

OUR COMMUNITY PRESENCE (front cover, clockwise from bottom left): building a park pavilion; Earth Day 2001; Dr. Harry Boston honoring Dr. Martin Luther King; an industrial building waiting for a tenant; below: Health and Safety Expo.



A *Hanford Reach* special report

Hanford and the Community

The Tri-Cities would not be what it is today if it had not been for the World War II Manhattan Project and the selection of this site for an unprecedented wartime mission. Of course, the Tri-Cities and surrounding communities would have grown steadily because of the region's hydroelectric power, its railroads, barge lines, agribusinesses and vast stretches of newly irrigated farmland. But the area wouldn't have the population, the economic diversity or the lifestyle amenities we enjoy today.

Hanford's impact on the community, however, extends far beyond the economic benefits of thousands of jobs and a high-tech business climate. Our relationship with our community is, in fact, a love affair we express and demonstrate every day.

The Department of Energy, the Hanford contractors and the Hanford workforce — together and individually — strive to make our community a better place. It's our home, and we want it to be the most prosperous, the most enlightened, the most charitable, the most livable and pleasant place it can possibly be.

So we volunteer. We build. We raise funds. We donate our time and money. Through our institutions, our pocketbooks and the sweat of our brows, we improve our community in countless visible and not-so-visible ways. We make a difference.

It would be impossible in these few pages to cover all the ways we express our love for the region, its people and our natural environment. As individuals, we serve the needs of our youth and families through volunteer work. Our companies and work groups organize community projects. We raise millions of dollars to meet community needs, and Hanford contractors budget millions more for economic development, education and charitable contributions.

This special issue of the *Hanford Reach* is a celebration of how Hanford institutions and Hanford people serve the community. But these stories can only hit the highlights, because there are as many such stories as there are Hanford employees.

We hope this special report will make you proud to live in the Tri-Cities, and proud to be a Hanford worker.

Volunteerism a long-standing tradition at Hanford



Fluor Community Involvement Team members pick up litter along a portion of Interstate 82.



Members of the Environmental Restoration Contractor Labor Alliance put down sod near the Family Fishing Pond in Columbia Park.

Hanford employees, in addition to involving themselves individually in helping the community, have always organized themselves into groups that multiply their voluntary efforts.

The Environmental Restoration Contractor Labor Alliance, for example — formed in 1998 to promote interaction between ERC management and labor — includes an organized volunteer program. The first effort was to assist in the expansion of the **Tri-Cities Chaplaincy's Hospice House**. The effort included volunteer labor from Bechtel Hanford, Eberline Services Hanford and the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council.

Bechtel has been involved in **Tri-Cities Rivershore Enhancement** efforts since 1998, both as a financial partner with the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau and to promote and partner with the community in building legacy projects. Recent legacy projects have included work parties to enhance the **Family Fishing Pond at Columbia Park**. Last summer, staff members laid 56,000 square feet of sod, installed a fountain in the middle of the pond and installed eight park benches.

The Fluor Community Involvement Team is another task force of active community volunteers. Membership is open to all employees of Fluor Hanford, its subcontractors and Fluor Federal Services as well as their families and friends.

“The Tri-Cities is fortunate to have many people who genuinely care about our community and who consistently demonstrate their community allegiance through volunteerism,” said FCIT Chairman Chris Jensen of the Fluor Hanford General Counsel's Office. “I think what sets the FCIT apart from other volunteer groups throughout our region is our ability to draw from a large and diverse group of people with multiple skill levels and interests.”

FCIT members are part of a worldwide network of teams in communities where Fluor employees live and work. FCIT projects are generally either people-oriented or involve construction or renovation. Projects have included landscaping at the **Playground of Dreams**; the **Hospice House** building addition; construction of the **West Richland Flat Top Park Pavilion**; the **Port of Benton River Walk Kiosk Project**; and the **Children's Center** landscaping, which was estimated to have saved the center about \$150,000.

Support projects are led or sponsored by other community organizations and receive a helping hand from the FCIT. Examples include the **Thanks-4-Giving Book Harvest**, the **Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology Pow-Wow**, the **Hanford Community Food Drive**, **Special Olympics Basketball**, the **Tri-Cities Water Follies and Air Show**, and **Cool Desert Nights**.



Native Americans perform in the CREHST museum's annual Pow-Wow, which receives help from Hanford volunteers.

Helping to raise funds

Each year the Bechtel Women's Group sponsors an auction with proceeds going to preselected local charities that benefit children. Bechtel employees, subcontractors and customers attend and bid on services or materials donated by employees and local businesses. The auction in March 2001 raised \$44,000 for the **Boys and Girls Club** and **Columbia Basin Domestic Violence Services**.

At Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Team Battelle is a staff-driven volunteer program that includes Battelle staff members, their families and retirees. Project ideas are submitted by staff members and reviewed by an advisory committee. During the past year, Team Battelle volunteers participated in more than 40 community projects and logged thousands of volunteer hours. Team Battelle participants were the top fund-raisers for the **American Cancer Society's** Daffodil Days, bringing in more than \$11,400.

Team Battelle was very active during the holidays, helping the **Salvation Army** serve Thanksgiving dinner, contributing hand-made wooden toys to the **Toys for Tots** program, collecting more than 1,600 pounds of food for **local food banks**, and holding a holiday gift bazaar to raise \$950 for the **Hospice House**. The "**For the Love of Giving**" project helped meet the holiday needs of 20 local nonprofit agencies. And staff members helped provide a holiday feast, gifts and a visit from Santa for clients of the **Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery**.

Team Battelle has also collected 3,800 books for the community-wide **Thanks-4-Giving Book Harvest**, has been involved in **Destination Imagination**, **Expanding Your Horizons**, the **Desert Hills Middle School science fair**, the **DOE Science Bowl** and **Junior Achievement**. For the second year in a row, the group was the top fund-raising organization in the **Junior Achievement Bowl-a-Thon**.

Other Team Battelle activities have included creating a Web site for the **Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau**, conducting a survey for the **Mid-Columbia Symphony** and leading the effort to build a **BMX park** in Richland. Its members have joined in a variety of community events such as the **United Way Day of Caring**, **March of Dimes WalkAmerica**, **RiverFest**, **the Heart Walk**, **the Walk for Diabetes**, **PAWS in the Park for the Humane Society**, and the **Wishing Star Bowl-a-Thon**.

Benefiting the environment

Fluor Hanford volunteers participate in the **Adopt-A-Highway** program through the Fluor Community Involvement Team. A litter patrol crew is periodically formed to comb both sides and the median of a two-mile section of Interstate 82 between the Kennewick 395 exit and Badger

Master Gardener demonstration garden



May 2000



August 2000



March 2001

Canyon Road. Volunteers receive Washington Department of Transportation training and wear required hard-hats, safety vests and gloves.

Bechtel led an effort in December to replant sagebrush on Benton County parkland that was burned in last summer's fire. The parkland was part of the **Tapteal Greenway**, bordering the Yakima River and the Hanford Site. Nearly 125 volunteers participated in the effort, which was sponsored by Bechtel, the Department of Energy, Benton County and the Tapteal Greenway Association.

