



Retired Public Employees' Association Chapter 043 - Yolo, Sutter, Yuba Counties, Area VII 3RD Quarter, 2023

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.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, August 10, 2023

CRACCHIOLO'S, 11:30AM, 1320 E. MAIN, WOODLAND

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YOLOCARES HAS A PROGRAM JUST TO SUPPORT SENIORS

The program for the August General Membership Meeting will introduce us to the Senior Peer Companion Program administered by YoloCares.

Tracy Keenan is the Senior Peer Companion Program Coordinator for YoloCares and will provide us with an overview of their program which is aimed at seniors age 60+ residing in Yolo County.



We first met Tracy at the recent Yolo Senior Resource Fair where she was visiting to make connections for her program. We immediately realized she offered a perfect opportunity to inform our membership about services provided to seniors and also an opportunity to become a Peer Counselor. Volunteer Counselors are members of the community who have diverse backgrounds and a multitude of life experiences. With training the Peer Counselor helps clients feel emotional support, access community resources and improve self care.

Tracy has been with YoloCares for more than seven years working in roles that included Bereavement Counselor and Social Worker with their Palliative Care and Hospice Programs.

Members interested in meeting Tracy should reserve a seat for the next luncheon by contacting Loran Vetter at **530-662-9985** not later than August 7th. Cost of lunch will be \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for guests. Lunch will be an assortment of Mexican foods plus dessert and beverages. Any guest who is eligible for membership is welcome to eat free.

CAL-PERS CYBER DATA BREACH WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NOW?

You received a letter explaining steps to protect yourself. Read the letter. Broken down simply:

Enroll in the Experian Identify Works Program- CalPERS is paying for this program so make sure you use it. **You must enroll by September 30, 2023 for this program.** Request an updated Credit Report by contacting:

www.annualcreditreport.com or calling 1-877-322-8228. You can request all 3 reports one time per year for free.

Monitor your bank accounts and credit cards daily.

Put a freeze on your credit cards by contacting all three major credit bureaus. It is fast and painless and prevents someone from opening an account.

Personally notify your bank and ask that a notation concerning this breach be attached to your file.

Questions: Call CalPERS at 833-919-4735, Visit the website: calpers.ca.gov/PBI, email questions to PBIquestions@calpers.ca.gov.

Need help getting into the ExperianIDWorks program? Ask a Chapter Officer for assistance.

CHAPTER 43 VICE-PRESIDENT

As we head into Autumn there is lots of important news in this quarter's newsletter. Be sure to read about the CalPERS security breach, the steps Chapter 43 is taking to insure financial responsibility.

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CHAPTER 43 VICE PRESIDENT

ity for our local group and the informative and helpful summary about YoloCares from our guest speaker at our August 10 meeting.



Our speaker, Tracy Keenan, is the Senior Peer Companion Program Coordinator with YoloCares. She will tell us about the Senior Peer Companion Program, which offers free peer-to-peer social and emotional support for seniors who are 60 years or older and reside in Yolo County. She will also provide information on similar programs in the region.

We will enjoy a Mexican flavored fiesta for our August lunch and a BINGO activity will follow our meeting. We hope you will be able to join us for this enriching gathering.

Elizabeth Kemper, Chapter 43 Vice President

CHAPTER FACES BUDGET CRUNCH

Inflation- There's been so much talk about it all over the world. And, now it's become problematic with our local chapter 43 of Retired Public Employees Association. We recently held an emergency board meeting to address this.



Our major expenditures fall into three categories- quarterly luncheons, BINGO and newsletter. It was difficult making decisions but we plan to make the following changes.

