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RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION CHULA VISTA - BORDER CHAPTER 056

Summer 2018 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 19, 2018

Elk's Club, 901 Elks Lane, CV

Guest Speaker

Jim Geering, Chief

Chula Vista Fire Department

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: October 18, 2018

Guest Speaker

Roxana Kennedy, Chief

Chula Vista Police Department

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.

CONTRATULATIONS CHAPTER 056!

Chapter 056 continues to have 35-40 members who consistently attend its quarterly meetings. Many chapters are struggling and losing members. We are growing! Of our 213 members, we have:

- 154 living in Chula Vista, Bonita, Imperial Beach, National City and San Diego (92139/54 areas)
- 17 living in other parts of San Diego County
- 10 living in other parts of California
- 32 living out of state

Members living in other parts of California or in AZ, NV, NM or Oregon may wish to contact RPEA headquarters to see if there is a chapter nearby.

CalPERS INFORMATION

RPEA LAO/IEC Trustees voted to donate \$2,000 to each of the campaigns of Jason Perez and

Theresa Taylor (incumbent) who are running for the CalPERS Board of Administration. Although RPEA retirees are unable to vote for them, the RPEA Board voted to support them as they support the goals of RPEA.

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

IN MEMORIAM

George Linn
RPEA President

056 GENERAL MEETING

President Norm Llanes called the April 19, 2018 meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Norm introduced Guest Speaker Lisa Golden, Manager of Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center Volunteer Services, and Linda Spuck of the Sharp Foundation.

Lisa presented a history of the Chula Vista area, beginning with the completion of the Sweetwater Dam in 1888 when five-acre lots were sold for \$300 each!

During WWII, there was a kelp processing plant where the current Living Coast Discovery Center is located. Rohr Aircraft employed, 9,000 workers. There was no acute care hospital at this time.

Jack and Dora Raney donated a two-story house, which was turned into a 14-bed nursing home. Helen Snortland was the first nurse and served for many years.

In 1964, there were 50,000 people and 1,500 homes in Chula Vista. Community Hospital on "F" Street was incorporated in 1965. It had 88 beds and 30 bassinets and took up a city block.

A new hospital was envisioned in 1970 to be built on 30 acres on a hill off Telegraph Canyon. Groundbreaking took place in 1972. When the hospital opened, patients from the old hospital were transported there by ambulance.

Because of that vision, Sharp has become a leader in health care for the South Bay. They now have an EMI body scanner, 19 medical office buildings, Birch Patrick Convalescent Center, full service Cardiac Program, Barnhart Cancer Center, Lamb Intensive Care Unit, Cardiac Catheter Lab, and a Surgery and Imaging Center.

A 700-space parking structure has been completed in preparation for the new patient tower, which is under construction and 60% complete. This 151,000-square-foot tower will have 128 private inpatient rooms, ten intensive care suites, six operating rooms, a pharmacy and a rooftop cafe. The total project cost is estimated at \$300 million dollars. The facility is expected to open in 2019.

Lisa mentioned many opportunities to volunteer at Sharp, currently and coming soon with the new tower opening. Linda spoke about many planned giving opportunities available to anyone interested in becoming a donor to Sharp HealthCare and more specifically to the Sharp Chula Vista Oceanview Tower building project.

Members voted to donate \$100 to the Sharp Chula Vista Auxiliary.

Minutes of the January 1, 2018 meeting as included in the Winter 2018 Newsletter were approved.

Patty Bartels sent get-well cards to Joyce Winters, Nancy Lind, and Kent Thompson.

Mary Helvie said new Medicare Cards are being sent with safer, unique numbers. Once they are received, one should destroy the old card, use the new card for doctors and other health providers and plans approved by Medicare, and beware of people contacting you about your new Medicare card, asking you for your number, personal information, or to pay a fee for your new card. Treat your Medicare number like you treat your Social Security or credit card numbers. Medicare will never contact you uninvited to ask for personal information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maria Zadorozny gave the following Treasurer's report:

Balance: January 1, 2018	\$1,946.53
Income: Membership Dues 1-8-18	\$163.40
Total Income:	\$163.40
Expenditures: Mary Helvie, Newsletter, \$137.01;	
Assistance League Donation, \$200.00; Elk's Club,	
Luncheon Supplies, \$38; Ralph Ford, Luncheon, \$115.00	
+\$208 cash); Norm Llanes, drawing tickets \$9.52	
Total Expenditures:	\$499.53
Balance: February 1, 2018	\$1,610.40
Income: Membership Dues 2-5-18	\$221.35
Total Income:	\$221.35
Expenditures: \$0.00	
Total Expenditures:	\$ 0.00
Balance: March 1, 2018	\$1,831.75
Income: Membership Dues, 3-12/18	\$175.75
Total Income:	\$175.75
Expenditures: \$0.00	
Total Expenditures:	\$ 0.00
Balance, March 31, 2018	\$2,007.50

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Mary Raso won the Attendance Prize. Linda Robertson, Joe Raso, Billy Cox, Brenda Steed, Rose Magalski, and Lorraine Cypher won the 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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THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON
*"Never let the seeds keep you
 from enjoying the watermelon!!"*