

Henderson Chapter

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HENDERSON'S VICKI CAMERON ELECTED RPEN STATE VICE PRESIDENT!

Congratulations to new RPEN State President Bernard "Bernie" Paolini (Boulder City Chapter) and to our very own Vicki Cameron who is now State Vice President. The election took place September 21 at the annual meeting. Officer positions have two-year terms; the vice president succeeds the president at the close of the meeting of the board of directors in the next odd numbered year (2019).

The vice president election was a closely contested race and no easy choice. Ruth Kilmer (Las Vegas Chapter) was also nominated. Ruth is a committed RPEN member who has provided leadership to her chapter for many years and actively participates in a number of state committees.

Candidate Vicki gave a spunky nomination address, saying, "I'm an out-spoken person" ... twice. No one doubted that. Her new duties include assisting the president, filling in when he is unavailable, and chairing the membership committee.

Since there was only one candidate for the positions of secretary and treasurer, no ballot was required. The incumbents Rita Evasovic (Bi Valley Chapter) and Paula Petruso (Henderson) were elected by affirmation.

ADDING TO HENDERSON HISTORY

This year Henderson Fire Department will celebrate its 75th anniversary. Originally placed into service in **1942** to protect the Basic Magnesium Plant, it went on to become the Henderson Fire Department with the city's incorporation in 1953. Attend the **EXPO** Oct. 14 and watch Firemen give live demonstrations of fire suppression, vehicle extrication, technical rescue and emergency medical services.

In June, member **Dundee Jones** was honored by the city of Henderson with a ceremonial naming of a ballpark at Burkholder Park, 645 W Victory Road.



Desert Big Horn on Ruby Mtn. Pinnacle
From August Trip to Elko

Upcoming Events

Oct. 9 - Regular Chapter Meeting
2:30 pm Darrellyn Bonstell from the Better Business Bureau will present "Savvy Seniors – Don't Take Wooden Nickels"

Oct. 14 - Henderson Safety EXPO 2017
11 am to 3 pm. Henderson Fire Training Center, 401 Parkson Rd – Sample products and learn about services that promote health, safety and wellness for all ages.

Oct. 19 - The District Pub Crawl 5:30 - 9 pm
Purchase \$10 ticket at knpr.org



Oct. 21 6 pm - 5K Run at Cornerstone Park, 1600 Wigwam Pkwy. Register now online or visit a recreational center. \$35 entry fee

Nov. 13 Regular Chapter Meeting - Barbara Duckett from Social Security will give us the latest update on RSDI benefits, WEA, GPO, and answer your questions.

RPEN ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual meeting was held Sept 19 – 22 at the Suncoast Hotel in Summerlin. The Board is a delegate assembly and Henderson was represented by Vicki Cameron, Sandie Mix, Joyce Nies and Paula Petruso. There were 53 total delegates representing our 18 chapters. The meeting was open to members. The three day session consisted of two Executive Committee meetings, three business meetings, a morning of workshops, the legislative panel discussion and six additional speakers. Business included reports of officers, standing committees and staff; amendments to bylaws and policies; the election of officers and members of the executive committee; and the administrative steps that begin a new term. Wow! Speakers:

Justice James Hardesty spoke about the breakdown of Nevada's guardianship system and new laws to protect our elderly, disabled, and most vulnerable citizens.

Tina Leiss, Executive Officer of PERS, reported the status of our retirement trust and recent changes.

Damon Haycock, Executive Officer of PEBP, updated information about operations and legislated improvements.

Ernie Strobel, Member Benefits Provider, spoke about insurance opportunities and introduced a money-saving program, Affinity Travel Benefits and Ticket Monster.

Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman welcomed delegates to the city, gave a brief history of her life with a colorful husband and city plans for the future.

Vice President Clayton Whitehead of Sports Leisure Vacations talked about memorable travel experiences created by staff.

NV Senate: David Parks, Julia Ratti, Joyce Woodhouse, Yvanna C. Cancela, Nicole J. Cannizzaro; Assembly: Daniele Monroe-Moreno.

Below: JoAnne Labrosky received a Pat Fladager Special Recognition Award At the Awards Banquet.



Right: Sandie Mix shares a moment with Marti Dupras, LV



State Senator David Parks and Marlene Lockard



Delegate Nies asks Senator Woodhouse how we can support our friends in the legislature.

Instead of waiting for the 2018 election, Republicans want a “do-over” of the election of 2016. Their targets are **Senators Joyce Woodhouse, Nicole Cannizzaro and Patricia Farley** (who is not running in 2018).

The reason given for recall applies to all Democrats in the Senate. No crime, misconduct or ethical violation is alleged against any of the recall targets. They are simply accused of voting for bills that **Mr. Victor Joecks** — and, presumably, other Republicans — does not like. By that logic, every election should be rerun and every victor recalled by supporters of the losing candidate. Elections cost everyone money, time and energy. We all have better things to do.

Katherine C. Sheehan, LVRJ 9-19-2017

