



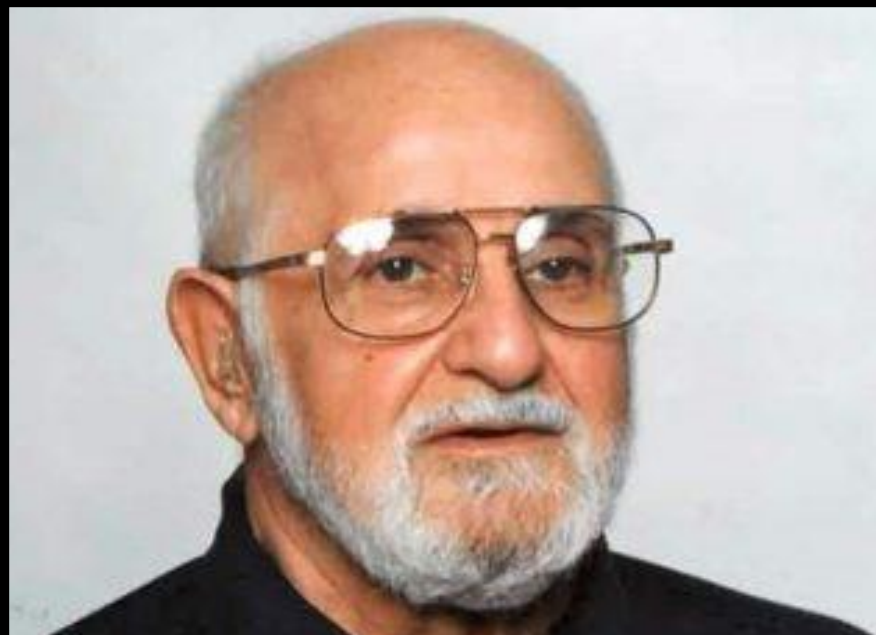
# THE SENIOR MOMENT



AFSCME NV RETIREES CHAPTER 4041 , DEC. 2018



## IN MEMORIAM FRANK "PAPPY" PAPAIANNI



8/17/1932 –11/13/2018

Frank was born in Syracuse, New York. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan, his son Pat and his daughter Penny (Mike) Livermore.

As a long time member of the State of Nevada Employees Association (SNEA) which affiliated with AFSCME, (in 1994) where Frank served as an Executive Board member of the Retirees Chapter and longtime editor of the *Senior Moment*. Frank retired after 26 years from the State of Nevada Employment Security Department. He was a Korean War Vet having served in the Navy from 1950-1954. During his life, Frank was a member of the Eagles and served as the Nv State President, Western regional President and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the E Clampus Vitus (President {Humbug} and Call Chief Truckee. He and Joan were extensively involved in the Silver Sierra Adventurers travel club



Charles  
Muller,  
President

Retirees Chapter 4041

This joyous season has a very sad note. Our long time rural director, Frank Papaanni, passed away on November 13, 2018. He was very instrumental in building the AF-SCME Retiree Chapter 4041 into what it is today. He also did the research and edited the *Senior Moment*. You can read more about Frank in this edition.

I would also want to thank all those who voted and worked to make the latest election a success and one that will be helpful to improve the lives of our Retirees. We will also be vigilant to safeguard against any plans to take any of our hard-earned benefits. We (our board) sit down with our lobbyist on a frequent basis planning our strategy. Our lobbyist leaves no stone unturned to protect YOU, the Retirees.

With the new year we must also prepare for the Legislature which begins in February. Sometimes during the session, we need to call on our membership to show up for a legislative meeting or hearing. Filling the room at critical meetings sometimes spells the difference between success and failure. We understand that this can be a hardship for many so we may ask you to call your Assemblyman or Senator to express your opinion on a given bill. You can also e-mail your ideas and they will be read to be sure.

