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The Camellia  
Retired Public Employees' Association  
Area VII -Sacramento, California  
Chapter 004 Newsletter

*We are active and retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our earned retirement, medical and other benefits.*



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**Presidents Message - Roxanne Woodward**

Ring out the “old” and ring in the “new”. We ended the year with an enjoyable holiday luncheon at Cattlemen’s. Appreciation awards were presented to members Marie Reed, Randall Cheek, Bobbi Smith, Sheryl Zazzi, Nadie Savage, and Diane Buffington for their contributions this past year. A small monetary gift was our way of saying thank you.



Please join us **April 8<sup>th</sup>** for our **Spring luncheon at Cattlemen’s**, Rancho Cordova. Invite family, and friends. (see flier within and RSVP). We had a successful 2018-19. Our new fiscal year began in November and we are strong financially, our membership continues to grow statewide, and we continue the fight in protecting our benefits.

We need you to attend our February elections! Plan on joining us at the Casa Garden Restaurant for this important event, as well as hear from our guest speaker, Optim Rx and get your health care questions answered. Our **February General Meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup>**. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and are open for all positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as Directors at Large, and General Assembly Delegates. Please note these positions are for a two-year term with installation immediately following the election process. Speaking of elections be sure to vote in California’s March 3<sup>rd</sup> primary. Check out the Secretary of State’s website at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/> to register to vote and/or to check your voter registration status.

Wishing you and yours a prosperous New Year blessed with good health and much happiness! I’m looking forward to seeing you in the coming days.

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**NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, YOUR USED  
GREETING CARDS AND/OR PULL TABS FROM ALUMINUM CANS**

We are continuing to request donations of non-perishable foods, the fronts of used greeting cards and pull tabs from aluminum cans.

The foods are donated to the Sacramento Food Bank and the pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House. We send the fronts of greeting cards to St. Jude’s Ranch for Children where the children use them to create new cards for sale. The Ranch will not accept Hallmark, American Greeting or Disney card fronts due to copyright issues. This program assists young people in learning business skills while raising funds for a charity.

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**LUNCHEON POLICY**

Chapter 004 holds its meetings at Casa Garden Restaurant on the second Wednesday of each month. General membership meetings are held during even numbered months, while Board meetings are held during odd numbered months. Our contract with Casa Garden requires a minimum of 50 lunches be purchased for general membership meetings and 17 lunches for Board meetings. Because the total number of Board members, Directors at Large and Committee Chairs is less than 17, we urge interested members to attend the Board meeting as well as the general membership meeting. The nominal cost to members is \$5 and \$10 for guests per meeting.

Reservations for attendance at meetings with choice of meal must be given to the Reservation Chairperson no later than the Friday before the meeting.

Lunch is **\$5.00** to members and **\$10.00** to guests for all Chapter lunches except

**Spring Luncheon and Christmas Luncheon**

Members in good standing may attend all meetings. Please reserve your spot.

**Failure to make a reservation may result in no lunch available and failure to appear and not cancel a reservation will result in a \$10.00 charge.**

To reserve or cancel, contact **Sheryl Zazzi** at [redhatzaz@gmail.com](mailto:redhatzaz@gmail.com) or call **(916) 607-8282** by Friday before each meeting.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**RPEA CHAP. 004**

**MEETINGS**

Sacramento, Yolo Areas  
Second Wednesday  
of each month.

**Wed. Feb. 12, 2020**

General Meeting, 10:00 a.m.  
Election of Officers.

Casa Gardens Restaurant  
2760 Sutterville Rd.

**Wed. Mar. 11, 2020**

Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.  
Casa Gardens Restaurant

2760 Sutterville Rd.

**Wed. Apr. 8, 2020**

**Spring Luncheon**  
See Flyer Page 3.

**Wed. May.13, 2020**

Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.  
Casa Gardens Restaurant  
2760 Sutterville Rd.

**RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT**

The Legislature is back in session this week after the winter break; this is the second year in their two-year session. Because of this, we will see many bills that were introduced last session that didn't make the cut being resurrected this year. This means that they don't have to go through the entire legislative process, many bills will be taken up exactly where they left off. Some linger in Appropriations Committees, some stuck in their house of origin. Many new bills will be introduced this session as well, with the Democrats and Governor Newsom announcing this month that their legislative priorities will be homeless and housing.

Since they got very little accomplished last session on those fronts, it will be important for some progress to be

made. Californians are fleeing the state in droves, with a recent USA Today article stating that middle to low income families (those making \$100,000 and less) are leaving the state in the highest numbers, with San Francisco county taking the top spot of residents leaving. There are battles brewing in the legislature and the citizens of the state are the ultimate victims/winners of the fallout.

Be aware of folks requesting you to sign petitions for this or that initiative. Many will be detrimental to seniors if they reach the ballot and are passed. Most particularly are those aimed at cutting provisions of Prop. 13. The Title and Summary of these proposed ballot initiatives can be misleading, so the safest way is to avoid signing any petition

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**CHAPTER 004'S CHRISTMAS EVENT  
A GREAT TIME WAS ENJOYED BY ALL**



A few photos showing members enjoying the festive event.







**SPRING LUNCHEON - RPEA CHAPTER 004**  
**OUR SPRING LUNCHEON IS AROUND THE CORNER**

Invite family – bring a friend. Come on out and join us. All are welcome.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 (please RSVP by April 1, 2020)

**WHERE:** Cattlemens  
 12409 Folsom Blvd.  
 Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. (no host cocktails)  
 12:00 p.m. (lunch served)

**COST:** \$15.00 per person (guests welcome)

**MENU:** Top Sirloin Steak (*flavorful 8 oz. steak, aged to perfection*)  
 Atlantic Salmon (*thick boneless filet served with dill sauce & lemon*)  
 Chicken Breast (*basted with lemon herb sauce or marinated in Teriyaki sauce*)  
 Pasta Ravioli (*vegetarian ravioli served with a seasonal sauce*)

*All selections include a baked potato, all-you-can-eat salad, sourdough bread, ranch style beans, soda, coffee or tea. Steaks are prepared medium to medium rare. Special requests for rare or well done will be accommodated.*

Please RSVP no later than April 1, 2020. Indicate your entrée selection(s) and mail your reservation and payment to our Reservations Chairperson: Sheryl Zazzi, 1709 Lakewood Dr, West Sacramento CA 95691; telephone (916) 607-8282, redhazaz@gmail.com. Make check payable to RPEA, Chapter 004. Payment must be received prior to the luncheon.

Non-perishable food donations will be collected for a local food bank.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO. RESERVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME(S) FOR NAME TAG:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emailaddress:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU SELECTION(S):**Steak: \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ Ravioli: \_\_\_\_\_





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