



RETIREE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 35

July, August, September

Summer 2019

Notice of Chapter 35 Luncheon Meeting

Date: August 14, 2019
 Time: 12:00 Noon
 Where: Vallejo Moose Lodge
 337 Nebraska Street
 Cost of Lunch: \$10.00
 Lunch Speaker will be Jennifer House, the
 Marketing Director for Comfort Keepers and In-
 Home Care

Bring a friend or former co-worker
 Reservations must be made by
August 7, 2019
 Please call **Sandy Stone 552-6458**

Officers and Directors 2019—2020

Officers:

President: Dorothy Hayes 648-3212
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 Secretary: Sylvia Amen 552-0719
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Asst. Treasurer:

Directors:

Finance:
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 Health & Welfare: Sandy Stone 552-6458
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Area 1 Director

Paul Tamboury pault@rpea32.org

TREASURER

Our Treasurer Jodeane Blois would like to step down. If you are interested in filling the position of Treasurer, please call

Dorothy 648-3212 or Sylvia 552-0719

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a member's illness or a death in the family, *please* contact Sandy Stone 552-6458 to send a card.

FREE LUNCH DRAWINGS

There will be drawings for free lunches. You must be present August 14th to win.



Welcome to all members from Chapter 011 Napa County who are now members of Chapter 35. Our membership is now 550!

We hope those who have joined us will come to our quarterly luncheon meetings at the Vallejo Moose Lodge. Lunch and fellowship are always good. Our speakers are always informative and often entertaining.

RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION – CHAPTER 035

The quarterly meeting of Chapter 035 of the Retired Public Employees' Association was held on **May 8, 2019** at the Vallejo Moose Lodge.

The meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Hays at 12:08 p.m. Twenty-four members and guests were present. All Officers and Directors were present except for Communications Director Mary Cecchini.

President Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Area I Director Paul Tamboury and his wife, Assistant Area I Director Susan Tamboury.

After lunch, Area Director Paul Tamboury spoke about several topics.

He recently had to close two chapters – Chapter 010 and Chapter 011. One of the main problems was having people step up to take office. Our chapter has had an influx of new members because of this. The mission of RPEA is to protect our pension and benefits. Our pensions are being attacked by a lot of people. There should be a ruling on the **California Rule** within the next 6 months. Don't ever sign a petition to "help" our retirement system. What they really want to do is to get rid of our pensions and go to 401k's.

He recommended that we read the newsletters that come from **CalPERS** and **RPEA**.

You can sign up online with My CalPERS to see where you stand with your retirement. The website is: <https://my.calpers.ca.gov/web/ept/public/systemaccess/login/username.html>. They have a form that deals strictly with your pension called a **Special Power of Attorney** that you can download at: <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/active-members/retirement-benefits/service-disability-retirement/power-of-attorney>. If something happens to you, there would be no question as to who has a voice in what happens to your pension. The form needs to be notarized. You should also make sure your **Death Benefit** goes to who you want.

If you have Kaiser, or any of the other health plans, it is important to have an **Advanced Care Directive** on file so that if you can't make decisions, someone is authorized to make them for you.

The RPEA Legislative Committee is very active. The next RPEA State Board meeting will be held in June at the Hilton Hotel on Arden Way in Sacramento. If you are interested in attending, contact Paul for more information, or contact Tanya Rakestraw at Headquarters to make a reservation. Our chapter will cover the costs for any of our members to attend – including round-trip mileage, hotel and any meals not covered by RPEA.

Membership Director Marlies Lenigk reported that we now have 548 members. The increase in membership is due to the merger with Napa Chapter 011.

Health & Welfare Director Sandy Stone reported that she sent a Sympathy card to the family of Reba Anderson. She sent Get Well cards to Dennis Sullivan, Glenda Cooper and Mary Cecchini. President Hays asked that if you know of a member's illness to please let Sandy know so that she can send a card to let them know we are thinking of them.

The minutes of the February 13, 2019 quarterly meeting were approved as posted in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Jodeane Blois did not have anything to report because she had not received the April statement from the bank yet.

Old Business:

The Board agreed to the transfer of our Chapter from Area VII to Area I and Vice President Rachel Maldonado Aziminia has notified the RPEA State Headquarters.

It was mentioned at our last meeting that the Moose Lodge had increased the price of our lunch by \$1.00. It was \$15.00 and is now \$16.00. The Board decided to continue charging our members \$10.00 for lunch. The chapter will subsidize the \$6.00 difference.

MINUTES CONTINUED

New Business: Treasurer Jodeane Blois would like to step down. If anyone is interested in taking over this position, please let someone on the Board know.

The next meeting will be on **August 14, 2019**.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Lunch raffle recipients: Fran Griswold, Liz Kassa, Linda Smith and Sandy Stone.

Please contact someone on the Board if you have a suggestion for a guest speaker.

SYLVIA AMEN

Secretary



TANYA RAKESTRAW: It is with deep sorrow that I must inform you that our beloved Office Manager, Tanya Rakestraw, passed away yesterday, June 24, after a lengthy illness. She appeared to be handling her treatment well and working most of the time until her sudden passing yesterday. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her in this association. We at RPEA express our deep sympathy to her family and friends.

Al Darby
President

From email dated June 25, 2019

In recognition of her 12 years of service as RPEA's long term accounts payable clerk and her broad knowledge of almost all headquarters functions, I am pleased to announce that Radtana Lee has accepted the position of Assistant Office Manager effective July 8, 2019. Her grasp of the duties of the managing the office has been apparent to me over the past several years and by recent increased demands upon her that have been met with an exemplary performance. In fact, the entire staff has been outstanding in handling the difficult challenges posed by recent unfortunate events.

All communications with Headquarters should be addressed to Radtana. She will assign tasks to the appropriate staff member. An addition to the staff will be coming on board July 15. His name is Sean Decker. His role will be the product of redistribution of duties from all existing positions in the office.

I plan to serve as Office Manager for the near term to facilitate my work with Radtana to reassign office assignments to balance workload and operate in the most efficient manner.

Al Darby
President

From, email dated July 9, 2019

RETIREE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION—RPEA

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.

RPEA MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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CHAPTER 35 NEWSLETTER

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Thank you.

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