We try to keep our membership informed and up to date on the issues as best we can. We can e-mail information on a daily basis when needed but we need your e-mail address. Please send us yours if you have not already done so.

Remember, we do NOT share those addresses with any- one

On behalf of the entire AFSCME Retiree Chapter 4041, I would wish all of you the best of this Christmas Season and may the New Year be good to all of you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR





**Election Results Wrap-Up** By: Priscilla Maloney, Retirees Chapter 4041 Lobbyist

After an historic mid-term election last month, several key takeaway points emerged.

The first is that turnout both in Nevada and across the country hit historical highs for a midterm election. <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/nevada-turnout-figures-show-election-was-a-midterm-on-steroids/>

Secondly, races in many places that were supposed to be “close” across the country, including in Nevada, weren’t. Labor-endorsed candidates often won by much wider margins that had been predicted. Thirdly **and most importantly-there is no substitute for basic organizing principles:** make as many contacts as you can-at the doors, on the phones and face-to-face. Finally, for at least many voters-their votes were all or in part cast as a reaction to the current national administration. Jon Ralston’s crew at the Nevada Independent sums this up nicely:

<https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/anatomy-of-a-blue-wave-why-nevada-democrats-won-decisively-in-races-that-were-supposed-to-be-close>

Across the country as well as here in Nevada, Labor-endorsed candidates won. Here in Nevada we even have one of our own-Catherine Byrne, AFSCME member, who will be our new Controller for the State of Nevada. Our labor partners at the AFL-CIO estimate that nationally these wins were fueled by 2.3 million contacts-door-knocks, phone calls, and contact through social media. In Nevada alone, that translated to over 500, 000 door-knocks and 136, 000 phone calls and other face-to-face contacts. <https://nv.aflcio.org/pressmedia/nevadas-working-people-are-rising-pushing-our-state-forward>

What this means is simple: when we unite together in a common cause, our commitment to bettering the lives of working people and their families is unshakeable and unstoppable. To all who helped make this an historic mid-term election, thank you. Whether you made one phone call, had one conversation with a friend, coworker, family member or neighbor or one-hundred such contacts-you all did your part, and our state as well as our country is the better for it. Remember-**WHEN WE FIGHT-WE WIN!**



**AFSCME MEMBER NEW STATE CONTROLLER**

By: Roger Bremner, Retirees Chapter 4041 Vice-



Hey! Guess What? Did you know that Catherine Byrne, the Treasurer of AFSCME Local 7041, Sierra Range Chapter was elected to serve as Nevada State Controller in the 2018 elections? That’s right!

Catherine won a state-wide election with lots of hard work, door knocking, personal appearances and lots of support by AFSCME members and other unions. Catherine won by garnering over 50% of the vote, easily outdistancing incumbent Controller Ron Knecht.

Catherine is very well qualified to serve in her new constitutional position. She has worked her entire career in accounting and tax and audit work for a wide variety of companies, having earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting in 1997.

She continued onward and earned her certified public accountant license in California in 2000. She is currently licensed as a CPA in both Nevada and California.

In 2012, Catherine began working for the Nevada State Controller’s Office in the Financial Reporting Section, which prepares the state’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

In addition to performing a myriad of functions within the Controllers Office, Catherine has found the time to be involved in many other organizations. She is a member of the Association of Government Accountants and the Government Finance Officers Association. She also serves as Treasurer for the Nevada Rural Democratic Caucus and as a member of the Carson City Democratic Central Committee.

Catherine was born in San Diego, California. Her father was a Coast Guard member and her family moved to various postings throughout the country. Her son Currently serves in the United States Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Catherine will be officially sworn in at a formal ceremony on January 7, 2019. The event is for elected Constitutional Officers and is held outside in front of the Nevada State Capital Building.

Ms. Byrne is probably the first active member of an AFSCME Chapter to be elected to a statewide office in Nevada.

When you see Catherine, please shake her hand in congratulations. She’s always happy to greet her new constituency.





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