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LESLIE PHILLIPS OUR CHAPTER TREASURER RECRUITING NEW RPEA MEMBERS

RPEA Chapter 44 Vice President Leslie Phillips at the City of Montclair Benefits Day Fair May 12, 2026

New members are the lifeblood of the RPEA Chapters and organization. Leslie Phillips, Chapter 44 Treasurer, going above and beyond the call of duty, volunteering at the RPEA Chapter Table at the 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., City of Montclair's Benefits Fair.

If you can spare one-hour, please join your fellow chapter members at a future benefit fair:

City of Chino Benefits Fair – Sept. 17, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Activities Center
5201 "D" Street, Chino, CA 91710

MADISON AVENUE ADVERTISING

Get the word out on the RPEA to CalPERS retirees. Leave a copy of the RPEA Bi-monthly magazine on a table when you are out and about at different office appointments. RPEA magazine copies are available at member meetings.

CalPERS 2027 HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS

CalPERS announced 2027 health plan premium rates that go into effect January 1, 2027.The table below shows the percentage premium change for each Medicare health plan between 2026 and 2027 based on the state, single-party premium.

Percent Premium Changes for Medicare Plans

2027 Medicare Plans	% Change
Anthem Medicare Preferred PPO	8.32%
Blue Shield Grp Medicare Advant PPO	14.82%
Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage	-6.42%
Kaiser Senior Advantage Out-of-State	-7.36%
Kaiser Senior Advantage Summit	-8.11%
Kaiser Sen Advant Summit Out-of-State	-8.92%
Sharp Direct Advantage HMO	9.90%
UnitedHealthcare Group – Medicare Advantage PPO	10.95%
PERS Gold Medicare Supplement	0.00%
PERS Platinum Medicare Supplement	0.00%

CalPERS members are encouraged to shop health plans and make changes during Open Enrollment, September 14 through October 9. Beginning September 8, members can find Open Enrollment information on the CalPERS website, and customized information in their myCalPERS accounts.

CalPERS 1.5 million members is the largest purchaser of public employee health benefits in California and the second largest public purchaser in the nation after the federal government. In 2025, we spent over $13.9 billion to purchase health benefits for active and retired members and their families on behalf of the State of California (including the California State University system) and nearly 1,200 public agencies and schools.
[source: CalPERS News website]

THE DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP FOR RPEA ELENA YUSA SPEAKS AT THE CHAPTER 44 JUNE 10TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Chapter 44 meeting attendees listening and getting their questions answered by Elena Yusa, RPEA Dir. of Membership.

RPEA Chapter 44 welcomed Ms. Elena Yusa, Director of Membership as our guest speaker. Director Yusa described her responsibilities and duties as the Director of Membership. She works with the Area Directors, she helps Chapters, she provides leadership training chapter leadership, and membership. She encouraged everyone to attend Benefit Fairs to help with membership recruitment. Director Yusa shared with us three keys to mention to prospective members, their pension, their health benefits and maintaining good health in order to enjoy their pension.

Director Yusa recommended that our chapter adopt a program or contest that awards prizes to members that recruit new members. She recommended inviting a HICAP speaker to help with Medicare questions and for each person to have a health directive in place.

She described some of RPEA's work on legislation. RPEA work on monitoring CalPERS practices noting the recently released report "CalPERS: America's Misled and Misleading Pension Leader" highlighting issues of concern e.g. increased closed session meetings and CalPERS private equity investments that impact housing affordability, housing availability and medical providers charging extra for services due to limited reimbursement from Medicare and services not covered by insurance.

RPEA CHAPTER 44 FOCUS AREA V DIRECTOR – MR. STEVEN A LACEY

Steven A. Lacey is Area V Director and Chapter #44 member. He quietly goes about fulfilling his RPEA duties and responsibilities attending Chapter meetings and helping out chapters with leadership and treasury challenges.

Area V covers twelve (12) chapters that typically meet on 2nd Wednesdays; 2nd Thursdays; on 3rd Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and on Last Tuesdays throughout Southern California.

The RPEA of California Board of Directors recently voted to add Chapter 025 (Long Beach) chapter to Area V chapters in the counties of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Ventura (Chapters 001, 007, 014, 016, 017, 025, 026, 044, 045, 059, 068, 090)

Chapter 001 - Mid Cities - *LA MIRADA
Chapter 007 - Pasadena - *PASADENA
Chapter 014 - Ventura/Santa Barbara
Chapter 016 - San Fernando Valley
Chapter 017 - Los Angeles - *HAWTHORNE
Chapter 025 - Long Beach - *LONG BEACH
Chapter 026 - Burbank - *BURBANK
Chapter 044 - Pomona Valley - *MONTCLAIR
Chapter 045 - South Bay - *TORRANCE
Chapter 059 - Los Padres - SANTA MARIA
Chapter 068 - West Side - *MARINA DEL REY
Chapter 090 - Donald McKnight - *WEST COVINA

Thank you, Steven, for keeping all our Area V chapters informed and ready to fully benefit from all the RPEA has to offer.

