



**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
YREKA CHAPTER #037**

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Newsletter Editor: Vel Singewald

**CHAPTER #37 Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at Poor George's Restaurant Banquet Room, Corner of Main & Miner Street, Yreka, Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m. , General Meeting and Lunch at 11:30 a.m.**

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**PROGRAM**

**Madrone Hospice**

**Chapter 37 annual Holiday Dinner was held on December 12, 2017 at the Red Barn**

A delicious ham dinner was served by Freddie Simas and her sister, with homemade desserts. Members and guests enjoyed Christmas music

provided by Pastor Dave. A good time was had by all, maybe next year more members will join us at this festive event.

**A Message from RPEA President Al Darby To Members Affected by the California Wildfires**

**ATTENTION RPEA MEMBERS!**

**The Retired Public Employees' Association of California (RPEA) assures our members that RPEA Chapter 074-PARADISE is still in existence.**

We encourage members who have relocated from the Paradise area and displaced members of the Woolsey fire to please contact the RPEA Headquarters Office at 800-443-7732 and give us your updated contact information—cell phone number, e-mail address; and, if established, new street address—so we can let you know when the chapter has a new meeting location, date and time. In addition, RPEA will try to keep you informed of any developments that might help in your recovery effort. All Southern California Chapters still exist.

We are sorry for your loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have asked all other RPEA members to donate to appropriate charities and dedicate their donation to the fire victims. Southern California victims should call FEMA at 800-621-3362 for assistance.

**Please forward this to anyone who may benefit from this information.**

On behalf of CalPERS, our hearts are with those who have suffered during this tragic event as well as safety personnel who are working diligently around the clock to rescue and protect the victims of the Camp Fire. It is our honor and privilege to serve those who serve California.

Sincerely,

**Jamie Pope**

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**Taken in part From AARP – Money - Scams & Fraud – Identity Theft – The Perfect Scam**

**A New Breed of Con Artists**

**Today's scammers are on the phone, at your door and online.**

By Joe Kita, [AARP Bulletin](#), January/February 2016

According to a survey by [True Link Financial](#), older Americans are criminally defrauded of \$12.76 billion annually. This includes identity theft and all those crazy scams you hear about but smugly think will never work on you. Do you consider yourself friendly? Thrifty? Financially sophisticated? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then according to that same survey you are more likely to be defrauded because you may give strangers the benefit of the doubt, are more enticed by bargains and are comfortable moving larger amounts of money around.

**How Scammers Find You**

Ever wonder how scammers get your phone number, address or email? Is it random or is there science to the targeting? Experts say it's both.

AARP Fraud Watch Network Ambassador Frank W. Abagnale, a long time FBI consultant whose early life as a con artist was portrayed in the film "Catch Me If You Can," equates it with playing roulette. Sometimes your unlucky number just comes up. But AARP Foundation's Amy Nofziger, who has degrees in criminology and sociology, cites three additional reasons.

1. **Data purchases.** "Scammers buy phone numbers from companies that sell data," she explains. "They'll use the same methods legitimate marketing companies do, but for nefarious purposes."

2. **Con artists network.** "If you've been a victim of a fraud or scam, you're put on a so-called sucker list," Nofziger says. "The lists are bought, sold, traded and stolen among scammers because they're perceived as potential gold mines. Scammers will usually target the victims with a 'recovery' or 'reload' scam. They pretend to be from a consumer group or law enforcement agency and trick you into thinking they'll help get your money back — for a fee."

3. **Volunteered info.** This is personal info you willingly divulge by entering giveaways and sweepstakes, or when filling out surveys. "Scammers use all this to create profiles for who they want to target," Nofziger says. "Often they'll target older adults, who they perceive as holding the majority of wealth in this country."

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## SUNSHINE

**Sunshine: Vel Singewald:** If anyone knows of a member's illness, or the death of a member, please let me know at email [velzpilot@yahoo.com](mailto:velzpilot@yahoo.com) or (530)842-5453

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**RPEA Yreka Chapter 37 Meetings for 2019**

Poor George's Restaurant Banquet Room, Corner of Main and Miner Sts,  
Yreka, CA

January 16, March 20, May 15, July 17, September 18, November 20

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