

# RPEA CHAPTER 059 NEWSLETTER

## AREA V - LOS PADRES

### WELCOME TO RPEA

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#### RPEA MISSION STATEMENT:

We are retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits.



**Chapter Charter:** The Los Padres Chapter 059 chartered June 3, 1980, includes the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc, Los Alamos and Santa Barbara. Currently, our October membership report posted our Chapter as having 140 members. We always welcome new members interested in supporting the Retired Public Employees Association.

**Chapter Board Members:** Sarah Cheever, Chapter Vice President/Editor of our Newsletter; Kay Green, Secretary/Treasurer; Jean Bolton, Chair of Membership Committee; Bob Green, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee.

**In Memory of HERBERT BOLTON:** It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Herbert Bolton, President of RPEA Chapter 059. Herbert was a devoted leader whose commitment and service strengthened our chapter and enriched the lives of our members.

As part of his extensive work experience and volunteer service, Herbert spent 11 years with the Santa Maria Fire Department, reflecting his lifelong dedication to helping others and serving his community.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Herbert's family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His leadership, service, and generosity will be remembered with deep appreciation.

Please keep Herbert and his loved ones in your thoughts during this difficult time.

**From The Editor:** As we welcome the holidays and look toward a fresh year, may your days be filled with laughter, warmth, and a renewed sense of possibility. Here's to small joys, meaningful connections, and the beautiful seasons still ahead." For all of us enjoying our retirement, it brings a special kind of peace: the chance to savor moments we once had to rush past.

It will soon be time to make our New Year's resolutions. I wish for everyone to have a prosperous and healthy 2026 and that what ever this year has meant to you, the next year will be a successful one. Perhaps

attending one of our quarterly meetings might be on your list.

In keeping with our Chapter tradition we are planning our annual Christmas dinner to be held at the Far Western Restaurant in Old Town Orcutt on December 18, 2025 at 5:00 pm. All members are welcome but please RSVP myself or Kay Green by December 10<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend.

**Chapter Meetings:** Our next quarterly meeting will be held on **January 16 at 11:30 am** at the Crumbles Restaurant, located on So. Broadway in Santa Maria. As a Reminder: we meet quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of

January, April, July, and October, and send out a newsletter prior to each quarterly meeting. A drawing is held at each meeting for a gift card for those in attendance at the meetings. Congratulations to Kay Green who won the drawing at our October meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER in 2025/2026:

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Christmas Dinner  
December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day  
January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Day  
January 15<sup>th</sup> – CHAPTER 059 Meeting  
January 19<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day  
February 16<sup>th</sup> - President’s Day  
Marh 8<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Begins (?)  
March 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick’s Day  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – CHAPTER 059 Meeting

Chuckle of the day:

I went for a job interview and the manager said, “we’re looking for someone who is responsible.”  
“Well I’m your man,” I replied. “In my last job, whenever anything went wrong they said I was responsible,”

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