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Henderson Chapter

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News from Executive Director Terri Laird

RPEN asked to have a videoconference of the NV Assembly Government Affairs Committee's Feb. 7 hearing to allow viewing and participation in Las Vegas. The Committee obliged. This hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday in the Nevada Legislative Building, Carson City. The Las Vegas video conference will be in Room 4406 at the Grant Sawyer Building. The agenda includes presentations from PERS and PEBP. RPEN Lobbyists, led by Marlene Lockard, will be there. We encourage you to attend this and future meetings. It is always good to have Assembly Members see an audience of RPEN Members who are impacted by what they do (and may not do).

Monthly Chapter Reports

Updated RPEN BYLAWS are available on line or you can request a hard copy from ppetruso@aol.com. The latest amendments were made at the Board of Directors annual meeting in September. Hal Keaton, Chair of the Bylaws, Policies and Resolutions Committee, has asked chapters to consider the need for further amendments. A form is available from RPEN head-quarters.

UNLV Public Policy Graduate Students presented us with a strategic plan for increasing membership as we requested and suggested we use their product as a roadmap 2019 to 2021. The primary objectives were: broaden the means to target newly retired PERS members; engage with current PERS working employees; establish a legislative ambassador program to broaden RPEN's reach; highlight RPEN accomplishments; increase visibility and improve member knowledge of state and local legislators; diversity communication strategies (optimize technology and social media exposure). They also believe we could improve the mission statement to a concise statement of purpose and improve consistency in leadership as well as among chapters (using common agendas, meeting format, etc.).

Happy Valentine's Day!



COMING EVENTS

Monday, February 11
2:30 PM Chapter Meeting
Elizabeth Villafana
will present LOCKBOX,
a service available to you
by the Secretary of State.

Feb. 12 – Sunset Garden Club
12 pm-Meeting at Paseo Verde
Library. Topic is "Treasures."

Feb. 17 - Mardi Gras Masquerade 10K & 5K
Half Marathon. A festive run along River
Mountain Loop Trail at Equestrian park. Wear a
costume; win a prize.

Feb. 23 - Heart & Soul Festival 11 to 3 pm.
Live music, cultural dances, vendors & food.
Free at Henderson Events Plaza, 200 Water St.

Feb. 23 – Bus Trip to Ash Meadows National
Wildlife Refuge \$14. Easy guided hike to see 30
unique species of plants and animals. 702-267-
4050 for information.

March 11 Monthly Chapter Meeting Vickie Hansen, Senior Services Coordinator



Heritage Park
Senior Facility,
will speak about
services and
Volunteer roles.

*Marlene Lockard,
Legislative
Advocate at the
January Chapter
Meeting.*

STATE OF THE CITY from a speech by Mayor Debra March January 22, 2019

The state of the city is strong and continues to achieve high ratings from its citizens and from national organizations and registers. (In the top 25 of Best Cities, Safest Cities, and Best Place to Retire; in the top 10 of Best Cities to Raise Children; Best for Snow Birds; and PET FRIENDLY.) The population stands at nearly 313,000. About 500 people are moving in each month.

The city's newest slogan is "Henderson Smart" as it focuses on technology and its careful use. Drone Field is operational!

The economic achievements of 2018 are impressive. Just a week earlier, the Raiders football organization broke ground for their corporate headquarters along St Rose Parkway, a \$75 million investment. The Raiders' practice facility and HQ are expected to generate about \$14 million in property tax revenue over the next 30 years.

A surge of development is occurring in the area of Henderson's Western Gateway. 13,000 new homes are being constructed, as well as high-end apartments and shopping centers. Matter Park at St. Rose and Executive Airport is set to be a 30-acre business park. All In Aviation and Lone Mountain Aviation have partnered to build a 24-hangar facility at the airport. The multi-use facility will include 9,000 square feet of office space, training and conference rooms, an avionics workshop and a 22,000-maintenance hangar. Other new developments in the area are Costco and a Smiths distribution center, promising 280 jobs.

Google's \$600 million data center, to be built at Warm Springs and Boulder Highway, is set to be fully operational next year. It will employ up to 200 people with average annual pay of \$65,000. There are only 13 Google data centers worldwide. The project is expected to bring in more than \$94 million in tax revenue over 20 years. Also, along Boulder Highway, Union Village is progressing and Henderson Hospital is already receiving recognition for quality care. With a stable fiscal status, good reserves and the lowest rate of taxes in Nevada, the city offers a culture of opportunity.

Residents Carlos Santana and his wife were also present at the city event. Mr. Santana spoke about his donation of five pieces of art to the Pittman neighborhood which is part of "old town" redevelopment. Habitat for Humanity is a leading force in the area. The couple said they were impressed with the energy of the city and its leaders' passionate commitment.

The Santanas also funded the SEE – SAY – DO SOMETHING campaign for the Clark County School District. Sick of the fear and violence experienced by school children, Mr. Santana said something must be done. "YOU must work to end it."



December Photos

MaryElla, Joyce Nies and Sandie Mix at Del Mar Gardens Care Facility. They brought gifts to residents donated by Chapter members.



Green Valley High School Madrigal Choir provided the entertainment at our party. Below, Chapter Members enjoy the music.



HENDERSON LIBRARIES 75th Birthday

The Henderson School Public Library was created in 1944 when the population of our city was about 35,000. That initial effort eventually became the Henderson District Public Libraries (HDPL). Parties and special events are planned at every branch throughout the year. Visit a branch or go to the website for details. Hendersonlibraries.com

The DAM SHORT FILM FESTIVAL is held in Boulder City February 7 through Feb 10. Go for great entertainment every day from 11/12 am to 10/11 pm. You can purchase tickets for a 1-hr series, or all-day and all-festival passes. Damshortfilm.org

