



# RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER

*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.*

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## **PRESIDENT TOM KLASEY'S MESSAGE**

It seems like the year has flown by at a record pace. We had an incredibly successful picnic and then there was Halloween and Thanksgiving and shortly after that we will be in the actual Christmas Season. It is hard to believe that the year is near the end.

We have just experienced an historical election and we will all wait to see how that will impact our lives. Clearly, RPEA will continue to monitor legislation that is introduced and will also keep us informed about the direction of things to come. They will continue to have our back. We need to continue to support each other as retirees and also individuals who are still working. We need a strong active chapter that is knowledgeable about current events and supportive of RPEA. We also need a strong Chapter 30 leadership team.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that as a part of our regular meeting tradition we bring canned goods and non perishable food to our meetings to be donated to the less fortunate in our community. I have spaced out on that tradition and usually forget. I hope that we can reenergize the membership support of this worthy project. Please bring your donations to the December meeting.

## **AUBURN CHAPTER 30 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Wanda Adams, Vice President Tom Klasey, Secretary Judi Bixler and Treasurer Cathy Capps were elected by proclamations, as there were no other candidates, at the October Barbecue Meeting. They were elected for the 2017-2018 term and will be sworn in by Area Director Dennis Cassella at the upcoming December 19, 2016 Chapter General Meeting.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Three new members have joined RPEA since the last newsletter was published. We welcome Danny Quick, Linda Beasley and Judy MacDonald who joined as a Beneficiary Member as her husband, Stanley, is a retiree member. We also welcome Ronald Darville who transferred in from Chapter 93

There are several classifications of RPEA membership: Retiree, (CalPERS annuitant) Beneficiary (beneficiary of CalPERS retiree) Affiliate (current CalPERS agency employee) and Associate (supporter of RPEA goals.) For more information on this please contact Membership Chairperson, Marilyn Baker.

## **CalPERS RETURN ON INVESTMENTS**

CalPERS earned a return on investments of .6 percent in the last fiscal year, making the worst performance since 2009. Their investment policy has been very conservative and while we applaud not going too risky they need to look at improving returns.

Low returns usually means the state, county, city and other public agencies will be asked to pay more into the CalPERS pension system. When this occurs the public agencies start thinking about reducing retiree's benefits and pensions. A State of California judge ruled that public employers could lower pensions, although their usual course of action is to lower benefits. The stock market is doing well so let's hope for a turnaround of CalPERS investment returns.

When you are talking to friends who are happy with their pensions and benefits as they are and see no reason to join RPEA, remind them things could change at any time. RPEA members are fortunate that we belong to RPEA and we have RPEA Directors who attend CalPERS Board meetings to advocate for us.

### **AUBURN CHAPTER 30 LUNCH MEETING**

**DATE: Monday, December 19, 2016**

**TIME: 11:30 A.M.**

**LOCATION: Awful Annie's**

**13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA**

**SPEAKER: Placer County Sheriff Department  
Representative**

**SUBJECT: Senior Safety**

### **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Please place your reservation by email to Wanda Adams at [wadams0970@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wadams0970@sbcglobal.net) or telephone at (916) 663-9315 before Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Only Cash or check can be accepted, \$12 each, unless you bring a new member, then your lunch is free.

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**Remember to bring your non perishable food donations to be donated to the less fortunate in our Community.**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Our Chapter traditionally does a charitable project in December to benefit an organization or group in the community. This year we will be collecting socks, gloves and/or knit caps to donate to Right Hand Auburn and the Auburn Faith Food Closet. Please, help make this Chapter project successful and warm your heart by this act of giving. You may bring your donations to the December 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter Lunch meeting. If you cannot attend but would like to donate, please contact one of our Chapter 30 officers.

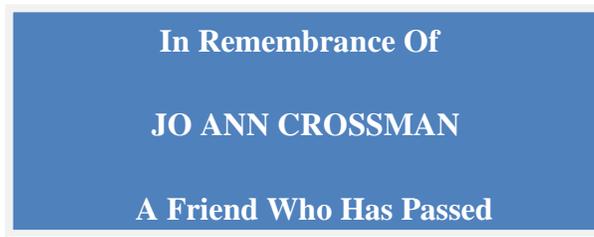
### Have you changed your email address?

Our Auburn Chapter 30 newsletters will be distributed by email to members who have an email address on file with RPEA Headquarters or sent by postal mail to members who do not have an email address.

If you have a new email address please advise Corey at Headquarters by phone (916)441-7732) or email [corey@rpea.com](mailto:corey@rpea.com) . If you do not receive a December newsletter, please update your email information.

### February Meeting Date

Please note, our February Lunch Meeting date falls on President's Day which necessitates changing our meeting date for February. The new date is Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> –the second Monday instead of the third our usual meeting date. Please make a note on your calendar.



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