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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 administration contacts and rendering licensing decisions after weighing the evidence. In her current position of Senior Driver Ombudsman, she is responsible for public outreach with senior organizations/communities in hopes of keeping communication open with the largest population of drivers. She conducts outreach as well as providing



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Past-President's Report--Hi everyone. The December 11, 2019, Chapter meeting was replete with the usual activities for the annual holiday party and some business. We had the largest attendance of the year. There was food, conversation, gift raffles, and a community service project. Henry Jones, *CalPERS* President and Retired Member Representative, and Area V Director Ellie Knapp were special guests.



Bob Seigler

Election of chapter officers for a new two-year term-of-office was held. Incumbents Shirley Wofford, Alice Alexandre, and Violeta Comia were re-elected by acclamation to the, respective, offices of *President/Treasurer*, *Vice-President*, and *Secretary*. Director Knapp conducted installation of the newly elected officers.

CalPERS Fund Market Value, 11/15/19, 387.81 Billion; 01/21/2020, 402.17 Billion

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President's Report –Shirley Wofford



Hello friends—Chapter 044 has 38 members living in sixteen, respective, states other than CA. It is a rare occasion when we receive correspondence from an out-of-state member. I recently received

the following e-mail message from a member of Chapter 044 who lives in WA state:

"Shirley and members of Chapter 044: Likely being one of our longest retired members, I'd like to congratulate and offer appreciation for your steadfast commitment to retirement issues, as well as to the congeniality so apparent among the membership. I now live out of state, so like Will Rogers, all I know is from reading newspapers. What I read in NEWS & VIEWS is encouraging.

I was disability, retired in 1970, so striving for 50 years' retirement funding is more reasonable than some think. Yes, the vicissitudes of investments are always concerning as are the risks attendant to all treasuries. One learns to make efforts to see the hidden things that go on with adverse consequences.

I wish you well and endless perseverance for your own sakes and well, enjoyed retirements.

Al Williams"

A portion of the above message from Al Williams was cut due to lack of space. The complete message and other communications from him regarding his 50-year long CalPERS retirement will be available at our meeting.

I encourage other out-of-state Chapter 044 members to contact us with information on their present locales and retirement issues.

I am pleased to report that the Chapter 044 Board has a new member. Steven Lacey has accepted appointment as *Telephone Tree/Publicity Chairperson*. Steven is the son of Chapter 044 members Bruce and Dorothy Lacey. He recently retired after a 29-year career with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and he is a new member of RPEA. He lives in Rancho Cucamonga with his wife Melody and children Kati and Kevin.

Welcome aboard, Steven!



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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.



Topics for discussion will include:

- 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

Please attend the Chapter 044 meeting on February 12, 2020, to be updated on senior-driver issues. Have your questions ready for a lively Q & A session.



It's That Time Again—If you are age 70 or over, use the *IRS chart below to calculate the amount you must withdraw from your traditional IRA, 457, or other 401K-type accounts this year. The IRS will penalize you if you don't comply. Divide the balance on your 12/31/19, statement by the numbers in the column that correspond with the age you will be on your birthday this year. (Don't use this table if your spouse is your sole beneficiary and is more than 10 years younger than you.)

Age	Distribution Period (yrs.)	Age	Distribution Period (yrs.)
70	27.4	93	9.6
71	26.5	94	9.1
72	25.6	95	8.6
73	24.7	96	8.1
74	23.8	97	7.6
75	22.9	98	7.1
76	22.0	99	6.7
77	21.2	100	6.3
78	20.3	101	5.9
79	19.5	102	5.5
80	18.7	103	5.2
81	17.9	104	4.9
82	17.1	105	4.5
83	16.3	106	4.2
84	15.5	107	3.9
85	14.8	108	3.7
86	14.1	109	3.4
87	13.4	110	3.1
88	12.7	111	2.9
89	12.0	112	2.6
90	11.4	113	2.4
91	10.8	114	2.1
92	10.2	115+	1.9

IRS flyer will be available at our meeting.

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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
December 31 2019 - **\$12,689.49**



IN MEMORIAM

Mary Lowder Beaumont
Bob Walker (Father of Sandie Seigler) Yucaipa
Venita Wilson Reno, NV



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



"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark
of celestial fire called conscience."

—George Washington



"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want
to test a man's character, give him power."

— Abraham Lincoln

PRESIDENTS' DAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Chapter 044 Meetings

2nd Wed. of Even Months - 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL

1640 E. 4th St. #A, Ontario

Lunch-Fee Schedule for February 12, 2020

*Member of Chapter #044	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.*

*Chapter 044 members will receive complimentary
meals at all Chapter meetings in 2020.



Meeting Dates and Guest Speakers

February 12, 2020 -Tressa Thompson, *DMV Senior
Driver Ombudsman* (REAL ID and other DMV issues)

April 08, 2020 - TBD

June 10, 2020 - AMBIA Representative

August 12, 2020 - Henry Jones, *CalPERS Retired-
Member Representative and President of the BOA*

October 14, 2020 - Representatives of the *Mt Baldy Area
League of Women Voters* (election issues)

December 09, 2020 (Holiday Meeting/Party)

A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEM- BERS OF CHAPTER 044

Coralee Lewis	Eastvale
Lionel Mora	Ontario
John Oregel	Rancho Cucamonga
Tammie Paine	Eastvale
Laura Taylor	Rialto



CHAPTER 044 HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 11, 2019

(Thirty-two attendees; CalPERS President Henry Jones was guest)



L. to R, seated & back row-- B. Jones; A. Jones; W. Malone; H. Jones;
B. Seigler; A. Alexandre; Y. Smith; T. Paine;
front -- S. Wofford; M. B-Newman

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POMONA VALLEY 044

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

Shirley had expressed the desire to step down--she says she is committed now to serving this new term.

I am sad to report the recent passing of Sandie's father. We both appreciate the messages of sympathy and support that we have received.

We plan to attend the *RPEA*, *BOA* meetings when possible, Sandy will continue with her work on the *RPEA* GA Committee, and I on my duties as *Assistant Area V Director*.

I am confident we will all stay committed to the mission of protecting our pensions.

I hope to see you at the meetings in 2020.

--Bob Seigler

RPEA CHAPTER 044 MEETING

Wed, February, 12, 2020, 12 noon-

**GOLDEN CORRAL
1640 E. 4TH 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, please 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.







Bob Seigler; Sandie Seigler; Henry Jones;
Btuce Lacey; Frank Aragon



Henry Jones, CalPERS;
Shirley Wofford, President, 044



Dorothy Lacey; Steven Lacey;
Jo Carey; Martha Hebert



Henry Jones; Sandie Seigler;
Bob Seigler; Shirley Wofford



New members, Victor Olivia & Sandy Sheen



Shirley Wofford; Jim Wofford



President Wofford; Past-President Seigler



Henry Jones,

Ellie Knapp