

NEWS & VIEWS

CHAPTER 044



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**TRESSA THOMPSON, DRIVER SAFETY MANAGER
COMMUNITY LIAISON & OUTREACH UNIT
LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Tressa Thompson began her career with the DMV at its Los Angeles office by processing vehicle registration and driver-license applications. After four years, she promoted to a Driver Safety Hearing Office where she spent ten years conducting administration contacts and rendering licensing decisions after weighing the evidence. In her current position of Driver Safety Manager, she is responsible for public outreach with senior organizations/communities in hopes of keeping communication open with the largest population of drivers. She conducts outreach as well as providing service



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President's Report—Hello, members!



I hope those of you who attended the first Chapter 044 meeting of the year on February 14, 2024, enjoyed the program about IT Security and will attend the upcoming second meeting on April 10, 2024, (and bring more attendees with you). If you do not yet have your *REAL ID* Driver's License or Identification Card, you will learn what you need to do to get such prior to May 05, 2025. Tressa Thompson has been a Presenter at Chapter 044 meetings previously—she is invited back because she is an expert on the issue.

CalPERS Fund Market Value, 01/18/24, 479.60 Billion; 03/20/24, 493.99 Billion

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Chapter 044 currently has a total of five Board members. The Chapter Bylaws allow for several more. The Board conducts the business and policy of the Chapter. It is imperative, that as officers, "age out", there are others to step in. If there are no officers to oversee and account for the Chapter's Treasury and activities, RPEA will dissolve the Chapter. If you would consider joining the Board (free breakfast every-other month), please contact me or any other member of the Board.

Regards,

--Alice Alexandre

Chapter 044 Board Meeting at Popular Café, Jan. 30, 2024



R-L: Treasurer Wofford; President Alexandre; Past President Lacey; Vice President Stokes; Secretary Comia; ad-hoc Committee Member Rosa Williams

CalPERS COLA—The 2% Provision chart shown is for the majority of CA Public Agency retirees. If you want to learn how CalPERS calculated your, respective, COLA for 2024, visit the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov or call toll free, 1-888-225-7377:

| Provision | Year of Retirement | % COLA & PPPA Increase Effective May 01, 2024 |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| 2% COLA | 1965-1988* | 4.12% |
| | 1989* | 2.31% |
| | 1990-2007 | 2.00% |
| | 2008 | 2.07% |
| | 2009-2022 | 2.00% |
| | 2023 | Not Eligible |

* These retirement years include PPPA adjustments

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to other DMV employees with information about the Senior Community, the importance of customer service, and being in line with the Department's policies and procedures.



Topics for discussion will include:

- *Applying for the CA REAL ID*
- *Addressing Specific Concerns of Senior Drivers*
- *DMV Resources (including education and training)*
- *Information and Support for Seniors and Their Loved-Ones When Safety Becomes a Concern*



Please attend the Chapter 044 meeting on April 10, 2024, to be updated on senior-driver issues. Have questions ready for a lively Q & A session.

Message From the Treasurer--

The CalPERS Board's Agendas are always posted on the CalPERS website. The Board Meetings are transmitted online, live to anyone who wants to watch. This past week I watched a portion of the CalPERS Board meeting on March 20, 2024. At that meeting, the Board passed a Resolution to oppose an initiative that recently qualified for the California General Election Ballot to be held November 05, 2024. It is presently referred to as, *The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act*.

In addition to testimony presented by several members of the Board, there were several speakers present from various public entities and public employee unions. All voiced opposition to the Initiative that, if passed, will require an amendment to the CA Constitution, and severely limit funding for public pensions.

I urge all members of Chapter 044 to become active in learning about the pros and cons of this upcoming ballot measure and **VOTE** in the CA General Election November 05, 2024.

--Shirley Wofford

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TREASURER'S REPORT--

Chapter 044's checking account balance on February 29, 2029, **\$10,920.20**



IN MEMORIAM

Yes, there are no member losses to report this time...



Those we hold most dear never truly leave us--they live on in the kindnesses they showed, the comfort they shared and the love they brought into our lives.

--Isabel Norton

A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 044

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|---------------------|----------|
| Dennis Clinkenbeard | Upland |
| Shirley Counts | Eastvale |
| Rick Vergara | Ontario |



Chapter 044 Meetings,

2nd Wed. of Even Months - 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL

1640 E. 4th St. #A, Ontario

It would be appreciated if all luncheon attendees wait after registration and after the meeting has been called to order, before going to the dining room.

Lunch-Fee-Schedule for Chapter 044 meetings, Calendar Year, 2024

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| Member of Chapter #044 | Free |
| RPEA Member (other chapters) | \$4.00 |
| Non-member of RPEA | \$14.00 |
| Prospective Member of RPEA (maximum two times) | \$4.00 |
| Chapter Guest | Free |



Meeting Dates and Guest- Presenters for Calendar Year, 2024

February 14, 2024- Paul Mercier, Retired Educator
Mount San Antonio College, Mt. Sac and member of RPEA West Covina Chapter 090

April 10, 2024 -Tressa Thompson, Driver Safety Manager, Community Liaison & Outreach Unit, *California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)*

June 12, 2024 – (TBD)

August 14, 2024 –Elena Yuasa, Director of Membership
RPEA Volunteer Board of Directors

October 09, 2024 –Sue Yoakum, Senior Affairs Commissioner, *San Bernardino County Aging and Adult Services*

December 11, 2024 – (Holiday Meeting—no speaker)

Chapter 044 Meeting at Golden Corral,

February 14, 2024 (21 attendees) : Guest-Presenters were Paul Mercier, Retired Systems Educator, *Mt. Sac.* & Mike Nava of *Blue Sky Technologies.*



L-R: Mike Nava; Paul Mercier; Shirley Wofford; Alice Alexandre; Flora de La Piedra; Steven Lacey (Picture below includes Vi Comia at left.)



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Notes from the Editor--

All Chapter 044 members receive individual copies of the bi-monthly newsletter, printed with black ink. The color copy of the newsletter is posted on the RPEA website, www.rpea.com, in the *Chapters Section, Area V*, for viewing with computer access.

Some members have expressed the desire to opt out of receiving the newsletter by mail and only viewing the color copy online. If you are interested in this option, please contact me for information. (Such could not happen immediately—it is a plan to consider.)

The IRS tax deadline is almost here. The AARP *Tax-Aide* schedule will be on hand at the Chapter meeting for anyone who is still in need of Tax help.

Take care,

Shirley Wofford



RPEA CHAPTER 044 MEETING



Wed., April 10, 2024, 12 noon
GOLDEN CORRAL
1640 E. 4TH St. #A
Ontario, CA 91764
(909)395-0500

If you need a ride to a Chapter meeting and you do not have family/friend support for help with arranging transportation, please call the Chapter 044 President at least two days in advance.



Chapter 044 and other members of RPEA, family members, friends, and anyone else who supports RPEA are welcome at our meetings.

