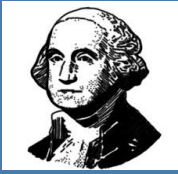


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MEET OUR LOBBYIST—PRISCILLA MALONEY

Priscilla Maloney is the Nevada Legislature 80th (2019) Session, registered lobbyist for the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Retirees, Nevada Chapter 4041. She had been a labor representative for the active members of AFSCME Local 4041 from March 2011 to June 2013. She was also a lobbyist for the active members of Local 4041 during the 2013 77th legislative sessions.

She is a member of the Nevada and Oregon Bar Associations. In 2007, she received certifications from the Excellence in Non Profit Management Institute and Professional Development in Public Management at the University of Nevada Reno. In August 2013, Priscilla received a certification from the University of Nevada Reno in Beginning Mediation and Conflict Resolution. She also currently serves on the Nevada State Personnel Commission, having been appointed in 2017 by then Governor Brian Sandoval.



AFSCME International President Lee Saunders with Priscilla at the Nevada Legislature 2/5/2019

Priscilla represented the Retirees Chapter in the 2015 78th legislative session as well as the 2017 79th session. Her professional focus has and will be on stable retirement and health care systems for Nevada's public employee retirees.

You are cordially invited to attend

American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Retirees

Nevada Chapter 4041

Legislative Reception

When: Thursday February 28, 2019

Time: 5:30 –8:00 pm

Where: Gold Dust West Banquet Room, 2171 E. William St.

Carson City, Nevada 89701

What: Buffet Supper and No-Host Bar

RSVP: Priscilla Maloney, AFSCME Retirees Lobbyist at (775) 544-7338 or maloneypriscilla@gmail.com

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The Legislative reception is open to all members and guests. Come meet your Constitutional Officers and State Legislators and enjoy a no-cost buffet supper. Please be sure to RSVP as noted on the invitation, no later than February 25, 2019.



CHARLES MULLER,

Retiree Chapter 4041 President

February 4th was the start of the second phase of the 2018 election. Last November we digested all the information the candidates gave us and voted based on that information. Over the next one hundred and twenty days, we will have a chance to evaluate how they are doing. Our lobbyist, Priscilla, keeps a sharp eye on what our Legislators are doing. She knows that our big issues are health care and our retirement system. She also watches for any other bills that affect Seniors and especially Retired Nevada Public Employees. AFSCME Retirees have purchased a program that lists all the bills currently in the legislature, when they will be discussed and in what committee and in what room.

You can keep abreast of all the activity regarding Nevada Retired Employees by sharing your e-mail address with us as our lobbyist will blast out a report every Saturday and when something affecting Retired Public employees happens during the week. Rest assured that your e-mail address is not shared with anyone or group.

Throughout the year and more so during the Legislature, we work with other groups that have similar goals. Regular meetings are held with these groups so that everyone is on the same page. We also work with the Nevada AFL-CIO to reach our goals. We also get help when needed from the International as they have great research and qualified specialists in several categories. In other words, we have a strong team. If you have questions or comments, you can call us at 775-461-0849 or by e-mail. Our e-mail address is found on the back page of this issue of the Senior Moment. We do not man our office at regular hours but we are in and out so we will respond in a timely manner.

You may be wondering how we got the number 4041 in our official name. When we affiliated with AFSCME in the mid 90s, we had been SNEA (State of Nevada Employees Association) for forty years and in the 41st we joined the International union, AFSCME and became AFSCME Local 4041 and had representation in Washington DC. Then in 1998 the Retiree Section was formed and we are now AFSCME Retirees Chapter 4041.

In closing, I would like to again welcome all of our new members and thank them for choosing Nevada Retirees Chapter 4041.



WANT TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE LEGISLATURE?

We now have several ways for you to get the latest news and updates on legislative activity.

- 1) Sign up for email blasts every Friday by entering your email address on our website:
www.afscmenvretirees.org.
- 2) Check out our Facebook page [Apscme Retirees Nevada Chapter 4041](#) for the latest info.
- 3) Attend Legislative Update meetings at our office in Carson City on February 21; March 21 -*this will also be a General Membership Meeting* and April 18 at 10:00 am. Meetings will be video conferenced to the AFSCME Office in Las Vegas (601 S. Rancho Drive Unit 24-C).

