



Gold and Silver News
Retired Public Employees' Association of California
Area VII -Reno, Nevada
Chapter 095 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello,
I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. I'm looking forward to a great fall luncheon in Carson at Grandma Hatties.

Laura M. Tucker, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Nevada, Bureau of Consumer Protection, will be the guest speaker. It should be a very informative presentation. Please plan to attend if you are in the Carson, Reno

or Sparks area on October 12, 2016.

Clarice French and I participated in the Reno Senior Fest, on Tuesday September 5th, we met and spoke with many people and garnered a list of 14 possible new members.

I hope a few of them decide to become part of our group. Hope that many of you can attend the October meeting.

Regards,

Nancy Jorgensen, President

CHAPTER 095 MEETING, AUGUST 1, 2016

Attendance: Clarice French, Roseanne Farmer, Nancy Jorgensen, John Jorgensen, Pat Schendel, Rich Schendel, James Bosch, Pete Harding, William Armstrong, Diane Armstrong, Cynthia Meyers, LaVonne Blackstone, Susie Piasecki

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone introduced themselves

Old Business: None

Speaker: Washoe County Deputy Jeff McCaskill spoke about home security. He talked about door to door solicitors. If we put a "No Solicitors" sign on the front door, we can call the Sheriff if solicitors ignore the sign. Solicitors must have a business license and a Solicitor Permit. If they don't have the paperwork, we can call the Sheriff for this violation.

We should do an inspection of our homes to find any security weak spots. Usually, they are the front and garage doors. Install alarm/security camera systems. Lock up valuables in safes. Remove ladders from yards. Request a vacation house watch from the Sheriff's Office. Organize a Neighborhood Watch. Place a

"No Trespassing" sign at the front gate. If anyone enters the property without permission, call the Sheriff.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance on 06-07-16: \$6420.08

Deposits of Chapter dues: \$182.12

Disbursements for lunch, newsletters and Senior Fest: \$783.23

Ending balance on 07-26-16: \$5818.97

Nancy and Clarice attended General Assembly in July in Sacramento. Nancy passed out new CalPERS information.

The annual Senior Fest will be held Tuesday September 6, 2016 in Reno. Nancy will be at the table. All seniors are encouraged to attend.

Gloria resigned from the Chapter Vice President position, so this position is open again. Duties include: attending meetings, filling in for President at meetings as needed, finding speakers for meetings.

Our next meeting is Wednesday October 12th at Grandma Hattie's in Carson City.

Meeting adjourned.

Roseanne Farmer/Secretary Treasurer

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 2016

The 2016 General Assembly completed business early on July 28. The new officers were installed and it is back to business as usual.

Some important things to note from this assembly:

- ✓ The resolution to hold General Assembly every 4 years failed to pass. GA will continue to be held every 2 years.
- ✓ The resolution to change the disposition of Chapter funds of failed/failing chapters did not pass. Funds will remain with the members and be transferred to the receiving chapter to continue to service those members.
- ✓ The motion to eliminate the Director of Member Services passed. This position has been vacant for the past 2 years and the majority of duties assigned to the director have been being performed by our Vice President. The Member Services committee remains.
- ✓ A motion to establish an Executive Committee of 5 members of the Board of Directors has failed. This was an attempt to help expedite day-to-day needs of the Association that would require action by the Board of Directors, but the assembly decided that teleconference meetings would serve the same purpose, so voted against the proposal.
- ✓ A resolution to have the members' dues determined by the Board of Directors failed to pass. Dues will continue to be determined by the General Assembly
- ✓ The resolution to allow a transfer of funds to/from the checking and investment accounts with the concurrence of 2 of 3 named officers was approved. This resolution is in the interest of good business practice and money management.
- ✓ A resolution to increase Affiliate member dues to 100% of Active member dues failed to pass. It was felt these affiliate members do not receive 100% of the benefits that active members enjoy, therefore should remain at 50% of the total dues.
- ✓ A resolution to increase membership dues by \$0.50 per month passed. This measure will become effective January 1, 2017 for dues deduction members and upon renewal for cash pay members. This will bring annual dues to \$60 per year for active members and \$30 per year for affiliates.
- ✓ A resolution to set the dues of Chapter Associate members at a maximum amount was approved by the delegates. Chapter Associates can have maximum dues of \$10 annually unless approval is granted by the Board of Directors for a greater amount. Any Chapter currently charging more than \$10 for Chapter Associate dues can continue charging the amount set in their Bylaws, provided those Bylaws have been approved by the State Board of Directors.
- ✓ Resolution HB-1 was withdrawn.
- ✓ Resolution MEM-1 which would allow ALL retired public employees in the state of California to join RPEA as full active members failed to pass. These retired public employees are eligible to join RPEA now as Associate members under the current Bylaws as long as they believe in the mission of the organization. As Associate members they have the same rights and privileges as members who draw their pensions from CalPERS with the exception they cannot hold State-wide offices.

