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ORANGE COUNTY

RPEA CHAPTER 040

ESTABLISHED JULY 31, 1972



OUR NEXT MEETING

WED, DEC 11, 2019 @ 11 AM



Kelli Morris will be our guest speaker. Kelli Morris is the Director of the Council on Aging – Southern California's Senior Protection Program and Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST). She provides education and outreach and limited public consultations regarding elder abuse and co-chairs monthly FAST meetings.

Additionally, Kelli serves as a Social Security Disability Appeals Attorney and represents individuals throughout California and across the United States to obtain federal disability benefits.

Kelli has a BA in Biological Sciences with an emphasis on Genetics and a minor in psychology from USC (Yes, she is a proud Trojan!), and a Juris Doctorate and Masters of Small Business Law from Concord Law School.

Our meeting will start with lunch at 11:00 am at HomeTown Buffet, 1008 E 17th St, Santa Ana. Bring your festive spirit, an unwrapped gift for the children of the incarcerated.



The Prez Sez



Seasons greetings chapter 40 members,

Our last chapter meeting of 2019 is scheduled for December 11th, at the HomeTown Buffet, Santa Ana, 11am. Our December meeting is always very special, and the Board has planned a festive meeting. Our distinguished guest speaker will address avoiding scams. We would appreciate, if you can, to please bring an unwrapped gift for the Saint Vincent DePaul Christmas Charities for children up to age 15. There will be drawings for gifts, gift cards, poinsettias, and who knows what more.

We welcome Lorne Merkosky who has agreed to serve on the Board as a member-at-large. For the hard work and dedication of your board and to those of you who actively participate in our chapter meetings, I say thank you.

Since our last chapter meeting John Jago and I attended the 2019 Golden Future 50+ Senior Expo at Angel Stadium with Area director of Kathleen Collins. The Senior Expo provided guest speakers, handouts and general information of Interest to seniors, baby boomers and retirees. I trust some of you were able to attend.

RPEA is in need of more members. We need more of our members to attend meetings and take an active role in our chapter. Mark your calendar now and attend this special meeting. Bring a prospective member to the always, lunch is on us.



Ivory Webb, President

RPEA Mission: 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 our retirement and medical benefits.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING RPEA Chapter 040, September 11, 2019

Members enjoyed lunch beginning at 11:00 am before the meeting began, at the HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana, compliments of Chapter 040.

The regular quarterly meeting of RPEA Chapter 040 was called to order by Past President Viola Sadler at 11:50 am due to the absence of President Ivory Webb and Vice-President Estela Merkosky. Treasurer John Jago led the members in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. In the absence of Inspiration and Sunshine Chair Evelyn Hicks, Viola requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Guest Speaker: Viola Sadler introduced Ray Potter from the Orange County Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HI-CAP). He said that employees of HI-CAP receive ongoing training regarding Medicare and are very willing to assist callers. They know that many seniors may not understand Parts A, B, C, or D, or may have other questions about Medicare. He emphasized that members should call if they have any concerns about something regarding Medicare. He provided handouts which contained general Medicare information.

Minutes: The minutes of the general meeting of June 12, 2019, and the board meeting of July 10, 2019, were read by Secretary Mercedes Smith. Jerry O'Keefe moved to accept the general meeting minutes as read. MSP. John Jago moved to accept the board meeting minutes as read. MSP.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Jago reported that as of August 31, 2019, the total in all accounts was \$17,335.45 with the checking account being \$7,033.36, and there were 555 paid members. A copy of the report is attached. Bea North moved to accept the report as read. MSP. Since the last meeting John has contacted 30 more members about attending Chapter 040 meetings and found only 1 who was interested.

Membership: Chair Bill Todd was unable to attend. Two new members were welcomed, Shirley Dyas and Fred Wyanz. There were 16 in attendance at this meeting.

New Business: Past President Jerry O'Keefe presented to Treasurer John Jago a yearbook

from the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation titled *The Marines*. Both John (Marines) and Jerry (Navy) served during the Cuban missile crisis in the early 1960's.



Area VIII Director Kathleen Collins reported that the RPEA Board has authorized 10 percent of RPEA's funds to be invested. She noted that attendance at meetings is down at all chapters. Chapters 2, 79, 95, and 98 have actually been dissolved due to an inability to get leadership. Speakers are available from AMBIA.

The next General Assembly will be in Sacramento September 20-24, 2020. And there is still time to take advantage of the RPEA sponsored Princess Cruise to Mexico from October 26 to November 2, 2019.

