

Founded in 1958, RPEA is an association focused on protecting retirement benefits for all public employees (retired and currently employed) and their beneficiaries. With over 20,000 members and 87 active chapters, RPEA is supported by membership dues and is the only statewide association representing all CalPERS members.



**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
DELTA CHAPTER 069**

## Mental Fitness for Life

Keep your brain fit, positive and fun-filled.

### Charleen B. Earley

Journalism Teacher, Magazine Publisher,  
Public Speaker & Mom

**Thursday March 14**

**11:30 AM to 1 PM**

**Champions Grill**

Lone Tree Golf Course & Event Center  
300 Golf Course Rd, Antioch, CA 94531

**RSVP Bethi Carver**

**Luncheons, \$15, are hosted by the Chapter with an  
RSVP. No host bar.**

### 2019 Calendar

**Membership Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 11:30 AM**

**May 9** - Rosemary Robles, DMV Senior Ombudsman

**August 8** - Margaret Brown, CalPers Board Member

**October 10** – TBA

### Presidents Message

RPEA is a member based organization. Member, Chapter, Area, HQ  
RPEA members are watchdogs of CalPers, which needs oversight.  
Chapter Officer is a 2 year Term, Chairperson is one year term.

### Delta Chapter 2019 Board Of Directors And Strategic Planning Committee

Bethi Carver, Chapter President (925)708-2763  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

#### Strategic planning committee

Bethi Carver, Newsletter Editor (925)708-2763  
Eddie Roberts, Sunshine Chair. (925)706-1956  
Legislative Chairperson  
Membership Committee  
Program. Health Benefits  
Joan Tucker, Board Member. (925)776-7824

## Letter from the Editor

### How to strengthen RPEA and Delta Chapter? Attend meetings and serve one complete term.

Meetings are awkward until the Board of Directors positions are filled, we will then run smoothly again. Chapter reimbursement for materials and Equipment allowance will be voted on March 14. Please share your preferences.

Officers, 2 year term: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairperson, 1 year term: Program, Legislative, Health Benefits and Membership committee.

Officers and Board members support RPEA and its Mission. The Chapter Handbook, Bylaws and Strategic Plan outlines Paperwork timing and responsibilities of Members, Officers, Chairpersons, Committees and Board Members. RPEA uses Roberts Rules of Order. Computer, printer, internet, email, Phone and answering machine.

Usual time spent: 1 to 2 hours a month.

### Membership Update

158 Members February 2019.

We gained 19 members.

30 new members and lost 14 members.

Please take note, when a member passes away, RPEA membership stops, leaving the spouse without connection or assistance to process pension and benefits changes. Avoid confusion and include your spouse or beneficiary as a member. Complete another membership application including both you and your spouse. Call RPEA.

### Welcome New Members !

Rita Perez, Alfred Lutz, Debra Reese, Antoinette Lawrence, Thalia Massoni, Remedios Sison.

### Thank you!

Renewing Members and Members with dues deduction.

In Memoriam: Richard Morrison, was a dedicated RPEA and Delta Chapter board member. He is greatly missed..

**Non-Renewal** – Tom & Susan Branch,  
Donald Amerson and Patricia Elecentrio

### PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

#### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

**RPEA DUES:** Active, Associate & Beneficiary  
Annual Dues is \$60. Monthly Dues Deduction \$5.  
Affiliates are not retired yet, dues are half.

RPEA, 300 T STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95811  
**(800)443-7732**



Retired Public Employees Association

## Delta Chapter 069 Area III

*RPEA Mission Statement - We are retired California public employees working. Together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits.*

### Newsletter March 2019

Newsletter Editor; Bethi Carver  
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#### Legislative Update

Some cities and counties have cut vital services to pay for pensions, local agencies must require all employees to pay into their pensions. People are angry about services being cut.

233 Members of Congress Voted to steal Social Security's \$2.9 Trillion after Congress called it a Surplus!. We pay more for less benefits. Funds are cash paid in by account holders. Your voice matters. Call and write your Legislators.

#### RPEA PAC Political Action Committee.

RPEA Legislative Director Randall Cheek. [rcheek1947@att.net](mailto:rcheek1947@att.net)

Keep updated: Reed-DeMaio Initiative 15-0033, August 11, 2015.

#### Being Involved

*This is a retirement association and we are all older. We, RPEA members, must be resolute & united to protect our voice and pension accounts at CalPERS.*

*Retirees spending is 1/4 of the California economy.*

*Many think AARP will take care of us too, but they are a for profit and broad based organization that only wants your dues and control of your voice at CalPERS.*

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***To paraphrase: the price of solvency is eternal vigilance. The activity of eternal vigilance is to get involved.... Mario Flores***

*Please attend the RPEA Delta Chapter membership meetings Add your voice and positive activity to RPEA Delta Chapter.*

*We hope to hear from you soon. Keep a Chapter and your pension and benefits relevant and vibrant.*

*Contributing writer, Mario Flores, Member*

#### Sunshine

Our Sunshine Chairperson is Eddie Roberts. She sends cards to RPEA members on their birthday and get well cards. Cards are also sent when a member has lost an immediate family member. Immediate family members refer to a child, spouse, parent or significant other.

If you want to sign up for a birthday card or are aware of a member that has lost an immediate family member or a member that is sick, please inform Eddie Roberts at (925)706-1956 or send her an email [eddier48@att.net](mailto:eddier48@att.net)

#### February 14 meeting was rescheduled to March 14.

#### October Meeting

Joan Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present; Marja Alford, Joan Tucker, Mario Flores, Richard Enea, Ron Davis, Margaret Ewing, Richard Morrison, Bethi Carver. Guests; J.R. Gibb and guest speaker, Randal Cheek. February 8, 2018 Minutes and current Treasurer report read by Bethi Carver, motion made and seconded, approved unanimously. Slate of Officers and Board members, same as last term, was read, vote taken, members voted unanimously to approve.

Our Guest speaker was Randall Cheek, RPEA Legislative Director. Legislation eliminating SSA windfall benefit cut. Death benefit \$5,000. RPEA Political Action and Legislative efforts to protect our pensions and benefits. He gave a handout on RPEA position on the November ballot propositions. There are several lawsuits that may drastically change how our pensions and benefits are calculated. More members are needed to do push back and clarity efforts on these issues as Lawsuits challenging public pensions continue.

Respectfully Submitted by Bethi Carver, Secretary ProTem

**Value your pension and benefits,  
your RPEA Membership and Chapter is your  
voice at CalPERS.**

**Be involved & speak up**

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#### Relevant Connections.....

- ✓ RPEA group Insurance benefits, AMBIA (844)385-4360 [www.myambabenefits.info/association/rpeaca](http://www.myambabenefits.info/association/rpeaca)
- ✓ Signup for RPEA Facebook and RPEA Media Daily [stephen@marketplacecommunications.com](mailto:stephen@marketplacecommunications.com)
- ✓ Local delta group. Mobility Matters (925) 284-6699
- ✓ If you have problems with your bank or companies, online complaints may be filed with the Federal Trade Commission. FTC.gov: [ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://ftccomplaintassistant.gov).
- ✓ Internet fraud etc, FBI is at [www.ic3.gov/complaint](http://www.ic3.gov/complaint)
- ✓ CalPERS 888-225-7377. <https://my.calpers.ca.gov>