



**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
Chico Chapter 77**

December 2025 Newsletter

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 our earned retirement, medical, and other benefits.
RPEA represents the rank and file retired public employees.*

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HOLIDAY PARTY

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025
11:15 A.M.**

**NASH'S RESTAURANT
1717 ESPLANADE, CHICO**



**FUN – FELLOWSHIP – FOOD
MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

NOTE: Will be held in the “Breakfast Room” with entrance on 7th Avenue

MENU: Lasagna

VEGETARIAN OPTION: Creamy Pesto Pasta with cherry tomatoes and mushrooms

**NOTE: Entrees served with a green salad and a non-alcoholic beverage
(Complimentary Luncheon)**

RSVP: Betsy Kruger (530-345-7563) or Email her at betsybikes@sbcglobal.net

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Sunday, November 30

NOTE: Please let Betsy know if you prefer a vegetarian entrée or if you have any dietary restrictions when making a reservation.

Chapter 77 and the Board of Directors sponsor the annual holiday party, which is free. Although members aren't charged for lunch, voluntary donations are appreciated to help offset costs. A delicious plated lunch will be served, and you can invite your spouse, “significant other,” or a prospective member to join you for this fun holiday party.



Join us for a festive holiday event featuring David Vallelunga, a local pastor and multi-instrumentalist, who has entertained groups and gatherings in Chico since 2009. Pastor Dave will perform holiday music using the accordion and foot drums, guaranteed to lift your spirits! He has a digital accordion which sounds like a band with bass, drums, sax, and great clarinet sounds. So amazing! This event offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Chapter 77 members in a joyful atmosphere. Plan to attend and wear your holiday attire!

WELCOME!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

**JUDITH JOKSCH (Chico)
CAROL HENRY (Chico)**

Our current membership is 360.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT – By Al Raitt
(Reported at the 10/29/2025 Board Meeting)

Al reported that CVS Caremark would replace OptumRx as the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage provider. He noted that CVS coverage would become effective on January 1, 2026, and that cards would be mailed to subscribers between now and then. Significant premium increases were expected for Affordable Care Act plans, and a 26% decrease was projected for Medicare Advantage programs. He explained that CalPERS endorses the Age Assured program. It is a volunteer program to help members remain at home safely, and it contains suggestions to prevent accidents and falls. This evidence-based pre-claim program reduces disability and prolongs the independence of long-term care insurance policyholders.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REMINDER

If you know of anyone who needs a Thinking of You, Get Well, or Sympathy card, please notify Judy Winter, our Sunshine Chair, at catdool2003@yahoo.com or 530-518-6492 so that she can spread a little sunshine their way.



*Christmas brings
family and friends together.
It helps us to appreciate
the love in our lives
that we often take for granted.
May the true meaning of
the holiday season
fill your heart and home
with many blessings.*



Attitude to Inspiration

Thank You

Thank you, once again, to Adrianna Cardenas, RPEA Member Services Associate, for printing and mailing our Chapter 77 newsletters! This excellent service is greatly appreciated!