



# RETIRED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AUBURN SIERRA FOOTHILLS CHAPTER 030 NEWSLETTER

## ◆ ◆ ◆ The RPEA Mission Statement ◆ ◆ ◆

We are retired California public employees working together to maintain  
And improve the quality of our members, by protecting and improving  
Our retirement and medical benefits.

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**Bob Baker,  
President  
Auburn Chapter #030**

### President's Report

Hello one and all! I sure hope all of you can make the meeting this month. We're going to have a great speaker. If you are interested in genealogy, you are going to really enjoy this month's speaker.

If you might have any idea of a subject for future speakers, let us know.

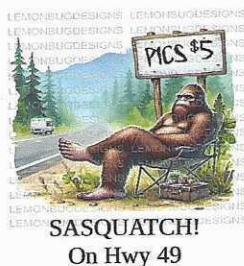
I want to thank all of you who responded to my request about who you were employed by and the department you worked for. I'm slowly getting my file put together. Thank you again for your response.

We still have positions open for members who would like to help out with the administration of Chapter 030. We would like to meet you. You are welcome to join us at a Board meeting and talk about any suggestions you may have.

I have been advised that our past area VII Representative, Dennis Cassella, has passed away. You may remember him as attending both board and general meetings before he retired. He was a good man and was always there with advise and helpful information.

"You'll be missed Dennis."

Bob Baker,  
President  
Auburn Chapter 030



**SASQUATCH!**  
On Hwy 49

### RPEA Membership Luncheon / Meeting at

**AWFUL ANNIE'S  
13460 Lincoln Way**

**MONDAY  
October 20th at 11:00am**

**The 3rd Monday  
Auburn, California**

Meals are **\$10.00** for members, which includes your entree, drink, tax and tip. You may bring a guest, but their meal will be **\$20.00**. However, Chapter 30 will pay for their drink, tax and tip.

Call or Email your Membership Chair at  
(530) 446-3122 or Email  
[mare.baker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mare.baker@sbcglobal.net)  
to make your reservation.

**RESERVATIONS are IMPORTANT**  
so that they can set up enough tables  
for us.

### ◆ ◆ ◆ SPEAKER ◆ ◆ ◆

Our speaker for the **OCTOBER** luncheon / meeting will be **RICHARD RANDS** and his wife, **Dr. JANET BRIGHAM**, speaking on **"GENEALOGY RESEARCH."** This is going to be a great presentation!

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## OCTOBER SPEAKER

**Our speakers for the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Richard Rands and his wife, Dr. Janet Brigham. They are professionals in their field on genealogy research. Sure hope all of you can come and listen to a great presentation about genealogy.**

### Genealogy Research

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be having speakers **Richard D. Rands, PLCGS** and his wife, **Dr. Janet Brigham**, both professional Genealogy Researchers.

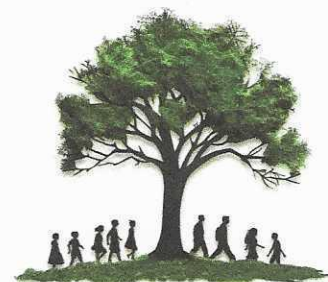
Mr Rand was President of a Bay Area computer Genealogy group for a decade. He often presents at genealogy conferences and seminars and has taught genealogy in many adult classes. He currently teaches at the **Sacramento Family History Library** and provides research help at the **Auburn Family History Center** on Bell Road, and by appointment only at the **Auburn Senior Center**.

He became a professional Genealogist, with an advanced degree from the **National Institute of Genealogical Studies**, at the **University of Toronto**. He previously earned a **B.S.** and a **M.B.A.** degrees from the **University of California at Berkeley**. He worked in Hardware and Software in Silicon Valley for several decades and was the President and CEO of a software company in San Francisco.

**Dr. Janet Brigham** was a **research psychologist and writer/editor**. She is the editor of the award-winning newsletter of the **Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group, Pathfinder**.

Should be a great program. Hope everyone can make this meeting.

Bob Baker,  
President - Editor  
AUBURN Chapter 030



Your Family Tree

## FBI: Elder Fraud is skyrocketing

Older Americans reported nearly \$4.9 billion stolen through fraud last year, with an average loss of \$83,000, according to an annual FBI report released in April. That's a stunning 43 percent increase in one year.

Americans of all ages reported a record \$16.6 billion stolen through scams and fraud in 2024, up 33 percent over 2023's losses, with an average loss of just over \$19,000.

The FBI's report "shows that fraud affects people of all ages, but when older adults are victimized, the impact is often catastrophic," says Kathy Stokes, AARP Director of fraud prevention programs.

Investment scams too the largest financial toll on victims 60 and older last year, with more than \$1.8 billion in total reported losses.

Cryptocurrency investment fraud is a growing concern, notes Christopher Delzotto, section chief for financial crimes, FBI Criminal Investigations Division. Last year the FBI received more than 41,000 complaints, with with \$5.8 billion reported stolen. Scammers use financial grooming, also known as 'pig butchering:' They pretend to be the victim's friend or romantic interest before suggesting a "sure bet" investment opportunity.

I took this article from the JULY / AUGUST AARP BULLETIN.

Remember! If you don't know the caller. Just hang up.

## OTHER FRAUD AND SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR

1. **Your UPS package is undeliverable at the address on the box, please click on the link below to confirm the address.**
2. **This is from XXX bank, and we are checking to see if you authorized \$1,500 charge from PayPal for Cryptocurrency. (or some other expensive item) If not, click the following link to connect with our fraud team or call the number below.**
3. **Please pay for your EZPASS toll now to avoid late penalties. The charge due is \$6.31. Pay at this link ASAP to avoid late fees.**

## Five Ways to Thwart A Text Scam

1. **Filter unknown numbers.** Set up you phone to filter texts from numbers not in your contact list Block suspicious ones.
2. **Read carefully and slowly.** If a text urges quick action, it's likely a scam.
3. **Don't respond.** Ignore text from unknown numbers. Legitimate senders will find other ways to reach you.
4. **Verify numbers.** If a text asks you to call a bank or other company, look up the number. If you use the phone number in a scam text, you could be dialing straight into a scammer's call center.
5. **Beware of red flags.** Do they want you to call a phone number or click a link they provide? Or are they saying you owe money? These are HUGE red flags this is a scam. And if the word "crypto" is mentioned, delete and block.

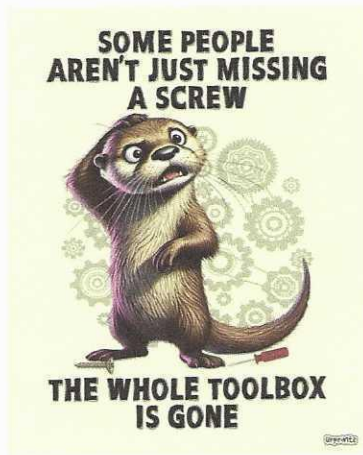
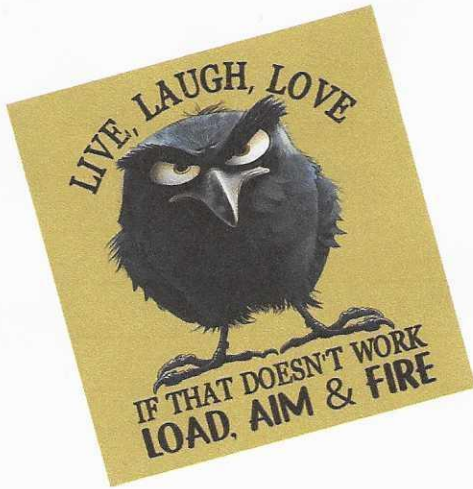
ARRP Bulletin:  
JULY/AUGUST

Bob Baker,  
Ch 030 President,  
Newsletter Editor

**SCAMMERS KNOW THAT  
CONSUMERS WILL OPEN 98  
PERCENT OF THEIR TEXT AND  
RESPOND TO 45 PERCENT OF THEM.**

**ON THE AVERAGE, WE ONLY OPEN  
20 PERCENT OF OUR EMAILS AND  
ANSWER ONLY 6 PERCENT OF  
THEM.**

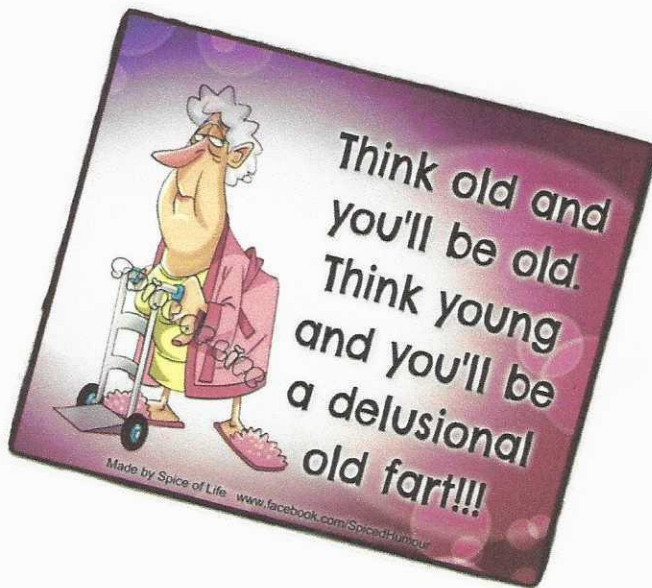




YOU NEVER APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL IT'S GONE.

