

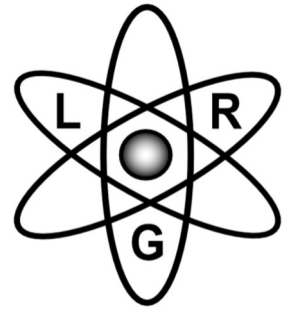
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Reaching Out From a
Common Experience

"Reaching Out From a Common Experience"

Greetings from a unique group of people - the retirees of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The Laboratory Retiree Group (LRG) is a non-profit corporation which seeks to maintain communications with and to serve the needs and interests of retirees from LANL.

LANL Benefits Updates Norman Delamater

Lab retirees with UC pensions will see a cost of living adjustment this year of 2.9% beginning with the pension check received for July. Triad retirees with pensions will see a similar COLA this year as well. The UC retirees have their pensions administered through UC and the Triad retirees have pensions administered through Aon/Hewitt. It is important to keep both UC and Aon/Hewitt notified of current addresses and any change of address or banking information. Retirees with pensions through UC or Triad receive health and welfare benefits with Empyrean acting as the administrator. Each year we have an open enrollment period usually in November, during which time you can change your medical plan enrollments or enroll and continue in the other coverages such as dental, legal and vision. The Lab is not expecting to make any changes in the vendors for the health and welfare benefits, although premiums may well change for next year due to the claims experience this year. The Lab has been exploring with Smiths the inclusion of Express Scripts at their pharmacy, but as of now there is no change and Smiths pharmacy still will not accept Express Scripts managed prescriptions.

For open enrollment in November, retirees may wish to assess which plans are best given current situation, as life events that could occur and require changes in enrollments. Retirees without Medicare have a choice of EPO and PPO for the medical plan, with the PPO giving more choices in doctors and procedures. Retirees with Medicare have a choice of EPO, PPO and National Medicare Supplement plans. We have heard from some retirees on Medicare who have received some unexpected charges from some procedures or medications which were not covered expenses with Medicare. It is important for all of us to double check with our physicians and with Medicare.gov and by calling BlueCross/BlueShield to be certain that procedures are covered. When choosing a medical plan during open enrollment retirees may want to compare the coverages with each of the possible options. Usually, the National Medicare Supplement works well for retirees

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who do not travel much outside of the country or do not require expensive hearing aids or chiropractic or podiatry coverage. If you do international travel or require hearing aids, podiatry and chiropractic treatment the PPO may be an option to consider. The PPO also may cover Naprathery and massage therapy while Medicare excludes these. The PPO may also offer a wider choice of covered procedures, physicians and facilities. The Medicare.gov website will give a list of exclusions for Medicare and also offers an interactive way to check on coverage for various procedures and medications. If you are eligible for Medicare you might also check with your physician or facility to make sure they accept both Medicare and Medicare assignment. If they do accept Medicare assignment then you will not be liable for any charges over the Medicare approved amount.

Several expensive diabetes drugs are Ozempic and Mounjaro and these drugs may be in short supply due to the fact that they may facilitate weight loss and be prescribed for that. Be sure to check your plan coverage for these drugs if your physician recommends them. Also there may be less expensive alternative therapies available. There are now some other newer expensive medicines for treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Medicare coverage for these drugs should be checked online or with BCBS. Also some treatment for knee arthritis with gel injections may be covered under Medicare but with specific clinical conditions, so check to see if your medical plan will cover this so you will not receive an unexpected bill. There are a number of excellent websites to do your own research on medical issues. From a recent AARP article these websites include familydoctor.org, mayoclinic.org, cdc.gov, nia.nih.gov and healthinaging.org.

For open enrollment, retirees may wish to enroll for the ARAG Legal Plan. This plan is inexpensive and could cover making a complete estate plan with wills, trusts and other docu-

ments. The cost without the Legal Plan for an estate plan could be into the thousands of dollars, so this is something to consider. The Legal Plan also covers other legal expenses which might occur, so could well be worth the cost.

