

RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

ORANGE COUNTY

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RPEA CHAPTER 040

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NEXT MEETING!

The guest speaker for our next meeting is **Mr. Ismael Anda**, Senior Driver Ombudsman with California DMV. He will provide vital information needed to represent the interest of public safety, while specifically

addressing the concerns of senior drivers.

Please join us on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the HomeTown Buffet, 1008 E 17th St, Santa Ana starting at 11 am.

Big Welcome Our New Members:

- Kenneth Brott, Anaheim
- Margaret Butcher, Westminster
- Richard Butcher, Westminster
- Denise Davis, Buena Park
- Margaret Dowling, Orange
- Addie Dumon, Santa Ana
- Socorro Esparza, Anaheim
- Melvin Herncane, Irvine
- Linda Hunter, Yorba Linda
- Douglas Johnstone, Garden Grove
- Phyllis Johnstone, Garden Grove
- Bart Lewis, Yorba Linda
- Linda Sather, Placentia
- Marvin Sather, Placentia
- Rita Stiles, Anaheim

The Prez Sez

Hello fellow Chapter 40 members,

While summertime activities are yet in full swing with vacations and outdoor activities, we invite you to take a temporary pause for our September General Meeting. Chapter business must go on.

Our annual participation in the Anaheim Transportation Faire scheduled for September 20, 2017, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, gives our Chapter an opportunity to provide information about RPEA and the benefits of membership to Public Employee retirees and soon to be retirees. We are still looking for volunteers to cover any time slot(s) from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please contact Vice President Estela Pena if you can assist.

As an important side note, the election of two at-large CalPERS BOARD members is scheduled in September, and it is vital that we all exercise our responsibility to vote. RPEA has endorsed Michael Flaherman to replace retiring member J.J. Jelincic. As a former Board member, Mr. Flaherman brings a wealth of prior experience on issues important to our pensions and healthcare, as well as valuable Wall Street Investment credentials. You may vote either by mail, internet, or telephone.

Our scheduled guest speaker will be a Senior Driver Ombudsman from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) who will speak on issues and concerns for senior drivers. Please try to be present so that you can get answers to your personal questions relating to driver safety for seniors.

Also, several lucky members will receive an attendance award, so ask for your ticket at the door.

We hope to have an interesting and informative meeting, so plan to attend and bring a prospective member. As always, lunch is on us.

Ivory Webb, President

RPEA Mission: 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 retirement and medical benefits.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING RPEA Chapter 040, June 14, 2017

Members enjoyed lunch beginning at 11:00 am before the meeting began, at the HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana, compliments of Ch 040.

The regular quarterly meeting of RPEA Chapter 040 was called to order by President Ivory Webb at 12:00 pm. Treasurer John Jago led the members in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Inspiration and Sunshine Chair Evelyn Hicks played a recording of "Ragged Old Flag" by Johnny Cash in honor of flag day. It was good to see Frank and Evelyn at the meeting.

Several new members introduced themselves, and President Webb introduced Area VIII Director Kathleen Collins.

Minutes: The minutes of the general meeting of March 8, 2017, and the board meeting of April 12, 2017, were read by Secretary Mercedes Smith. Viola Sadler moved to accept the general meeting minutes as read. MSP. Evelyn Hicks moved to accept the board meeting minutes as read. MSP.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Jago reported the ending balance in the checking account and there were 521 paid members as of May 31, 2017. A copy of the report is attached. Jerry O'Keefe moved to accept the report as read. MSP The biggest expense is the printing of the newsletter and the postage to mail it. Viola Sadler has not had many members provide their e-mail addresses so that money could be saved by e-mailing the newsletter.

Membership: Bill Todd concurred that the actual paid membership number is 521, but at this time there are 2 unpaid members for a total of 523.

Guest Speaker: Viola Sadler introduced Neeta Merchant from the Orange County Council on Aging who spoke on the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP). She provided a handout on some of the services that HICAP has including free, unbiased counseling either by phone or in person for one on one sessions. Also available are



Neeta Merchant

wellness and preventive services, advance care planning, and the right to appeal billings or denial of services. A brochure on Medicare was also provided and HICAP will help with any possible Medicare fraud and answer questions during open enrollment in October through December. Ms. Merchant advised that one can become a volunteer as a counselor after State training if anyone is interested.

New Business: Area VIII Director Kathleen Collins provided information on RPEA Legislative Tracking and Position for 2017-2018 State and Federal Legislation and there was some discussion on the issues.

