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🍁🎃 Happy Fall 2021 🎃🍁



**Please join us!**

**RPEA Chapter 096 Zoom General meeting on Friday, October 8, 2021 @ Noon (Mountain Time).**  
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 [mcgarrye2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgarrye2004@yahoo.com).

🎂 *Happy Fall Birthdays* 🎂: Donald Baker, Delmar Bergen, Paul Gilon, Martha Hoyt, Jacob Nielson, Lance Peterson, Floyd Roberts, Humberto Sanchez, Carol Torguson

Our current chapter bank account balance is \$3,821.59.

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

## **Chapter 096 Zoom General Meeting Minutes**

### **July 9, 2021**

Present: Martha Hoyt, Lucy Lopez, Lou & Lily Silva, & Evelyn McGarry

- Lucy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Attendees discussed how everyone is doing
- Lucy stated waiting for direction from RPEA headquarters (Sac) as to when in-person chapter meetings can occur; RPEA being cautious to avoid any liabilities from Covid-19 illness transmitted at chapter meetings
- Lucy recently talked to Larry; he is eager to attend an in-person chapter meeting
- Lucy gave Treasurer's Report: current bank account balance is \$3672.32.
- Evelyn asked if everyone is ok with the content of our chapter newsletter and encouraged contributions to the newsletter from members
- Meeting attendees talked about their COVID vaccination experiences and encouraged those not yet vaccinated to get their shots
- Lily stated Lucy is doing a great job
- Lou invited visits from meeting attendees to their (Lou & Lily) home if in ABQ
- Lou suggested that chapter funds be used for Lucy to attend RPEA functions in California; meeting attendees were in agreement
- Lou stated he is grateful that he worked for the State of California because he is happy with his pension and his great health insurance
- The next chapter 096 general meeting will be on October 8, 2021 @ noon via Zoom, or in-person at local restaurant, Weck's, on Louisiana Blvd in ABQ

Respectfully submitted by Evelyn McGarry

### **Lucy's Corner**

According to pension fund rating agencies, CalPERS' return on investments ending in fiscal year June 30, 2021 is in the healthy category. Our pension remains strong.

Open enrollment for health insurance is from September 20-October 15, 2021. for more information, log on to your CalPERS account at [my.calpers.ca.gov](https://my.calpers.ca.gov) and use the "Search Health Plan" tool. or contact us at 888 CalPERS or ([888-225-7277](tel:888-225-7277)) for more information about the health plans available to you.

Lucy



# GIVE YOUR WAY TO Greatness

What do all of the most successful people have in common? They're givers! Here are some things you can freely do for others to help give your way to greatness.



## Time

Find what you value, and prioritize your day around that. Be present, and focus on the current conversation instead of thinking into the future.



## Smile

Even if your day hasn't been great, giving a genuine smile to those you meet can bring happiness to others!



## Energy

Adopt a positive mindset and attitude, and communicate that to others. You'll inspire them to do the same!



## Patience

This helps you slow down, empathize and show the recipient grace. When you find yourself struggling here, take a few breaths and count to 10 to gain some new perspective.



## Compliments

There's nothing like an authentic compliment! When you compliment someone, tell them why you like that particular thing and ask a question about it to show your interest.

## **Did You Know**

- Cardamom is known as "The Queen of Spices". It's the world's third-most-expensive spice, after saffron and vanilla.
- October skies: Venus in the western sky, Jupiter & Saturn in the southern sky and Mercury in the eastern sky.
- Charlton Heston was cast as Moses in the 1956 movie "The Ten Commandments" partly because he resembled Michelangelo's famous statue of Moses.
- Social Security increase (COLA) for 2022 could be 6% but Medicare premiums will increase also.

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)

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### **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:**

January 7, 2022 at NOON at Weck's on Louisiana Blvd in ABQ  
(Positive thoughts & prayers that we can meet in-person for our first chapter meeting in the new year!)