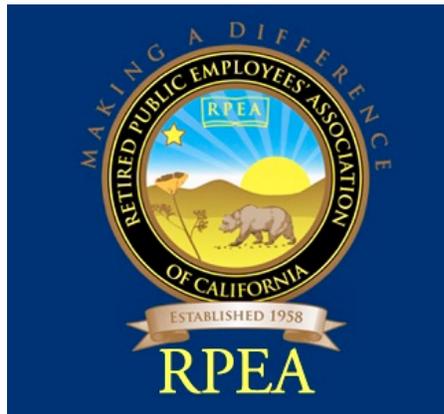


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🌸 Happy Spring 2018 🌸



**RPEA Chapter 096 Meeting Friday April 13, 2018 @ 1 pm  
Jewish Community Center 5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE ABQ, NM**

**Meeting Presentation:** representative of the Albuquerque  
Police Department: how not to be a crime victim.

### CalPERS: Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is a benefit to ensure your value of money at retirement keeps up with the rate of inflation. Typically, this benefit begins the second calendar year of retirement, although the annual rate of inflation and retirement law could affect the onset of your COLA. Under existing retirement law, retirees receive an annual COLA paid in the May 1 warrant each year.

 *Happy Spring Birthdays* : Helen Fuller, Lucy Lopez, Rose Luchau, Evelyn McGarry and Edyth Wilson!

## **You're Retired, So Now What?**

- Oasis ABQ - New Catalog Coming Soon!
- OLLI @ UNM Spring 2018 registration open!
- Albuquerque Little Theatre: “Steel Magnolias” and “The Full Monty”
- Popejoy Hall: “The Book of Mormon” and “Les Miserables”
- Exhibition: DaVinci, the Genius
- 2018 Season - Albuquerque Isotopes Baseball
- Earth Day: 4/22/18 (volunteer, plant a tree, enjoy nature, reduce waste)
- 39th Annual American Indian Week: 4/23/18 - 4/27/18
- Gathering of Nations Pow Wow: 4/26/18 - 4/28/18
- Albuquerque Renaissance Faire: 4/28/18
- 30th Annual Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival: 5/19/18 - 5/20/18
- 14th Annual Native Treasures Art Market: 5/25/18 - 5/27/18
- 24th Annual Mudd Volleyball: 6/2/18

**Retired Public Employees' Association (RPEA)  
Chapter 096 General Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2018**

Present: Larry Sullivan, Martha Hoyt, Lucy Lopez, Evelyn McGarry, Ruth Johnson, Carl Henry, Kat Sullivan, John Richter, Dixie Hanks, Donald Baker, Barbara Desilets, Edyth Wilson, Andy Wilson, Louis Silva, Helen Fuller

- Larry stated business cards for our chapter board positions (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor) are paid by RPEA headquarters
- Evelyn provided community information and the October 13, 2017 general meeting minutes
- Andy asked what is our current membership count; Larry stated 106; discussion about LANL retirees and other potential members
- 2018 RPEA General Assembly will be in September 2018 in Orange, CA; Larry will attend as our area director; Lucy will attend as our chapter delegate and can vote as our chapter representative
- July 2018 chapter general meeting will be at Le Peep restaurant at noon in ABQ (on Louisiana)
- Presentation given by John Richter regarding LANL court cases (“death, taxes and security”; LANL, PRC, DOE; lie detector test is useless; China received LANL intelligence and/or through their own research; “spooks”; violations of the Atomic Energy Act; Tularosa, NM radioactivity; local and global fallout; July 16, 1945 Trinity test; exposure levels); for more information go to: [www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/new-mexicans-claim-cancer-living-legacy-worlds-first-atomic-bomb-test](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/new-mexicans-claim-cancer-living-legacy-worlds-first-atomic-bomb-test)
- Current chapter bank account balance is \$3558.79
- The next chapter 096 general meeting will be on April 13, 2018 at 1 pm at the JCC-ABQ

Respectfully submitted by Evelyn McGarry on 2/22/2018

## LARRY'S CORNER

I look forward to hearing our April guest speaker. The Albuquerque Police Department will be our guest speaker. We expect an interesting program with information on how to not be a crime victim. All information on personal and public safety is universal whether you live in Bernalillo, Santa Fe, Sandoval or Valencia Counties.

The RPEA Board of Directors Meeting on April 30 & May 1, 2018 will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sacramento, CA. We are finalizing the plans for the General Assembly in September.

