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Educating on Public Employee Issues*

RPEN Statement of Purpose and Mission

The Retired Public Employees of Nevada is a 501 (c) (4) federally tax exempt organization whose purpose is to promote social welfare by educational means in order to better inform the public on issues affecting retired public employees.

Election 2018

The Candidates Spoke and We Listened

As is our tradition during the month of August, RPEN conducts our one-on-one interviews with those candidates up for election in November. This year we spoke again with candidates in the south and the north. Our panelists included our State President Bernard Paolini from Boulder City, State Vice-President Vicki Cameron from Henderson, Legislative/Insurance Chair Gaye Johnston from Churchill, Marcia Jackson from BC, Sandie Mix from HE, Laura Leavitt from Las Vegas, Ruth Kilmer, President of the LV chapter and Lonnie Strait, President of our Summerlin Chapter, Elaine Steiner, President of our Washoe Chapter, Bill Taylor, President of our Sparks Chapter, and Gloria Deyhle, the next President of our Carson Chapter. Our moderator was our Legislative Advocate/Lead Lobbyist Marlene Lockard, who's also a member of our Washoe Chapter. We asked six questions of each candidate which included PERS and PEBP issues as RPEN was formed over 40 years ago to protect those benefits earned by all public employees that have come under attack in recent years. We will list each question separately below followed by the names of those candidates who supported our position along with a few comments from those who may not have been supportive and why. RPEN never endorses candidates. We instead prefer to educate our members so they can make their own decisions at the polls. For the first time RPEN also spoke with a few constitutional officer candidates as you will see below.



Northern Nevada Interview Panelists (L to R): Legislative Chairwoman **Gaye Johnston** (CH), State VP **Vicki Cameron** (HE), **Gloria Deyhle** (CA), Executive Director **Terri Laird**, **Bill and Donna Taylor** (SP), State President **Bernard Paolini** and **Elaine Steiner** (WA).

Question 1) Do you support Nevada's defined benefit retirement system? Will you commit to not make any additional changes to the PERS system, including changing the board composition of PERS?

SUPPORT:

Connie Munk (D) AD4
Marilyn Dondero Loop/RPEN Member (D) SD8
To Jordahl (D) SD12
Tom Roberts (R) AD13 (Roberts did say he would be "open" to diversity on the Board although there is no reason to change the board composition)
Zach Conine (D) Treasurer

Ellen Spiegel (D) AD20
Aaron Ford (D) Attorney General
Kristee Watson (D) AD22
Nelson Araujo (D) Secretary of State
Jennie Sherwood (D) AD2
Steve Yeager (D) AD9
Susie Martinez (D) A12
Barbara Cegavske (R) Secretary of State
Lesley Cohen (D) AD29

Richard Fletcher/RPEN Member (R) AD12
Melissa Hardy (R) A22
Richard Carillo (D) AD18
Shea Backus (D) AD37
Cherlyn Arrington (R) AD21
Teresa Benitez-Thompson (D) AD27
Julie Pazina (D) SD20
Jason Frierson (D) AD8
Mike Sprinkle (D) AD30

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Chapter Eternal

George Weston Waltenspiel

Washoe
Chapter
(1928-2018)

A Celebration of
Life was held July
13 for George



Waltenspiel who passed away in early July at the age of 89. Born in Susanville, California, George grew up in Reno, Nevada and graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in forestry. A veteran who served in the Army, George was married to Elizabeth Alice Zang (Betty) and they went on to have one son, George Weston III, and two daughters Wendy and Joan. George retired from the Washoe County School District in April 1994, where he worked as a carpenter for the district. He joined RPEN in September 1998, and served the Washoe Chapter well in his capacity of Membership Chair, recruiting many new members to RPEN and the Washoe Chapter. George is survived by his wife Betty, his son and daughters as well as 5 grandchildren.

