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District G

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SOMETHING NEW

Hi Everyone. This is the first issue of a Membership Newsletter in Chapter 17. We will be providing you information on Legislation affecting retirees, upcoming elections, health issues, and chapter activities. We will include the minutes from the last meeting(s) pending approval, and information of interest to retirees.



We want feedback and input from you – what you want to see and learn. This is a newsletter for you - by you. If you have any ideas please send them to **Diane Whorton, Membership Chair** – all contact information is at the back of this newsletter. We want to hear from you!

This newsletter is longer than will probably be in future as I am packing a lot of information into it to introduce you to the format and reasons why. All suggestions are welcome.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT



Happy Holidays to all - Pearl Pacheco, President

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting will be listed in the newsletter. This is two-fold. One, all members will be informed of chapter activities, and two, will be able to read them over ahead of the next meeting so they can be approved at that time.

The following meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by: Marva Roddy, Secretary. They will be voted on at the next chapter meeting.

***Minutes
October 27 2010***

Call to Order

*Meeting called to order early at 11:22 pm by President, Pearl Pacheco. Nellie Sayer lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the President’s request. The meeting was opened early because of guest speaker, Assemblyman Marty Block, who had to leave as soon as possible due to a prior commitment.
Meeting was recessed until after lunch.*

Roll Call of Officers

Officers present: President Pearl Pacheco, Vice President Joe Aquelino, Secretary Marva Roddy and Treasurer Jennie Wolk

- Delegates Pearl Pacheco, Jennie Wolk, Marva Roddy, Joseph Aquelino, Kenneth Bealo, Sr., Diane Whorton, Nellie Sayer, Audrey Garner, Sharon Hatch, Luis Velasquez.*
- Guests Danny Morales, Retirees, Inc. Finance Committee member, and Gene Waggoner, District G Representative.*
- Approval of Minutes Minutes of the June 23, 2010 meeting were approved with one change. Audrey Garner's name needed to be corrected on the minutes.*
- Treasurer Report Finance Report: Current bank balance reported out by Jennie Wolk is \$3,454.08 as of 9/30/2010.*
- The Audit Committee met September 28, 2010 at which time the first and second quarter financial reports were completed. There was no documentation available to complete the third quarter report at that time. Danny Morales presented the bank reconciliation reports for the Chapter's 1st and 2nd quarters today. Danny also presented the Chapter with copies of the checkbook reconciliation for the third quarter and stated Jennie would need to attach required documents to it and send to Sacramento.*
- The 2011 Budget was also developed at the audit meeting. Jennie Wolk presented a copy of the 2011 Budget for review and approval. The years listed on the Budget and the amounts for the cash balances and expenditures presented were not listed correctly and questioned. It was determined that the budget presented was not what was agreed to at the committee meeting. It was agreed that Diane Whorton would correct the entries from her notes at the audit committee and have it ready for presentation and approval at the December Holiday meeting.*
- A motion was made to add to additional signors to the chapter checking account, they would be Audrey Garner and Ruth Monroe. Motion passed. Pearl agreed that both of these members would no longer be part of the Finance/Audit Committee.*
- Committee Reports Membership: Pearl reported that the Greenbach's are no longer able to get out and have been ill, Grace Meyers had surgery and is recovering and will be moving to Lemon Grove.*
- New Members present: Pearl introduced Mark Flahan, retired from SDSU and former President of CSU Chapter 317. Pearl also introduced Mary McDonald, President of San Francisco chapter. Diane Whorton stated there was another new member, Sandra Durbin Retired from Caltrans.*
- Speakers Marty Block, California Assembly Member of the 78th District spoke about several legislation items, one which deals with prevention of State colleges making admission changes without consulting with the community first and must wait 1 full year before changes are instituted.*
- Prop 25: Legislators would forfeit their pay if there is not a budget on time. They would lose pay and per diem and never get it back. It also calls for a majority vote to pass the budget.*
- He also asked that everyone get out and vote.*
- Gene Waggoner: Get out to vote. He said if any members have questions please contact him directly via phone or email. His information is in the RETIREE newspaper.*

Unfinished Business Grant requests for computer equipment and software and newsletter startup have still not been submitted to the Retiree Grants Committee and Board of Directors for approval.