With a little help from its friends, the **Master Gardener Foundation** of Benton-Franklin Counties is turning a former construction staging area into a unique two-acre demonstration garden. Fluor Hanford and the FCIT installed 900 feet of irrigation pipe, valves and wiring and more than 650 feet of sidewalks. The garden is next to the Kennewick branch of the Mid-Columbia Library, off South Union Street.

"Without irrigation the garden could not grow, and without sidewalks access would be denied to many of our visitors, especially our older citizens and the handicapped," said Arlan Gadeken, Demonstration Garden Steering Committee coordinator and a former Hanford manager.

He said Fluor learned of the project last spring and volunteered to donate and install the garden infrastructure. "This help gave us a plan, a path forward, and really got the ball rolling in a timely manner," Gadeken said. FCIT members worked on Fridays off and weekends to complete the underground irrigation system and sidewalks valued at \$11,000.

The demonstration garden is one of 38 in the state. The variety of theme gardens includes a water garden and gardens for children, perennials, vegetables, herbs, butterflies and special beds raised to wheelchair level. Plants will be tested for acclimation to local weather conditions and there will be ongoing educational programs presented by master gardeners from the 150-member non-profit Master Gardener Foundation of Benton-Franklin Counties.

Day of Caring

Last May 24, the DOE Richland Operations Office and the Office of River Protection held their second annual DOE **Day of Caring**. Working with the **United Way**, 149 employees spent as many as four hours each working at 15 projects for 14 non-profit agencies throughout the Tri-Cities. This year's DOE Day of Caring will be Thursday, May 17, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Employees who participate must have supervisory approval and must work the remaining four to five hours of the day or take approved leave.

Last year, Day of Caring Volunteers accomplished the following for these United Way agencies:

- **American Red Cross:**
Attached donors' names to ceramic tiles for their Recognition Wall.
- **The Arc of Tri-Cities:**
Washed vans with The Arc of Tri-Cities clients, did general yard work, washed windows, mended fences.
- **The Boys and Girls Club:**
Put together furniture, pulled up old carpet, painted bathroom, did yard work, mentored kids.
- **Catholic Family and Child Services:**
Painted daycare room, sorted donations, organized storage room.
- **Columbia Basin Dive Rescue:**
Washed rescue vehicles, inventoried equipment, cleaned building, installed cabinets, did yard work.
- **Columbia Industries:**
Painted building interior and walkway striping, did yard work.
- **The Developmental Center:**
Washed windows, performed yard work.
- **The Humane Society of Benton-Franklin Counties:**
Tore down old retaining wall, graded hillside, applied bark.
- **La Clinica:**
Cleaned 29 exam rooms, painted benches, relocated sprinkler heads, did general yard work and cleanup.
- **Learning Landscape:**
Cleaned building exterior, cleaned play area, hung displays, reassembled toddler climbing toy.
- **The Neurological Center:**
Rewired electrical outlet, patched holes in drywall, did minor repairs, painted cabinets.
- **Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery:**
Did yard work, minor repairs, sorted donations, organized rooms.



A Day of Caring volunteer mows the grass at the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery, a United Way agency.



The Columbia Basin Dive and Rescue truck gets a needed washing, thanks to Hanford workers.

- **The Salvation Army:**
Poured cement pad for Pasco Food Bank freezer, sorted donations.
- **United Way Office:**
Washed windows, washed the Success by Six van, did yard work, cleaned kitchen and restrooms, oiled woodwork, sorted campaign literature, inventoried Combined Federal Campaign pins.

Sponsoring Explorers

The Hanford Patrol sponsors two local **Boy Scouts of America Explorer Troops** focused on law enforcement in the Tri-Cities and Mabton. The posts are part of the BSA Blue Mountain Council, and the law enforcement focus is overseen by the Washington Law Enforcement Exploring Advisors. Hanford's adviser for the posts is Hanford Patrol Captain Rudy Almeida, who is also chief of police for Mabton.

The local posts were founded about six years ago by Almeida and Hanford Patrol Chief Gregory McDowell. "We saw the need to reinforce positive role models and this looked like a good way," Almeida said.

Members of these specialized posts train and compete in police officer skills and participate with local law enforcement agencies in a variety of activities including an award-winning summer 2000 campaign to reduce underage drinking, and helping to gather and deliver food for community food drives.

Building homes

Hanford workers representing Team Battelle, COGEMA, CH2M HILL Hanford Group and the Hanford Fire Department have donated their time to **Habitat for Humanity**. Tri-County Partners, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, works in partnership with low-income families to build simple, decent housing, and is now building its 12th house in the Tri-Cities.

Individuals with construction experience and a willingness to serve in leadership roles may be interested in serving as crew chiefs. Habitat is also seeking people with specialized skills such as plumbing, electrical, flooring and carpentry. On both May 8 and May 17, there will be crew chief orientations from 7 to 8 p.m. The May 8 meeting will be held at the Habitat office, 719 Jadwin Ave. in Richland. The May 17 meeting will be at the Richland Public Library.

The organization is also seeking volunteers to serve on committees for family selection, family partnership, site selection, church relations, fund-raising and public relations. For information, contact Marilyn Bayona at 943-7000 or send e-mail to habitat@urx.com. ■



Replanting sagebrush after the Hanford fire last summer became a job for volunteers.

Fluor spearheads effort to raise funds for patrol car cameras



Gov. Locke inspects a new video camera donated to the state patrol by Fluor Hanford.

In October 1999, Washington State Patrol Trooper James Saunders was killed while making a routine traffic stop. His vehicle had no dashboard video camera that might have assisted in the criminal investigation or prosecution, or deterred his murderer and saved Saunders' life.

An investigation after this tragic event revealed that none of the four local Tri-Cities police departments had any patrol car cameras, and only one of the three contiguous counties had three patrol car cameras in its entire fleet.

Shortly after Saunders' death, Fluor Hanford contacted the Kennewick WSP Post to offer to donate the first patrol car camera (the original cost was over \$5,000 each) and to help raise money to purchase more cameras so that local WSP officers would be better protected in the future. The WSP immediately accepted Fluor Hanford's offer.

Led by Fluor Hanford, in collaboration with other Hanford contractors, local Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and businesses, this program raised more than \$90,000 by fall 2000, and is responsible for donating 20 cameras to the community. Fluor Hanford also helped start a similar program in Walla Walla. The Kennewick WSP detachment received the first 10 cameras, equipping all of its cars available at that time. Other donated cameras went to the Walla Walla and Benton County Sheriffs and the police departments of Pasco, Richland, Walla Walla and West Richland.

The Tri-Cities' donated video camera program is the largest such effort in Washington and set the stage for the state and local law enforcement agencies to purchase four other cameras for local use after it became known that almost no cameras existed in the district. ■

Volunteers speak out about the rewards

Debbie Mensinger was a part of the Fluor Community Involvement Team's landscaping efforts at the **Children's Center** and participated on the insulation and painting crew for the new addition at the **Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice House**. She is a senior project control analyst with Informatics Corp., assigned to the Fast Flux Test Facility.

