

RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA MIDCITIES

CHAPTER 001 NEWSLETTER

2nd Quarter 2019
Editor: Susan Beasley

JUNE 3, 2019 Membership Lunch

Sizzler

10315 Lakewood Blvd

Downey, CA 90241

11:15 a.m.

Members get \$10 lunch credit

We are proud to have Henry Jones, newly elected CalPERS President as our speaker at the June meeting.

"It's an honor to serve as president of the CalPERS Board," Jones said. "Having been part of the board for 11 years, I'm proud to be the first African-American to take this leadership role as we continue to provide pension and health security to our members. I want to thank my fellow board members for the confidence they have in me in electing me president."

Prior to his retirement in 1998, Jones was chief financial officer of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest school district.

The president oversees the board's business and sets meeting schedules and agendas with input from other board members and CalPERS executive staff. The president also makes appointments to board committees and represents CalPERS to outside parties.

WELCOME CHAPTER ONE NEW MEMBERS:

JANUARY:

Gregory Speth
Charles Townes
Huong Jackson

MARCH:

Fredrick Boyce
Airina Mazzocco
Leonard Zuniga

FEBRUARY:

Rodofo Enriquez
Joe Lewis
Miriam Valles

PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS:

Looks like 2019 will be an incredible year for RPEA. We have so much support from CalPERS Board and the new Director of Public Relations, Lorenzo Rios.

CalPERS opened its doors in 1932 in the middle of the Great Depression, after California voters approved creating a plan to provide retirement security to the state's public employees. Over the decades, we have faced challenges and made tough decisions in the best interest of our members and the fund. Each member is encouraged to participate in our chapter 01 meetings.

NOTE: We are having Elections at the June Meeting per the Chapter One By-laws. Keith Albert is the appointed Election Chair so if you wish to take on a position, please let Keith know (714-826-7234)



CHAPTER ONE PICNIC

SATURDAY, 8/3 @ 10:00-1:00
HERITAGE PARK - TRAIN DEPOT
12100 MORA DRIVE
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA
(it's off Telegraph Rd, east of 605)

Join us... Bring your family, grandchildren and fellow retirees for a fun day of food and fellowship.

We'll provide the hotdogs & hamburgers. Games for the kids. Easy parking next to train depot.

MUST RSVP: Susan Beasley email to: srbeasley@cffw.com or call 562-884-5094.

Do you want an electronic newsletter?

*Please let our Newsletter Editor, Susan Beasley, know
srbeasley@cffw.com*

SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- * The last meeting of March 2019, we met the new Director of Public Relations, Lorenzo Rios. He shared his goals for RPEA and ways to grow each chapter. Lorenzo has created a new section called "Do You Know" which will be added to the magazine.
- * President Kathleen Collins introduced new member Maggie Blevins, who retired from State Fund, and has been elected RPEA Vice President.
- * Treasurer, Keith Albers, reported a balance of \$4,844.95 in the chapter acct.
- * Secretary, Arlene Besst, read the minutes from last meeting and they were approved.
- * Newsletter Editor, Susan Beasley acknowledged problems getting the chapter's newsletter mailed on time and suggested a solution.
- * We had Jan Christiansen from the Long Beach chapter as a visitor at our March luncheon. She is the Secretary for Chapter #25.



Lorenzo Rios, PR Director



MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

(first row)

Linda Alber, Sunshine; Keith Alber, Treasurer. Keith has also been appointed Election Chair for 2019.

(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 Memorian

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| * Jay Rogers, La Mirada | * Billie Frost, Pahrump, NV |
| * Pearl Barstow, Whittier | * Patricia Kelley, Haute, IN |
| * John Diaz, Pico Rivera | |





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).

Our benefits rep is Anja Baucom and can be reached by cell phone: 916-546-9644 or email: anja.baucom@amba.info

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ATTEND OUR REGULAR GENERAL MEMBER MEETINGS?

You'll meet fellow retirees and keep current on legislator that affect our pensions. We are stronger when we stand together. Be part of the team.

LEGISLATION UPDATES:

- * New Chronic Care Act, which became law on February 9, 2019 Link: <http://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/870>
CHRONIC Care Act
- * CalPERS is preparing to launch the LIFT Program through the Long Term Care Group. It's a "fall prevention" program for long term care participants.
- * "California Rule": The long awaited State Supreme Court decision that threatened the "California Rule" has been issued and the court has held that pension benefits that exist in the contract between public employer and CalPERS at the time the employee is hired can-not be altered in such a way that reduces the value of that person's pension at retirement. Note: The 2012 pension reform act (PEPRA) reduced benefits of new hires on or after 1/1/2013, but did not alter contracted benefits for existing employees.
- * On Feb. 26, Dr. Richard Pan, a State Senator, has introduced long term care legislation to address this growing crisis in California. More details will be shared as SB 512 makes its way through the legislature.

RPEA ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE:

The address, www.rpea.com, is unchanged, but the site is new and fresh and full of content and features. Take a look and send your feedback to webmaster@rpea.com.

Humor Corner:

"The problem with retirement is you never get a day off."

Abe Lemon

(please submit jokes to the Editor)

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

2019 Schedule is:

June 3

September 9*

December 2

Board Meetings:

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

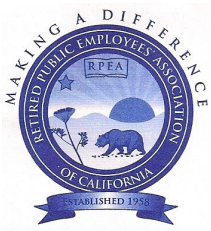
2019 Meetings will be held on:
May 7

Aug 6

Nov 5

QUESTIONS: Call Kathleen

Collins at 562-884-8891



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Arlene Besst, Secretary	562-864-9658	none
Keith Alber, Treasurer	714-826-7234	keithalber@att.net
Linda Alber, Sunshine	714-826-7234	(use Keith above)

Committees:

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Public Relations, (Vacant)		
Newsletter Editor, Susan Beasley	562-884-5094	srbeasley@cffw.com

Protecting and improving our pensions and benefits!
RPEA membership is only \$5 a month, or \$60.00 a year