As we are now into the warm and sunny summer season, it is always important to keep in mind the dangerous effects of too much sun exposure while we are all enjoying our time outside hiking, golfing and swimming to name a few outdoor activities. According to a recent report on KRQE news, New Mexico is expected to show the highest Ultraviolet (UV) index in the continental United States this summer. A high UV index means that it will take a shorter amount of time to cause skin and eye damage. So to be safe, be sure to wear protective sunglasses and apply sun block to exposed skin. See a dermatologist to have any unusual skin moles checked out.

Since the last Main Gate there has been news on the CalPERS Long Term Care court settlement. In March, 2023 the court case in California was settled and full details are at <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/newsroom/calpers-news/2023/court-grants-preliminary-approval-to-second-settlement-in-calpers-long-term-care-class-action>. Unfortunately, most Lab retirees are not part of the eligible settlement group to receive any benefit from the court settlement. The main advantage for us is that the CalPERS Long Term Care plan should be financially stronger into the future and have the ability to pay future claims for those in this plan. The eligible settlement group only includes those in the plan with the automatic inflation feature and who were California citizens on February 1, 2013 and who purchased the policy between 1995 and 2004. If you were an eligible class member to this settlement you would have received notice of your options directly through the US Mail.

Finally, please enjoy the summer season and stay safe and healthy. Please email us if you encounter any benefits issues we can help out with.

Laboratory Retiree Group — May 19th 2023 Annual Meeting Report

The 2023 LRG Annual Meeting was held on Zoom again this year. While we miss gathering in person this year, the online meeting did allow some of our more far-flung members to join in.

Alan Wadlinger (Acting President) summarized activities of the LRG and the LRG Board. Sheila Girard summarized LRG finances. Norm Delamater summarized benefits and interactions that we facilitate for retirees. Dave Schiferl reviewed our interactions with CUCRA (Council of University of California Retirees).

We remind you that the LRG is primarily dedicated to the promotion of the social welfare of retirees and maintaining the benefits from the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The efforts of the LRG are directed by the Board of Directors. The Board meets monthly via Zoom at 2:00pm Los Alamos time (Mountain time) on the third Wednesdays of the month so members from any location can participate. If you are interested in serving on the board please contact us.

We are interested in facilitating activities among retirees, reports about activities, remembrances and other topics you would like to see in the Main Gate and encourage contributed articles. Please contact the board and/or attend monthly 1st Tuesday gatherings in Los Alamos. Finally, if you know individuals that meet the criteria for membership in the LRG, please encourage them to join. An application form is available at our website www.lalrg.org and this newsletter.

We were treated to a presentation by our guests Kelly Stewart and Liz Martineau. They described their interactions with the producer, director, and other personnel involved in the production of the upcoming movie “Oppenheimer”. They emphasized that the movie people were “very respectful” of the Historical Societies’ properties. A summary of this presentation and ongoing activities of the Los Alamos County Project Oppenheimer, and the Los Alamos Historical Society are presented in the following two articles.

Project Oppenheimer: The Movie. The Man. The Manhattan Project

At the May 19th annual meeting of the Laboratory Retirees Group, the featured speakers were Los Alamos County’s film liaison Kelly Stewart and Liz Martineau, former executive director for the Los Alamos Historical Society and current manager of the Los Alamos Ambassador Training program. The two were invited to talk about their adventures in working with the “Oppenheimer” movie production beginning in summer 2021 through April 2022.

Ms. Stewart was contacted by a film scout in early winter 2021 to find a large, flat piece of land where the production could build an entire, contained set to film all scenes set in Los Alamos. Unfortunately, there was no vacant parcel that was big enough to fit the bill in the County. That set, complete with the Main Gate, Quonset huts, and dirt roads was built in Abiquiu. However, it was the goal of the County and the Historical Society to ensure that the production would film scenes in the historic buildings where they actually occurred—Fuller Lodge and Oppenheimer House—as well as other historic places throughout the County: the Civilian Women’s Dorm, the United Church, and the Dot Grant Trail.