"I thought volunteering on these projects was a nice way to give back to the community," Mensinger said. "I've lived in the Tri-Cities virtually my entire life. I like the quality of life here and wanted to contribute to it.

"I got to learn some new skills and practice others on the two projects. I don't own a home, so some are totally new to me, but they might be useful down the road. It was fun to wield a hammer and dig a ditch.

"The other volunteers and project coordinators made it fun as well. I had interacted with some electronically but we hadn't had the chance to meet. This was a nice opportunity to meet co-workers in an arena other than the workplace."

After volunteering, Mensinger realized FFTF didn't have a representative on the Fluor Community Involvement Team, so she stepped into the role.

DynCorp Tri-Cities Services' Mike Wingfield regularly dons the FCIT red T-shirt and works on community projects, including the **Children's Center**, **Hospice House**, the **Master Gardeners' demonstration garden**, the **Playground of Dreams**, the **hydroplane races**, **Cool Desert Nights**, the **Cross-Columbia Swim for the Mid-Columbia Dive and Rescue** and the **2001 Special Olympics**.

"It's nice to be able to help those less fortunate and I enjoy the appreciation expressed by those we help," Wingfield said. "It doesn't take that much effort to make a difference."

Wingfield added that he's never had a bad experience working as a volunteer. "You walk onto a project and think, 'This is going to take forever.' But, in no time it's done and you can be proud of the end product."



Hanford volunteers help landscape the Children's Center in Kennewick.

Education a priority of community giving



WSU intern Erik Schwarzenbach demonstrates a control system he designed for a local agricultural company in the WSU Business LINKS entrepreneurial internship program sponsored by CHG.

DOE and Hanford contractors support a number of educational outreach activities. In numerous programs such as **MESA** (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement), the **Hispanic Outreach Leadership Alliance**, **Success by Six**, the **Pasco Schools Vocational Education Building Trades Program**, **Teen Parenting**, the **Hispanic Academic Achievers Program** (HAAP), **Afro-Americans for an Academic Society** (AAAS), IT Bridge Builders and many others, you'll find Hanford people and Hanford organizations actively participating. Local college students also participate in Fluor Hanford's internship program.

"Most everything we do with the education of children is related to math and science, which is the business of our company," said Theresa Quezada, the education outreach coordinator with Fluor Hanford's Community Programs organization. "We support career development activities to promote the future workforce of the Tri-Cities — our company's future employees."

Support includes in-kind and ad hoc service, event organization, speaking engagements, financial contributions and service on boards or committees. Diversity is a value that becomes part of these outreach activities.

Promoting technology

CH2M HILL Hanford Group has given grants to CBC and WSU as part of the company's continuing commitment to promote economic diversification and information technology through educational opportunities that are not currently available in the region. DynCorp Tri-Cities Services and Lockheed Martin Services have also contributed substantially in dollars and in-kind services to promote the area's burgeoning IT industry.

In August, CHG announced the largest private donation ever given to **Columbia Basin College** with an endowment of \$2 million over the next six years that will be used to support the Columbia Basin Advanced Technology Center.

"An unrestricted grant like this is every college president's dream," said CBC President Lee Thornton. "An unrestricted grant allows us to use the money wherever the college's needs are greatest."

Earlier, CHG presented two grants to CBC to create a new associate degree program in data base management and to pay for interactive computer-based training software.

At its annual meeting in September, the **Washington State University** Foundation



At the Battelle Academy of Engineering, a youngster assembles LEGOS with assistance from PNNL Director Lura Powell. The academy is part of the local Boys and Girls Club and was sponsored by a grant from Battelle.

recognized CHG as one of its new benefactors, and WSU President Lane Rawlins presented CHG President Fran DeLozier with a plaque recognizing CHG's contributions to the university. In its annual report, the WSU Foundation cited CHG for 2000 and 2001 funding in support of information technology and entrepreneurship programs at WSU Tri-Cities. CHG expects to provide close to \$1 million in 2000 and 2001 to support those programs.

"CH2M HILL funds are creating a faculty position in computer science at WSU Tri-Cities, establishing a WSU transfer office at Columbia Basin College, and supporting the Business LINKS program at WSU Tri-Cities," the Foundation said in its annual report.

Helping to teach science

During fiscal year 2000 at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, more than 6,800 students, teachers and visiting scientists participated in the lab's science education programs. Outreach activities benefitted 3,245 students. Also, via the **School Gift Program**, PNNL provided \$250,000 worth of computers and other equipment to regional schools.

PNNL's **Scientist-Student-Teacher High School Research** project provides unique learning experiences to high school science students and teachers. Assisted by scientists, the participants work on Department of Energy research projects at PNNL. The National Science Foundation provides primary funding for the program, with support from DOE and PNNL.

Last year, Battelle, operator of PNNL, provided a major multi-year grant to the **Kennewick School District**. The grant, worth up to \$250,000 over five years, was combined with school district funds to establish the **Science Resource Center**. The center provides hands-on science education materials to students, professional development opportunities for teachers, and other resources designed to improve the district's science education programs.

In summer 2000, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties opened the **Battelle Academy of Engineering**. The academy is a hands-on program that uses LEGOs to teach children basic engineering principles. Battelle provided a \$17,000 grant toward the project and DOE-RL supplied funding to hire a part-time coordinator for the academy.

Scholarships benefit many

Scholarships are another way education is promoted among area youth.

Each year, for instance, Bechtel contributes money to Columbia Basin College for its scholarship programs, and this year the company contributed an additional \$10,000 to support scholarships for students entering the welding program. At the same time, the company threw



Nancy Kerr, left, who received special recognition at last year's Crystal Apple Awards, listens to DOE-RL Manager Keith Klein while clutching her Crystal Apple trophy with John Umbarger, Fluor Hanford manager of Community Programs.



This year, 37 teams from eastern Washington and Oregon high schools participated in DOE's Regional Science Bowl. Hundreds of volunteers, many of whom are DOE or Hanford contractor employees, help with judging, time-keeping and reading questions.

in another \$5,000 to be used wherever the need is greatest.

In an effort to encourage participation in engineering and other professional fields by under-represented students, Bechtel is making \$14,000 in scholarships available through HAAP and AAAS. The first of the scholarship awards was made at HAAP's annual reception on April 27. The AAAS scholarships will be presented at a May 20 program.

Bechtel also provides marketing funds for the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus and the WSU Student Advocate Office at Columbia Basin College to develop recruiting materials. And Bechtel has helped fund MESA's **Expanding Your Horizon** program for young women. Its staff members go to the schools to talk to girls about non-traditional careers.

The Hanford Environmental Health Foundation recently awarded its annual \$1,000-per-year college scholarship for 2001 to Derreck Wilson, a graduate of Connell High School and currently an archaeology and anthropology student at Washington State University.

