

RPEA El Dorado/ Amador Chapter 82



From Curtis Darnell,
Chapter Legislative Chair.

None of the ballot measures for the state-wide primary address or adversely affect CalPERS retirees. There continues to be caution and even enmity on the part of city and county governments about pension costs being a significant, and in their view, "unsustainable" expense. A local example comes from the El Dorado County Auditor-Controller Joe Harn in his re-election materials: "I believe that those that serve the public are entitled to a pension for their retirement. But there are limits...Excessive pensions and bad pension investments endanger the future."

May Meeting

Monday, May 21 2018
11:30 A.M.

Denny's Restaurant
99 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA

Program Speaker
Kristie Barker
Pre-Need Specialist
Neptune Society

May 2018 President Ramblings

Hope everybody is enjoying this beautiful weather.

RPEA is publicly requesting that CalPers begin the steps to end the OptumRX contract and provide a PBM that has the experience and will to service the members who rely on their primary benefits.

Although we as a chapter have increased in our numbers, RPEA itself has declining numbers. So, we need you guys to work on bringing in new members. We will need the numbers to fight any initiative that will be on the ballot later this year.

The General Assembly is scheduled for September 9-12, 2018 down in Orange, so be thinking about being a Delegate or alternate. It is an experience to see a Resolution go thru the process.

Please mark your 2018 calendars for RPEA Meetings

May 21, 2018

July 16, 2018

September 17, 2018

November 19, 2018

Always on the 3rd Monday, even when it falls on a holiday!
Please come, no reservations needed

Meet Our Chapter Newsletter Editor

Yup, that tells you how desperate I am to fill space when I have to write about myself!

For those of you that don't already know me from when I served as President for our Chapter and various other chairmanships over the last nine years, that I have been a member of El Dorado Chapter 82, I will give you a quick synopsis and try not to bore you.

I am married to Tim, for 48 years. Tim is our Chapter Treasurer. We both moved up here to Cameron Park from San Jose, after retiring in 2009. I must say, and we love it up here and so glad we came to El Dorado County.

I worked for 44 years (not including farm labor, in the coffee fields of Kona, Hawaii) with three major careers. I first started out as a Dental Assistant and Office Manager for 16 years. I then became a "Memorial Counselor/Funeral Director for 20 years. I realized in my 50ies that I needed to have a job that would give me a retirement with medical coverage. Having been diagnoses with a very rare disease, I knew that I needed to be in a situation where I would be guaranteed medical coverage for the rest of my life. So how could I do that???? Become a "government employee", where I would be a union member that would guarantee me group medical coverage, even with my medical history. Thus taking a cut in salary, it was the sensible thing, I became a Public Employee. **Long range medical benefits were more valuable to me, than a larger pay check.**

I then started with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority in the Personnel Department. I promoted to other positions and retired as an Accessible Services Representative working with seniors and people with disabilities and the compliance with the American with Disabilities Act as it applies to Public Transit. I was able to log in 9 years with the addition of five years that I was able to purchase, which was still an option at that time.

I am enjoying the retirement that I worked hard for and made sacrifices along the way, as have ALL public employees, and that is why I belong to **RPEA as THEY ARE THE ONLY VOICE WORKING TO SUPPORT, AND, PROTECT THOSE BENEFITS WE WORKED FOR.** In my retirement I am enjoying working in my yard, playing cards and various games with friends and, league bocce ball. I have had an interest in wood working and calligraphy, which I have not had a lot of time to pursue, but it is always on the back burner. Traveling is also in the works, as we took a trip to China with several friends in April, and even made more friends along the way. A River Rhine cruise is planned for 2019.

RPEA MISSION STATEMENT

We are active and retired California Public Employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving retirement, medical and other

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