

Retired Public Employees of California Grants Pass Chapter #102 March 2024

Message from the President

*Now that we've "sprung forward," we have
business to take care of...*

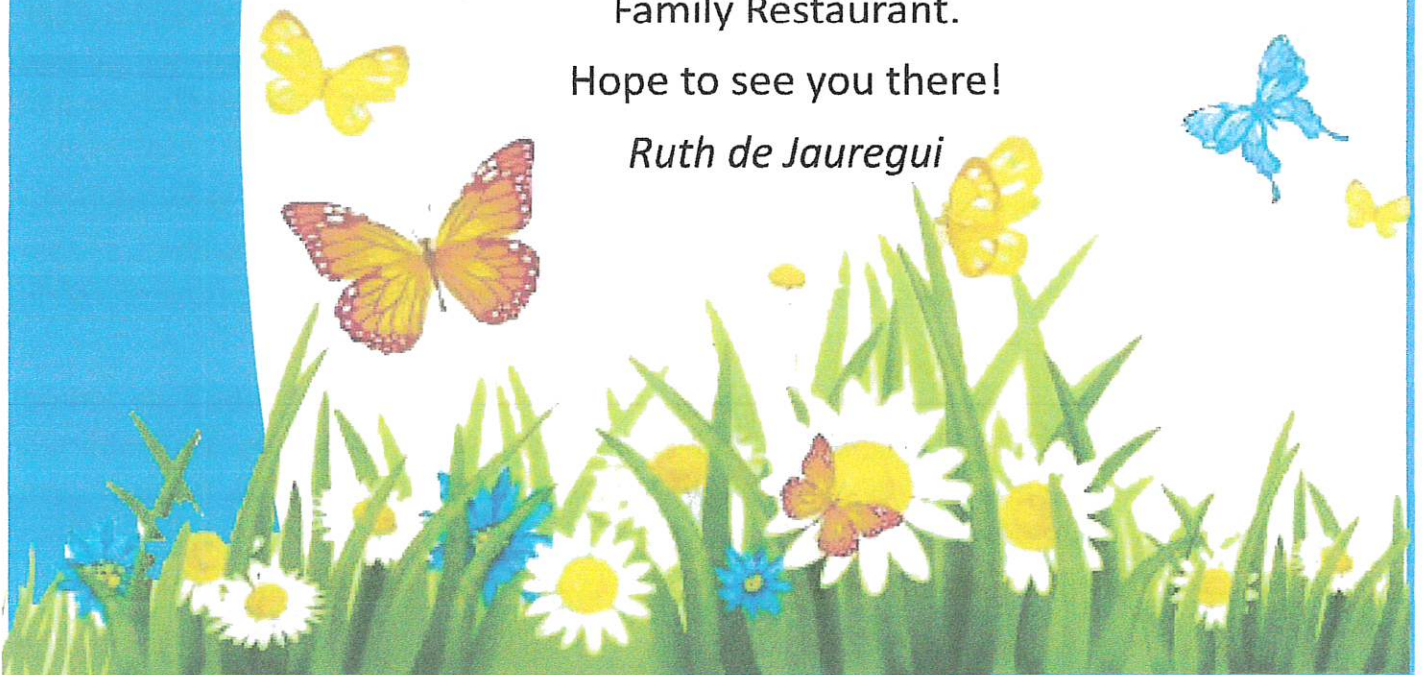
So we have some exciting news.

We are going to experiment with holding zoom meetings so more members can attend without having to leave their homes. That will make it easier on everyone, considering all the wild weather we've seen this winter and whatever obstacles may come in the future.

Meanwhile, our next meeting will be held on March 27th at 10:00 am at the Black Forest Family Restaurant.

Hope to see you there!

Ruth de Jauregui



It's IRS Time!!

There's Ways to Do Your Taxes for FREE

While many of you have already completed and submitted your 2023 taxes, some of us tend to wait until the last minute. If you have fairly simple taxes, you can do them online at the IRS website — and yes, for free if your adjusted gross income is under \$79,000!

Go to <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free> for more information.

Choose from IRS Free File:

Option 1: Guided Tax Software
(for Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) **\$79,000 or less**)

Let the software do the work

- Answer simple questions
- Choose between trusted IRS partners you qualify for
- Accurate math calculations guaranteed
- Free state tax preparation and filing with some trusted partners
- Prepare and file your federal return in Spanish

Personally, since I have to do a Schedule C for my self-employment income, I use the online “cash app taxes” program. And yes, it is free for both Federal and State taxes. The web address is: <https://cash.app/taxes>

Of course, if your taxes are complicated, you don't have a computer or internet access, or you just don't want to do them yourself, a tax professional may be the best choice for you.

NOTE: Use caution if you're googling for free tax programs, lots of websites claim to have free tax filing but then will charge you to file the State and/or Federal taxes. A helpful hint, if you've already filled out all the forms and then discover that there's filing fees, you may be able to click on “forms,” then “print to PDF.” Right click on the PDF and do a “save to” your computer files. Finally, print the forms out, sign, and mail them into the IRS and/or your State's Tax Board.