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RPEN Gives Back to the Community

In Support of Northern Nevada's Veterans Guest House



RPEN gives back in many ways through our 18 chapters found throughout the state of Nevada. But this year, we are doing it in a big way by honoring our Veterans as we honor the Veterans Guest House of Northern Nevada at the conclusion of our annual convention taking place at the Nugget in Sparks, and co-hosted by our Sparks and Washoe Chapters. Both chapters have been collecting items on the "wish list" as well as gift cards from members and businesses in both the Sparks and Reno communities. Public employees serve an important role in the communities they live in. Where would the state be without our teachers, police and firefighters (especially this year)! What about the road workers who work outside in 100+ degree temperatures. We all have heard and read the stories in recent years from groups like the Nevada Policy Research Institute (NPRI) that malign and criticize public employees who "feed" at the taxpayers' trough while simply doing their jobs! Unfortunately these critics fail to mention that public employees are taxpayers too, many of whom contribute 50-percent of their own pensions that they earn once they retire. And so, while we already know how much public employees contribute to the communities they live in the form of taxes we felt it was time to help in another way. We recognize that many of our members are veterans, married to veterans or had mothers,

fathers, sons and daughters who may be veterans. That is why the Veterans Guest House serves such an important role in Northern Nevada and therefore, to our members who live here. We salute those who have served and we thank our members who have stepped up to help in our tribute this year. On September 21, RPEN presented cash, checks and gift cards totaling over \$2,000.00. In addition our chapters and members also collected at least \$1,000.00 + in needed supplies that also included 10 hand-made quilts and 2 hand-made lap afghans that are priceless! Noreen Leary, CEO of the Guest House could only say "I'm blown away" when she saw what our chapters and members had accomplished. She also forwarded an email to RPEN's State Office following our convention.

Nearly 100 of our members and guests converged at the Nugget this year where we hosted educational workshops on such topics as Post Retirement Increases from Nevada's Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Executive Officer Tina Leiss and Social Security issues such as the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). Another highlight of the annual get-together is our Legislative Panel Discussion that included District 27 Assemblywoman and current majority leader Teresa Benetiz-Thompson, District 31 Assemblyman Skip Daly, District 25 Assemblywoman Jill Tolles and former Assemblyman and Past State President Glenn Trowbridge. They talked about issues from the past as well as what can be expected in 2019. RPEN's Legislative Advocate Marlene Lockard moderated the panel. RPEN's Legislative Agenda for 2019 includes four issues agreed to by our Legislative/Insurance Committee. The top priority next year is the defense of PERS and the Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP) benefits and



RPEN (our chapters and our members) presented the Veterans Guest House of Reno with \$2,000.00 in cash, checks and gift cards as well as more than \$1,000.00 in supplies plus 10 hand-made quilts and two hand-made lap afghans!

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President's Perspective

Bernard Paolini,
RPEN State President

My column this month will be very short to allow more space for the results of the candidate interviews that were held in mid-August. We interviewed a total of forty candidates over three days in Southern Nevada and two days in Northern Nevada. I will not comment on the interviews as you can read the results elsewhere in the newsletter, but I will say that regardless of your political party preference your vote is important. Study the responses and the question any candidates that knock

on your door to determine their stance especially as it pertains to issues important to RPEN members. The Nevada Legislative Session will begin in February and RPEN's Legislative Advocate and Executive Director will be attending to follow any bills that might affect our members. Once again, they will be updating the website and sending emails with information from the session. They will let us know when they request a unified response with the RPEN blue shirt wave. Remember to vote this November. I will close this short column with a quote by Franklin D. Roosevelt. "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting". ■ BP



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- Franklin D. Roosevelt



Candidate Interviews *continued from page 1*

Al Kramer (R) AD40
Patricia Ackerman (D) AD39
Tina Davis Hersey (D) SD16
Lisa Krasner (R) AD26
Sarah Peters (D) AD24
Julia Ratti (D) SD13
Bob Beers (although he never really answered the question directly)
(R) Treasurer
Curtis Cannon (D) SD17
Paula Povilaitis (D) AD32

Autumn Zemke (D) AD40
Paris Wade (R) AD41
Catherine Byrne (D) Controller
Wendy Boszak/RPEN Member (D)
SD14
Howard Watts III (D) AD15
Selena Torres (D) AD3

OTHER:
Stephen Sedlmeyer (R) AD3 - Said he'd support PERS if he could, but didn't elaborate.

Ron Knecht (R) Controller - Said he believes those are already in the system should not be impacted by any changes however he questions that assumptions on returns being used by PERS may not be realistic and suggested that PERS is "hiding in their actuary's office and not being open, accountable or transparent".

