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THE CHAT NEWSLETTER

**Retired Public Employees' Association
Burbank Chapter 026 Area V**

We are active and retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving retirement, medical, and other benefits.



MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

SPRING HAS SPRUNG?

I think we are all asking ourselves if this is really true with all this rain that we have had this season, but sunny days are up ahead.

In May, your CALPERS Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will be reflected in your warrants effective May 1st. The COLA is a benefit to ensure your value of money at retirement keeps up the rate of inflation. If you are a new retiree, the benefit typically begins during the second year of retirement based on your employer contracted COLA provision. The web-site link to see the various COLA's based on your retirement is

<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/retirees/cost-of-living/cola> In case you were unable to attend our last meeting, Brock Collins, from the GAIN Federal Credit Union, attended our meeting to discuss account strategies, high yield accounts, and using these to your advantage with an economic outlook. This is the first of three meetings discussing other subjects like lending resources and investing. He will present his second presentation at our next meeting on the 22nd. If you are interested in volunteering your time to our Chapter, let one of your Board members know as we have vacancies in our Sunshine Chair and Membership positions. Lastly, it is with great sadness to report to you that we have learned that Ken Nichols has passed away. Ken worked with the cities of Burbank and LA, and with the RPEA Board for many years eager to help his fellow retirees. Rest In Peace Ken! We will miss

YOU ARE INVITED! WE HOPE YOU'LL ATTEND! THE RPEA CHAPTER #026 LUNCHEON

**When? Noon on Monday,
April 22, 2024**

Where? HILL STREET CAFE

**3301 North Glenoaks Boulevard
Burbank, CA 91504**

Lunch is free to members & \$10 for guests

**Please RSVP to Dee Call by
April 20, 2024**

**By Phone - (818) 427-4235 or
EMAIL – damarisbubs@gmail.com**

CURRENT CHAPTER #026 BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2024

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you!

We hope you will be able to join us to hear this important information from the Credit Union, as well as ask questions. Thanks for your continuing support and remember to **let us know if you are coming to the meeting.** Looking forward to seeing each of you on **April 22, 2024.**

**Mary Jo Watkins,
President/Newsletter-Chapter #026
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT
MEETING IN A COUPLE MONTHS ON MONDAY,
June 24, 2024**

You may be someone who cannot attend luncheon meetings, but you want to support our efforts to protect your pension and health care benefits. If you want more information or want to have an application mailed to you, phone toll free 1-800-443-7732, or email rpeahq@rpea.com. For an online application, go to www.rpea.com. Make sure you update any changes to your email or life events with RPEA so we can forward any important information regarding your pension or benefits. Add your email if you have not done it before.

THE MORE MEMBERS WE HAVE, THE STRONGER OUR INFLUENCE!