Awards honor teachers

In 1999, Fluor Hanford initiated the annual **Crystal Apple Award for Excellence in Education** for seven area school districts. The award honors the education profession as a whole by identifying classroom teachers, counselors, librarians and administrators who have had positive impacts on the lives of students.

The awards ceremony is held each March, and is videotaped and aired on public-access television. Each winner receives a \$1,000 cash award, a beautiful crystal apple for desk display and an award certificate, as well as a box of Fuji apples and many other gifts from local merchants.

The school districts included are Richland, Finley, North Franklin, Kiona-Benton, Columbia Burbank, Kennewick and Pasco.

The program's co-sponsors now include DOE and every major Hanford contractor, all six Tri-City Rotary Clubs and three Kiwanis Clubs, the *Tri-City Herald*, the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association and all four Tri-City chambers of commerce. It is the largest teacher recognition program of its type in the state.

Conferences and competitions

Hanford support of science competitions includes the **Mid-Columbia Science Fair**, the **Department of Energy Regional Science Bowl**, the **Future Cities Competition** and **Destination Imagination**.

Through **Junior Achievement** and programs such as the recent **Pathways to Success Enterprise 2001** for Pasco High students, kids are able to interact with business leaders and

Success by Six helps area families

The Success By Six program exists to identify and address unmet developmental needs of children up to age six. Emily Irwin is the DOE representative on the Success By Six Advisory Council, and Bechtel and other Hanford organizations support the program with donations and services.

Success by Six facilitates the expansion of public and private actions to serve families and enhance parenting skills in an integrated and culturally sensitive way.



Calvin Dudney and Lynn Tegeler of Fluor Hanford gather books during the

Thanks-4-Giving Book Harvest, while Sarai Camacho proudly shows off books she received in the First Book program supported by Bechtel Hanford.

form their own companies. Enterprise 2001 was co-sponsored by Fluor Hanford, Washington Business Week, the Association of Washington Business and the Pasco School District.

“In five days, you cover two years worth of business,” said Quezada. “It starts with acquiring a fictitious company. Your team invents and markets a new product. The week ends by making the final stockholder presentation. Each company consists of about 12 students and a company advisor from the business community. The students learn team-building and that you have to come together to make decisions.”

Quezada said Associated Student Body officers from other high schools attended this year to investigate the program for possible implementation at their schools.

Bechtel has helped sponsor the **Foundation for Environmental and Science Education’s Multicultural Experiences in Math and Science Conference** with participation by schools in the Tri-Cities and Yakima Valley. Minority participation in this program is typically about 90 percent, providing mostly Hispanic and Native American children with additional exposure to math and science careers.

Promoting reading

Hanford companies and individuals participate and donate to the **Washington Reading Corps**, the **Reading Foundation** and related programs. Fluor Hanford sponsors the Reading Foundation’s **Books for Babies** program each year, providing books to all children born in the Tri-Cities. Bechtel’s contribution to the Reading Foundation last year went toward providing Spanish-language books for low-income and at-risk children.

Along with other companies in the community, Bechtel helped start a local chapter of **First Book**. First Book provides new books to young readers who may never have had the opportunity to own their own books. In the last year, First Book has donated more than 4,800 books to almost 1,000 children. Each child received three or four books during the year.

In addition to annual support for organizations such as the **Mid-Columbia Science Fair**, **Regional Science Bowl** and **Destination Imagination**, Bechtel staff members have volunteered time to judge science projects submitted by students and assist in other activities.

Bechtel staff members have provided consistent support to **Junior Achievement** through volunteering as board members, instructors and participating in fund-raising events, in addition to the company’s own financial contributions to the program. ■

Corporate donation programs target area needs



Theresa Quezada, Education Outreach coordinator for Fluor Hanford, shows a display of photos from the MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement) program.

A unique approach

CH2M HILL Hanford Group's corporate giving goes toward community-wide programs in education, health and human services, diversity, culture and the arts, with nearly a quarter million dollars going to dozens of philanthropic and cultural organizations. This type of community support includes sizable contributions to **Goodwill Industries**, **Columbia Industries** and **Junior Achievement**.

A new community advisory council and community commitment plan are providing guidance and feedback to CHG on its giving plans.

"We ask the advisory council to give us feedback on how well CHG is living up to the DOE's and the community's expectations of a good corporate citizen," said CHG President Fran DeLozier. "Their input will help guide us as we continue to support a variety of programs in the area."

The seven members of the advisory council are Ed Allen of the Corporate Council for the Arts, Tom Halazon of United Way, Bill Henderson of the Tri-Cities Enterprise Center, Larry James of WSU Tri-Cities, Bill Martin of the Tri-City Industrial Development Council, President Lee Thornton of Columbia Basin College and Kris Watkins of the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau.

CHG continues to focus on supporting existing programs that have a proven track record of creating opportunities for entrepreneurs and information technology professionals.

Grants last year created new programs and enhanced existing ones. They helped launch a new CBC facility that provides office space and business support to startup technology businesses, created a new CBC associate degree program in database management, created a new faculty position at WSU in the computer science department, and helped establish a CBC-WSU transfer office that helps keep graduating CBC students in the Tri-Cities.

With the input of its community advisory council, CHG will select one local organization annually as the recipient of significant corporate assistance. ■

Hanford Health and Safety Expo a community event

Hanford welcomes May with its Health and Safety Exposition. The 2000 Safety Expo featured more than 100 exhibits and drew 18,000 visitors — twice what had been expected. The 2001 event, the seventh annual, begins May 1, at the Trade, Recreation and Agricultural Center with 110 exhibitors registered.

“Most technical expositions restrict attendance to professionals or charge fees to attend,” said Charles Olaiya, an occupational safety and health specialist with the DOE Office of River Protection. “But the Hanford Safety Expo is a unique family event. It reaches an audience that is diverse in age and experience and offers a great variety of exhibits, products and services.”

The Safety Expo features booths and demonstrations by Hanford DOE offices, contractors, subcontractors, work groups, vendors and community businesses and organizations. “The Expo gives our families some idea of the conditions under which we make a living and of the hazards and controls associated with the Hanford work environment,” said Olaiya. “It demonstrates our workers’ dedication to safety and to our safety culture.”

A full schedule of Expo activities can be found on the Web site <http://www.hanford.gov/safety/expo>.

Schedule of Events

Forklift Rodeo, Arena:

Tuesday 12-2:30, 4-6 and 7:15-8
Wednesday 7-9:30, 11-12:30, 2-3:30 and 5-6
Thursday 7-9:30, 11-12:30 and 2-3:30

K-9 demonstration, Atrium:

Tuesday 1-2
Wednesday and Thursday 11-12

Vehicle accident demo, collision with forklift, Arena:

Tuesday 3-4:30
Wednesday and Thursday 4-5:30

Vehicle accident demo, drunk driver-utility pole, Arena:

Tuesday, 6:15-7:45
Wednesday, 1-2:30
Thursday, 1-2:30

Vehicle accident demo, drunk driver-head-on, Arena:

Wednesday and Thursday, 10-11:30

Skid Monster Demo, Posse Stadium parking:

Tuesday, 3-4
Wednesday and Thursday, 10-11, 2-3:30

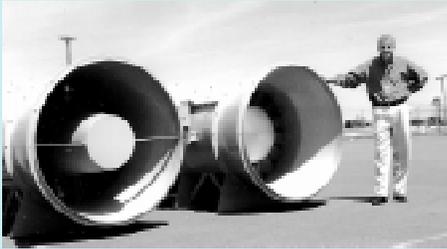


Safety expositions were held at Hanford as long ago as 1944. According to the book *History of the Manhattan Project*, they were held to “step up the enthusiasm and increase the safety-consciousness of all workers on the Project,” as well as to “bolster the general moral.” A special booth at this year’s Expo will commemorate that time in Hanford history.

