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PEF CHAPTER 9 RETIREES MEETING MINUTES for Orange & Sullivan Cts.

The Venue: Erie Trackside Restaurant

Address: 9 Jersey Lane, Port Jervis, NY

Date: March 29, 2023

**Attendance: 26 members, 10 no shows
1 guest speaker, 1 absent.**

Agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance—Moment of Silence

President's Remarks- The meeting was called to order by President Patrick McLaughlin at 12:15pm. The chapter 9 officers present were introduced and Patrick explained to members present that they should receive 2 invitations per year to a member luncheon. The second one for Orange & Sullivan Ct. members will be on Sept. 20 for the Ct. wide luncheon and the election of Officers. This will be held in Dutchess CT. this year. He explained members who live out of state are considered to be in Chapter 13 and have not been receiving luncheon invitations. Patrick hopes to remedy this in the near future.

Guest Speakers: Samantha Kalbfliesh from member benefits. Don Morgentern from COPE was unable to come due to illness.

Samantha talked about the Davis Vision program and discussion ensued from the audience regarding what it covers. Discussion regarding Sun Life dental coverage and the value of having what is offered was also discussed. Members were reminded that if you terminate Sunlife dental coverage, you can never get it back. It was brought to the members attention, in Congress, we are one vote short in getting dental and vision benefits through Medicare. She also talked about the Legal service plan and what's included when enrolling for 80.00 per year. For an additional 55.00, you can purchase the Elder Law Ryder, as well. Samantha mentioned that she is open to any suggestions for future businesses to partner with, in any a

Secretary's Report- The minutes from Nov.2, 2022 meeting were distributed, read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - The Nov. 2, 2022 balance was 17,670.33. Deposits since were 7,257.15. Expenses were 2,902.88. Our current balance is 22,524.60. We will continue to spend down to be eligible for future quarterly deposits. Our next major expense will be the membership meeting in June.

Committee Reports:The Audit committee will convene in April to review the books.

Old Business- Patrick reminded the members that there is no longer a hard copy of the communicator. He encouraged members to pay their member dues through automatic monthly deductions. He reminded them of their automatic membership in NYSARA and to sign up for Barry Kaufmann's informative Monday alerts via email.

New Business- Patrick discussed Social Security and the money limits of 35,000 per year: That the Medicare Part B premium is now 164.00 per month but is added back. He spoke of the importance of buying back time whether from City, CT. or Federal past employment as well as military time, as it can affect your Tier level. Also to be aware of the numerous Advantage Plans and terminating from traditional medicare and NYSHIP. Once You leave NYSHIP as your secondary/Part B medical coverage, you can not get it back.

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:45pm by Ron Manuli, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary