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🍁🎃 **Happy Fall 2020** 🎃🍁



RPEA Chapter 096 General In-Person Meeting !CANCELLED!

**But...there will be a Zoom chapter meeting on
Friday, October 9th @ Noon (Mountain Time)!
I will send out the email Zoom invitation the
Thursday before the scheduled meeting day.
This is a great opportunity to meet our members
from all over the United States. Please join us!**

Questions about how to Zoom, contact Evelyn McGarry @ 408-839-2278

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

Our current chapter bank account balance is \$3089.91.

The following is a duplication of a handwritten letter that I, Evelyn McGarry, received in the mail on October 5, 2020 from our Chapter 096 President, Larry Sullivan.

Larry's Corner

“This will serve as my resignation as President of RPEA Chapter 096. It has been an honor to serve you. I took an indefinite leave of absence from my duties as Area IX RPEA Director. I had a stroke on June 12. The MRI technician who informed me scared me so bad, I had a heart attack. Don't have a stroke, it is very inconvenient. I am supposed to be dead. I will tell you the whole story at our next chapter meeting. It's actually funny. I am blind in my left eye and my left hand doesn't work. Please feel free to call me but DO NOT send me an email. Computers require two hands. My left arm works sorta but the left hand doesn't. I love our little corner of California here in Chapter 096. Thanks to Evelyn McGarry and Lucy Lopez and everyone else. I hope to see you soon.”

Larry can be reached at 505-242-4981.

How To Avoid Phone Scams

The amount of reported phone scams have increased this year — use this information to identify potential scammers and put an end to scam calls once and for all!



Common Scams

A Government agency demanding immediate action with threat of arrest.

Bank fraud alerts requesting personal information over the phone.

Free cruise or vacation offers.

Free medical test kits or treatments.

Debt relief or credit repair.



Caller ID Can Be Deceiving

Spoofing

The call appears to be coming from a number you recognize, like a bank's customer service line, insurance office, or, in some cases, your own phone number.

Neighbor Spoofing

The call comes from a number in your area code in hopes that you'll be more likely to answer.



Calls From Unknown Numbers

Do not pick up! Legitimate callers will leave a voicemail or send a text. Answering robocalls or spam calls increases your chances of receiving even more.

Search the number on the web along with the word "scam" to see if it's been reported before.

Do not respond to questions like, "Can you hear me?" A recorded "yes" from your voice can be twisted to mean you agreed to a purchase or charge.

Do not provide personal information or payment over the phone to an unverified caller.



Reporting Unwanted Calls

Telephone Scams

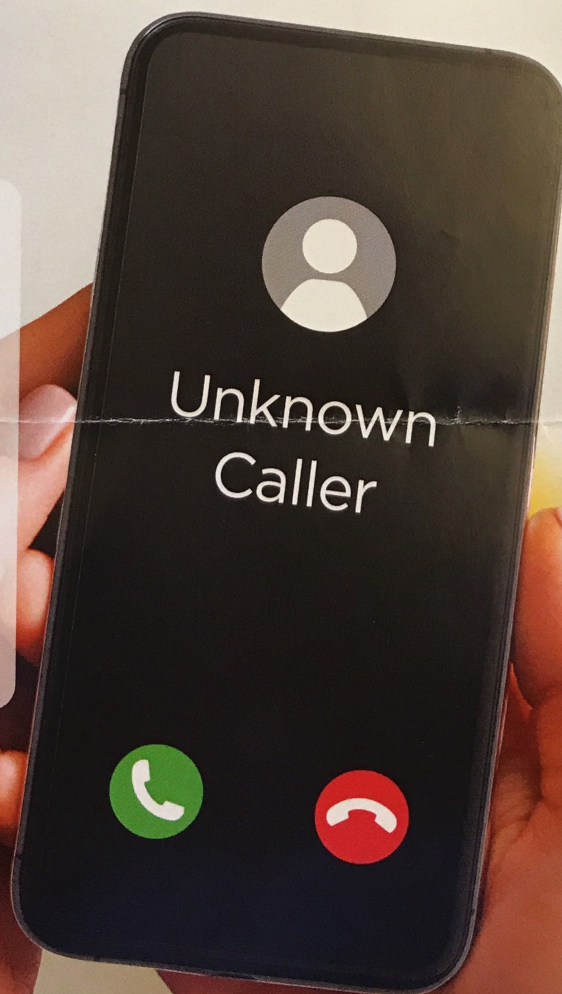
File a complaint on the Federal Trade Commission website for suspected telephone scams.

Sales Calls/Robocalls

Sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry, a free service blocking you from receiving sales calls. If unwanted calls continue after 31 days on the registry, they are probably scams and should be reported at [donotcall.gov](https://www.donotcall.gov).

Caller ID Spoofing

Report caller ID spoofing to the Federal Communications Commission at [consumercomplaints.fcc.gov](https://www.consumercomplaints.fcc.gov).





Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 is Election Day!
Your vote counts!

You're Retired, So Now What?

- learn a language for free at www.duolingo.com

Did You Know?

- Turning back the giant hands on Big Ben's four clock faces takes an astonishing total of five hours.
- Ancient Romans created black hair dye by fermenting leeches in vinegar.
- The tea bag was an accidental invention. In 1908, tea merchant Thomas Sullivan distributed his samples in small silken sacks. His customers, not realizing they were samples, dunked them in hot water, and Sullivan soon found himself swamped with orders for his "tea bags"!

In Memoriam

~ Rolf Engleman~

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:

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

Next RPEA Chapter 096 Meeting:

?January 8, 2021 at NOON in ABQ or on Zoom?