Question 2) In the 2017 legislative session, RPEN proposed a bill that would protect our member's privacy and deter identity theft. SB384 was ultimately amended to state that only the name, pension amount and the employer would be made public. RPEN is considering re-introducing this bill during the 2019 legislative session. Would you support this bill?

SUPPORT:

This question had overwhelming support by those we interviewed. However, one candidate, Lisa Krasner (R) AD26, voted with her caucus in 2017 against SB384, but during our recent interviews Krasner said she might be inclined to support such a bill in the future. Senator Ratti was the primary sponsor of SB384 and has said she'd reintroduce it in 2019 depending who our next governor will be.

OPPOSED:

Assemblyman Al Kramer (R) AD 40, who voted against the bill in 2017, reiterated his position against it

again when asked by our panel this year.

Question 3) In the 2011 legislative session, changes were made to the Public Employee Benefits Program (PEBP) (health insurance) to eliminate retiree health coverage going forward as a budget cutting measure due to the recession that was being experienced at the time. Would you support reinstating health coverage for retirees (new employees hired after the change was made)?

SUPPORT:

The overwhelming majority supported the proposal however a few were concerned about where the money would come from. Additional information revealed by our Panel Moderator Marlene Lockard showing PEBP has had double digit excess reserves in the millions (as high as \$40 million at one time) helped alleviate some of that concern.

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Our Legislative Panel discussion during our annual convention included our Moderator, **Marlene Lockard**, current Majority Leader Assemblywoman **Teresa Benitez-Thompson**, Assemblyman **Skip Daly**, Assemblywoman **Jill Tolles** and former Assemblyman and past RPEN State President **Glenn Trowbridge**.



Volunteers from the Sparks and Washoe Chapters of RPEN show up on Registration Day for our 2018 annual convention.

Chapter Eternal

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Deacon Lee Ernest Mitchell, Jr

Sparks Chapter (1934-2018)

A Memorial Service was held July 23 for Deacon Lee



Ernest Mitchell, Jr. who passed away July 9 at the age of 84. Lee, who worked as the Head Grounds Keeper at Edward Reed High School when it opened in the mid 1970's served in that capacity through his retirement in 1994. As a tribute to Lee's long service to the school, the field at Reed is named "Lee Mitchell Field" in his honor. In addition to his working career, Lee and his wife Mae Lloyd Mitchell, served Washoe County's Foster Parent program for nearly 30 years. Lee and his wife Mae were also dedicated RPEN members for many years. They joined the Sparks Chapter of RPEN in 2001, and Mae was honored with a Pat Fladager Special Recognition Award in 2008. Lee is survived by his wife Mae and daughter Cynthia as well as one granddaughter and a sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and son, Raymond.

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Sparks Nugget Bell Desk Attendant taking our donations to our convention space.



Member Matters

Melissa Horvath,
E.J.S. Insurance Services, Inc.

If you're like most people, you probably know someone who has needed long-term care services. Maybe you've been a caregiver yourself. Either way, you may be wondering how you'll handle your own long-term care needs. Will your family take care of you? Will you be able to stay in your home? How will the need for care impact your retirement nest egg?

A long-term care insurance policy can help you stay connected to what is most important to you by providing funds that will help pay for the services you need. This can allow you to stay at home while getting the care you need, and also protect a portion of your retirement from long-term care costs.

Specialists in Long Term Care Insurance Services, Inc. is proud to offer the Mutual of Omaha MutualCare Custom Solution long-term care insurance product to RPEN members. This is a completely flexible product that can be tailored to your individual needs and budget. Benefits that are built-in to the policy include: Home Health Care, Facility Care, Care Coordination, Respite Care, Hospice Care, and Waiver of Premium. The following optional benefits can be added for an additional premium amount: Inflation Protection, Shared Care, Joint Waiver of

Premium, Survivorship Benefit, Waiver of the Elimination Period for Home Care, Return of Premium, and Non-Forfeiture Shortened Benefit Period.

RPEN members will receive a 5% group discount on premiums. The following additional discounts are available: 30% if both partners are issued a policy, 15% if only one partner is issued a policy, and a 15% Preferred Health discount if you are in excellent health.

