

# RPEA RIVERSIDE



Retired Public Employees' Association of California  
Chapter 15 – Riverside California Area VI Newsletter Issue 4 of 6



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There will be no general meeting of Chapter 15-Riverside in July. The Board agreed that holding a meeting, even in the air conditioned Goeske Center, meant people would have to come out in the expected high heat of summer. So we are taking a break. Our next General Meeting and Luncheon will be on Thursday, September 26.

You can be sure that RPEA will continue to make our presence known in the Legislature. Our state Legislative Director and our lobbyist are well known in the halls of the California Legislature. State RPEA officers will continue to communicate our opinions and ideas through frequent contact with CalPERS staff and with appearances at CalPERS Board and Committee meetings. Members of Chapter 15's Board of Directors will still be providing service to the chapter. Wes Stonebreaker and Annie James will be representing RPEA at the CalPERS Education Event in Ontario in July. Linda Stonebreaker, Annie James and Margie Wayne will be putting out chapter newsletters for July and September.

The Chapter 15 Nominating Committee (Wes Stonebreaker and Annie James) is preparing for our election of officers in November. **We're looking for people to step forward and join our Board of Directors to provide future leadership.** We need to recruit people who will bring new ideas and a boost to the chapter's programs. **If you feel that RPEA is a worthwhile organization, get involved! Give Wes a call at 951-784-1060 and let him know of your interest and skills.** There are rewarding and interesting opportunities enough for everyone.

Have a safe summer and keep as cool as possible. We will see you in the fall!

Jim Anderson, Chapter 15 President



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTER 15 MEMBERS!

CHUCK BEATY	Riverside	VERA LYLES	Imperial
RUTH CUEVAS	Moreno Valley	CRANDLON MC GINNIS	Moreno Valley
BARBARA HAISLEY	Moreno Valley	LINDA PAUL	Jurupa Valley
GAY HAMPTON	Norco	ZAREEN SHEIKH	Corona
WILLIAM LYLES	Imperial	RACHELLE TANNER	Corona

### DON'T FORGET!

Even though we're not meeting in July, the Goeske Food Pantry will still need our help. Please drop off your donations of nonperishable food items to the Goeske Center this summer to keep the Pantry restocked. Thanks!!!

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF JUNE 4, 2019

Total number of Chapter 15 members: 597  
 Active: 526 Chapter Associates: 2  
 Beneficiaries: 46 State Associates: 18  
 Affiliates: 5

Annie James, Membership Chairperson



### *In Memory....*

Theodore Closson	Riverside
Rachel Lawrence	Riverside
Nancy McCoy	Ohio
Tanya Rakestraw	Sacramento
Doris Ramos	Norco
Johnnie Rice	Borrego Springs
Richard Schneider	Riverside
Violet Wright	Riverside

### TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 31, 2019, the Chapter 15 account balance totaled \$4,308.16.

Copies of the current financial statement will be available at the Sept. 2019 meeting.

Del Sells, Treasurer

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

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Jim Anderson	212-8281	<b>HEALTH BENEFITS</b>	Norma Carter	924-2208
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**UPDATE: CALPERS LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT**

**Background information:** The court denied CalPERS' request to have the lawsuit thrown out; and in February 2016, the judge ruled that it will be a class-action covering "all individuals who purchased CalPERS LTC1 and LTC2 policies issued from 1995-2004 with lifetime coverage and built-in inflation protection; lifetime policies without inflation protection; as well as 3-year and 6-year policies with inflation protection from CalPERS at any time."

The lawsuit alleges Breach of Contract—that CalPERS promised its policy holders premiums were fixed for life and would never rise. To avoid proposed rate hikes of as much as 85%, affected policy holders were given options to take reduced benefits. In 2018, Towers Watson mailed out individual checks as a partial settlement in their part of the lawsuit, and the claims asserted against CalPERS went forward.

**Update from THE SACRAMENTO BEE, June 10, 2019:** A \$1.2 billion lawsuit that could affect up to 100,000 seniors who had CalPERS long-term care insurance plans goes to trial in mid-June. The class-action claims CalPERS violated insurance policy terms when it increased premiums by 85% in 2015 and 2016 after promising policy holders stability.

Seniors who paid the increase or who reduced their coverage to avoid it are members of the suit's class (excepting those who opted out). The suit is known as Elma Sanchez vs. CalPERS. Plaintiffs have estimated the damages from the increased premiums and other associated costs total about \$1.2 billion, but that number is one of the issues to be addressed at trial.

The trial, taking place in L.A. County Superior Court, has been broken up into three phases. It could end early if a judge sides with CalPERS in an initial phase, or it could stretch out indefinitely. Attorneys representing seniors with the plans filed the lawsuit in 2013, after CalPERS notified seniors of the premium hikes to come. Judge William Highberger will address arguments over whether CalPERS had the authority under its contract to raise the rates. A ruling in favor of CalPERS in that phase could end the case. If it proceeds, it will move on to statute of limitations issues.

CalPERS argues that since it increased premiums several times between 2003 and 2013, seniors who wanted to file a lawsuit should have done so earlier. The judge could decide in favor of the plaintiffs on that issue, or he could send that piece to a jury trial. If plaintiffs prevail, the lawsuit—absent a settlement—would proceed to a jury trial related to the potential breach of contract. Any damages would be determined in that phase.



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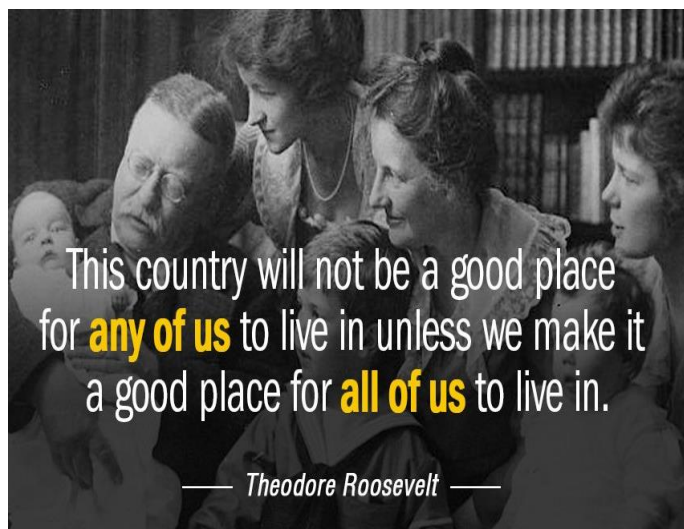
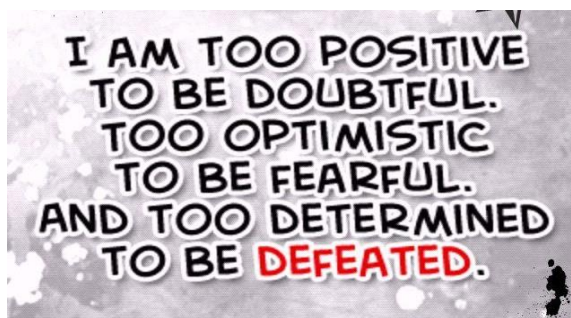
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You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.

Erma Bombeck



TRUTH IS LIKE THE SUN. YOU CAN SHUT IT OUT FOR A TIME, BUT IT AIN'T GOING AWAY.  
--Elvis Presley

SAVE THESE 2019 DATES!	
<u>LUNCHEONS</u>	<u>BOARD MEETINGS</u>
Sept. 26	October 17
Nov. 21	December 19