



Retired Public Employees' Association Chapter 043 - Yolo, Sutter, Yuba Counties, Area VII 2ND Quarter, 2024

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, May 9, 2024
CRACCHIOLO'S, 11:30AM, 1320 E. MAIN, WOODLAND**

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All retirees know that we should plan ahead for the inevitable end of life and the legal and financial issues which result. But what is best for our situation? That is when we should consult an expert such as our next speaker, Barbara Sonin, a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trusts and Probate Law.



Barbara's background includes studies in Sociology and Business Administration with many years experience in business finance before deciding to change career and become an attorney. She has a particular focus on special needs trusts and planning for long-term care. Her motto is "caring for our clients, protecting their assets."

Barbara developed a passion for the elderly and people with special needs in her childhood. She treasured time with the neighborhood "grandma" who put candy canes on her pine tree every Christmas and told stories of her native Norway. She saw the difficulties faced by the neighbor with a profoundly disabled son, who cared for him at home at a time when no help was available for that care

In her personal life, Barbara loves to read, travel, and tend the roses she planted at her office. She

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NEWSLETTER ISSUES YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

The costs associated with the printing and mailing of our Chapter 043 newsletters has risen dramatically. We are now spending around \$2,000 yearly to print and mail the newsletters to you. We have been looking for ways to cut those costs.

Over the past six months, you may not have received your newsletter and we are sorry about that. We were trying to take advantage of emailing to reduce the expenses of printing and mailing newsletters to our membership. Much to our surprise, we discovered major issues, as many email systems rejected the newsletter as Spam!

The first attempt was in November of 2023 when we used a "Hotmail" account to send out the newsletter. It was a dismal failure. We tried again in February of 2024 utilizing the RPEA Headquarters email system (rpeahq@rpea.com). The results were not as bad, but we still had many problems with email rejections. NOTE: Please add the RPEA email address to your approved contact list.

This month we are once again printing and mailing out every newsletter - more than 500 - and we are asking for your help. Please send your email address to the link shown below. We will use this email to try once again to send the August Newsletter using the RPEA Headquarters mailing system. We will still be mailing some newsletters each quarter, because some of our members do not use email and it will allow us to maintain our postal mailing permit. We are hoping to reduce the total cost of producing our Chapter Newsletter by 50 % with your help. We need to have accurate, up to

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date email addresses to succeed. Please send your current email address to:

rpea-chap43-news@hotmail.com

CHAPTER 43 PRESIDENT FANTASTIC MEETING IN YUBA CITY - NOW FOR SUMMER

Greetings everyone,

I hope this message reaches you all as healthy and happy retired people. Last month we had another outreach meeting in Yuba City. It was great. Last year we had maybe 5 or 6 attendees from the old Chapter 60 group and this year 14 or 15 members showed up. Wow, what a great turn out! It was fun meeting these members and I'm hoping we'll see some of them at our May general membership meeting. Many of us car pooled up to Yuba City for the meeting and we encourage members from Marysville/Yuba City to car pool to Woodland. I hope to see you May 9th in Woodland at the next general membership meeting of R.P.E.A. chapter 43.



Summer is quickly coming. Time to work in the yard, mow lawns, go camping or play golf. I play golf in a senior league and we tough the cold and play all winter. I do love this time of year when I can break out the shorts and play a round of golf. I played senior league softball until I turned 69 and needed a knee replacement. It took awhile before I took the knee replacement plunge but finally did it. I could go back to playing softball but I think I'll stay with golf from now on.

In my usual letter to you I talk about health issues. Once again I'm saying stay active. Walk around the block. Ask a friend or neighbor to meet up at the park and walk the trail around the park. Join an exercise club, etc. So be healthy and happy and hope to see you at the next meeting on May 9th.

Chuck Kolb



**BOARD MEETING WITH GUESTS AT THE DANCING
TOMATO RESTAURANT IN YUBA CITY**



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

BY LORAN VETTER

Good Day to all,

We are approaching the spring and summer season with the joy we always feel when the long, hard, winter is behind us. We are all looking forward to fun filled days when we can kick back just a little and feel content. Unfortunately, a large segment of our population does not have that luxury. It is hard to feel content when you are worried about feeding your children, keeping a roof over your head, and staying on top of chronic health conditions. Many families depend on assistance from public services and private- nonprofit agencies to make it to the end of each month. That is where you and I come into the picture as volunteers.



Volunteers help to keep private non-profit agencies operating. We all lived through the shut downs of these agencies due to the pandemic. Many of the volunteers who assisted those agencies were in the most vulnerable age range. Some programs, for example the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, were unable to meet in person to make plans to assist community and relied on Zoom meetings. State and local agencies, whose function it is to help the needy and/or the disabled, were no longer able to meet one on one with people. Many of these offices are still working from home and that is certainly an ongoing problem.

I know this rehash sounds even more dismal than it was when we were all living through it. Still, the bright spot during this time was volunteers. Volunteers are a determined and dedicated bunch of people because they believe in what they are doing. They came up with new ways to assist whether it was operating phone banks to stay in touch with shut-ins, arranging for meal deliveries, sewing masks and/or quilts, etc. and were always developing new options to make their contribution to our communities. There is no way to express the human value of the time dedicated by Volunteers or my pride in the reports I receive. Keep those reports coming in and we will celebrate together with every article I write.

. In closing I will add this great quote by Erma Bombeck.

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.”

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loves time with her five children and their children. Barbara enjoys the cultural enrichment of learning other languages, and hopes to turn her working knowledge of Spanish and German into fluency.

Please join us on May 9th at Cracchiolo’s Banquet Hall for this important presentation. Reservations are required as always and the cost of your meal is only \$15.00 for great enchiladas with sides, salad and drinks plus dessert. Please contact Loran Vetter at 530-662-9985 by May 6th to reserve your lunch.

Welcome To Chapter 43

Frederick Benton Vacaville

In Memoriam

Barbara Baker Sacramento

Richard Jones Woodland



No BINGO this month. BINGO will resume at the August Member Luncheon. Winners from the February meeting were Linda Koontz (twice), Tammy Levish, Martha Guiterez and Judy Nicholson



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CALL LORAN AT 530-662-9985 TO RSVP
RESERVE EARLY - LIMITED SEATING**

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

May 9, 2024
August 8, 2024
November 14, 2024
February 13, 2025

**BOARD & NEWSLETTER,
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

July 8, 2024
October 14, 2024
January 13, 2025
April 14, 2025

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