

RPEA RIVERSIDE



Retired Public Employees' Association of California
Chapter 15 – Riverside California Area VI Newsletter Issue 5 of 6



TIME TO GET TOGETHER!
IN SPITE OF THE HOT WEATHER,
WE'LL BE COOL!
YOU'RE INVITED!

When? Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

Make your lunch reservation before noon on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Phone Shirley Muntz at 951-359-4520 or email rivshirley3@aol.com.

Since the chapter shares the cost, each attendee pays just \$5. First-time attendees are free. (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: Italian grinders, cole slaw, potato salad, chocolate eclairs
[Thomas Catering]

PROGRAM: "CalPERS and You!"

A representative from the CalPERS Regional Office will be our guest speaker. Retirees have already elected their retirement option, assigned a beneficiary and now regularly receive their pensions, so it's easy to think everything is taken care of. But circumstances change, and we need accurate information to make good decisions. This program will explore a wide range of topics with time for your questions. For example, here are some of the things we need to know about:

- **Changing pension options or beneficiaries (and the "consequences")**
- **CalPERS Power of Attorney (and what happens if you don't have one on file)**
- **Reporting the death of a CalPERS member or his/her beneficiary (deadlines to meet)**
- **How to avoid a delay in a surviving spouse receiving his/her first payment**
- **Available benefits such as health insurance and long-term care insurance**
- **Working after retirement**
- **Required paperwork and online resources**

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Reminders: Bring canned/packaged non-perishable foods to help restock the Goeske food pantry, and don't forget used books for the Book Exchange.



NEW CHAPTER 15 MEMBERS!

Aurelio Aguirre Moreno Valley
 Mary Assed Riverside
 Josephine Bettenger Riverside
 Joe Coury Riverside
 Sandra Just Indio
 Jose Martinez Riverside

Susan Massey Moreno Valley
 Jeffrey Milot San Bernardino
 Inez Montano Riverside
 Nubia Parada Ontario
 Josephine Phillips Jurupa Valley
 Frank Villalobos Riverside

MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF August 2, 2019

Total number of Chapter 15 members: 605

Retirees: 534 Chapter Associates: 2
 Beneficiaries: 47 State Associates: 18
 Affiliates: 4

Annie James, Membership Chairperson

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of July 31, 2019, the Chapter 15 account balance totaled \$5,122.68

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

Del Sells, Treasurer

SAVE THESE 2019 DATES!

LUNCHEONS

Sept. 26
 Nov. 21

BOARD MEETINGS

October 17
 December 19



In Memory.....

LINDA CARTER Riverside
 DELPHINE CHATIGNY Banning
 JOHN COSTELLO Victorville

CHAPTER 15 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

(telephone area codes are 951)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are with a “summer edition” of RPEA news to keep Riverside RPEA members as up to date as possible. Sadly, I must report the sudden death of Tanya Rakestraw, our RPEA Headquarters Office Manager. She will very much be missed by RPEA. She was committed to our members and to the work of the management team to carry out our mission. I was always grateful for her concern and experience in getting it right whenever I had written for the state newsletter. She would call asking if she could make an edit or correct the language in my work. Whatever the change (even the spelling errors), it was always better. She was always polite, efficient, and effective. We will all miss her!

The other recent development is that I have found someone who will take on the duties of Area VI Director. I took on that job TEMPORARILY to ensure the area had a full vote at the last General Assembly because there were many important issues to be considered; we needed to be represented. I was committed to finding a replacement as soon as possible. Fortunately, Susan Nelson, the past president of San Bernardino Chapter 33, has agreed to take the position as Area VI Director. In addition to working with our area’s chapters, she will become a member of the RPEA Board of Directors. Susan will be helpful to chapters as she has been effective in vitalizing Chapter 33. We are extremely fortunate to have her experience, knowledge and participation!

One of my final duties was the unfortunate work to close the RPEA Chapter in Ridgecrest. That chapter was small and could not find new leadership to have a sustainable operation. Don Holeman as President had worked diligently for a number of years, but with continued loss of members could not find the help he needed to continue. I was at the last meeting just ten days before the earthquakes in that area. (Don says he was outside when the 7.1 quake hit, and it threw him three feet against his house. Fortunately, his home was not significantly damaged.) The members of the chapter will be asked where they want their membership transferred.

The final issue is one you may not be aware of because it is going on mainly in Sacramento and covered by articles in the SACRAMENTO BEE. There is controversy with the upcoming election for the RETIREE POSITION on the CalPERS Board of Directors. Henry Jones is running for re-election, and J.J. Jelensic has filed to oppose him. ONLY RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR THIS SEAT ON THE CALPERS BOARD. In the past few weeks, three women have sent a letter to J.J. requesting he withdraw. Two of the women are currently members of the CalPERS Board. They submit that J.J. should not be on the Board because of past judicatory findings that he committed sexual misconduct in causing female staff of CalPERS to be uncomfortable with his conduct toward them. The state RPEA Board had endorsed J.J. for the election, and he has declined to withdraw. Afterward, there were a flurry of emails from members of the RPEA Board of Directors that generally supported their previous endorsement. I would suggest that you review the candidates’ statements and make your own determination as to who to vote for. The election will be by mail in September. However you decide, **PLEASE VOTE!**

Jim Anderson, Chapter 15 President



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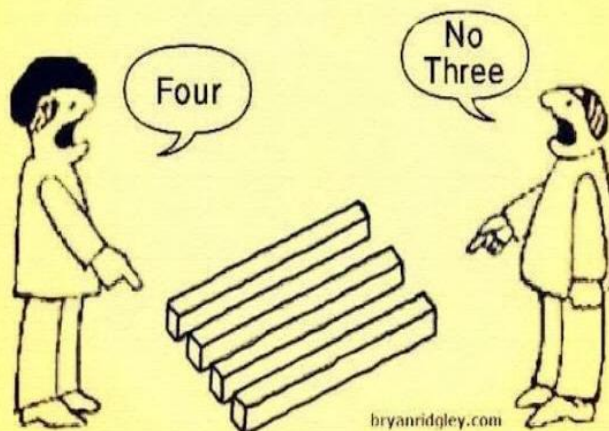
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

"NEW AND IMPROVED" RPEA WEBSITE

Go to rpea.com to access the state RPEA website. Click on "Retired Public Employees' of California (RPEA)" to fill in a membership application; to learn about health, dental and vision insurance available for members; to read about current issues important to retirees; and to order RPEA logo items such as polo shirts and caps. Members can order Sees' Candy certificates (\$4 savings per pound). Click on "Chapters," to find each chapter's location, meeting dates and current newsletters. [Riverside Chapter 15 is listed under Area VI.] The website is "user friendly"!

It seems that almost everybody you meet has a cure for the common cold—except your doctor!

Reality can be so complex that equally valid observations from differing perspectives can appear to be contradictory.



A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it!

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

