



NEWS & VIEWS

CHAPTER 044

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GUEST SPEAKER—SCOTT MCGOOKIN RPEA DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mr. Scott McGookin graduated from *Cal Poly-Pomona* with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Economics. He earned a Certificate in Economic Development from *University of CA, Riverside*; he also has a number of Real Estate and Project Management credentials from various institutes including the *Georgia Institute of Technology*.



In his public-sector career, Scott served as Redevelopment Projects Manager for the City of Ontario; he was responsible for the development of several auto dealerships that located to the *Ontario Auto Center Project*. He was project coordinator for the *Ontario Mills Project* and for the feasibility, site location and land acquisition for the

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President's Report—Hello everyone. In the past few months, I have been visiting other chapters in *Area V* as well as working towards enhancements for *Chapter 044*, and attending *RPEA* Board and Committee meetings. As a new officer, it is taking a little bit of time to adjust to the needs of the organization. However, I do believe I am coming right along with it.

There is so much going on with *RPEA* considering the upcoming *General Assembly (GA)* in September. I think it brings a great opportunity to share ideas. *RPEA* committee meetings are held several times a month.

There is also the upcoming special election for the *CalPERS* Retired Member Representative. *RPEA* is supporting Randal Cheek as our Representative.

CalPERS Fund Market Value, 05/19/2022, 446.27 Billion; 07/19/2022, 445.68 Billion

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I hope that *Chapter 044* will be represented soon at “Benefits - Days” of other public agencies in *Area V*, for the purpose of talking with their, respective, active employees and upcoming retirees, to provide information about the benefits of joining *RPEA*. I invite any member who is interested in serving on the *Chapter 044* Board, to work with one of its committees in assisting with these efforts, to contact me.

I also encourage our members to invite prospective *RPEA* members to our chapter meetings.

--Steven Lacey

Chapter 044 meeting, June 08, 2022



**Seated: Tressa Thompson,
DMV Senior Driver
Ombudsman**

**Standing, left to right:
Alice Alexandre;
Violeta Comia**

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

Yolanda Acosta	Eastvale
Rosemary Alvarado	Rancho Cucamonga
Richard Contreras	Chino Hills
Lawrence Feemster	Claremont
Lawrence Horowitz	Claremont
Daniel Tafoya	Chino
Linda Humphrey	Ontario
Gayasuddin Khan	Upland
Ira J. Mansouri	Rancho Cucamonga



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Ontario Convention Center project. After Ontario, he was employed by the *City of Burbank*, where he oversaw similar Real Estate and Redevelopment projects from 2006, until his retirement in 2014.



Scott is the Past District Governor for the *Inland Empire District of Toastmasters International*, where he led over 2,000 *Toastmaster* members in over 100 clubs to earn, “Distinguished Status”.

He continues to stay active as a professional project manager and licensed realtor in the West End. He is a member of the *National Association of Realtors* and also the *California Association of Realtors*—among other professional organizations.

Scott currently serves as President of the *Greater West Covina Chapter 90* and is also *RPEA* Director of Public Relations.

Scott’s presentation to Chapter 044 at its meeting will focus on an update of his *RPEA* Public Relations activities. Please attend and be prepared to participate in a lively Q and A session.



“You saved \$126 for your retirement. My advice is to convert it all to pennies and reinvest it at the nearest wishing well.”

PAST PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Friends—Mr. Scott McGookin is responsible for the insertion of the Chapter 044 snapshots in the current issue of the *RPEA* State Newsletter. (I thanked him on our behalf). If you are in our neighborhood on August 10, 2022, please attend our meeting to give him a warm welcome and suggestions for future newsletter topics.

I have a suggestion for *RPEA* members with non-member spouses: The spouse can join *RPEA* too. It is a good investment toward keeping *RPEA* stable, so it can remain able to continue its work to protect your pension. It is not necessary for your spouse to attend the meetings, but if possible, you will both

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TREASURER'S REPORT--

Chapter 044's bank balance on
June 30, 2022, was **\$13,646.12**



IN MEMORIAM

Betty Brown
Manuel Chaidez
Sammy Kellogg

Glendora
Pomona
Ontario

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



CalPERS SPECIAL ELECTION

to participate in deciding who will be
the Retired Member Representative.
CalPERS announced that ballots will
be sent to all eligible retired voters,

August 26, 2022; the deadline for voting is
September 26, 2022. (Director of Legislation
Randall Cheek is RPEA's endorsed candidate.)

Chapter 044 Meetings,

2nd Wed. of Even Months - 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL

1640 E. 4th St. #A, Ontario

*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.*

Please bring the exact change for lunch fee.

*Lunch-Fee-Schedule for Chapter 044 meetings, Calendar Year, 2022

Member of Chapter #044	Free
RPEA Member	\$4.00
Non-member of RPEA	\$12.00
Prospective Member of RPEA (maximum two times)	\$4.00
Chapter Guest	Free



*Lunch is complimentary for all attendees at Holiday
Meeting.

Meeting Dates and Guest- Presenters for Calendar Year, 2022

February 09, 2022 - David Patterson, Tax Counselor for
AARP Tax-Aide Program.

April 13, 2022 - Renato de Moraes, Outreach Education
Coordinator, *Council on Aging - Southern CA*

June 08, 2022 - Tressa Thompson, *DMV Senior Driver
Ombudsman* (REAL ID and other DMV issues)

August 10, 2022 - Scott McGookin, RPEA Director of
Public Relations

October 12, 2022 - Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, CA State
Senator (23rd District)

December 14, 2022 - (Holiday Meeting—no speaker)

Chapter 044 Meeting - June 08, 2022 (24 attendees)

**Guest Speaker: Tressa Thompson, Senior Driver
Ombudsman, CA Department of Motor Vehicles**

See below, L-R:



**Dorothy Lacey; Alice Alexandre; Tressa Thompson;
Loralee Bergmann; Steven Lacey; Shirley Wofford**

STAY INFORMED.....REMAIN VIGILANT!

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be ahead of the game; the value of the free meals that Chapter 044 provides its meeting, attendees is far more than the cost of the RPEA membership.

With some politicians always geared to take down the public sector pensions, RPEA has its "watchdog" lobbyists, to keep on the lookout for any proposed legislation that would be detrimental to our pensions—RPEA must keep its membership numbers up to pay those costs.

At the moment, there is no renewed, indoor mask mandate in San Bernardino County—stay prepared, just in case.

I wish continued well-being and safety for you and all your loved ones.

--Shirley Wofford

RPEA CHAPTER 044 MEETING

Wed, August 10, 2022, 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL

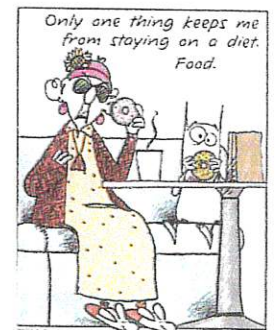
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If you need a ride to a Chapter meeting and you do not have family/friend support for help with arranging transportation, please call the Chapter 044 President at least two days in advance.



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

