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#### **RPEA CHAPTER 101**

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Pamela Tull RPEA Chapter 101 PRESIDENT

RPEA Membership Dues are a bargain; reasonable and affordable at \$60.00 a year (which is just \$5 a month) RENEW Cash Payment Dues to RPEA HQ:

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CalPERS LTC ... see inside ---->

For Current CalPERS Class Action Lawsuit Information:

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**CHAPTER 101 BOARD MEETING** RPEA Chapter 101~ Valley of the Sun

11:30 A.M.

▶ GECKO GRILL ◀

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#### Valley of the Sun ~ Arizona

RPEA CHAPTER 101 GREETINGS RPEA Chapter 101 Member:

The most important bit of information for us members of RPEA Chapter 101 was released on September 28, 2023 and takes those current CalPERS LTC (Long Term Care) policy holders into January [see enclosed "ALERT"], It is slight encouragement for those of us who committed to following the CalPERS Class Action lawsuit through to the end. Altho' it is sometimes extremely difficult to do so, the fact of being concluded does give some comfort.

The only other bit of sharing I will do in this Chapter 101 Newsletter article is to repeat that yearly encouragement . . .

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Happy New Year

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#### November 9, 2023 UPDATE!

CalPERS LTC (Long Term Care) ClassAction LawSuit of it's retired members will respond to the Class Members' Final Settlement which was reached on September 28, 2023, for Categories A-H, by mailing a check (called "Final Settlement") to its policyholders in the amount of the retired members of the CalPERS LTC Settlement group. The mailing will also note your Final Category and Award:

"Category A" CalPERS retirees who chose "Option 1" Premium Refund elected to surrender their LTC policies and receive 80% of their paid policy premiums, less any benefits they received, through the Final Settlement date of September 28, 2023.

Payments on auto-pay through their banks or deducted from their CalPERS pension checks should have stopped automatically on September 27, 2023.

Class Members who elected "Option 1" and recently went "on-claim"; applied to go on-claim"; or think they may need to go "on-claim"; before October 18, 2023, may qualify for "Category 1" or another process provided-for in the Settlement that would allow you to reverse your election. If you are in that situation, please refer to FACs (Frequently Asked Comments) on the CalPERS Website and contact Class Counsel immediately at 1-(916) 520.6639.

And just "FYI" RPEA's AMBA (Association Member Benefits Association) now offers LTC insurance coverage. Their phone number: 1-(877)556.4582.

RPEA MEMBERS . . . REMAIN VIGILANT/
"Attend RPEA Chapter meeting.

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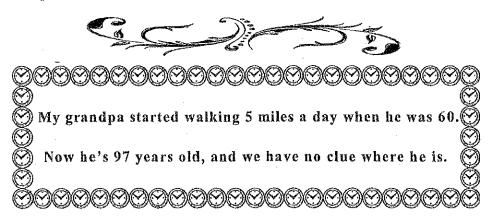
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RPEA'S PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR SCOTT MC GOOKIN SUGGESTS IN THE RPEA STATE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER:

IS IT TIME FOR RPEA MEMBERS TO REDUCE THE VULNERABILITY CREATED BY ORGANIZATIONS SHARING OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DATA?

Come to Chapter 101 Meetings . . . you'll enjoy the camaraderie and information updates while you dine with friends.

Our elected RPEA State Association Board of Directors meet quarterly throughout the year, and appointed and elected RPEA State Association Directors' Committee meetings are held with all RPEA members encouraged to attend via ZOOM and/or via physical attendance at the meetings which are held at RPEA Headquarters building in Sacramento (at 300 "T" Street, Sacramento 85811). Phone: (916) 441.7732.



#### ALERT!

The following is for affected residents of California who are CalPERS members both currently working public-service workers in California and those public-service workers in California who are retired and who are CalPERS LTC (Long Term Care) policy holders. [Otherwise the following is simply an informational "FYI" for RPEA members who were employed by CalPERS.]

BREAKING NEWS from RPEA...

CalPERS Long Term Care (LTC) Settlement Update

The Settlement became Final on September 28, 2023.

Under the terms of the Settlement, your Final Settlement Category and Award amount will be determined as of the above date.

In January 2024, you will receive a mailing from the Settlement Administrator providing:

**Inotification of your Final Category and Award**;

- (2) a Dispute Form; and
- (3) a check in the amount of your final Award.

For more info – link to the CalPERS LTC Class Action Settlement page:

https://www.calpersltcclassaction.com/

Engage in social contact; Come to RPEA meetings once a month.

Walking daily can increase your life by minutes At 85 years of age you can now spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home for \$7,000 per month

### OUR RPEA CHAPTER 101 BOARD REPORTS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERS for JULY 2023 thru September 2023

#THANKYOU Cash-Paying RPEA Chapter 101 Members for renewing your yearly membership and paying dues in 2023. A hearty "WELCOME" to our NEW RPEA Chapter 101 members who joined this year as follows:

Linda Freige – Surprise AZ Susan Garcia – Buckeye, AZ Troy Holscher – Sun City West, AZ Maria Wylie –Surprise, AZ

Patricia Drake – Clarkdale, AZ
Marjorie Funkhouser– Concho, AZ
Clifford Haight – Tolleson, AZ
Jeanne Hladek – Surprise, AZ
Peter Hladek – Surprise, AZ
Vivian Joslin – Peoria, AZ
Sally Massen – Surprise, AZ
Diane Morris – San Tan Valley, AZ
Joseph Sousa, Wickenburg, AZ

Joan Houser – Rockvale, TN Robert Lee – Dewey, AZ Millard Newcombe, Poteau, OK Barry Reisman – Phoenix, AZ



RPEA MEMBERS . . . REMAIN VIGILANT!

"Attend meetings and stay informed"

CalPERS serves more than 2 million members of the CalPERS retirement system; they (CalPERS) administers retirement Benefits for over 1.5 million members (and their families) In its healthcare program, making it the largest "defined-benefit" public pension in the USA.

"The essence of "family" is a commitment to care for each other; It's not conditional."

~ Julie Winokur, a writer, filmmaker, and collaborator On "Aging in America: The Years Ahead" a project about the challenges confronting the Nation as the population ages.

excerpt from Reader's Digest, Dec. 2009-Jan. 2010

#### Census 2010 FACTS

**Winners/Losers** The 2000 Census results were good news for Arizona, Florida, Georgia, and Texas: Each state gained 2 seats in he House of Representatives, thanks to population gains. Illinois, Ohio, and New York lost seats. For 2010 experts predict the Northeast will lose f4 Congressional seats and the Midwest will shed 6, with 5 seats a piece heading to the South and West.

Count Me Out In June, Michele Bachmann, a Republican Congresswoman from Minnesota, vowed not to dully respond to the 2010 Census, calling it government intrusion. Participation, however isn't optional. Failure to fill out the Census form is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5,0000 (Wrongful Disdosure of Confidential Information, on the other hand, is a felony.)

No Citizen Left Behind Accuracy is a big issue. In one study, the U.S. Census Monitoring Board used projections and statistical sampling of the 2000 Census to determine that the final tally missed 3 million people, causing the District of Columbia and 31 States to lose \$4.1 Billion in Federal funding. This drives Democrats nuts, since the undercounted are most likely to be part of their constituency; poor people and minorities, who might be difficult to track down or wary of government.

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