@srpnet.com, ext. 6-2598. The deadline to submit an item is one week prior to publication.

SRP OFFERS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

By Mark Estes

The tragedy and devastation of the Yarnell Fire demonstrates how swiftly summer wildfires can grow.

To plan for these and other possible emergency situations, SRP has two brochures available to employees and the public that address wildfire and emergency preparedness.

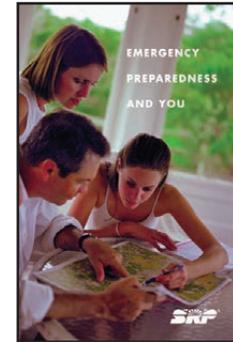
“Protect Your Home From Wildfire” offers tips about safeguarding your property from fire dangers, including landscaping advice and how to troubleshoot possible hazards. Additional fire prevention tips can be found at firewise.org.

“Emergency Preparedness and You” provides information about how to prepare for and act in a number of emergency situations. Among other topics, the brochure covers:

- How to create a family emergency plan
- How to assemble an emergency kit for your household
- What to do during an extended outage
- How to avoid hazards during a storm

The overall message of these brochures is simple: Now is the time to prepare yourself and your family for possible emergencies at home, work or school. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.

These brochures are available to SRP employees through Business Continuity & Emergency Management. The department is in the process of placing this



information in employee public areas, such as break rooms and cafeterias.

For additional brochures, contact Ken.Lewis@srpnet.com, ext. 6-8194, or Safety Services, ext. 6-8117.

Government and community organizations also offer emergency resources:

- Emergency planning templates are provided through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency at ready.gov and through the American Red Cross at redcross.org and locally at arizonaredcross.org.
- Updates about fires and other emergencies are available for Maricopa County residents at maricopa.gov/Emerg_Mgt and for Arizona at www.azein.gov/azein/default.aspx.

- Employees and family members can participate in hometown security by volunteering to support local emergency responders, disaster relief efforts and community safety organizations. Learn how to volunteer at citizencorps.gov.

- One way to become involved in preparedness activities is to learn first aid and emergency skills. Employees can receive first-aid and CPR training through the American Red Cross, (602) 336-6660.

SRP Volunteers

City of Chandler Back-to-School Drive

Chandler High School, 350 N. Arizona Ave.

July 20

7 a.m.–5 p.m. (job position times vary)



Volunteers (age 10 and older) will assist with various jobs, such as registration and cleanup, in addition to acting as line monitors, guides and runners. Volunteers who are 10–14 years old must have an adult with them. To sign up and check availability of positions and times, visit forourcity.org/Back_to_School_Drive.html. If you volunteer and need a blue SRP VOLUNTEERS shirt, contact Jen.Martyn@srpnet.com, (602) 236-2488.

- **Thursdays at André House — Sid's Bean Burrito Night:** July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Sept. 5, 12, 26
- **Volunteer Ushers Needed for Phoenix Theatre 2013–14 Season — Training:** Aug. 3

COMING SOON

WHAT	WHEN	WHY
Women's Interest Group (WIN) Inaugural Book Club Meeting Brown-Bag PAB Mohave East and West CR To register, log on to the Employee Learning Center (Pathlore) and type CIS5WIN1 in the search box. This event is free.	July 31 Noon–1 p.m. Bring your lunch. Refreshments will be provided.	Discuss the book <i>Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead</i> , by Sheryl Sandberg, with fellow WIN members.
Valley Blood Drive Tempe Service Center Gonzalez CR Robin Dirks, ext. 6-8479, or Melissa McHenry, ext. 6-8440	Aug. 8 Noon–4 p.m.	The whole donation procedure takes about 40 minutes.

A full calendar of events can be found on the home page of *insideSRP*. Items for Coming Soon can be sent to Diane.Wiese@srpnet.com, (602) 236-2598, PAB340. Events and activities must be SRP-sponsored or SRP-sanctioned. The deadline to submit an item is one week prior to publication.



VALLEY

Flick 'n' Float

Aug. 2, 8–10 p.m.

Come to the pool to watch the animated family film *Shark Tale*, featuring the voices of Will Smith, Robert De Niro and Angelina Jolie. The movie is free to employees and family members. Registration is required by July 30. Contact Sam.Becchetti@srpnet.com, (602) 236-5705.

Banquet space, ramadas and catering

PERA provides indoor banquet space as well as outdoor picnic ramadas for groups of all sizes and for departmental events or personal social occasions. The catering menu includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, all at a reasonable price.

If you can't leave the office, PERA also delivers to SRP conference rooms. For more information, call ext. 6-5782.

VALLEY, CGS, NGS

Do you enjoy shopping for a deal, developing a new hobby or playing a game of softball? No matter what your interests, the PERA Club has something for you.

You can host your family reunion, have a birthday picnic or even hold a wedding at PERA. There are sports and recreational facilities, special events, classes, clubs, discounts, and many other goods and services offered.

Visit the PERA site at <http://insidesrp/pera> for club locations and program information.

TEACHERS SEE HOW MATH, SCIENCE ARE PUT TO USE AT SRP

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Ostrander teaches advanced

eighth-grade science at Mesa's Stapley Junior High and is completing a stint with Power Quality Testing & Inspections. Luebbert teaches third-graders at Edison Elementary School, also in Mesa, and is finishing her assignment with Generation Engineering.



Jackie Luebbert teaches third-graders at Mesa's Edison Elementary School.



Peggy Ostrander teaches advanced eighth-grade science at Mesa's Stapley Junior High.

"Jackie actually is a 'ghost engineer,' doing real-world jobs that give her good insight into what we do," said Guy Leary, Manager, Generation Engineering, about the benefits of the program. "Customers know she's doing the work, which I directly oversee."

The trio of teachers will complete this summer's nine-week program July 25. This marks the second year of their three-year program with the University of Arizona's Math and Science Teacher Education & Retention Industry Partnerships (MASTER-IP) to receive a master's degree.



Photo by Michael McNamara

From left, Sarah Galloway; Madison Crafton, Student Intern, Air Quality & Lab Services; Rick Prigge, Environmental Resource Specialist, Environmental Field Services; and Robert Vertefeuille, Supervisor, Laboratory Services.

The program is linked to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), a program supported by SRP as a way to engage students in these areas of study.

SRP has been involved in the partnership since 2009, when Mike Hummel, Associate General Manager & Chief Power System Executive, facilitated the program.

REMEMBER TO TAKE PICTURES OF YOURSELF ON SUMMER VACATION

When you're taking vacation pictures this summer, be sure to have some taken with you in the photo.

You can share a photo of yourself in a vacation setting for consideration in the annual special *Pulse* edition. Remember, although photos of landmarks may prove you were there, the most interesting photos to share are ones that show you in them, enjoying your trip. Also, high-resolution photos look best in print. Other things to know:

- Be sure to include your job title and work area.
- Provide the names and relationships of other people in the photo (spouse, friend, son, daughter, grandchildren, etc.).
- Describe the scene in the photo. Where were you? What is the landmark, structure or view that is pictured?

The vacation issue will be published in September, so photos can be sent through the end of August. See the Sept. 20, 2012, issue for an example of the types of photos to send, and email them to pulse@srpnet.com.