

# CREA

## FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

February 8, 2012  
11:00 A.M.

NSEA Conference Room  
3511 East Harmon  
(between Pecos and Sandhill)

*The Tortoise Group*

*Kathy Utiger,*

*Friend of Mojave Max*

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\*\*\* Call Peggy Rosch at 431-9426 \*\*\*  
no later than Sunday night  
to make your reservation.  
Members free. Guests \$5.

## Election Time Approaches

Included with this newsletter you will find a form to nominate representatives to this year's NSEA Delegate Assembly to be held at Alexis Park Resort Hotel on April 28-29 here in Las Vegas. This is the body that directs the activities and policies of NSEA, our state organization.

CREA is entitled to seven delegates, four of whom must be elected or re-elected this year. Delegates who are presently serving the second year of their terms are Verlene Chiodini, Peggy Rosch and Jack Schofield. The other four positions are open. You may nominate yourself or another member, but delegates representing retired members must have been retired for one year.

All information for returning the form is also enclosed.

## Thanks to our Souper Chefs and our News Reporters

If you missed our last luncheon, you missed a good time and some great wintertime soups. So many of our members brought their favorites that we had 21, yes, twenty-one, different pots of soup, so many we blew the circuit breakers keeping them hot while we enjoyed our excellent program.

CCSD grads and Channel 3 news celebs **Denise Rosch** and **Tom Hawley** came and delighted us with personal as well as professional stories. Denise just happens to be the multiple Emmy-winning daughter of our own Peggy Rosch. They both shared special memories of their time in our classrooms here in the district as well as their careers at NBC Channel 3.

## Writing in February

### "I Lucked Out!"

I'm hoping one of your New Year's resolutions was to write down your stories, and this time I thought it would be fun to write about a stroke of good luck you had. (We won't acknowledge any other kind.)

For my own part, I lucked out on September 2, 1964, when I got Helen Chiodini as a mother-in-law. She became one of my best friends, especially after she moved to Las Vegas, a friend who would always go with me wherever and whenever I asked: appointments, meetings, parties, shopping, visiting or just enjoying a cuppa.

On Friday afternoons when I left Western High School, I always paused at the corner. Shall I take the freeway home? Nah, I'll go down Decatur and have a cup of tea with Mom. It took a long time after she passed away to get out of the habit of pausing to make that decision.

Mom loved doing laundry and watching our bigger tv screen so it was not unusual to come home from school to find fresh, folded clothes. It was a joke that if you sat still for too long, Grandma would toss you in the washer. One time when Vic had set out clean clothes on his bed, she had them in the washer by the time he got out of the shower! We all got a big laugh that day.

I never had to throw away leftovers in those days. Anything in the fridge that said "Mom" would disappear that day. I miss that. Now I have to eat them, freeze them or toss them. I also ended up with a lot of good recipes, Polish and Italian.

She was definitely one of my strokes of good luck. Your turn now. Write about what and when you won in life's lottery.

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I found this in my fortune cookie: "In order to discover who you are, first learn who everybody else is. You're what's left."

## Are you a Member of RPEN?

### Now is the time.

RPEN, Retired Public Employees of Nevada, is an organization representing **all** retired public employees in the state, and right now there is a recruitment campaign for membership. RPEN includes those of us who were in education as well as police, firefighters, state workers, county workers, etc.

Numbers do mean strength, and right now we need all the strength we can muster at the legislature. "Defined contributions" will be rearing its ugly head again in the next session, and we need to be prepared. RPEN lobbyists are there with our NSEA troops to keep our PERS benefits safe from the privatizers.

If you are retired and not currently a member of RPEN, now is the time to join. PERS has been safe from many of the whims of fortune in the stock market, and we need to keep it that way.

If you missed it at our last luncheon, you can get the form to join RPEN by calling the **RPEN President Glenn Trowbridge at 363-2183** or **Dennis Ellestad at 860-4654**. Dennis is one of our members who came before the Board and reminded us how important this alliance is to all of us. Dues are \$4 a month and can be deducted from our PERS checks so it's pretty painless but very important to belong.

The next RPEN meeting will be February 14 at Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, at 2:00. The speaker will be from Nathan Adelson Hospice. Maybe we'll see you there,

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“Chopper Tom” Hawley, Channel 3; Pres. Brian Morgan; Denise Rosch, Channel 3 News; Mom Peggy Rosch; Aunt Judy Tartan.