



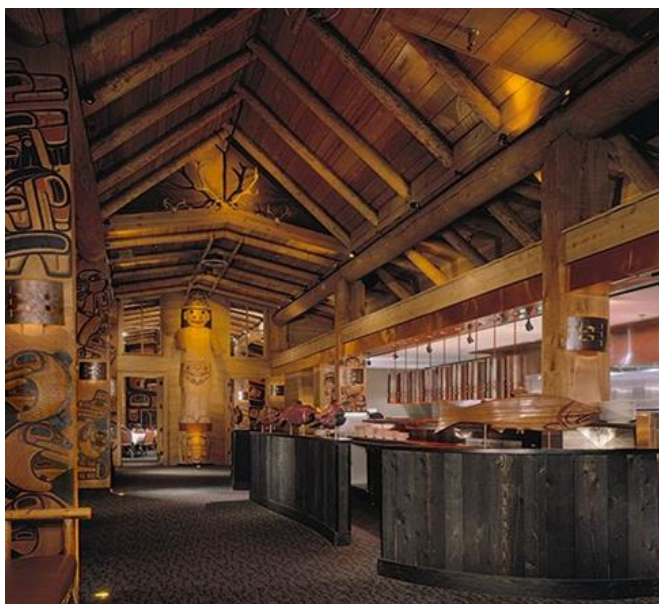
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Retired Public Employees Council

Chapter 35 – King County/Metro Retirees

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Date: Tuesday, April 16th, 2024
Time: 11:30 AM
Location: Ivar's Salmon House
Address: 401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle, WA 98105



CHAPTER 35 MEETING

Come to the Chapter 35 member gathering at **Ivar's Salmon House** on **April 16 from 11:30AM to 2:30PM**. Ivar's is located at: **401 NE Northlake Way in Seattle**. There is plenty of free parking at the restaurant and across the street. Our guest will be **Clair Olivers, President of RPEC**.

Ivar's is a casual Lake Union waterfront location with a woodsy vibe, great views, and a nice **buffet** with clam chowder, fish and chips, grilled chicken breast marsala, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, assorted cookies, and brownies. We would appreciate an **RSVP by April 11** to: Andrea Torland at andreaajule@msn.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all: It has been an honor for me to serve as the Chapter 35 president these last few years. I remember back in the day when we had our regular lunch meetings at the Sizzler in South Center...then Covid struck, and we all stayed home for several years. Glad those days are behind us. So delighted that we will have a general membership meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, at Ivar's Salmon House in Seattle - one of my all-time favorite restaurants. I hope each one of you will mark your calendars to attend. This luncheon will be a time to celebrate. A big thank you to all the board members, and especially to the other officers, who have kept our chapter functioning smoothly. We need to see and hear from our members, as this meeting will be our annual elections and a re-launch for a return to

normalcy. The business meeting will be brief, with plenty of time for socializing! Again, thank you for all your support over the years. Join us on 4/16 at Ivar's Salmon House!

Vicki Schmitz Block, President
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PLAN 1 COLA NEWS

The Plan 1 COLA Bill (SHB 1985) passed the legislature and was signed by the governor! We want to thank all our RPEC staff in Olympia for their hard work and we appreciate all they do to support retirees in Washington State. Thanks also to all the members who contacted their legislators and participated in Legislative Day. With a unified voice, we can work together to preserve and protect our benefits. You can keep apprised of the latest information by going to the website: www.rpecwa.org

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the April 16th chapter meeting for chapter officers and board members to serve for a one-year term of office. The Board has received the following nominations:

4 Officer Positions:

President: Andrea Torland
Vice President: Linda Nelsen

Secretary: Bill Ziegler
Treasurer: Linda Zigler

10 Executive Board Member positions:

1-Brad Berry
2-Colleen Boyns
3-Kevin Kiernan
4-Robert Williams
5-Duane Wright

6-Chuck Zigler
7-Anita Eakers
8-Cory Nelsen
9-Vicki Schmitz Block
10-(open)

Nominations are still open for all positions and will also be accepted at the April meeting. Any member may nominate another member or themselves. If only one candidate is nominated for a position, the candidate will be declared elected by acclamation. In the event there is more than one candidate for a position or positions, members will vote by secret ballot.

Upcoming Events

Visit www.rpecwa.org for a full calendar of Council Office and chapter meetings.

- April 5 Legislative Update Call (2:00 p.m.)
- April 11 Public Employees Benefits Board (9:00 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- April 11 Healthcare Workgroup (3:30 p.m.)
- April 12 Legislative Committee (10 a.m.)
- April 16 Select Committee on Pension Policy (10 a.m.)
- April 19 Pension Policy Workgroup (10 a.m.)
- April 25 Membership Committee (10 a.m.)
- April 25 Healthcare Workgroup (3:30 p.m.)
- May 3 Legislative Update Call (2:00 p.m.)
- May 6 Executive Board Meeting (9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- May 7 Executive Board Strategic Plan Work Session (9:30-12:30 p.m.)
- May 9 Public Employees Benefits Board (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- May 9 Healthcare Workgroup (3:30 p.m.)

Questions or comments about this newsletter? Contact Andrea Torland at andrea@msn.com or Bill Ziegler at flzwez@hotmail.com , or call (206) 713-1879