Speaking of Work

As a CalPERS retiree, I consider myself semi-retired. I still have a part-time job, which since Covid has become a work at home position. I am also self-employed as a writer and author. While not everyone wants or needs a part-time job, I have found that between the job and my dogs (who expect to be fed as soon as I get up and immediately after I clock out at the end of my shift), I have a routine that helps anchor my life. The “extra” money doesn't hurt either.

I've met a lot of other retirees who have also continued working. For example, when traveling to visit my family, I've met several retirees who are driving for Lyft. They enjoy the freedom that their part-time work provides. Other folks have seasonal jobs, such as tax preparer, retail, or call-center.

My point is: It's perfectly fine to continue working and just as acceptable to be fully retired and focused on your children/grandchildren, hobbies, sports, or other activities. Maintaining a live-and-let-live attitude reduces your stress and lets you enjoy what you like to do — and gives your family, friends, and neighbors the same choices.

I hope you're all doing well and enjoying your retirement, whatever it may be for you.

RPEA Chapter #102, Grants Pass, Oregon

Minutes of the December 14, 2022, Christmas informal meeting.

A quorum was present including: President, Ruth deJauregui; Secretary-Treasurer, Hazel Griffith; Membership, Chair Frank Jones; and member, Marc Mitchell.

During the meeting, we reviewed and accepted the September minutes, including treasurer's report, and had a discussion about conducting Zoom meetings so more members can participate in our quarterly meetings. Marc volunteered to contact All Tech Computers for details. We will have to set up an account with All Tech. Details will follow.

Members voted to continue meeting at the Black Forest Family Restaurant in Grants Pass on a quarterly basis. We currently meet in March, June, September, and December, on the last Wednesday of the month.

Treasurer's report as of January 31, 2024

December 31, 2023

Checking: \$23,961.98 Savings \$1,938.14

Deposit: \$227.46

Check # 160 - \$65.75 - Retirees Christmas brunch

Total Balance: \$26,061.93

January 30, 2024

Checking: 24,123.69 Savings \$1,938.24

Deposit \$226.51

Check #161 - \$600.00 - RPEA Building Fund

Total Balance \$25,688,44

February 29, 2024

Checking: 23,750.20 Savings \$1,938.24

Deposit \$208.43

Total Balance \$25,896.87

Hazel Griffith, Secretary-Treasurer

Stay Connected

You should be receiving a newsletter from our state-level RPEA every other month. Our state organization's newsletter provides significant information, from legislative updates to the California budget to specific issues that face us as CalPERS retirees.

If you aren't receiving the bimonthly newsletter, please reach out to RPEA and provide your new address, phone number, and/or email address.



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The Next RPEA Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

10:00 am

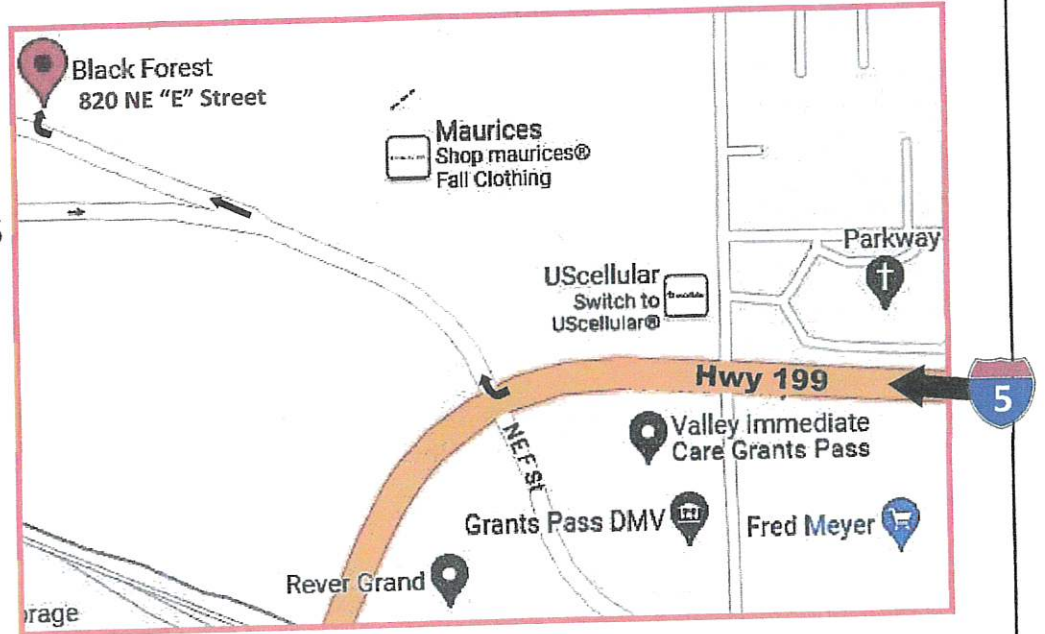
**The Black Forest
Family Restaurant**
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2024 Meetings

June 26

September 25

December TBA



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