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The 1998 recipients of the Employee Recognition Awards are, from left, Al von Halle, John Boscoe, Masayuki Ono, Rosemarie Fuchs, Tom Meighan, Charles Karney, Tom Egebo, John Bennevich, Andy Carpe, Sharon Warkala, Carl Szathmary, John Gennuso, Gregory Rewoldt, Joyce Bitzer, and Ernest Valeo. Not pictured are Keith Chase, Marie Iseicz, Steve Langish, and James Morgan.

Nineteen Employees Recognized

In honor of their “outstanding professional achievements and personal characteristics,” nineteen PPPL employees received Employee Recognition Program Awards on September 11.

The 1998 recipients are John Bennevich, Joyce Bitzer, John Boscoe, Andy Carpe, Keith Chase, Tom Egebo, Rosemarie Fuchs, John Gennuso, Marie Iseicz, Charles Karney, Steve Langish, Tom Meighan, James Morgan, Masayuki Ono, Gregory Rewoldt, Carl Szathmary, Ernest Valeo, Al von Halle, and Sharon Warkala.

“The Employee Recognition Program was established to recognize those PPPL employees whose combination of professional achievements and personal characteristics have been deemed outstanding by their co-workers. I congratulate the recipients on their overall contributions to the Laboratory and for their contributions toward encouraging a congenial and respectful work environment,” said PPPL Director Rob Goldston.

Goldston noted that former Director Ron Davidson was committed to the idea that people should be nice to

each other in the workplace. “I agree and I’ll add that we should have some fun, too. The employees being honored have made PPPL an enjoyable place to work,” he said.

The recipients were recognized during an awards ceremony in the Lyman Spitzer Building Lobby and later at a luncheon in their honor. Employee Recognition Awards Program committee member Michael Bell presented the certificates to the honorees.

The awards were developed three years ago by the Director’s Advisory Committee on Women and the Quality Improvement and Renewal Committee to recognize those employees who have “significantly contributed to a productive and harmonious work environment.” Through the program, several employees are recognized each year. Those honored are selected from nominations submitted by other employees. All full-time staff at all levels are eligible for nomination.

The 1998 selection committee included Michael Bell, Bobbie Forcier, Erik Perry, Jeanne Salerno, and Carl Scimeca. ●

Thank You, Tour Guides

More than two dozen tour guides were recognized for serving as “ambassadors for the Laboratory” during a pizza lunch in their honor on September 15 in the Commons.

“Bringing the word on fusion to the public is one of our most powerful outreach tools. I want to thank all of you for serving as ‘ambassadors’ for the Laboratory,” said PPPL Director Rob Goldston.

Goldston said PPPL hosted more than 2,000 visitors for tours this fiscal year. He lauded the tour guides for going “above and beyond” the call of duty, noting that some guides conducted tours in foreign languages, came in on nights and weekends for special groups, or responded with little advance notice.

The event concluded with the presentation of certificates of appreciation and PPPL shirts to the tour guides. ●



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Richardson Named New Secretary of Energy

On August 18, United Nations Ambassador Bill Richardson was sworn in as the ninth Secretary of Energy. He replaces Federica Peña.



He is the highest ranking Hispanic in the Clinton Administration and the first New Mexican to serve as the Secretary of Energy. Upon nominating Richardson to the energy post, President Clinton remarked, "If there's one word that comes to mind when I think of Bill Richardson, it really is energy."

Richardson is putting that energy and his strong background in national security, energy, and environmental issues to work at the Department of Energy. His priorities include protecting our national security, advancing the frontiers of science and technology, helping to solve the challenge of global climate change, making progress on the environmental cleanup of the nuclear

weapons complex, working to deliver \$20 billion in savings to the consumers by bringing competition to the electricity industry, and ensuring a balanced energy portfolio for our nation.

On February 13, 1997, Richardson became the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations. He has addressed difficult international negotiating challenges and crises from Afghanistan to Zaire. President Clinton has asked Richardson to continue, for a brief time, as his Ambassador to the United Nations given recent developments affecting key U.S. interests abroad.

