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Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
At The Golden Corral - 1901 E Highway 69, Prescott
(Frontier Village Mall)
Lunch at 11:30 - Meeting at Noon

Special Speaker
To Be Announced

(Please bring a donation for the Food Bank)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Do you take your monthly retirement check for granted? Many of us use direct deposit, so we only see the deposit statement each month. Would you notice if the amount changed? When I retired in 2002, I believed my pension would be safe forever. That may, or may not continue to be the case.

Currently there are several appellate court decisions being reviewed by the California State Supreme Court regarding changes in the standard for pensions. These changes could include the elimination of any cost of living allowance (COLA), as well as other cuts in your pension.

The "California Rule" states that your pension must have the same value when you retire as when you were hired. So far, this "rule" has been challenged and upheld many times. The Governor has stated that he believes cuts in pensions are inevitable. With his backing, attacks will continue to occur.

What can we do? First, we must concentrate on new members. We have to get the information out to all eligible non-members. Next, we should consider signing up for a monthly deduction to help fight the court battles. As little as \$1.00 a month would make a huge difference in RPEA's ability to continue the fight. Attend your Chapter meetings to keep informed. Write your Legislators (who depends on your support) and let them know how you feel.

Jim Swank, President

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Membership Meeting was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Prescott, Arizona, with thirteen members and guests in attendance. Vice President Sam Scott, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam. Our guest speaker was Kevin Rother, from the Prescott Police Department, who gave an interesting presentation regarding various scam and fraud practices that are currently happening in our area and in our state. At the conclusion of the presentation, Vice President Sam Scott took a minute to welcome some new faces, and had introductions of the membership and guests. Welcome Bruce and Diane Michael, Cindy Tucker, Marguerite Stoner, Chuck Silveira, Georgette Pickett and Larry Pickett. See you at our next meeting!

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Pat Gipson, with a second by Jim Peoples. Minutes were unanimously approved. Carmen distributed copies of the Financial Report, as received from Fran Morin, Treasurer. Effective February 28, 2018, there was an ending balance of \$2,799.38. Jim Peoples made a motion to accept the financial report; seconded by Pat Gipson. Financial report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

As a way of welcoming our new guests, we shared our methods of developing our treasury and the goals of our meetings. Our number one concern is our PERS retirement system and the role RPEA makes in keeping us informed on current activity in our home state! We also discussed our ongoing community project to support the local Food Banks by bringing non-perishable food to be collected and donated. Carmen also mentioned to our new attendees that she would mail them membership applications and copies of our prior newsletter. After we adjourned, we all had an opportunity to visit with and get to know the new faces. Again.....WELCOME.....See you at the next meeting on May 15!

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carmen Peoples, Secretary.