According to Ms. Martineau, Christopher Nolan began scoping out Los Alamos to be the authentic backdrop for his adaptation of the biography “American Prometheus: the Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer” back in the fall of 2021...simply calling the Los Alamos History Museum to schedule a Historic Walking Tour. He would do this multiple times before directing NBC Universal with the New Mexico Film Office and the local film locations team in December 2021.

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WAC building, picture by L. Bucklin

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Ms. Martineau was one of five members of the Los Alamos Historical Society who accompanied Mr. Nolan and principal cast members: Cillian Murphy (Oppenheimer), Matt Damon (Groves), Emily Blunt (Kitty Oppenheimer), and the two sets of twins that played their children, Peter and Toni Oppenheimer.

After Ms. Stewart facilitated the film locations agreement between the County and NBC Universal, she was the primary liaison between the local locations team hired by NBCU and the County departments that managed the County-owned facilities and services used for staging, filming, storing, parking, feeding, transporting, costuming, and/or doing hair & make-up for the crew, cast, and director. NBCU is one of the last few big studios that brought most of their own trailers and equipment that filled one of the Central Park Square parking lots.

Ms. Stewart also worked with a local talent agency to schedule casting calls in Los Alamos. It is estimated that more than half of the 400 extras on the film are Los Alamos residents, includ-

ing several scientists and engineers from Los Alamos National Laboratory who favorably impressed the director between scenes with intellectual views on “American Prometheus,” the Manhattan Project and current events.

The Oppenheimer House had just been transferred to the Los Alamos Historical Society when filming began [see *further discussion in the following article*]. NBCU conducted an engineering study that led to the production paying for temporary foundation support to ensure safety during filming in the living room and dining area. Even so, only the cinematographer, director, and actors were allowed on set during filming at the location. This was conducive to director Nolan’s preference for closed sets. The only scene that was open to the public was the filming of the “E” Awards Ceremony on the patio at Fuller Lodge. The public was allowed to post up around the lawn to watch Matt Damon as Groves present the award to Cillian Murphy as Oppenheimer, while Emily Blunt as Kitty Oppenheimer and actors Jack Quaid and Josh Peck looked on.

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Director Nolan used a combination of IMAX 65mm and 65mm large-format film—including, for the first time, sections in IMAX black-and-white analog photography. Like his previous works, Nolan used extensive practical effects and minimal computer-generated imagery. Ms. Stewart noted that she was able to hear the ticking of the film camera between takes just before the director called action. Nolan and his staff conducted extensive research with Los Alamos Historical Society archives, using historical photos to guide set design and he personally oversaw prop selection and placement.

For a time, Nolan considered removing (and later replacing) the flagpole outside Fuller Lodge because it was not present during the Manhattan Project. Ultimately, the crew used a scissor lift to erect a series of black tarp squares to cover the flagpole instead.

Ms. Stewart recounted that 30 minutes before a night scene showing Cillian Murphy walking toward the patio into Fuller Lodge was to start, Nolan decided to shoot it facing south toward Central Avenue. Even though the scene would be shot at night, he wanted to ensure that no perceptible outlines of the modern buildings or streets that did not exist during the Manhattan Project could be seen. The film crew stationed six scissor lifts holding large tarps along the sidewalk on Central Avenue to mask the street and the buildings behind and Manhattan Project-era cars were parked on the south side of the lawn. Concurrently, the locations team assembled Stewart and the senior planner at the time who called in the Parks Division to help the crew park the period vehicles in areas that would not impact the sprinkler system.

Historic preservation practices were required and supervised by the County's Planning and Facilities divisions at Fuller Lodge, the Oppenheimer House, and the Civilian Women's Dorm. Because filming took place before the County was able to conduct a full study of the Women's Dorm, the production was not allowed to paint the wood mullions of the windows and doors, so the set design crew constructed a mirror wall in-

side the room during filming that was later removed.

