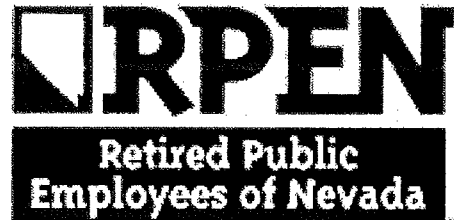


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June 2016

Washoe Wrangler



President Elaine's Message

The President's Thoughts..... I have thought long and hard as to what I wished to convey to you all for this issue of the Washoe Wrangler. I feel that my messages have not had the end results that I envisioned so I will depart from my words and incorporate those of other RPEN members in hopes that they fall on more positives eyes. I will include some remarks from President Bernard Paolini from Boulder Chapter

".....Membership and participation.....The task of recruiting is spread among many individuals, but ultimately it is the responsibility of the individual chapters and specifically the members of each chapter to recruit new members. We should all be reaching out to friends, relatives and past coworkers to spread the word of what RPEN is and what it does. Give them an application and informational pamphlet. Better yet, invite them to our monthly meetings. It's a good way for them to learn more about RPEN"

"That brings me to the second part of my column: Participation. Do you attend our monthly meetings? We strive to have informative and entertaining guest speakers. I'm thankful for those who attend, but disappointed that more of you don't attend these meetings. It doesn't take much for you to participate."

To continue onward with the words of others "Public employees (retirees

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Chapter Officers

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Past President Sue Durst

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Mary Lou Elicegui, Stan Jones,
Marsha Osloond, Betty Squires,
Evelyn Wagner

Newsletter Editor: Brad Truax

HUMOR

My house was clean.
And then my grand-
children arrived.

MATH: The only
place where people buy
60 watermelons and
no one wonders why.

To be old and wise,
you must first be
young and foolish.

The secret to staying
young is to eat slowly,
live honestly, and lie
about your age!

Membership

Total membership of the Washoe Chapter of RPEN at the end of August 2015 was 1,716. Total membership as of April 2016 was 1,681. With the 2017 legislative session just a few months away, we must make sure that RPEN has the resources in Carson City to fight any attacks on public employee benefits, and yes, there WILL be attacks! We MUST build our membership!

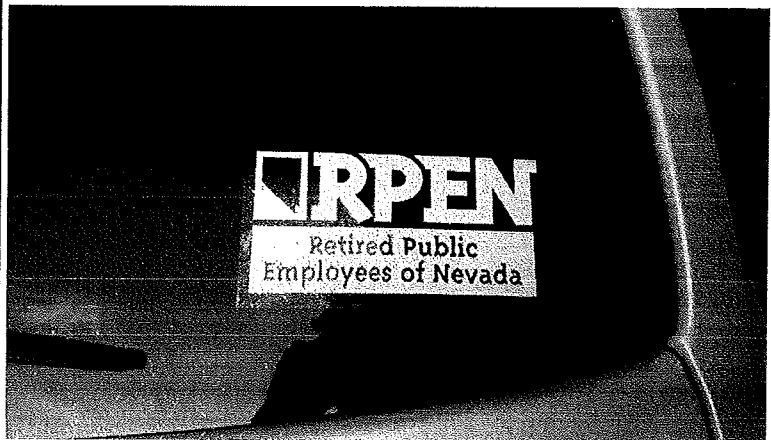
Don't forget that **RPEN is not just for retired folks.** People nearing retirement who want to make sure there is a strong organization in place to protect their retirement benefits should also join. The \$5.00 per month membership dues cost is an outstanding investment in a secure future!

For an application, contact our chapter president at (775) 853-4059, or online at:

<http://www.rpen.org> (Click "How to Join" tab)

RPEN WINDOW DECALS

Help promote RPEN membership by applying a vinyl, removable decal to your car's rear window. Decals are FREE, available at all meetings, or call Elaine at 853-4059. They are really good looking!



AND active employees still working) PRESUME their retirement will be protected. For that to happen, it takes attention to retirement and health care issues which, if left unattended, can cause serious problems for retirees. RPEN works to ensure those concerns are addressed.”

