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**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
YREKA CHAPTER #037**

Newsletter Editor: Vel Singewald

**CHAPTER #37 Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at Poor George's  
Restaurant Banquet Room, Corner of Main & Miner Street, Yreka,  
Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m. , General Meeting and Lunch at 11:30 a.m.**

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**PROGRAM**

**Ayn Perry  
Yreka Community Garden**

**March 20, 2019 Meeting**



Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Vel Singewald by Abe Baily, Area II Director, in recognition of the Chapter Publishing a Chapter Newsletter to help keep the members as well as any potential members, informed of meetings and activities of the Chapter and RPEA

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Building Maintenance Account Donations Report as OF Wednesday, April 1, 2019:  
Chapter 038 3/1/2019\$105.007 Deceased Members Total: \$105.00  
Current Building Maintenance Account Balance: \$23,943.98

Report of May 1, 2019: Contributions: \$0.00  
Current Building Maintenance Account Balance: \$23,943.98

## SCAMMERS

### How Do Scammers Know So Much About Me?

#### They're good sleuths, but too often we give our data away

By Amy Nofziger and Mark Fetterhoff, [AARP](#), January 9, 2019 | AARP

A recent caller to the [AARP Fraud Watch Network](#) helpline was being tormented with fake emails and trolling phone calls from scammers who seemed to specifically target him. He asked, "How do these people know so much about me?" We get that call a lot. Many don't understand how they get on the radar of crooks. Here are some of the ways.

- **I frequently enter contests.** Online contests are gateways to unwanted sales pitches. Not only do marketers collect information like name, age and address, they may learn other things — that you like to travel or are buying a car. Also, they know you believe in luck. That could make you a target.
- **I mail in warranty cards.** Ever notice when you fill out a warranty card for a toaster or coffee maker that it requests information like how much money you make? It is likely that your information is being sold to others, either legitimately or as part of a scam.
- **I fill out lots of surveys.** Did you recently fill out a questionnaire rating your stay at a hotel or the service at a restaurant? Selling survey data is big business, and marketing firms and even criminals can learn a lot about you based on travel preferences, what type of home you own or what car you drive.

#### Don't post personal info, narrow who can see your posts and avoid posting real-time updates about your whereabouts.

- **I share personal updates on Facebook.** Scammers turn to social media postings to learn more about those they've targeted. So be prudent: Don't post personal info, narrow who can see your posts and avoid posting real-time updates about your whereabouts.
- **I live in the United States.** Many public records are available at the federal, state, county and city levels, including census data, property information, criminal records, bankruptcies and tax liens. Private companies can pull together all this information on you and sell it to anyone. And it's 100 percent legal.

#### Call AARP's free Fraud Watch helpline at 877-908-3360 to speak with volunteers trained in spotting scams.

- **I toss my mail.** Shred all mail that has your name and address, account numbers, or other personal data. If you don't have a home shredder, save your papers for a neighborhood shredding event. (AARP sponsors these in many communities.) Messy garbage won't deter a bad guy.

- **Someone in my family has died recently.** Obituaries are prime hunting ground for scammers, who learn the names of vulnerable widows, widowers, children or grandchildren. Honor the dead, but keep personal information in obituaries to a minimum.

*Amy Nofziger and Mark Fetterhoff are consumer fraud experts with the AARP Fraud Watch Network.*

## **SUNSHINE**

**Sunshine: Vel Singewald:** If anyone knows of a member's illness, or the death of a member, please let me know at email [velzpilot@yahoo.com](mailto:velzpilot@yahoo.com) or (530)842-5453

Deceased: Dorothy Jenott passed away on March 4, 2019 at Siskiyou Springs Senior Living in Yreka, CA.

## **ELECTRONIC MAIL**

***We wish to email the chapter newsletter to as many of our members as possible. You can receive the newsletter via email by letting the newsletter editor or any board member know.***

***Those that prefer the printed version need take no action & will continue to get it.***

If you have moved or changed your address for delivery of this newsletter, please notify:  
RPEA Headquarters  
300 T Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811-6912 or phone (916) 441-7732

## **INVITE A FRIEND**



We ask you to help out RPEA and our local chapter. You can help by mentioning to your retired friends, or soon to be retired, about your membership in RPEA and answering any questions they may have. You may invite them to our lunch meeting. Remember, prospective members will enjoy a free meal and have a chance to learn about the mission of RPEA.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**RPEA Yreka Chapter 37 Meetings for 2019**

Poor George's Restaurant Banquet Room, Corner of Main and Miner Sts,  
Yreka, CA. Next meeting dates: July 17 Pizza Party, September 18,  
November 20