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A Message from the President



This month I would like to address a subject I feel deeply about: Membership and Participation. I recently attended an RPEN Board of Directors meeting where we had a lively discussion concerning membership and who is responsible for recruiting new members. 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 all should 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 an informational pamphlet. Better yet invite them to our monthly meetings. It is 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 each month. 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. We meet for one hour on the 2nd Thursday of the month. During the meeting we update our members with news from the home office of RPEN concerning their Pension and Benefit plans and then listen to the presentation of the guest speaker. At the conclusion of the meetings some of those present visit a local establishment for lunch. It is our way of supporting the local businesses in our community. If you are interested, you can chose to serve as an officer of the Chapter. Nominations for officer positions are now open and we will have elections at the meeting on May 12th. I look forward to seeing more members at our meetings.

Actions on the Social Security Offset

If you would like to read what other groups similar to RPEN are doing to see that HR 711, Kevin Brady's replacement bill for the Windfall Elimination Provision is passed, go to:

<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/17-public-employee-and-retiree-groups-letter-of-support.pdf>

You can also receive Social Security Fairness updates by going to: <http://www.ssfairness.com/> For further information about the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) here is a link to frequently asked questions about both issues:

<http://www.ssfairness.com/gpo-wep-faq/>

Minutes from January, February and March, 2016

In each edition of the RPEN Boulder City, NV Newsletter, we present an abridged version of the minutes of the previous quarter's meetings.

January 14, 2016 – The January chapter meeting welcomed 14 members/guests. President Paolini reported that current chapter membership is 149. He reported RPEN Executive Director Marty Bibb retired on December 31st and that Terry Laird has been named Interim Executive Officer.



President Paolini introduced guest speaker Victoria Mason, Executive Director of the Senior Center of Boulder City. She spoke of her four years working at the center. Victoria spoke about the Center participating in outside activities like singing carols at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and having a float in the Christmas parade. Victoria spoke of various services the center has and especially about the new reading program where the SCBC will lend seniors an E Reader tablet and train homebound seniors on its use and assist them with downloading library books. Victoria answered questions from the members.

President Paolini informed the members of the process to replace the Executive Director. He answered questions about the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) provisions of Social Security. He said that members should take the time to address the concerns to the spokesperson for Congressman Heck and Senator Reid at the Senior Center on the days the Victoria had mentioned. He also said writing to or emailing your representatives with your concerns was a good idea. The next meeting will be on February 11, 2016 at 11AM in the library room at the Homestead of Boulder City.

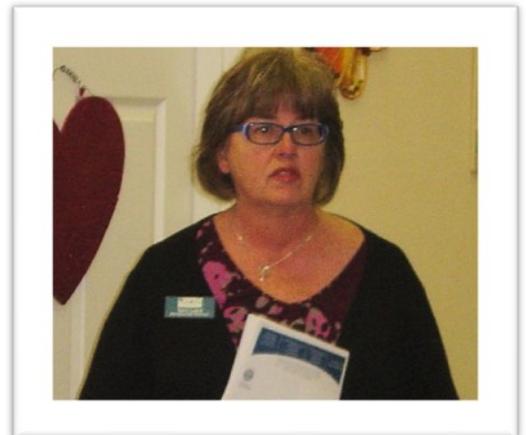
February 11, 2016- The February chapter meeting welcomed 15 members/guests. President Paolini reported membership stands at 148.

The question concerning the social security offset was raised, and President Paolini informed the members that they should take the time to address the concerns to the spokesperson for Congressman Heck and Senator Reid at the Senior Center. He also said writing or emailing your representatives with your concerns was a good idea.

President Paolini informed the membership about the PEBP Forum to be held on April 20th at the Clark County Library at 1401 E Flamingo Rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

He told the members that nominations for chapter officers would open at the March meeting. Anyone interested should let the secretary know. He told the membership about an upcoming recruitment meeting on April 19th and said if they had friends or relatives that should be members, invite them to the meeting. Further information on the meeting would be forthcoming.

President Paolini introduced guest speaker Interim Executive Director Terry Laird. She spoke briefly about the previous discussion



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concerning the social security offset. Terry explained some of the benefits offered through EJS and distributed handouts listing the benefits. Terry was asked a question concerning PEBP and the possibility of the funds for reimbursement running out. She deferred the question to Jack Harris, RPEN State President and introduced him.

Jack spoke about PEBP and informed the members of some of the problems that RPEN has been trying to resolve by working with PEBP. He gave some personal insight about issues he has encountered dealing with Towers Watson.

The next meeting will be on March 10, 2016 at 11AM in the library room at the Homestead of Boulder City.



March 10, 2016 – The March meeting welcomed 12 members/guests. President Paolini gave the membership report stating there are 148 members.

President Paolini introduced guest speaker Christina Frausto, Assistant Director of Boulder City History and Arts Foundation. Christina gave a brief history of her accomplishments. She spoke of the importance of preserving historical buildings and informed the membership of a “Bronze Plaque” program to place the plaque on buildings in the historical district. She passed out maps indicating where the historical district was located. Christina spoke about two recent projects in Boulder City. These included the Six Company hospital building which has been demolished and the Water plant which she is working to preserve. She then answered several questions.



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Informational Opportunity April 19th



Our chapter will be hosting recruitment meetings on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, one at 12 noon and the other at 6 p.m. at the Boulder City Library, 701 Adams Boulevard. Please tell friends, relatives and neighbors who have been or currently work as Nevada Public Employees to attend one of these sessions. Impress upon them the benefits of joining RPEN and increasing our numbers in order to protect our retirement benefits. Additional members are extremely necessary to keep RPEN’s voice loud and clear. Please do whatever you can to get people out to one of these sessions.



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The Retired Public Employees of Nevada
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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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**RPEN is now able to offer the choice to pay your dues monthly
by automatic deduction. You now have 4 choices to pay your
dues. Contact RPEN for additional information.**

1-775-882-7832 or 1800-307-7736

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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>