KNOW SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

RPEA members are encouraged to submit written material, such as a news article, and editorial opinion or a write-up on a topic of personal interest, artwork, photos etc., for publication in the bi-monthly RPEA Magazine. Contact Dev Berger, Managing Editor, editor@rpea.com or call (800) 443-7732.

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TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

Thank you for attending the June 10th membership meeting. The attendees at the Chapter 44 meeting are listed below in alphabetical order:

Alice Anderson
Phillip Anderson, Vice President
John Atwater
Joe Bautista
Gloria De La Piedra
Rebecca Esqueda
Gustavo Gonzalez
Alicia Gonzalez
Mark Gibboney
Earnest Higgins
Rita Higgins
Dorothy Lacey
Steven A. Lacey, Area V Director
Jan McRae
Maria Morrison
Andrea Myrick, New Member
Rebecca Perez, (supporting a member)
Leslie Phillips, Treasurer
Andres Orozco Soto
Arnold San Miguel, President
Jeff M. Steinmetz
Armando Valenzuela
Curties Williams
Shirley Wofford
Elena Yusa, RPEA Director & Guest Speaker

See you August 12, 2026 at the Golden Corral! Our guest speaker will be a detective from the City of Ontario Police Department to speak about fraud and scams affecting seniors.

ELENA YUSA SPEAKS AT CHAPTER 44 JUNE 10TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

RPEA Chapter 44 meeting attendees gather for picture with guest speaker Elena Yusa, Dir. of Member, RPEA (see page 2 for a summary of Director Yusa's comments).

WELCOME OUR NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Thank you for joining the RPEA! We hope you feel welcome and we encourage you to get involved with the Chapter.

There are lots of opportunities to make new friends and acquaintances, remain active in retirement and keep your career skills sharp and toned.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MADE EASY

Not signed up for automatic withdrawal of RPEA dues by CalPERS? Do not let your membership expire and sign up for automatic payment of your annual membership dues to fully participate in the RPEA!

CalPERS Kicks-Off Strategic Plan Effort

At the July 15th CalPERS Board of Administration off-site meeting CalPERS staff Sabrina Hutchins, Division Chief, Strategy, Projects & Data Analytics, recapped the overall CalPERS strategic project planning approach. The strategic planning process kicked off last July 2025. The entire CalPERS five-year Strategic Plan cycle framework includes: reviewing or updating vision and mission statements; goals and objectives and strategic plan measures. The conversation at the July 15th Board of Administration meeting will help staff draft the strategic plan measures. Proposed strategic goals and objectives were presented by each Director for initial input from the CalPERS Board members. CalPERS staff plan to present draft strategic plan measures in early February 2027. Implementation is scheduled to begin July 2027.

POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS AT THE 2026 RPEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 15 from the May 29th RPEA Board of Directors emergency meeting minutes includes possible General Assembly resolutions that would change the General Assembly meeting Interval from two years to three Years; and would extend the Term of RPEA State Officers from two years to three years. In addition, The RPEA Board of Directors has proposed a General Assembly resolution to increase RPEA dues by $2 per month increases from 19% to 20% the part of dues shared with the RPEA chapters. Phillip Anderson, Chapter 44 Vice President will be representing our chapter at the General Assembly.

Per the May 29, 2026 RPEA Board of Directors emergency meeting minutes Margaret Brown, President, swore in Dev Berger as Director of Public Relations.

CHAPTER #044 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Reports for May and June 2026 records a checking account balance on the last day of each month of $6,560.05 and $6,525.05, respectively. Kudos to Leslie for preparing the required financial reports and submitting them on time!

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Secretary: [Recruiting]
Treasurer: Leslie Phillips (909) 706 - 2397
Past President: Alice Alexandre (909) 662 - 7937

CHAPTER 044 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Program: [Recruiting]
Telephone Tree: [Recruiting]
Newsletter Editor: [Recruiting]
Hospitality: Leslie Phillips, Treasurer
Legislative: Phillip Anderson, Vice President
Membership\Publicity: Steven A. Lacey
Sunshine: Alice Alexandre, Past President

RPEA Area V Director:
Steven A. Lacey (909) 210 – 2022

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ASSOCIATION MEMBER BENEFITS ADVISORS (AMBA) 1 (877) 556 – 4582

CHAPTER 044 MEMBER MEETINGS IN 2026

2nd Wednesdays of Even Months Noon – 2PM
Golden Corral 1640 E. 4th St., #A, Ontario, CA

Luncheon attendees please wait until after the meeting is called to order, before dining. 😊

Lunch-Fee-Schedule Chapter 044 meetings:
Member of Chapter #044 .....Free
RPEA Member (not #044 member)..... $4.00
Non-Member of RPEA $14.00
Prospective Member (Max 2 times)..... $4.00
Chapter Guest\Speaker .....Free

Meeting Dates and Guest Presenters in 2026
February 11th -David Patterson, Tax Counselor
April 8th – Margaret Brown, RPEA President
June 10th – Elena Yusa, RPEA Membership Dir.
August 12th – Det. Erich Kemp, Ontario Police - Senior Fraud\Scam Protection
October 14th – Fire Safety, Montclair Fire Dept.
December 9th – (Holiday Luncheon)
Have a speaker or meeting agenda item recommendation? Let us know!