Expo 2001 Hours

Tuesday, May 1:
open noon-8 p.m.
(Family Day)
Wednesday, May 2:
open 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday, May 3:
open 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

DOE assets the key to success in economic transition



LaMarr Motor Coach and Hurricane Composites jointly use large excessed Hanford fans in their manufacturing operations at the Big Pasco Industrial Park.



Durametal started its brake melting and molding operation last year using a crane from the 308 Building.

Each year, the community is the beneficiary of millions of dollars worth of Hanford assets transferred to the private sector through Hanford's Asset Transfer Program, overseen by DOE-RL and administered by Fluor Hanford.

DynCorp Tri-Cities Services, TRIDEC, Bechtel, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and other Hanford contractors are also involved in the program. It's just one of the ways Hanford helps the community prepare for the future by promoting economic growth and diversification.

When Foster Wheeler Environmental won a large design contract, for example, Fluor and DynCorp arranged for the transfer of 84 excess modular furniture units to keep the work in Richland. The company has created 35 new family-wage jobs in the Tri-Cities.

"This program provides us with an invaluable tool to attract new companies to the Tri-Cities and to assist those companies already here and looking to expand," said TRIDEC President Bill Martin.

Companies that have benefited and, in turn, have benefited the community are Gunderson Northwest, Parsons/Thompson Mechanical, DeRose Industries, Campbell and Nix, LMSI and Foster Wheeler.

Fluor Hanford's Economic Transition group transferred an electrode discharge machine, a band saw and other machining equipment to DeRose Industries, a firm that relocated to the Tri-Cities from Oregon to build tooling for the plastic injection molding industry. "We're busy and doing very well," said Phil DeRose.

Campbell and Nix of Richland received a tube furnace, a metal lathe, an air compressor and two milling machines through Hanford's Asset Transfer Program. Gunderson Northwest received 5,000 feet of rail, allowing the rapidly growing company to expand its railcar repair business. Lockheed Martin Services won approval for its LMSI Video and Photography teams to use government video equipment for non-government work.

Another major community success story is the location of LaMarr Motor Coach in Pasco. TRIDEC teamed with Fluor, the Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Committee, the Tri-Cities Enterprise Association and the Port of Pasco to recruit LaMarr to the Tri-Cities. Hanford assets, including high-volume air blowers, air dryers, a band saw and a fork lift, were a part of the enticements used to lure the company.



More than 35 companies have come to the Tri-Cities to look at the “shell” building built by Fluor. At least 10 firms are looking at expanding here.



Ed Wells, left, chairman of Global Medical Connection, works with Kyle Rasmussen on a software quality assurance test. The company is in CBC’s Advanced Technology Center, an incubator facility established last year with major grants from CHG, DynCorp and LMSI.

In addition, Hanford companies:

- donated 94 computers and five printers to schools in Washington state
- loaned nearly \$500,000 worth of equipment to WSU Tri-Cities and CBC
- transitioned the 1167 Building to Richland Specialty Extrusions
- vacated 38,000 square feet of space in the (now Port of Benton’s) 1163 Building for Nuvotec
- transferred and loaned more than \$1 million worth of underutilized equipment to CBC’s automotive program
- loaned underutilized fire engines to the Benton County Fire District No. 2 and the Colfax Fire Department
- donated furniture and office equipment to Goodwill Industries and miscellaneous medical supplies and equipment to the Red Cross
- transferred a 120-foot, motorized irrigation sprinkler system via TRIDEC to the City of Pasco for use at the water treatment facility
- gave 40 tons of lead bricks to TRIDEC for economic development purposes
- transferred 13 tons of aluminum from N Reactor filter frames recovered by the Environmental Restoration Contractor team to Pacific Recycling in Kennewick
- removed a 3-ton bridge crane from the 308 Building and transferred it to Durametal Brake Manufacturing.

Companies interested in obtaining excess Hanford assets should call 735-1000. Also, a new Fluor economic transition Web site at www.hanford.gov/econtran/hanford/et_home.htm serves as an easy jump-off point for those seeking information about asset transition, education liaison programs and even leaves of absence for employees who want to start a business. The Web site provides links to other economic development partners such as TRIDEC, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, local ports, cities, chambers of commerce, counties, and the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Contracts for small business

Bechtel National and Bechtel Hanford are involved in a number of activities to boost the local economy. Besides the transfer of assets by the BHI-led Environmental Restoration Contractor team, Bechtel National will subcontract \$2.4 billion worth of project work over the next 10 years. Project staff members estimate about \$1 billion of that will be spent within Washing-



James Thornton of Gunderson Northwest helps lay additional rail at the company's railcar repair facility in Finley. Gunderson is reusing surplus Hanford rail to add track space, allowing it to increase the number of rail cars they can work on at any one time.

ton, Oregon and Idaho. A vendors' forum held in March attracted more than 800 companies interested in doing work on the Waste Treatment Plant Project.

Bechtel was announced as the sponsor of the Leadership Council that was recently formed as part of an extensive long-range economic development planning effort under way in the Tri-Cities. The **Regional Economic Development Vision Project** is a collaborative activity to develop and implement a 10-year vision to improve the area's economy and quality of life. Bechtel will also sponsor the Education and Training Committee, which is one of 10 committees that will produce tactical plans to achieve the vision.

PNNL high-tech business help

In 2000, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory helped 10 local businesses start up or expand, while providing technical assistance to 55 local businesses and entrepreneurs, achieving a 91- percent satisfaction rating from those who were helped.

PNNL extended its Technical Assistance Program, targeting information technology firms with funding from CH2M HILL Hanford Group and Fluor Hanford via the Technology Enterprise Center, an operator of small business incubators in Kennewick and Richland. CHG and Fluor are the TEC's two largest corporate sponsors.

In October 2000, PNNL hosted the Tri-Cities Alliance of Angels Investor Forum. At the forum, members of a Seattle-based private investor group explained how they make investment decisions and listened to pitches from local startup companies. Also, PNNL continued its second year hosting the Tri-City Venture Group, where businesses and entrepreneurs learn from seasoned experts while finding partners, customers and suppliers.

In January 2001, PNNL launched a monthly e-mail newsletter, *Tri-Cities Tech Business Update*, for local and regional technology firms, investors and economic development supporters.

