



RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER

Lake County Chapter 012 - Area 1 Summer 2026

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CHAPTER 12 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

**HIGHLANDS BAR & GRILL
14732 Lakeshore Drive
Clearlake, CA 95422**

11:30 AM

**RSVP by September 14
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome, and thank you to everyone who continues to support our organization. We also extend a warm welcome to our new members. As mentioned earlier this year, we are making important improvements to our chapter, including a professionally designed web-page that members can visit anytime and a Survey-Monkey questionnaire for sharing feedback. This newsletter is another keyway for us to stay connected and keep members informed about RPEA activities.

With the foregoing in mind, it is important to remember that as we age, some may see us as easy targets for financial scams; it is therefore important to stay alert to bad actors who use persuasive and deceptive language. With that in mind, I introduce AB 871, a bill intended to protect California retirees from financial predators. These predators may use romance scams, fake investment opportunities, impersonation, online fraud, or other schemes. We must remain diligent and determined to safeguard our assets, accumulated over a lifetime.

With sincerity, Dr. Aqeela El-Amin Markowski

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

We welcome our new members to the Lake County Chapter!

Judy Erlandson, Lakeport
William Leclair, Nice
Nancy Reed, Willits

Four members renewed in July, one in May, 4 in April and 2 in March. We THANK YOU all for your continued membership in the RPEA

WHAT IS THE RPEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the Association and has authority to direct general policy to the Board for implementation. (RPEA Bylaws, Article V, Section 1)

It is held biennially in even-numbered years at a location, time and place designated by the Board. At the General Assembly the following occurs: 1. election of state officers; 2. adoption of amendments to the State Bylaws; 3. consideration of resolutions and/or business that may come before the body; and 4. consideration of any emergency resolutions proposed by the Board or by twenty (20) members. (RPEA Policy File, H.1.0, Purpose)

Each chapter holding a charter are entitled to at least one delegate. Each chapter is accorded representation to the General Assembly on the basis of one delegate for 300 Active, Affiliate and State Association members and one delegate for a major portion of 300 (i.e. 151) Active, Affiliate and State Associate members over and above multiples of 300 recorded in good standing in the chapter. (RPEA Bylaws, Article V, Section 4).

General Assembly delegates are either elected or appointed by the chapter. The Lake County Chapter is

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accorded 1 delegate. The delegate's expenses are covered by the RPEA state budget. A chapter may choose to send an alternate delegate and his/her expenses are covered by the chapter.

In 2026, the General Assembly will be held at the San Jose Hilton from September 29 to October 1. President Aqeela El-Amin Markowski is Lake County Chapter's delegate.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES-JUNE 25, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:38 AM

ROLL CALL

The three chapter officers and one member were present.

BOARD ITEMS

Chapter President's Report

President Aqeela El-Amin Markowski welcomed everyone. She reported that the chapter officers have worked on the Survey Monkey questionnaire and that the Lake County Chapter 012 website is now available.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

MSP (Mark Hillman) that the February 19, 2026, Membership Meeting Minutes be approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Survey Monkey Questionnaire

The questionnaire was sent to all members with valid residency addresses. President Aqeela El-Amin Markowski reviewed the members' responses of the six members who completed the survey.

Chapter 012 Website

The website for Chapter 012 is completed and activated. The officers are pleased with the design and work provided by BitSculptor's Sam Couture.

RPEA General Assembly

The General Assembly is scheduled for September 29-October 1, 2026. This Assembly takes place every two years and offers the opportunity for chapter officers to be nominated to state officer positions. President Aqeela El-Amin Markowski is the delegate for Chapter 12.

RPEA Headquarters Requests

Headquarters has asked local chapters to donate to help offset General Assembly expenses. The chapter decided not to donate at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mark Hillman reported that the ending balance as of May 31, 2026, is \$10,608.24.

Closure of Chapter 12 Safe Deposit Box

MSP (Mark Hillman) that the current officers on the safe deposit box account at the WestAmerica Bank-Clearlake Branch be removed and replaced by the current officers: Aqeela El-Amin Markowski, President, David Mark Hillman, Treasurer, Rachel Maldonado Aziminia, Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Maldonado Aziminia, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

In May 2026, a membership survey was mailed to our members. To date only 6 members have returned the survey. Thank you! But we are hoping that more members will take a moment to complete and return it. We are interested in hearing from our members.

LAKE COUNTY CHAPTER'S WEBPAGE

Our Chapter now has a webpage:

<https://lakecountychapter12rpea.com>. We will be posting Chapter information and items of interest to all members and prospective members. Please feel free to leave a message or ask a question.

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