



We are California public employees who are working together to maintain and improve the quality of our members lives by protecting our retirement and medical benefits. RPEA members include retirees, their beneficiaries, public employees who are currently employed and others who share our goals. We welcome everyone!

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Yucaipa Tid-Bits

RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 47, YUCAIPA VALLEY

Join with our Chapter Friends and Associates at Bob's Big Boy and enjoy our Speaker and the food.

LUNCH IS FREE

MEETING: Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 11:30 AM

At Bob's Big Boy, 540 Sandalwood Drive, Calimesa

Please note the meeting is earlier than our normal September schedule; but Rita and Stan will be in New Jersey in September at a high school reunion, the 60th.

Let's all strive for increased attendance at the Chapter meetings. We need your help to continue increasing attendance. Speak to a friend, a fellow employee and bring them along, support your Chapter and bring a guest. Even Non-Public employees/retirees are welcome as members as long as they support RPEA's mission.

Please make a reservation, even though we order from the menu, we like to have a headcount. Call Stan or Rita Ferm on Cell (909) 754 4463 or our house (909) 866 3784 and leave a message and your name. If you are receiving Tid-Bits via e-mail click on Reply, Type your name and click on Send.

SPEAKER:

Ms Robin Nicolas from HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program), from the local San Bernardino County office. She will speak about Medicare's many complex and confusing benefits. Such as, Benefits, Prescription drugs, Advantage Plans, Supplemental Plans, Long term care, Affordable Care Act, Repeal and Replace and more. Hopefully we can get some insight into recent changes and what the future looks like. If you have questions about Medicare's many

services, bring them with you and get some answers.

Our Chapter 47:

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CHAPTER 47 MEETINGS: First Tuesday of Feb, May, Sept and Nov.

Chapter Meeting Time: 11:30 am

Place:

Bob's Big Boy, 540 Sandalwood Drive, Calimesa CA

BOARD MEETINGS:

2nd Thursday of Jan, Apr, Oct.

Time: 11:30 am

Place: *Bob's Big Boy, Calimesa*

CalPERS Election:

RPEA has not taken a position on the candidates for CalPERS Board of Administration. I (Stan) and Rita have not received any information on the candidates, except from California School Employees Association (CSEA). CSEA is promoting and endorsing their candidates Michael Bilbrey for Position B and David Miller for Position A. The election period is Sept 1 through Oct 2; you should already have received your ballots/proxies. They both advocate protecting our pensions. If you desire more information on these candidates it is available on CSEA's web site at WWW.csea.com/retireee.

California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA):

You may not be aware of this organization, RPEA and CSEA are associated with CARA. Their major sponsor is SEIU, Service Employees Union. Though a number of their initiatives are not of interest to RPEA; they still advocate protection of employee rights and pensions. Just want you all to be aware of this organization working in California politics. Look up their Web site for info.

Overturing Citizens United Ruling:

The Citizens United Supreme Court ruling unleashed unlimited Corporate political campaign spending. This definitely biased any recipient campaign towards the corporate desire and diluted the effect of our votes. Nevada has now become the 19th state to pass a resolution against the ruling.

A few Puns:

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island; but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from Algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

AB 562, Healthy California Act:

This bill would establish the Healthy California Program, providing a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage for all California residents and administer a health

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care cost control system. RPEA at this time has classified this bill as a WATCH status. The bill at this time is not thought to progress very far; funding questions. Our Legislative and Health Benefits Chairpersons along with our Legislative Advocates (lobbyists) felt RPEA should respond with some possible Amendments. These include that since this is to cover all Californians, it should clearly include retiree health benefits; implementation of long term care needs clarification; the status of those receiving Medicare is not clearly defined. Also, there are several committees being created under this bill. The committee's need to have their make-up and responsibilities and controls better defined. So whether or not the bill progresses, it is important that the authors and legislators are aware that RPEA has a vital interest in it's contents.

RPEA Benefits:

RPEA's Insurance vendor, Association Member Benefits & Insurance Agency (AMBIA) has a offering that needs highlighting. For any members that are traveling, please review and consider Medical Air Services Association (MASA).

It provides emergency medical (Doctors, etc.) services, air or ground ambulance, return home transportation, worldwide coverage and much more. Details are available on the RPEA web site or call Headquarters and they will send brochures.

We have had very good reports from members that were on travel and had to use the MASA service. That is why it is repeated from our last newsletter. We intent to have AMBIA speak about their many benefits at a future meeting.

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Dear Fellow Retiree;

RPEA is the Retired Public Employees Association of California. Our mission is to protect and enhance benefits for all employees and retirees receiving their pension or health benefits from the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

Please if you have any friends, fellow employees or retirees that are thinking about joining RPEA invite them to one of our meetings as a guest. Also, let us know and headquarters will send them information about our organization, activities, plans, members, benefits, etc.; there is no obligation.

Come out to our Chapter Meeting, Tuesday 29 August at 11:30 am at Bob's Big Boy in Calimesa.

