



**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
Chico Chapter 077**

**SEPTEMBER 2022 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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**IN-PERSON CHAPTER 077**

**RPEA MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – 11:15 A.M.  
MANZANITA PLACE (CHICO ELKS LODGE)  
1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico  
(Lunch cost: \$18)**

**OLLI FALL CLASS SCHEDULE**

It's that time of year again with OLLI classes beginning soon! The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) offers a wide variety of classes (online, outdoors, and in-person) and social activities to people age 50+. OLLI in Chico is a learning community comprised of 680 members. They welcome adults who have a desire to learn, engage, build new friendships, and take an active part in discovering more about the world. Classes take place from September 12 – December 9. Join them! They are excited about the fall line-up of classes, and you can check them out on the link below:

[https://rce.csuchico.edu/sites/default/files/osher/f22\\_catalog.pdf](https://rce.csuchico.edu/sites/default/files/osher/f22_catalog.pdf)

You can browse the schedule by topic, day of week, and more by visiting the OLLI website.

<https://www.campusce.net/ollichico>

Fall Class Previews: August 17 & 18

Registration Begins: August 25

Classes Begin: September 12

[olli.csuchico.edu](http://olli.csuchico.edu) - 530-898-6679

Information about OLLI classes has been posted to the [rpeachapter77.com](http://rpeachapter77.com) website. Click on the "OLLI Classes" tab at top of page to view.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SPEAKERS:**



**John Shepherd**  
Director  
Secondary Education  
CUSD



**Jim Hanlon**  
Asst. Superintendent  
Human Resources,  
CUSD

**TOPIC:**

*"Safe Schools Program with  
Chico Unified School District"*

It's exciting that we can finally resume in-person membership luncheon meetings again! We hope that you can join us for a delicious lunch, an interesting program, and enjoyable camaraderie with our RPEA members. The Elks requires a guarantee of 40 attendees, so we hope that we can reach this minimum attendance. Reach out to a prospective RPEA member and extend an invitation to attend this RPEA luncheon meeting!

**RPEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022**

**SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2022**

**HILTON SACRAMENTO ARDEN WEST**

Sharon Salcido has been appointed as Chapter 077 Delegate at General Assembly, and Abe Baily will attend as RPEA Secretary/Treasurer. Abe and Sharon will be the speakers at the October 6 membership meeting and will share highlights of GA.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT – By Mary Kowta**  
(Email written 8/14/2022)

Greetings to all!

The State lawmakers are now in the countdown to the end of the 2021-22 legislative session. They will officially end their work August 31. The session reconvened August 1, after the summer break, and immediately our legislators set about dealing with over 800 bills which needed to be finalized. Last Thursday, “suspense day”, some 220 bills were scuttled. After that, the legislators charged ahead to deal with the 600 remaining bills. Amendments may be offered, readings requested. Some will be pulled, never to see daylight again...Oh well, it seemed like a good idea...It just didn't have legs! This is not so much the time for learned debates among the lawmakers, because time is running out!

After reading the Legislative Tracking article by Aaron Read and Pat Moran (RPEA lobbyists) in the recent RPEA Newsletter, I realized that I needed a glossary pertaining to the services often required by elder folks, their friends, and families. Here it is:

RCFEs - residential care facilities for elderly  
SNFs - skilled nursing facilities  
ICFs - Intermediate Care Facilities  
LTCO - long term care ombudsman  
CDPH - California Dept. of Public Health  
CDSS - California Dept. of Social Services

(You are welcome - YAW)

My attempt to see how the bills being tracked by Read's team had fared at this point was not too successful. Possibly, the first two described in the article, SB 1168 and AB 499, have passed. Some others have been assigned third reading. A few that have been widely publicized are still in the ruckus (known by some as “the meat grinder”) or have been killed: The bill to cap insulin price was rejected. The bill to protect children from social media addiction was fought off by Big Tech. The bill about COVID misinformation by doctors AB2098 was passed and sent to Appropriations for review. SB 1338, Governor Newsom's CARE Court bill is still in the mix. Liability for gun owners was shot down. The conceal carry bill received an Assembly "Do Pass" with amendments, and on August 13 California Globe reported it was now rejuvenated with 185 amendments...wait and see, if you are packin' a pistol!

Senator Dodd of Napa authored the “Faithless Electors” Bill SB 103, which ensures that the State's presidential electors and their alternates are pledged to the candidates that California voters select. No shenanigans! It has been sent to the Governor. The military Relief Bill has been passed and sent to the Governor.

**CalPERS News**

In late July CalPERS announced the net investment return of -6.1% for the '21-'22 fiscal year. Assets were \$440 Billion, representing a large loss that will be hard to recover. The Fund has a sketchy reputation in Financial Management. In her financial blog posted 8/9/22 (Naked Capitalism) Yves Smith (aka Susan Webber) commented that many investors are dumping private equity at a time when CalPERS is scarfing it up; and, in the financial field, the Fund is seen as a counter indicator. Yikes! One article mentions that private equity cannot be counted on for a fast return; more likely, 8 to 10 years.

The case of Police Officer Parenti vs CaPERS over ongoing pension payments while employed full-time is reviewed in the *Sac Bee* (8/14/22) in detail. CalPERS calls for return of \$1.8M in benefits.

**Other News:**

Watch for your ballot for the Retired Board Member. Randall Cheek is the best choice!!

November 8 Ballot measures: As of 8/13/22, still the seven reported last month.

**September 1 General Membership Luncheon Meeting** - Looking forward to seeing everyone!

*Mary*

**INTERESTED IN BEING A BOARD MEMBER?**

The Board is looking for a new Board member, and it is hoped that one of our members will step up to the plate and express an interest in serving on the Board. Please let any Board member know if you are interested! Sharon and Barbara's contact information is shown at the top of the newsletter. Contact information on ALL of the Board members is included on the rpeachapter77.com website.