This month's chapter meeting will be at the Jewish Community Center but our July meeting will be at Le Peep on Louisiana at NOON. We've kept the staff late when we eat at 1 PM so come at Noon in July. I confirmed multiple times that they are expecting us at Noon in the Kimo Room.

I continue to be a very active Area Director. In March I was in Las Vegas, Nevada for RPEA Chapter 099. They fell behind in their chapter financial reporting because one person did too many jobs and then he got sick. We need to try to recruit our replacements.

Anyone interested in going to the General Assembly from our Chapter should give me a call. If we have someone else besides Lucy Lopez from 096 at next year's General Assembly, we'll have an alternate delegate. Our chapter can only have one vote, however.

A ROADMAP TO GROWTH by Jeanie Coffey, Vice President of AMBIA, will be given to our chapter board at the 3/27/18 chapter board meeting. Two copies of her guide to increasing and retaining membership have been distributed to each chapter in Area IX. I have made reading her information mandatory reading by all Area IX Chapter Boards.

AMBIA partners with retiree groups in 37 states. I consider her information to be Best Practices for any organization like ours.

RPEA recently sent out over 60,000 membership applications to prospective new members. About 17% of public employees in California retire out-of-state so we should get some new members in Area IX from the response.

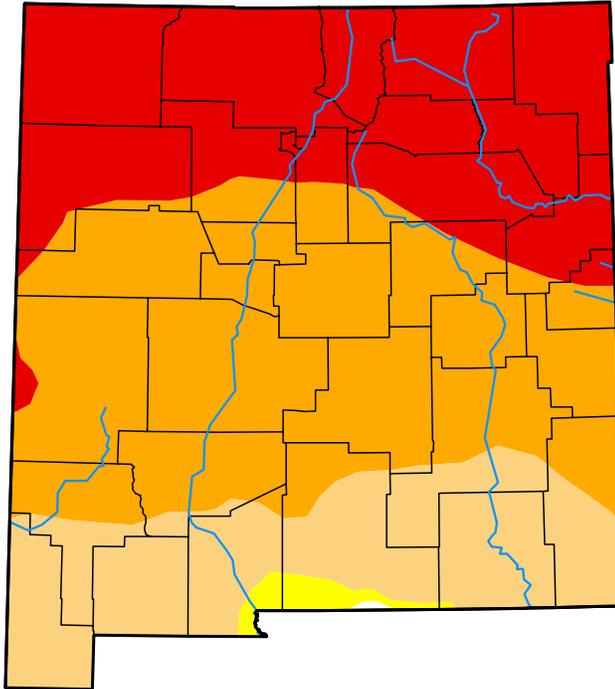
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**U.S. Drought Monitor**  
**New Mexico**

**March 27, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 29, 2018)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



***Intensity:***

-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

***Author:***

Chris Fenimore  
NCEI/NESDIS/NOAA



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

Parking in tall grass or shrubs can start fires because the hot catalytic converter comes into contact with dry plant materials. Dry, windy conditions can turn smoldering grass into a wall of flames. Don't park where vegetation is touching the underside of your vehicle.

## **Did You Know?**

- Kestrels can see UV light. This allows them to see trails of urine that their prey leaves behind.
- Gaul was a region of Western Europe during the Iron Age that was inhabited by Celtic tribes.
- Don't keep your registration or insurance information in the vehicle (or other document with personal information). This information can be used for identity theft. If you don't want to keep it in your purse or wallet, APD will accept a screenshot or photo of this information on your phone.

***Note to Southern New Mexico members: if you would like to meet with your chapter board members for a lunch group meeting in the Las Cruces area please contact Larry Sullivan at [houseofspirit@earthlink](mailto:houseofspirit@earthlink).***

**Your participation is always welcome and encouraged.**

If you would like to contribute to the RETIREWIRE newsletter please contact your newsletter editor, Evelyn McGarry, at [mcgarrye2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgarrye2004@yahoo.com)

*[Please contact me if you no longer want to receive your newsletter in paper format and receive it in an email.]*

### **Your RPEA Chapter 096 Board Members:**

Larry Sullivan: President, Lou Silva: V-P, Evelyn McGarry: Secretary & Newsletter Editor, Lucy Lopez: Treasurer

Next RPEA Chapter 096 Meeting:

**July 13, 2018 @ NOON at Le Peep Restaurant (Louisiana location)**