



The Camellia
Retired Public Employees' Association
Area VII -Sacramento, California
Chapter 004 Newsletter

We are active and retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our earned retirement, medical and other benefits.

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Presidents Message - Roxanne Woodward

It is with great sadness we reflect on the passing of President George Linn. In his memory, our Chapter is donating funds to the Association.

We also recently lost our beloved and long-time member, Merle Cale. A Celebration of Life will be held for her on August 25th at VFW Post 67 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. The VFW Post is located at 2784 Stockton Blvd. in Sacramento.

Our Membership Chair, Pat Fuller, has been busy and recently sent welcome letters, a gift bag and an invitation to join us at our meetings to our 38 newest members. We will continue with George's past challenge to work hard to recruit and retain our membership and to each bring in a new member! There is strength in numbers and membership is the life blood of any organization. Chapter 004 is fortunate to have its membership numbers once again hovering over 1,200.

General Assembly will meet September 9-12 in Orange, CA. In addition to our delegates, we will be sending 3 alternates. Aside from Board of Directors elections, we will vote

on proposed resolutions, and attend various workshops covering a variety of subjects. Highlights of GA 2018 will be provided in our next newsletter.

Join us for our annual card bingo in August. It is our most popular annual event. We've also scheduled a BBQ in Miller Park for September 29th.



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CALPERS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM NEWSFLASH

Positive Investment Returns Mean Positive Impacts in California Economy

CalPERS has once again exceeded their expected investment return, announcing yesterday a 8.6% preliminary net return for the 2017-18 fiscal year. This net return was a result of sizeable returns in both public and private equity markets as well as a 20.6% net return from Infrastructure. While CalPERS is pleased with the returns this past year, our commitment to the improvement of the overall funded status remains our primary goal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RPEA CHAP. 004

MEETINGS

Sacramento, Yolo Areas
Second Wednesday
of each month

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018

CARD BINGO 9:30 A.M.

Casa Gardens Restaurant
2760 Sutterville Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018

Note date change

Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Casa Gardens Restaurant
2760 Sutterville Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018

BBQ in the Park
See flyer inside

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018

General Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Casa Gardens Restaurant
2760 Sutterville Rd.

Lunch is **\$5.00** to members and **\$10.00** to guests for all Chapter lunches except

Spring Luncheon and Christmas Luncheon

Members in good standing may attend all meetings. Please reserve your spot.

Failure to make a reservation may result in no lunch available and failure to appear and not cancel a reservation will result in a **\$10.00** charge.

To reserve or cancel, contact **Nadie Savage** at savagelouise1948@gmail.com or call **(916) 495-2742** by Friday before each meeting.

News from Headquarters:

Al Darby, current member of Chapter 004 and Assistant Area Director, Area VII, has assumed the duties of President of RPEA upon the passing of President George Linn. We want to wish Al the most success in his new position and offer all assistance he may need in his new role. At a recent teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors, former Director of Membership, Rosemary Knox was nominated to fill the vacant position of Vice President. The changes in officers will be announced in the upcoming newsletter from Headquarters.

JOIN US AT A MEETING

NEED TRANSPORTATION?

CALL ONE OF OUR OFFICERS TO SEE IF RIDE SHARING MIGHT BE ARRANGED.

Notes from your Past President (and current RPEA Secretary/Treasurer)

It was with extreme shock that I learned in early July of the passing of our President, George Linn. What a great loss to our organization.

George was a moving force that kept RPEA on an upward path in growth in both membership and financial solvency. George had a vast knowledge of finance and managed the finances of our association to the point where there is growth in our reserves and our annual budgets have remained positive. His efforts at monitoring our reserve accounts (renamed Investments) made possible a growth in those accounts to the point the Association now has met the Bylaws requirement of 50% of annual budget in reserve for economic uncertainties. Without his efforts and financial accumen, this may not have occurred for some time. We will certainly miss his leadership.

George was very knowledgeable about RPEA and worked very hard to advance its mission. He was generous in treatment of his peers, always looking for a bet-

ter way to do things. His treatment of the office staff was never demanding, looking out for them in terms of working conditions and their benefits. His influence with CalPERS and in the legislature helped benefit our organization as well.

