



Sagebrush 99

**The Newsletter of
Las Vegas Valley, Nevada
Retired Public Employees Association of California**

**Announces the CANCELLATION of its
Membership Meeting and Luncheon
Scheduled for Thursday, May 17. 2018**

**President's Message
By Marlene Baker**

Hi Everyone! Our next meeting, originally scheduled for May 17 has been cancelled for several reasons, one of which is due to a lack of assistance in notifying members by newsletter, another by lack of assistance in handling rsvp's, an another because of the lack of membership attending the last meeting. I will be out of the country from mid-April to mid-May. I have no assistance in getting the newsletter written, assembled, and mailed to our membership. This would normally take place on the first of May. Also, Jean Putney has been ill and unable to handle rsvp's for the luncheon. The attendance at our last luncheon was supposed to be 14 and due to last minute cancellations for which we had to pay for meals, only 7 people were in attendance. The cost to the chapter was \$290.24 over the \$8 collected by the attendees. The board voted that due to the increased charges for meals at Los Prados we are going to raise the price to members for meals to \$10 per member. We think that this is still a bargain

for the size and type of meal served, the beverage and dessert included. The chapter usually pays for the guest speaker's lunch and our Area Director's lunch when he makes his annual official visit.

Los Prados is usually closed in September for reseeded and maintenance of the clubhouse. However, we are trying to get an alternate site with a private dining room for a September 20 meeting. This will be a week after the RPEA General Assembly and there should be much to report. If you have any ideas for a location, please email me at mbaker7400@aol.com and I will try to contact them upon my return. Our last luncheon cost \$17 per meal plus a room fee of \$25.

We need more board participation and meeting participation. We need your help.

Thank you to Cleave Govan for arranging for May speaker, David Karel, who explained Medicare issues and supplemental health plans. Also attending our meeting was our Area IX Director, Larry Sullivan

who spoke about the need for every chapter to help recruit new members and provide a succession plan for officers who leave the chapter for various reasons.

Looking at the composition of our membership and the fact that some of our members are arbitrarily assigned to our chapter who have no residence in the Las Vegas or surrounding areas, we need to attract people who can attend our meetings and be chapter members but don't have to be members of the main RPEA body. Our speakers and our interests surround all matters of interest to seniors and retirees who either moved here from California or elsewhere. Please keep this in mind and encourage your friends and neighbors to come to our meetings.

A breakdown of our current membership list shows 210 people assigned to our chapter. Of this amount, 161 appear to be active members, one affiliate member, 32 beneficiaries, 7 chapter associates and 2 state associates. We have bad addresses for 16 members. Eleven members don't even reside in an adjoining state. (Adjoining states are California, Arizona, and Utah.) Forty-Eight members reside in Arizona. The distance that some of our members must travel to attend a meeting may not be worth their time or ability. Therefore, we try to reach them through our chapter newsletter and by RPEA mailings to all members. Please do what you can to support our chapter.

AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Larry Sullivan

Since the last RPEA board meeting, I completed my forensic reconstruction of RPEA Chapter 099's financial and chapter reports for the Fiscal Years 2015-16 & 2016-17 and submitted those to headquarters. Sagebrush Chapter now has appropriate oversight of their chapter treasury and paperwork.

I attended the chapter board and membership meeting of Chapter 099 in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 15, 2018.

I hosted the Chapter Board Meeting of Chapter 096 at our house on March 27, 2018.

I will attend the regular chapter meeting of 096 on Friday, April 13, 2018.

I will attend the regular chapter meeting of 097 on Friday, April 20, 2018.

I will attend the next RPEA Board of Directors Meeting in Sacramento on April 30, 2018.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Please mark your calendars now for our future meeting dates in 2018:

September 20, 2018

November 15, 2018

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in our Chapter 99 Bank Account on February 28, 2018 was \$903.54. The deposit from RPEA dues was \$182.40 and supplies, newsletter and bank fee expenses were \$200.43. The balance in the bank on March 31, 2018 was \$804.50 and included a deposit of \$205.20 for RPEA fees, luncheon expenses of \$290.24 and bank fees of \$14.00.

WHAT IS RPEA

RPEA is a non-profit association of retirees and active employees who are members of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). Our mission is important:

- RPEA represents all public employees - classified schools, public agencies, and state.
- RPEA is liaison between retirees and CalPERS.

- RPEA is a mutual protective association for all beneficiaries of CalPERS.
- RPEA fights to maintain our current pension and health care benefits and improve these benefits every year.
- RPEA has local chapters in your area - attend meetings to stay informed and hear interesting speakers.

RPEA protects the interests of retirees at the state level to ensure your retirement remains secure. We retain a professional lobbyist who represents our interests before the Governor, Legislators and CalPERS Board. We also have access to a federal lobbyist who keeps us informed on federal retiree issues.

RPEA continues an active and ongoing relationship with CalPERS by serving on their Advisory Committee concerning CalPERS plans and proposals. We also monitor every CalPERS committee and frequently testify at these meetings on behalf of our members.

While we encourage participation in one of our many chapters, most of our members participate by reading RPEA's bi-monthly newsletter, giving us feedback on their needs, and enrolling in one or more of our "members only" insurance programs.

At \$5.00 per month, RPEA is a bargain hard to resist. We need you and you need us — to support our fight to protect our pensions and benefits.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are active and retired California Public Employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving retirement, medical and other benefits.

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RIDES

There are many members in the area who would like to carpool to our meetings. Please let us know if you need a ride or if you can offer transportation. Call Jean at (702)898-1888.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

If anyone has suggestions for future speakers, please let one of our board members know so that we can try to accommodate your suggestion. Also, we are always looking for persons interested in serving on the Board.