

RPEN - WASHOE COUNTY

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**Representing Public
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May 2018

Washoe Wrangler



President Elaine's Message

Well hi to everyone. This is the time of year when we begin to transition from snowmobiles and snow skis to water skis and water scooters. While some change may prove to be challenging, change can also be beneficial. I invite you to read "Members' Corner" in this issue of our newsletter and perhaps come up with other ideas you think would benefit RPEN Washoe. Traditional happenings can be comforting to long time members, but change (Who moved my cheese?) can be interesting. Both should have a have a place of honor. To that end you may find new ideas as well as old ones in this issue. I hope you will find them inspiring. Can we think outside of the box; can we expand our comfort zone? We know that our membership has dwindled somewhat due to long time members passing on. How can we inspire new folks to join RPEN? While we are recruiting both **newly retired workers**, and yes, now **all current workers** who fall under the PERS and PEBP systems, we now need to have them become **involved members**. We are still in the process of exploring alternate sites for our meetings. We have always brought programs to our monthly meetings, but perhaps we can occasionally take our chapter members **to** the programs. Think about this, and by all means, share your ideas.

Our summer luncheon at the Atlantis has been scheduled for the second Monday in July. The reservation form is included in this newsletter. I'm hoping as usual to see many members and your spouse there. Please send in your reservation by June 30th.

Membership prizes will be awarded at our May meeting. Remember to keep track of the new member names so you can get credit for your recruitment. Prizes include both dinner and an over-night stay at the Atlantis!

Dorothy Good and her committee members still volunteer monthly at KNPB. All it takes is about two hours per month. Lots of fun. You may want to join her.

Chapter Officers

President Elaine Steiner
Vice President Betty Squires
Secretary Ellen Marston
Treasurer Don Timmerman
Past President Sue Durst

Chapter Directors:

Don McMillen, Mary Lou Elicegui,
Melanie A. Daniel, Marsha Osloond,
Evelyn Wagner

Newsletter Editor: Brad Truax

NEVADA: DID YOU KNOW?

In 1899 Charles Fey invented a slot machine named the Liberty Bell.

Carson City is one of the smallest state capitals in the country.

The Sierra Nevada range near Reno and the Ruby Mountains near Elko have snow for half the year.

Nevada has more mountain ranges than any other state, with its highest point at the 13,145 foot top of Boundary Peak near the west-central border.

President Elaine's Message (continued)

Our CEO, Terry Laird, has been keeping Sue Durst, Don McMillen, Pat Keough and myself busy going on recruitment activities. We do accept volunteers should you wish to join us.

Pat Keough has sent out forms for nominees for the PAT FLADAGER and Lifetime Achievement Award awards. See Elaine for guidelines.

New thoughts are emerging for our monthly raffle drawing. Come and hear. It may put a smile on your face.

September Annual Meeting planning is coming along. Washoe and Sparks chapter will host the event at the Sparks Nugget September 18-21. Mark your calendars now. Will need volunteers to help stuff goodie bags, and with general assistance. We are also asking that you help us secure items for the goodie bags. Will need items in 125 amounts. Door prizes will also be given out. Donations of gift certificates, gift baskets and small articles are being collected. Your donations are welcomed. Just think of anything you would like to win. Give thought to attend some or all sessions. See how we go to bat for you all.

RECENT CHAPTER PROGRAMS have included programs from NDOT on how to acquire new, "Real ID" driver's licenses that are required by new regulations should you wish to fly after 2020. Representatives from the Sanford Center discussed programs in which you could participate. Christopher Gourlay, RHU from Hometown Health reviewed enhancements to coverage including gym memberships, Senior Care Plus Club and 2018 Confidential Wellness. Passport Awaken Reno: subject matter "Sex Trafficking" in our community. Officer Damion O'Connell, Community Resource Officer from the Sparks Police Department spoke on scams and identity theft problems faced by seniors. I for one was surprised how little protection is afforded to our senior population and the annual dollar amount.

