

# RPEA RIVERSIDE



Retired Public Employees' Association of California  
Chapter 15 – Riverside California Area VI Newsletter Issue 1 of 6



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR FIRST LUNCHEON OF 2020!**

**When?** Thursday, January 23, 2020  
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Where?** Meeting Room, Janet Goeske Senior Center  
5257 Sierra St., Riverside

**Be sure to let us know you're coming!** Make your reservation before noon on Thursday, January 16. Phone Shirley Muntz at 951-359-4520 or email her at rivshirley3@aol.com. If you have made a reservation and find you cannot attend, please let Shirley know as soon as possible so the catering order is accurate.

**Catered Lunch Menu:** Chicken Cordon Bleu, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Green Salad, Carrot Cake [Thomas Catering]

**Lunch Price:** \$5 per person.

**Program:** What is being done to ensure the accuracy of our elections? How up-to-date are our county's voting machines? Are there backup paper ballots? Any problems with voting by mail? What is the timeline to register for the next election? What are other issues we should know about? How soon after the polling places close can we expect results to be announced?



Our guest speaker will be **Rebecca Spencer, Registrar of Voters for Riverside County.** After the presentation, there will be time for your questions.

**Reminders:** Please bring canned/package non-perishable foods to help restock the Goeske food pantry--and don't forget used books for the Book Exchange.



**NEW YEAR – NEW MEMBERS!**

Glenda Camp	Riverside
Ricky Camp	Riverside
Kimberly Hardcastle	Riverside
Mona Katz	Riverside
Daniel Jacobs	Moreno Valley
Cynthia Sanchez	Norco

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
As of December 5, 2019

Total number of Chapter 15 members: 595

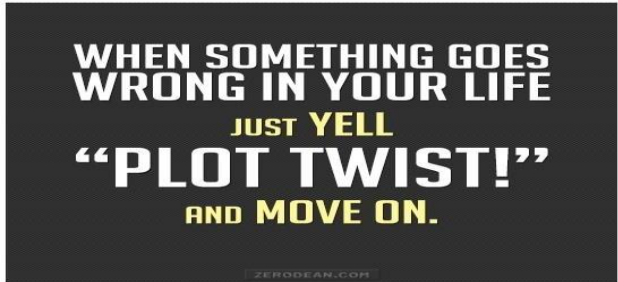
Active: 524	Chapter Associates: 3
Beneficiaries: 46	State Associates: 18
Affiliates: 4	

Annie James, Membership Chairperson

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

As of November 30, 2019, the Chapter 15 account balance totaled \$3,568.22. Copies of the current financial statement will be available at the January 2020 general meeting.

Del Sells, Treasurer



**SAVE THESE 2020 DATES!**

<u>LUNCHEONS</u>	<u>BOARD MEETINGS</u>
January 23	February 20
March 26	April 16
May 28	June 18
Sept 24	October 15
November 19	December 17



*In Memory.....*

Robert Dorson	Riverside
Marion Proctor	Riverside
Shirley Reed	Riverside
Martha Seip	Riverside

**CHAPTER 15 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**  
(telephone area codes are 951)

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Wes Stonebreaker	784-1060	<b>HEALTH BENEFITS</b>	Norma Carter	924-2208
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### LTC CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT UPDATE

In the long-term care class action lawsuit against CalPERS, after three mediation sessions, both parties have agreed on a Special Master who, in coordination with the Court, can directly contact the necessary State officials in an attempt to work toward a resolution.

According to the website [calpersclassactionlawsuit.com](http://calpersclassactionlawsuit.com), attorneys appearing for the class are seeking to reach settlements for each category of policyholders: 1) For those who paid the 85% increase, they want to have a portion of that increase rolled back both in the past and in the future. 2) For those who reduced their coverage in lieu of paying the 85% increase, they want to obtain a partial restoration of benefits at no additional premium increase. 3) For those who dropped coverage, a settlement would likely involve some monetary compensation.

Actuaries have been conferring to reach a consensus as to what the potential costs to the fund would be depending on what settlement terms are reached. The additional cost to the LTC Fund is significant, and any settlement requires additional funding from the State.

### CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL SB512

The state RPEA Legislative Committee is keeping an eye on coalition-backed legislation designed to create the framework for a new long-term care program to provide a managed cash benefit to spend on LTC services and supports (LTSS). State Senator Richard Pan, a pediatrician who represents the Sacramento area, joined San Jose Assemblywoman Ash Kaltra to sponsor SB512.

California currently has almost eight million people with physical or mental health disabilities. Many must “spend down” their assets to qualify for Medi-Cal LTSS programs. More than 110,000 home care workers are paid poverty-level wages for the critical care they provide. This new program will be designed to bring relief to middle-class Californians since it targets families who earn too much to qualify for Medi-Cal but who earn too little to afford LTC insurance or to pay out-of-pocket for LTSS services.

Obviously, SB512 addresses a growing health care crisis. As it makes its way through the legislature, more detailed information will become available. It is worth noting, however, that the bill was developed in concert with the California Aging and Disability Alliance (CADA) which includes a broad section of stakeholders, including statewide representatives of twenty groups.



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IS NOT OBEDIENCE  
TO GOVERNMENT.  
PATRIOTISM IS OBEDIENCE TO  
THE PRINCIPLES  
FOR WHICH GOVERNMENT IS  
SUPPOSED TO STAND.**

— Howard Zinn

The nurse comes in and says to the doctor:  
“There’s a man in the waiting room who  
thinks he’s invisible. What should I tell him?”

The doctor replies, “Tell him I can’t see him  
today.”

#### RPEA RECRUITMENT GOALS MET

AMBIA, the company that provides for our Member Benefits, brought in 1,721 new RPEA members during 2018-2019. In addition, RPEA’s own recruitment efforts brought in 688 new members.

When you join RPEA, you become eligible for discounts on a wide variety of insurance—vision, dental, hearing aids, identity theft, travel, medical air services, long-term care and much more. Some people choose to become RPEA members as a cost-effective way to afford insurance. You may have adult children or friends who need coverage. Details are available by phoning RPEA Headquarters at 1-800-443-7732.

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Know someone else who might be interested in RPEA? Please share this invitation.

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