Delegates to this General Assembly enjoyed presentations by Kevin McCarty, a local Assemblyman; and Rob Feckner, President of the CalPERS Board of Directors. A Legislative discussion featuring legislative staff members gave our members an inside view of how the legislative process works and a Health Benefits discussion featuring guests from the health and insurance industries advised members on items related to health and insurance, prescription and pharmacy issues.

MORE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

There is a pattern in residential burglaries where forced entry is being made by shattering rear glass slider doors. It appears the suspect(s) are attempting to avoid activating alarm door sensors by entering through the frame of the door once the glass is broken. There has been an uptick in these types of burglaries. Most of the burglaries are occurring during the late morning or early afternoon hours.

There are a few specific crime prevention measures you can take to prevent this type of forced entry to your home.

There are a number of companies that manufacture a special clear film that can be applied over the glass to add an impact resistant layer. This can help prevent, slow or deter entry. Conduct an online search for "security window film" to find options.

If you don't have an alarm system, it is highly recommended you install one. Most alarm companies offer motion detectors and/or glass break sensors that can be installed in addition to door and window sensors. These are great back up alarm sensors for these types of glass break burglaries.

Surveillance cameras are a great tool for identifying burglars, which often lead to arrests. In addition to placing cameras outside, consider placing them inside your home in strategic locations. Often, the best quality video comes from interior cameras that get closer images of the suspects.

If someone knocks at your door or rings your door bell, be sure to let them know someone is home. If it's a stranger, talk through your door. **DON'T OPEN YOUR DOOR.** Burglars typically target homes where no one is home. They often knock at the door to make sure no one is there, before they find a way to force their way in. If someone ever comes to your door that shouldn't have and you find their activity suspicious, please call your local law enforcement officers. If someone has entered your rear yard or you see the same person going into your neighbor's backyard, it is considered a burglary in progress and ask that you call 911. Please be ready to provide a good description of the suspects and/or vehicle including license plate if possible.

TAKE THESE ITEMS OUT OF YOUR WALLET – NOW.....

The loss or theft of your wallet or purse is very unsettling and can be stressful. We don't need more stress, so these tips are designed to reduce the headache. By carrying only what you need and removing these items from your purse or wallet pronto, you can save yourself from this added annoyance.

- Social Security Card (or anything with your SSN on it): Identity theft springing from a stolen Social Security card is among the most common ways people become victims. With this information, a criminal can open new accounts in your name, work under your name, or create a new driver's license or state ID.
- Birth Certificate: Possibly the only thing more damaging than losing a Social Security card is the loss of a birth certificate. It can be used to get a replacement Social Security card, a passport, a driver's license and many other forms of identification.
- Account and Routing Numbers: In the wrong hands, these numbers can be used by a thief to clean you out, overdraw your account and leave you stuck with the financial loss.
- Password Cheat Sheet: In today's society, we all have several passwords for our various accounts - probably more than we can remember. Writing them all down is a great trick – just don't keep that piece of paper in your wallet!
- Passport: Because it's government issued, your passport can be used to acquire a new Social Security card, driver's license or state ID, loan or credit account.

Source: IDTheftCenter.org

Chapter Meeting Dates - 2016
Keep these dates with your calendar for reference

All meetings are at 11:30 a.m.

October 12, 2016

Grandma Hattie's
2811 So Carson St
Carson City, NV

Speaker: Laura M Tucker

Deputy Attorney General for the
State of Nevada

Bureau of Consumer Protection

December 5, 2016

Denny's
205 E Nugget Ave
Sparks, NV

Speaker: Jim Anderson

Director of Legislation, RPEA

Remember: Lunch is free for members and
potential members - bring a potential member!

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