Supporting Business LINKS

CH2M HILL Hanford Group continues to sponsor the WSU Business LINKS program in its efforts to support startup businesses in the Tri-Cities. Student internships, a business information center and an advanced business management program create opportunities for area entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Other economic development organizations that are supported by CHG through its membership include the Richland, West Richland, Pasco and Tri-Cities chambers of commerce, the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau and TRIDEC. ■



Linda Gooden (center) of Lockheed Martin's corporate offices answers questions during IT Day on April 18 at the Pasco DoubleTree Hotel.



IT Day presenter Ken Washington (center) of Sandia National Laboratories enjoys other presentations at the one-day symposium.

IT Day focuses on local businesses

Lockheed Martin Services, Inc., in conjunction with the *Tri-City Herald*, TRIDEC, MyTriCities.Com, Columbia Basin College and WSU Tri-Cities, hosted a major Information Technology Day symposium for the Tri-Cities on April 18.

More than 650 people from across the Mid-Columbia attended this first-of-its-magnitude one-day event in Pasco. The attendees included key community leaders, IT professionals, business managers and students. Industry analysts from Giga and Gartner Groups and IT industry representatives from Microsoft and Cisco spoke. The subjects included knowledge management, bandwidth, cyber security and mobile computing solutions. An overflowing vendor area showcased exhibits by more than 40 local IT and IT-related companies.

A special IT Day luncheon included keynote presentations by Kathy Wilcox, president of the Washington Software Alliance, and Keith Klein, manager of the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office. Bill Baxter, president of BSQUARE Corporation, was keynote speaker for an evening banquet.

Darrell Graddy, vice president of LMSI, called the event "a shot in the arm for IT education and economic development in the region."

The IT Day symposium is part of a five-year, \$5 million commitment LMSI made last fall to enhance IT education and training in the community. Additional LMSI IT Bridge Builder initiatives for enhancing local IT education and training include Web camps for area middle school students, local certification training and testing capabilities, a faculty exchange program and the Cooperative Computer Science Program that includes internships and scholarships for IT-related study.

LMSI, in addition to providing computer technical support for the more than 10,000 Hanford computer users, has been winning large IT support contracts with non-Hanford customers.

IT Day presentations can be downloaded at www.itbridgebuilder.org.

Support of arts enhances quality of life

One way virtually every Hanford contractor contributes to the arts is through the **Tri-Cities Corporate Council for the Arts**. Direct contributions to community arts organizations also provide a lifeline that can sometimes mean the difference between surviving and folding.

Support is strong for the **Mid-Columbia Symphony**. Battelle, Bechtel, CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Fluor Hanford, Duke Engineering, COGEMA, Fluor Federal Services, DynCorp Tri-Cities Services, HEHF, Numatec and Day & Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford have all pitched in for this non-profit organization that brings Bach, Beethoven and Brahms into our lives.

Bechtel, for example, funds a program that enables children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend symphony performances. Fluor Hanford is sponsoring a drive to collect and repair used musical instruments for donation to local children.

“The Mid-Columbia Symphony

sincerely applauds the support of the Hanford community,” said board president Lin Williams. “The Mid-Columbia region is enriched because of the contributions of these Hanford contractors and the many employees who perform as artists, volunteers and board members.”

PNNL Director Lura Powell and CHG President Fran DeLozier head the two major sponsors of the annual concerts. They will make opening remarks at the last symphony event of this season, a pops concert at the Pasco High auditorium on May 12. It will re-create music from great movies such as “Gone With the Wind” and “The Red Violin.” (For more information, go to the Web site www.midco-lumbiasymphony.org or call 943-6602.)

The **Academy of Children’s Theater** has also been the recipient of direct corporate giving from Hanford companies. Bechtel and CHG, for example, give to **ACT’s Give the Kids a Hand** program. With the companies’ help, ACT instructors are able to go into local schools where students write a script, cast a play, then create the scenery and costumes for their



CHG President and General Manager Fran DeLozier presents a \$26,000 check to Ed Allen, president of the Corporate Council for the Arts. The contribution will help fund several area arts groups.

performance — all in the familiar setting of their own classroom.

The Give the Kids a Hand program is especially effective in helping to bring theater arts to low-income children. Corporate funding from Battelle, which operates PNNL, has also enabled ACT to kick off its capital campaign to build the **Cultural Center 4 Kids**.

Other Battelle funding for the arts has gone to the **Three Rivers Folklife Society** and the **Washington Commission for the Humanities** to underwrite its **Inquiring Mind** lecture series in the Tri-Cities.

In the area of fine arts, Bechtel supports the Columbia Basin College arts program by purchasing works at the CBC Faculty Art Show. ■

Year-round Hanford giving, fund-raising serve many causes



CHG employees participate in Heart Walk 2000, which raised funds for the American Heart Association.

“We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.”

Hanford workers take this advice from the Roman statesman Seneca to heart, for giving back to the community is one of the things we do without hesitation.

The **United Way** campaign is one of the most visible and widely encompassing fund-raisers for local community help agencies. Through their contributions, employees of the Department of Energy’s Richland Operations Office and Office of River Protection, Fluor Hanford, Bechtel Hanford, CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Hanford Environmental Health Foundation and their subcontractors and affiliated companies raised more than \$2 million for United Way agencies in 2000. That figure represents more than 50 percent of the total United Way contributions received from the Tri-Cities area.

In addition to the monetary donations, some employees are loaned to United Way to help run the campaign, and some companies provide in-kind services to the campaign, which runs in late summer through the fall of the year.

Almost all contractors are represented among the teams of walkers that raise money for the **March of Dimes WalkAmerica**. Of the \$250,000 raised in the **Tri-Cities WalkAmerica** event in April 2000, a significant portion was raised by Hanford employees who donned their crosstrainers and walked to raise funds to fight birth defects.

The late Sylvia Kiser, who was a Bechtel Hanford employee, was WalkAmerica’s top fund-raiser in the Tri-Cities in 2000. In her memory, the March of Dimes established the Sylvia Kiser Volunteer of the Year Award, a traveling award that will be presented to WalkAmerica’s top volunteer each year. In addition to WalkAmerica, Hanford employees hold special events such as bake sales and lunches to raise additional money for the March of Dimes.

Sponsored walkers also raise money for the **American Cancer Society** and the **American Heart Association**.

The **Relay for Life** is an annual fund-raiser for the **American Cancer Society** held in May during which teams walk the track at Southridge High School. In 2000, Hanford teams helped to raise nearly \$74,000 for cancer research.

In October, Hanford employees also participate in the **Heart Walk** to raise funds for the



A Rock 'n Bowler participates in the Junior Achievement fund-raiser.

American Heart Association. According to local American Heart Association officials, about 430 walkers participated last year, and they raised about \$50,000.

During the **Thanks-4-Giving Book Harvest**, Hanford employees join other local residents to donate new and gently used books in all languages for children, from babies to age 18. The books are donated to the **Reading Foundation**, an organization that distributes the books to children who may not have books at home. Last year, 20,000 books were collected.

