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Mission Statement

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Chapter 46 North San Mateo County

In Touch!

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**Chapter 46 meeting will be held on the 3rd
Wednesday, on **July 21** at:**

**Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave.
South San Francisco, California
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**The Menu will be Roast Leg of Lamb,
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, and Salad**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CALL YOUR
RESERVATION IN. WE NEED TO GIVE A
HEAD COUNT BEFORE THE MEETING.**

The Prez Sez..... by Anita Alvarez

Who would have thought we would be in quarantine voluntarily for 15 months and counting, so far? We know now that we are stronger together for it and we need to hang on for just a little longer. It is for the greater good, not just for ourselves. Many changes have and will keep occurring as some of us figure out what is best. Dare I say, some of us never figure it out, but changes will occur for all of us, whether you want it or not! Soon, we will move on to newer problems and we must remember to keep up the good work for the rest of us! I am in it to win it!

So, we are planning to hold our luncheon meeting at the Basque Cultural Center, see the notice earlier, so this is our first group meeting since January of 2020. We only have this meeting and our upcoming October quarterly meeting left for the 2021 year. Please make it a celebration, bring your spouse or a few friends, and make it a date. Having lunch out is less expensive than

having dinner out, so why not make the most of it!

We have an election of officers of San Mateo County Chapter 46 of RPEA, so please send nominees or volunteer yourself to join our Board of Directors. Even, if you are not sure you would like a position at this time, join our board now, to share ideas and get involved. Call any officer to discuss this. So, please send your nominees names by August 21,

2020. We will list the nominees for each position in the next newsletter, then request ballots by October 31, 2021 SAYS...written

Our new Board must be in place by November 1, 2021 for our new fiscal year! Thanks for your efforts!

Please Note: We have been informed from CalPERS Stakeholder Strategy Manager David Teykaerts that some retirees who received a paper pension check for the month of June might have an issue with their bank not honoring or rejecting the check, see his message below. If a member of your chapter contacted you for help, you can let them know to contact CalPERS at (CalPERS (or 888-225-7377).

Valued stakeholders – I just learned about an issue that might affect some of your members. Because of production troubles (unknown), the California State Controller's Office misprinted June pension benefit checks for as many as 11,900 CalPERS retirees. It seems there were discrepancies between the numerical dollar figure on the check and the written-out words of the dollar value. Having worked at a bank myself in the past, most tellers looked at the dollar figure, not the written words on the line, so the vast majority will be cashed no problem. But some retirees have reported that banks were not honoring the checks. If you hear of that happening, please have them call CalPERS immediately and we will work with the State Controller's Office to reissue the check as soon as

possible. The number for them to call is CalPERS (or **888-225-7377**).

Health News

by Sharon Albera

Our two Counties Vaccines are working in San Mateo County. 58.9 % are fully vaccinated. Our overall Covid 19 rate is 11%. In San Francisco County 46% are fully vaccinated between 18 to 65. Our overall Covid 19 rate is 9.5%

ScamDuJour.....Dan Porter

Fool me twice, shame on me' If a person has been scammed by a phony charity, paid for a fake prize, etc., that person may be targeted by a refund or recovery scam as he/she probably will be added to a **"sucker list."** Scammers keep and sell lists with information about people who have already lost money to fraud. It generally includes the victim's, address, phone number, the kind of scam used, and the amount stolen. Scammers buy, sell, and trade these lists, expecting that people who have been scammed once are good targets for being scammed again.

Using a list of people who've already been scammed, the defrauder makes contact by phone, mail, or online posing as member of a government agency, a consumer advocacy group, a law firm, a charity, or some other organization. Some even say they are with the fake company that took your money, and the company is offering refunds to dissatisfied customers. The scam script will include a claim that money is being held for the scammed - or - the offer is filing complaint paperwork with government agencies - or - claim that the scammed's name can be placed at the top of a list for reimbursement. Whatever the variation of this, the pitch is that the scammers promise to recover money or merchandise, but the victim first must a) give financial information [like checking or debit account

number] so that the money can be deposited directly in the person's account - or b) pay a "retainer fee," "processing fee," "administrative charge," "tax," "shipment and handling charge," or even a "donation" to a factitious charity with a gift card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer. Another variation of the "money exchange" is the scammer sends a bogus 'check' in an amount in excess of what the defrauded is supposed to have received, then the scammer makes another contact telling the victim to cash the check, keep the amount owed, and to mail a check from his/her account for the amount that was supposed to have been refunded.

If contacted, a scammed person should provide all details to either the victim's State Attorney General, or the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov

ScamDuJour...Dan Porter As has been mentioned in a few previous articles, scammers tend to re-work or merely dust off old scams perpetuated on the unsuspecting. Apparently, with a number of recent complaints, PG&E has issued another warning that customers are receiving phone calls or having a knock on their front door by people posing as PG&E employees with

fake credentials to obtain to get cash or personal information in order to avoid disruption of service. [FYI - these scams are not occurring in the PG&E service area alone as the Federal Trade Commission also issued a similar warning bulletin on 5/5/21.]

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Victorino Aguirre

Richard Blanton

Lucille Coleman

Suthida Kui

Francis Pardi

Helen Pardi

Dorothy Smedley

****IF EACH ONE OF US GOT A FRIEND TO JOIN RPEA IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO OUR MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE TALK TO PEOPLE AND TRY TO RECRUIT.**

****Request:** If you know of a member who is sick or laid up as a result of an illness or operation, please let Ginnie Ervin know, and she will send out a get-well card!

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Make your luncheon reservation for July 12th, 2021 (The Luncheon is the Third Wednesday of the month)

Name: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ Amount enclosed: _____ @ \$25.00 per person

Make your check payable to RPEA Chapter 46 and mail this form to Carrie Potts 752 Arleen Way, Pacifica, CA 94044.

You can also let us know you are coming by calling Carrie: 650-738-2285 and bring your check to the meeting. Mail your reservation early.