

RPEA RIVERSIDE



Retired Public Employees' Association of California
Chapter 15 – Riverside California Area VI Newsletter Issue 1 of 6

AN ISSUE NO ONE CAN IGNORE

“Currently, it is estimated that approximately two million older adults, representing five percent of Americans aged 65 and older, are subject to abuse and neglect each year at the hands of the very people they depend on for care. As our society ages, it is expected that these numbers will increase unless a stand is taken against this terrible epidemic of abuse against older adults. The time has come for every agency, organization and foundation to pay attention to this critical issue.”

Elder Abuse and Neglect Initiative: Defining the Future

You are invited to attend !

When? Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where? Meeting Room, Janet Goeske Senior Center
5257 Sierra St., Riverside

Let us know you're coming!

Be sure to make your lunch reservation before noon on Thursday, January 18. Phone Del Sells at 951-776-2165, or email sells30@charter.net.

REMINDER: Don't forget to bring canned/packaged food for the Goeske Pantry and used books for the chapter book exchange. Thanks!

Our lunch will be catered by Thomas Catering. Since the chapter shares the cost, each attendee pays just \$4. First-time attendees are free. (If you have made a reservation and find you cannot attend, please let Del know as soon as possible so reservation numbers are accurate.)

MENU: Lemon Herb Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Bread with butter, and Carrot Cake

GUEST SPEAKER: Deputy District Attorney, Janet Hasegawa

Find out about the Riverside County Elder Abuse Forensic Center and how to protect yourself and others from abuse. Janet Hasegawa has been with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since 2005. In 2008, she was assigned to the Elder Abuse Unit where she handled physical abuse, neglect and financial abuse cases. In 2015, she was assigned to the newly created Economic Crimes Team, a unit specializing in real estate fraud, life insurance and annuities fraud, major fraud, and complex financial elder abuse. She is a core member of the Riverside County Elder Abuse Forensic Center which began in 2017. A teacher to law enforcement and other agencies regarding abuse investigations and prosecution, she is also the technical advisor of the California District Attorneys Association's National Elder Abuse Symposium.



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of November 30, 2017, the Chapter 15 account balance totaled \$ 5,151.03. Copies of the current financial statement will be available at the January general meeting
Del Sells, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of December 4, 2017

Total number of Chapter 15 members: 610
Retirees 532 Chapter Associates 3
Beneficiaries 50 State Associates 22
Affiliates 3
Annie James, Membership Chairperson



*We're welcoming
32
new Chapter Members!*

Donald Allinder	Norco	Jennetta Jankins	Corona
Madeline Arroyo	Riverside	Joan Palmer	Riverside
Siham Bahloul	Corona	Michael Palmer	Riverside
Gerald Bossard	Riverside	Rosaria Partida	Riverside
Pamela Bossard	Riverside	Regina Politto	Moreno Valley
Gerard Caballero	Riverside	Philip Rizzo	Riverside
Pearl Caballero	Riverside	Juan Salazar	Norco
David Canchola	Perris	Karla Salazar	Norco
Alvin Clavon	Moreno Valley	Micheline Scoggins	Riverside
Joyce Clavon	Moreno Valley	Michael Soddors	Moreno Valley
Patti Currier	Corona	Dana Valverde	Riverside
Robert Currier	Corona	Jose Vela	Perris
Yvonne De La Hoya	Riverside	Lupe Vela	Perris
Fahmi Faour	Corona	Darryl Williams	Moreno Valley
Barbara Guerra	Riverside	Heidi Wills	Riverside
Christopher Jankins	Corona	Steve Wills	Riverside

Our condolences to the families of our deceased members

Georgia May Riverside Lucille Roy New Hampshire



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PRESIDENT JIM ANDERSON'S MESSAGE

I have agreed to take on the position of Chapter President again for 2018. My hope and plan for this year is to find a Vice President to back me up and graduate to become the next President of Riverside Chapter 015. We are the third largest chapter in RPEA with over 600 members from the Riverside area, and we should be able to recruit additional leaders for our chapter.

The existing Board has done a great job! Marguerite has been an outstanding President, even commuting from her new home in Arizona to chair chapter meetings. She will join an RPEA chapter nearer her new home to maintain her RPEA contacts—although she will always be welcome whenever back in this area. Mary Houston has agreed to train her replacement Treasurer, Del Sells.

Finding new leaders for RPEA chapters is not uncommon. Sometimes even the largest chapters recycle their leaders year after year. (This can make a chapter go stale, and membership drops.) Being a chapter officer is not extremely time consuming. There is only one meeting per month and a few hours of extra work on chapter business. In addition, there are opportunities for educational events as well as special information available about retiree benefits that keep us active and interested.

Personally, I have found that the contacts and friendships that develop by becoming actively involved in RPEA at our general meetings, chapter Board of Directors meetings, and as a member of the state Board of Directors have been well worth the time. I have learned about the workings of RPEA and met interesting members at the local chapters. The variety of new experiences and education open the mind and keep us young. (Just watch Sunshine Chair Doris Lear, our own stand-up comic, at our meetings.)

The chapter's bi-monthly General Meetings are usually attended by about 10% of the membership. The meetings are in our own room at the Janet Goeske Senior Center. The Chapter subsidizes the catered lunch and provides programs about issues that affect all of us. (See the article on the speaker for January.) Getting our members and retirees to come and be active in RPEA will allow them to become better aware about issues that we will be facing in the near future. At this time, I am using a list of suggested programs from our members that was developed last year. If you have an idea for a General Meeting program, please let me know. I hope we can have a program in the future that is just for fun.

As RPEA State Director of Legislation, I have been filling the Legislative Chair for Chapter 015. Fortunately, the Legislature has been in recess for the last few months so there has been nothing significant to report. However, the Legislature will reconvene in January for the second half of the 2017-2018 Session. The RPEA Legislative Committee will meet in January to review RPEA's legislative priorities for the coming year. STAY TUNED!

GOOD NEWS! If you haven't heard by now, Margaret Brown was elected by CalPERS members to the remaining open seat on the CalPERS Administrative Board. She was successful in unseating the incumbent, Michael Bilbray. (Margaret spoke to our chapter at the meeting in September.) She was supported by the major retiree groups, including RPEA and California State Retirees. We expect that she will indeed be a "watchdog" at CalPERS, as her campaign signs proclaimed, and that she will be more active in exploring and debating issues that affect retired and active CalPERS members. In January she will join David Miller who replaces J.J. Jelincic.





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SAVE THESE DATES IN 2018

<u>Luncheons</u>	<u>Board Meetings</u>
Jan. 25	Feb. 15
Mar. 22	Apr. 19
May 24	June 21
Sept. 27	Oct. 18
Nov. TBA	Dec. 20

Membership applications are available at luncheons, online at rpea.com, or by phoning Annie James at (951) 992-8508. For additional details about RPEA, simply phone Annie to request an informational packet.

You may be someone who cannot attend luncheon meetings; but by joining RPEA, you will stay informed and support our efforts on your behalf. The more members we have, the greater our influence!

The American fascist would prefer not to use violence. His method is to poison the channels of public information.

Henry A. Wallace
 33rd Vice President

New Year's Day Prayer for One and All:

Dear Lord, So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen



Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.

Goran Persson

Know someone else who might be interested in RPEA? Please share this invitation.

