



**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
Chico Chapter 077**

**JANUARY 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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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

**NOTE: The meeting was changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday so it won't fall the day after New Year's Day.**

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

**LUNCH COST: \$20 (Plated Lunch)**

**MENU:** Meatloaf with mashed potatoes or Pasta Primavera (vegetarian option) accompanied by a small green salad and sourdough bread. Includes a non-alcoholic beverage.

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

**Reservation Deadline: Sunday, January 5**

**NOTE:** Please let Betsy know your entrée choice when you make your reservation and inform her if you have any dietary restrictions.

**PRESENTERS:**



**Kristy Bird MaKieve**



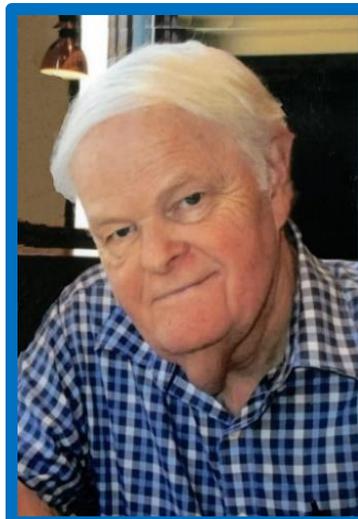
**Keri Lynn Anderson**

**TOPIC: "Healthy Rural California: Empowering Health, Inspiring Hope"**

Kristy Bird MaKieve, assisted by Keri Lynn Anderson, will present a program about Healthy Rural California's Residency Programs and the Interprofessional Healthcare Campus. Kristy will share how rural communities in Northern California face significant healthcare challenges and how the residency programs in Community Psychiatry and Family Medicine are helping to address these needs. The Interprofessional Healthcare Campus brings together healthcare professionals from various disciplines to improve care and outcomes in underserved areas. Healthy Rural California aims to meet the public health needs of California's rural communities by closing the gap in quality,

access, and equity, and eliminating health disparities. They fulfill their mission by building strong partnerships and coalitions, increasing the number and quality of physicians and other healthcare providers, and addressing rural community health needs such as mental health and opioid use disorder.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVID WILKINSON**



We were saddened to learn of the passing of David Wilkinson, RPEA Chapter 077 member for over 20 years, who died on July 4, 2024. David was a CSU Los Angeles Academic Librarian who served as University Librarian for two years. He also served on the Academic Senate, and CSU system-

wide was a member of the CSU Council of Library Directors. At CSU Chico he served for several years as Vice President of the CSU Chico Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERSFA).

Before becoming an Academic Librarian, David had a career in television broadcasting, ultimately establishing the first Public Broadcasting System (PBS) TV station in the central San Joaquin Valley.

David earned three master's degrees: an MBA and MLS (Library Science) from UCLA, and an MEA (Educational Administration) from CSU Los Angeles. He served on the Board of Directors of several organizations over the years, including the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission, the Butte County Grand Jury, the Bidwell Mansion Association, and Chico Friends of the Library.

David married Dianne Seeger in 1982 and was preceded in death by their son Matthew. Dianne is an active member of RPEA Chapter 077 and attends many of our membership luncheon meetings. A funeral service was held for David at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chico, on August 3, 2024, and a memorial service was held at Bidwell Presbyterian Church, Chico, on August 24, 2024.

# BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Members attending the January 9 meeting will be asked to consider and vote on the following:

The 2024 RPEA General Assembly adopted an amendment to the RPEA Bylaws that changed the organization's fiscal year from November 1 through October 31 to July 1 through June 30. Every chapter must change its bylaws to comply before May 1, 2025. It should be voted upon by 2/3 of the members present at a meeting. The changes are as follows:

## ARTICLE X -- FINANCES

**SECTION 1.** The following sentence will be inserted: "The names of the financial institution and the persons authorized to be signatories to the account shall be reported to RPEA by August 1 of each year."

**SECTION 2.** Reference to the fiscal year for the budget will be changed from November 1 through October 31 to July 1 through June 30.

**SECTION 4.** Reference to the end of the fiscal year will be changed from October 31 to June 30.

**SECTION 5.** Reference to the submittal of the annual budget and financial report to the State RPEA by December 15 will be changed to August 15.

**Chapter 077's current Bylaws are available on our website: [www.rpeachapter77.com](http://www.rpeachapter77.com).**

## CalPERS Risk and Audit Committee (RAC) – Submitted by JJ Jelinsic

On November 19, 2024, the CalPERS Risk and Audit Committee (RAC) received a report that there was a high probability of **FAILURE TO MEET PENSION OBLIGATIONS**. [https://calpers.ca.gov/docs/board-agendas/202411/risk/item4d-01\\_a.pdf](https://calpers.ca.gov/docs/board-agendas/202411/risk/item4d-01_a.pdf) No one on the committee thought that this consent information item was worth discussing. (It is not clear that any of them had actually read it.) When no committee member pulled the item for discussion, JJ Jelinsic read the following prepared public comment:

*Last month you gave the Chief Executive Officer a \$667,000 bonus. You also passed out over \$20 million in bonuses to Government Code 20098 employees. Those are the employees for whom this Board and not CalHR sets the salaries.*

*You have just been publicly told that there is a high probability of failure to meet pension benefit obligations. Yet none of you thought it was worth discussing. I guess transparency requires non-discussion of this risk. Maybe it's a trade secret!*

*On November 14, 2024, I participated in the Stakeholder Engagement Briefing. At least four Executive Officers were on the call. I asked if the risk dashboard (Item 4d Attachment 1) was in error. No one on the call, including the four executive officers, could answer the question. I was asked to put the question in writing, and someone would get back to me.*

*As I am sitting here, I am still waiting! In November of 2023, you were told there was a high probability that you would fail at your most fundamental obligation – paying pension benefits. No one on the committee even thought it was worth asking about. I have seen no major changes to address this problem beyond piling on more risk. However, you did increase the fund leverage because you, unlike the rest of the investment world, think leverage reduces risk.*

*November of 2022 you were also told there was a high probability of failure. No committee member even asked to pull the item for discussion.*

*You wonder why the CalPERS reputation has gone downhill. Just guess!*

Still, no one thought it was worth discussing. This is the Board that we depend on to monitor staff and protect our interests.

JJ Jelinsic said, "Feel free to share this email", so we did!