She advised that J.J. Jelincic is no longer running for a seat on the CalPERS board. Michael Flaherman is running for Position A and is endorsed by RPEA. No RPEA endorsement has been made for Position B, however, Chapter 040 member Wisam (Sam) Altowaiji is running for that position.

Kathleen reminded us that the 2018 General Assembly will be held in Anaheim and that Chapter 040 should begin thinking about programs and/or entertainment for the event.

Old Business: Jerry and Jeri O'Keefe brought a plaque to be presented to the family of Bill Donoghue. Unfortunately, no one from the family was able to attend this meeting. The O'Keefes will make arrangements to get the plaque to the Donoghues.

Viola Sadler provided copies of the Chapter 040 by-laws which were updated in July 2016 after decisions were made on changes at the General Assembly held in July 2016.

A drawing of three tickets was held for gift cards to Walmart.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 11:00 am at the HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana.

The next general meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at the HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Mercedes Smith, Secretary

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING RPEA CHAPTER 040, July 12, 2017

Members enjoyed lunch beginning at 11:00 am before the meeting at HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana, compliments of Chapter 040.

The board meeting of RPEA Chapter 040 was called to order by Vice-President Estela Pena at 11:40 am. Present were: Estela Pena, John Jago, Viola & Chuck Sadler, Jerry & Jeri O'Keefe, Mercedes Smith, Sam Altowaiji, and Addie Dumon.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Jerry O'Keefe.

Addie Dumon provided an inspirational story: At the December 2016 meeting, her husband Ed was unable to attend due to illness. Addie received a poinsettia plant at the meeting and presented it to Ed from Chapter 040 which he really appreciated. He passed away in January 2017.

Minutes: Secretary Mercedes Smith read the minutes of the June 14, 2017, general meeting. Viola Sadler moved to accept the minutes as read. MSP.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Jago reported on the balance in the chapter checking account, and that there were 535 paid members. Mercedes Smith moved to accept the report as presented. MSP. A copy is attached.

Membership: Membership Chair Bill Todd was unable to attend. Addie Dumon joined at this meeting. John Jago will try to research how Chapter 040 gained 15 new members since the June membership report.

New Business: The board discussed and agreed to have a booth at the Anaheim Transportation Faire on September 20, 2017, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Estela Pena will ask Area VIII Director

Kathleen Collins if RPEA Headquarters will pay half of the \$300 registration fee. Estela will also contact the City of Anaheim to confirm having the booth. She needs Chapter 040 members to help staff the booth.

The speaker for the September general meeting is Ismael Anda, a DMV Senior Driver Ombudsman. He will speak on the concerns of senior drivers and public safety.

The tentative speaker for the December general meeting is Byron Walls, a comedian who also writes California Crime Fight. President Ivory Webb will contact him.

Old Business: As Jeri & Jerry O'Keefe have been unable to contact the Donoghue family, they brought the plaque and certificate to honor Bill Donoghue to this meeting and gave them to Mercedes Smith. She will write to the Donoghue family and invite them to the next three 2017 meetings (2 general and 1 board).

Viola Sadler will search for an appropriate memento to honor Ed Dumon and to be presented to Addie Dumon at the September general meeting.

Viola Sadler provided copies of the chapter by-laws which were updated in July 2017 per recommendations from RPEA Headquarters.

The next general meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana. The next board meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at the HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Mercedes Smith, Secretary

CalPERS Board Election Vote By October 2

Your ballot package will be mailed on September 1, 2017 and voting ends on October 2, 2017. Eligible members will be able to cast their vote one of three ways this election: Online, by telephone, or by paper ballot. For more info go to:

<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/about/board/board-elections>

Truths...for Mature Humans

- ◆ Nothing worse than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
- ◆ How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?
- ◆ Bad decisions make good stories.
- ◆ Was learning cursive really necessary?



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September 15 and 16, 2017 - CalPERS Educational Event,
Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden
Grove, 92840, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

September 20, 2017 - Anaheim Transportation Faire,
Anaheim Promenade, 11:30 to 1:30. Chapter 40 will have a
booth. Come help us pass out RPEA applications!

Chapter meetings start with lunch at the HomeTown Buffet, 1008
E 17th St., Santa Ana at 11:00 am. Meetings are held the second
Wednesday of March, June, September, and December.

Board meetings are set at the same place on the second
Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

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We wish to email the chapter newsletter to as many of our members as possible. You can receive the newsletter via email by letting the newsletter editor know at vrsadler@aol.com.

You can also stay with the printed version sent by regular mail.

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