



RPEA NEWS AND VIEWS

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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 and their beneficiaries, public employees who are currently employed, and others who share our goals. We welcome everyone!

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*Come "top off your holidays" with us!
You're invited!*

RPEA December Luncheon and Gift Exchange

When? Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where? *The Sizzler*, 4762 W. Florida Avenue **NOTE LOCATION!**

DON'T FORGET TO RSVP BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Phone Carol at 951-306-0336 or Linda at 951-784-1060. Or email Linda at lindaandwes@aol.com. Give the name (with correct spelling) and phone number for each attendee.

Lunch Price: RPEA Member: \$7 Spouse of member: \$7
Non-member: First time - FREE; after the first time - \$12
(By the 3rd time, we hope you'll have joined RPEA.)

What's planned? A delicious lunch, friendly conversation, a gift exchange, and **four \$25 drawings**. (You must be present to win!)

WE'RE HAVING A GIFT EXCHANGE!

To join in, bring a gift wrapped for the holidays. The present should be something new, valued between five to ten dollars, and suitable for either a man or woman.



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





Happiness!
21 New Members!

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| JIMMY ANAYA | HOMELAND |
| INGE ASH | LAKE ELSINORE |
| JOSEPH BURRASCANO | MURRIETA |
| SHIRLEY BURRASCANO | MURRIETA |
| BETTYE CAMPBELL | QUAIL VALLEY |
| YVONNE COCKRELL | PERRIS |
| CELEDON DURAN | PERRIS |
| HERMINIA DURAN | PERRIS |
| RONALD EARL | MURRIETA |
| DANIEL HERNANDEZ | ROMOLAND |
| MARIA HERNANDEZ | ROMOLAND |
| CAMILLA KENNEDY | HEMET |
| MARGO KIRKLAND | LAKE ELSINORE |
| JAMES MESSENGER | TEMECULA |
| ROBBI MESSENGER | TEMECULA |
| GERTRUDE SMITH | MURRIETA |
| ROBERT SUTHERLAND | TEMECULA |
| CLEMENTE VALDEZ | HEMET |
| JACQUELINE WAGNER | HEMET |
| GLEN WERDON | HEMET |
| ALMA SUE WHITSON | HEMET |

2018 LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Your Chapter 48 Board members are in the process of planning for next year’s luncheon meetings, including scheduling meeting dates and reserving restaurant venues. Be sure to watch for that information in the first Chapter 48 newsletter you receive in 2018.

SILENT AUCTION SUCCESS

A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who participated in our October Silent Auction—the wonderful committee members who organized everything, the generous people who made donations, and the attendees who made bids! With special thanks to Board member **Emily Wong** who proposed the fundraiser and worked to make it happen! Our chapter checking account is \$658 richer, and it was great fun! We’re anticipating increased expenses next year, so we’re planning ahead.



In Remembrance...

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| JACOB GREEN | SAN JACINTO | MARY SWANSON | OREGON |
| ROBERT LOHNES | HEMET | ALLEN WHITSON | HEMET |
| BYRON MCGINNESS | HEMET | | |

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RPEA ENDORSES MARGARET BROWN IN CALPERS BOARD RUNOFF ELECTION

The state RPEA Board of Directors has officially endorsed **Margaret Brown** for election to Seat B on the CalPERS Board. Because none of the candidates for this seat received a majority of the votes, a runoff election must be held. Ballots will be mailed out on November 19 with the voting deadline December 11. This is one of the two seats elected by all 1.8 million active and retired members.



Margaret is running against the incumbent, Michael Bilbrey, who has served two terms. The RPEA Board has been consistently critical of Mr. Bilbrey for his failure to fully participate in discussions at the CalPERS committee and Board meetings or at the CalPERS off-site educational program meetings. RPEA has supported his opponents in both previous elections because of his general lack of knowledge about CalPERS' operations or interest in getting the best results for CalPERS members.

Margaret Brown is our preferred candidate because she has exhibited an inquiring attitude to dig into complex issues. This is in the footsteps of J.J. Jellincic, a retiring board member who has endorsed her. Without a board member's questions regarding policy actions presented by the CalPERS staff, many issues simply slip through without proper vetting. Margaret has shown by her work experience to be unafraid to confront improper management. For information on her background and experience, go to her website at brown4calpersboard.com.

Only 7% of those eligible to vote actually voted in the previous CalPERS election. **THAT MEANS YOUR VOTE CAN REALLY BE POWERFUL IN THIS RUNOFF ELECTION!**

Jim Anderson, RPEA State Director of Legislation



MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT: OCTOBER 15 – DECEMBER 7 HICAP ADVICE IS AVAILABLE

RPEA highly recommends the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) if you want free, unbiased and individualized information to help you understand and assess which Medicare Insurance is best for you.

Plans change every year—costs, benefits, coverage and prescription formularies. There may be another plan in our area that will offer you the same or better coverage at a more affordable price. Your tax dollars are paying for HICAP's services, so take advantage of them to become informed. It's as easy as phoning HICAP at (909) 256-8369 or toll free at 1-800-434-0222. [Editor's note: I just phoned HICAP and requested they mail me a 2018 chart that compares all the Medicare Advantage Plans available in this county. I request an updated chart every year during open enrollment.]

If you identify which medicines you take, a HICAP representative can tell you which plans cover those prescriptions and the differences in cost between the plans' formularies.

No one at HICAP is trying to sell you anything, so you can have confidence in the information they provide.



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YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND
CALIENTE SPRINGS RESORT'S
5TH ANNUAL
SENIOR HEALTH & RESOURCES FAIR
Saturday, January 6, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
70-200 Dillon Rd., Desert Edge
(near Desert Hot Springs)

There will be over 50 organizations participating, including RPEA, with seminars on important health topics. Interested in receiving more detailed information or in making reservations to attend seminars, phone Sharon at (760) 992-4748 or email wshud511@aol.com. This is a free event.



NOT YET AN RPEA MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!
Request an information packet and application by phoning toll free 1-800-443-7732. For details about local chapters, phone Wes at (951) 784-1060. Even if you can't attend meetings, your dues will support the important work RPEA does on your behalf.