

From the President's Desk

RPEA Actions Help to Restore Portion of Pension Benefits

The case involves a small joint powers authority in the San Gabriel Valley, but the ramifications strike a responsive chord in RPEA chapters throughout California. The East San Gabriel Human Resources Consortium (also known as LA Works) stopped paying its prescribed pension allocation to CalPERS some months ago when the agency folded. CalPERS then cut the agency's retiree benefits by nearly two-thirds.

RPEA vigorously supported AB1912, which forbids member agencies of a joint powers authority to stop paying retiree pensions when (a) the retiree agreement with CalPERS is terminated or (b) the JPA stops operating or simply dissolves.

But this bill addresses future situations, not the LA Works problem. So RPEA joined the effort to have pension benefits restored to the retirees who had seen a huge share of their benefits disappear. And just days ago CalPERS reestablished a portion of the lost benefits. Not a big share, but a start.

RPEA's state president, Al Darby (elected to that post at the September General Assembly meeting), praised CalPERS for taking this step, but also noted that the ultimate goal should be total restoration of the benefits. Darby said, "RPEA will continue to work with CalPERS and the Legislature to fully restore the benefits that were so drastically cut as a result of the dissolution of the joint powers authority."

What does that have to do with Chapter 084? Everything. I bring you this story as a real-world indication of RPEA in action. We don't just say we're here to protect your benefits; we actively and aggressively work to do so. And that dedication starts at the top.

We've often noted that you need RPEA precisely because it's a firewall between you and potential erosion of benefits.

And we need you because, as always, there's strength in numbers. You truly count. If you haven't been to a meeting recently, come join us---good meal, good information, good conversation, good vibes---**Roberta Christensen, President**

Chapter Financial Status

The numbers tell the story: Chapter 084's financial position is strong:

Beginning Balance (8/1/18)	\$7989
Expenses	648
Deposits	496
Ending Balance (8/31/18)	\$7837

Keep 'em Coming... *Conversions that is. Chapter 084's long-term goal is switching everyone to electronic receipt of the newsletter. But we would like that to be your choice. So we're asking you to indicate that you want to convert to Email delivery of the newsletter. Just send a message to barbjuly20@gmail.com when you're ready.*

Chapter 084 Will Elect Officers At October Luncheon Meeting

New officers will be elected at the October 25 meeting. Here's the slate created by the 084 board of directors:

- President, Roberta Christensen
- Vice-President, Marty Martinez
- Secretary, Alfredo Gomez
- Treasurer, Gloria Kalthoff
- Directors: Maria Sumner

Ray Aguilera

(One director position is vacant)

Other names can be placed in nomination at the meeting.

Chapter 084 Odds and Ends

- Board discussion about potential changes in the structure and location of bi-monthly meetings produced the suggestion that Chapter 084 combine with the Auburn RPEA chapter occasionally to enjoy a joint program and luncheon. If so, the meeting might be held at an Auburn area restaurant. The board will investigate possibilities.
- Mark your calendar now for the annual Christmas luncheon, which will be held December 6 at Sierra Regency. The Christmas party is always a fun event; details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.
- Our representatives at General Assembly found the issues/discussions of such import that they suggest more emphasis should be placed on other 084 members attending. A complete summary of the meeting will be provided at the October 25 luncheon, so that's the place to be if you want information. And if you have questions, they will be answered as well.
- Our newest member is Michael Matranga, a Fair Oaks resident. Welcome Michael, from everyone in Chapter 084.
- Our single birthday honoree this issue is: Anita Russell, born in September.
- And, finally, we're gratified that membership in Chapter 084 now stands at 403. But--the chapter still needs a membership committee chairperson.

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RPEA-Roseville Chapter 084

The Next Chapter Luncheon Meeting--Thursday, October 25, 10:45 a.m.
At Sierra Regency, 1015 Madden Lane, Roseville 95661

The Menu:

*Spaghetti Carbonara or
Smoked Salmon BLT on Croissant*

Call Helen Field (916 783-0325) to make reservations and your menu selection. Reservations **must be made** no later than October 22 (Monday prior to meeting).

Cost: \$10 for members, \$12 for associate members, \$14 for guests (Please bring exact change or a check)

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

The October 25 Program

Organizations like RPEA have conferences, and conferences can be dull and boring. *Or maybe not.* State-level RPEA has just concluded its biennial meeting known as General Assembly, and *pertinence* may describe the action best. What happened? That's the subject of the October 25 program. You'll want to attend the chapter luncheon and learn what decisions were made and where the association is headed in the future. That future involves you, because RPEA exists to protect your future. Come see how that happens.