In addition to traditional Long-term care insurance as described above, Specialists can also offer One America Single-Premium Annuities that offer both a death benefit- and a long-term care benefit if needed. This is a great way to prepare for the eventualities of aging while also getting your cake and eating it too. These annuities offer a traditional death benefit to be paid out to your heirs if it turns out you never require any long-term care. However, if you DO end up needing care, you have a way of financing it without completely depleting your retirement nest egg.

If you are interested in more information on either program, please call Specialists in Long Term Care Insurance Services, Inc. TOLL FREE at 1-800-764-6585. We can also be reached by email at info@siltc.com.

(Note: The above programs do have age and health limitations. You will be required to complete a health questionnaire and be subject to medical underwriting should you decide to apply for coverage.) ■ MH

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structure. Secondly we are considering the reintroduction of Senate Bill 384, the Privacy Bill vetoed by Governor Sandoval at the conclusion of the 2017 session. This issue is dependent upon a pending decision by the Nevada Supreme Court who took the case under consideration following a hearing held in March. Our third issue is the potential introduction of a bill and/or budget item to restore retiree health benefits for state employees hired after July 2011. The 2011 Legislature voted to make changes to eliminate retiree health coverage for state employees hired after July 2011 as a cost cutting measure

based on the recession that year. That cut has led to recruiting issues since state employees can find better benefits with other government programs in the state. And our 4th and final item is support of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) as it looks to propose legislation to implement Collective Bargaining for state employees. The state spends thousands of dollars training employees only to lose them to cities and counties in the state who can pay more because they offer collective bargaining. This is most evident among the Nevada Highway Patrol and the state's Department of Corrections.

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Question 4) Will you support collective bargaining for state employees? The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) plans on introducing a bill to allow Nevada state employees to unionize and RPEN will be supporting this effort as part of our legislative agenda for the 2019 session. The state is the only governmental unit that does not allow collective bargaining and loses valuable employees (especially within the Corrections Department and Nevada Highway Patrol) who once trained by the state leave for higher paying offices in other governmental units within the cities and counties.

SUPPORT:

By and large the majority of candidates were very supportive. Many said the state workers can't be competitive with other governments without collective bargaining. Some were indecisive. Cheryl Arrington (R) AD21 said her experience with a union left her feeling that they weren't looking out for her. Tom Roberts (R) AD13 said he'd entertain it because it is a recruiting issue but said cost could be a factor. Lesley Cohen (D) AD 29 replied "if we can get it done I would support it but I can't give a definite yes or no". Lisa Krasner (R) AD26 was undecided saying she'd need more information.

OPPOSED:

Al Kramer (R) AD40 said "you won't like my answer. I'm not in favor of it". Bob Beers (R) Treasurer said "Unions are bad in government on one hand and on the other hand said they can lead to some stupid managerial decisions citing a statute that tips in favor of the union side".

Question 5) Do you plan to introduce any legislation affecting seniors? If so, what?

RANDOM REPLIES:

The majority of the issues cited involved Education, Affordable Housing and Healthcare (affordability and availability), Mental Health and Transportation improvements.

Ellen Spiegel (D) AD20 said she was concerned about the high cost of prescription drugs for seniors.

Aaron Ford (D) Attorney General, a Co-Sponsor in 2017 of SB384, RPEN's privacy bill, said he'd be happy to consult with Senator Ratti to work again on a draft to re-introduce in 2019 on the same bill, SB384 that she was the primary sponsor of during the 2017 session.

Lesley Cohen (D) AD29 said she was interested in long-term care/guardianship issues.

Richard Fletcher (R) AD12 said victimization of the elderly was a top priority for him.

Julie Pazina (D) SD20 said protecting Medicare/Medicaid in the state was important to her.

Mike Sprinkle (D) AD30 cited affordable housing for everyone suggesting long term leases might be a solution for those on fixed incomes.

Tina Davis-Hersey (D) SD16 also cited affordable housing, especially for seniors.

Julia Ratti (D) SD13 concurred on assorted senior issues including affordable healthcare and housing.

Paula Povilaitis (D) AD32 said rent control for seniors is so important and she would work with Senator Ratti on this issue.