1. Beginning with our next luncheon, we find it necessary to increase the member contribution towards the meal to \$15.
2. Additionally, it was voted to only have BINGO

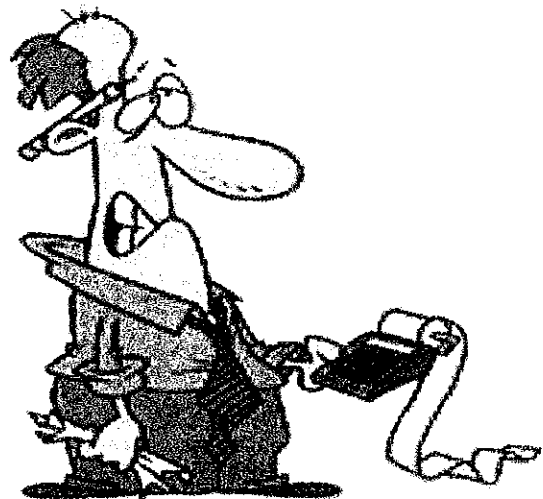
twice a year instead of at every meeting. BINGO can cost the Chapter up to \$100 at each meeting, depending on the number of winners. The current plan is to have BINGO during the August and February meetings.

3. The recent increases of the costs of printing and mailing newsletters will require us to find ways of reducing these expenses. First we will limit the number of pages in the newsletter to four pages. Next, we will reduce the number of copies mailed by utilizing emails for some members who have and use emails. Since many members do not have an email address, we still plan on mailing about 200 newsletters each quarter to keep using our Non-profit mailing permit, a major saving over first class mail rates. The use of emails will not begin until the 4th quarter newsletter in October. Please be sure to notify RPEA headquarters of any changes to your email as well as changes of address.

The Chapter 43 Board will continue to closely monitor our spending and hopefully these changes are temporary.

Paula Cooper, Chapter 43 Treasurer

How To Budget Your Money



Welcome To Chapter 43

Theresa Baldwin	Sacramento
John Perry	Yuba City
Shirley Porter	Vacaville
Dora Straube	Dixon

ONLINE MEMBER RENEWAL

Members wishing to pay online for their membership renewals should use the following link:

<https://store.rpea.com/products/single-membership-renewal>

VOLUNTEERING AND OTHER TIDBITS

BY LORAN VETTER

Wow- it has ended up being a fantastic year for volunteering. I have finally gained another member in my ad hoc Committee. Her name is Hillari DeSchane and she is a member of the Stockton Chapter. Hillari is a terrific writer and is very excited about being a part of this project.



This past fiscal year, we have posted \$ 1,953,735.92 as an organization. Our Chapter 043 contributed \$93,673.20 by donating 2510 hours to the total. If you can imagine, this amount of value is being generated by roughly one percent of our members. Think about the value of 10% of our members volunteering

and sending in their numbers.

Our new fiscal year started on July 1, 2023 and will run through June 30, 2024. That gives us plenty of time to beat last year's total. As always, the forms can be filled out on line, sent in as a paper form, or accessed from the bi-monthly newsletter. The information we generate is being used in various ways to enhance the positive view of Public Employment Retirees.

One other topic before I close, the CalPERS Data Breach is a serious threat to our economic security. Please make sure you sign up for the ExperianID-Works Program being provided by CalPERS. If you have a problem registering for the program, please let a Chapter Officer know.

VOLUNTEER



THE YOLO SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Chapter 43 was a proud attendee at the 2023 Yolo Senior Resource Fair. Manning our table and representing RPEA was Linda Kuntz, Paula Cooper and Ruth Tucker. Also attending and not shown were Loran Vetter and Floyd Kemper. Hundreds of Seniors visited the Fair and many found their way to our table to visit. We had a great time and found the event to be a great resource for Seniors.

And the winner is...

BINGO

BINGO games will be played following the August General Membership Meeting. Anyone interested may play without charge and could win a valuable gift card.

Winners from the May 18th meeting were **Chuck Kolb, Mike McKenna, Linda Kuntz, Judy Johnson and Suzanne Connelly**. The gift cards were awarded at the meeting.



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CALL LORAN AT 530-662-9985 TO RSVP**

LABOR DAY IS ANOTHER DAY TO PROUDLY FLY YOUR AMERICAN FLAG

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Second Thursdays at
Cracchiolo's Hall, 11:30AM:

August 10, 2023
November 9, 2023
February 8, 2024
May 9, 2024

**BOARD & NEWSLETTER,
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Second Mondays, 1 PM, at
Raley's Meeting Room:

October 9, 2023
January 8, 2024
April 8, 2024
July 8, 2024

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