



May 2018

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

Newsletter Editor: Vel Singewald

CHAPTER #37 Meeting: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 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.

Chapter Officers

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Area II Director: George Otterbeck	
Board Members: Lyda Teasley	
Mark Fischer	

PROGRAM

**Brandon Bethea, Marketing Manager
Rain Rock Casino**

Minutes of Chapter Meeting March 21, 2018

Dan Morgan, Chapter President, called meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. with Vel Singewald leading the flag salute.

Chris Wheeler, Siskiyou County Public Health Department, offered a program on disaster preparedness. The three pillars of preparedness are emergency kits, action plan and communication/information. Two types of emergency kits are shelter in place (for two weeks) and go-bags (for three days).

Royce Fischer, Chapter Vice President, re-convened the meeting at 12:40 p.m. and reported all officers present. Minutes of January 17, 2018, meeting were read and unanimously approved. Freddie Simas, Chapter Treasurer, read her report.

George Otterbeck, Area II Director, advised that legislation is covered in the Association newsletter. Revised chapter by-laws are being reviewed by Ernie Sandoval.

New Business: It was suggested that the weather in July would be too hot for a picnic, postponement until September would be desirable. It was moved by Vel, seconded by Lyda and unanimously approved that our picnic be held in September at Freddie's backyard and to be a potluck affair. Lyda suggested the July meeting be a pizza party at Round Table Pizza, followed by a short business meeting. Vel will go to Round Table Pizza and reserve the date of Wednesday, July 18th for our party. It was agreed our regular meeting be held in November, followed by a Christmas party in December.

Mary Bates agreed to contact South Siskiyou County members in an attempt to increase meeting attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Dave Gravenkamp, Secretary

From George Otterbeck

JUST A HEADS UP - WE NEED TO REMAIN ALERT !!

SCAM

Starting 4/1/18 Medicare will start a year-long project to replace all current Medicare cards for beneficiaries to convert to alphanumeric ID numbers. Currently, the ID number is your social security number.

Just a heads up that there is a scam going around involving the new Medicare Cards coming out in April. Pass it along. It might come in handy to know Medicare will never call you on the phone.

It is true that the new cards will be sent out from April 2018 to April 2019. Medicare has also warned on scams. They do not charge for cards or want your personal information over the phone.

Here's what you need to know to protect yourself, family and friends, throughout the US.

First of all the new Medicare card will come to you in the mail. You don't need to request it or do anything. It will show up.

WHAT'S THE SCAM?

Somebody from "MEDICARE " will call to tell you-you are getting a new Medicare card. But until it comes you will need a temporary card. Fee for the card is between \$5-50 dollars. They want personal information, bank account or credit card so they can process your temporary card.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Medicare will never call you unless you ask them to.

Medicare does all communications by mail unless you ask them to call.

Ditto for anybody saying they "work with Medicare to make sure you get everything you are entitled to".

Scammer alert

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THIS ONE?

First of all, spread the word. Feel free to share these notes.

Use your answering machine to screen calls or just don't even answer a number you don't recognize.

From George Otterbeck, Area II Director: One thing we can all agree on, life is dynamic and always changing.

Nancy and I, while visiting family in the Bremerton/Seattle area, were unexpectedly provided with an opportunity to acquire a home up there. We had been discussing moving closer to the family for the last year and a half. Now it will be a reality. Escrow will close on the home May 25th. We will be boxing, cleaning, etc. furiously for the next several weeks; preparing the house for sale and

all the other miscellaneous things one does to prepare to leave a community that they have spent the last 18 years in.

I have submitted my resignation letter to President George Linn, indicating that I would continue to handle Area Director responsibilities until a new one was found or June 15th, if that was agreeable.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with all my chapters and the individuals within them. You are a great bunch of people. I will continue to follow RPEA's battles from afar but must give up my current duties.

It is my hope to attend all the Chapter meetings in May and June and tell all at the individual meetings of our decision.

Thank you all for your friendship and assistance over the years.

George Otterbeck

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 or (530)842-5453

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

RPEA Yreka Chapter 37 Meetings for 2018

Poor George's Restaurant Banquet Room
Corner of Main & Miner Street, Yreka

Next meeting: July 18 (Pizza Party at Round Table Pizza), September 19 (Backyard Potluck), and November 21, 2018

ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Those that prefer the printed version need take no action & will continue to get it.