New Business None

Information Items The President warned of a new scam going around regarding receiving notice of missing a jury duty date and being able to pay a bogus fine to get out of it.

CalPERS letter has been sent regarding Medicare D and that it is important NOT to sign up for it.

The President encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

Birthdays: Diane Whorton 9/2 and Pearl Pacheco 9/5.

Meeting Adjourned 2:00 pm

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

In case you haven't heard, Jerry Brown has been elected Governor of California and Barbara Boxer is heading back to Washington. Proposition 25 passed which means state legislators will need to pass a budget on time to get paid salaries and per diem: they will not get back pay later – they lose it! It will also now take a majority vote to pass the budget.

DISTRICT G REPRESENTATIVE – Gene Waggoner

Merry Christmas to all of you. I want to express my thanks to all of you for inviting me and my wife, Sharon, to begin the holiday season with all of you.

The new year will be on us in a moment and with it will be a number of changes. Some of these changes will be beneficial and a number of changes, if enacted by Congress, will be harmful to the middle and lower economic class citizen.

There will be many issues on the table that are critical to older Americans—the deficit that cities, counties, state, and the federal governments are facing, jobs, taxes, Medicare and Social Security. These issues will not only be addressed on the federal level, but on all levels of government throughout the nation. With that said, I want to encourage each one of you to take an active role in protecting and preserving the benefits we've earned. This can be done by writing letters and making phone calls to your representative in your county, Sacramento, and Washington D.C.

Happy Holidays to Everyone

Gene W Waggoner II
District "G" Representative



DONNA SNODGRASS, VICE PRESIDENT of CSEA, TO RUN FOR CalPERS SEAT

News from the campaign trail, current CSEA Vice President Donna Snodgrass has just announced that she intends to seek a seat on the CalPERS board as the successor to Kurato Shimada, who resigned at the end of August.

Chapter 17 members will recall that Donna was the installing officer at the chapter's June 2009 meeting and that Donna spoke at that time about her efforts to form partnerships with other public entities not already a part of CSEA. This partnership would provide those groups with access to CSEA benefits as special members. Donna's goal is to generate enough income from those partnerships to avoid future dues increases to current members. She has been successful in this endeavor by signing up an estimated 17,000 new members.

Donna is also on the board for the CSEA Foundation which provides scholarships to dependents of CSEA members. ALL affiliate members **ARE** CSEA members and dependents include children and grandchildren. Applications will be available soon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

During these rough times in State service there are a lot of workers making the decision to join the rank of retirees. If you keep in touch with some of those you worked with put your recruiting hat on and sign them up to be members of Chapter 17. It is important that everyone be aware that Retirees are the ones who will fight the hard battles to retain our benefits and make sure they are not cut. Let's all join in. Recruitment is the only way to keep state workers active and involved – we can not afford to be complacent and think there is someone else out there who will take care of it. It is up to us. Be proactive, recruit, attend meetings and promote legislation to make sure takeaways do not happen.

Cut out the Membership application, sign them up and send it to me, I will forward to headquarters and keep a record here for follow-up. Be sure and put Chapter 17 and your name on the application as recruiter. Encourage them to attend chapter meetings with you to meet other retirees and get involved.

Do you know a state retiree who isn't yet a member?

Application for Retired CSEA Membership and Beneficiary and Associate Membership

Recruiter's Name _____

(Print) Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Number & Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security No. _____

Social Security No. _____ CSEA Chapter # (optional) 17

Retirement Date _____

Type of membership (check one)

RETIRED MEMBERSHIP Available to state retirees only. See Dues Table. E-mail address _____

BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP (Decedent Social Security No. _____) Available only to beneficiaries of deceased CSEA employed or retired members. Dues are \$1.00 per month.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP Available only to persons not eligible for Retired or Beneficiary membership. Dues are \$12.00 per year (payable annually).

