



NEWS & VIEWS

CHAPTER 044

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RENATO DE MORAES, OUTREACH EDUCATION COORDINATOR COUNCIL ON AGING – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Mr. Renato de Moraes is originally from Sao Paulo, Brazil. He took up skateboarding as a youngster and became a professional in the sport in the year 2000, at the age of 19. He came to the U.S. in 2003, at the age of 22, intending to enhance his professional skateboarding career. He came alone with a room-mate, but no family members. He had bare-minimum English and no Spanish speaking skills (his native language is Portuguese). He realized that he needed skills in addition to skateboarding to earn a living in the U.S.

Renato attended Mt. San Antonio College to study English and Business Administration. He found employment with a law firm that specialized in Social Security Disability Claims and was with that firm for seven years. He worked closely with one of the firm's attorneys to learn all he could. That attorney eventually left the firm and in 2016,

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President's Report—Hello everyone. Chapter 044 schedules six meetings per year, in even months. In 2020, we were able to hold only the first meeting, in February, due to the pandemic restrictions banning group gatherings. Now, times have changed in the State, Country, and throughout the world. The Covid 19 restrictions eased, allowing our in-person meetings to resume in April, 2021. We are planning a full schedule for 2022.

We are publishing a newsletter bi-monthly. RPEA is a non-partisan organization. We are working toward having government representatives at our meetings, speaking about legislation affecting seniors and CalPERS.

CalPERS Fund Market Value, 01/19/22, 487.48 Billion; 03/22/2022, 476.95 Billion

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If more members are attending the meetings, the more likely we are able to expand our list of available speakers.

As your new president, I am calling for volunteers to step forward and assist with our existing committees to help our local chapter grow. It can be the best chapter in RPEA. To volunteer, Please contact me at seabear991@verizon.net.

--Steven Lacey



President Lacey administers the Oath of Office to his mother, Program Chairperson Dorothy Lacey, at Board Meeting, 01/25/22

CALPERS COLA—If you want to learn how CalPERS calculated your, respective, COLA for 2022, visit the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov and leave a message in your My | CalPERS account or call, toll free, 1-888-225-7377:

Provision	Year of Retirement	% COLA Increase Effective May 1, 2022
2% COLA	2003 & earlier	2.00%
	2004	2.19%
	2005	3.59%
	2006-2014	4.70%
	2015	3.13%
	2016	2.39%
	2017	2.52%
	2018	2.96%
	2019	2.77%
	2020	2.00%
	2021	Not eligible
3% COLA	1979 & earlier	3.00%
	1980-2019	4.70%
	2020	3.00%
	2021	Not eligible
4% COLA	2019 & earlier	4.70%
	2020	4.00%
	2021	Not eligible
5% COLA	2020 & earlier	4.70%
	2021	Not eligible

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that attorney informed Renato about a job opening at HICAP where he applied and was hired as an Operations Specialist. He later was promoted to Outreach Education Coordinator, managing three Specialists and a few Volunteers as well.

In 2017, Renato became a Volunteer Liaison for SMP, representing it at events and providing presentations.

Discussion Topics for Renato's Presentation:

- Medicare Scams
- Internet Scams
- Phone Scams
- Mail Scams
- Ways to prevent, detect, and report scams



Please attend the chapter meeting to hear Renato's presentation which will close with a Q & A session. He will have handouts available.

Oh, by the way—Renato says he is still a professional skateboarder, but on a part-time basis. He says he is still able to ride at a good skill level, at the age of 41. He owns a skate brand, with a team and products. He says he is making videos and is very active in the Social Media/Skate Industry.

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

Hello Friends—We CalPERS retirees are facing an important task (as if we didn't already have enough on our minds). A special election will be held in fall, 2022, to fill the Retired Member seat on the CalPERS BOA that was vacated by Henry Jones in January, 2022. The winner of this special election will serve the remainder of the current term, as well as the next term of office through Jan.15, 2028. Retired members are eligible to vote in this election.

Every CalPERS retiree should have received the CalPERS BOA's **NOTICE OF ELECTION** with instructions on the process of becoming a candidate. The nomination petition is due no later than May 12, 2022. From that date on, through August, 2022, expect to see campaign ads and videos by, respective, candidates. (I urge our members to view the Candidate's Forum, when it occurs—it is the best method of vetting the candidates in preparation for your own decision about which to support.) The election will occur in September, 2022.

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Change of Address: Please be sure to notify RPEA Headquarters of such change

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TREASURER'S REPORT--

Chapter 044's bank balance on
February 28, 2022, was **\$14,052.76**



IN MEMORIAM

Mercedes Aragon	Upland
Erlinda Reyes	Pomona
Dolores Schneider	Pomona
Gloria Zambrano	Ontario

Those we hold most dear never truly
leave us--they live on in the kind-
nesses they showed, the comfort
they shared and the love they
brought into our lives.
--Isabel Norton

A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 044

Sherri Leon	Rancho Cucamonga
Ira Pearson	Spokane, WA



Chapter 044 Meetings,

2nd Wed. of Even Months - 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL

1640 E. 4th St. #A, Ontario

It would be appreciated if all luncheon attendees wait after registration and after the meeting has been called to order, before going to the dining room.

Please bring the exact change for lunch fee.

*Lunch-Fee-Schedule for Chapter 044 meetings, Calendar Year 2022

Member of Chapter #044	Free
RPEA Member	\$4.00
Non-member of RPEA	\$12.00
Prospective Member of RPEA (maximum two times)	\$4.00
Chapter Guest	Free



*Lunch is complimentary for all attendees at Holiday Meeting.)

Meeting Dates and Guest- Presenters for Calendar Year 2022

February 09, 2022 - David Patterson, Tax Counselor for AARP Tax-Aide Program.

April 13, 2022 - Renato de Moraes, Outreach Education Coordinator, Council on Aging - Southern CA

June 08, 2022 - Tressa Thompson, DMV Senior Driver Ombudsman (REAL ID and other DMV issues)

August 10, 2022 - TBD

October 12, 2022 - Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, CA State Senator (23rd District)

December 14, 2022 - (Holiday Meeting--no speaker)

Chapter 044 Meeting - Feb. 09, 2022 (23 attendees)

Guest Speaker: David Patterson, AARP TAX-AIDE



L.-R.: Dorothy Lacey, Alice Alexandre, Shirley Wofford, Steven Lacey, David Patterson, Lorelee Bergmann, Bob Seigler

"It is more deductible to give than to receive" -- Henry Leabo



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As our regular meeting attendees know, Henry always responded to our requests for his *CalPERS* articles, and he was a special guest at our holiday party/meetings. On behalf of the members and myself, I extend well-wishes to Henry while he recovers from cancer. When he is able again, we want him present at our future holiday meetings.

(There are also three other CalPERS elections scheduled in spring and fall, 2022, for *CalPERS BOA* seats, Public Agency, School, and State. Retirees will not vote in those elections. Information is available on the CalPERS website—or you can contact me.)

Stay well and safe. --Shirley Wofford

"Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

--Ronald Reagan

RPEA CHAPTER 044 MEETING

Wed, April 13, 2022, 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL

1640 E. 4TH St. #A

Ontario, CA 91764

(909)395-0500



If you need a ride to a Chapter meeting and you do not have family/friend support for help with arranging transportation, please call the Chapter President at least two days in advance.



Chapter 044 and other members of RPEA, family members, friends, and anyone else who supports RPEA are all welcome at our meetings.

