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The **BOARD** meets on the third Monday of February, May, August and November. Meetings are open to all members. Your input and involvement would be most welcome.

### **ATTEND OUR JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BREAKFAST**

**WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019**

**TIME: 10:30 A.M. (Meet & Greet)  
10:45 A.M. (Meeting start time)**

**WHERE: PEPPERTREE CAFÉ  
1020 E. Rte 66  
Glendora, California 91740**

**PROGRAM:** This meeting we will enjoy a wonderful breakfast and two presentations! The first presentation will be from Past Area Director Bob Seigler. Bob will update us on RPEA matters and some exciting upcoming RPEA opportunities. Our second presentation will be from Lorenzo Rios our RPEA State Public Relations Director.

**Join us as we enjoy good food, fun and fellowship and a healthy dose of CalPERS/RPEA retirement education!**

### **SEE YOU AT THE PEPPERTREE!**

**PLEASE RSVP TO JOAN WILSON AT (626) 337-2639.**

**IF THERE IS NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE.  
Reservations assist us coordinate plenty of food with the  
Peppertree Café! ☺**

## **RPEA CHAPTER 90 PRESIDENT'S GREETING**

**By: Leo J. Taylor, President**

Hello Retirees- It has been a wonderful, exciting and progressive four years serving as your Chapter President. Together, we have watched our children and grand-children move in a direction that is very pleasing, and carrying on in our tradition of hard work and maintaining pension benefits for retirees.

We made a few changes under my leadership that I believe will be great for the Chapter. We adjusted our regular meeting from every other month to four regular meetings with meals at no cost to our members. We also changed the name of the chapter from Don McKnight to Chapter 90. I also made it my goal to keep the membership aware of the every changing nature of scams which are popping up at an ever increasing pace.

I will not seek another term as Chapter 90 President. Therefore those members who would like to assist in managing the Chapter please contact Scott at (909) 568-6763 or John Lentz at (626) 404-6575. Stay focused and alert! I will see you all at our June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Your Chapter Leadership Board Needs You!**

New chapter officers will be elected later this year for next year and the Chapter needs to identify new chapter leaders. The importance of members assisting with the leadership of the chapter cannot be overemphasized. The amount of time is only a couple of hours per month. Should additional volunteers not come forward our chapter of 270 members could be faced with having to merge with another chapter to the east or the west of us. Volunteers are needed for the board positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and also for Program Chair; Newsletter Chair; Health Benefits Chair; and Legislative Chair. Please contact Chapter President John Lentz at (626) 404-6575 or see one of the Chapter 90 Board members. Please seriously consider volunteering for a board member or chairperson position.

## **LEGISLATION UPDATES:**

\* New Chronic Care Act, which became law on Feb 9, 2019. Link: <http://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/870> CHRONIC Care Act

\* CalPERS is preparing to launch the LIFT Program through the Long Term Care Group. It's a "fall prevention" program for long term care participants.

\* "California Rule": The long awaited State Supreme Court decision that threatened the "California Rule" has been issued and the court has held that pension benefits that exist in the contract between public employer and CalPERS at the time the employee is hired cannot be altered in such a way that reduces the value of that person's pension at retirement. Note: The 2012 pension reform act (PEPRA) reduced benefits of new hires on or after 1/1/2013, but did not alter contracted benefits for existing employees.

\* On Feb. 26, Dr. Richard Pan, a State Senator, has introduced long term care legislation to address this growing crisis in California. More details will be shared as SB 512 makes its way through the legislature.

### **RPEA HAS A NEW WEBSITE:**

The address, [www.rpea.com](http://www.rpea.com), is unchanged, but the site is new and fresh and full of content and features. Take a look and send your feedback to [webmaster@rpea.com](mailto:webmaster@rpea.com).

### **We Are So Lucky to Have You!**

Our Chapter now has a total of 270 members. This is very good news because we need strength in number to effectively fight the ever present efforts to erode our retirement security. Plus, as those that attend our Chapter meetings know, it's fun to socialize with other public employees retirees at our meetings! So ... come on over to our quarterly meetings at the Peppertree and get updated on what's happening at CalPERS and RPEA ... and enjoy the fun!

**CHAPTER MEETINGS:** Our Chapter meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Monday of June, September, December and March. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR for June 17<sup>th</sup>; September 16<sup>th</sup>; December 1st 2019 and March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020.**