



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

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 – 11:15 AM

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON
685 MANZANITA COURT, CHICO
(Formerly Holiday Inn across from Denny's)
Mangrove Ave./Cohasset Rd offramp off of Hwy. 99

Lunch cost: \$18

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

SPEAKER:

Joan Palmer



TOPIC:

“Germany Excursion”

Our own Joan Palmer will do an interesting presentation about her Germany excursion in December. She will share photos of her exciting trip via a slide show. Joan did a presentation on her Germany excursion for OLLI recently, and it was really enjoyed! Plan to attend this meeting and enjoy being an “armchair traveler!”

OUR NEW MEETING VENUE

Our Chapter 077 met for the first time at the DoubleTree by Hilton on March 2, and we have gotten lots of positive feedback about our new venue. There were comments that the food was delicious, and the staff was very helpful and welcoming. We would like to continue getting feedback from the attendees to see if they would like to continue meeting at this location. It's extremely helpful if members let us know if they are planning to attend so that we will know how many lunches to order. If you attended the membership meeting on March 2, we hope that you'll attend again on April 6. For those who couldn't attend the last meeting, we hope that you'll join us for this next one!



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REMINDER

If you know of anyone who could use a *Hello, Thinking of You, Get Well, or Sympathy* card, please email Lawrie Salvestrin (Sunshine Chair) lsalvest@gmail.com so that she can spread a little sunshine their way.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – By Mary Kowta

Something to look forward to: In May we are scheduled to receive the CalPERS COLA.

Last week I was able to tune into the RPEA Board's monthly Legislative meeting, chaired by Randall Cheek. The RPEA lobbyists were present and reported on a number of bills they are watching for us.

It was very interesting to hear how Aaron Read and Pat Moran look out for RPEA interests as they review the actions of the State lawmakers. Interestingly, most of the bills discussed were related to elder care and nursing homes. Their comments were impressive as they explained their strategies.

The State's Pharmacy

Governor Newsom has succeeded with his plan to have the State produce \$30 insulin. He announced on 3/18, four years after his executive order to reduce drug prices, that insulin will be processed by Civica, a nonprofit manufacturer, with drug label CalRx. He indicated that the next State drug will be an overdose-reversal drug like Narcan.

San Quentin to be Reformed?

The Governor hopes to convert the oldest correctional facility in the state into an innovative rehabilitation facility. The legislature will be tasked with finding adequate funding. While most agree that the State penal system needs drastic change, there is skepticism about this among some legislators. Governor Newsom already has a plan to move the death row individuals to other facilities.

Housing Matters

Assembly member Chris Ward is introducing Assembly bill 68 which has provisions to limit new development in areas that are considered high risk for fire or flood, and speed up construction in more suitable areas. Sounds good....The Nature Conservancy and other allied groups support this bill (*SF Chronicle* 3/19).

Mary

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