



# Retired Public Employees' Association Mission City Chapter #61 September 2017 Newsletter

**Program: Margaret Brown – Candidate, Position B  
CalPERS Board of Directors Election**

## Next Meeting:

**Sept. 12, 2017**

11:30 am  
Hometown Buffet  
Moonlite Shopping Center  
El Camino/Kiely Santa Clara

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## 2017 Meeting Dates

*September 12  
November 14*



**President's Report.....Bill Wallace**

### BBQ Thanks

Thanks to Bruce Myers, who did such a wonderful job again planning this year's BBQ. Thanks also to the entire Monette family (Larry, Nora and David), with special thanks to David who stepped in at the last minute to take charge of the cooking responsibilities! And thanks to Sandy Myers, Rick Mauck, Arlene Rose, Judy Brown, Robin Burdick, John Peterson, Lois Steiner and everyone who pitched in to make things go smoothly and made our BBQ a success.

### CalPERS Board Election

Margaret Brown is a candidate for the CalPERS Board of Directors (Position B) running against the incumbent, Michael Bilbrey. Ms. Brown requested permission to attend our meeting to make a candidate statement. It is important to have as much information as possible about persons running for the CalPERS Board. We depend on them to make the right decisions regarding our pension funds. This year there is an online voting option, or you can continue to send your paper ballot, or vote through CalPERS automated telephone system. I will bring a voting options handout to the September meeting. Don't forget to vote, it is important for the protection of our pension.

### Legislative Report

Many bills, which would have caused harm to working and retired public employees, were introduced into the state legislature this cycle. Most have died, and others are not expected to make it into law. Jim Anderson, Legislative Director for RPEA, has been a steadfast leader in confronting these attacks on our retirement security.

Current legislation that is creating much interest is SB 562 (The Healthy California Act). Orchard City Indivisible will have a presentation on SB 562 by Carolyn Bowden, who makes a great presentation that answers many questions. The presentation is September 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell United Church of Christ, 400 W. Campbell Avenue. Hope to see you there.

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## May Meeting's Lucky Cash Prize Winners

1st Prize \$50  
Hillary Brookshire

2nd Prize \$25  
Dave Hanson

3rd Prize \$25  
Judy Boccignone

## May Meeting's Birthday Recipients

Geri Andrade  
Judy Boccignone  
Carol Litle  
Laura Perez  
Bill Wallace

## Chapter 61 Involvement in Legislation, Community

Chapter 61 (Mission City Chapter) is primarily a social group. Our common bond is that most of us spent many years working for the City of Santa Clara and other local jurisdictions. Our common goal is to protect the benefits we have worked a lifetime to obtain. Although the social aspect of our group is enjoyable, I wonder if our group shouldn't be more than social as public sentiment seems to become more negative towards public employee benefits. The political atmosphere towards public employee benefits doesn't reflect the value our years of service provided. We don't have to tackle the world, but we can make small changes locally to protect our retirement benefits. We have a responsibility to educate friends, family and neighbors on the facts regarding public employee pensions, and we can do it in our own little world of Santa Clara and the surrounding area. In our discussions with family and friends we can re-frame the issues in a more positive way using the truth. We can work with other groups that are already working to improving the human condition in some way. You can be a resource for an established group that has a project which agrees with your interest. We can also work towards improving benefits such as healthcare, minimum wage, and working conditions for non-public employees. It won't require that you go out and make speeches! There is need for support people who perform tasks that reduce the burden on the more out-front activist. I am asking you, as a Chapter 61 member, to participate in work towards that will improve the economic and working conditions of those who are not as well off as we are. Remember we want to pull those up who have less, so that at the voting booth, they don't feel the need to pull us down.



**Program Chair.....Rick Mauck**

Have a good suggestion for the program portion at one of our future meetings? Members with bright ideas for interesting/inspirational program speakers should contact Program Chair Rick Mauck at his email [rickmauck@yahoo.com](mailto:rickmauck@yahoo.com). No idea too big or too small!!



**Secretary.....Sandy Myers**

Minutes to be submitted next newsletter.



**July Picnic Chair.....Bruce Myers**

Our annual picnic started off with a small hitch. Somehow the Park's reservation didn't get passed on to Field Operations, so some of the setup and cleaning had not been done. But never fear! We notified Parks & Rec staff who sent extra personnel and equipment, and everything was quickly completed. Our thanks to Parks staff for their fast response!

And to all our fantastic volunteers who once again set up tables, shopped for supplies, sold tickets, brought prizes, prepared beans, salads, BBQ chicken & beef, and desserts - "Thank you for making our 2017 Picnic a great success!"



**Membership Chair.....Dave Hanson**

If you're receiving this newsletter, you're probably already a member of RPEA. So rather than trying to increase our membership numbers with this newsletter, I'd rather use this space to increase participation from our current members. We miss seeing you, so come to a meeting now and then. You won't be disappointed. You'll reconnect with old friends and acquaintances, you'll be able to keep up with what's happening in our previous workplaces, and you'll hear interesting and informative presentations. It's well worth your time, and we'd love to have you join us.



**Newsletter Editor.....Robin Burdick**

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