



# Retired Public Employees' Association of California

## NEWSLETTER

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## JAN./FEB. DATES

* Jan. 1	New Year's Day
* Jan 18	Martin Luther King Jr., Day
* Feb. 2	Ground Hog Day
* Feb. 12	Lincoln's Birthday
* Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
* Feb. 15	Presidents' Day
	Washington's Birthday Observed
* Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday

### *President's Message:*

This past year has been a difficult one for us all. I have truly missed our monthly lunches and meetings; the best part was visiting with every one of you.

As we look forward to 2021, may we also be prepared for what may come in this new year. I pray we will be able to meet at least once, especially before I move to Tennessee. But if not, please know my heart is with you all.

I felt such warmth and love from everyone when I had to take over the position of President of our group and the support I felt. I want to thank Mary and Ray for stepping up to be the Secretary and Treasure. They made it so easy for me.

Extra shout outs to Ray Bingham for taking over the position of Treasurer (I know this would not be a job for me). He also completed on time and sent in our yearly financial report, and to Mary Kailes for your wonderful secretarial job on our meeting minutes and for putting together our newsletter.

I guess I really want to express my gratitude to one and all for coming to our lunches and meetings, enjoying our time together, and supporting RPEA.

May God bless you all and keep you safe. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Janet Harwood,  
President,*

FROM: RPEA

**ATTENTION: CalPERS DIRECT DEPOSIT RECIPIENTS**

Members who receive their CalPERS monthly allowance by direct deposit should be aware that this year December 31 falls on a Thursday. This makes Friday, January 1, 2021, a holiday. As a result, banks and credit unions will be closed and your direct deposit **will not** post in your account until Monday, January 4. If you have auto-pay payments scheduled to pay on the first day of the month, there **may be** insufficient funds until January 4. This could cause an overdraft situation for you.

Al Darby  
Vice President

**CalPERS News: 2021 Retirement Warrant Mailing and Direct Deposit Dates:**

Month	So. Calif. & Out-of-State Mailing Date	No. Calif. Mailing Date	Direct Deposit Date
December 2020			1/4/2021**
January	1/28	1/29	2/1
February	2/25	2/28	3/1
March	3/29	3/30	4/1
April	4/28	4/29	4/30
May	5/27	5/28	6/1
June	6/28	6/29	7/1
July	7/28	7/29	7/30
August	8/27	8/30	9/1
September	9/29	9/30	10/1
October	10/28	10/29	11/1
November	11/29	11/29	12/1
December 2021	12/30	12/31	1/3/2022

\*\*See RPEA article above from Al Darby (looks like it happens again in 2022)



***Birthdays***

Best wishes are sent to all members who will be celebrating January & February Birthdays!

***Illnesses***

Get well wishes are sent to all who are not feeling well at this time and those recovering from an illness, injury or surgery. We hope all members and their loved ones will be spared and/or have recovered from the Covid19 virus.



**DUE TO COVID19, ALL  
LUNCHEONS ARE CANCELLED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



## CalPERS News, continued:

### Dependent Reverification for State and CSU Members (Insurance Eligibility)

In January 2021, CalPERS will begin the second three-year cycle of the dependent reverification process. The dependent reverification process requires all active and retired state and California State University (CSU) employees to verify their dependents meet the eligibility requirements for continued CalPERS health and/or dental benefits every three years. Members will receive the first dependent reverification letter 90 days before their birth month. The letter will provide a list of dependents who members are required to verify along with important information and instructions. **All verification documents are due by the first of the member's birth month. If documentation is not provided by the due date, the member's dependent(s) will be removed automatically from their health and/or dental benefits.**

#### Dependents who require verification:

- Spouses
- Registered Domestic Partners
- Natural Born Children\*
- Adopted children\*
- Stepchildren
- Children of Registered Domestic Partners

\*Natural born and adopted children will only need to be reverified once during your reverification process as an active employee and once as a retiree.

**State and CSU Retirees:** Once a member retires, they will have to resubmit all reverification documents to CalPERS during their first reverification cycle as a retiree. To ensure secure and timely processing of a member's reverification documents, members may upload their signed and dated Dependent Eligibility Verification Affidavit and all other required documents online by logging in to [myCalPERS](#) and going to the **Health** tab and selecting the **Verify Your Dependents Now** link. Processing can take up to 30 days and you will receive a notification letter.

All of a member's required dependent reverification documents submitted as a retiree will be retained by CalPERS. Members may not be required to provide the government issued marriage certificate, domestic partnership registration, and birth certificates for stepchildren or domestic partner children if the marriage or domestic partnership remains current.

**Verification Schedule:** Refer to this updated chart to determine the month and year members will be mailed their 90-day letter reminder:

<u>Member's Birth Month</u>	<u>Month &amp; Year Verification Letter Mailed to Member</u>
January.....	October 2023
February.....	November 2021
March.....	December 2022
April.....	January 2021
May.....	February 2022
June.....	March 2023
July.....	April 2021
August.....	May 2022
September.....	June 2023
October.....	July 2021
November.....	August 2022
December.....	September 2023

**For More Information:** To learn more, visit [Dependent Eligibility Verification](#) on our website, or call us during business hours at 888 CalPERS (888-225-7377) if you have questions.



## DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!

With the holidays upon us, I would like to share a personal experience with my friends about drinking and driving. This is a first for me, as I normally don't drink and I don't preach about it.

A few of us have had brushes with the authorities on the way home after a "social session" out with friends. Well, two days ago I was out for an evening with friends and had several drinks. Feeling jolly, I still had the sense to know that I may be well over the limit. That's when I did something that I've never done before - I took a cab home.

The smart thing to do, right?

Sure enough. On the way home, there was a police sobriety checkpoint. Since it was a cab, they waved it past and I arrived home safely without incident. This was a real surprise as I had never driven a cab before. I don't know where I got it, and now that it's in my garage, I don't know what to do with it!

If you have any suggestions, let me know.

Ho Ho Ho, Happy Holidays!

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Charley, a new retiree/greeter at Walmart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But, he was a good worker — really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded, and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day, the boss called him into the office for a talk.

"Charley, I have to tell you. I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here, but being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes. I know boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear."

"Yes, sir. I understand your concern, and I will try harder."

Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "I know you're retired from the armed forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in morning late so often?"

The old man looked down at the floor, and then smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said 'Good morning, Admiral. Can I get you a coffee?'"

## A Little Laughter Helicopter Ride



Walter took his wife Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, "Ethel, you know that I'd love to go for a ride in that helicopter." But Ethel would always reply, "I know that Walter, but that helicopter ride is \$50 and 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

Finally, they went to the fair again, and Walter said to Ethel, "Ethel, you know I'm 87 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance." Once again Ethel replied, "Walter, you know that helicopter is \$50 and 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple's conversation and said, "Listen folks, I'll make a deal with you. I'll take both of you for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's 50 dollars." Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel. The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn't so much as one word said.

When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, "Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!"

Walter replied, "Well, to be honest, I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!"

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I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes, I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, poor circulation, can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank goodness, I still have my driver's license!