



RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION CHULA VISTA - BORDER CHAPTER 056

Spring 2018 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING April 19, 2018

Elk's Club, 901 Elks Lane, CV

Guest Speakers
Lisa Golden, Director
Sharp Chula Vista Auxiliary

Business Meeting - 11 a.m.
Lunch will follow the meeting.
Meals for members are \$5. Guests' meals are \$8.50. The Chapter pays for meals for guest speakers, prospective members, and members attending for the first time. Please have the exact amount ready for lunch and the drawing.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2018

Watch your mailbox. New Medicare cards will be sent out over a period of time beginning in April. Your new card will have a new number. It no longer will be your Social Security number.

RPEA is the only statewide association representing all CalPERS retirees. RPEA was founded in 1958 as an association to protect and enhance retirement benefits for all public employees who receive their pension and/or health benefits from the California Public Employees' Retirement System. RPEA represents more than 25,000 members, with 86 active chapters in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and Oregon.

CalPERS INFORMATION

Margaret Brown defeated Michael Bilbrey in the runoff election for the CalPERS Board of Directors. She and David Miller are new members to the CalPERS Board. The Board elected Priya Mathur as its first female President and Rob Feckner as Vice President.

Due to changes to the new Federal and State tax rates, you may wish to compare your February and March statements. If you wish to make changes to your tax withholding, you will need to contact CalPERS. For information on

your CalPERS account, go to their web site, www.calpers.ca.gov or call them at 888-225-7377, Monday – Friday from 8-5 p.m.

RPEA INFORMATION

RPEA continues to follow legislative bills closely to keep an eye on legislation that affects its members, such as proposed changes to retirement benefits, medical care, long-term health care, assisted living facilities, elder abuse, etc. Many states are looking at ways to cut their expenses and may be targeting employee retirement plans. RPEA is working to protect the benefits we have.

GENERAL MEETING

President Norm Llanes called the January 18, 2018 meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. He introduced Gail Vichnair, Gail Romaine, Karen Degischer, Martha Pistacchi, and Christy Albon, members of the Speakers Bureau of the Assistance League of Greater San Diego.

The Assistance League of Greater San Diego is part of a national organization. Volunteers run the League. There are no paid administrators. In the San Diego area, there are about 200 volunteers, mostly women. They have a Thrift Store in San Diego and welcome donations.

During the year, they hold many events to raise money. Their Treasure Bazaar was held in March and featured the sale of their "best" donations.

Through Operation School Bell, the League serves schools and children by providing hearing aids, clothing, school supplies, backpacks, personal hygiene items, and books. Volunteers work in the libraries as book buddies, tutors, and mentors. Outstanding students are recognized.

A special program assists teen-aged mothers, and the League has helped some of young women attend college by providing scholarships.

Another special program of the League is called "San-Dy Bears." It is for children who have experienced trauma.

The League also provides clothing and blankets for people in hospitals who have had their clothing cut off them and who have nothing to wear when they are released.

In the South Bay, the League works with the schools through the school nurses. It has provided school uniforms to students who need them - 600 in National City, 142 in San Ysidro, 21 in the South Bay District, and 295 to children in the Chula Vista Elementary School District. They also have provided uniforms to children in El Cajon and San Diego Unified school districts.

There currently is no chapter in Chula Vista. However, they have one in North County and one inland in North County. The San Diego Chapter serves the South Bay area.

Target Stores in Mission Valley and El Cajon as well as Payless Shoe Stores work with the League. The Salvation Army takes donated items they are not able to sell in their Thrift Store.

The League accepts donations such as small household items, jewelry, clothing and small furniture items such as desks and children's toys. They do not accept stuffed animals.

Items must be taken to their store as they do not have a collection service.. They will provide a receipt for tax deductions.

Members voted to donate \$100 to the Assistance League of Greater San Diego.

Minutes of the October 19, 2017 meeting were approved as presented in the Winter 2017 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maria Zadorozny gave the following Treasurer's report:

Balance: October 1, 2017 \$1,584.73
Income: Membership Dues 10-3-17 \$275.50, \$40
Total Income: \$315.50
Expenditures: Mary Helvie, Newsletter, \$144.25;
 Elk's Club, Luncheon Supplies, \$31; Ralph Ford,
 Luncheon, \$108.50; Christmas in October donation,
 \$100
Total Expenditures: \$383.75

Balance: November 1, 2017 \$1,609.48
Income: Membership Dues 11-13-17 \$298.30
Total Income: \$298.30
Expenditures: RPEA, Badges, \$96.25

Total Expenditures: \$96.25

Balance: December 1, 2017 \$1,780.53
Income: Membership Dues, 12-5-17 \$266
Total Income: \$266.00
Expenditures: \$0.00
Total Expenditures: \$ 0.00
Balance, December 31, 2017 \$1,948.53

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Officers for the next two years were installed. They are Norm Llanes, President; Bill Winters, Vice President; Mary Helvie Secretary; and Maria Zadorozny, Treasurer.

A get well card will be sent to Joyce Winters.

The Telephone Committee now consists of the following: Tina Lutz, Chair, Jean Voller, Connie Brennen, Mary Jo Munholand, and Mary Helvie. We believe that this personal contact results in more members attending our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Ray Voller won the Attendance Prize. Jean Voller, Billy Cox, Connie Brennan, Nancy Lind, Tomme Lutz, Mary Torok, and Norm Llanes won drawing prizes.

To report an address change, notify RPEA, 300 T Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811, Telephone, 1-800-443-7732. RPEA is now on Face Book, www.facebook.com/RPEACalifornia.

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"Each day is a gift not to be wasted."