



RETIREE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION CHULA VISTA - BORDER CHAPTER 056

Winter 2018 NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING January 18, 2018

Elk's Club, 901 Elks Lane, CV

Guest Speakers

Christy Albon and Mary Vicknair
Assistance League of Greater San Diego

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: April 19, 2018

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY Bill Winters!!

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 won the runoff election for Seat B on the CalPERS Board of Directors. RPEA is looking forward to working with her and David Miller, who was elected to Seat A, as well as the rest of the CalPERS Board.

RPEA INFORMATION

Due to the recent death of Immediate Past President Ann McWherter, a long-time member, officer, and advocate for RPEA, Ted Rose now will serve as Immediate Past President of RPEA. Ann will be greatly missed.

RPEA will be following legislative bills closely this coming year. Although there has been no movement to repeal the Federal WEP/GPO, RPEA continues to support this repeal. We will continue to keep a close eye on legislation that affects members and their benefits. Many states are looking at ways to cut their expenses and may be targeting employee retirement plans. We need to protect the benefits we have.

GENERAL MEETING

President Norm Llanes called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. He introduced Dr. Emerald Randolph, Chairperson of Chula Vista's Christmas in October Program. C in O provides assistance to people who own their own homes but who, because of physical limitations or income, are not able to physically make or afford the costs of home repair. Typically, these individuals have a disability, are elderly, and are low-income. Many are veterans.

Since the program began in 1999, 115 houses in Chula Vista have been renovated and made safer and more comfortable for their owners. The approximate cost spent on each home this year was \$3,000. Republic Services hauled away 70,000 thousand tons of trash last year.

Organizations participating are Dixieline (which donates many materials), UTC Aerospace Systems (formerly Rohr Industries which provided 90 volunteers and a large donation this year), North Island Credit Union, Eurest Dining Services (which provides and delivers food to the volunteers), SDG&E, Sempra Energy, Seacoast Commerce Bank, Chula Vista Sunrise Rotary, Chula Vista Rotary, Fuller Plumbing, Bonita Kiwanis, Chula Vista Kiwanis, Chula Vista Firefighters Foundation, Chula Vista Police Department, Lighthouse Cares, North Island Superintendents, and several private citizens who serve on the Board of Directors.

Each site has a House Captain who meets with the homeowner, Dr. Randolph, and a representative from Dixieline to discuss the

scope of work to be done. Although, total roof replacement is too expensive, repairs may be made. This year, the volunteers were able to take care of most of the plumbing problems.

Work done included removal/replacement of carpet; replacement of floors, cabinets and countertops; tearing down, replacement, and painting of fences; trimming and cutting back of trees and shrubbery; cleanup of yards; patio repair or replacement; repair of fascia; and painting inside and outside. This year, volunteers built a tree house for children who are being raised by their grandfather. Family members are requested to help if they can. Some have chosen to volunteer with C in O the following year to pay it forward.

Applications go out in July. The person applying must be the homeowner and live in the house. Mobile homes are not eligible. Houses are selected based on family income and need. The C & O Board Members screen the applications.

Dr. Randolph encouraged anyone who knows of someone who meets these qualifications to let her know so she can provide them with an application. Many seniors hesitate to apply because they believe it will raise their taxes and they are proud and ashamed to admit they need help. In many cases, the repairs and landscaping improve the neighborhood and bring neighbors closer together.

Each year, CV police photographer Tara Venn creates a power point presentation, which is shown at a City Council meeting in December.

Members voted to donate \$100 to Christmas in October.

Patty Bartels moved and Mary Whittaker seconded that minutes of the July 20, 2017 be approved as included in the Autumn 2017 Newsletter. The motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maria Zadorozny gave the following Treasurer's report:

BANK OF AMERICA

Balance: July 12, 2017	\$684.39
Income: Membership Dues 8-8-17	\$136.80
Total Income:	\$136.80
Expenditures: Elk's Club, Luncheon Supplies, \$38; Ralph Ford, Luncheon, \$126; Bank Fee \$3; Bank Monthly Maintenance Fee \$14	
Total Expenditures:	\$181.00
Balance: August 11, 2017	\$640.19

Income: Membership Dues 6-05-17	\$170.05
Total Income:	\$0/00
Expenditures: Withdrawal	\$640.19
Total Expenditures:	\$640.19
Balance: September 11, 2017	\$000.00
ACCOUNT CLOSED	

CALIFORNIA COAST CREDIT UNION

Balance: July 5, 2017	\$000.00
Income: Deposit from Bank of America	\$1,000.00
Expenditures: Member Entrance Fee	\$5.00
Total Expenditures:	\$5.00
Balance: July 31, 2017	\$995.00
Deposit from Bank of America:	\$640.19
Expenditures: Checks, \$18.86; Mary Helvie, Newsletter, \$160; RPEA Badges, \$82.50	
Total Expenditures:	\$261.36
Balance: July 31, 2017	\$1,373.83
Membership: 9/6/17	\$172.90
Total Income:	\$172.80
Expenditures:	\$0.00
Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
Balance, September 30, 2017	\$1,546.73

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

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

Billy Cox won the Attendance Prize. Dave French, Debby Allen, Mary Kay Reeves, Stanley Westover, and Iva Butler 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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