Learn What Threats Lurk in the 21st Century World of Electronic Marvels

The recent data breach experienced by Equifax, the credit monitoring firm, exposed millions of Americans to potentially fraudulent use of their personal information, with severe financial loss or identity theft as possibilities. Today's electronic landscape is fraught with schemes targeting the unsuspecting, thus the first line of defense is knowledge—learning what can happen.

Chapter 084 will hear a panoramic discussion of the perils at its October 26 meeting, presented by Katie Carruesco, education and outreach coordinator with the State Department of Business Oversight. She recently addressed RPEA's General Assembly, and her presentation was viewed as extremely helpful.

The lineup of issues is daunting; among her many topics will be:

- Senior scams, specifically geared to dupe older people, including a more recent trickery known as the ransom scan
- Ways in which scammers get information that helps them with their deceptions
- Phishing via the Internet, how to be watchful
- Identity theft
- Credit/debit card and ATM issues
- Computer issues, including use of “link”
- Problems with passwords and postal boxes.

Ms. Carruesco also will have written material to hand out.

Chapter 084 Potpourri

Happy birthday to: Virginia Peterson, Harvey Robinson, Anita Russell, September; Jim Coppage, October. Welcome our newest members: Allan Patton, Steve Mattos, David Hoos, Daniel Deloy, Clark and Nancy Newton, John and Susan Benoit.

Check our financial status (As of August 31, 2017)

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From the President's Desk

New Officers Will Be Elected At the October 26 Meeting

This is my last hurrah as president; I’m stepping down after two years in that position and handing the reins to a new leader. The chapter has nominated Marty Martinez for that role, pending the election at our October 26 chapter meeting (see full slate below).

Outgoing presidents can’t help but sum up their years—the pluses and minuses. On the plus side we have seen steady increases in membership; vigorous, instructive programs; excellent luncheons and friendly camaraderie. On the minus side I would list our inability to generate increasing attendance at chapter luncheons. I’ll leave that for Marty to solve—but note that any new members who haven’t yet joined us for lunch can do so with no charge—their initial luncheon is complimentary.

Many new members may be hazy on the reason RPEA exists. Protection perhaps is the key word—protection of our benefits, foremost among them our pensions. When we signed on as government employees we understood that promised pension benefits were sacrosanct, meaning inviolate. Recent financial turbulence sent shock waves through government systems, leading to suggestions by some for curbing pension expenditures. These proposed incursions will continue, and RPEA will be on the front line of resistance. We need our membership unified in its concern and support. If you’re new to RPEA, consider this a call for active participation in our work.

A couple of personal notes: We bid adieu and thanks to Wil Roe, a long-time chapter member, past-president, and board member, who is leaving this area. We hold Alfredo Gomez in our thoughts—he is seriously ill and we pray for his recovery. And, finally, we offer apologies to charter member Della Owens, who celebrated her 91st birthday August 26. And we failed to mention it earlier. Best wishes, Della—Helen Field

The Full Slate of Nominated Officers

President Emilio ‘Marty’ Martinez
Vice-President Roberta Christensen
Secretary Alfredo Gomez
Treasurer Gloria Kalthoff
Directors Ray Aguilera, Maria Sumner, One TBN

Think About It—The chapter is trying to convert mailing to electronic mode, because it’s easier to handle and saves money. We’ve had some takers, but we would like to see the list keep growing. It’s simple to change—just notify Kent Milton (barb@july20@gmail.com) and he will make the switch.
The Next Chapter Luncheon—10:45 a.m. October 26
Where: Sierra Regency, 1015 Madden Lane, Roseville 95661

The Menu—Your choice of:
- Spaghetti Carbonara or
- Seared Duck Breast, Butternut Squash Risotto, Winter Vegetables

Reservations a Must—Call Marilyn Cain (916) 434-6369 or Helen Field (916) 783-0325 with your menu selection no later than Monday, October 23.
(Cost $10 for members—please bring correct change or a check; $12 for associates, $14 for guests)

AND REMEMBER—If you make a reservation but find you can’t attend, please cancel with Marilyn or Helen because the chapter is required to pay for every reservation.

The October 26 Program

The State Department of Business Oversight has its sights set on consumer welfare, as you will discover at the October 26 program. How can they help you? See details inside, but do plan to attend because the speaker is thoroughly knowledgeable about the potential dangers you confront in this digital age.