Site-wide support also goes to **Junior Achievement**, an organization that seeks to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives. In addition to the many hours Hanford personnel volunteer in classrooms to educate children in elementary, middle and high schools, this year's Junior Achievement fund-raiser, the **Rock 'n Bowl** event, netted \$102,000.

Hanford contractors also bolstered the **Red Cross's** efforts to aid victims of the 24 Command Wildland Fire last June. Organized by the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, the \$80,000 donation came from Battelle, Bechtel Hanford, CH2M HILL Hanford Group and the Fluor Corporation. ■

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CLASSES



EXITECH offers classes in OSHA standards for construction

The 30-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standard for Construction Industry class will be offered May 7-10 by EXITECH at the Hanford Training Center. The 30-hour OSHA Standards for General Industry class will be offered July 16-19 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. To register for either, call 946-2573.

Columbia Basin College Small Business Development Center offers:

- **Small Business Accounting Basics** – May 15 or June 6, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Instructor: Donald Smith, CPA.
- **Small Business Tax Basics and Preparation** – May 22 or June 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost \$30. Instructor: Donald Smith, CPA.
- **Small Business Advertising and Marketing: What's the difference?** – May 16 or June 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost \$15. Instructor: Melanie Jones.
- **Small Business Public Relations Basics** – May 8, May 29 or June 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost \$15. Instructor: Melanie Jones.
- **Small Business Customer Relations** – May 1 or May 23, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Melanie Jones.

All classes will be held in the TRIDEC Conference Room located at 901 N. Colorado, Kennewick. To register or to obtain more information, call Ritzzy Rafer at 735-6222, or mail your request to CBC-SBDC, 901 N. Colorado St., Kennewick, WA 99336. ♦

CALENDAR



“Vision-based Living” presented at May NMA meeting

“Vision-based Living” will be presented by Kris King, president of Wings Seminars, Portland, Ore. at the May 9 meeting of the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. John Umbarger, manager of Community Programs at Fluor Hanford, will also speak about “Community Involvement Teams.” The meeting check-in and social hour begin at 5 p.m. The business meeting begins promptly

at 5:45. There is no charge for chapter members. The cost is \$15 for chapter retirees and \$20 for guests. Call Lisa Hart at 376-3484 by Friday, May 4 to make your reservation.

May events at the Hanford Technical Library

The following events will take place in Room 101R at the Consolidated Information Center, Washington State University Tri-Cities campus.

- **Library Tour** — Thursday, May 3, 8:30 a.m. Take a tour and find out what services are available to you in the library and on your desktop.
- **How to Find Information on the Internet** — Thursday, May 10, noon. Learn how to tunnel through the mountains of information, and discover Internet sites that are useful for your day-to-day work.

The library staff is also available for presentations at group meetings or brown-bag sessions. For more information, contact Mary Frances Lembo at 372-7441 or at mf.lembo@pnl.gov. Visit the library's Web site at <http://library.pnl.gov>. The Hanford Technical Library is a site service operated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

CONSYS 2001 scheduled for June 13

The local chapter of the Instrumentation, Systems and Automation Society will hold its annual exhibit and technical conference CONSYS 2001, on June 13 at the Pasco DoubleTree Hotel from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free and lunch will be provided to attendees. For more information, contact Elisabeth Boyd at 373-0076 or Erwin Icyan at 371-3538.

Let 'er buck! It's forklift rodeo time at Expo 2001

The annual forklift rodeo at the Health and Safety Expo 2001 will be open to all Hanford and Tri-Cities area companies May 1-3 at the Trade, Recreation and Agricultural Center in Pasco. Participants may register for the forklift rodeo throughout Expo 2001, and the competition will be ongoing in between the main events in the arena. A forklift rodeo participant must provide certification that he or she is a qualified forklift operator (a company qualification card or written verification provided by the participant's employer will be accepted), take a written 50-question test, perform a pre-job inspection and participate in a skills activity. Plaques will be awarded to the first three places and certificates of participation will be awarded to all entrants. Winners will be notified at the end of the rodeo. For additional information, contact Les Myers at 373-1835.

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Hours for Expo 2001 are noon to 8 p.m. on May 1, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 2 and 3. For more information about Expo 2001, visit the Web site at www.hanford.gov/safety/expo/.

May AQP meeting will be held at HAMMER

The focus of the May 8 meeting of the local chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation will be a visit to the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Check-in is at 5:15 p.m. and the presentation and tour begin at 5:30. Products and Services manager Gary Karnofski will provide information about HAMMER and about the processes used to collect, analyze and act on customer feedback. Attendees will tour some of the training facilities and props. There is no cost for this event, but reservations are required by May 3 for planning purposes. Call 586-1940 or send an e-mail message to JudysKornr@aol.com. For more details about the meeting, check the "What's Next" page on the chapter Web site at www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm.

ALARA Workshop to be held May 22-24

The third Hanford Applied ALARA Workshop will be held May 22-24 at the Richland Red Lion Hotel. The first day of the conference will include presentations of lessons learned in the application of ALARA to accomplish radiological work at various facilities. The second day will focus on field demonstrations of applied ALARA practices, including tours of the ALARA Center of Technology and work areas. The closing day of the conference will feature workshops, in which conference participants will discuss issues that may be of interest at their facilities.

Participants are eligible to receive 32 continuing education credits from the American Association of Health Physicists and eight maintenance points from the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists.

For more information, including a tentative agenda for the Applied Workshop, visit www.hanford.gov/esh/ALARA/index.html, or contact the following individuals regarding:

- Registration, Pat Barajas at 376-0560 or Patricia_S_Barajas@rl.gov
- Call for Papers, Christine Bullock at 376-1277 or Christine_A_Bullock@rl.gov
- General Information, Jerry Eby at 372-8961 or Jerald_L_Eby@rl.gov.

November Safety and Health Conference issues call for speakers

Tri-Cities safety and health organizations are looking for speakers for the second Safety and Health Conference, "Initiatives in Safety and Health

for the 21st Century," to be held Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Topics should appeal to both safety and health professionals and will describe programs, techniques, approaches or equipment that are new or improved and can be applied by other professionals.

The Lower Columbia Basin Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Tri-City Education Committee of the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and the Northwest Chapter of the System Safety Society are sponsoring this regional conference.

If you are interested in speaking at the conference, submit your abstract by e-mail to the conference committee at morse.james@worldnet.att.net by May 15. You will be notified before June 1 whether your abstract is selected. No paper will be required — just the abstract, a detailed outline of your talk and a short biographical sketch for the proceedings. For more information, contact conference chairman James Morse at 371-4886.

