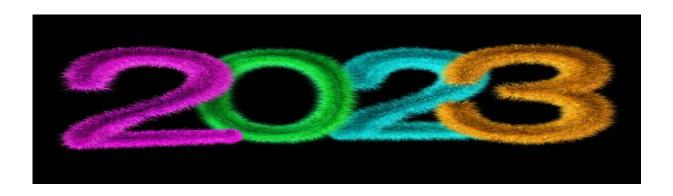
RPEA RIVERSIDE



Retired Public Employees' Association of California
Chapter 15 – Riverside California Area VI Newsletter Issue 1 of 5



Please join us for our first luncheon of 2023!

When? Thursday, January 26, 2023 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where? Room D, 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 19. Phone Shirley Muntz at 951-359-4520 or email her at rivshirley3@icloud.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: Green Salad, Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,

Rolls and Butter, Carrot Cake

Lunch Price: FREE <u>A reservation is required!</u>

Program: "Benefits Basics and Updates from CalPERS"

Don't miss this opportunity to refresh your knowledge of retirement benefits and to have your questions answered!

Guest Speaker: Jesse Uranga, CalPERS Senior Retirement Counselor **Door Prizes:** Drawings will follow the program (3 tickets for \$1).

Safety Protocols: We continue to be careful regarding Covid. Masks are optional, and tables will be spaced with fewer seats per table. Arrive a little early to allow time to sign in at the Goeske reception area.

Don't forget to bring canned and packaged food to help restock the Goeske Food Pantry. We can lend a "helping hand" to those who are less fortunate. **Also remember to bring used books** for the Chapter Book Exchange.

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In Fond Memory

Mary Arriaga Perris Raul Arriaga Perris

Thomas Coleman Moreno Valley

Joan Sinclair Riverside Ann Tursellino Ventura



MEMBERSHIP REPORT As of November 30, 2022

Total number of Chapter 15 members: 577

Active: 517 Chapter Associates: 2 Beneficiaries: 42 State Associates: 12

Affiliates: 4

Annie James, Membership Chair



A warm welcome awaits our newest Chapter 15 members!

Dorothy Cook Norco Ana Maria Juarez Riverside

Cleopatria Marshall Moreno Valley

Albert Mata Corona Irma Schersand Corona **Christina Thompson** Riverside **Deborah Woldruff** Riverside

We hope to see you at the January luncheon! Please join us for a pleasant afternoon!

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of November 30, 2022, the Chapter 15 account balance totaled \$10,967.64.

Copies of the current financial statement will

be available at the general meeting.

Del Sells, Treasurer

CHAPTER 15 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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What's New?

CALPERS ELECTION RESULTS

Yvonne Walker, a legal secretary retired from the Department of Justice, is the unofficial winner of the runoff election for the retired member seat on the CalPERS Board of Administration. Election results are considered unofficial until formal certification by the California Secretary of State, which is expected to occur in January 2023. The unofficial results indicate Yvonne Walker received 64,553 votes, which represents 56.90% of the votes cast during the period of November 4 through December 5, 2022. The opponent, Randall Cheek, received 48,900 votes, or 43.10%. Over 660,000 retired members were eligible to vote in the election. The board seat, elected by retired members, was previously occupied by Henry Jones, who resigned due to his health in January 2022. Ms. Walker's term begins immediately upon certification and expires on January 15, 2028.

SOURCE: CalPERS.com

UPDATE: CALPERS LONG-TERM CARE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

Under Section 19.1 of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement could be terminated if more than 10% of the Settlement Class opted out. Because about 30% opted out, the existing Settlement will not be going forward. CalPERS and Class Members continue to negotiate. If a settlement cannot be reached, the case has been set for jury trial in May 2023. Class Members have been advised to continue paying premiums. Cancellation of a LTC policy would remove you from the Class and affect your participation in any future settlement/judgment or refund should one be negotiated. This class-action lawsuit has no effect on CalPERS pensions. SOURCE: calpersItcclassaction.com

CALPERS PENSION STATISTICS

- The average CalPERS pension (for <u>all</u> service retirees, beneficiaries, and survivors) is \$36,852 a year.
- Service retirees receive an average of \$39,372 a year.
- New retirees, those who retired in fiscal year 2020-21, receive an average of \$45,516 a year.
- Overall, 57% of all CalPERS service retirees receive less than \$3,000 a month.

SOURCE: CalPERS.com



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SAVE THESE 2023 DATES!

Luncheons
January 26
March 23
May 25
September 28

Board Mtgs.
February 16
April 20
August 17
October 19

November 16 December TBA

Details will be in the newsletter mailed to you prior to each luncheon.





As 2023 begins, let's all spread the word about RPEA! As members (retirees and beneficiaries) we stand together in protecting/improving our benefits to have the assurance that retiree interests are being represented at CalPERS Board meetings. Those who are still employed can join as associate members. The more members we have, the greater our influence now and in the future! Phone Membership Chair Annie James at (951) 992-8508 for more information.