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🎉 Happy New Year 2020 🎉



**RPEA Chapter 096 Meeting Friday January 10, 2020 @ Noon  
at Le Peep restaurant 2125 Louisiana Blvd. NE ABQ, NM**

***Meeting Presentation: Michael Rinderle (w/AMBA) - MASA  
(Please arrive on time as a courtesy to our guest speaker.)***

Note to Southern New Mexico members: if you would like to meet with your chapter board members for a lunch group meeting in the Las Cruces area please contact Larry Sullivan at [houseofspirit@earthlink](mailto:houseofspirit@earthlink).

**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](mailto:mcgarrye2004@yahoo.com)**

# **Retired Public Employees' Association (RPEA)**

## **Chapter 096 Board & General Meetings Minutes**

### **October 11, 2019**

Present: Larry Sullivan, Martha Hoyt, Lucy Lopez, Evelyn McGarry, Kathy Sullivan, Louis Silva, Lily Silva, Ruth Johnson, Donald Baker, Andy Wilson, Edyth Wilson, Caroline Cardel (guest), Lorenzo Rios (guest, RPEA Director of Public Relations)

- Discussion of annual reports (forms) due to RPEA office
- Discussion of chapter newsletter emailed to other chapter presidents & newsletter editors
- Chapter paid for Lorenzo's lunch; Lucy transported Lorenzo to and from Sunport; chapter paid for Lucy's lunch and her guest's lunch in lieu of reimbursement for mileage & airport parking
- Evelyn asked if members would be interested in having a presentation by a local MASA representative at our next general meeting in January; members agreed; Evelyn will contact MASA representative
- Henry Jones has won the retiree Seat on the CalPERS Board
- Larry stated RPEA organization doing well, financially secure
- Los Volcanes Senior Center had their fiesta event on October 5, 2019
- Lorenzo Rios, RPEA Director of PR, our general meeting guest speaker talked about how he started as a community neighborhood school advocate, is a member of chapter 25 Long Beach, was elected in his RPEA position in 2018, wants to improve the RPEA magazine by adding 'Did You Know' section and spotlight & encourage different chapters community awareness & outreach at promoting benefits of RPEA and 'spread the word', use Twitter, Facebook & Instagram; Lorenzo stated he is a member of CARA (California Alliance of Retired Americans) and CSL (California Senior Legislature) who write proposals that affect seniors
- Lunch fee collection: \$50; Donald Baker was \$5 drawing winner
- The next RPEA General Assembly will be in the summer of 2020 in Sacramento and then in Orange County in 2022; Ruth or Evelyn may attend 2020 assembly
- Martha asked if PERS & UCRS work together; discussion followed; PERS & UCRS are separate organizations
- Larry purchased phone set for phone message reminders to members; Ruth volunteered to set up & monitor phone message system
- Current chapter bank account balance is \$2721.52
- The next chapter 096 general meeting will be on January 10, 2020 @ noon at Le Peep on Louisiana Blvd in ABQ

Respectfully submitted by Evelyn McGarry

 *Happy Winter Birthdays* : *Claudio Beltran, Helen Fuller, Ben Gillespie, Evelyn McGarry*

## **You're Retired, So Now What**

- ABQ Little Theatre: "Murder on the Orient Express", "Beauty and the Beast"
- ABQ Nosh Fest: 1/12/20 @ Sandia Resort
- Nat'l Fiery Foods & BBQ Show: 2/28/20-3/1/20
- Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival: 3/13-15/20
- Southwest Chocolate & Coffee Fest: 3/21-22/20

## **Did You Know?**

- If there were no leap years, eventually February would be a summer month for the Northern Hemisphere; 2/29/2020.
- "To condemn a class is, to say the least, to wrong the good with the bad," Lincoln said. "I do not like to hear a class or nationality condemned on account of a few sinners."

## **How many birds can you find?**

**23rd Annual Great  
Backyard Bird Count**

February 14-17, 2020

[birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org)



Cooper's Hawk. Photo: Christine Haines/Great Backyard Bird Count

## **LARRY'S CORNER**

Our chapter 096 meeting will be at Le Peep in the back on Friday, January 10, 2020. Chapter 096 Board of Directors will meet at 11 AM. Chapter meeting and lunch orders BEGIN at noon.

Attend your chapter board meeting and find out how exciting our lives are!

Our speaker will be Michael Rinderle, District Manager from AMBA, Association Member Benefits Advisors. He was asked by membership to come back and discuss their MASA policy. Everyone is expected to pay \$5 toward your meal. Our chapter will pick up the rest, tax and gratuity. Michael's meal is on us.

The address is 2125 Louisiana NE across from ABQ Uptown.

I got the AT&T phone system at Best Buy. I couldn't deal with it. It has to be programmed and I am so overwhelmed with completing new computer tasks. So I threw a fit to our chapter board and Ruth Johnson said she'd try.

Ruth worked at Los Alamos. They don't even allow you to go past White Rock, New Mexico unless your IQ is high. Ruth, bless her heart, couldn't deal with it either. She deserves a medal for trying.

Currently, your chapter secretary and newsletter editor, Evelyn McGarry, has possession of the phone system and her technologically inclined daughter from California may get it programmed to call chapter members to remind them to attend the January meeting.

Lucy Lopez, our chapter treasurer and I, completed the annual chapter report to headquarters last month. We send those reports to headquarters Return Receipt Requested. With more than 80 chapters in RPEA all having to report by the same December 15th deadline, things get, ahem, hectic.

The annual reports by RPEA chapters are required by the IRS because we are a non-profit. If any of you have a small business here in New Mexico, you know how Gross Receipts Reporting is. It's that kind of hassle.

I can't thank Evelyn and Lucy enough. They do so much work and they need help. Volunteer to help your chapter protect your retirement!

See you at the meeting!

## **In Memoriam**

~ Julie DeLaricheliere ~

~ Paul Tamboury (Area I Director) ~

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Your RPEA Chapter 096 Board Members:

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

Next RPEA Chapter 096 Meeting:

**April 10, 2020 @ Noon at 'La Peep'**