



We are active and retired California Public Employees working together to maintain the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving retirement, medical and other benefits

Mission Statement

Retired Public Employees Association Of California Chapter 46 North San Mateo County

In Touch!

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Chapter 46 meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of November at:

**Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave.
South San Francisco, California
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The Menu will be Chicken Cordon Bleu, salad, vegetables, and rice.

UP-COMING PROGRAMS:

11/14/18 - Al Darby, RPEA President, will discuss current developments relevant to our members.

****CHANGE IN DATE****

Chapter 46 meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday, November 14th. this November only.

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Our Fourth Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange.

During September, I, as your Delegate and Michael Wilkinson as the Alternate, attended the Retired Public Employees Association's (RPEA) bi-annual conference in Orange, CA. We attended general assemblies each day. And we attended workshops to help us run our chapters and got leads on recruiting efforts that all chapters are attempting to accomplish. It is the opportunity to re-examine our purpose, to learn what has been happening in California's legislation that would affect our pensions and health care, also to learn what CalPERS has been working on regarding our benefits.

Our legislative lobbyists and analysts spoke to the audience about how their agency has worked with our RPEA organization for years and have chalked up some impressive results on our behalf. All in all, they have worked hard for us and other organizations retirees and for working members' future retirement benefits.

CalPERS leaders spoke about their latest success by gaining more of the lost pensions for retired employees of a Joint Powers Agency (several cities in Southern California) which decided to shut down, rather than pay the delinquent amount owed for pensions. Their retiree's pensions were cut back by 63%, and CalPERS was able to get the reduction to only 57%. For example, if their pension should have been \$1000.00 per month, it was cut to \$370.00 monthly. With CalPERS intervention, the reduction was changed to 57%, and their pensions are now \$420.00 per month. If the money was not paid into the fund from that agency, the funds cannot come from other agencies monies. (This

proves that there is always a threat to our earned pensions no matter how long ago you retired).

Here's their advice: "Don't sign initiatives, they may cut your pensions!"

AMBIA our associate member benefit insurance agency working with RPEA will be targeting millennial recruits, the next group of retirees, the 40-65 age group, who have different concerns and work with differing media, social internet, who are using texting, e-mails, Instagram, Facebook, Pay Pal etc. We were advised to develop our own videos, websites, pictures, volunteering events, having fun, etc. to engage this group, preparing them for their retirements.

There were 9 resolutions submitted to change our by-laws and practices to better define what we do. We attended group discussions prior to the general meeting.

The first three resolutions were pulled due to the opposition at the discussion groups.

Resolution 4 was to set a penalty for chapters delinquent in filing their annual chapter financial statements. They changed some wording, added new language and it was passed.

Resolution 5 was a motion to increase funds to chapters for recruiting. After much debate, this motion failed.

Resolution 6 and Resolution 7 were reviewed together, to use technology for teleconferencing and to use modern technology to be able to participate in meetings. These were referred for further study.

Resolution 8 Web pages- RPEA does have a website, we did not do it ourselves, we paid someone to do it. We can add web pages to it, but, the cost would be absorbed by each

chapter or we can develop and maintain our own websites. The wording was changed, and it was resolved that this resolution will go into effect one year after the close of this General Assembly if a proposal by Ambia does not come through. The resolution passed.

Resolution 9 was a request to add clarifying wording to the policy file stating we are a non-discriminating, non-sexual harassment, non-profit agency. The board can do it faster by updating the policy file. Passed.

We voted for and elected the new Board members for RPEA. Congratulations to Al Darby, our new President. And Donna Snodgrass, our new Vice President. Presentation of some awards was granted for 2018 member of the year, 2018 non-Member of the year (I know), 2018 Outstanding membership growth award and Staff Commendations.

It was also announced that a certificate of appreciation for all editors will be given, therefore our Editor, Sharon Albera is a recipient from RPEA headquarters for a job well done as our editor for Chapter 46. We do appreciate what she does for our newsletter. I also, give kudos to Carrie Potts for doing all of the footwork and assisting our Editor in setting up the printing, folding, stuffing, labeling, and mailing of our newsletter, In Touch, for you, our chapter members.

Remember to send us your e-mail address to receive IN TOUCH online! It saves postage and you get it sooner!

Thanks. See you at the next meeting on November 14th. Al Darby is our scheduled speaker!

Health News

by Sharon Albera

The Centers for Disease Control is recommending people get their flu vaccines before the end of October.

Scam DuJour

by Dan Porter

Scam DuJour The Federal Trade Commission continues to warn consumers that scammers search for new ways to defraud the public. A recent warning an online ad for a dog, or any pet, be warned: that pooch's pic may just be a trick to steal your money. The ads often include a compelling story about why the puppy is available, and details about his or her lovable personality. The ads may request a reasonable payment for the pet, or they may claim the pet is available to a good home for free – if you pay for shipping. Then, after the victim is hooked by making the first payment, there are additional requests for money for things like vet bills, crating, shipping, or inspection costs. In the end, the pet never arrives. To avoid this, turn away from any requested payment via a money transfer service (MoneyGram, etc.), gift cards, etc. Ask for detailed information about the person selling the pet (the person's full name, phone number and mailing address). Then, search online for the seller's name or phone number with the word "scam" or "complaint. Another way is right click on the photo and select "copy image location," "copy image address," or go to "properties" to copy the image's location on the internet. Paste the link into a search engine and select the option that allows you to search by image. If the same picture shows up in an older listing, it's probably a scam.

Editors Note:

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

****Request:** If you know of a member who is sick or laid up as a result of an illness or operation, please let Carrie Potts know, and she will send out a get-well card!

We had No New Members this time.

****IF EACH ONE OF US GOT A FRIEND TO JOIN RPEA IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO OUR MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE TALK TO PEOPLE AND TRY TO RECRUIT.**

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BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH !

Make your luncheon reservation for November 14th. 2018. (Second Wednesday of this month only.)

Name: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____ **@ \$25.00 per person member or non-member**

Make your check payable to RPEA Chapter 46 and mail this form to Carrie Potts at: 752 Arleen Way, Pacifica, CA 94044.

You can also let us know you are coming by calling Carrie: 650-738-2285 and bring your check to the meeting. Mail your reservation early.
