

TWO IBEW MEMBERS RECEIVE MIELKE AWARDS FROM PG&E

Two members of IBEW Local 1245 were awarded PG&E's Frederick W. Mielke, Jr. Award for Outstanding Community Service during a ceremony Nov. 19 in San Francisco.

Nancy Avilla, First Hydro Clerk in Power Generation at Auburn, was recognized for her volunteer work on the Barbara Schmidt Millar women's triathlon, which raises funds to provide free mammograms at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital's Breast Imaging Center.

Avilla competes, is a member of the Steering Committee, recruits, coordinates and trains volunteers, solicits sponsors, processes applications, directs race day registrations and helped create the event Web site.

A portion of the proceeds goes toward scholarships for female high school graduates pursuing healthcare careers.

In accepting her award, Avilla said the most fulfilling reason for her to volunteer "is to promote health and well-being in the community I live in."



PG&E Chairman Peter Darbee, center, congratulates Nancy Avilla, left, and Gino Rinaldi.

Gino Rinaldi, a Cable Splicer in the Electric Underground Department in San Francisco, was honored for 13 years of volunteer work with the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. In addition to being vice president of the Foundation's board, he sponsors poker tournaments, pancake breakfasts and other fundraisers to help support the Foundation's camps and activities for burn victims.

Rinaldi, who once suffered serious burns himself in a job-related accident, has served as a counselor and peer supporter for PG&E employees and others who have experienced fire-related injuries. Rinaldi said his commitment is to support the Foundation "for as long as I can and bring hope and happiness to burn survivors of all ages."

Local 1245 congratulates Sister Nancy Avilla and Brother Gino Rinaldi on their well-deserved award.