

## **Long-Term Care Rate Battle Being Waged Now in the Courts**

Some 122,000 retirees have been affected by a major increase in CalPERS long-term care insurance, a rate hike which retirees claim violated terms of the contract between them and CalPERS.

An early challenge to the suit held that the retirees were barred from suing because the statute of limitations prevailed. That challenge was negated by the court and the judge now must rule on whether CalPERS had the authority to raise rates. If the judge agrees with policy holders, a second trial would be scheduled in the fall to reach a decision. The financial stakes are high. Estimates place the CalPERS liability at \$1 billion if policyholders prevail.

Disability retirees will now find that work as retired annuitants will be less lucrative than before. A new provision signed into law by the governor stipulates that annuitants may not return to the same positions they had as full-time employees, nor to jobs with duties equivalent to their previous employment.

And a final note--CalPERS reported a 6.7% return on their investments in the 2018-2019 fiscal year--**Lori Benitez, Legislative Chair**

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## ***And The Chapter Is Still Growing***

Chapter 084 added 14 new members in recent weeks. They are:

Roberta Brooks, Maggie Burks, Mary Biasoti, Jubith Bogs, Jack Brannan, Nicholas Burgeson, Nancy Clark, Joyce Ellis, Gary Forgard, Lucretia Forgard, Deborah Fox, Elaine Hamilton, David Ross and Larry Walker.

If your name is on this list, remember that lunch is gratis at your first meeting.

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## ***Celebrating Birthdays Recently***

Say Happy Birthday to:

JULY--Pat Blanson, Alfredo Gomez, David Woods, Lori Benitez, Kathryn Kuchel.

AUGUST--Kim Ambuehi, Roberta Christensen, Marty Martinez, Wraa Rose, Dorothy Rose, Clara Shuper, Maria Sumner, Jannette Williams.

## **We're Gaining, but We Need More...**

...Names that is. Of Chapter 084 members who opt to receive the newsletter electronically. If you can do that it saves the Chapter postage money. Make the change by sending an E-mail to [barbjuly20@gmail.com](mailto:barbjuly20@gmail.com).

## **From the President's Desk**

## **Vote on CalPERS Board Seat Needs Your Serious Attention**

You probably recollect your high school civics class emphasis on voting, defined as both a privilege and a responsibility for every citizen upon reaching voting age. Sometimes the vote involves a position that the general public knows little about, but does affect a segment of society.

In this case that segment is members of the CalPERS retirement system--in other words you who are reading this column. You very soon will receive a ballot with two names on it--Henry Jones, incumbent; and Joseph 'JJ' Jelincic. The position is strongly contested, the rhetoric sometimes heated. So before you mark the ballot, do the research.

You can Google both names, get background information and a sense of where each candidate stands. Yes, it takes a few minutes, but learning something about the status and outlook of each man will inform your vote. And do vote. It will have much to do with the posture of the board in coming years.

And speaking of elections, Chapter 084 has one of its own coming up in October. That's when the chapter will choose its management team for the coming year. Here's the slate, which will be announced at the August luncheon--but of course nominations will be open as well. --**Roberta Christensen**

## **Chapter 084**

## **Proposed Officer Team for 2020**

President --**Roberta Christensen**

Vice-President--**Lori Benitez**

Treasurer--**Gloria Kalthoff**

Secretary--**Alfredo Gomez**

Directors:

**Maria Dupras**

**Maria Sumner**

**Kent Milton**

## **Finances Still Looking Good**

Chapter finances look solid. Here are the numbers:

Bank Balance (June 1)	\$7,722.46
Deposits	609.90
Expenses	590.73
Bank Balance (June 30)	\$7,741.63

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## *RPEA-Roseville Chapter 084*

Mark your calendars. Our next luncheon meeting is August 22 (see menu choices below) at Sierra Regency, 1015 Madden Lane, Roseville. Luncheon reservations should be made with Helen Field, (916) 783-0325 no later than Monday, August 19. Luncheon choices are:

*Chicken Spring Salad with fig vinaigrette or  
Breaded shrimp po-boy sandwich, and coleslaw*

Meetings start at 10:45 a.m. (If you make a reservation and then find you can't attend, please notify Helen Field, because the chapter must pay for all reservations}.

Luncheon costs are: \$10 for members, \$12 for associate members and \$14 for guests. It's helpful if you can bring exact change or a check to pay for the luncheon. Luncheon is free for new chapter members attending their first meeting.

### **Fascinating Program Planned**

Green Acres Nursery may be the place to buy plants, but they also make available expert advice. Joining the chapter August 22 will be Greg Gayton, master of all things green and growing,. His topics will touch on the exotic and the familiar--ranging from facts about orchids, to succulents and that favorite holiday plant--poinsettias.

Greg will bring his information in an engaging fashion that can elevate gardening from a chore to a joy. He makes it seem like fun. Come, hear and learn.