



RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 50, CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA COUNTY *NEWSLETTER for April, 2016*

President's Message

This maybe the last Chapter 50 Newsletter you will be receiving. Because of busy lives, there has been virtually no attendance at our last several meetings. I have discussed this problem with those who do come regularly to our meetings, as well as, the Area Director for our Chapter. We have pretty much come to the conclusion that we should disband our chapter.

There is a process for closing out a Chapter in the RPEA bylaws. You should have already received the Membership Alert Notice from Sacramento. We must hold one final meeting to discuss the situation and vote yes or no to disband. If the vote is to discontinue the Chapter, each of you would be given the opportunity to select the Chapter you would like to be affiliated with. There are three other chapters reasonably close by – Mt. Diablo (they meet in Pleasant Hill near DVC), Antioch and Livermore. You also might consider a chapter that is near to where you last worked. If you don't select a chapter you would be assigned to a Chapter closest to your zip code. The funds in our treasury will go to headquarters, and then their staff will prorate and transfer the remaining funds to the appropriate selected chapters.

However, if enough of you show up to the meeting and vote to continue the Chapter, we could do so. At that point we would talk about what you would want from our meetings, as in the types of speakers you would like to have as guests, where and when you would like the meetings to be held, as well as how we can get more participants/members to our meetings. And oh yes, how you will help to keep the Chapter alive.

One of the biggest concerns has been to get speakers that are interesting and provide useful

information to each of us. In the past, we had had virtually all of the Board members from RPEA come to visit (including a former president who was running for a spot on the CalPERS Board). Service animals, fall prevention specialists and newspaper columnists have also been our guests. What else would interest you? Please come and let us know.

We did not have our regular January meeting and chose to meet in April after taxes were due. **The date is Thursday April 28st at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church in Walnut Creek** (see map on reverse side). Hopefully the weather will not be a factor, so please make an effort to come out and support RPEA and this Chapter. (In the prior Newsletter an earlier date was mentioned, but we have had to move our meeting to this new date. Hopefully this will not be a problem for you).

Rosemary Knox, Director of Membership and our Area Director Bob Van Etten will lead our meeting. There will be a free lunch as per usual, as well as, the \$25 gift card. I will try to have something special for the occasion. Make reservations to join us by **calling Dorothy Walker** by noon on Tuesday, **April 26th**, at **925-283-3303**.

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Special thanks to Stan Husted for helping us select speakers.

We very much need others to help with Chapter activities. Please consider volunteering.