



## RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

### NEWSLETTER

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

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**President**  
**Joan Gates**

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our chapter, 030, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Membership meeting really turned out well, considering the change of date and the weather. Unfortunately, our guest speaker, **Rosemary Knox**, STATE RPEA Vice-President, was

unable to attend. However **Lorenzo Rios**, STATE Editor and Public Relations, flew in from Southern California. What a surprise! He is very dedicated to the RPEA programs and tries to visit every chapter. He wants to learn first hand about their programs and meeting their members.

We gave out RPEA pins to the members present, as a reminder on our anniversary. **Shirley Klasey**, our Historian, brought several albums containing newsletters and pictures of past activities and events. Thank you **Shirley** for that huge effort. We also had a cake to celebrate the occasion.

I know how difficult it is for some members to attend the meeting, whether it to be medical or transportation issues. If any member has a problem with transportation, please contact me and I'll try and get someone to help. Remember, you can contact me or a member of the board who will contact me. I retired from the State and lived in Los Gatos, so I'm not familiar with a lot of you. Please bear with me.

I would like to remind all members, if you have any old newsletters or pictures, maybe even memorabilia of some kind, please contact **Shirley** or bring them to a membership meeting.

Looking forward to a successful 2019!

Joan Gates



### AUBURN CHAPTER 030 LUNCH MEETING

**DATE:** April 15, 2019

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Awful Annie's  
13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA.

**SPEAKER:** Earleen Freeman  
Eisley's Nursery

**SUBJECT:** Garden Questions and Answers

Listen to **Earleen** and her partner **Cindy** on KAH1 Radio in Auburn at 9am every Saturday morning. THE **GARDEN GODDESSES** discuss various garden topics. KAH1 950 AM and 104.5 FM.

### FOR MEETING / LUNCH RESERVATION

**NOTE:** MEETING will be HELD ON  
THE 3rd MONDAY, April 15th!  
**APRIL 15TH! .... APRIL 15TH!**

**CONTACT:** Bob or Marilyn Baker  
At oldsock39@gmail.com or call (530) 446-3122.  
Reservations are needed, so that the staff will have tables set up for us.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cash or check only. No credit or debit cards.

### DUMB SAYING'S FROM YOUR EDITOR

1. Do not meddle with the forces of nature, for you are small, insignificant, and biodegradable.
2. Friends help you move. REAL friends help you move the bodies.
3. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me the second time and they'll have a hard time finding your body.

**At the April meeting, remember to bring items for the HOMELESS SHELTER. Stocking caps, gloves and socks would be great.**  
**ALSO**  
**Canned goods for the FOOD BANK are also needed.**



**Members who attended the February 25<sup>th</sup>-50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting**

**Back Row:** Bob Baker, Joanne Snow, Micky Vernon, Cathy Capps, Dan Sedgley, Diane Dickinson, Fritz Albrect, Glen Kramer.

**Front Row:** Stillman Gates, Marilyn Baker, Shirley Klasey, Joan Gates, Lorenzo Rios (RPEA Guest), Wanda Adams and Tom Klasey.



**TOM KLAHEY AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

I was born in Los Angeles in 1947. I lived there for two years and then moved to Pico Rivera, a Los Angeles suburb. I attended school through junior college there. I then went to Long Beach State before entering the Air Force. My first tour of duty was Viet Nam. I taught English to Vietnamese soldiers who would replace Americans and allow them to return to the states.

After Viet Nam I was stationed at Travis AFB where I worked in out patient mental health. While there I took part in a program which allowed me to get my Masters degree in Clinical Social Work. While at the University of Utah I married **Shirley**. When people ask where we met we say we “Met in mental health” as we both worked in mental health programs. After U of U we moved to Vandenberg AFB. I left the Air Force in 1979 and went to work for Placer County. I was a CPS investigator initially and worked my way up to Manager of Emergency Services. **Shirley** and I have lived in the same house in Auburn for 39 years. Yes it’s paid for. I worked for the county for 25 years and retired in 2004.

Shirley and I have been married for 45 years and enjoy traveling, bird watching, movies and reading. I continue to sing in the local Barbershop chapter.

