

RPEA CHAPTER 059 NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO RPEA

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RPEA MISSION STATEMENT:

We are retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits.

Chapter Charter: The Los Padres Chapter 059 chartered June 3, 1980, includes the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc, Los Alamos, and Santa Barbara. Currently, our September membership report posted our Chapter as having 141 members. New members are always welcomed.

Chapter Board Members: Sarah Cheever, Chapter Vice President/Editor of our Newsletter; Kay Green, Secretary/Treasurer; Jean Bolton, Chair of Membership Committee; Bob Green, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee.

FALL is Coming: Fall is upon us, and with it comes cooler weather, changing leaves, football, and—most importantly for many of us—another opportunity to enjoy retirement!

Retirement gives us something we didn't always have while working: time. Time to spend with family and friends, pursue hobbies, travel, volunteer, relax, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee without having to rush off to work.

As we move into the fall season, we also want to remind everyone to stay informed about changes that may affect retirees. This is especially important as we approach the annual health insurance open-enrollment period. Please take the time to review your benefits and any changes to premiums, coverage, and available plans.

FROM THE EDITOR: Thank you to our members who continue to support RPEA and our chapter. Your participation helps keep our organization strong and gives retired public employees a voice.

STAYING SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD: Technology has made life easier in many ways, but it has also given scammers new ways to reach us. Retirees are frequently targeted by phone calls, emails, text messages, and pop-up messages designed to create a sense of urgency.

You may receive a message claiming: "Your account has been compromised!" Or: "You must make an immediate payment!" Or: "Your

computer has a virus. Call this number now!" DON'T PANIC.

Remember These Simple Rules: Don't click first. Think first. Never give your Social Security number, passwords, banking information, or credit card information to someone who unexpectedly contacts you.

Be suspicious of anyone who demands immediate payment or insists that you keep the transaction secret. If you receive a suspicious message from a company you do business with, contact the company using a phone number or website you already know—not the information contained in the suspicious message.



Chapter Meetings: Our next quarterly meeting will be held on **October 15th at 11:30 am** at the Crumbles Restaurant, located on So. Broadway in Santa Maria. As a Reminder: we meet quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of January, April, July, and October, and send out a newsletter prior to each quarterly meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2026:

October 12th – Columbus Day
October 15th – Chapter 059 General Meeting
October 31st – Halloween Night
November 3rd – Election Day

November 11th – Veteran’s Day
November 26th – Thanksgiving Day
December 25th – Christmas Day
January 1st – New Year’s Day

Just For Laughs:

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

I finally got around to all those jobs around the house. Now I just need to remember what they were.

You know you’re retired when you consider a trip to Costco an outing.

And you know you’re retired when you find yourself saying, “Back when I worked....” at least three times a week.

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