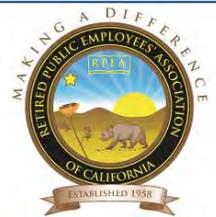




The Camellia
Retired Public Employees' Association
Area VII -Sacramento, California
Chapter 004 Newsletter

We are active and retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our earned retirement, medical and other benefits.



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NOTICE!!!!

The next meeting of the Chapter 004 Board of Directors will be held at 10:00 a.m., JANUARY 16, 2019 at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd. Change of date necessary due to scheduling conflict by the Casa. Please mark your calendars for this change.

Presidents Message - Roxanne Woodward

Happy holidays. Chapter 004 celebrated the closing of another year and the upcoming holidays at Cattlemen's on December 11th. We were pleased to have both J. J. Jelincic and Margaret Brown join us. We enjoyed the comradery, good grub, and raffle prizes. Many thanks go to Sheryl Zazzi for arranging our holiday party!

Recognition awards were presented to two long standing chapter members. Al Darby was recognized for his outstanding leadership and for bringing AMBIA to our Association. Patricia Fuller, our Membership Chair, was recognized for her commitment to membership which is the backbone of any organization. Thank you both for your continued service and dedication to furthering the mission of RPEA in the interest of all members.

As we reflect on this past year, we had our sad time with the passing of George Linn. In the spirit of keeping his challenge alive, invite someone you know to join RPEA! Together we can grow our Association. Up times included GA (elections and resolutions) and the good news that our membership continues to grow.

We will continue to meet at the Casa Garden Restaurant in the coming year. Our next General Meeting is in February and our Program Chair, Diane Buffington, is arranging a guest speaker. We hope to see you there. In addition, please note the date change of our January Board meeting to **January 16, 2019**.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year!

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Members Gwen Jackson and Penny Felix enjoying our holiday festivities.

More photos inside.

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Johnnie Young-Craig and Al Darby soaking up holiday spirit.

Editor's Note: Delay in delivery of this newsletter is because we wanted to include photos from our Christmas luncheon. Also with the Christmas holidays, our print shop is closed for the school vacation. Our next issue will be more timely.

Lunch is \$5.00 to members and \$10.00 to guests for all Chapter lunches except

Spring Luncheon and Christmas Luncheon

Members in good standing may attend all meetings. Please reserve your spot.

Failure to make a reservation may result in no lunch available and failure to appear and not cancel a reservation will result in a \$10.00 charge.

To reserve or cancel, contact **Nadie Savage** at savagelouise1948@gmail.com or call (916) 495-2742 by Friday before each meeting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RPEA CHAP. 004

MEETINGS

Sacramento, Yolo Areas
Second Wednesday
of each month.

Wed. Jan. 16, 2019

Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Casa Gardens Restaurant
2760 Sutterville Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019

General Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Casa Gardens Restaurant
2760 Sutterville Rd.

Wed. Mar. 13, 2019

Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Casa Gardens Restaurant
2760 Sutterville Rd.

Wednesday, Apr. 10, 2019

Spring Luncheon
Cattlemen's Restaurant
12409 Folsom Blvd.
Rancho Cordova, CA

CHRISTMAS, 2018 LUNCHEON



Virginia Guadiana And Sheryl Zazzi



Sheri Bedal and Carole Canon



Lee and Ted Thatcher



J. J. Jelincic



Chapter 004 Vice President and statewilde Director of Legislation Randy Cheek and wife Gail



Chapter 004 President Roxanne Woodward



President Roxanne presenting a certificate of Appreciation to Al Darby for his work for RPEA



Presentation by President Roxanne to Pat Fuller for her recruitment efforts for RPEA and Chapter 004



A few of the members and guests who recently enjoyed the fine food and companionship at our 2018 Christmas Luncheon. Sadly, only 47 persons opted to participate this year, but we still hold hope that more will see what a great time was had and check for themselves at our next function. With over 1,200 members, we would hope many more will join with us in the events.



At left: Penny Felix



At right: Julie Edul

Phone Scams Abound: How to Protect Yourself

The following is a compilation of two documents from AARP giving information to protect yourself from scam artists.

AARP's expert on fraud and scams, Amy Nofziger, offers advice on how to protect yourself and your family members from scam artists. A stream of questions poured in from people sharing their experiences and asking about various cons. It's clear that these scams are among the most pernicious.

Despite the many ways scammers have to target us these days, the traditional telephone call is still the route of choice for criminals. The Federal Trade Commission says that the telephone was the method of contact for 70 of reported scam complaints last year. Here are the phone scams our Fraud Watch Helpline trained volunteers hear about most often:

> **“I received a call from 360-203-0375 claiming to be from the IRS and telling me I owed back taxes. It was a recorded message. Knowing I did not owe back taxes, I hung up!!!”**

Nofziger replied: “That’s the perfect response! HANG UP! Great job staying safe.” If the phone rings and you pick up and no one responds, “sometimes this can be a phone call coming from a call center that uses technology called predictive dialing. It autodialers hundreds of people at the same time, and whoever picks the phone up first gets the operator and all the other calls drop off. Could be confirmation of a real number ... but this is possible as well. My best advice, unless people know who is calling, don’t pick up the phone. I have an app on my phone that warns me when a call comes in, to the legitimacy of the call. These calls all alert me with a ‘scam or fraud’ warning, so I didn’t answer. They did leave a robo-call message threatening my arrest. The IRS does not operate this way. There are many apps in the App Store. Some are free and some cost. A few of the products are [Hiya](#), [Truecaller](#), [PrivacyStar](#) and many others. Find the one that looks best for you by reading through the reviews and knowing which features you want. Also, on your landline, there is a service called [Nomorobo](#) that operates similar blocking services on traditional landlines.»

> The grandchild in a bind:

You get a frantic call from your supposed grandchild who's in a jam (pulled over for drunk driving, car accident, in jail, or some such fiasco) and they need you to wire money immediately, and they beg you not to tell

anyone. These calls are emotionally devastating - and most likely fake. It's OK to hang up and call the grandchild or another family member to find out if this is a legitimate emergency.

> **“A computer company called to say I had a virus on my computer.”**

Nofziger replied: “Computer companies don’t proactively reach out to consumers to let them know about a potential virus on consumers’ computers. If anyone calls asking to remote access into your computer, hang up. If you receive a pop-up on your screen telling you that there is a virus and you need to call a phone number, click out of the box. Or you may even have to ‘hard shutdown’ your system to get it to go away. But don’t call the number or click on any links. Never give personal or financial information to anyone who calls you, nor pay for any services like this, in prepaid gift cards.”

> **“I constantly receive calls claiming to be a clearinghouse stating I have won millions of dollars and I have only a few hours to go to a Western Union to pay my fees and taxes, which always amounts to over \$1,000 to have my prize delivered. When I ask how come that isn’t taken out of the prize money, they always have a reason. I would then ask for a number to verify. They give an 800 number, but I never call. I can tell it is a scam because I should not have to pay money up front for a winning. Is this correct?”**

Nofziger replied: “Yes, those are 100 percent scams. They will come up with any excuse to get you to pay them. I’ve worked with victims who have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in these scams. Next time they call, if you know it’s them, do not answer your phone. If you pick up and they try to talk, tell them you know it’s a scam and hang up the phone. Do not engage, and make sure to not give them any personal or financial information.”

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