

RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA MIDCITIES

CHAPTER 001 NEWSLETTER

4th Quarter 2019
Editor: Susan Beasley

DECEMBER 2, 2019

**Special Christmas Luncheon
Sizzler**

**10315 Lakewood Blvd
Downey, CA 90241**

11:15 a.m.

Members get \$10 lunch credit
Bring a guest or potential new member

CHAPTER ONE PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS:

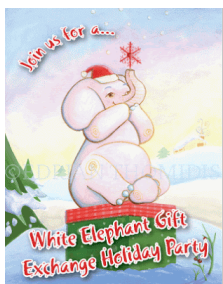
While I was attending a Board Meeting up in Sacramento, our new Vice President, Maggie Blevins, chaired our September meeting. Unfortunately, the speaker did not stay for his presentation due to low attendance. However, Keith Alber the Past President, shared with members why Chapter One is called Mid-Cities and early history of the Chapter.



"My idea of Christmas, whether old fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others."

Bob Hope

It's the most wonderful time of the year... We are requesting all members attending our December luncheon to bring an unwrapped new toy for **CHiPS for Kids Toy Drive.**



Members are also being asked to bring a new "white elephant" gift (unwrapped) to exchange.

Plan on wearing your favorite "ugly Christmas sweater"; if you don't have one, come festive! It's a great time to connect and enjoy!

WELCOME CHAPTER ONE NEW MEMBERS:

JUNE: NONE

JULY:

Leslie Bale	Bellflower
Rita Espinoza	Whittier
Dan Freund	La Palma
Esther Gautier	Anaheim
Ramiro Leon	Fullerton
Dennis Miura	Fullerton
Carmen Olivias	Downey
Karen Shapiro	Norwalk
Tommie Walton	Compton
Allien Whitsett	Buena Park

AUGUST: None

Do you want an electronic newsletter?
Please contact our Newsletter Editor, Susan Beasley,
srbeasley@cffw.com

SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- * The meeting was called to order by Vice President Maggie Blevins. We had no visitors today.
- * Secretary, Arlene Besst, read the minutes from 9/9/19 which were approved.
- * Vice President, Maggie Blevins, lead a survey on whether members want to continue to meet at the Downy Sizzlers. Many members expressed their satisfaction with the location, parking, food choices, and especially the excellent service we receive. We have a private room and there is no charge for RPEA. All present agreed to continue our quarterly meetings at Downey Sizzler.
- * Members were reminded of Open Enrollment for Healthcare through October 4.
- * Two gift cards were awarded to members in attendance.



MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

(first row)

Linda Alber, Sunshine; Keith Alber, Treasurer

(second row)

Kathleen Collins, President; Maggie Blevins, Vice President; Arlene Besst, Secretary, and Susan Beasley, Newsletter Editor

Missing Committee Members: Elena Yuasa, Trisha Jackson, and Rani Kuusto (who is recovering from knee replacement surgery)

***WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR.
PLEASE SPEAK TO KATHLEEN COLLINS IF INTERESTED.***

In Memoriam

JUNE:

Joseph Nuanes Glendora CA
Sharon Sublett Clarksville TN

JULY:

Ellen Farquhar La Mirada CA
Hong Giok Thio Cerritos CA
Mary Yriarte Norwalk CA

AUGUST:

Gladys Hendrixson La Habra CA





RPEA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Check out www.myAMBIA.com

There is information on Dental/Vision Plans, Long Term Care, Auto & Home Owner's Insurance, Life Insurance, Medicare Supplement Insurance, as well as MASA (Medical Air Services Assoc).

HENRY JONES WINS **RETIREE SEAT ON CalPERS BOARD**

Henry Jones has won the retiree seat on the CalPERS Board. RPEA will work with Henry, over the next four years, to ensure our pensions remain safe and our health benefits are affordable.



LEGISLATION UPDATES:

- * **AB 290** Health Care Service/Third Party Payments
- * **AB 672** Public Employee's Retirement Disability (reinstatement). This pertains to a person retired for disability to be employed by any employer w/o reinstatement, if specified conditions are met such as being below the mandatory age.
- * **AB 731** Health care coverage: rate review
- * **ACR 88** This measure would recognize the month of May 2019 as Older Americans Month.
- * **AJR 15** Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. No summary provided
- * **SCR 49** Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. This measure would proclaim the month of June 2019.
- * **SJR 3** Social Security. This measure would request Congress to enact (and President sign) legislation that would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Eliminations Provisions from Social Security Act.

RPEA ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE:

The address, **www.rpea.com**, is unchanged but the site is new and fresh and full of content and features.
To log on (**use first initial + last name and password**)
Take a look and send your feedback to webmaster@rpea.com or call Cory if you have problems at 800-443-7732.

Humor Corner:

"How is Christmas like your job?
You do all the work and the fat guy in the suit gets all the credit".

Mark Your Calendar:

General Member Meetings:

1st Monday of each quarter, unless it is a holiday. Meetings will be held at:

Sizzler Restaurant @ 11:15am
10315 Lakewood Blvd, Downey

2020 Schedule is:

March 2

June 1

September 7

December 7

Board Meetings:

1st Tuesday of each quarter @ 10:00am @ Polly's Pies, located at 17198 Norwalk Blvd, Cerritos, CA

2020 Board Meetings are:

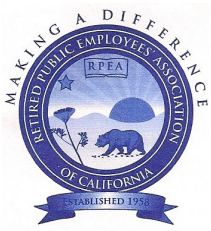
February 4

May 5

August 4

November 3

QUESTIONS: Call Kathleen Collins at 562-884-8891



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Arlene Besst, Secretary	562-864-9658	none
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Protecting and improving our pensions and benefits!
RPEA membership is only \$5 a month, or \$60.00 a year