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Retired Public Employees' Association

Chapter 33 – Area VI

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You're Invited !

When? Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where? Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church
1900 North "D" St., San Bernardino

Important! Reservations are required by September 3 at the latest!

Phone June Copple at 909-583-1082 or Kathy Pollard at 909-229-5167. Be sure to give us the name and phone number for each person who will attend. Our catering order must be accurate; so if you RSVP and then find you can't attend, let June know right away.

Menu: Beef Teriyaki, white rice, mixed veggies, salad, cookies [Thomas Catering]

Lunch Prices: Member: \$5 Member with lapsed dues: \$10 Member's spouse: \$5
New member attending for the first time: FREE
One caregiver (if needed): \$5; Second caregiver: \$10
Guest of member or additional family member: \$10
Non-member: First time \$5; thereafter \$10

Program: Our guest speaker will be Margaret Brown, 2018-2022 CalPERS Board Member. Among other topics, she will discuss the best options to use when voting in CalPERS elections (since there were issues with electronic voting previously).

- Drawings for door prizes will follow the program.
- Bring used books and magazines to participate in the chapter exchange.



EIGHTH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE!

Please bring non-perishable foods, canned or packaged, to restock the community pantry and help those in need of a "helping hand." Tuna and canned meats are especially needed. **THANKS!**

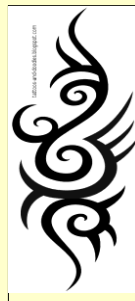


WE'RE WELCOMING 27 NEW CHAPTER 33 MEMBERS!

REUBEN ARCEO	San Bernardino	BARBARA LAFFOON	San Bernardino
JAYNE BARTEL	Rancho Mirage	IRA MORROW	Colton
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MONICA FRAME	Redlands	MICHAEL RAZO	Colton
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LUWANE HARTZLER	Barstow	CYNTHIA SCHMIDT	Oak Hills
ADRIAN HERNANDEZ	Highland	DAVID SIMON	Florida
TAMARA HUMPHREYS	Apple Valley	DAVID STOKER	Hesperia
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BONNIE JONES	Rialto	KEN WOODWARD	Helendale
		CHARLES WYATT	Redlands

“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, vision and other 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. {San Bernardino Chapter 33 is listed under Area VI.} The website is “user friendly”!



In Remembrance...

KAY BISHOP	Colorado
DENNIS BRUTSCHE	Colorado
EDWARD GALLAGHER	Wrightwood
BENNIE GLADDEN	San Bernardino
TANYA RAKESTRAW	Sacramento
FRED WRIGLEY	Utah

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(Leave a message including your name & chapter number.)



CALPERS LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

After the court denied CalPERS' request to have the lawsuit thrown out, the judge ruled that it would be a class-action covering those who had purchased LTC insurance from 1995-2004 [LTC1 and LTC2] and who had also purchased inflation protection and/or lifetime benefits.

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; then claims asserted against CalPERS went forward. [Note: There is a set deadline to cash the check; so if you received one, don't delay in cashing it!]

The \$1.2 billion suit, known as Elma Sanchez vs. CalPERS, could affect up to 100,000 seniors. The amount of damages is one of the issues to be addressed at trial.

The trial, taking place in L.A. County Superior Court, was broken up into three phases. The Phase 1 court trial took place on June 10-11 when the judge found that while CalPERS had a general right to increase premiums on a class-wide basis, it was prohibited to do so "as a result of" the inflation protection benefit. He found that a jury should determine whether all or part of the 85% increase was "as a result of" inflation protection and thus would mean CalPERS breached the contract. CalPERS therefore did not prevail in its inflation protection defense.

In Phase 2, CalPERS argued 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 ruled against CalPERS as a matter of law. Since the only damages being sought in the suit are based on the 2015-2016 85% premium increase, the case could not have been filed years earlier.

In Phase 3, the lawsuit—absent a settlement—will proceed to a jury trial related to the potential breach of contract; any damages would be determined then.

The parties have agreed to mediation on September 4 and October 7 to try to resolve the matter. The Court has scheduled the jury trial (Phase 3) to begin on October 30 should the matter not be settled.

Note: For additional updates, go to www.calpersclassactionlawsuit.com.

Select "Litigation Update – KCT Legal – Lawsuit."

**Know someone who might be interested in joining RPEA?
Please share this luncheon invitation!**

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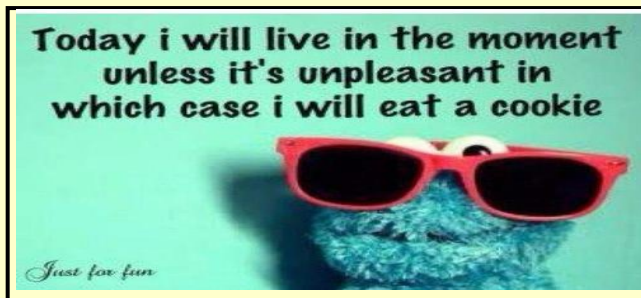


**CHAPTER 33 LUNCHEON MEETINGS
PLEASE SAVE THESE 2019 DATES!**

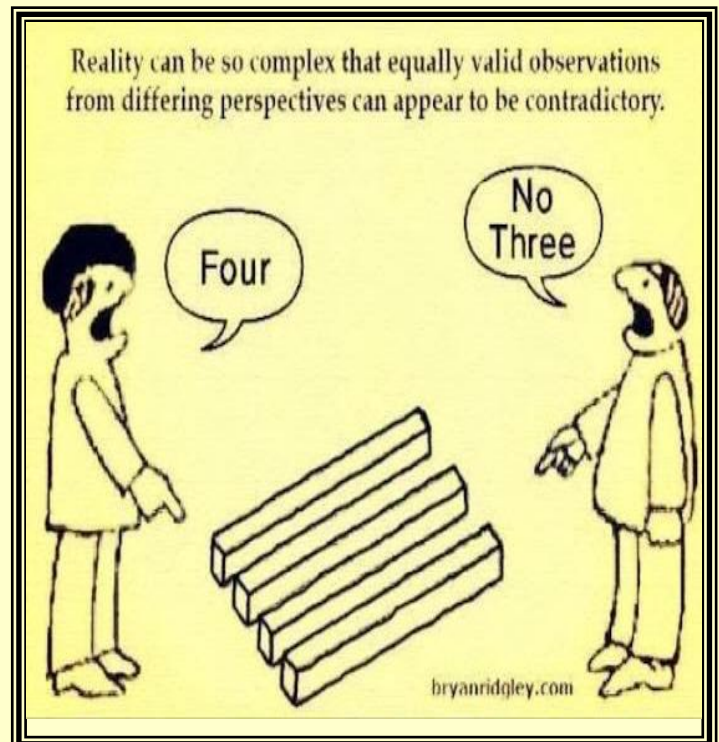
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NEXT BOARD MEETING: NOV. 5 (1 p.m.)



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EYESIGHT BY LOOKING ON THE
BRIGHT SIDE.**



Membership applications are available at luncheons, online at rpea.com or by phoning June Copple (our Membership Chairperson) at 909-583-1082. We welcome everyone!