



**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
Chico Chapter 077**

APRIL 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 of retired public employees.

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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025
NASH'S RESTAURANT
1717 ESPLANADE, CHICO**

LUNCH COST: \$20 (Plated Lunch)

NOTE: The menu was not confirmed with Nash's before the newsletter was printed so it will be the "Chef's surprise!" Please let Betsy know if you prefer a vegetarian entree when you make your reservation and inform her if you have any dietary restrictions.

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

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, March 30

SPEAKER:

**Shirley Hall, Recruiter
Concrete Industry Management (CIM)
California State University, Chico**

TOPIC:

"Concrete Industry Management"

Concrete Industry Management (CIM) is a Bachelor of Science degree that combines hands-on experience with a business administration minor to give students a comprehensive understanding of the concrete industry. This includes materials, production, construction methods, and business management. Only five universities in the nation have a CIM degree, and Chico State is one of them. The average starting salary for its students is around \$80,000 and the job placement rate is 100%. Chico State's Concrete Industry Management program sets up students for success with the tools, knowledge, and skills to step into leadership roles across all areas of the concrete industry. The CIM program is unique, and the job offers come rolling in for the CIM grads!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January's membership	369
February's membership	366
New members	0
Failed to renew	0
Transferred to another chapter	1
Deceased	2

Membership is down 3 as of February. We need to build our membership, and we encourage all our members to "spread the word!" We would love to welcome some new members to our Chapter 077 and would like everyone to play an active role in recruiting prospective members!

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Arrangements have been made with Amy at Nash's to store the badge case and tin container in her office so Mike Cassetta (Membership Chair) doesn't have to cart it back and forth between meetings. Mike needs to organize the badges before leaving Nash's each month. With this new badge process, we encourage members to put their badges in the round tin after the meeting ends to help this new process go smoothly. We encourage members to continue socializing after they turn in their badges! It is helpful to have the badges remain at Nash's so that the first Board member to arrive at the meeting can set up the badge case and have the badges ready for early arrivals. We are happy that Nash's is cooperative and receptive to storing the badges. A BIG Thank You to Amy for agreeing to keep the badges in her office!

**CONGRATULATIONS,
RANDALL CHEEK!
INTERIM AREA DIRECTOR 2**



REMINDER!!!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

If you are interested in serving on the Board, we welcome you to sit in on a Zoom Board meeting to check it out. The Board meets on the last Wednesday of the month (with a few exceptions) at 9:00 AM. Members are welcome to attend our Zoom Board meetings to listen to the agenda items discussed and to give input. Please contact Al Raitt (aeraitt@msn.com) for the Zoom link if you're interested in Zooming with the Board. The Board was happy to welcome Faye Johnson as a new Board Member at Large several months ago, and we hope other members will step up to the plate and join us on the Board!

2025 RPEA CHAPTER 077 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*Thank
you* 

Thanks to Jacky Baily for stepping in to take the minutes of our last two membership meetings while our Secretary, Barbara Evans, is recovering from health issues at The Courtyard. Jacky, we appreciate your assistance in this important role!

NOTE: Judy Winter and Jeanne Angle took minutes at the January meeting, and their joint efforts are also appreciated!

GREAT PROGRAM AT OUR MARCH 6 MEETING!



Joe Hejl, Chief Operations Officer for the Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley, and Arya Pocock, 2024-25 California and Pacific Regional "Youth of the Year", were speakers for the March 6 Chapter 077 meeting. The Boys and Girls Club is a community where youth are given tools to find their voices and are given a platform to speak up about the topics they are passionate about. Arya is a dedicated leader who began at the Chico Teen Center and spearheaded community initiatives. She represented Chico this past year on a national stage at the Atlanta Youth of the Year competition. Now a BGCA Ambassador, Arya continues to advocate for youth and inspire future leaders.

For those of you unable to attend, you missed a great program! Arya was so inspiring and is a great role model!