Old Business: The Golden Future 50+ Expo is on November 2, 2019, at 10:00 am at Angel Stadium. Advance registration is required and volunteers are needed. Members were reminded that unwrapped gifts for children will be accepted at the December meeting for donation to the "Friends Outside" program of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Three Target gift cards were given away to members as an attendance incentive.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 11:00 am at the HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana. The next general meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at the HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Mercedes Smith, Secretary



**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
RPEA CHAPTER 040, October 9, 2019**

Members enjoyed lunch beginning at 11:00 am before the meeting at HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana, compliments of Chapter 040.

The board meeting of RPEA Chapter 040 was called to order by President Ivory Webb at 11:45 am. Present were: Ivory Webb, Estela and Lorne Merkosky, John Jago, Viola and Chuck Sadler, Ken and Bea North, Evelyn Hicks, and Mercedes Smith.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Lorne Merkosky. Inspiration Chair Evelyn Hicks advised us "To forget your mistakes, but remember what they taught you".

Minutes: Secretary Mercedes Smith read the minutes of the September 11, 2019, general meeting. Estela Merkosky moved to accept the minutes as read. MSP. After the September meeting, Mercedes sent get well cards to Frank Hicks, Daisy Vuksanovich, and Ken North.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Jago reported that as of September 30, 2019, the balance in the chapter checking account was \$6,792.35 and the total in all accounts was \$17,103.68. There were 556 paid members. Bea North moved to accept the report as presented. MSP. A copy is attached. John will call another group of members to remind them of the December general meeting.

Membership: Bill Todd was unable to attend. John Jago and Viola Sadler will contact Corey Saeteurn at RPEA Hdqtrs regarding current monthly membership information.

Old Business: No election will be held at the December meeting as the board members elected in December 2018 will serve 2 year terms. The next election will be in December 2020.

Those attending the Golden Future 50+ Expo on November 2, 2019, can register on site if they have not already registered online.

Unwrapped gifts for children up to age 15 will be collected at the December general meeting for donation to the Friends Outside program by the St Vincent de Paul Church.

Discussion was held on the RPEA Board's authorization to invest 10 percent of RPEA funds. We will request more information about this issue from Area Director Kathleen Collins.

Bea North provided a handout with pricing information for placing an ad in the Orange County Register for the December meeting. Mercedes Smith

moved that Bea compose the ad as discussed, and place the ad, pursuant to Board approval of text, frequency, and price. MSP.

New Business: For drawings held throughout the December general meeting: Bea North moved that Evelyn Hicks be authorized to spend up to \$400.00 for miscellaneous gifts. MSP. Viola Sadler moved that Bea North be allocated \$300.00 to provide gift cards and/or cash gifts. MSP. Ken North moved that John Jago be authorized to spend up to \$150.00 to purchase poinsettias. MSP.

Viola Sadler has scheduled Kelli Morris from the Orange County Council on Aging to speak at the December 2019 general meeting. The topic will be "How to Avoid Scams".

The next general meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana. The next board meeting is Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at the HomeTown Buffet in Santa Ana.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Mercedes Smith, Secretary



HUMOR

The leader of the vegetarian society just couldn't control himself anymore. He just had to try some pork. So one summer day he told his members he was going on a vacation. He packed out of town, and headed to the nearest restaurant.



After sitting down, he ordered a roasted pig, and impatiently waited for his delicacy. After just a few minutes, he heard someone call his name, and to his great chagrin he saw one of his fellow members walking towards him. Just at that same moment, the waiter walked over, with a huge platter, holding a full roasted pig with an apple in its mouth.

"Isn't that something," says the leader after only a moments pause, "all I do is order an apple, and look what it comes with!"



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General Meetings

March 11, 2020
June 10, 2020
September 9, 2020
December 9, 2020

Board Meetings

January 9, 2020
April 8, 2020
July 8, 2020
October 14, 2020

April 27-28, 2020: RPEA Board of Directors Meeting, Orange County

September 20-24, 2020: General Assembly, Arden Fair Hilton, Sacramento, CA

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Contact your newsletter editor at vrsadler@aol.com to get the newsletter electronically. Be certain to put Viola's email address in your contact list.

ALSO, don't forget to update your email address and any other changes with RPEA headquarters at rpeahq@rpea.com or phone 800-443-7732. Thank you.

Have you checked the RPEA website lately? Try it: rpea.com.

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