

Hard-Fought Battle for Seat on CalPERS Board Foreseen in Fall

It may not be high on your radar right now, but come September you will receive a ballot from CalPERS seeking your vote for a board member position that will be hotly contested. The RPEA-endorsed candidate is J.J. Jelincic, a former board member who is seeking to regain the seat now held by Henry Jones. Jelincic also has worked as an investment officer for CalPERS, thus has knowledge of the organization's operations. He's feisty, sometimes criticizing staff in ways that brought him concerted opposition. He contends that it's more important to monitor staff than to be polite.

Why is this of consequence? Because you will help decide who wins this board seat. In the previous board election only 6.4 % of eligible CalPERS members voted. Since CalPERS has about 600,000 members, that same voting ratio this year would mean that 38,000 voters will be making an important decision for 600,000 of us. Do make your wishes known by voting on this board seat.

On another front, health insurance: CalPERS projects significant rate increases next year--an average of 7.2 %. . The most popular plan, Kaiser's HMO, is expected to rise about 6%. No Medicare plan figures have been made available yet, but the hope is that--because all the insurers can review the offerings of competitors--competition may yet trim actual rate increases a bit.

There's also some good news: Morgan Stanley, which had been accused of misrepresenting investment risks to CalPERS during a five-year span (2003-2007), has settled for \$150 million. The money will be divided \$122 million to CalPERS, \$8 million to STRS, and \$20 million to the Department of Justice to reimburse its costs in conducting the investigation--**Lori Benitez, Legislative Chair.**

Chapter 084 Potpourri

Welcome these new members:

- Frankie Adams, of Grass Valley
- Renae Bybee of Granite Bay
- Linda Inle, of Orangevale
- Gary Manini, of Roseville
- Deborah Paul, of Rossville.

And wish these people happy birthday:

- George Rose, May
- Beverley Ylitalo, May
- J. Polson, May
- Deryl Rosel, April
- Leona Kamen, April

From the President's Desk

Wondering How This 'Real ID' Fuss Is Going to Affect You?

When government creates a new program, people sometimes get confused. That's the way it's been with the Real ID, which the Federal government is establishing as the "open sesame" for riding on an airplane or traversing many federal properties. It's hooked to the California driver's license so, in getting that renewed, you can also establish your Real ID

Problem is, the items you need to establish Real ID haven't been all that clear. And a passport can factor into this as well, perhaps adding to the uncertainties.

Help is at hand--and we're going to get it at the June 27 luncheon in the form of Jerrod Sieberg, DMV's senior ombudsman, who will come prepared to lay out the Real ID process in ways we can understand--and answer questions if you're still not clear,

Such as--If I've given up driving do I still need a Real ID? If I don't have a driver's license, what do you give me to prove my Real ID? And perhaps the question we all have--How can I carry out this process without spending all day in a DMV office?

The man with answers will be with us June 27. I think you'll want to be there, too.

And a footnote on our April meeting, when our guest was from AMBIA, the organization that helps RPEA with recruitment and orchestrates the various benefits, discounts and special offers which many companies have created for seniors.

The RPEA website is an excellent source for accessing information about these availabilities, but occasionally that access runs into a glitch. One such came to our attention after the last meeting, involving an RPEA member who was unable to arrange for the desired benefit to this individual's satisfaction. If that happens to you, the people who can help may be reached at (800) 443-3752.---**Roberta Christensen, President**

084 Finances Look Good

The chapter started the month of May with \$7,740.86 in the bank, received \$349.60 during the month, spent \$368 and ended the month with \$7,722.46 in the bank.

We Need More People.....to sign up for electronic distribution of the newsletter. Send an E-mail to barbjuly20@gmail.com to make the change. It's an easy way to get your newsletter and it saves the chapter money when snail mailings are reduced.

*RPEA Chapter 084
1168 Rand Way
Roseville, CA 95678*

Return Service requested

RPEA-Roseville Chapter 084

Chapter 084 meets for lunch and an enlightening program the last Thursday of February, April, June, August and October, as well as the first Thursday in December. **The next meeting is June 27, 2019.** Reservations for luncheon can be made with Helen Field (916) 783-0325. To assure you are included please call by Monday, June 24. The luncheon choices are:

*Swiss Mushroom Burger with Pasta Salad or
Cobb Salad*

Chapter 084 meets at Sierra Regency, 1015 Madden Lane, Roseville. Meetings start at 10:45 a.m.

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.

(If you make a reservation and then find you can't attend, please advise Helen Field because Chapter 084 must pay for all reservations).

What's the program? You won't want to miss this one. See details in President Roberta Christensen's column.