

## RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

Chapter #102, Grants Pass, Oregon

DEC 14 2021

Happy holidays to all from Officers and Board of Directors  
Bill Davidson, President; Doris Davidson, Vice-President, have resigned as of  
December 1, 2021. Thank you two for your support and serving the Chapter these many  
years. The past #102-chapter officers are appreciated.

Hazel Griffith, Secretary-Treasurer and Frank Jones, Membership Chair.

As we get older, it becomes much more difficult to travel the distances to attend  
meetings. If the chapter is to continue, we must have at least four members step up and  
become Officers. The Chapter could meet in a different city/area IF someone will  
volunteer to be an officer. IF you are willing to chair meetings of the Chapter, please  
advise Hazel at 541-592-6433 or at [gihed@Frontier.com](mailto:gihed@Frontier.com). Frank Jones, Membership  
Chair or RPEA State Headquarters of your concerns. Presently, our By-laws say four  
meetings per year. Without officers we will have to turn in our charter.

Going thru RPEA minutes for the past 20 years, I found the first minutes for Chapter  
#102. I have printed those minutes and included them in this newsletter. Along with the  
Social Security Scam information.

This past year, there has been little news from California that the State Headquarters  
has not printed in the updates, which are so informative.

Treasurer's Report, checking and savings November 30, 2021

Expenses: No checks were written in the fiscal year, Nov 2020-Oct 31, 2021

2021-2022 Expenses: Hazel Griffith, 12-02-2021, check #150

Three hundred, @.58, stamps, newsletter \$174.00

Checking & savings are \$20,953.17 minus \$174.00 Balance \$20,779.17

Please consider being an officer. It is not to demanding!

Depending on the response from members:

Next Meeting in Grants Pass will be announced.

May we all be healthy and enjoy our holiday seasons. Hazel Griffith, Secretary

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### Area II Monthly RPEA incoherent ramblings

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From: Roger Klaves ([rjklaves55@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjklaves55@sbcglobal.net))

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Just when we thought it might be safe to go back into the water, here comes a little something  
called Omicron floating by in our little punchbowl. Hopefully this Covid variant won't pose a  
problem restarting chapter meetings where you are but so far, we just don't know. Paradise  
continues to rebuild although there isn't anywhere suitable to hold meetings. There have been  
some suggestions but none offering a place for a luncheon. The Town of Paradise shows 1106  
homes rebuilt as of November 10. A friend of mine says he got a bill for \$95K for the cost to clean  
up his 2/3 acre lot in Magalia. The bill has been submitted to his insurance. We see where JJ  
Jelincic, Margaret Brown and Tiffany Emon-Moran are forming a "Watchdog" committee which will  
keep track of CalPERS happenings. Emon-Moran is a retired police fraud investigator. They will  
track Pers investments and try to make sure that Pers operations are transparent. Pers  
investment portfolio now totals about 494 Billion dollars. A fired Chino police officer will fight to  
keep his pension after being fired because of a sex crime. Pers says he's ineligible for a  
pension due to being fired because of the alleged crime. There's more to it but that's the gist of an  
administrative law judge's ruling. Pers has set a new return of 6.8% on investments, down from  
7.0%. They will also move towards private equity investments and less treasuries, stocks, and  
securities that don't pay much interest. Five retirees were recently hired through a third party  
agency to work in 3 or 4 south state cities. They were assured they were in compliance with the  
old 960 hour rule.

Wrong....They must pay back to Pers over \$400K. (11/17/21 Bee). Hope your Thanksgiving  
was good and have a Blessed Christmas season. Roger, your Area II A.D.....

## WHO AM I?

### Retired Public Employees Association of California

Protecting our Pension and Benefits for ALL

CalPers Retirees-State Classified School and Public Agency

On October 19, 2001, a group of California Public Retired Employees and their spouses attended a RPEA meeting at J.J. North's in Grants Pass, Oregon for the purpose to discuss forming a RPEA Chapter in Southern Oregon. With one vote of no of the persons present, it was voted to form a chapter of California Public retired employees in the state of Oregon. The general voice of those present were The RPEA's Motto: **United We Can Make a Difference.**

The following persons volunteered to be the new Chapters' officers:

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|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT:       | Walter Watson, Grants Pass    | D & A                        |
| Vice -President: | Don Griffith, Cave Junction   | CalTrans                     |
| Secretary:       | Hazel Griffith, Cave Junction | Food Service manager, NOCCCD |
| Treasurer:       | Phyllis Watson, Grants Pass   | Associate Member             |
| Health Benefits: | Laurene L. Lange, Grants Pass | PERS-HBD                     |

Meetings dates were set for the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday of each month, place to be announced. 11:30 for lunch, if you wish, and with the meeting beginning at 12:00.

**Because of Thanksgiving: November's meeting will be November 28, 2001 at 11:15, at J. J. North's in Grants Pass. Meeting at 12:00 to discuss and adopt by-laws for the new Chapter.**

December 19, 2001 The Black Forest in Grants Pass at 11:30 for lunch, meeting at 12:00  
For 2002, the meeting dates will be:

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| JANUARY  | 16 | JULY      | 17 |
| FEBRUARY | 20 | AUGUST    | 21 |
| MARCH    | 20 | SEPTEMBER | 18 |
| APRIL    | 17 | OCTOBER   | 16 |
| MAY      | 15 | NOVEMBER  | 20 |
| JUNE     | 19 | DECEMBER  | 18 |

Meeting places to be announced as soon as possible. A reminder will be mailed 2 weeks before each meeting.

**DUES:** are \$36.00 a year, of which a portion will be returned to the newly formed chapter. Dues may be paid by deduction from retirement allowance at \$3.00 a month OR by check by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If you join, you will receive a flyer issued bi-monthly by the RPEA. This bulletin tells about bills and their progress thru the California Legislative

There are three categories of membership:

**ACTIVE:** Persons currently retired with a CALPERS annuity or their beneficiaries.

**Affiliate members:** Persons currently employed whose employer contracts with CALPERS for retirement benefits.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Persons who share similar goals, i.e. spouses, relatives, friends, etc..

Please answer the enclosed questionnaire and return at your earliest convenience. We will honor your wishes from the answered questions. Please plan to attend the November meeting at J. J. North's for lunch at 11:15 and/or the meeting at 12:00. Tell the Hostess you are attending the RPEA meeting. We are looking forward to meeting you and receiving your responses in the mail or by E-mail.

Sincerely,

Hazel Griffith, Secretary