



# The Rearguard

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sad to begin my message this issue by reporting the recent passing of Tanya Rakestraw, RPEA Office Manager in Sacramento HQ. I, and several of our Board members, have met her and I dealt with her monthly by email and phone. Tanya was an expert on RPEA business and always helpful to me and all the chapters. I'm sure the next RPEA newsletter will tell all RPEA members about Tanya and what a loss to the organization her passing represents.

On a much happier note, Chapter 103 has a new Secretary. At the last Membership Meeting, new member Nancy Davis volunteered for the position. Nancy comes to us with extensive secretarial and Board member experience with several other organizations. Welcome and Thank You Nancy.

The Board has decided to return to the Golden Corral Restaurant for future meetings, not for this month, but starting in October unless there is significant opposition to the move. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for further details.

Our speaker for the April Membership Meeting was Neil Stitzer of the Pima County Parks and Recreation Department. He gave us a comprehensive description of the numerous hiking trails in the Tucson area and those best suited for seniors.

This month's program should be of interest to us all. Lorraine Wolfsohn will talk to us about how we can declutter our lives and downsize our households. You don't want to miss this program, your kids will thank you. See article elsewhere in this newsletter.

The next Membership Meeting is July 17, 2019 at Mimi's Café at the Tucson Mall (NE corner of Oracle Rd and Wetmore) at 11:30 am. Door prize winners will receive one of five \$10 lunch reimbursements in addition to our regular door prize. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ken Burns, President  
Tucson-Southern Arizona Chapter 103

JULY 17 PROGRAM  
Lorraine Wolfsohn  
Creating Order Out of Chaos

Our speaker, Lorraine Wolfsohn, brings over 20 years of experience in the field of professional organization. She has worked for both small businesses and individuals from all walks of life with all sorts of organizational needs.

She will give us tips on how to organize our lives by decluttering our homes and downsizing. This is a great time for all of us to think of eliminating some of the stuff around our houses. I'm sure that at least some of our treasurers will be viewed by our heirs as trash.

Lorraine belongs to a number of professional organizer associations. She likes to say that she is basically a lazy person and she doesn't like to spend any more time doing anything that she absolutely doesn't have to.

So, attend the next Membership Meeting July 17 and learn something about decluttering and downsizing, your kids will appreciate it.

Ken Burns

RPEA ENDORSES JJ JELINCIC

As you probably saw in the May/June RPEA HQ newsletter, the organization has endorsed JJ Jelincic for the Retired Member position on the CalPERS Board. In fact, our Chapter played a part in his nomination by some members signing his petition at the last Membership Meeting.

WE'RE GOING BACK TO GOLDEN  
CORRAL IN OCTOBER

At our June meeting, your Board of Directors voted to return our Membership Meetings to Golden Corral at 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson but not for the July 17 meeting. This was a decision not made lightly. There are benefits to meeting at Mimi's, such as good food and table service. What has made Mimi's challenging is the noise because we can't close off the room, and the presence of booths which restrict the view and hearing of anyone who must sit there, because this room is not spacious. Lunch orders have been delayed, mixed up, checks have been mixed up and sometimes we had to stand and pay at the end of the meeting.

The most significant benefit of Golden Corral is that we have our own room which can be closed to eliminate noise and keep staff from entering the room during our speaker's presentation, if we like. They have a wide assortment of food (including desserts) and the price is reasonable. The senior lunch costs \$9.49. A small drink costs an additional \$2.49, large \$3.09. We pay when we arrive at the restaurant so don't have to wait for the check after lunch.

Probably the largest disadvantage is that it is a buffet and we have to get our own food. However, there is always one of our members who can help those folks who are mobility impaired.

The Board did say we would not return to the Golden Corral if there was significant opposition. So, if you are really opposed to going back to Golden Corral, let us know. You can also let us know either way, if you are opposed or supportive. You can call me at 520-393-1855 or by email at [kenburns1@cox.net](mailto:kenburns1@cox.net).

We will also discuss this at the July 17 Membership Meeting at Mimi's.

## WHO WON WHAT

At the April Membership Meeting the following prizes were awarded:

The five \$10 lunch reimbursements were won by Hector Robles, Norma Fite-Mills, Joe Parente, Barry Rossberg and Nancy Davis.

A \$25 Gift Card for the Longhorn Restaurant was won by Norma Fite-Mills.

A \$10 lunch reimbursement was given to first-time attendee Norma Fite-Mills.

The Attendance Drawing for \$65 was won by Helen de Lara.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Chapter:

Marilyn Fogleman who retired from the Department of Corrections.

Marlene Koltin who is the beneficiary of a City of Beverly Hills retiree.

Nancy Davis who retired from San Bernardino City College.

Valerie Pegues who retired from the Sacramento Utility District

Norma Fite-Mills who retired from the County of San Bernardino

Robert Muise who retired from the Department of Insurance

The membership of Chapter 103 now totals 88, higher than at any time since our Chapter was established in 2009.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chapter 103 bank balance was \$3,251.72 as of July 2, 2019.

## HELP WANTED-NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I have been serving as our Chapter Newsletter Editor for the last couple of years. I haven't minded it too much as I have been providing much of the information contained in the newsletter and it was fairly easy to complete the process. However, I would like someone else to take over this assignment so I can concentrate on the duties of Chapter President.

The newsletter format is established so there is virtually no planning to do. Anyone with basic computer skills and minimal knowledge of Microsoft Word can do this. The editor is not required to provide any content (senior or retirement articles) but could do so if he/she was so inclined.

The duties include getting the 4 pages of the newsletter printed, folded, inserted in envelopes, and adding postage, mailing and return address labels and mailing. This had been taking me about 3-4 hours but only 4 times a year.

Here's an opportunity to remain active in your community (your RPEA Chapter) and keep your mind sharp. If interested, please call me at 520-393-1855 or email at [kenburns1@cox.net](mailto:kenburns1@cox.net).

Ken Burns

## CHAPTER 103

### 2019 QUARTERLY LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, April, July and October

Take a minute and mark your calendar for all meetings this year:

**July 17, 2019**

**October 16, 2019**

We meet at 11:30 AM at Mimi's Café at Tucson Mall (Oracle Rd and Wetmore). Please join your fellow CalPERS retirees for conversation, lunch and interesting program speakers, plus chances to win door prizes plus a cash prize!