Autumn Zemke (D) AD40 mentioned concerns about Question 3 which is on November ballots to minimize regulations on the energy market and eliminate legal energy monopolies. She said if Question 3 passes and energy rates go up where will the state find the money to help those who cannot afford higher rates?

Paris Wade (R) AD41 cited a critical shortage of doctors in Nevada as a reason he joined the political race. He added a concern about the Medicaid payout (52-cents on the dollar) in Nevada as the Number #1 reason doctors are leaving the state.

Selena Torres (D) AD3 is keenly interested in improving education in the state, specifically advancing English Language Learner (ELL).

Question 6) Will you commit to an "open door" policy by making time for RPEN's representatives to meet with you to discuss various issues affecting RPEN during the legislative session?

SUPPORT:

This question resulted in a unanimous response "yes, absolutely" from every candidate.

The general election is November 6. If registering to vote by mail it must be postmarked by October 9. Registration online must be completed by October 18 and if in person by October 16. Early voting will begin October 20 and end November 2. Absentee ballot requests opens October 30 and must be returned by November 6 to be counted.

If you don't know who your state legislators are, you can find out by visiting the Nevada Legislative website at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/> where you will find a link along the right side of the page called "Who's My Legislator" "What's My District". If you click on that link it'll take you to a separate page where you can input your home address and learn who your representatives are and what district you live in.

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Chapter Eternal

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Joan McCloskey Gazaway

Mineral Chapter (1947-2018)



Funeral services were held July 7 at Mineral County High School for Joan McCloskey Gazaway who died June 25 following a four year battle with cancer. The daughter of Jack and Pauline McCloskey, she graduated from MCHS and attended Santa Rosa Jr. College. After college she went on to serve in the staffs of Nevada Senators Alan Bible and Paul Laxalt and eventually served Nevada Governor Robert List as his secretary. She later moved back to Hawthorne to assist with her family's business, the Mineral County Independent-News until it was sold. She left the newspaper world for the educational world, working for the Mineral County School District until her retirement in 2008. She joined RPEN in August 2010. She is survived by her husband, George, son John Patrick "Bud", three daughters, Mildred "Lori", Michelle and Melissa "Missy", as well as her sister Jeanie Stone.

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Mouryne Burton Landing Dini

**Bi-Valley
Chapter
(1928-2018)**

Mouryne passed away in Carson City on August 30, 2018. A legislative fixture in Carson City from 1973 through 1994 when she served as Chief Clerk of the Nevada State Assembly until her retirement in 1995, Mouryne was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and grew up in Ashland, Oregon where while in school she would meet her first husband Delbert Landing. She graduated from Ashland High School at the age of 16 and left for Salt Lake City where she attended a local Business College. After graduation she moved again to San Francisco, and eventually moved back to Ashland where she married Delbert in 1947. The couple had two daughters, Sheryl and Lisa. In 1963 they moved to Nevada. Her first job was as an Executive Secretary for the Nevada Central Data Processing Division and while there she had an opportunity to work for the State Legislature. She was honored in 2007 with a Nevada Assembly Wall of Distinction Membership as the sixth inductee and first non-elected Assembly member with that distinction. Her husband Delbert died in 1991, and 4 years later Mouryne married Assembly Speaker Joseph Dini. They were married 19 years until his death in 2014. Mouryne and Joe were both members of RPEN's Bi-Valley Chapter. She joined in 1998, and Joe in 2003. Mouryne is survived by her two daughters (and sons-in-law), two grandsons, multiple grandchildren and a sister.



Money Matters

*Cheryl Price,
PERS Operations Officer*

Nevada PERS Sees 8.6% Return on Investments in Fiscal 2018

The Nevada Public Employees' Retirement System had a market value of \$41.3 billion through June 30, 2018 after an investment return of 8.6 percent on its portfolio of stocks, bonds and other assets last fiscal year.

The Fiscal Year 2018 return exceeded the system's long-term benchmark of 7.5 percent, which was revised downward from 8 percent in 2017. Over the past five years, the return on the fund's investments is 8.8 percent. Since the inception of the market value measure, (34 years) the retirement fund return has averaged 9.3 percent.

The returns are after fees are deducted. Nevada PERS is one of the lowest cost public employee retirement systems in the country, relying more on index funds than active management by Wall Street investors.

