



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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**RAMBLINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT—Marie Reed**

Here it is again, almost Halloween...my, how time does fly... and another opportunity for members to have heard a good speaker at our meeting last week is past. This past meeting was a real disappointment with only 36 members in attendance. Folks, we have a contract with the Casa Gardens Restaurant that guarantees at least 50 members at our General Meetings. This means we paid for 14 meals which weren't consumed. I don't know what to do to inspire members to come to meetings. What will it take to get you to attend? Please, send a message to me to let me know what will inspire attendance. We have an active chairperson seeking interesting speakers for our meetings. Plan to attend each General Meeting to enjoy the companionship of your fellow members and to hear an interesting speaker.

Sign-ups for our trip to San Francisco have resulted in 47 members and guests. We thought this event, as with our picnic in September, would generate interest. We had to reserve a smaller bus than originally intended as members have not shown interest in this event. Do you have suggestions for fun things that will engage our membership?

Chapter elections are scheduled to occur in February. Our

Nominating Committee is seeking members to assume chapter offices. This issue of this newsletter contains a nominating form. So far, none have been returned. If this chapter isn't being run in the way you would like to see it run, please consider nominating yourself or someone you know to hold the positions of leadership in our chapter. WE NEED YOU!



In other happenings, the recent CalPERS election resulted in the need for a run-off between the two candidates for Seat "B" on the Board of Administration. RPEA has endorsed candidate Margaret Brown for this seat. Ballots will be mailed on November 10. Please remember to vote in this election as your retirement benefits depend upon you making your choices known.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas luncheon on December 11 (a Monday) at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in ROSEVILLE. Venue has been changed as well as the day of the week. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The flyer is elsewhere in this newsletter.

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**NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, YOUR USED GREETING CARDS AND/OR PULL TABS FROM ALUMINUM CANS**

Please bring non-perishable food to donate to the Sacramento Food Bank when you come to any meeting or member Luncheon. Just one can a meeting can make a big difference to a local family. We have successfully donated to the Food Bank every year.

And did you know we can make a difference with items we usually toss away?

Don't toss your used greeting cards! Bring them to the Chapter meeting and I will get them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The Ranch teaches their participants to recycle used greeting cards into a new product to sell in their gift shop. The program assists young people in learning business skills while raising funds for a charity.

Rather than toss those aluminum tabs from soda cans and other products that use them, bring the tabs to the meeting and I will get them to McDonald House, who collects them as a fund-raiser for their programs.

Thank you for your generosity.

~ Nadie Savage

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**RPEA CHAP. 004 MEETINGS**

Sacramento, Yolo Areas  
Second Wednesday  
of each month

**Wednesday, Nov. 8 2017**

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

**Monday, Dec. 11, 2017**

Christmas Luncheon  
Cattlemens Restaurant  
Roseville, CA  
(see flyer)

**Wednesday Jan. 10, 2018**

Board 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 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 Thursday before each meeting.



**SAVE-THE-DATE**

**RPEA CHAPTER 004 – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

*Invite family. Bring a friend. Come on out and celebrate with us. All are welcome.*

**WHEN:** **Monday, December 11, 2017** (please RSVP by December 4, 2017)

**WHERE:** Cattlemen’s – Roseville  
2000 Taylor Road  
Roseville, CA 95678

*From I-80 West (Sacramento area) take Taylor Road exit and straight to restaurant.  
From I-80 East (Auburn area) take Eureka Road, exit 105B and loop around to  
Atlantic/Eureka Road back over the freeway then left onto Taylor Road.*

**TIME:** 11:30 a.m. (no host cocktails)  
12:30 p.m. (lunch served)

**COST:** \$15.00 per person (guests welcome)

**MENU:** Top Sirloin Steak (8 oz. Harris Ranch beef)  
Atlantic Salmon (broiled fillet served with lemon & dill sauce)  
Chicken Breast (basted with lemon herb marinade)  
Pasta Ravioli (vegetarian ravioli served with a seasonal sauce)

*All selections include mashed potato, all-you-can-eat salad, sourdough bread, ranch style beans, soda, coffee or tea.  
Steaks are prepared medium to medium rare. Special requests for rare or well done will be accommodated.*

Please **RSVP no later than December 4, 2017**. Indicate your entrée selection(s). Mail your reservation and payment to our Special Events Coordinator: Sheryl Zazzi, 1709 Lakewood Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691-4043, telephone (916) 607-8282, redhatzaz@gmail.com. Make check payable to RPEA, Chapter 004. Payment must be received prior to the luncheon.



**Non-perishable food donations will be collected for a local food bank.**



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO. RESERVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME(S) FOR NAME TAG:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU SELECTION(S):**

**Steak:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ravioli:** \_\_\_\_\_



CONSENT FORM

I consent to run for the following Chapter 004 office(s). This form must be submitted to the chair of the nominating committee prior to the close of Chapter nominations

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Director at Large \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate to General Assembly \_\_\_\_\_

I will serve if elected to the office(s) noted.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail your consent form to:

RPEA Chapter 004  
Attn: Nomination Committee Chair  
PO Box 188235  
Sacramento CA 95818-8235

This form must be received by December 30, 2017 to allow time for preparation of Chapter 004's ELECTION BALLOT.

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**CalPERS Runoff Election**

On October 13, 2017 the RPEA Board conducted a telephonic meeting to determine the candidate it would endorse in the runoff election for Seat B on the CalPERS Board of Administration. It was the Board's decision to endorse Margaret Brown for that position. We join California State Retirees (CSR) in endorsing Margaret. She has a long track record in finance in public

schools and has demonstrated her expertise in financial analysis in diverse public administration entities and projects. In her 30-year career in finance she has guided the Garden Grove School District, the San Ramon Valley School District and other private entities through difficult negotiations and project development with very positive results—on time and under budget.

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**Some Senior Humor**



YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD  
WHEN YOUR BANK SENDS YOU  
THEIR FREE CALENDAR...



**ONE MONTH AT A TIME!**





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