Remember to let Washoe Chapter and Carson City office know of any mailing address, phone number or email address changes. We want to make sure you are kept up to date on all levels.

Members' Corner

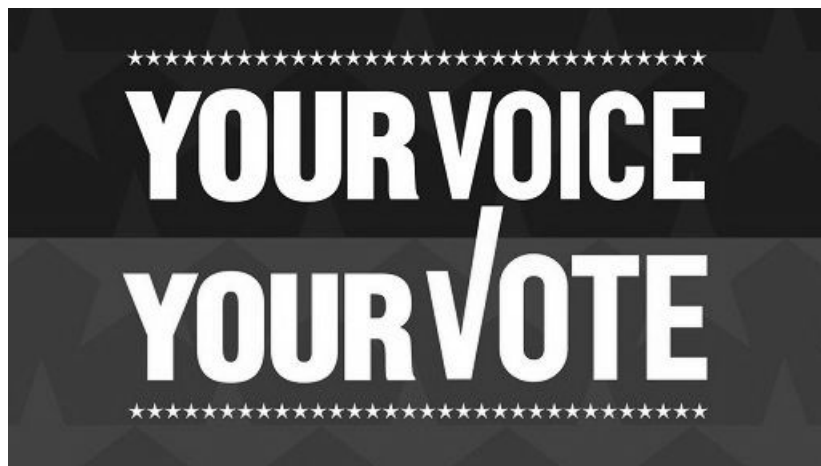
Don Reynolds, RPEN Member

My name is Don Reynolds and I am a member of the Washoe chapter of RPEN. I have a thought about the monthly meetings.

I was a part of a group of retirees who met once a month at different locations (businesses, non-profits, etc.) throughout Northern Nevada. An individual set up the meeting - which was really an informational guided tour through their facility - and after the tour we would go to lunch somewhere nearby and have another speaker. The program ended when the individual who set up the program decided that she needed a break. Unfortunately, the program has not continued. However, what if the Washoe Chapter were to begin a similar program each month and invite members to various, interesting places in Northern Nevada and then have lunch somewhere to conduct business and have a speaker? I am thinking this format might increase how many people show for monthly meetings.

Please let me know if you need any help with these ideas.

Editor's Note: What a terrific idea, Don! Who doesn't like fieldtrips and food? 😊



REMEMBER TO REGISTER and VOTE
PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 12, 2018

CLIP AND SAVE

NOTE: NO POSTCARD NOTICE OF THESE MEETINGS WILL BE SENT

Second Monday of each month at 2:00 PM

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

May 14, 2018

DENISE LIEBERKNECHT,
PROGRAM COORDINATOR,
AWAKEN RENO. THE PROGRAM WILL ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF SEX TRAFFICKING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

June 11, 2018: Garrett Barmore, W.M. KECK MUSEUM CURATOR, COLLEGE OF SCIENCES, MACKEY SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES & ENGINEERING. MR. BARMORE — THE HISTORY OF MINING IN NORTHERN NEVADA

July 9, 2018:
SUMMER LUNCHEON
ATLANTIS CASINO, RESORT & SPA
SPEAKERS FROM PERS, PEBP,
AND RPEN



VETERANS GUEST HOUSE

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880 Locust Street

Reno, NV 89502

www.veteransguesthouse.org

Gift cards are still our biggest need. Our storage space is limited due to ongoing construction. We do have limited storage space for the following items:

- Gift cards: Smart & Final, Costco, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Smiths & local grocery stores
- 409 spray cleaner, Pledge multi-purpose dust spray, Febreze dusting spray, Shout laundry spray, bleach
- Liquid hand soap in small containers , toilet paper, & Kleenex
- Aluminum foil & heavy Saran Wrap and press & seal wrap
- Sturdy paper bowls and 8oz. disposable hot cups
- Cone shape 8-10 cup coffee filters
- Canned chili and soups: regular and individual serving sizes
- Dry Cereals (NO regular CHEERIOS PLEASE)
- Juices, pickles, jellies, tuna, mayo, salad dressings, mac & cheese
- Milk, soft spread real butter
- Individual snacks: Chewy Fruit snacks, granola bars, nuts, chips in individual bags, cookies, raisins, wrapped crackers, cereal bars
- *Volunteers for daily and special events!*

