



Representing Public Employees of Nevada

# NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

## Henderson Chapter

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### NEW LOGO for RPEN

Did you notice? Almost a year ago President Vicki moved to initiate a change that would assure active employees knew they had a place in our organization. There were hours of deliberation on this modification. After numerous amendments, the new slogan was adopted at the September Board of Directors meeting.

We will continue to represent ALL retired and active public employees in the state of Nevada as we fight to preserve the respect and benefits they earned with each day worked and with every pay check received.

### RECALL = GOODBYE LEGITIMATE & REGULAR ELECTIONS

Henderson's State Senator Joyce Woodhouse (Democrat, District Five) is one of three female senators targeted for recall. This recall election was initiated by Senator Michael Roberson in an effort to regain the GOP senate majority before the next regularly scheduled election. The petition drive is headed by Stephen Silberkraus, a one-term assemblyman; his constituents voted him out.

The petitions were circulated by paid solicitors who frequently misrepresented what the petition said and repeated lies about the three women. The lies: 1) a large amount of money was stolen but no details; 2) Woodhouse was never a teacher which must be confusing for the thousand plus children she taught; and 3) the women supported sanctuary cities, although no action or bill was ever put forth. The petition didn't say why they were being recalled. Their "crime" is that they won the 2016 elections fairly and voted in 2017 for funding schools with tax money as requested by Governor Sandoval.



### Upcoming Events

**Nov. 13 Monthly Chapter Meeting - Barbara Duckett**, Social Security Specialist will speak about RSDI benefits, WEA, GPO, and answer your questions.

**Nov. 11 Veterans Day** Visit the Veterans Memorial Wall Nov. 11 to remember and honor those who fought for our freedom and democracy. The wall is in Events Plaza adjacent to City Hall.

**Nov. 13, 5 pm - Fire Station 91**, 2901 Democracy Drive. The City's newest fire station will be unveiled by Mayor March.

**Nov. 18 - Henderson Stroll 'N Roll 10am-2pm**  
Enjoy the STREET FAIR; Bike, Walk, Skate & Play on car-free Paseo Verde from the Multi-generational Center to Valley Verde. Free.

**Nov. 23 Thanksgiving**

**Dec. 11 HOLIDAY PARTY! 2:30 PM**  
Food, Music, Fun, Prizes, bring a guest.  
Same location as monthly meeting.

## YOU SHOULD KNOW

**This is the Medicare Open Enrollment period.** You are probably getting piles of offers for new Medicare coverage. AARP plans sound good, but If you leave the **Medicare OneExchange**, you will lose your **HRA subsidy**. The highest payment is \$240 per month and that's close to \$3,000 a year that you would lose.

**The RPEN Board of Directors Annual Meeting** this year was held in Summerlin and it was a very good meeting. Very little unproductive time and many opportunities to learn more about this organization and how we operate.

In September of 2018 the meeting will be held at The Nugget in Sparks. As a delegate you will have your travel, accommodations and meal expenses covered. If you are not a covered delegate, you will still get the benefit of low prices negotiated by our brilliantly tough negotiators (Kerry and Terri).

**The RPEN Executive Committee** is composed of state officers and elected delegates allocated in accord with the bylaws to provide geographical representation based on the number of members in the area. Small chapters with less than 501 members pool their members to get shared representation. The representatives are elected at the annual meeting for one year terms. Las Vegas, Washoe and Carson City qualify as large chapters.

The 2017-2018 Executive Committee: Bernard Paolini, Boulder City; Vicki Cameron, Henderson; Jack Harris, Sparks; Paula Petruso, Henderson; Rita Evasovic, Bi-Valley; Lanora Clyde, Carson City; Marti Dupras, Las Vegas; Donald McMillen, Washoe; Diana Peters, Las Vegas; and Elaine Steiner, Washoe.

### RPEN BYLAWS and POLICIES AMENDED

**Article III.** A new membership class was created. **Affiliate Members** are vested in a public retirement system outside of Nevada but live in our state. They are allowed only limited participation.

**P&P 1.** Members traveling more than 10 miles from their home **to conduct authorized RPEN business** may be reimbursed for mileage. Members traveling to their local chapter meetings are not eligible for travel reimbursement.

**P&P 1.** Where meals which have not otherwise been paid from RPEN funds are required, they shall be reimbursed by the State Office, upon submittal and approval of appropriate receipts; a member must travel at least 240 miles from their home to qualify for reimbursement of one meal.

## PHOTO PAGE ONE: BIRDMAN in Boulder City

There are many reasons to like Boulder City and one of them is an emphasis on art. You must have noticed the numerous sculptures placed casually around the city. There are also art galleries and boutiques to explore, as well as the "antique" stores that look a lot like my garage.

My favorite BC event is the DAM SHORT FILM FESTIVAL. If you have not attended, put this on your calendar immediately: February 8 – 11, 2018.

The 14th Annual Dam Short Film Festival will present over 100 short films in all styles and genres... from all over the world.

Categories for the films include Drama, Comedy, Documentary, Sci-Fi/Horror, Animation, Student, Music Video, and Nevada Filmmaker, presented in thematic program blocks over four days. You can purchase a 4-day pass or just one block of films. My favorite programs are comedy and drama (romances, please). But the animation films are awesome. After each block there is time to vote on the film you thought the best of the group. You won't believe how much a 5-minute film can touch you.

*The bird man? I haven't a clue. He was just strolling by the theatre.*