"The 2018 Fiscal Year was a very strong year for the fund," said Investment Officer Stephen J. Edmundson in a report to the PERS Board in August.

The solid return comes on the heels of an 11.9 percent return in Fiscal Year 2017. The annual return varies depending on how well investments perform. The system saw a gain of only 2.3 percent in Fiscal Year 2016, but still outperformed many other public pension funds nationwide. The return was 4.2 percent in the 2015 fiscal year and 17.6 percent in 2014. "It was a great year and a strong five-year period," Mr. Edmundson said of the Fiscal Year 2018 data. ■ CP

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Another highlight of our annual convention is our awards ceremony held Thursday, September 20. The host chapters put together special events Wednesday night and Thursday night in light of the fact that this year was the first that there was not an off-site event. Typically Wednesday night our members and guests were treated to a trip that highlighted something interesting or entertaining in our host city. But due to

travel restrictions faced by some of our members and costs involved it was decided to keep everyone on-site at future annual meetings.

Two Special Recognition awards were presented to Carmen Goicoechea (NTC) and Sue McMahill (TR). Additional awards will be presented at a later date.

The convention concluded Friday with our presentation to Noreen Leary, CEO at the Veterans Guest House. State President

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Carmen Goicoechea, Delegate from No. Tri-County Chapter, is surprised with a Pat Fladager Special Recognition Award at our 2018 annual convention.



Sue McMahill receives a Special Recognition Award as recommended by her chapter, Two Rivers.



Health Matters

Damon Haycock,
PEBP Executive Officer

It is that time of year again! Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15, 2018 through December 7, 2018. PEBP wants to remind those Medicare eligible retirees participating in our program to check out Towers Watson's Via Benefits (Exchange) for any changes you want to make to your Medicare supplement, prescription drug plan, or Medicare Advantage plans. If you are satisfied with your current coverage, you will not need to take any action unless you have received a notice that your plan is no longer available (happens rarely). Please also remember if you do make changes, you **MUST** make them through Via Benefits or you will risk losing your retiree Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) provided monthly, along with access to other benefits at PEBP like Dental and Life Insurance. For those of you who are on Tricare, you can

choose to enroll or decline Via Benefits and still retain your other PEBP benefits (HRA, Dental, and Life Insurance).

Pre-Medicare retirees participating in PEBP's healthcare plans had three plan options to select back in May 2018. Plan Year 2019 is PEBP's inaugural Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) plan replacing Hometown Health Providers' Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan in northern and rural Nevada. We hope the transition for those members has gone relatively smooth. We also hope all participating retirees (pre-Medicare and Medicare eligible) recognize the additional funding provided by PEBP this year. Pre-Medicare retirees received a monthly premium reduction on all plans (CDHP, EPO, and HMO plans) and Medicare retirees received a one-time HRA supplemental funding in July.

We are honored to continue to provide retirees access to high quality benefits at affordable prices. We look forward to continuing to serve you! ■ *DH*

Candidate Interviews *continued from page 5*

The following candidates are proven supporters of RPEN and our issues! Though they were unable to participate in our recent interviews we have interviewed them in previous election cycles and they continually support us through their actions while serving in the Legislature.

SENATE CANDIDATES:

- District 2: Mo Denis (D)
- District 10: Yvanna Cancela (D)
- District 21: James Ohrenschall (D)
- Assembly Candidates:
- District 1: Daniele Monroe-Moreno (D) (who is also an RPEN member)
- District 5: Brittney Miller (D)
- District 6: William O'Neil McCurdy II (D)
- District 7: Dina Neal (D)
- District 10: Chris Brooks (D)
- District 11: Olivia Diaz (D)
- District 14: Maggie Carlton (D)

- District 16: Heidi Swank (D)
- District 17: Tyrone Thompson (D)
- District 21: Ozzie Fumo (D)
- District 31: Richard Daly (D)
- District 34: Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod (D)
- District 41: Sandra Jauregui (D)

The following candidates did not reply to our request for an interview:

SENATE CANDIDATES:

