



The Rearguard

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The sad news continues. I must report that Mac McCarty, our former Chapter President, passed away on September 8. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter telling a little about Mac and his involvement in RPEA and our Chapter.

Our Area IX Director Larry Sullivan was the speaker at our July Membership Meeting. He updated us as to what was going on in California and what RPEA is doing to continue to protect our CalPERS benefits. He was joined by his wife Kathy.

We have a special program scheduled for our October 17 Membership Meeting. We will have a representative from the Social Security Administration, Preston Linzy, who will update us on what's new with this vital program and will take our questions.

As we reported previously, the RPEA General Assembly took place last month in Southern California and our Chapter had four Board representatives attend, an impressive number for such a small Chapter. My wife Bev and I attended as well as Stephen and Sandra Pustelnik. We all had a great time and learned more about RPEA. Read a brief summary of what took place at GA 2018 elsewhere in this newsletter.

On the local level, with the passing of Mac McCarty, Tom has agreed to assume the position of Vice President on the Board of Directors. Also, Stephen will take over the duties of Newsletter Editor from Tom. Thanks to both Tom and Stephen for stepping up.

The next Membership Meeting is October 17, 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

MAC MCCARTY

Mac worked in the California State University system before he retired. In 1995, he and his wife Georgia moved to Arizona and settled in Tucson. Mac enjoyed his retirement and they traveled extensively and took ocean cruises.

He took his responsibilities seriously and was involved in many civic organizations, including one of his favorites, reading tutoring.

Mac was a member of RPEA for over 15 years. He was the prior President of Chapter 103 and even after he resigned, he was active in Chapter activities and always provided his valuable counsel. Mac served as our Vice President until shortly before his passing.

Mac and Georgia, also an active member of Chapter 103 until her death last year, attended the RPEA General Assembly four times, in 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

Our Chapter, his family and the entire Tucson community will miss his presence.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

General Assembly 2018 took place in Orange, California September 9-12. I attended as our Chapter Delegate and Stephen and Sandra were Alternate Delegates. My wife Bev attended as my guest.

I think I speak for all four of us when I say it was enlightening to attend GA 2018. The comradery was rewarding, and it was encouraging to see so many dedicated volunteers at the State level who are fighting to protect our CalPERS benefits.

Speaking of CalPERS, CEO Marcie Frost was our first speaker and she gave us a status report including that total investments were \$359 billion in assets.

The following volunteer members were elected to the following State Board positions:

Al Darby-President
Rosemary Knox-Vice President
Bill Wallace-Director of Membership
Lorenzo Rios-Director of Public Relations
Randall Cheek-Director of Legislation
Harvey Robinson-Director of Health Benefits

There were several resolutions proposed. Some were withdrawn, some modified and accepted and some accepted as proposed. The most interesting one dealt with how much of your dues money is returned to our Chapter.

Of the dues money you pay for your RPEA membership, 19% of that is returned to our Chapter for operational expenses, such as newsletter printing and mailing, door prizes at Membership Meetings and other expenses.

This resolution proposed to increase this to 25%, or a 31% increase. Most of the Chapters said that the 19% was more than enough to fund their operations and this resolution was voted down. By the way, I voted against this proposal.

I was looking forward to learning how other Chapters were operating and I did hear of valuable ideas. However, I found myself telling other Chapters how we operate and I think other Chapters may have learned something from us.

Chapter 103 is one of the smallest Chapters in all of RPEA. However, I think we are one of the best run Chapters. This is a tribute to our dedicated Board of Directors.

Ken Burns

WHO WON WHAT

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

The five \$10 lunch reimbursements were won by Ed Gladish, Barry Rossberg, Mary Hedrick, Kathi Sullivan and Barbara Barton.

A \$25 Gift Card for Panera Bread Restaurant was won by Bob Rubio.

The attendance drawing for \$28.00 was won by Hector Robles.

There were no first-time attendees to receive \$10 lunch reimbursements.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new member to our Chapter:

Atelia Penalozza – agency retired from unknown

The Chapter 103 membership as of August 31, 2018 totaled 84.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our most sincere condolences to the families of Mac McCarty and Raymond Lopez.

NEW MEDICARE CARDS-FREE

Medicare has started to send everyone new cards without their Social Security Numbers on them. This will improve your personal and financial security. There is nothing you need to do to receive your new card, it will automatically be sent to you and it's absolutely FREE.

If anyone should contact you before or after you receive your new card telling you there is a cost to receive or use your new card, they are trying to scam you. And, don't forget to shred your old card with your SSN on it after you receive your new card.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chapter 103 bank balance as of September 29 was \$3,377.59.

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 6

Don't forget to vote in the General Election on November 6. We sometimes think our vote doesn't count but then we often hear stories of very close election results.

CREDIT REPORT FREEZE

We have always been able to put a freeze on our credit reports. A freeze on your credit report means no one unauthorized can access your credit report and open an account in your name without your knowledge. To do so previously, you had to pay money, both to place a freeze and to remove it.

The big news now is that you can place and remove a freeze on your credit reports FREE. When you place a freeze, any financial institutions or creditors with which you have a prior relationship still have access to your credit reports, so there's no inconvenience to you.

This may be something you may want to consider, especially if you have no plans to open any credit account or get a loan. But even if you do, freezing and unfreezing your credit report will be relatively easy to do.

You can do this by phone, online or by mail. Below are the phone numbers for the three credit reporting bureaus and you'll need to contact all three and both spouses need to do this if married. You can get more information online at www.consumer.ftc.gov.

Equifax
800-685-1111

Experian
888-397-3742

Transunion
888-909-8872

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:

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!