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RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

**San Joaquin County Chapter 3
Area VII
Established July 17, 1956**

Chapter Meetings

3rd Friday of the month
10:00 am

Hometown Buffet
1025 W. Robinhood Dr, Stockton

Date: **September 15, 2017**

Speaker: Kristi Rhea
Community Services Prg. Mgr.
PO Box 20156
Stockton
209-468-1439

Date: **October 20, 2017**

Speaker: Melody Domench
Certified Yoga Instructor
8700 West Lane #173
Stockton, CA 95210

Date: **November 17, 2017**

Speaker: Layla Baskin
Delta Senior Referral Service
5205 Tamworth Way
Stockton, CA 95207
209-242-3716

President's Comments

I hope all our members had a great summer. We seem to be in a period of calm. The usual group of folks who challenge the retirement benefits for which we all worked so hard have been quiet.

For the first time in several years, CalPers has more than met its investment goals easing some of the pressures on our former employers to ante up even more funding to the retirement system. There are still pressures, but not as dramatic as they were. The risk will always be there, until or unless our benefits are fully funded which is unlikely to happen. We will monitor and keep you informed.

We continue to look for members—who would like to help keep the chapter functioning. None of us are getting any younger. We would appreciate your thoughts and participation. RPEA at the State and local level runs on volunteers. It takes you to make us a success! Please let me know how you may be able to help out. It is your organization!

**LIFE IS LIKE A YO-YO.
THEY BOTH HAVE
THEIR UPS AND DOWNS.**

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Stockton Chapter 003

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Medicare open enrollment is just around the corner. Are you feeling confused and overwhelmed in deciding what the best choice is for you? Call HICAP – Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program. Their services are free and the goal is to assist you in making up your own mind about what is the best plan for you. HICAP volunteer counselors are registered by the CA Dept of Aging and are available to help provide Medicare beneficiaries with professional high-quality information individual counseling. In San Joaquin County, their office is in Lodi. Call 209-470-7812 to schedule. Other California counties, call the Sacramento office at 916-376-8915 or 800-434-0222.

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CalPERS election for at-large Board members will occur in September. RPEA endorses Michael Flaherman, a former CalPERS Board member who returns with Wall Street investment experience. Voting can be done via mail, the telephone or the internet. Additional information on these voting options will be included with your ballot.

Need a Repair Around the House?

Next time try DIY (Do It Yourself) when you need something repaired around your house. Don't know how to make the repair? Take a class by taking free workshops at stores such as Home Depot (HomeDepot.com) and other local hardware stores. Use the internet by signing onto Lowe.com/How-to-Library, BeJane.com or PrettyHandyGirl.com for easy guides to help you through your project. There are many videos to choose from on YouTube which cover every type of repair. Or volunteer with a group such as Habitat for Humanity or Rebuilding Together where you will gain training as well as help build a home for a family in need.