



RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION Chico Chapter 077

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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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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNUAL PICNIC LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 – 11:30 AM

(No charge)

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON

685 Manzanita Court, Chico

(Formerly Holiday Inn across from Denny's)

Mangrove Avenue/Cohasset Road offramp off Hwy. 99

No Program – Enjoy fun and fellowship!



An indoor picnic has been planned for our Chapter 077 members and guests, and it is a complimentary event sponsored by Chapter 077. The picnic lunch will include hamburgers and all the trimmings, potato salad, chips, DoubleTree famous chocolate chip cookie, and coffee/iced tea. We hope that all of you will decide to join us for our annual picnic so you can enjoy the camaraderie of the attendees!

RSVP: Betsy Kruger (530) 345-7563) or email her at betsybikes@sbcglobal.net. It is important to let Betsy know if you are attending so that we can let DoubleTree know how many hamburgers to prepare. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let Betsy know when you make your reservations. Vegetarian requests will be accommodated.

As a reminder, we don't have membership meetings in July and August, so this will be our "Last Hurrah" until our September 7 meeting.



Don't forget to submit your volunteer hours to RPEA Headquarters!

The volunteer form is available online at rpea.com. It can either be downloaded and filled out and returned to the address on the bottom or filled out and submitted online. You can also find forms in some of your bi-monthly RPEA newsletters.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We need to stay connected now more than ever! Please update RPEA Headquarters if you have changed your Email, phone number, or have moved. To update your contact information, please email: rpeahq@rpea.com

WELCOME CHAPTER 074 MEMBERS!

Our Chapter was notified by Corey Saeteurn, RPEA Office Manager, that Chapter 074 members (Paradise Ridge: Area II) have been transferred to our Chapter 077 as of May 5. We are delighted to receive 100 new members!

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

In January the budget deficit was reported to be about \$23 Billion. Governor Newsom recently announced that current calculations indicate that the deficit is \$31.5 Billion. Factors such as inflation and postponing tax deadlines because of the harsh winter weather have affected the prior estimate. California's progressive tax code reflects how the financial markets have affected the wealthiest taxpayers; hence, less money is flowing into their accounts, and the State's share is less. The new deadline is in October when the lawmakers will be in recess. RPEA lobbyist, Pat Moran, joined Randall Cheek's RPEA legislative committee on May 12 (Zoom meeting); and he reassured us that debt repayment to CalPERS is still on the books, and there will be no big cuts to programs because of borrowing from the Governor's reserve fund. The Governor, the State Senators, and the Assembly Members all have their own priorities to work out. The total budget, \$306 Billion, is the largest of all our states.

Other news from the Legislature: Housing is a major issue, and that involves CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act), a 53-year-old statute. Governor Newsom and other lawmakers have vowed to reform the act in ways that are in line with present-day considerations and community needs; but so far, no luck with that. Senator Scott Weiner prepared some legislative changes, but dropped it.

Looking forward to seeing many members at our June "picnic" luncheon at the DoubleTree!

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ABOUT RPEA of CALIFORNIA

Retired Public Employees' Association of California (RPEA) is a non-profit association of retirees and active employees who are members of the California Public Retirement System (CalPERS). RPEA's mission is to:

- Represent all public employees - classified schools, public agencies, and state.
- Be a liaison between retirees and CalPERS.
- Protect beneficiaries of CalPERS.
- Fight to maintain current pension and health care benefits and improve these benefits every year.

RPEA has about 30,000 members; with 75 active chapters in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and Oregon. RPEA was founded in 1958 as an association to protect and enhance retirement benefits for all Public Employees who receive their pension or health benefits from the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). RPEA is the only statewide association representing all PERS Retirees: State, Classified School and Public Agency. To learn more, visit www.rpea.com

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