



# THE REARGUARD

Tucson-Southern Arizona Chapter 103

Retired Public Employees Association of California

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I suspect we all have advanced cases of cabin fever if we've observed health expert recommendations to stay at home as much as possible. Hopefully, this won't last much longer.

While we haven't had any Membership Meetings since last January, your Board of Directors is still intact and conducting chapter business as necessary via video conferencing or email. For example, every two years in January the chapter conducts election of officers. That was scheduled to take place this month, January 2021. I have asked all those currently serving if they would remain in their respective positions and not surprisingly, all agreed. We will reconsider the election process when we resume Membership Meetings.

In the last newsletter, I asked the membership if anyone was interested in attending a Chapter meeting via video conference. There were no positive replies. I suspect this is due to the concern among many of our members the ability to participate in such a meeting. As a result of this development, Nancy Davis suggested that we could have a program on how to join a video conference meeting at a future Membership Meeting. Her suggestion has been added to Tom Hanley's list of potential programs.

The COVID vaccine is becoming available. Because us older folks are affected more seriously than younger people if infected, I suggest we all get the vaccine when it becomes available to us; Bev and I plan to.

If large numbers of us get the vaccine as soon as possible and we start developing herd immunity, the Board can start thinking again about scheduling in-person Membership Meetings. Our next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting in April may be a little too soon but the July meeting may be more likely. We'll monitor progress and keep everyone posted.

Lastly, we hope that you and your family stay well and we look forward to seeing many of you again.

Ken Burns, President

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Chapter 103 bank balance as of January 10, 2021 is \$3,990.63.

## **Membership Report**

We welcome the following new members to our Chapter:  
Jeanine Keays Tucson, AZ  
Curtis Hartwell Prescott Valley, AZ

As of December 31, 2020, the Chapter 103 membership totals 92.

Bev Burns, Membership Chair

## **In Memoriam**

We extend our most sincere condolences to the family of Laura Griggs.

## **Board of Directors**

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## **COVID 19 News**

From : [AZDHS.GOV](http://AZDHS.GOV)

Arizona COVID-19 vaccine is allocated through local and tribal health jurisdictions. Due to the current limited initial supply of vaccine, Arizona counties will be utilizing a vaccine prioritization phased approach. Please note that in order to be vaccinated, you will need to be a member of the current phase, schedule an appointment and provide appropriate identification once you arrive at the vaccination site.

For up-to-date information on vaccines administered and vaccination rate per 100,000 see Covid 19 Vaccination by phase.

#Update: Arizonans 65 and older will be able to register for #COVID19 vaccine starting at 9 a.m. on Jan. 19 in counties that are currently in prioritized Phase 1B. An estimated 750,000 more Arizonans are being prioritized for the vaccine thanks to updated guidance adding those 65 and older.

Details: <https://1.azdhs.gov/3iaEsOU>

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