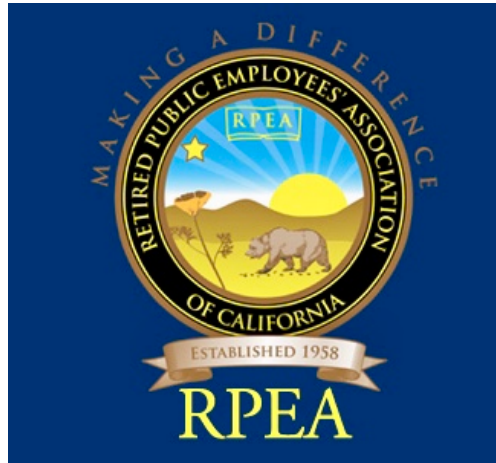


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❄️ **Happy Winter 2021** ❄️

Happy New Year

**RPEA Chapter 096 Zoom General meeting:
Friday, January 8th @ Noon (Mountain Time).
I will send out the email Zoom invitation the
Thursday before the scheduled meeting day.
Please join us!**

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

🎂 *Happy Winter Birthdays* 🎂: *Donald Baker, Claudio Beltran, Delmar Bergen, Ben Gillespie, Floyd Roberts*

Our current chapter bank account balance is \$3266.02.

In Memoriam

~ Barbara Bacon~

Lucy's Corner

About ten years ago, I attended my first (RPEA) meeting in San Jose, California with no idea of what to expect. The leadership of the local chapter gently encouraged this shy, soft-spoken retiree to become involved. What qualities did they see in me? For thirty-five years I was a California State Employee. I started working for the State when I was nineteen years old and had devoted my life to raising my two daughters.

Clearly I lacked the business skills that could benefit the RPEA local chapter. Nonetheless, the leadership patiently guided and helped me improve the skills in which I developed an interest. This past ten years have been a delightfully challenging, yet truly rewarding experience. It is an honor to be the incoming President of the Albuquerque's RPEA Chapter 096 and to work in collaboration with others to ensure the continued success of our chapter.

You're Retired, So Now What?

Lucy recommends:

Volunteer Opportunities at (RPEA) Retired Public Employees' Association of California

- Try something new
- Make friends, and meet people with different outlook and experiences
- Increase social and relationship skills
- Learn new skills
- Connect to the community
- Keep mentally stimulated and engaged
- Build self-confidence
- Overall, it helps a person feel happier and healthier.

Take a moment to consider volunteering with your local RPEA chapter.

RPEA Chapter 096 election during the January 8, 2021 Zoom General meeting.

The Candidates for office are:

President: Lucy Lopez

Vice President: Larry Sullivan

Secretary: Evelyn McGarry

Treasurer: Lucy Lopez

Newsletter Editor: Evelyn McGarry

Membership Chairperson: Lucy Lopez

Chapter Board Members: Vacant

Sunshine Chairperson: Vacant

Telephone Chairperson: Vacant

Larry Sullivan, our former President, has stepped down due to health issues. He would like to function as our Vice President while recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery.

May your days ahead be full of joy and good health. Warmest wishes to all our members.

~Lucy~

RPEA Chapter 096 10/9/2020 Zoom General Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Martha Hoyt, Lucy Lopez, Dixie Hanks, Evelyn McGarry

- General Assembly canceled until June 2022
- Zoom basic plan \$0 cost but maximum meeting time is 40 minutes
- Zoom basic plan does not allow phone-in participation
- Discussion of what members are doing during home isolation
- Try to get more members to participate in Zoom meetings
- Larry's resignation due to health issues
- Ruth Johnson moving out of state but remain as a chapter member

A Poem by One of Our Members

Roatan Rave

Another year, another trip
18 family members
My wonderful children offered to take me through the surf
Saw my favorite, bluehead wrasse, first and last, half a dozen,
They were having a convention!
Brain coral, gorgeous fire coral, shallow!
Parrots, sergeant majors, Spanish hogfish, large and small.
tube sponges, bright blue fans, angelfish, rainbow parrots,
a tiny shower found us sheltered under a huge beach umbrella
leaf coral, lettuce coral, basket sponges, stoplight parrot,
many tiny purples, lavender sponges, rock beauties
saucer coral, gray snappers, damselfish, gobies, jacks,
black tangs, yellowhead wrasse.
Drew took the girls to see dolphins.
We ate lionfish to get it out of the ocean.
Many schools made us feel escorted.
We signed right up for another year on the beach.
Nobody predicted the coronavirus.
Sigh.

Barbara DuBois
October 14, 2020

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

Your RPEA Chapter 096 Board Members: (pending election results)

Lucy Lopez: President, Larry Sullivan: Vice President, Evelyn McGarry:
Secretary & Newsletter Editor, Lucy Lopez: Treasurer

Next RPEA Chapter 096 Meeting:
April 9, 2021 at NOON on Zoom