LRG members can look for Los Alamos locations featured in the movie trailers that are being shown worldwide. In addition to the E Awards ceremony, the exterior patio is shown in the night scene referenced above where "Oppenheimer" and other fellow scientists make their way to a holiday party in Fuller Lodge—one of at least two "party" scenes filmed in the Pajarito Room. Many, if not all, of the scenes shown in Lab offices and at least one Oppenheimer lecture, were filmed in the Women's Civilian Dorm. An important gadget construction scene was filmed in the meeting room of the United Church, and a scene showing "Oppie" and his brother on horseback then camping in the rain was shot at the Dot Grant Trail off of Range Road near Guaje Pines cemetery.

The worldwide release of *Oppenheimer* is July 21, but Los Alamos County has been working with its partners at the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation, Los Alamos Historical Society, the Manhattan Project National Historical Park (MAPR), and MAPR @ LANL to rally the community, businesses, and regional and national attractions and organizations to prepare programming and experiences for the anticipated increase in visitors with "Project Oppenheimer: The Movie. The Man. The Manhattan Project." This effort has amassed more than 150 "Team Oppie" members, new events and programs, and a website: lacnm.com/projectopp — a calendar of events & lacnm.com/oppie — a resource website

Other information of interest:

Smithsonian Magazine article titled — An Exclusive Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Los Alamos Lab Where J. Robert Oppenheimer Created the Atomic Bomb (History | Jul/Aug 2023) <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/exclusive-behind-scenes-look-los-alamos-lab-where-robert-oppenheimer-created-atomic-bomb-180982336/>

The Los Alamos Historical Society at Work

By Kaity Burke

The Robert Oppenheimer and Leslie Groves statues on Central Avenue have witnessed town parties, parades, first time visitors, kids going to art camp, and many day-to-day events. I remember them suddenly appearing during my childhood, and I used to wave to them when I went by. Not many people know the history around the statues and their smaller doppelgangers that



One can only imagine what Oppie and the general are discussing here from their permanent positions in the center of town, much changed from Manhattan Project days.

are spread across several states. It began with Nancy Bartlit, former Los Alamos Historical Society president and former County Councilor, and her idea of a project in 2003. A committee was formed in 2009 to develop and oversee a masterplan to design and implement Nancy's idea further. The plan was to create 18 different statues that would feature historic figures from across 5 eras in Los Alamos' history. They would have been placed along Central Avenue between the Bradbury Science Museum, the Los Alamos Historical Museum, and Bathtub Row, with one being placed in Santa Fe. The statues would have represented Dorothy McKibbin, Norris Bradbury, Peggy Pond Church, Stan Ulam, and others. The Oppenheimer and Groves statues were funded in 2010 and created by Susanne Vertel, a sculpture artist in Santa Fe. The statues of Oppenheimer and Groves were the first to be made and were unveiled to the public in 2011. However, the remaining 16 statues weren't made because a bronze sculpture was estimated to cost between

\$60,000 to \$80,000. The total price was expected to be between \$1-1.5 million dollars.

For many years, the History Museum has offered smaller versions of the Oppenheimer and Groves statues, also made by Susanne Vertel. These little statues are for sale in the gift shop for \$5,000 each. According to our records and previous employee recollections, only a few have been made; 5 Groves and 6 Oppenheimers. The set of little statues that are for sale in the History Museum gift shop were donated by a local couple for the Historical Society to use for fundraising purposes.

Located in the Guest Cottage building north of Fuller Lodge, the Los Alamos History Museum opened its doors to the public for the first time on July 28th, 1968. To date it is the oldest continually used building in Los Alamos. Our archives date the building to 1918 when it was the residence for the nurse and matron at Los Alamos Ranch School, Genevieve Ranger. It started as a small log cabin and was also used as the school's infirmary. Two rooms were added to the Guest Cottage in 1925

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These smaller statues were gifted to the Historical Society by Eldon and Carolyn Linnebur. They are for sale.