I am indeed passionate about RPEN. One never knows what the future will bring. To be blunt, what will happen if one becomes a widow or widower, if families are no longer together, if the responsibility of raising grandchildren falls upon you, if your spouse becomes incapacitated and must be placed in extended care? You CAN prepare now for what may or may not happen. Hopefully this will not happen to you, but you can so easily prepare for this happening.

Remember those who are presently working are not only contributing funds for themselves, but portions are also going towards the pot from which we receive our monthly pensions.

For those of you recently retired contact your friends who are also newly retired or better yet contact those you know still working. Offer them the opportunity to help protect their future.

What more can be said to have you realize the importance of everyone securing and maintaining their retirement benefits???? I leave you with those thoughts.

POST NOTES: I have come across some interesting tidbits of late: Innovative Healthcare Delivery - A Transition Care Program offered by Senior Care Plus at NO COST to you. The program will help you with your transition home from the hospital. For more information contact (775) 473-2533.

CLIP AND SAVE

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO POSTCARD NOTICE OF THESE MEETINGS

**Second Monday of each month
at 2:00 PM**

**Washoe Senior Center
1155 E. Ninth street,
Reno, NV**

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016:

Colleen Barnum, District Manager, WASHOE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT. SHE WILL DISCUSS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016:

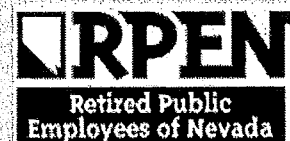
WASHOE CHAPTER'S SUMMER LUNCHEON ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA, RENO - 11:30 A.M. . SEE NOTICE CONTAINED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016:

HEATHER HASLEM, M.S., SANFORD CENTER FOR AGING, TO INFORM US OF THE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE SANFORD CENTER.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,

2016: BARBARA KOROSA, BOARD CHAIRMAN, RENO CITY EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, WHO WILL TELL US ABOUT THIS CREDIT UNION AND ITS BENEFITS.



Chapter Happenings



Our guest speaker in May was KOLO 8 meteorologist, Jeff Thompson. He gave a very interesting talk about the challenges of correctly predicting the weather, and he reviewed the continuing drought situation with us. A question and answer period followed, and our mem-

bers asked great questions! Jeff began his career in Helena, Montana, and came to Reno in the fall of 2001. He earned his master's degree in atmospheric science at the University of Nevada, worked as Assistant Nevada State Climatologist, served on the state drought committee, taught at the University, and for a time, commuted to Sacramento to forecast at KCRA. Jeff holds the Certified Broadcast Meteorologist designation from the American Meteorological Society and has the National Weather Association Seal of Approval.



WANT TO HELP AS A POLL WORKER?

Heather Carmen, Washoe County Registrar of Voters addressed our April meeting. If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, Heather asks that you contact her office at (775) 328-3670. Volunteers are paid for their services and can even split shifts with a buddy.

Please help us save paper and mailing costs by requesting your newsletter be sent via email. Type "RPEN GREEN" in the subject line and send your name and email address to either: ebs@pyramid.net or rpen.washoe@gmail.com

This and That

Free Services for Seniors and Seniors with Disabilities delivered by Access to Healthcare providing transportation for health-related appointments including prescription and medical equipment pick-ups. For more information call 844-169-4932 or 877-861-1893

Renown offers free walking every Wednesday at the Reno Aces. If enough of the public participate the program will continue. Free parking located on Evans Ave. or Aces Ballpark garage on 2nd Street.

Sample ballots have arrived in the mail. If you did not receive one, have you moved since the last election and not registered at your new address?

RPEN Review. By now you should have already received the April/May edition from the Carson Office. Be sure to read each and every page and seriously consider what RPEN does for you and your fellow retirees. Help us in our efforts.

We certainly welcome your suggestions. We encourage you to participate. Come to the meetings; think about running for office. How about some assistance with the newsletter? Do you have any suggestions for speakers? We hope to see many of you at our July luncheon.

Before you vote... Carefully consider where candidates stand on the issues most important to Nevada public employees. Most of all, remember to vote!

R.P.E.N. SUMMER LUNCHEON

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

12 NOON (Seating starts 11:30 a.m.)

ATLANTIS CASINO BALLROOM

COST: \$21.00 per member - \$24.00 per non-member/guest

PROGRAM: Speakers representing RPEN and PERS

MENU

COUNTRY POT ROAST—Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Natural Gravy, Vegetable Medley

-OR-

NORTHWEST SALMON – Pacific Salmon Charbroiled, Dill Chardonnay Sauce, Basmati Rice & Grilled Vegetables

-OR-

VEGETARIAN PLATE—Chef's Choice

*All Entrees accompanied with Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

DESSERT: CHOCOLATE CUP, RASBERRY MOUSSE

NOTE TO OUR NEIGHBOR CHAPTERS: Any interested members are cordially invited to attend at the member price (\$21.00). Please call Don Timmerman to make reservations. **Be sure to include your menu choice!**

Information: Don Timmerman @ 626-7673 or Pat Keough @ 358-2352

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Please send this coupon with your check payable to "RPEN Washoe Chapter" to:

Don Timmerman 5761 Crooked Stick Way Sparks, NV 89436

Name: _____

Menu Choice: *Country Pot Roast*
 ~~Stuffed Pork Chop~~ Northwest Salmon
 Vegetarian Plate

MAILING DEADLINE: July 5, 2016

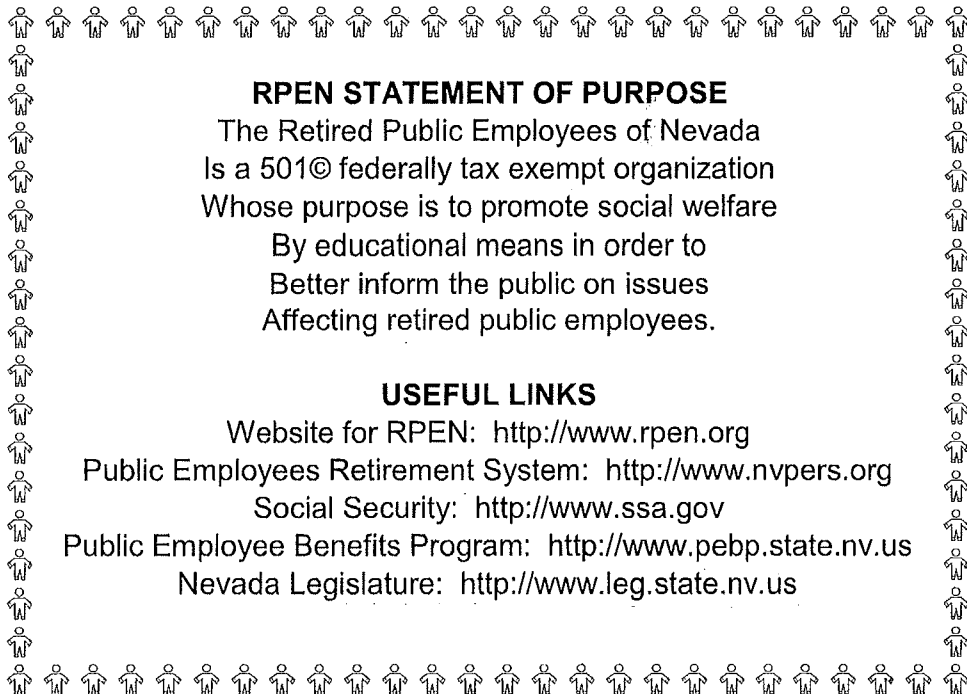
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Whose purpose is to promote social welfare
By educational means in order to
Better inform the public on issues
Affecting retired public employees.

USEFUL LINKS
Website for RPEN: <http://www.rpen.org>
Public Employees Retirement System: <http://www.nvpers.org>
Social Security: <http://www.ssa.gov>
Public Employee Benefits Program: <http://www.pebp.state.nv.us>
Nevada Legislature: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>