

# *Retired Public Employees Association of California*

## *Yucaipa Valley Chapter 047*

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWS ROOM:**

**Date: August 10, 2021**

**LISTED BELOW ARE THE NAMES OF THE CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

- 1. Donna Snodgrass, President**
- 2. Raymond Snodgrass, Vice President**
- 3. Nelly Van Lommel, Secretary**
- 4. Patricia Whalen, Treasurer**
- 5. David Whalen, News Editor**

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**Hello from the Newsroom:**

## **A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION**

**Well here we are in August and getting ready for a real live in person meeting. I know this will surprise most of you but it's time to see one another again.**

**We have a meeting planned for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be at Marla's Cocina & Cantina located at 1310 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Beaumont, CA. (for those in Banning it is a continuation of Ramsey). We have eaten there and the food, service, and atmosphere is great. They have two meeting rooms so we will be in a private setting. Because of this we really need for those of you planning on attending to RSVP. We need a count so as to be able to tell them which room we need. You can contact me at (deleted) or Patricia Whalen by phone. But please contact one of us for a good count. We really do need it this time!**

**We need to discuss several things at this meeting as we need a complete new board and ok new wording on our Chapter Bylaws. Also the future of the Chapter if no one steps up for the board positions.**

**Donna and Ray President and Vice President are not serving again as she has taken on another responsibility as you will read in her portion of the newsletter. Both Pat and I aren't serving again as we have plans to do some traveling before we are unable to do so. We will need volunteers. We will continue to all serve until December at which time our terms expire so get to thinking about our replacements.**

**I hope you are all well and surviving both the heat and some of you the isolation of staying home during these trying times. We all thought that this Covid thing was going away and then it reared its ugly head again. When we meet again Pat and I will be wearing our masks at least until we get seated and see what the feeling is of Marla's at that time.**

**I hope we can have a good turnout for this meeting and again this will be an open menu which is quite extensive and we pay for is out of dues money so all you have invested is to get there and a couple of hours of your time.**

**David Whalen**

**News Editor Chapter 047**

## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER:**

**First I would like to give you a treasurer's report:**

**With the dues deposit on 8/3/2021 our current bank balance is \$10,873.13. This is before expenses for sending out the Newsletter this time.**

**Secondly, I would like to give you some information for Marla's Cocina & Cantina on 6th street in Beaumont. David and I went there for a lunch not too long ago and were so impressed with their atmosphere and the quality and different kinds of food on their menu that we asked our President to consider having our next luncheon there. She readily agreed! Also since we haven't had a luncheon on our dime for over a year she said we could order anything on their menu to eat on September 22. We will have a separate room for our luncheon and meeting starting at 11:30.**

**Do you like prime rib? They have it. Do you like Mexican food? They have that. You like hamburgers or sandwiches THAT'S THERE TOO. If you are vegan, they have lots of salads. We cannot cover alcoholic beverages however. You would be on your own for that.**

**WE DO NEED FOR YOU TO RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ME SO THEY WILL KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT TO COME.**

**Sincerely,**

**Patricia Whalen**

**Treasurer**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi everybody!! It's so long and I'm ready to see all of you!! We're ready to break bread together. The sky's the limit. Order whatever you desire from the entire menu, except alcohol. Not that we don't deserve an adult beverage, we simply can't use dues money to purchase it.

MARGARET BROWN AND TIFFANY EMON-MORAN

Remember those names. CalPERS elections are in full swing. Ballots will be mailed out on August 27. Watch for them in your mailbox. Follow all instructions very carefully and vote for the best candidates EVER! (See above)

We only have two agenda items at this meeting. In June 2020, we handed out copies of our Chapter Bylaws with the suggested changes. We needed to vote on these changes at the next chapter meeting. Well, this is the next meeting! We will have copies to share to refresh ourselves on the new proposed language. Discussion, then vote. The second item is a discussion on the General Assembly.

If you have any other issues you would like to have added to the agenda, please feel free to send a note to myself or our Secretary, Nelly La Lommel. She will make sure your issue is added to the agenda.

And, speaking of Nelly, she has been serving as our Area Director for the last year! Besides congratulations, our chapter now needs a new delegate for the General Assembly. If you would like to volunteer, raise your hand! We'll have more information on the General Assembly at the meeting.

One last thing, Ray and I have had a major life change. The opportunity arose for me to accept an appointment to a job that I have always wanted to do. It took some serious consideration and I decided it was too good to pass up. So, I have accepted the appointment to Chief of Staff for SEIU Local 1000. This is a union that represents 100,000 state employees. I am now commuting to Sacramento. It has been one of the most exciting times in my life. It's very strange to come out of retirement after 11 years, but it has been very gratifying.

With that being said, Ray and I have decided that we will not be running for re-election to President and Vice President of our chapter. Our elections take place in December each year, so at the December meeting, new officers will have to be elected. It really is wonderful to serve as chapter officers and anyone would be a great fit for the positions. We are looking for candidates for every office in our chapter. Please consider this golden opportunity to continue to serve and work to keep our retirements secure.

I believe that's about all I have for now. SEE YOU AT THE CHAPTER MEETING!!

In All Sincerity,

Donna Snodgrass  
President, RPEA  
Chapter 047

A MESSAGE FROM J.J. JELINCIC:

RPEA, CSR and CSU-ERFAS have all endorsed Margaret Brown and Tiffany Emon-Moran for the CalPERS Board At-Large-Seats. All three Boards recognize that it is important to have CalPERS Board members who will fight for beneficiaries!

They are both in very big fights. Because these are the at-large-seats all CalPERS members can vote – actives and retirees.

Their opponents are being very heavily funded by the active unions. The leadership of some of those unions want someone who will "go along, to get along," They are not interested in Board members who believe their job is to ask questions, monitor management and protect beneficiaries. Many of them talk about the importance of diversity. However, they are interested in "picture" diversity and not diversity of experience and thought.

Many of you helped gather signatures on the nomination petitions. Thank you. What can you do to help now?

Make sure that CalPERS has your current address, so you will get your ballot. Keep your eyes open for the ballot in the mail. (They will get mailed August 27, 2021.) Make sure you vote immediately. It is amazing how many people set the ballot aside to vote later and then find the ballot after the election. Talk to your fellow retirees and make sure they vote.

If you can help the candidates financially, please do. Thank you, J.J. Jelincic

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