



Retired Public Employees Council of Washington (RPEC) Chapter 46 March 20th, 2024 NEWSLETTER

Join us at Noon
Wednesday, March 20th
Family Pancake House 17521 Redmond Way



STOP SENIOR SCAMS!

How to safely handle robocalls, prevent identity theft, recognize imposter scams, identify the most common fraud tactics and what to do if you are victimized.

Our presenter will be **Anthony Leahy, Executive Director of CENTS (Consumer Education and Training Services)**, a Seattle-based nonprofit organization that teaches individuals how to improve their financial health.

Order anything from the wide Family Pancake House menu. **Members pay \$10 for lunch, no matter what you order.** Feel free to bring a spouse or recently retired friend. **Guests pay \$15.**



Also at our March meeting: Nomination of Officers

Charles Gelsleichter cgelsleichter@gmail.com had agreed to Chair the Nomination Committee. Annette McCully amccully@aol.com and Marianne Wilkins marianne@msn.com will also serve on the Nomination Committee. Contact one of them to place a name in for nominations. You may self-nominate or nominate another chapter member with their permission. Here is a brief summary of officer responsibilities:

President: Preside at meetings. Co-sign checks. Maintain communications with Council Office. Attend various statewide meetings. Currently the President secures speakers and prepares the newsletter, but these duties are not tied to the office. Currently: *Judith Frey*

Vice President: All of the above in the absence of the President. Assist in the securing of speakers. Currently the Vice-President edits and formats the newsletter, sends out electronic meeting reminders and maintains the email list, but these duties are not tied to the office. Currently: *Marianne Wilkins*

Secretary: Takes notes and prepares minutes for executive board and membership meetings. Currently: *Linnea Mulder*

Treasurer: Deposits funds for the chapter and maintains financial accounts. Maintains financial records. Makes monthly financial reports. Signs checks for approved spending and arranges for co-signers. Submits books and records for annual audits to trustees. Currently the treasurer has transported and managed the PA system, but these duties are not tied to the office. Currently: *Dennis Montgomery*

Executive Board Members (four): Represent the interests of the membership at executive board meetings. Currently: *Mark Adams, Arnetta Henninger, Katie Kerfonta, Annette McCully*

Trustees (three): Review books annually with the Treasurer. Currently: *Barbara Gelslechter, Charles Gelslechter, Jan Hemingway*

Convention Delegates: Represent Chapter 46 at RPEC's Biennial Convention.

Please consider whether it is your turn to step-up for Chapter 46. If you recognize another member who should be considered for an office, let a member of the nominating committee know.

CHAPTER 46 ELECTION CALENDAR

March 20: Nominations for officers for 2-year terms.

April 17th Election and Swearing in of Officers

THE RPEC STRATEGIC PLAN



RPEC STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Clair Olivers, RPEC WA President, and **Claude Burfect**, District 9 Representative, gave us an overview of the RPEC STRATEGIC PLAN. Five Goals have been defined:

- Organizational Sustainability
- Membership Recruitment
- Membership Retention and Engagement
- Member Communications
- Federal Advocacy for Retirement Security

There will be virtual Regional Meetings to define chapter responsibilities to support the strategic plan goals, provide training specific to chapter needs and get input and feedback to inform implementation.

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER DELIVERY ALTERNATIVE

Thank you to those of you who responded to our questions about what format to use for the Chapter 46 Newsletter going forward. Some of you want a print copy to write on and follow-up. Some would be satisfied with an electronic copy, delivered by email.

My heart was warmed by the phone response from **Wilmar Sadowski**, who currently resides in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and has 94 years of wisdom in this world. She reports that she reads every word of the newsletter when it comes. **Hi there Wilmar!**

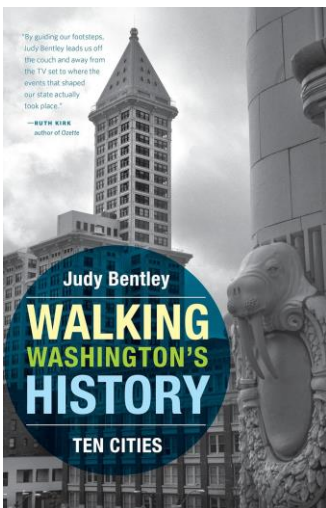
We are sending a short survey to members who have given us their email addresses to further refine our decision and will report the results at our March meeting.

Please send feedback to: Judith Frey, 425-455-4298, freybroughton@aol.com before March 15th.

MILESTONES

Since the last newsletter went to press, we have been informed of the passing of **Doris Scouten** last residing in Pittsburg, California. May she rest in peace.

WHAT I'VE BEEN READING



Winter is the perfect time to escape to somewhere dry and sunny or start dreaming about trips for the summer. **Walking Washington's History** by Judy Bentley is good for planning future trips or just armchair traveling. Bentley focuses on 10 towns with hikes of two to seven miles accompanied by maps and photos. She tells the stories of the people and happenings that will add depth to your visit.

What have you been reading - fiction or non-fiction, serious or just for fun? Let President Frey know at freybroughton@aol.com so we can feature it in an upcoming newsletter.

Legislative Update

For the latest on the PERS 1 one-time COLA bill, which at the time of this this writing had passed the Senate by unanimous vote and was off to the Ways and Means Committee, check out www.RPECWA.org. While you are there, you can sign up for the updates to be delivered automatically to your inbox.

LET'S BUILD OUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Do you know someone who recently retired from a state, city, or county position? Tell them about RPEC. Bring them to a meeting. The most active new members in our chapter seem to be those recruited directly by members. If you bring in two new members in 2024, who identify on their membership application that you recruited them, you will receive a free year's membership!

WHY DO WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

We only have email addresses for about two thirds of our members. But there are announcements after our newsletter deadline, we sometimes want to survey our members and we'd like to send you an up-to-date meeting reminder. These activities are only possible if we have your email address. If you don't currently get meeting reminders, we don't have your current email. Please email it to our Vice-President Marianne Wilkins at marianne@msn.com so we can contact you electronically.

YOUR 2022-2024 RPEC CHAPTER 46 OFFICERS

Judith Frey, President
Marianne Wilkins, Vice Pres.
Linnea Mulder, Secretary
Dennis Montgomery, Treasurer
Mark Adams, Board
Arneta Henninger, Board

Katie Kerfonta, Board
Annette McCully, Board
Barbara Gelsleichter, Trustee
Charles Gelsleichter, Trustee
Jan Hemingway, Trustee

INSPIRATION

"Elections aren't just about who votes but who doesn't vote." Michelle Obama

If you have questions about contents of the Chapter 46 Newsletter or ideas for upcoming meetings, contact me.

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