INCOSE to tour B Reactor in May

The May meeting of the Tri-Cities Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering will be a tour of B Reactor. The tour will take place Friday, May 18. Badging and radiation protection training prior to the tour will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Bechtel building, 3350 George Washington Way. The tour will be complete by 11 a.m. The tour is limited to 30 participants and is open to INCOSE members, their families and friends. Tour participants must make reservations in advance, be U.S. citizens, be at least 18 years old, have photo identification and wear appropriate footwear during the tour (no high heels, sandals or open-toed shoes). For more information or to make reservations, contact Mike DeLamare at MADeLama@mail.bhi-erc.com or at 372-9482. ♦



NEWSBRIEFS

PTB Transfers approved for Kelly

Diane Kelly, a CH2M HILL Hanford Group employee, has been approved to receive personal time bank transferred hours. Kelly's son is battling cancer. Any CHG employee who would like to transfer some PTB time to Kelly can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request Form (A-6002-807) and sending it to Connie Carson, CHG Human Resources, H6-17. Time must be transferred in one-hour increments. ■



SUGGESTIONS WELCOME — If you have an event or travel/trip destination that you would like HERO to consider, or one that you would like to host, send an e-mail message to your area representative with specifics. Although HERO cannot guarantee your suggestion will be offered, all reasonable suggestions will be considered.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated NSF bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

200W REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED — If you are interested and have your manager's approval, e-mail Phyllis Roha.

SECRETARY AND PUBLICITY POSITIONS OPEN — If you are interested and have your manager's approval, e-mail Phyllis Roha, who will send you a copy of the requirements for these positions.

DUST DEVIL SPECIAL OFFER — Purchase a single-season package and you'll receive free parking at Tri-Cities Stadium (save \$75). Purchase club seats (full- or half-season) and you'll receive a bus trip to Seattle's Safeco Field to attend a Mariners game with other HERO members! Package pricing: club seats \$380-\$532 (all 38 home games), half-season club seats \$266 (19 games) and single-season \$190-\$266 (all 38 home games). Call 544-8789 and mention you're a HERO member.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Limit increased to 10 per purchase. Carmike tickets are \$4.50 each with restrictions applying only to Sony DDS movies. Regal tickets are \$5 each and applicable restrictions are identified in the *Tri-City Herald* with a star. Yakima Mercy tickets are \$5 each with no restrictions. For Regal or Carmike tickets, send checks made payable to "HERO," to Jan Dickinson (H2-23), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). For Yakima Mercy tickets, send checks to Flu Garza (T4-01) or Nancy Zeuge (X3-74).

UPCOMING HERO-SPONSORED TRIPS

• **European capitals cruise** — Sept. 7-22. Rates range from \$3,199 to \$4,081 pp depending upon cabin selection. Package includes round-trip air from Seattle, transfers, and all meals and entertainment on board. Port charges are an additional \$330 pp. E-mail Phyllis Roha for more information.

• **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico** — Nov. 6-13. \$825 ppdo. \$150 pp deposit required. Eight days and seven nights at the newly renovated Villa Del Palmar, a moderately priced hotel located on the beach close to downtown. The package includes round-trip air from Seattle, seven nights' lodging and roundtrip transfers. Contact Sheila Kirk.

• **French Riviera** — Dec 6-13. \$1,514 ppdo. The May 4 signup deadline is just around the corner. \$250 deposit per person is required to guarantee reservations. Spend eight days sightseeing in romantic France and Italy. Package includes round-trip air from Seattle, lodging, land transfers, meals (12 total), and sightseeing tours. Tour highlights will include St. Tropez, Cannes, Picasso Museum, Monaco and the Casino of Monte Carlo. Send checks made payable to "Travel Professionals" to Denise Prior, L6-81. ♦



Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day & Zimmermann Protection Technology reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring riders are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her badge, Patrol must be informed at the barricades. For more information, look on the Hanford Web in the Projects and Activities section, Safeguards and Security at www.rl.gov:1050/sas/pg1v3htm.

KENNEWICK

8x9 vanpool to 200E has an opening. Picks up at the church on 19th, Garfield and Albertson's on Clearwater. Drops off at 274-AW, 2750-E and 2704-HV. Call **Sue Hulsey** at 372-3752. 4/30

WEST RICHLAND

Van No. 80, 8x9, to 200E has two openings. Picks up at riders' homes, mostly in the Bird Hill area. West Richland Transit Center and Dave's Pit Stop are also possible pick-up points. Drops off at 2101-M, 2750-E, MO-276 and 2704-HV, with others possible. We are looking for back-up drivers. Call **Lou Antonissen** at 373-2049. 4/30

YAKIMA

Seeking 8x9 rideshare to 400 Area. Contact **David Frey** at 372-2736. 4/30 ♦



LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Refreshing idea

It was refreshing to read an editorial that proposed an innovative idea instead of complaining about something like traffic.

I'm referring to Scott Brim's letter in the April 23 *Hanford Reach* ("A constructive idea").

What he proposed involved some good ideas which were well thought out and presented in an easy-to-understand manner.

We're in the midst of potential water and power shortages that are due, in part, to failed public policy, poor decisions about construction of power sources, and political bickering. I believe our current predicament could have been mitigated, if not avoided.

The scenario playing out before us was discussed as a real possibility years ago. This led to the decision to build reactors, only one of which was completed. I'm disappointed that we have seen little or no leadership proposing how we can work through our water and power issues. Aren't there things we can do at work, at home, and in business to lessen the adverse impacts?

Like I said, at least one person, Scott Brim, has offered an option I believe should be explored.

Gary Bush
Fluor Hanford

Web site correction

In the April 23 *Hanford Reach* Calendar feature, "May AQP meeting to be held at HAMMER," on page 8, the Web address is incorrect. The correct address is: www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm.

Lynn Gates
Fluor Hanford

Editors' note: Our thanks to Gates for the correction to the Web address.



SHOEMOBILE

300 Area, along fence east of Wisconsin Street

May 1	1 to 4 p.m.	Sound Safety
May 2	2 to 5 p.m.	BC Sales

100 K Area, parking lot south of MO-401

May 16	7 to 8:30 a.m.	Iron Age
May 22	7 to 10 a.m.	BC Sales

200 East Area, northeast gravel parking lot of 2101-M

May 2	7 a.m. to noon	Sound Safety
May 16	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Iron Age
May 22	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	BC Sales

200 West Area, parking lot east of MO-281

May 2	1 to 4 p.m.	Sound Safety
May 16	1 to 4 p.m.	Iron Age
May 22	2 to 5 p.m.	BC Sales

PNNL provides speakers to the community

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Speakers Bureau is a free resource that builds local and regional awareness of the PNNL and its mission of delivering science and technology. The speakers bureau comprises volunteer staff members who enjoy speaking and sharing their knowledge with the public.

In the past year, the bureau has supplied speakers for more than 55 engagements, including presentations to the Walla Walla Exchange Club, the Hanford Retirees Association, the Biotechnology Association of Spokane Region, the Society of Professional Engineers and the Columbia Center Rotary Club. From the Tri-Cities to Walla Walla and Spokane, the bureau's speakers are informing audiences about PNNL, its capabilities and its contributions to a changing world.

In addition to the speakers bureau, PNNL co-sponsors the Community Science and Technology Seminar Series with Columbia Basin College. The seminar series is a free public lecture program held approximately every six weeks. It features PNNL scientists and engineers discussing timely science and technology issues. ■