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Todd Nickols, newly appointed Executive Director of the Los Alamos Historical Society over sees the careful preservation of local artifacts and their place in history.



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and then it was used to house the visiting parents of Ranch School students and other distinguished guests. The house was added onto again later that year when John Gaw Meem designed the stone-walled additions to the building. The house was continuously used for this purpose until late 1942 when the Manhattan Project took over the Los Alamos Ranch School. It upheld its duties for the duration of the war and for a short while after. General Groves would reserve a room at the Guest Cottage for his frequent visits to the Hill, and Robert Oppenheimer stayed there during his visit back to Los Alamos in 1946.

When Fuller Lodge was converted into a hotel, the Guest Cottage became the residence for the hotel manager, Robert Martin, and his family. The building remained under the government's ownership after The Lodge hotel closed in 1966 and the Martin family moved out. It was empty until Los Alamos County, in cooperation with the Historical Society, turned it into the town's History Museum. After acquiring a national charter in September of 1967, the Historical Society was led by Mrs. Cleo Byers and a small group of people. Their focus and purpose was to "encourage in every possible way an appreciation of the history and heritage of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and the surrounding area by collecting, recording and preserving its history". And that's exactly what we have done for 55 years.

The Historical Society started as a small organization, but it received great support from the community. Our first Curator was Fred Worman, a Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, (LASL) archaeologist. Some of our first donations came from longtime residents such as Homer Pickens, who donated a wolf skin and a homemade sleigh, and Robert Martin, who donated his personal collection of photographs of the early days of the Manhattan Project. Efforts to improve the Museum and the surrounding area began immediately. Fred Worman worked with County employees to clear away brush to make the Ancestral Puebloan Site (just east of Bathtub Row) presentable, and Waterman Inc. supplied a much-needed foundation for half of the Cottage. The Museum operated until 2015 when a renovation

was conducted by the county and reopened again in late 2016. The Guest Cottage is still owned by the County and is leased to the History Museum.

In 2003, an amazing opportunity arose for the Historical Society to acquire an historic property. Bergen (Jerry) and Helene Suydam, the couple residing in the house that was used as the Oppenheimer family residence during World War Two, offered to transfer the title of the house to the Historical Society in 2003. The agreement included a deferred sum and the understanding that Jerry and Helene would be allowed to reside in the house for as long as they wanted. A few years later, they graciously forgave the deferred debt. Jerry passed away in 2011, and Helene lived in the house until her passing in 2020. The Historical Society handled her estate (in the middle of the pandemic) and has been fundraising for 2 years. We are currently trying to raise \$2 million dollars to complete the needed restoration of the house before we can open it as part of our Museum campus.

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Author, Kaity Burke posing here in front of the Oppenheimer House wears two hats: she is a student at UNM online majoring in archeology and chemistry, planning to extend her studies into nuclear chemistry. She also works at the Los Alamos History Museum, where Executive Director of the Los Alamos Historical Society, Todd Nickols, assigned her the task of writing this article for the Main Gate. She spent time in the archives researching both the history of the museum and the creation of the iconic Oppenheimer/ Groves statues on Central Street by Fuller Lodge Her article is timely with the interest this summer in the movie, Oppenheimer, to be released on July 21, 2023. Kaity was born and raised in Los Alamos. Photos by Joyce Wolff

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The Historical Society's second acquisition was the Hans Bethe House, which is located at 1350 Bathtub Row. It was built in 1931 for Fred Rousseau, the business manager for the Los Alamos Ranch School, and his wife Edna. This dwelling had been used as a residence for several different families until 2011 when the owner retired and moved out. The owner's son had just completed a renovation on the building when, in winter of 2012, the 80-year-old furnace failed. This led to the pipes in the house freezing and bursting.