WASHOE RPEN SUMMER LUNCHEON

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

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

ATLANTIS CASINO BALLROOM—Rooms 2-3

COST: \$25.00 per member - \$28.00 per non-member/guest

PROGRAM: Speakers representing RPEN, PERS and PEBP

MENU

ROAST PORK LOIN—Cranberry-Mustard Glazed Pork Loin, Cornbread Stuffing, Whipped Potatoes, and Fresh Vegetables

-OR-

CHICKEN MARSALA— Sautéed Chicken Breast, Mushroom & Marsala Wine Sauce, Wild Mushroom Risotto, and Fresh Vegetable Medley

-OR-

VEGETARIAN PLATE—Chef's Choice

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

DESSERT: Chocolate Eclair

NOTE TO OUR NEIGHBOR CHAPTERS: Interested members are cordially invited to attend at the member price (\$25.00). Please call Don Timmerman to make reservations. **Be sure to include your menu choice!**

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

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: Roast Pork Loin #____ Chicken Marsala #____

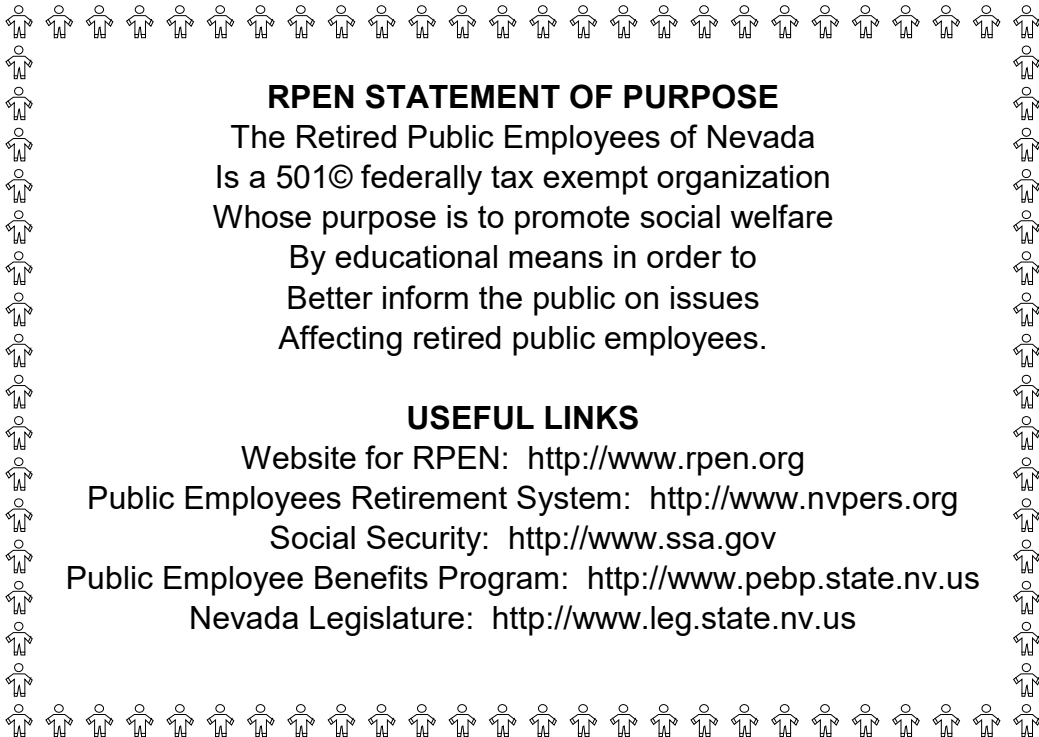
Vegetarian Plate #____

MAILING DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2018 — FIRM!

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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.

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Public Employee Benefits Program: <http://www.pebp.state.nv.us>
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