



RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION CHULA VISTA - BORDER CHAPTER 056

Winter 2017 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING January 19, 2017

Elk's Club, 901 Elks Lane, CV

Sr. Judith Sheridan
Sr. Joan Bernich
Mary's Guest House
For

Victims of Human Trafficking

Business Meeting - 11 a.m.
Lunch will follow the meeting.

NOTE: Chapter 056 pays for lunch for members, first time guests, prospective members and guest speakers. Due to loss of income due to declining membership, we find it necessary to charge for regular guests. The cost is \$8.50 for the meal.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2017

IN MEMORIUM
Phyllis Hanley
Harlan Wilson

The purpose of RPEA is to represent retired and active California public employees covered by CalPERS by working together at the state and local levels to ensure our retirement remains secure.

RPEA INFORMATION

Dues deduction for members increased January 1, 2017, from \$54 to \$60 per year. Those having their dues taken from their retirement checks saw an increase from \$4.50 to \$5.

Cash pay members' dues will increase at their next renewal date after January 1, 2017.

Affiliate Member dues increased from \$27 to \$30 and are payable annually.

Total RPEA membership has increased slightly in the past few months. We all need to work to protect our retirement system, which is constantly being attacked in the media. We ask

that each member try to recruit one new member, which will double our membership.

If you are a member of Border Chapter 056 (Chula Vista and surrounding areas) but are living in another area, please contact RPEA at 1-800-443-7732 to find the Chapter nearest you so you may attend their meetings to become more informed about RPEA and hopefully more involved.

All of the Chapters in our area meet during the months of January, April, July, and October. These Chapters' meeting places and times are:

Chapter 027, Denny's Restaurant, 2691 Navajo Road, El Cajon, Fourth Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Chapter 029, American Legion Hall, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, Second Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Chapter 049, J & M Restaurant, 1215 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido, Second Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Chapter 065, Anna's Restaurant, 8099 Broadway, Lemon Grove, Second Monday, 11 a.m.

Chapter 052, Escondido, may be disbanding.

If you need more information about any of these meetings, please call 619-426-8670.

CalPERS INFORMATION

Many cities and agencies may have to raise their contribution rates as well as those of their employees in order to fund their pension plans.

CalPERS is looking at the areas and ways in which it is investing its money in order to provide a higher rate of income to ensure money for retirees will be available for generations.

The city of Loyalton, CA, said it could not afford its CalPERS premiums and dropped their plan.

They were charged a fee to withdraw from CalPERS. Following years of negotiation, the city could not pay the deficiency to CalPERS. As a result, their retirees' pensions (I believe this is four people) were cut 80%. President George Linn says that CalPERS needs to find ways to protect its retirees and actives and that RPEA wants to work closely with CalPERS to find a solution to this problem.

State legislation was recently passed that could offer a defined benefit pension plan to non-government employees. Details need to be worked out.

CalPERS will hold a Benefit Educational Event at the Sheraton Carlsbad, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive in Carlsbad on January 27 and 28, 2017. RPEA will have a booth. Representatives from local Chapters will be assisting President George Linn and Area Director Kathleen Collins.

GENERAL MEETING

President Norm Llanes called the October 20, 2016, meeting of Chapter 056 to order at 11:10 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance,

Norm introduced Charles Morris and new members Iva Butler and Barbara Atwood, active Sweetwater High School District employees.

Norm reported on the General Assembly. He said there were several resolutions.

The first was to move the GA to every four years to save money because declining membership has resulted in less income to RPEA. It failed. Other resolutions were:

- to change the disposition of Chapter funds after a chapter closes. It failed and funds will follow the members.
- to eliminate the Director of Membership services. It passed.
- to establish an Executive Committee of five members. It failed.
- to allow the Board to determine association dues. It failed.
- to allow transfer of funds between bank accounts with approval of two or three Board members. It passed.
- to raise member dues by 50 cents per month. It passed.
- to raise Affiliate Members' dues to the full price of \$60. It failed.

Norm said there were several guest speakers at the GA. He gave his overview of the GA.

Minutes of the July 21, 2016, meeting were approved as presented in the Autumn 2016 Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance: July 12, 2016	\$2,384.95
Income: Membership Dues, 7/18/16	\$ 155.61
Membership Dues 8/9/16	185.54
Total Income:	\$341.15
Expenditures: Mary Helvie, Newsletter,	
Club Luncheon Supplies, \$50; Ralph Ford, Luncheon	
\$425.00, Bank Fee, \$3	
Total Expenditures:	\$635.43
Balance: August 11, 2016	\$2,140.67
Income: Membership Dues	\$165.02
Total Income:	\$165.02
Expenditures: GA expenses \$135.00, Bank Fee \$3	
Total Expenditures:	\$138.00
Balance: August 12, 2016	\$2,140.67
Income:	
Total Income:	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
Balance: September 12, 2016	\$2,117.69

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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.

Free Medicare counseling is available through the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), 800-434-0222. It is sponsored by the California Department of Aging and does not sell, recommend, or endorse any insurance product, agent, insurance company or health plan.

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THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON

"The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you!"