NEWS & VIEWS

CHAPTER 044

VOLUMN X, ISSUE V – SEPT.-OCTOBER, 2021

ROSEMARY KNOX, PRESIDENT
RPEA BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

"About Me"
by Rosemary Knox

To begin, I grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas, married, and settled here in California. Early on, I was bitten by the travel-bug and have been fortunate to enjoy visiting many countries—yet I always come back to the good, old USA! I have three children--two boys who served in the Military and participated in Desert Storm, and one daughter who also caught the travel-bug and now lives in Rome, Italy.

I am a Registered Nurse, and my field of practice was in Neonatal Intensive Care, taking care of the most vulnerable. One of the most exciting and challenging aspects of my job was in rescuing critically ill infants and transporting them to *Santa Clara Valley Medical Center* (*VMC*).

See *KNOX* .....Cont. on P-2

Past-President's Report—Hi everyone. In the previous edition of the newsletter, details on the duties of the ad-hoc Nominating Committee, which I chair, were put forth in this column. I have received communications from only the current elective, officers of Chapter 044. Therefore I am going to, "Cut to the Chase":

The Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for the elective offices, for a new *Term of Service*, effective January 01, 2022-December 31, 2023, is:

President, Steven Lacey; *Vice-President*, Alice Alexandre;
Secretary, Violeta Comia; *Treasurer*, Shirley Wofford

See PAST-PRESIDENT.....Cont. on P-4

CalPERS Fund Market Value, 07/22/21, 476.28 Billion; 09/22/21, 487.23 Billion

President's Report *–Shirley Wofford*

Hello friends—It has been 19 months since the pandemic arrived and upended our lives, in varying degrees. My thoughts and prayers are still with those who have lost loved ones or had the virus themselves. I hope that continuing observance of the rules and public health guidelines will get us through this trying time soon.

The Chapter 044 Board has strived to keep the lines of communication open with our members. We continued the bi-monthly newsletter; some Board meetings were held in an outdoor setting. After the dine-in rules were relaxed in the spring of this year, we held in-person meetings in April and June at *Los Portales Mexican Grill* in Montclair.

Our third chapter meeting of 2021 was held at *Golden Corral* on August 11, 2021. The scheduled guest speaker Henry Jones had to cancel due to extenuating circumstances. He sent an article that we used for discussion at the meeting. The title is, Keeping Your Retirement Future Secure. The topics are: *Asset Liability Management Process Protects the Fund*; *Chief Investment Officer Search*; *CalPERS Health Program*; *Long- Term Care Program Settlement*; *Regional Offices Continue Online & Telephone Services*.

A copy of Mr. Jones's article was given to each attendee at the meeting. Members, who were not present, may contact me via my e-mail address or phone number on Page 3, if they want to receive a copy.

Our fourth Chapter 044 meeting is scheduled at *Golden Corral* on October 13. 2021. We look forward to having RPEA President Rosemary Knox as our guest-speaker. Please come out—this is a, "first", for our Chapter.

The CA Recall and the ***CalPERS* Board elections** are over for this cycle. I hope you made use of your priviledge to vote. Some members will be and some will not be satisfied with the results. Let's hope that regardless of RPEA members', respective, political opinions, each will accept the results by keeping all verbal discourse civil and polite. We need to strive for the betterment of CA for all its citizens and for the sustainability of *CalPERS* so it can continue to provide and protect our pensions.

KNOX .....Cont. from P-1

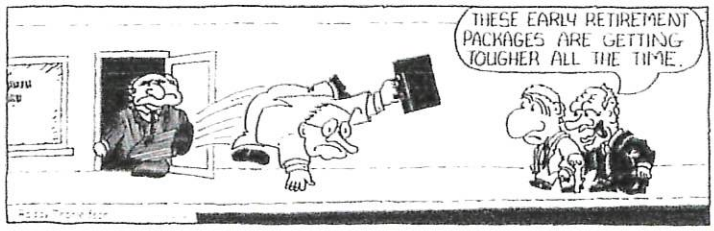
Early in my career, I had the honor of being elected to the position of President of the *Registered Nurse Professional Association (RNPA)* and was in that position for ten years. I represented Registered Nurses working within the County and negotiated successor contracts.

After 25 years of public service I retired. At my exit interview, I was handed an application to join *RPEA* by Kathy Miller, President of *Santa Clara County Chapter 031*—my chapter now. I later attended a meeting of *RPEA* state officers who were recruiting *RPEA* members for positions with the State *RPEA* Board, where I met Ted Rose, *Past-President* of *RPEA*, who recruited me for the office of *Director of Membership.*

Why did I get involved with *RPEA*? Like many of you, I wanted to know that there was an Association looking out for retirees, and their pensions. After all the years of caring for my members in *RNPA*, I wanted to join an organization that would look after my needs. RPEA was my first choice –whether you retired from State, County, Schools, or a City, we have a community of interest—and that is to safeguard what we worked for—our PENSION.

