

RETIREE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA MIDCITIES CHAPTER 001 NEWSLETTER

2nd Quarter 2018
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JUNE 4th 2018 MEETING:

Sizzler Steak House
15252 Rosecrans Ave
La Mirada, CA

11:15 a.m. Lunch Included
Members get \$10 lunch credit

The speaker for our June meeting will be **Captain Greg Lambardo, La Mirada Fire Department**. He will speak on how seniors can be safe and what you can do to help keep yourself out of danger.

Welcome:

We would like to welcome our new members who joined RPEA:

BE Brubaker-Vastala
Louis Johnson

Reminder:

Please update your personal information by calling HQ at 1-800-443-7732. Update and/or verify your phone number, address, and e-mail address.

President's Musings:



Ashley Jones from LA County Bureau of Victims Rights
(meeting in March)

SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The quarterly meeting was held Monday, March 5, 2018, at the La Mirada Sizzler. The speakers were from the District Attorney's Office-Bureau of Victims Services. They work locally with the police and courts to ensure services are given to folks who are victims of crimes.

We have approx. \$5,721.91 in our Treasury, per Linda who spoke, as Keith Alber was ill. Attendance was only at fifteen (15).

As attendees to our last meeting know, Louie is looking for someone to step into the VP for our Chapter. Please let Louie know if you can help.

President's Musing (continued)

- * I have sad news to report as our Director of Legislations, Jim Anderson, has stepped down. Randy Check has been named the Interim Legislations Director.
- * Did you know that Senator Morrlach makes \$86K a year as Legislator. He draws a public paycheck; yet he continues to be our nemesis.
- * There are three lawsuits pending on the “**California Rule**” at California Supreme Court. RPEA is watching them closely.

Chapter 001 has a challenge for every member ... sign up one new member and see us grow!

CalPERS has built retirement and health security for state, school and public agency members. The pension fund services more than 1.8 million members. Let's build our membership and secure our future.

*Who is eligible? Anyone who is an **active** or **retired** California Public Employee, specifically those who obtain benefits from CalPERS. We also welcome interested individuals who want to protect, improve, and support our cause and would like to receive our information.*

Yes, spouses can join and qualify as an associate member. The breakdown for membership is:

Retiree Member (CalPERS annuitant)

Beneficiary Member (beneficiary from CalPERS retiree)

Affiliate Member (supports goals of RPEA)

Associate Member (supports goals of RPEA)

***** COME ONE, COME ALL AND LET'S GET INFORMED ON ISSUES THAT IMPACT US ALL *****

In Memoriam

Let us remember members that we one time worked with, but have passed.

This list may not be complete; we receive this information from RPEA. Let us know if you are aware of someone that can be added.

Isabel Elizalde Santa Fe Springs

March Eu Fullerton





You may have heard that CalPERS has expanded its fitness options for Medicare plan enrollees. As of January 2018, the PERS Select, PERS Choice and PERSCare Medicare plans now include the highly popular and successful Silver Sneaker Fitness Program. UnitedHealthCare Medical Advantage and Kaiser Medicare Advantage plan already had this program.

SilverSneakers is a free community fitness program designed specifically for older adults, with more than 14,000 locations. Check out their website at www.silversneakers.com where you can enter your zip code and see what facilities are close. There are four categories: SilverClassic, SilverCircuit, SilverYoga and SilverSwim.

IN THE NEWS AND LEGISLATIVE INFO

RPEA Board Meeting was held in Orange County. Highlights are: Approval of the Budget for 2017-2018 year. No 50/50 drawings are to be held at any RPEA chapter. A review of AMBIA benefits were presented. We lost Chapter 52 San Diego due to disbandment. Chapter By-Laws will need to be updated to reflect 2016 GA resolutions; samples were re-sent by HQ.

RPEA Legislative News:

Hold on to your \$\$ dollars is the name of the game for Public Employees!

SB1031 and **SB1032** are bills introduced by Moorlach, each is trying to impose cuts. **REPA is OPPOSED.** These bills would prohibit a cost of living adjustment after 1/1/2019...**SB1032** allows a termination of an agency contract at will and would not require the agency to fully fund the pension liability upon termination of the contract.

SB1149 was introduced by Glazer **RPEA is OPPOSED** to this bill, as it wants to set up a new optional defined contribution plan for new employees of the State.

SB562 Universal Single Payer Healthcare. This bill passed the Senate Health Committee on 4/26/17, and then it passed through the Senate. **RPEA has placed a watch on this bill.** Anthony Redon, the Assembly Speaker, has shelved the bill but it is a two-year bill. The legislation does not have a fully developed financial component. This bill would cover all individuals who reside in CA.

AB1912 moved out of the Assembly. This is JPA bill that will make it mandatory to hold parties responsible for retirement costs.

Humor Corner:

“Did you know we retirees are worth a fortune?”

We have silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys, and lead in our feet. UNK

(please submit jokes to the Editor)

Mark Your Calendar:

General Member meetings are on the first Monday of the month, unless it is a holiday. The remaining 2018 schedule:

- ◇ June 4th
- ◇ September 17
- ◇ December 3

Meetings are held at the Sizzler Steak House, located at 15252 Rosecrans Ave, La Mirada, CA. They begin at 11:15 a.m. and lunch included for all members.

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday at Polly's Pies, located at 17198 Norwalk Blvd, Cerritos, CA and begin at 10:00a.m.

General Assembly will be held **September 10-13, 2018** at the Doubletree Hilton, Orange CA.

QUESTIONS: Call Kathleen Collins at 562-884-8891

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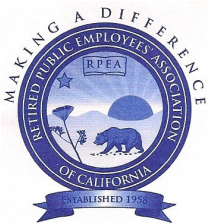
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