TOILET PAPER IS A GOOD EXAMPLE!

If your path demands you to walk through Hell, walk as if you own the place



You can tell a lot about a woman by her hands. For instance, if they're around your throat she's probably slightly upset

## FEEDING WILD BIRDS

Bird watching is an ever-growing hobby in the United States; bird feeders are a popular topic when it comes to bird watching. Some people question keeping feeders out through the autumn months due to the fear that wild birds will not migrate or just think they will not use them as much. However, there are many benefits to leaving your feeders out through the autumn months for both the birds and you.

One common misconception people may think about leaving their bird feeders out through the autumn season is that birds will not migrate. This is called a 'misconception' for good reason. Birds will eventually migrate when they are ready. Leaving your feeders out is only helping prepare for their long migration journey. Taking your feeders down too early confuses them and may leave them struggling to store up enough body fat for their long journey. This in turn will make for a hard migration. Therefore, leave your feeders out for at least two weeks following the last sight of a bird at your feeder.

Wild birds develop a daily routine of visits to bird feeders and other natural sources of food and nutrition. Most birds may rely on your feeders for secondary or even primary source of food and nutrition. At this time of the year their natural sources of food may have somewhat or completely depleted. To prepare the for migration, wild birds will stock up on body fat; therefore, you will see them more often at your feeders this time of the year. With that said alone, it is important to keep your feeders out through the autumn months.

It's always important to keep your feeders clean just as you would during the summer months. Some people think they will not be used as much so why clean them? However, the cleaner your feeders are the more wild birds you will most likely attract during the migration season.

So think twice about taking down your bird feeders down early. Remember, that rather than a disservice, wild bird feeding in the autumn season provides opportunities for bird wildlife during the migration season.

Article from:  
"TODAY'S SENIOR"  
October 2025



## WE SENIORS

**"Old age ain't no place for sissies."**

**Bette Davis**

**"You are never too old to set another goal  
or dream a new dream."**

**C. S. Lewis**

# DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

RPEA  
Auburn Chapter 030

## ◆ ◆ ◆ GENERAL MEETING/LUNCHEON ◆ ◆ ◆

FOR

# 2025

at

**AWFUL ANNIE'S**  
Restaurant on Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA

<del>FEBRUARY</del>	<del>10<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>2<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
<del>APRIL</del>	<del>21<sup>st</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>3<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
<del>JUNE</del>	<del>16<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>3<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
<del>AUGUST</del>	<del>19<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>3<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
OCTOBER	20 <sup>th</sup>	11am	----- 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday
DECEMBER	8 <sup>th</sup>	11am	----- 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday

## ♠ ♠ ♠ BOARD MEETING DATES ♠ ♠ ♠

At

**MEL'S DINER**  
Hwy 49 at Luther Road

<del>JANUARY</del>	<del>20<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>3<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
<del>MARCH</del>	<del>17<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>3<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
<del>MAY</del>	<del>19<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>3<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
<del>JULY</del>	<del>21<sup>st</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>3<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
<del>SEPTEMBER</del>	<del>15<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>11am</del>	<del>3<sup>rd</sup></del>	<del>Monday</del>
NOVEMBER	17 <sup>th</sup>	11am	----- 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday

- ◆ Board meetings will be held at MEL'S DINER in Auburn on Hwy 49 at Luther Rd.
- ◆ General meeting/luncheon will be held at AWFUL ANNIE'S in Auburn on Lincoln Way, on the South side of I-80.



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**INVITATION TO OUR OUT-OF-STATE AND COUNTY MEMBERS!**

**Hey All!**  
 Let's remember  
 to shop local and  
 support our local shop  
 keepers who employ  
 our friends and  
 neighbors!

**We would like to invite any of our members, who live out-of-state or county, to join us if you happen to be in AUBURN during any of our meeting dates. Come by and join us for a good meal and update us what you have been doing during your retirement.**

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**This invitation also includes any of you from other chapters who would like to stop by and have lunch with us and update us about your chapter.**

**YOU  
 ARE  
 ALWAYS  
 WELCOME  
 TO JOIN  
 US!**