

THE REARGUARD

Tucson-Southern Arizona Chapter 103

Retired Public Employees Association of California

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think we can finally say we're turning the corner of the Coronavirus pandemic. We're not totally recovered yet but I believe we're getting close to the finish line. In Pima County, nearly 70% of adults have received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine and 83% of those age 65 and older are totally vaccinated.

Your RPEA Chapter 103 is getting back to normal, too. Your Board met in-person for the first time in 17 months on July 7. One of the actions we took at that meeting was to set the date of our next in-person Membership Meeting on July 21. We are returning to Golden Corral on 22nd Street as Mimi's Café is currently closed. And as a welcome back treat, we are paying for lunch for all attendees, see article elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

For the Membership Meeting on July 21, the Board has decided to not have a specific program. We felt it was important to get to know each other again so this meeting will be a social event.

A few months ago I took a phone call from Vicki Guapo, our most able Chapter Treasurer. She advised me that she was moving out of Arizona and would have to resign as Treasurer. Because much of what she does entails communication via telephone, US mail and digitally, I asked if she would consider staying on as our Treasurer and she eagerly agreed. Thank you, Vicki.

I would like to remind everyone again that because certain Board member information is listed in each newsletter, we ask that you shred your copy when you're done with it. Or at least shred the page containing our contact information. Board members have been contacted by scammers attempting to steal our Chapter funds.

Reminder that the next Membership Meeting will be on July 21 at 11:30 am at Golden Corral on 22nd Street and lunch is FREE (see details). We hope to see as many members there as possible.

Ken Burns President

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chapter 103 bank balance as of July 4, 2021 is \$4,370.73.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 21-FREE LUNCH

Because your Chapter has experienced reduced expenses during the pandemic and we want to return some of that windfall to our members, we are paying for attendees lunches at the next Membership Meeting on July 21 at Golden Corral.

When you arrive at Golden Corral pay for your lunch and drink as you normally would as you enter the restaurant. At the conclusion of the Membership Meeting we will reimburse you for the cost of a senior lunch and regular drink.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We welcome the following new members to our Chapter:

Frederick Ryan - Tucson, AZ Edwin Schreck - Port Orange, Florida Belinda Taylor - Midlothian, TX

As of June 30, 2021, the Chapter 103 membership totaled 91.

Bev Burns, Membership Chair

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences to the family of one of our Tucson members, Florinda Rogers who recently passed away.

2021 QUARTERLY LUNCH DATES

October 20, 2021

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