I hereby apply for Retired/Beneficiary/Associate membership in the California State Employees Association and agree to abide by the Association's Constitution and Bylaws. If applicable, I also authorize the Public Employees' Retirement System to deduct CSEA dues from my PERS allowance. I further agree that the Association act as my agent in payroll deduction agreements and transactions between myself, my CSEA chapter and PERS.

() _____ Home Phone _____ Signature _____ Date _____

DUES TABLE FOR RETIREE'S INC. MEMBERS

Monthly Basic PERS Monthly Allowance (check one) Dues

\$ 0 - \$ 399\$1.00

\$ 400 - \$ 799\$2.25

\$ 800 - \$ 1,199\$3.25

\$ 1,200 - \$ 1,599\$5.00

\$ 1,600 - \$ 1,899\$6.50

\$ 1,900 - \$ 2,299\$8.00

\$ 2,300 - \$ 2,699\$8.50

\$ 2,700 - \$ 3,099\$9.00

\$ 3,100 - \$ 3,499\$9.50

\$ 3,500+\$10.00

RET Form 1(09/06) **Send your completed application to: CSEA Retirees, Inc., 1108 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 • (888) 808-7197**

DID YOU KNOW – WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE???

1. CSEA has a website with information that concerns members of all four affiliates. www.calcsea.org
There links to:
 - a. Affiliate websites
 - b. Member Benefits
 2. Retirees, Inc has a website of its own. www.calcsea.org/retirees
Links to:
 - a. **Government** – CA Dept of Aging, CA Home Page, CA Legislative Portal, CalPERS, CA State Assembly, CA State Senate, Legislative Council Bureau, Social Security
 - b. **News Media** – ABC News, Google News: Retirement, Rough and Tumble and Sacramento Bee
 - c. **Other Links** – 50 Plus, AARP and many more
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- ❖ **Would you like to see a webpage for Chapter 17?**
 - ❖ **What would you like to see on it?**
 - ❖ **What would you like to see Chapter 17 do in the community?**
 - ❖ **What ideas do you have for recruiting new members?**
 - ❖ **Would you like to receive the chapter newsletter via email?** Please make sure I get your email address – we can save on printing and postage. Make sure you include your name, address, phone number and email address so our membership records will be accurate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CSEA Retirees Inc. Board of Directors Meetings – 2011 – open to all CSEA Retiree members. Come see your board in action.

February 10 – 11, 2011
May 12 – 13, 2011
August 18 – 19, 2011
November 3 – 4, 2011

Crowne Plaza San Francisco International Airport
Hilton Hotel – Sacramento – Arden West
Orange County/Anaheim/Irvine/Ontario – Hotel TBD
San Diego – Hotel TBD

The board will be in San Diego in November. You will have the opportunity to see your Board of Directors in action and participate in discussions. Member have the opportunity to bring their ideas and concerns forward during the board meeting under an item called “What’s on your mind?”



Happy Holidays to one and all!

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Retirees – Chapter 17
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5444 Olive Street, #D
San Diego, CA 92105

Name and address here

CHAPTER 17 MEETINGS

Meetings are held 6 times a year – on the 4th Wednesday of the following months: February, April, June, August, October and December (this date is flexible to accommodate location). December meeting location and information will be announced separately.

PLACE: Sizzler Restaurant – 1030 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon

TIME: 11:30 am – lunch before meeting

MENU: Choice of chicken or steak with soup or salad or unlimited salad bar

COST: \$10.00 per person, chapter subsidizing the rest of the cost

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2011

11:30 AM

**Interstate 8 east to Johnson Ave
Left on Johnson to Fletcher Parkway
Left on Fletcher Parkway – about 1 block on right
Sizzler and Smart and Final in same parking lot
SEE YOU THERE**

SAVE FOR REFERENCE NUMBERS (This will not be a full page in the next issue)

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS (have your SS# ready)

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CSEA Member Benefits

800 952-5283
CSEA 916 444-8134

PERS Headquarters

Lincoln Plaza
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800 444-2595

PERS-CARE Health Benefits

916 326-3970
800 237-3345

PERS Retired Members

800 352-2238

PERS Beneficiary

916 326-3848
800 352-2238

Social Security

800 772-1213

Internal Revenue Service

800 829-4477

Medicare

800 633-4227