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Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 12:00 noon**. This meeting will be held at the **Clark County Library** located at **1401 E Flamingo Road**. Our speaker for this month will be Rachel Townsend who is with Humana and she is their market point agent. Please come join us and hear about the guidance centers that are open to assist people.

**ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR MEMBERS OF SENIORS UNITED AND ITS BOARD WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A SINCERE THANK YOU TO HUMANA FOR THEIR GENEROUS ASSISTANCE IN COVERING THE COST OF PRINTING OUR "HIGHLIGHTS" NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH. THANK YOU ALSO TO DIXON KELLER AND RON WILLIAMS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS ORGANIZATION.**



Our contribution to Three Square was greatly appreciated. Each dollar received is turned into 3 meals. Seniors United made it possible for 900 people to receive meals next month.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 10, 2010**. This meeting will be held at the Clark County Library located at 1401 E. Flamingo Road at 12:00 noon.

Call Doris Balducci for more information about dues at 732-4366. If you would like to be contacted by email about our meetings, please contact Doris at [dbalducci@juno.com](mailto:dbalducci@juno.com). Thank you.

A special thanks to Barrick Gold Corporation for their contribution to Seniors United.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY COLUMN

By **Rita Meier**

**Nevada Public Affairs Specialist**

RETIREMENT ESTIMATOR EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE

Improvements to one of the most popular online services in government — the *Retirement Estimator*, located at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator) — allow more people than ever before to get a personalized and instant estimate of future Social Security retirement benefits.

Since its launch last year, the *Retirement Estimator* has provided more than four million personalized estimates, and is one of the most highly rated online services in government.

The most recent customer satisfaction numbers are at an all-time high. The latest report from the *American Customer Satisfaction Index* for E-Government ranks the *Retirement Estimator* as the top service at 91 percent. It is followed closely by Social Security's online retirement application, with a 90 percent customer satisfaction rating and the Medicare *Extra Help* application, with an 87 percent rating. These three Social Security services are the top three online services in government.

You may be wondering: if the *Retirement Estimator* is the most popular online service in government, what can be done to improve it?

One major improvement is that more people will be able to use it. Previously, people who had not yet filed for monthly Social Security benefits but who were already enrolled in Medicare were not able to take advantage of the service. Now they can. So if you have Medicare coverage but have delayed filing for your Social Security benefits and you would like to get an estimate of your future benefits, just visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).

Other improvements are coming soon. Next year, the *Retirement Estimator* will be the first online service available in Spanish.

Would you like to get an immediate and personalized estimate of your retirement benefits right now? Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator). To get an estimate, you'll need to enter your first and last name, date and place of birth, Social Security number, and mother's maiden name. If the information matches Social Security's records, the *Retirement Estimator* combines this information with the information that Social Security has on record, including your yearly earnings, to provide a quick and reliable online benefit estimate.

While you're checking out the most popular online service in government, try out some of our other online services and information as well. You can find it all at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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SENIORS UNITED CREED  
*ESTABLISHED BY JULIAN AND LILIAN WALLACE*  
*Seniors United was Created as an inspirational medium for seniors. Its purpose is to educate, promote and protect the rights of seniors. The needs of seniors differ from younger citizens.*

*It is important to have an organization devoted to our place in the community and to promote its continued growth.*

*The members of Seniors United want to share experiences with others.*

*Nonpartisan and nonsectarian, we are very actively involved in the political structure of our state and country.*

*Forums are varied to benefit the needs of the community and to discuss political issues. Guest speakers come from all areas.*

*It is with pride that we are seniors and are doubly proud to be members of Seniors United.*

*The pride continues in our many accomplishments and in the good name we have established in the community.*

*Our goal is to develop plans for a great tomorrow and to make it happen. Everyone is welcome, young to old and from every walk of life.*

## SENIORS UNITED MEANS SENIOR POWER

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### SENIOR CITIZEN'S PROPERTY TAX/RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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M. W. Schofield, County Assessor, announces that on February 1, 2010, his Office will begin accepting applications for the Senior Citizen's Tax/Rent Assistance program.

#### CEO

Jackie Seip  
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To qualify, seniors must be 62 by June 30, 2010; a Nevada resident since July 1, 2009; own or rent property in Clark County, including a manufactured home or lot; and have a total household income of \$28,677 or less, including Social Security.

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Seniors must provide a copy of their Social Security 1099 form, proof of any additional income and a copy of their 2009 IRS return (if they file).

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Claimants cannot have "liquid assets" that exceed \$150,000. "Liquid assets" can be savings accounts, IRA's, C-D's, stocks & bonds, annuities, etc. Renters must supply copies of their rent receipts for

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2009. Homeowners' assessed value may not exceed \$200,000 (\$571,000 taxable value). Applicants that own property, other than their home (residence), may not exceed \$30,000 assessed value (\$85,700 taxable value in Nevada). The State Division of Aging Services requires that first time applicants provide proof of age (Nevada Driver's License or I.D., birth certificate, or some other legal document showing date of birth).

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The Assessor's Office visits many of the senior living complexes during the months of February, March and April to talk about the program and assist those applying with their applications. The deadline to file for this program is April 30, 2010. If you think you may qualify, or if you know of someone that may qualify for this program, we encourage you to call the Assessor's Office customer service number, 455-3882, and request to have an application mailed to you, or apply at any of the Assessor's Office locations.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 per year per person (expiration date is one year from application date)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 per year per couple

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150.00 per year Corporate Member

Please make checks payable to: Seniors United  
Mail to: 1155 East Twain Suite #108-177, Las Vegas, NV 89169