Much of the interior of the building was ruined, so the son was going to sell the house 'as is' at a reduced price. The Historical Society was given 6 months to raise the funds to purchase the house. Generous benefactors, a couple living in Southern California, purchased the house and donated it to the Historical Society in 2014. They included \$130,000 for the repairs and \$100,000 for the exhibits of the Harold Agnew Cold War Gallery, located in the Hans Bethe House.



The Bethe House on Bathtub Row seen from the north.

Tidbits

The locations of the little statues of Oppenheimer and Groves are:

one pair for sale in the History Museum Gift Shop,

one pair was purchased by a couple in town,

one pair was gifted to the Suydams,

one pair was gifted to the benefactors in Southern California,

an Oppenheimer was purchased for a friend of the couple in Southern California, and

an Oppenheimer is in the archives.

It is unknown where one of the Groves went.

The Guest Cottage is still being leased to the History Museum.

The Oppenheimer House was used by Christopher Nolan for his upcoming film about Robert Oppenheimer. Universal Studios, the distribution company for the film, donated many pieces of furniture that were used in the Oppenheimer house and on sets throughout the movie.



This lovely memorial graces the garden of the Bethe House. The names of those who provided initial and critical funding to the History is Here campaign are acknowledged. Their farsighted contributions will sustain education and collaboration with the Manhattan Project National Park.

Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) 25th Anniversary & 2023 Workforce Retiree Scholarship

The Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with an event at the Governor's Mansion to honor past and current LAESF Advisory Committee members. Many former LAESF members are now LANL retirees who continue to support the scholarship fund. Among the 30 unique LAESF scholarships administered by the LANL Foundation is the **LANL Workforce Retirees' Endowed Scholarship Fund**.

This endowment became fully funded in 2018 and continues to grow from contributions made primarily by LANL retirees. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships for students pursuing degrees critical to the needs of the Laboratory and the region. Recipients of this prestigious scholarship demonstrate excellence in academic achievement, with a preference for students who are pursuing STEM degrees.

This year's LANL Workforce Retiree Scholarship recipient is Nathan Oswald. Nathan recently completed an associate's degree in Pre-Science at UNM Taos and plans to continue at New Mexico Highlands University this fall to earn a bachelor's degree in environmental geology with a focus in water resource management.

"I am hopeful that this level of education and my current work history and experience as a BLM River Ranger will allow me to find a career position as a natural resource manager with a federal or state agency. These career and education choices are the result of my twenty-year career as an outdoors guide, and my recent work as a river ranger on the Rio Grande and Chama. My experiences in the field, classroom, and office have impressed upon me the serious need for dedicated and competent public servants to bring diligence, passion, and special local knowledge to the public lands managed. I am committed to conserving and protecting the public land which has so greatly benefitted me over the course of my life."

Nathan is an active member of the Taos Search and Rescue swift water team where he is a training officer and mentor to junior members and a coordinating member between the Team

and BLM Taos office. He is also volunteer docent at the Millicent Rogers museum. Nathan is a non-traditional student who is employed full time while enrolled in college and will be a first-generation college graduate.



*Nathan Oswald
LAESF Workforce Retiree Scholarship recipient*

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the LANL Workforce Retirees' Fund. This scholarship is made possible through your generous ongoing support. If you would like to help us grow this scholarship and serve more students like Nathan, visit the LANL Foundation website at <https://lanlfoundation.org/donate/>.

You can donate online to the LANL Workforce Retirees' Endowed Scholarship Fund or you can download a pledge form, indicate the amount you would like to contribute, and mail it along with a check to the LANL Foundation.

