



# Retired Public Employees' Association

## Chapter 043 - Yolo, Sutter, Yuba Counties, Area 7, 1ST Quarter 2026

*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, February 12, 2026**

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

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## GUEST SPEAKER MARGARET BROWN PRESIDENT, R.P.E.A.

We will begin the year 2026 with our most important guest speaker in several years - the current president of R.P.E.A. Margaret E. Brown. Elected to the top job in September of 2024, Margaret has distinguished herself as a tough critic of CalPERS policies on investing our retirement funds in possibly unsafe investments. Many of her concerns are based on her four years of experience while serving on the CalPERS board.



You are invited to attend this important meeting to find answers for your questions and concerns. Or maybe just to enjoy a nice visit with friends and a great lunch. Reservations are required to ensure we have enough lunch for everyone. Please call our secretary, Loran Vetter, at 530-908-3996 to reserve lunch for yourself and any guests you might bring. Meal cost is \$15.00 for members and guests. The meal will be roasted chicken with the usual sides along with dessert and beverages.

Remember to plan on staying after the meeting adjourns to play some FREE BINGO with some nice prizes for all the winners

## CHAPTER 43 PRESIDENT POLITICS AND POWER

Greetings Everyone,

Holidays – Christmas, New Years Eve/Day, and any other holiday you might have celebrated have come and gone. I hope you all had a great time with loved ones. I also hope that it was a safe and healthy time for you all. It was a bit cold as the sun didn't really want to visit us, but we didn't let that deter us.



Politics in Sacramento are somewhat scary. After the end of the year break the politicians are back and are very busy catching up with new laws, etc. As a result, a group of us will be going to the state capital to meet with our representatives. I will be one of them. We are currently trying to make these appointments to meet them. It's difficult to get in to see them but we won't be put off. We need them to understand that the R.P.E.A. has members up and down the state and we are voters. Yes, your vote means something and has power. Politicians court big unions like fire, law enforcement and teachers' unions. We as a group (statewide) have a very large vote as well. We want them to know this and recognize us and support our needs.

So wish us luck.

And as always, I wish you all a great day and good health.

Sincerely,  
Chuck Kolb

## DROP & THE DELETE ACT CALIFORNIA PRIVACY LAW

Beginning on January first all California residents are able to register with the state's CalPrivacy agency to control your privacy information online from Data Brokers. DROP stands for "Delete Request and Opt-out Platform".

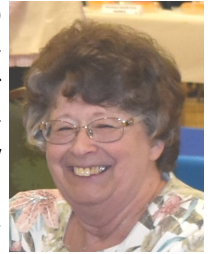
There is no cost to you and the registration is easy with full information available by going to the state website <https://privacy.ca.gov/drop/>. This program is only available to California residents and should help reduce those unwanted calls everyone receives when your information is sold by data brokers.

### WISH I'D SAID THAT....

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis?  
Disgruntled.
3. Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
4. Why do bees stay in their hives during winter?  
Swarm.
5. If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
6. Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
7. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
8. I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
9. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
10. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.

## POST CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Christmas Day, for those of us who celebrate it, should be a time of reflection and joy. Depending on your beliefs, many of us believe that miracles occurred during this Holiday Season. Please don't misunderstand me, I am not touting one set of beliefs over another, but stating that this is a special time for many of us. You may ask yourself, "What does this have to do with Volunteering"?



Some of us have more and some of us have less in material goods. For most of us, our belief sets, whether personal or part of a dogma urge us to reach out to those who need help. We are Retired Public Employees' and our entire careers have focused on helping others. It stands to reason that many of us would continue on that path into retirement and beyond. I mention this because we are in a critical time in our country.

Many people have lost their 'safety nets' and must turn to other resources for assistance. Every time one of us reaches out to help someone else, it is an example of our compassion and humanity. I found myself ringing a bell for the Salvation Army this Holiday Season and I was touched by the generosity of my neighbors. So, I guess the point is that feeling of inner glow you feel when you have given of yourself to someone in need.

Loran Vetter

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.

Erma Bombeck

### ONLINE MEMBER RENEWAL

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

[www.rpea.com/index.php/membership/form](http://www.rpea.com/index.php/membership/form)

{NOTE: This is a corrected link.}

## Personal Care Pantry

Woodland United Methodist Church  
 620 North Street  
 Woodland, California 95695

November 17, 2025

Retired Public Employees Association

Dear RPEA Members:

We would like to thank the RPEA for your generous donation to the Woodland United Methodist Church Personal Care Pantry. The products and money that you donated is greatly appreciated.

2025 is the Pantry's 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Since we started record keeping in 2018, we have welcomed 10,000 shoppers that has improved the lives of 45,000 household members. In 2018 we assisted 750 shoppers; in 2025 we are on pace to assist 1900 shoppers. With your help, we can continue to be available to those who are need of our service.

We truly appreciate Association's commitment to our community. We invite you to join us at a Pantry distribution on the first Thursday of each month. You will be able to see for yourself the joy that serving our community brings to both our shoppers and volunteers.

Sincerely,

Julie Stephens  
 Guyda Sheline  
 Co-Coordinator



**BINGO** games will be played following the February General Membership Meeting. Anyone interested may play without charge and could win a valuable gift card. We hope to have time for up to four games, so plan on staying around for a little extra "free" fun.

### *In Memoriam*

*Robin Doud Sacramento*

### Welcome To Chapter 43

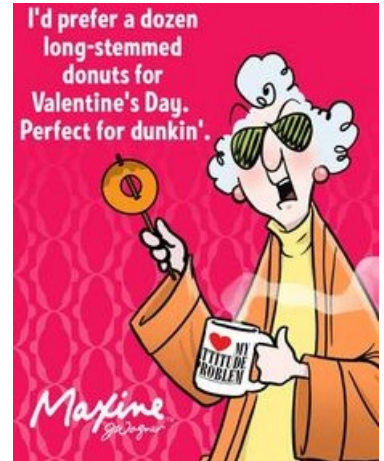
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CALL LORAN AT 530-908-3996 TO RSVP  
RESERVE EARLY - LIMITED SEATING



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

- February 12, 2026
- May 14, 2026
- August 13, 2026
- November 12, 2026

**BOARD & NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

- April 13, 2026
- July 13, 2026
- October 12, 2026
- January 11, 2027

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