- District 2: Calvin "Cal" Border (R)
- District 8: Valerie Weber (R)
- District 9: Tiffany Jones (R) and Melanie Scheible (D)
- District 12: Joe Hardy (R)
- District 14: Ira Hansen (R)
- District 17: James Settelmeyer (R)
- District 20: Keith Pickard (R)
- District 21: Ron McGinnis (R)

ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES:

- District 2: John Hambrick (R)
- District 4: Richard McArthur (R)
- District 5: Jason Burke (R)

- District 8: Tina Peetris (R)
- District 9: Linda Cannon (R)
- District 10: Noel Searles (R)
- District 11: Gianna Miceli (R)
- District 15: Stan Vaughan (R)
- District 17: Patricia "Pat" Little (R)
- District 18: Matt Sadler (R)
- District 19: Chris Edwards (R)
- District 23: Glen Leavitt (R)
- District 25: Jill Tolles (R) and Gregory John Shorts (D)
- District 26: June Joseph (D)
- District 29: Stephen Silberkraus (R)
- District 31: Jill Dickman (R)
- District 32: Alexis M. Hansen (R)
- District 33: John Ellison (R)
- District 34: Janice E. Wesen (R)
- District 35: David Schoen (R)
- District 36: Dennis Hof (R) and Lesia Romanov (D)
- District 37: Jim Marchant (R)
- District 38: Robin Titus (R)
- District 39: Jim Wheeler (R)
- District 42: Alexander Assefa (D)

■ *TL*

Via Benefits Pre-Medicare and HRA Meetings

PEBP and Via Benefits (formerly Towers Watson's OneExchange) will host a series of informational meetings for Pre-Medicare and Medicare retirees (and their covered dependents) October 17 through October 19, 2018. Please refer to the meeting schedule below. No appointment is needed to attend either meeting.

Las Vegas - October 17, 2018

Pre-Medicare Meeting - 9 - 11 am
HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) 1 - 3:00 pm
College of Southern Nevada (North Las Vegas Campus), C Building - Conference Room 2638,
3200 Cheyenne Ave,
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Carson City - October 18, 2018

Pre-Medicare Meeting - 9 - 11:00 am
HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) 1 - 3:00 pm
Nevada Army National Guard Auditorium, 2460 Fairview Dr.,
Carson City, NV 89701
Be prepared to show ID at the gate

Reno - October 19, 2018

Pre-Medicare Meeting - 9 - 11:00 am
HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) 1 - 3:00 pm
Truckee Meadows Community College Sierra Building, Room 105
7000 Dandini Blvd., Reno, NV 89512

A recording will be made available the following week on the PEBP website under "Retiree Resources".



Southern Nevada Interview Panelists (L to R): Laura Leavitt (LV), Lonnie Strait (SU), State Vice-President Vicki Cameron (HE), Legislative Advocate Marlene Lockard (WA), Sandie Mix (HE) and State President Bernard Paolini (BC). One Panelist was missing when this photo was taken, LV Chapter President Ruth Kilmer.

Wondering where the candidates stand? Look inside!

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Bernard Paolini (BC) introduced Bill Taylor, Sparks Chapter President and Elaine Steiner, Washoe Chapter President, who made the presentation to Leary. Leary graciously accepted the gifts and said “What a wonderful gift that the RPEN members gave to the Veterans Guest House at their state conference. The items are absolutely wonderful. Our veterans and family guests will certainly enjoy the snacks and food items. Toilet paper and Kleenex are always in high demand at the Guest House. The gift cards, cash and checks will help us to do what we need to do as we need to do it. That’s also really marvelous. I think my comment was like—Wow! I can’t believe all of these wonderful gifts and when I returned to the house, it was a Wow! From not only my team

members but our guests who helped us bring things in. The quilts will be getting placed around the house or sent home so that our guests can be warm throughout the upcoming winter. The bags of goodies might show up on beds from time to time. Thank you all for such a marvelous gift and for doing great things for the community. The Veterans Guest House is so thankful to be the recipient of your generosity. Noreen Leary, CEO, Veterans Guest House.”

The 2019 Annual Convention will be hosted by our Henderson Chapter, led by President Mary Ella Holloway. Our State Office is already working on planning for the event next year which will be held at the Fiesta Henderson Casino/Hotel/Resort on September 17-20, 2019.



Noreen Leary, CEO of Reno's Veterans Guest House, after accepting our donations