

CHURCHILL CHATTER

APRIL 2016

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MARCH MEETING

Our meeting of March 10 was well attended with a guest speaker from the Churchill Parks and Rec .It was very informative and interesting.

Among the other items discussed and acted upon were:

1. The Annual Summer Picnic was scheduled for June the 16th at Oats Park. There will be more information on this as the time nears.

2. Our President, Jay Horsely will not be running for office again, so that Office is open....

3. Nominations for next year's **President, Secretary and State Delegate** are the offices to be voted upon in June.

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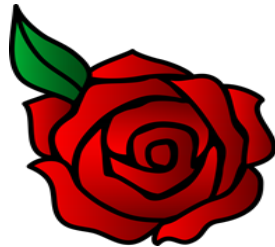
Is not a union, it is a non-profit organization which **represents all public employees, actives as well as retirees.** We protect all public employees.

4.The State PEBP meeting scheduled for March 11 was announced.

3.Our next meeting is scheduled for April 14 at Jerry's Restaurant. Please join us for breakfast or just a cup of coffee or perhaps some other drink. Maybe even a doughnut or Danish!

Everyone is welcome to attend

all our meetings.
Come on down!



The **State Resolutions and Bylaws Committee** is now accepting proposed changes, deletions and/or additions to these documents (through their chapters) until May 4, 2016. Please let Olivia know if you have anything you think might be an improvement for the organization.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Terri Laird, who acted as our Interim Director has now been hired as our new **Executive Director**, replacing Marty Bibb, who retired at the end of 2015. Terri has been working with RPEN as the Membership/Chapter Service Officer for several years and has now taken over the reigns of our organization.

Terri will attend our next Chapter meeting on the 14th of April. We will have a celebration of her past work and her new position. State President, Jack Harris and his wife Lou, will also be at the meeting.

Kerry Armanasco was also promoted to Director of Financial Operations. And **Marlene Lockard** is our Legislative Advocate. With these three ladies at the helm, and **Jack**, as our state president, guiding and keeping up with them; we are, as they say, " movin" on up."



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PEBP OPEN ENROLLMENT

Starts in May for Plan Year 2016. There will be open enrollment meetings in **Carson City on Thursday, May 5 (9 am – 11am) AND 1 pm – 3 pm) at the National Guard Armory**. Meetings in **Reno will be on May 3 at the Reno Sparks Convention Center (9 am – 11 am AND 1 pm – 3 pm)**. RPEN will have a table set up at each of these meetings which will allow us to have our newsletter, as well as an application for potential active members as well. This will provide information about our organization and information that will be beneficial to those looking forward to retirement. Maybe get us a little visibility and a bit of publicity.



As a member of RPEN, you and your family have access to several insurance plans, a hearing service plan, and many other services. There is a dental plan, long term health insurance, car & homeowners plan, VPI pet insurance plan and discounts galore. **CHECK 'EM OUT!**

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE 160 CANDIDATES IN THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES - Democrats and Republicans - RYING FOR STATE OFFICES?

The next RPEN Review will be out before the Primary election begins on May 28, and will publish the results of the Candidates' Questionnaire. This is where RPEN asks the candidates about their thoughts on our issues relating to PEBP and PERS. There were 160 candidates that were emailed the questionnaire. Only those from the two major parties (Democrats and Republicans) were sent the questions. Last legislative year we only received answers from approximately 1/3 of the candidates. We will include the names of those who do not respond as well as the answers of those who do.

We, all of us as retirees, should take note of those lawmakers who do not bother to address our concerns and issues, as well as keeping in mind those questions that were not answered. The questionnaire is a pull-out, so pull it out, and keep it with you and if you have the opportunity to meet and/or talk with any of these candidates, you will be prepared as to which issues you might discuss with them and ask questions. It should also be noted which candidates did take the time to respond to our questionnaire, and how those responses might affect you as a senior citizen and public employee retiree.

RPEN will also be holding one-on-one interviews with the candidates who win the primary elections before the general election in November.

The results of these individual, personal interviews will also be published before the general election.

EVEN THOUGH MOST OF US WOULD RATHER NOT BE INVOLVED IN POLITICS, OUR LIVELYHOOD DEPENDS ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S ACTIONS. WHO TAKES THESE ACTIONS IS UP TO US. WE NEED TO CHOOSE OUR LEADERS CAREFULLY. LET'S WORK TO KEEP OUR FUTURE ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

Take care, stay safe and God Bless.

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