For more information or assistance, contact Mike Ammerman, Scholarship Program Director, at mike@lanlfoundation.org, or call 505-795-3778

Laboratory Retiree Benefits websites & resources:

Empyrean: 1-844-805-0002, www.lanlbenefits.com
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico: 1-877-878-5265, www.bcbsnm.com/lanl
BCBS Behavioral Health Unit 1-888-898-0070
Express Scripts: 1-800-838-4590, www.express-scripts.com
Delta Dental of New Mexico: 1-877-395-9420, www.deltadentalnm.com
Davis Vision: 1-800-999-5431, www.davisvision.com/members
ARAG Legal: 1-800-247-4184, www.araglegal.com
Access code: 14822lal
Medicare: 1-800-MEDICARE or 1-800-633-4427, www.medicare.gov
Laboratory Retiree Group www.lalrg.org
LANL Pension Center for LANS/Triad defined pension plan,
TCP1 pensions, AonHewitt: 1-866-370-7301,
<https://pension.hewitt.com/losalamos>
University of California Retirement Plan, UC Retirement Administration Service Center at UCnet:
1-866-682-7787
<https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/contacts/rasc.html>
California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPers):
1-888-225-7377, <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/retirees>
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program:
1-866-888-3322, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/owcp/energy>
<https://www.energy.gov/ehss/energy-employees-occupational-illness-compensation-program>

LRG News

David Schiferl — acting LRG President for July 1 to December 31, 2023!

Morris Pongratz — acting LRG Vice President as of July 1 to December 31, 2023,
then acting President for the following 6 months!

Leigh House: thank you for his service handling necessary document submissions for the LRG &
leading reviews of the LRG By-Laws!

Treasurer Sheila Girard explains that the address label on your Main Gate indicates your dues
status. The date on the label indicates the date for which your dues have been paid.

Laboratory Retiree Group Directory As a service to current LRG members the LRG Directory,
mailed each February, contains the names and available information for every present and past
LRG member, whether that member is in good standing or not. Some listed in the Directory have
passed away or experienced life changing events: marriage or change of contact information. It's
important to update your profile with the LRG so we can better serve you. Or if you know of a life
change of a fellow retiree in the Directory please update us. Information update form is on page 13.

An Annual Meeting is typically held in May of each year for all members who wish to attend, either
on Zoom or possibly in person with lunch provided (see future announcements, cards & emails)

**LRG Board meetings are held on the
third Wednesday of each month,
hosted by Dave Schiferl
on Zoom**

We will continue to meet on Zoom
until further notice.
Please contact us if you are interested in
attending.

First Tuesday Breakfasts have resumed.
LRG members and guests who are fully vaccinated are
welcome. Coffee is provided by the LRG.



**Morning Glory Restaurant
1377 Diamond Drive
8:30—10:30**

Location is subject to change

“Oppenheimer” movie release is coming soon, and interest continues to develop

From an announcement published in the LA Daily Post on February 13, 2023:

Registration is opening for public tours of Manhattan Project National Historic Park, with a second set of tours scheduled for October 18 & 19

Admission is free, but spots are limited.

Register Now for Behind-the-Fence Tours | Manhattan Project National Historical Park

<https://about.lanl.gov/history-innovation/mapr/behind-the-fence-tours/>

These “behind-the-fence” tours are hosted by the Laboratory in collaboration with the Los Alamos Field Office of the Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration and the National Park Service.

As an active national security laboratory, LANL has specific entry requirements for visitors. Details will be provided to registrants; compliance is necessary to avoid being turned away from the tour.

On Los Alamos National Laboratory property, participants will see and learn about the original Pond Cabin, which served as an office for physicist Emilio Segrè’s Radioactivity Group; a battleship bunker that protected staff during explosives testing; and the site of Louis Slotin’s deadly criticality accident.

Information, history, & personal reminisces: If the Main Gate newsletter generates thoughts and/or a writeup that is of interest, please send it to us at maingate@lalrg.org

Historic photographs note: if you have photograph collections, please consider donating them to the Los Alamos History Archives www.losalamoshistory.org & archives@losalamoshistory.org

Stay Informed

A list of resources on page 13 can keep you informed of happenings in Los Alamos, in the LANL Community, and more broadly.

Additional websites that are full of information include

LANL Bradbury Museum website, lanl.gov/museum

National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas, NV nationalatomictestingmuseum.org

Manhattan Project National Historic Park www.nps.gov/mapr/index.htm

Project Oppenheimer resources lacnm.com/oppie

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