

RPEA RIVERSIDE

Retired Public Employees' Association
of California | Chapter 15 - Riverside
Area 6 | September 2026 Newsletter



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ALOHA NELLY VAN LOMEL



Nelly Van Lommel didn't simply lead Area 6. She built leaders. She encouraged us, taught us, challenged us, and sometimes pushed us farther than we thought we could go. She shared what she knew and made sure the people around her had the confidence and tools to step up and lead.

In fact, Nelly personally identified and trained her successor. And in one way or another, she trained all of us who serve in Area 6 leadership today. That may be one of the greatest legacies any leader can leave behind.

Nelly was also willing to try just about anything if she thought it would excite our chapters, engage our members, or advance the mission of RPEA. She was never someone who simply talked about what needed to be done. Nelly rolled up her sleeves and did the work. She has been a true workhorse for RPEA, giving countless hours of her time, energy, creativity, and heart.

But for me, Nelly's contribution goes far beyond the work she accomplished. It is the friendships she built, the people she encouraged, and the confidence she placed in those of us who had the privilege of working beside her.

So, Nelly, this isn't goodbye. It is our opportunity to say Mahalo.

Thank you for believing in Area 6. Thank you for believing in RPEA. And most importantly, thank you for believing in us.

You leave behind more than a record of service. You leave behind leaders who are ready to carry your work forward.

And I can think of no better measure of a great leader than that.

Margaret Brown
Chapter 15 President

Budget

As the start of each Fiscal Year, in accordance with our Bylaws, the Board submits a budget for approval. Below is the budget for review and discussion by the members of Chapter 15.

RPEA Chapter 15 Budget 2026-2027	Actual	Budget
2025/2026 INCOME	2025-2026	2026-2027
Dues	\$ 5,487.20	\$ 5,000.00
Savings/Interest	\$ 2.10	
Gifts	\$ -	
Trades	\$ -	
Sponsorships	\$ -	
Lunch Co-Pay	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,500.00
Other (Explain) membership paid in cash	\$ 60.00	
Other (Explain)	\$ -	
Total Income	\$ 7,094.30	\$ 6,500.00
EXPENDITURES		
Newsletter	\$ -	
Luncheons/Hospitality	\$ 3,555.00	\$ 4,000.00
Meeting Space	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Sunshine	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Mileage	\$ -	
Equipment	\$ -	
Guest Speakers	\$ -	
Post Cards	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies	\$ 106.42	\$ 150.00
Door Prizes	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Building Fund Donation	\$ -	
General Assembly Donation	\$ -	
Bank Fees	\$ -	
Other (Explain) - Member annual membership f	\$ 60.00	
Other (Explain) - Entertainment	\$ 275.00	\$ 400.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,396.42	\$ 6,300.00
Ending Balance	\$ 2,697.88	\$ 200.00
Starting Cash July 1, 2026		\$ 5,197.38
Projected Ending Balance		\$ 5,397.38

Call for Chapter 15 Officer Nominations

In accordance with chapter 15 bylaws the following offices are up for election every 2 years:

President
Secretary

Vice President
Treasurer

The rules require the Past President to Call for Nominations, but we don't have a Past President at this time. So the Chapter 15 Board has asked Nelly Van Lommel, Area 6 Director, to accept the nominations.

If you are interested in serving, please email Nelly at AD6@rpea.com or simply be recognized at our meeting on 9/24.

Chapter 15 LEADERSHIP

RPEA CHAPTER	15 LEADERSHIP	2026
PRESIDENT	Margaret Brown	949-616-6150
VICE PRESIDENT	Kathy Johnson-Sanders	951-902-9628
SECRETARY	Annie James	951-992-8508
TREASURER	Joseph Gonzalez	951-536-4614
LEGISLATION	Recruiting -	
SUNSHINE	Joyce Edey	909-856-4301
COMMUNICATIONS	Recruiting -	
HISTORIAN	Kathy Johnson-Sanders	951-902-9628
BOOK EXCHANGE	Dorothy Stutz	909-872-0350
HEALTH BENEFITS	Norma Carter	909-238-5018
NEWSLETTER	Recruiting -	
LUNCHEON	Julia Murray	951-285-2801
HOSPITALITY	Joyce Edey	909-856-4301
MEMBERSHIP	Annie James	951-992-8508
GOESKE PANTRY	Norma Carter	909-238-5018
PAST PRESIDENT	Vacant	
AREA 6 DIRECTOR	Nelly Van Lommel	909-519-7390

IN LOVING
Memory



Mary Adams, San Bernardino

Larry Butler, Moreno Valley

Sheryl Miller, Riverside

Conrad Nagel, Elkhart, IN

Byron Recksiek, Riverside

Henry Sartor, Riverside

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

as of August 31, 2026

Total Members: 531

NEW MEMBERS: 16

Members Lost: 6

Annie James, Membership Chair



Luncheon MENU

Chicken Piccata

Rice Pilaf

Green Beans

Bread & Butter

Lemon Bars or Brownies

Coffee, Tea, & Water

Welcome New Members

Janna Accomando, Riverside

Miguel Aria, Riverside

LaRosa Bradley, Moreno Valley

Wilehado Cabanilla, Fontana

George Chang, Moreno Valley

Sue Conroy, Moreno Valey

Paula Davis, Riverside

Alicia Gonzalez, Eastvale

Elaine Hall, Riverside

Barbara Hawksley, Norco

Phyllis Hurse, Moreno Valley

Natividad Kopenhaver, Riverside

Michael Martell, Corona

Loretta Rinderle, Corona

Annamaria Villegas, Riverside

Donna Vinnacombe, Perris,

Monique Whatley, Perris

Cabanilla Wilehado, Fontana

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You're Invited to
LUNCH!

RPEA Chapter 15 – Riverside
Membership Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER

Tami Drayton



Move & Groove
FOR HEALTH

*Get moving. Feel better.
Live healthier!*



**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24TH**



11:30 AM



Janet Goeske Community Center
5257 Sierra St., Riverside
(Room D)

GOOD

FOOD

FRIENDS

FUN

LUNCH

**\$10 meal co-pay
for Ch. 15 members**

**First-time guests
are FREE!**

RSVP

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or Text 951.285.2801

Show Off Your Luau Style!

Come dressed in your best Hawaiian shirts, tropical prints,
leis, flowers, bright colors and island flair for a chance to win

FUN PRIZES!



**DOOR
PRIZES!**