QUESTIONS FOR THE NEVADA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BENEFITS PROGRAM:

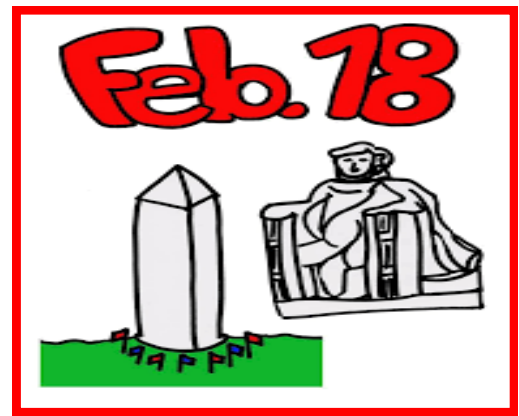
- 1.) How much funding does the Nevada Legislature provide for an individual Medicare retiree for health coverage?
- 2.) What is the average dollar amount paid to an individual Medicare retiree by PEBP for supplemental health insurance?
- 3.) How much is paid to the insurance broker for record keeping for each Medicare retiree?
- 4.) How much life insurance is provided to all Medicare retirees? What is the cost per person?
- 5.) How much do non-Medicare retirees pay for medical insurance? Explain any variations in price due to length of service, etc.
- 6.) Medicare retirees all pay a basic premium for Medical Part B. Is this payment considered when calculating stipend awards to Medicare retirees? How?
- 7.) What service for claims or coverage questions is offered to Medicare retirees?



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PRISCILLA MALONEY
Retiree Chapter 4041
LOBBYIST



LOBBYIST REPORT

The Nevada State legislature’s 80th Regular Session started Monday February 4, 2019 despite some inclement weather causing an early close of government offices.

As we told you in our weekly email update, we threw on our snow-boots though and got to work nonetheless. ****We can’t emphasis this enough-IF YOU WANT US TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON A WEEKLY BASIS-PLEASE GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS** (yes-we know we’re shouting-we only have about 1/3 of our total membership’s email info-so please follow this link to our website’s home page and sign up with your email address for the updates: <http://www.afscmenvretirees.org/> -you’ll be glad you did!)

Our legislative goal for this first week of the legislature was to make contact with the sixty-three legislators’ staff who will work for the next 120 days in the legislative building. It was important to have these face-to-face contacts, remind the staff of our upcoming legislative reception that we will be hosting at the Gold Dust West at the end of the month, and get them familiar with AFSCME. In the past, folks have told us that they weren’t aware that AFSCME had a retirement chapter in Nevada and we are aiming to fix that this session! Within a three-day period this week, we had met the staff members of over 50 of the 63 legislators and we won’t stop until we have personally introduced ourselves to everyone.

We also attended a meeting of the coalition of public employees that we mentioned in last week’s update. This public coalition includes firefighters, law enforcement groups, k-12 teachers, and the Higher Ed association as well as other public employee groups. While we all support each other, it’s also understood that we all report to our individual groups and are ultimately responsible for moving our individual groups’ legislative goals forward.

While this first week was more “settling in” and procedural in terms of actual bills and or budgets hearings there were a couple things to note. First, there were fifteen bills (11 in the Assembly and 4 in the Senate) vetoed by the former Governor in 2017 after session ended. The subjects of the bills ranged from energy standards to minimum wage. Nevada law requires that these bills be returned to this session and acted on in each house, requiring an override of former Governor Sandoval’s vetoes. The Assembly Speaker has already taken a position that the 11 Assembly bills will “procedurally” die and no further action be taken. The Senate decides Tuesday, February 12 what will happen with the 4 remaining Senate bills but we are anticipating the same outcome. Based on Speaker Jason Frierson’s statements in the press, it appears that there is no appetite to re-litigate last session and at least some of those same issues will have a fresh start in the form of new bills submitted in this session.

Secondly, the AFSCME 4041 actives had their 2019 collective bargaining bill get initial approval for drafting by the Senate Government Affairs Committee and was read on the Senate Floor on Thursday February 7, 2019. The bill now goes to the Senate Government Affairs Committee for hearings. Look for updates as SB135 moves through this historic process. We even had a chance to meet up with AFSCME President Lee Saunders the second day of the legislature as he met with Nevada officials to discuss our long-sought after goals of finally getting collective bargaining for Nevada’s state workforce.



CHAPTER OFFICER NOMINATIONS MEETING

Nominations for the 2019-2020 AFSCME Retirees Nevada Chapter 4041 officers will be entertained at the General Membership Meeting scheduled for March 21, 2019 at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the chapter office located at 625 Fairview Unit 110, Carson City, NV 89701 and will be video conferenced to the AFSCME Local 4041 office in Las Vegas at 601 S. Rancho Drive Unit C-24.

This meeting is open to all members and will also be a legislative update meeting.



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NOTE: Our office is not staffed on a daily basis, all calls and emails will be answered as soon as possible. Thank you!

The next General Membership Meeting will be at 10:00 am, Thursday March 21, 2019.

Please plan to attend in Carson City at our office at 625 Fairview Unit 110 or in Las Vegas at the Local 4041 Office located at 601 S. Rancho Drive, Unit C-24 where the meeting will be video conferenced from Carson City.

Lunch is provided after to all those attending at either location.

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