*Tom is our LEGISLATIVE representative for the RPEA Auburn Chapter 030.*

## OPTIMISM

**“Optimism is going after Moby Dick in a Rowboat;  
Chutzpah is taking the tarter sauce with you!”**

**“CHUTZPAH: Supreme self-confidence”**

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### ***RPEA: Who we are***

RPEA is a non-profit association of retirees and active employees who are members of the California Public Retirement System ([CalPERS](#)). Our mission is important:

- RPEA represents all public employees - classified schools, public agencies, and state.
- RPEA is liaison between retirees and CalPERS.
- RPEA is a mutual protective association for all beneficiaries of CalPERS.
- RPEA fights to maintain our current pension and health care benefits and improve these benefits every year.
- RPEA has local chapters in your area - attend meetings to stay informed and hear interesting speakers.

While we encourage participation in one of our 80+ chapters, most of our members participate by reading our bi-monthly newsletter, giving us feedback on their needs and enrolling in one or more of our "members only" supplemental insurance programs.

At \$5.00 per month, RPEA is a bargain that is hard to resist. You need us to fight to protect your earned pensions and benefits. We need you and you to support our fight to protect our pensions and benefits.

#### **Who We Are**

RPEA has over 23,000 members; with 80+ active chapters in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and Oregon.

RPEA was founded in 1958 as an association to protect and enhance retirement benefits for all Public Employees who receive their pension or health benefits from the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

RPEA is the only statewide association representing all PERS Retirees: State, Classified School and Public Agency.

#### **Why Join RPEA?**

RPEA retains a professional lobbyist who represents our interest before the Governor, Legislators and CalPERS Board. We also have access to a federal lobbyist who keeps us informed on federal retiree issues.

RPEA continues an active and ongoing relationship with CalPERS serving on their Advisory Committee concerning CalPERS plans and proposals. We also monitor every CalPERS Committee and frequently testify at these meetings on behalf of our members.

Every RPEA member receives a bi-monthly statewide newsletter with general information and legislative, and health care updates.

RPEA offers a variety of discount programs for our members.

#### **RPEA Structure**

The General Assembly is composed of Delegates from every chapter and is the governing body of the Association. The authority and responsibility of the elected Board of Directors is defined in the Association's Bylaws and Policy File. RPEA's State Board of Directors is currently comprised of:



## OFFICERS

President  
Vice President  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Immediate Past President

## DIRECTORS

Director of Membership  
Director of Public Relations  
Director of Health Benefits  
Director of Legislation

## AREA DIRECTORS

9 Area Directors

Each Area Director has a number of Assistant Area Directors who together manage and assist some 77 active chapters.



The April General Membership meeting is quickly approaching and I want to encourage our membership to bring **food** donations for the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. This is one of the community outreach programs that we support. Shirley and I will take all the donations that are made and deliver them to the food closet. A donation of any size is welcomed and this is a project we hope to carry on throughout the year.

**Tom Klacey**

*Something I would like to add to Tom's note above. Even if you cannot join us for the meeting, you might stop by and leave your donations for the food closet.*

*Another thing that has been needed is socks, stocking caps, and gloves for the homeless shelter. That will be a year round project that we can store when the weather changes.*

**Bob Baker**



## GENERAL MEETING LUNCHESES

At our December Chapter meeting, members were served full sized meals (*versus senior size*) Courtesy of Awful Annie's. At the time, this seemed like a nice holiday treat. This year, at our February Meeting, we were again served full sized meals rather than the "Senior size" that had been served in the past. This is now the new normal. In January 2019, Awful Annie's raised the price of the meals by one dollar from \$16 to \$17. With the pricing change, the restaurant also did away with the "Senior" size versus "full" size meal structure. Now that Awful Annie's is only serving the full sized meal, at one easy Price, we no longer have to identify which people gets the pricier meal. Now the servers no longer have to look for those white cards that said FULL, in order to serve lunch. **Chapter members will continue to pay \$12 per meal;** however, the price of a guest lunch has gone up to \$17.

Eat Hearty and don't hesitate to ask for a TO GO box!  
Bon Appetit!

Cathy Capps, Treasurur

**IN OTHER WORDS, NOTHING BUT THE  
PORTION HAS CHANGED!**

**GOT A GRANDSON, GRANDDAUGHTER  
OR GREAT GRAND YOU WANT TO SHOW  
OFF? SEND ME A PICTURE.**

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