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RPEA RIVERSIDE



Retired Public Employees' Association of California
Chapter 15 – Riverside California Area VI Newsletter Issue 3 of 6



RPEA Chapter 15 Luncheon Meeting You are invited to attend !

When? Thursday, May 24, 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, May 17.

Phone Del Sells at 951-776-2165, or email sells30@charter.net.

Since the chapter shares the cost, each attendee pays just \$5. 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.)

CATERED LUNCH MENU: BBQ Chicken Breast, Baked Beans, Kernel Corn, Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Fresh Baked Bread w/Butter, Apple Cobbler w/Whipped Cream

PROGRAM: Greg English will be giving you an opportunity to have some fun and feel better! Greg is a Master Exercise Therapist who has been helping people, including those with disabilities, for over forty years—that adds up to hundreds of patients. He says, “I love to help people get better, feel better, and have a better quality of life.”

Greg’s business, “Pro Fitness 4 Health” at 1525 3rd Street in Riverside, provides a fully-equipped facility to assist with many therapeutic needs. He teaches at the Riverside Medical Clinic and assists local physicians. Our own Helen Lear highly recommends him as being a wonderful motivator for good health. Come join us for a fun program!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING CANNED/PACKAGED FOODS FOR THE GOESKE PANTRY. THANKS!

TREASURER’S REPORT

As of March 31, 2018, the Chapter 15 account balance totaled \$5,703.46.

Copies of the current financial statement will be available at the May general meeting.

Del Sells, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of April 3, 2018

Total number of Chapter 15 members: 591

Retirees 517

Chapter Associates 2

Beneficiaries 46

State Associates 21

Affiliates 5

Annie James, Membership Chairperson



IT’S GREAT TO WELCOME NEW CHAPTER 15 MEMBERS!

DENISE CASH RIVERSIDE

JASON PEREZ CORONA

DONNA POSEY RIVERSIDE

DENNIS RALLS JURUPA VALLEY

A MESSAGE FROM CHAPTER 15 PRESIDENT JIM ANDERSON:

Riverside Chapter 15 continues to be one of the largest RPEA chapters in California, with our Board of Directors and volunteers keeping up with finances, newsletters, luncheons and programs. That’s what makes a chapter successful! As we grow, we need more members to help out—to refresh our leadership so no one has to do double-duty.

This has come home to me because I can no longer do multiple jobs for RPEA as State Director of Legislation and Chapter President. I have submitted my resignation as RPEA Director of Legislation, effective June 1, and will devote my time to being President of Chapter 15.

I agreed to become President of the Riverside Chapter because there were things I thought needed to be done to enhance the presence of RPEA in this area. We have accomplished some of these things, but new opportunities are still ahead. We need to be able to help our members better understand the complexity of the retirement system and the challenges that seem to be multiplying. RPEA is able to counter those who would like to limit our rights to a secure retirement; however we cannot do it without your active involvement.

It’s understandable that as we get older it is more difficult to take on new tasks; however, if we all do our part, everyone benefits as tasks become manageable. Please attend chapter meetings and meet those folks who enjoy the camaraderie of fellow retirees. Volunteer to help out or to join our Board of Directors. We will welcome you!

Our condolences to the families of our deceased members

DOROTHY CASSIDY RIVERSIDE

JOHN MOFFITT OREGON

CECELIA COOPER WASHINGTON

ROBERT OCHS PERRIS

JOANNA MERSEREAU REDLANDS

RAYMOND STYRK MICHIGAN

GEORGE TERRELL

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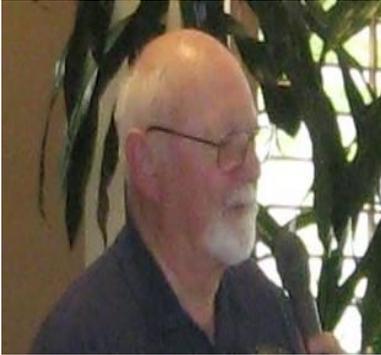


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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



The California Legislature meets over two years. In each year, legislation can be introduced. Some of the legislation fails to get affirmative votes and dies. Other bills move through the Assembly and Senate committees to final votes and then to the Governor for his signature or veto. (This is a very short Civics 101.)

The work in the Assembly and Senate each year may make it appear that little gets done very fast. However, considering the large volume of bills that are introduced each year, the amount of work is significantly large.

During this two-year session, there were 3,264 bills introduced in the Assembly and 1,511 bills introduced in the Senate, for a total of 4,775 pieces of individual legislation. In addition, there were 30 proposed constitutional amendments in the Assembly and 22 in the Senate. Each of these bills must be worked through the system to make sure that the legal authority has been checked and the proper committees are assigned.

Most of these bills do not affect retired public employees. The RPEA State Board of Directors has passed a set of priorities that the RPEA Legislative Committee uses in following the legislation affecting public employees. These priorities follow the Mission Statement of RPEA. With that direction, the Legislative Committee makes recommendations of how important each bill is to RPEA members and on how to inform the legislators of our interest in protecting our earned benefits.

Those bills that might assist retirees and those that might harm them are evaluated by the RPEA Legislative Committee with assistance from the RPEA Health Benefits Committee and our lobbyist Aaron Read and Associates. Some are beneficial and supported by RPEA; some are harmful and opposed. Because of the complications in the process, many of the bills that have marginal impact are placed in a "Watch" position to make sure any amendments are tracked and, if necessary, supported or opposed.

Each issue of the state RPEA newsletter contains a list of those bills that RPEA is following. In addition, a "Tracking Chart" of the most important bills is included to identify the present status of the bills at the date of publication. We hope that you find this information interesting. I will be available and willing to answer any questions you may have.

Jim Anderson, State RPEA Director of Legislation

We are California public employees who are working together to maintain and improve the quality of our members' lives by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits. RPEA members include retirees, beneficiaries, currently-employed public employees, friends, family members, and others who share our goals. We welcome everyone!



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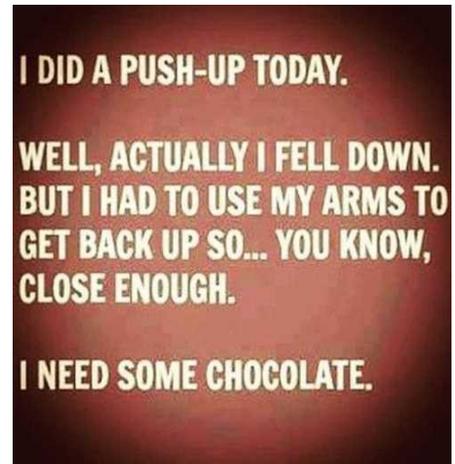
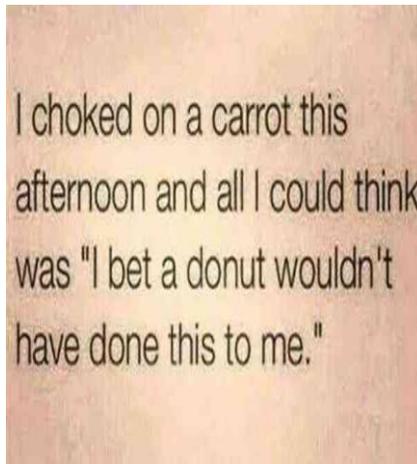
<u>Luncheons</u>	<u>Board Meetings</u>
May 24	June 21
Sept. 27	Oct. 18
Nov. 15	Dec. 20

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!



If you enjoy reading, take advantage of our **BOOK EXCHANGE**. We bring used books to our luncheons, and everyone is welcome to take what appeals to them. Bring some. Take some. It's free reading!



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

