



The Rearguard

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Unfortunately, I have sad news to report. Statewide RPEA President George Linn recently lost his 18-month battle with cancer. George had lead the RPEA organization from Sacramento for nearly two years and had hoped to be able to serve out his 2-year term. Sadly, that did not happen. RPEA was fortunate to have had his enthusiasm and expertise during his tenure.

Our April program was another winner. Everyone in attendance was educated about hearing loss, something that's affecting many of us as we age. Dr. Melanie Dunne explained developments in hearing loss testing and evaluation. Dr. Heather Coffman informed us on auditory diseases and surgical alternatives. There was a great deal of interest in their topics and presentations. Thanks to Tom for putting together such an informative program.

I reported in the last newsletter that we had started to print and mail out our newsletters differently than in the past. The motivation to do this was the poor condition of the newsletters when received by our members. The response to this new process has been entirely positive. The newsletters are now easier to assemble, cost less, and they arrive at your house in good condition.

I realize we've talked about scams before but please see elsewhere in this newsletter for updated information. Scams are not just something that happens to other people. There was a recent attempt by an outside source to get their hands on our Chapter funds. I'll give you all the details at our next Membership Meeting.

Speaking about our next Chapter Membership Meeting, we are pleased to again welcome Larry Sullivan, our Area IX Director as our speaker. Larry will discuss what's happening in California and what RPEA is doing to continue to protect our CalPERS benefits. He will be joined by his wife Kathy.

The next Membership Meeting is July 18, 2018 at Mimi's Café at the Tucson Mall (NE corner of Oracle Rd and Wetmore) at 11:30 am. Door prize winners will receive one of five \$10 lunch reimbursements in addition to our regular door prize. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ken Burns, President
Tucson-Southern Arizona Chapter 103

MORE ON SCAMS

I know you may have heard a lot about scams and how they can affect you but I think it's important to hear about perhaps an innovative approach. Folks our age are trusting and cordial. However, when someone places an unsolicited phone call to your house or cell phone or sends you an email without you giving that sender permission, **these people are invading your privacy.** They have **no right** to do this and you have **every right to** reject that phone call or email.

Let's discuss unsolicited phone calls first. Many advisors say to tell callers to remove your name from their calling list. Once you connect with a phone call, that caller knows it's a good number and your number will likely not be removed. I suggest, **don't answer the phone.** If you have a digital phone on your home land line or a smart phone, put the names and numbers of persons you want to communicate with into your device. When they call, you'll see their name and numbers and know it's safe to take the call. **Don't answer any other calls.** If it's a legitimate call and you don't answer, they will leave a message.

For less than \$10 per month, your land line carrier (like Cox) can provide you with Caller ID. Any call coming in you don't recognize, don't answer.

Those of us who are online and have email accounts are barraged with unsolicited email. Generally, you can see the sender's email address. If it contains numerous random letters, the sender is likely not legitimate. Also, if the subject matter has no interest to you, don't even open the email. If you do open the email, **do not click on any link in an email.** If you are interested in anything you see in an unsolicited email, go directly to that company's website and do your research

that way (you may find it's not a legitimate company).

We should have a little time to discuss any questions you may have at the Membership Meeting on July 18.

Ken Burns

MEMBER EMAIL ADDRESS LIST

About six months ago, we started developing a list of member's email addresses. We use these email addresses to send out reminders of Membership Meetings and will also use them to alert members concerning issues dealing with RPEA or our Chapter. We will not use the list for any other non-RPEA reason.

We have the email addresses of 59 of our 84 members. That's 70% and I think that's fantastic. If you have an email address but are not on our list yet, please send me an email and I'll get you on the list. Send your email to kenburns2617@gmail.com.

Ken Burns

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chapter 103 bank balance was \$3,611.94 as of July 6, 2018.

WHO WON WHAT

At the April Membership Meeting, the following prizes were awarded.

The five \$10 lunch reimbursements were won by Carol Clapp, Bob Rubio, Mary Hedrick, Mary Wood and Vicki Guapo.

A \$25 Gift Card for El Charro Restaurant was won by Mac McCarty.

The attendance drawing for \$48.00 was won by Mac McCarty.

\$10 lunch reimbursements were given to first-time attendees Bob Rubio and Vicki Stepp.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Chapter:

Beatrice Haskell - retired from Patton Dept. of Mental Health

Richard Joslin - retired from Woodland Fire Dept.

David Marty - retired from State of California

Ana-Marie Pascoe – agency retired from unknown

Mark Ray – retired from the State of California

Judith Ray – beneficiary member

Robert Rubio – retired from Santa Monica City College

The Chapter 103 membership on June 30, 2018, totaled 84.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our most sincere condolences to the family of Jane Goard, who passed away recently. Jane was a retiree from the State Board of Equalization.

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HELP WANTED

Your Chapter is still in need of someone to fill the Secretary position. The skills required are minimal, just basic computer and word processing knowledge is all that's necessary. The minutes format is already established. We meet eight times a year and preparation time after each meeting is about two hours. Here's an opportunity to remain active in your community (your RPEA Chapter) and keep your mind sharp. Please call me at 520-393-1855.

Ken Burns

CHAPTER 103 - 2018 QUARTERLY LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of January, April, July and October

Please mark your calendar for this year's meetings:

July 18, 2018

October 17, 2018

We meet at 11:30 AM at Mimi's Café at Tucson Mall (Oracle Rd and Wetmore). Please join your fellow CalPERS retirees for conversation, lunch and interesting program speakers, plus chances to win door prizes plus a cash prize!