George was always looking for improvement in the status of RPEA, both in terms of membership and benefits to our members. To that end, he worked with AMBIA to provide a wealth of benefits available to members at reasonable costs.

I didn't work that closely with him to know all he may have been involved with to benefit our organization, he was always looking ahead for whatever twig he could grasp to further improve the organization. His video interviews on RPEA Facebook shine light on some of the efforts he made to sway influential legislators to see the reasonableness of our current pension system and why it shouldn't be decimated. He was recognized by the members of the CalPERS Board as a force to be reckoned with in decisions they made regarding retirees.

So long, George, until we meet again.

HOW TO SPOT A SCAM

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From: <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2018/crazy-scam-stories.html?intcmp=AE-MON-CP-EOA1>

AARP's expert on fraud and scams, Amy Nofziger, offers advice on how to protect yourself and your family members from scam artists. A stream of questions poured in from people sharing their experiences and asking about various cons. It's clear that these scams are among the most pernicious.

1. "I received a call from 360-203-0375 claiming to be from the IRS and telling me I owed back taxes. It was a recorded message. Knowing I did not owe back taxes, I hung up!!!"

Nofziger replied: "That's the perfect response! HANG UP! Great job staying safe." If the phone rings and you pick up and no one responds, "sometimes this can be a phone call coming from a call center that uses technology called predictive dialing. It autodial hundreds of people at the same time, and whoever picks the phone up first gets the operator and all the other calls drop off. Could be confirmation of a real number ... but this is possible as well. My best advice, unless people know who is calling, don't pick up the phone. I have an app on my phone that warns me when a call comes in, to the legitimacy of the call. These calls all alert me with a 'scam or fraud' warning, so I didn't answer. They did leave a robocall message threatening my arrest. The IRS does not operate this way. There are many apps in the App Store. Some are free and some cost. A few of the products are **Hiya**, **Truecaller**, **PrivacyStar** and many others. Find the one that looks best for you by reading through the reviews and knowing which features you want. Also, on your landline, there is a service called **Nomorobo** that operates similar blocking services on traditional landlines.»

2. "A computer company called to say I had a virus on my computer."

Nofziger replied: "Computer companies don't proactively reach out to consumers to let them know about a potential virus on consumers' computers. If anyone calls asking to remote access into your computer, hang up. If you receive a pop-up on your screen telling you that there is a virus and you need to call a phone number, click out of the box. Or you may even have to 'hard shutdown' your system to get it to go away. But don't call the number or click on any links. Never give personal or financial information to anyone who calls you, nor pay for any services like this, in prepaid gift cards."

3. "I constantly receive calls claiming to be a clearinghouse stating I have won millions of dollars and I have only a few hours to go to a Western Union to pay my fees and taxes, which always amounts to over \$1,000 to have my prize delivered. When I ask how come that isn't taken out of the prize money, they always have a reason. I would then ask for a number to verify. They give an 800 number, but I never call. I can tell it is a scam because I should not have to pay money up front for a winning. Is this correct?"

Nofziger replied: "Yes, those are 100 percent scams. They will come up with any excuse to get you to pay them. I've worked with victims who have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in these scams. Next time they call, if you know it's them, do not answer your phone. If you pick up and they try to talk, tell them you know it's a scam and hang up the phone. Do not engage, and make sure to not give them any personal or financial information."



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BAR-B-QUE at MILLER PARK

Group Picnic Area – G4

2701 Marina Park Drive, off Broadway - Sacramento

Invite family, bring a friend. Come and join us.

End of summer catered BBQ.

Fun and games, camaraderie, door prizes, and good grub!

Saturday - September 29, 2018

catered by JR's Texas BBQ



11:00 a.m. - Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Includes Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,
Cowboy Beans and Cornbread Peach Cobbler
(bottled water will be provided)

Please RSVP with our Special Events Coordinator no later than September 22, 2018. Make checks payable to: RPEA Chapter 004. Mail your reservation and payment to Sheryl Zazzi, 1709 Lakewood Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691, telephone (916) 607-8282, redhatzaz@gmail.com

Members Name(s) _____

Guests Name(s) _____

Number Attending @
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