

Retired Public Employees of Alaska Northern Region Chapter
Announcements and Speakers for the Autumn 2019
from NR RPEA Chapter Chair Charlie Gallagher

We want to thank Clark Milne for his efforts as the NR Chair for the past two years. They were difficult years of change which saw the institution of our RPEA efforts to establish the Retiree Health Care Advisory Board; the success of RPEA's Audio, Dental, Vision lawsuit in Anchorage's Alaska Superior Court; and the initiation of RPEA's Medical lawsuit. His leadership was well appreciated by the E-board in many other matters too.

My goal in returning to the NR RPEA Chairmanship is to "fill in" until we can find a suitable, younger volunteers to become involved. Clark has taken over the tasks of running our Northern Region Raven Landing Meetings. This means I will be responsible as your representative on RPEA's Executive Board. I will post NR e-mail and provide NR website communications.

My contact e-mail: cgallagher@alaska.net.

We had the last E-Board Meeting on August 21 & 22. We reviewed the successes of Chapter "briefings" in Fairbanks, South Central and on the Kenai. Southeast will have their opportunity soon. Most of what we discussed was about costs and budget matters, annual recruitment, legislation, and new and on-going Retiree benefit program issues. RPEA's Leadership is careful to inform Members about RPEA's business as shown by the in person briefings this summer as well as postings on the RPEA website.

2019-2020 NR RPEA Luncheon Meetings

This year NR Officers met on July 24th for our annual planning meeting. The Northern Region RPEA members will continue to meet at Fairbank's Raven Landing Community Center at noon on the third Thursday of September, October and November 2019 and January through at least April 2020. We will maintain "schedule flexibility" in order to accommodate our important speakers. Clark Milne will take your ideas for Program Speakers. Please let him know ideas for Spring. Doors open at 11:30 and Lunch costs \$15.00 **in cash or check** written to NR RPEA. The Menu will be determined by Raven Landing. We do not meet in summer or December. While our chapter no requires Minutes, we need someone to keep meeting notes I will edit those notes and post them on the NR website news. **Please e-mail me to help.** cgallagher@alaska.net We also need help on the Lunch Intake desk. **Please ask Clark if you can help!**

Speakers for the Fall 2019

Thursday, September 19th: Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Bryce J. Ward

Topics: Budget Matters: property tax, the senior exemption, climate and EPA issues
Clark's note-- the EPA Administration will be in town that day too.

October 17th: Vice-Chair of the Retiree Health Care Advisory Board, Ms. Cammy

Taylor Topics: Our former RPEA Medical Committee Volunteer was appointed by Gov. Walker. She will talk about the Board's establishment and activities.

November 21st: The Annual Luncheon with the Legislators and Aides

This offers NR RPEA Members and Legislators an opportunity to discuss the issues facing the new legislative session.