

# NEWS & VIEWS

## CHAPTER 044



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**GUEST SPEAKER—TRESSA THOMPSON**  
**SENIOR DRIVER OMBUDSMAN**  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Tressa Thompson began her career with the DMV at its Los Angeles office by processing vehicle registration and driver-license applications. After four years, she promoted to a Driver Safety Hearing Office where she spent ten years conducting administrative contacts and rendering licensing decisions after weighing the evidence. In her current position of *Senior Driver Ombudsman*, she is responsible for public outreach with



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**Past-President's Report:** Hi everyone—I was assigned by Director of Area V Ellie Knapp to sit in for her at the recently conducted RPEA Board meetings in Sacramento. Our own Chapter 044 bylaws were on the Agenda, and that currently, amended document was approved. I can elaborate more on my experiences at those BOA meetings at our next Chapter meeting.



The Chapter 044 bylaws require me, as *Immediate Past-President*, to Chair the Nominating Committee every odd-year. I will be looking for Chapter members to nominate for the elective offices of *President*, *Vice-President*, *Secretary*, and *Treasurer*. The election will be held at our December 11, 2019, meeting. The new term of office will be effective, January 01, 2020, and will run through December 31, 2021. If you would be willing to serve in one of these four offices, please contact me.

**CalPERS Fund Market Value, 05/08/19, 360.42 Billion; 07/19/19, 373.97 Billion**

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## President's Report – Shirley Wofford



Hello friends—Time flies by so fast when we are having fun! We are, again, in an election year for Chapter 044. I am very desirous of seeing new leaders come forth to fill my offices of *President* and *Treasurer*. Nothing will change regarding my desires to help keep pensions protected for all retirees and to maintain the existence of Chapter 044. The Chapter cannot continue to sustain without leaders to oversee its current, healthy treasury and to make arrangements necessary for its activities.

The bylaws of Chapter 044 charge the Board with conducting all of the Chapter's business. If the idea of putting your direct input into the process intrigues you, and if you want encouragement regarding either of the two offices I serve, please contact me.

Chapter 044 member Tom Armstrong was a first-time attendee at our June meeting. He stated that he had completed a 30-year career with the City of El Monte, and he has been retired for eight years. Welcome to Chapter 044, Tom! Please come again!

**June 12, 2019, Chapter Meeting** – Seventeen attendees were on hand for a presentation by *CalPERS President Henry Jones* who talked about the CalPERS investment strategies, the Private Equity Plan, the CalPERS COLA and PPPA plans, the makeup of the CalPERS Board, and more. Attendees participated in a Q & A session, and all received hand-outs from Mr. Jones.



L. to R: Albert Jones; Henry Jones; James Scott; Yvonne Smith; Bob Seigler

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## DMV .....Cont. from P-1

senior organizations/communities in hopes of keeping communication open with the largest population of drivers. She conducts outreach as well as providing service to other DMV employees with information about the Senior Community, the importance of customer service, and being in-line with the Department's policies and procedures.



Tressa's presentation will include the following topics:

- *Applying for the CA REAL ID*
- *Addressing specific Concerns of Senior Drivers*
- *DMV Resources (including education and training)*
- *Information and Support for Seniors and Their Loved-Ones When Safety Becomes a Concern*

This will be an encore presentation by Tressa Thompson who was the guest-speaker at our meeting in October, 2017. Please attend the Chapter 044 meeting on August 14, 2019, to be updated on senior-driver issues. Have your questions ready for a lively Q & A session.



## A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 044



Karen Asa	Fontana
John Beale	Pinion Hills
Carol Beekman	Chino
James DeFriend	Chino
Susan Gomez	Ontario
Sammy Kellogg	Ontario
Linda McCloskey	Rancho Cucamonga
Kevin Polacek	Rancho Cucamonga
Cathi Romo	Fontana
Carlos Silva	Upland
Phyllis Thomas	Fontana
Edward Torrijos	Ontario
Dovey Wicks	Ontario
Darrell Yates	Pomona





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**Change of Address:** Please be sure to notify RPEA Headquarters of such change

## TREASURER'S REPORT--

Chapter 044's funding balance on June 30, 2019, is **\$13,331.25**



## IN MEMORIAM

Marcia Bissonnette	Upland
John Palumbo	West Covina
Lisa Lacey Pandolf	Victorville
(daughter of Bruce and Dorothy Lacey)	
Tanya Rakestraw	Sacramento
(RPEA Office Manager)	
William Schmitt	Apple Valley
Yoshiko Yano	Pomona



Those we hold most dear never truly leave us--they live on in the kindnesses they showed, the comfort they shared and the love they brought into our lives.

--Isabel Norton



## Chapter 044 Meetings

2nd Wed. of Even Months - 12 noon

## GOLDEN CORRAL

1640 E. 4th St. #A, Ontario

## Lunch-Fee Schedule for August 14, 2019:

Member of Chapter #044	\$4.00
Member of Chapter #044 who earned special attendance credit on June 12, 2019	Free
RPEA Member	\$4.00
Non-member of RPEA	\$8.00
Prospective Member of RPEA (maximum two times)	\$4.00
Chapter Guest	Free

*It would be appreciated if all luncheon attendees wait after registration and after the meeting has been called to order, before going to the dining room.*

A new member of Chapter 044 will receive a free meal at their first meeting attended.



## Meeting Dates and Guest Speakers -

August 14, 2019 (Tressa Thompson, DMV, Senior Driver Ombudsman)

October 09, 2019 (Lorenzo Rios, RPEA Director of Public Relations)

December 11, 2019 (Holiday Meeting/Party--complimentary meal for all attendees; election of officers; gifts; community service project)



## Tanya Laverne Rakestraw

August 21, 1956 - June 24, 2019

"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories."  
(Ronald Reagan)

"I knew and worked with Tanya for many years, including when I represented Area V for 10 years on the RPEA Board. We were always met with a hug when we arrived at RPEA Headquarters. We had a lot of laughs. She always had my respect and support. I will never forget her!"  
(Bob Seigler)

"Tanya always kept me laughing with her wonderful sense of humor. I will miss our phone chats. She will be remembered as a bright light in all of our lives. It is so hard to imagine that she won't be there when we return to Sacramento again."  
(Sandie Seigler)



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## POMONA VALLEY 044

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### PAST-PRESIDENT.....Cont. from P-1

Briefly described, the *President* is the CEO of the Chapter and is the only designated, voting delegate to RPEA's biennial General Assembly. The *Vice-President* acts in the absence of the President and at the request of the President. The *Secretary* handles correspondence for the Chapter and takes and records the Minutes of Board and Chapter meetings. The *Treasurer* is a signatory on Chapter bank accounts; maintains financial records of the Chapter; prepares timely reports for the members; prepares reports for a yearly, financial review.

I will announce my nominating slate at the October 11, 2019, meeting at which time open nominations can be made from the floor. All nominees must sign a statement that they are willing and able to serve.

I hope to see you at the meeting at *Golden Corral* on August 14, 2019.

--Bob Seigler

### RPEA CHAPTER 044 MEETING Wed, August 14, 2019, 12 noon



**GOLDEN CORRAL**  
1640 E. 4<sup>TH</sup> St. #A  
Ontario, CA  
(909)395-0500

If you need a ride to a Chapter meeting and you do not have family/friend support for help with arranging transportation, call the Chapter President at least two days in advance.



Chapter 044 and other members of RPEA, family members, friends, and anyone else who supports RPEA are all welcome at our meetings.



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