

NEWS RELEASE for IMPERIAL VALLEY PAPERS

California State Retirees (CSR) Chapter 17 Meeting in Imperial Valley

WHO ARE WE?

California State Retirees are the largest retiree organization in California with over 30,000 members. We are former active state employees, from all employee groups, working for the State of California; including California State Universities, rank and file, management/supervision, exempt, health & safety, law enforcement, fire, engineering, and many more.

WHAT DO WE DO?

MISSION: "Protect the pension and health benefits of all retired state employees"

In 1927 California State Employees and Retirees joined forces and began the fight for a retirement system. On June 9, 1931 the bill was signed into law and the retirement system was born; **California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)**. With the effort of many became the creation of the Retirement System and **many benefits for active and retired state workers including cost-of-living increases, supplemental payments for those whose pensions have lost more than 25 percent of purchasing power, increased health benefits, dental benefits and long term care.**

We continue to:

1. Advocate for current and future retirees and member benefits with the California Legislature, CalPERS, Department of Human Resources and other entities.
2. Fight to protect our benefits as dollars become scarce and inflation continues to rise
3. Appear before CalPERS to fight for improvements in health benefits and stop abuse of increases by medical providers
4. Develop legislation to maintain and improve benefits for state workers and retirees
5. Do Public Service in our local communities

Come join us at our next meeting: Thursday, June 20th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will meet at the Family Style Buffet, 222 E. Cole Road, Calexico, CA 92231 Phone: (760) 768-1440.

Guest Speaker:

Frank G. Salazar

Special Assistant to State Senator Ben Hueso

STATE SENATOR BEN HUESO, 40th DISTRICT

Meet your fellow members, join if you are not a member, work on future projects/ideas, and enjoy the company.

For additional information please contact **Loli Torres at (760) 357-3479** or myself, **Diane Whorton**, CSR, Chapter 17, President at (619) 264-6280 or Dlw.union@gmail.com