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Happy Spring 2021

RPEA Chapter 096 Zoom General meeting: Friday, April 9, 2021 @ Noon (Mountain Time). Please join us!

I will send out the email Zoom invitation on the Thursday prior to the scheduled meeting day.

Questions about how to Zoom, contact Evelyn McGarry @ 408-839-2278 or <u>mcgarrye2004@yahoo.com</u>...we can do a practice session.

Happy Spring Birthdays
Helen Fuller, Lucy Lopez, Rose Luchau, and Edyth Wilson!

Our current chapter bank account balance is \$3539.47.

Retired Public Employees' Association (RPEA) Chapter 096 Zoom General Meeting Minutes January 8, 2021

Present: Martha Hoyt, Lucy Lopez, Helen Fuller & Evelyn McGarry

- Lucy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Helen asked if there were previous Zoom chapter meetings; advised previous Zoom chapter meetings were on 7/10/2020 and 10/9/2020
- Lucy informed us that Larry is recuperating from medical issues (vision & dexterity impairment) but interested in chapter V-P officer position
- Helen mentioned that her husband, Jack Fuller, was the originator of chapter 096 based on the need of LANL retirees living in the Rio Rancho & ABQ areas
- Lucy asked for a moment of silence reciting an inspirational quotation
- Discussed why chapter members are not participating in Zoom meetings; Evelyn stated offers to help members with Zoom instructions & practice were expressed in past newsletters; Zoom instructions: no passcode required & click on "join" link in the Zoom meeting email sent to members the day before the Zoom meeting
- Lucy stated RPEA was established in 1958 as an all volunteer organization dedicated to the protection & preservation of member pensions & health insurance benefits
- We will continue to use the ABQ restaurant, Weck's (previously Le Peep) on Louisiana Blvd as our board & general meetings location once it is safe to meet in person
- Lucy gave Treasurer's Report: current bank account balance is \$3266.02
- Evelyn gave Newsletter Editor's Report: requested chapter members input with articles, greetings etc.; gave example of Barbara DuBois' poem submission
- Lucy asked for volunteers for chapter officer positions (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, board member, newsletter editor, sunshine chairperson, telephone tree chairperson, membership chairperson); Martha accepted as a board member, Evelyn accepted as newsletter editor & secretary, Larry was accepted as vice-president *in absentia* and Lucy accepted as president, treasurer & membership chairperson; Lucy administered officer oath and officers agreed
- The next chapter 096 general meeting will be on April 9, 2021 @ noon via Zoom

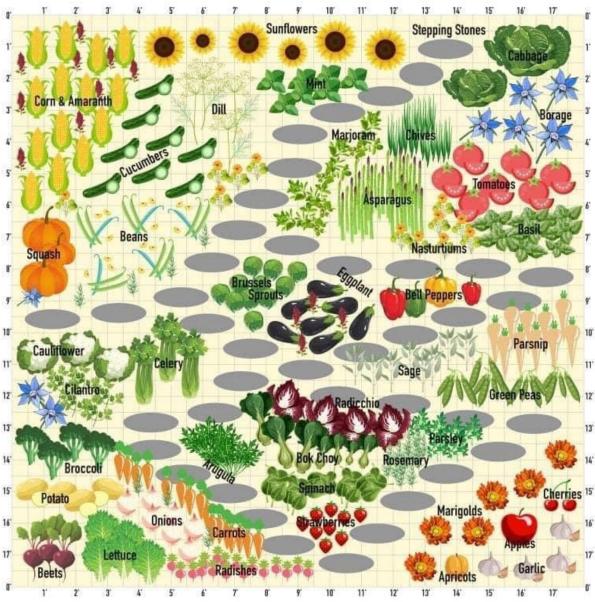
Respectfully submitted by Evelyn McGarry

Did You Know?

• A singing birthday card has more computer power than the entire Allied Army of World War II

It's Time to Start Planning Your Garden

Companion Planting Chart TO HELP YOUR GARDEN THRIVE





LUCY'S CORNER

Marie Reed, Secretary/Treasurer, submitted her resignation to the Retired Public Employees' Association Board of Directors (RPEA), after enjoying thirteen-years tenure on the Board. The RPEA Board now needs to find a Secretary and a Treasurer to fill two empty positions. The need for volunteers is great. I invite our members to attend our zoom chapter meeting <u>on April 9, 2021, at 12 PM</u>. If you would like to join the meeting, please click the mouse on the code and follow the instructions for access into the group. We will let you know when it is safe for us to have our meetings in person again. We hope that you are able to attend our zoom meeting so that we can get to know you.

Please consider volunteering. The need for volunteers is great to keep our chapter open as a source of communication in the time of need and to insure the continuation of our pension and health benefits.

I received the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine shot about two weeks ago, I had no side effects and no arm soreness, I felt a sense of relief and well being, I think the vaccine is

definitely a message of hope for all of us, I will continue to wear the mask until everybody has been vaccinated and I feel safe.

Stay safe Lucy Lopez

Your participation is always welcome and encouraged.

If you would like to contribute to the RETIREWIRE newsletter please contact your newsletter editor, Evelyn McGarry, at mcgarrye2004@yahoo.com

[Please contact me if you no longer want to receive your newsletter in paper format and receive it in an email.]

Your RPEA Chapter 096 Board Members:

Lucy Lopez: President, Larry Sullivan: V-P, Evelyn McGarry: Secretary & Newsletter Editor, Lucy Lopez: Treasurer & Membership Chairperson

Next RPEA Chapter 096 Meeting:

July 9, 2021 @ NOON (Zoom or location to be determined)