Prior to serving as U.N. Ambassador, Richardson was elected eight times to represent New Mexico's 3rd Congressional District. He held one of the highest ranking posts in the House Democratic Leadership. He has served as President Clinton's special envoy on many sensitive diplomatic missions, and was nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize. As a diplomatic "trouble-shooter," he has worked to free hostages in many countries including Bangladesh, Burma, Iraq, and North Korea. ●

Birdman of PPPL

PPPPL's Dave Cylinder has something he hopes will eventually just fly away.

He is the caretaker of a month-old mockingbird found at the Lab. "He had fallen out of his nest as a baby bird and could barely stand. He was so young he didn't have feathers yet," recalled Cylinder, a lifelong bird fan.

After a month of nurturing the mockingbird at home and feeding him by hand, Cylinder recently began bringing the bird to the Lab and releasing him outside each day.

Until the bird becomes completely independent and can survive on his own, Cylinder will continue to give him a diet of dry dog food soaked in water and to tote him home at night and on the weekends.

Cylinder admits he has always been fond of birds. At home, he and his wife, Lorrie Garena, have two pekin robins, as well as a starling he rescued from the PPPL Courtyard several years ago.

"We have a starling at home that we got the same way as the mockingbird. When he was a few days old he fell out of his nest and broke his leg. We got his leg fixed and he's been at our house for 12 years," said Cylinder. "Sometimes he flies around the house and follows us from room to room."

Cylinder's plan is to release the mockingbird back into the wild once he is ready to be on his own. "He's so reliant on me now. He can eat grasshoppers and live food,



Dave Cylinder feeds the mockingbird he rescued at PPPL.

but he can't eat out of a dish. I hand feed him," he said. And when Cylinder does not show up at the regular feeding hours, the bird scolds him upon his late arrival.

PPPL'ers may be acquainted with the mockingbird, whose favorite place is in the pines or at the picnic bench near the lower parking lot. Occasionally he swoops down in anticipation of a meal when people are in the area. Cylinder hopes the bird will be able to survive on his own.

"Eventually I'm hoping he doesn't come back," he said of his new feathered friend. ●



Andrea Moten is the new Employment Manager and Training Specialist for PPPL's Human Resources Department. Andrea will serve as a contact for all employment issues and will work with the training staff to provide and update training materials. Andrea, who has nine years of experience in human resources, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and an MBA in management from Seton Hall University. Before coming to the Lab in August, she worked for four years at Princeton University's Human Resources Office as a Recruitment Resource Specialist. If you have any questions for Andrea, please call her at ext. 2226 or send an e-mail to amoten@pppl.gov. Welcome, Andrea!



Congratulations to Stanislav Boldyrev on winning the Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship for the 1998-99 academic year. The Jacobus Fellowship is an honorific fellowship awarded by Princeton University's Graduate School and is conferred annually upon the student who, in the judgement of the University faculty, displayed the highest scholarly excellence.



More than two dozen PPPL employees attended a four-hour training session on Affirmative Procurement at the Lab in July. The class covered the purchase of construction materials containing recycled materials; establishing methods and standards for identifying cost differences for recycled versus standard materials and methods; incorporating construction waste recycling and source reduction; and providing forms for reporting materials disbursement. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's Shelley Worsham and Greg VanMechelen conducted the class.



In Memory



We are saddened by the loss of our co-worker John Garboski, Jr. John died on September 1 at the Medical Center at Princeton after becoming ill at work. He was 60. John was employed in the Maintenance and Operations Division of the Laboratory. He joined PPPL in April 1979. A lifelong Flemington resident, John was a Marine Corps veteran, a member of the Flemington Exempt Firemen's Association, and former chief of the Flemington Fire Company. He also was an avid fisherman and hunter.

John is survived by his wife, Diane Cerny Garboski; a son, Edward Garboski of Arlington, Mass.; two daughters, Kelly Rowe of Flemington and Sharon Garboski of East Orange; mother, Margaret Serridge Garboski of Flemington; two brothers, Robert and Frank Garboski of Flemington; two grandchildren; a niece, a nephew, and several cousins.

John will be missed greatly.