As *RPEA Director of Membership*, I developed the current marketing information and packets that we use. I was instrumental in making many changes to the *RPEA* web-site and the creation of an App for those who have an Android phone—Apple App coming soon! Since becoming *President* of *RPEA*, the last two years have been and continue to be very challenging. I find myself asking, "How in the heck did I get into this?" My job will not be finished until *General Assembly (GA)* next year. I hope to see you all then. --Rosemary

Editor's Note: Please attend our Chapter 044 meeting on October 13, 2021, to meet Rosemary and hear her discuss her recent two years as President during the pandemic and plans for the future of RPEA. Bring your questions for Q & A.



CHAPTER 044 OFFICERS

President	Shirley Wofford	(909)986-3160
Vice-Pres.	Alice Alexandre	(909)622-7937
Secretary	Violeta Comia	(909)636-3134
Treasurer	Shirley Wofford	(909)986-3160)
Past-Pres.	Robert L. Seigler	(951)769-4901

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Hospitality	Martha Borunda-Newman	(760)831-7389
Legislation	Robert L. Seigler	(951)769-4901
Membership	Steven A. Lacey	(909)980-0185
Program	Sandie Seigler	(951)769-4901
Sunshine	Alice Alexandre	(909)225-2601
Telephone Tree/ Publicity	Steven A. Lacey	(909)980-0185

Newsletter Editor
Shirley Wofford - shirlwof@hotmail.com

RPEA Area V Director
Ellie Knapp - (661)607-2072
knapp.ellen@yahoo.com.

RPEA Assistant Area V Director
Robert "Bob" Seigler - (951)769-4901

RPEA HEADQUARTERS - 1-800-443-7732
Change of Address: Please be sure to notify RPEA Headquarters of such change

ASSOCIATION MEMBER BENEFITS & INSURANCE AGENCY (AMBIA)
Daniel A. Sanchez, Senior Benefits Advisor – SO CA
C: 714 325-6076 – Daniel.sanches@amba-info.com

TREASURER'S REPORT--
Chapter 044's funding balance on August 31, 2021, was **$15,010.46**

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Cairns	Needles
Joan Mooney	Tempe, AZ

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

"WE DON'T KNOW THEM ALL BUT WE OWE THEM ALL."
--UNKNOWN

Chapter 044 Meetings, 2021
2nd Wed. of Even Months - 12 noon
GOLDEN CORRAL
1640 E. 4th St. #A, Ontario

The regular *Lunch Fee-Schedule* for Yr. 2021, will be In effect for all meetings listed, except for the holiday meeting on December 08, 2021.

Lunch-Fee-Schedule for Chapter 044 meetings, 2021

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

Please wait until after registration and after the meeting has been called to order, before going to the dining room. (Certain hygiene procedures.ie, wearing masks, hand sanitizing, etc. may be required.)

Meeting Dates and Guest Presenters (to conclude schedule for Calendar Year 2021)
October 13, 2021 – Rosemary Knox, President, *RPEA Board of Directors*
December 08, 2021 – Holiday Meeting/Party—no speaker (Newsletter article by Henry Jones)

A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 044

Brian Carter	Fontana
Hugh Hairston	Rancho Cucamonga
Rose Marino	Montclair
Gary Sager	Ontario

CHAPTER 044 MEETING, AUGUST 11, 2021
There were 20 attendees.

L.-R.—Violeta Comia; Scott Jones; David Patterson; Martha B-Newman; Bob Seigler; Shirley Wofford; Ellen Knapp

Proud Grandma!

Wanda Malone; S. Jones: B. Seigler; Barbara Jones: Albert Jones

NEWS & VIEWS
POMONA VALLEY 044

S. Wofford
5640 Palo Verde St.
Montclair, CA 91763

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

If there are no opposing candidates, these nominees will be elected by acclamation. I will accept new nominations, via my contact information listed on Page 3, between now and the date of the upcoming meeting, and also at the meeting. Each nominee must sign a consent form certifying that he/she accepts the nomination and pledges to carry out all duties of the office. If an election is necessary, it will be conducted at the Chapter meeting on December 08, 2021.

Sandie and I continue to wish all of our members and their loved ones well-being and safety, as we deal with the pandemic.

We hope to see you at the meeting on October 13, 2021. Please come out to meet the *RPEA* President Rosemary Knox. Let's show her a good time!

--Bob Seigler

RPEA CHAPTER 044 MEETING
Wed, October 13, 2021, 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL
1640 E. 4TH St. #A
Ontario, CA 91764
(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.