



San Diego Chatter

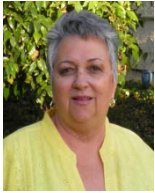
CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES
CHAPTER 17 - SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTIES
District G

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Includes
2013 Annual Report
2014 Budget

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Chapter 17 2013 Year End Report - – Diane Whorton, President



2013 was a very busy year for Chapter 17. We have a lot of new faces coming to our meetings, volunteering to work on projects and committees and have brought warmth and enthusiasm to our groups.

I personally want to thank each and every one of you for the encouragement as we make changes, your laughter as we make mistakes and your enthusiasm as we move forward. With the support of everyone the chapter will continue to grow as we work to maintain our pensions and benefits for all State workers.

New Adventures:

- **Sub Chapter in Imperial Valley** - Several Imperial Valley members made the trip over the mountain at the beginning of 2013 and asked if we were going to hold any meetings over there. We immediately scheduled a meeting in El Centro in March. There were 20 people in attendance and they wanted to continue with meetings in the area. We immediately scheduled two more meetings; in June and October – all having 20+ members in attendance. This is 20% of total members in the Imperial Valley area, approximately 125 members.

At the October meeting Thomas Stroud was elected Chair of the Sub Chapter and Ray Vialpondo, Recording Secretary. Liz Gonzalez, Manuel Abundis, Ray Vialpondo are all members to the PAC Committee for Imperial Valley. We had legislative representative as all three meetings and will continue to build our relationships with them.

- **34th Annual Farm Workers Breakfast.** Loli Torres from EDD in Calexico was one of the original organizers for this event. We heard about it at the March meeting and decided this would be our Community Relations project for 2013. It was held on Friday December 6th at the Calexico EDD office.

4 of us made the trip over the mountain and met up with members from the valley to serve the farm workers from 2:00 am to 6:00 am. Oh my goodness: Cold, early, no sleep, exciting. Our chapter banner flew high on the building and “us” old retired folks stayed standing. For some on us that was accomplishment – I haven’t been on an “all nighter” since party days.

- **Newsletter – *San Diego Chatter*** - I’ve received many calls from members who have not been able to attend meetings in years, have become homebound and moved. The best comments I have gotten is that they are able to know what is going on in the chapter and have encouraged us not to stop it. The newsletter has also brought new faces to our meetings. What a treat. The newsletter is available by EMAIL: just give us your email address.
- **Meeting Location** – We changed our San Diego Meeting location to the Sizzler Restaurant off Aero Drive and I-15. A more central location was requested by members. This has brought a new crowd and seems to be well received.
- **Meeting Schedule** – Meetings will be changing in 2014. We are now going to **QUARTERLY** meetings in both San Diego and Imperial Valley. This was necessary to be able to meet with both areas. As well, the

statewide Board of Directors has now set regular meetings dates, 3 times a year – they fall on what was our previous schedule.

Our meetings for both locations will be in March, July, October and our Holiday Meeting in December. Please see calendar. We will be holding 7 meetings total.

- **Email** – We are automating our correspondence with our members. If you have an email address and wish to receive information from the chapter that way **PLEASE GIVE US YOUR ADDRESS**. The newsletter is sent this way as well as any other information that needs to get to the members quickly.
- **Website** – Chapter 17's website is up and running. We are still tweaking it here and there and getting people familiar with it. It is there for your use. Take advantage of – use it – and if something is missing let us know. Go online and look it over. <http://calstateretirees-chapter17.info/> .

CalPERS Questions – ASK ELAINE - There is a place to ask questions about CalPERS. Our member, Elaine Edwards-Yahraus, former Region Manager of the San Diego CalPERS office has agreed to answer questions you may have. If they are not “personal” the question and answer will be posted on the website. She will get back to you with your answer via email.

Member Spotlight – Meet your fellow members. We are spotlighting members on the website. This was started in our chapter newsletter and all are now posted to the website. See who we are what we are about. If there is someone you feel should be recognized let us know – if it's you send us your BIO and Picture.

- **Statewide Committees Appointments**– Three chapter members are sitting on statewide committees for CSR. Elaine Edwards-Yaharus - Health Benefits, Gaspar Oliveira – Membership and Diane Whorton - Finance Committee. If you have questions or suggestions for any of these committees please let us know and we will pass them on.

All are 100% funded to attend those meetings by Headquarters which means a cost savings to the chapter.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

MEETINGS FOR 2014

***** **SAVE THE DATES** *****

MARCH

19TH – IMPERIAL VALLEY - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Golden Corral - 2018 N Imperial Ave - El Centro, CA - (760) 336-0009

26TH – SAN DIEGO – 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Sizzler, 1030 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon, El Cajon, CA,

***** **LOCATION CHANGED FOR MARCH ONLY** *****

JUNE

18th – IMPERIAL VALLEY – Family Style Buffet - 222 E. Cole Road Calexico, CA 92231,

24th – SAN DIEGO –To Be Arranged

SEPTEMBER

17th – IMPERIAL VALLEY - Golden Corral - 2018 N Imperial Ave - El Centro, CA - (760) 336-0009

24th – SAN DIEGO – To Be Arranged

DECEMBER

17th – SAN DIEGO – HOLIDAY MEETING – This meeting is for ALL Chapter 17 members
Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle S, San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: (619) 298-8281.

CHAPTER 17 2014 APPROVED BUDGET



RETIRED CHAPTER 017

BUDGET 2014

Approved

This is an estimated Budget for the year listed

INCOME

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------------|
| Average monthly dues check | \$ 1,486.00 | X 12 = | \$ 17,840.00 |
| Miscellaneous Chapter Meeting Income | | | \$ 2,700.00 |
| CBR Reimbursed Expense Income | | | |
| | | | \$ 20,640.00 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 101 Chapter Meetings | \$ 4,000.00 | 401 Training | |
| 102 Chapter Executive Mtgs | \$ 500.00 | 403 Telephone/Internet/Website | \$ 500.00 |
| 103 Officer's Stipend | | 404 Supplies | \$ 300.00 |
| 104 Newsletter/Website | \$ 6,000.00 | 406 Postage | \$ 100.00 |
| 108 Member Recruitment | \$ 500.00 | 408 Publications/Affiliate Dues | |
| 201 Community Relations | \$ 500.00 | 407 Rent | |
| 301 General Council | | 408 Equipment/Mtce/Rentals | |
| 302 CBR Board Mtgs | \$ 3,000.00 | 409 Equipment Purchase | \$ 600.00 |
| 304 CBR Committee Mtgs | \$ 2,000.00 | 410 Service Charges | |
| 306 CBR Delegate Assembly | | 411 Misc Expense | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 308 PAC-Lobby Day/CalPERS Mtgs | \$ 1,000.00 | | |

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|--|------|---------------------|
| Dues & Miscellaneous income for current year | 2014 | \$ 20,640.00 |
| Reserves from Prior Year (Ending Balance) | 2013 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Total Projected Income for current year | 2014 | \$ 23,640.00 |
| Total Grants and Special allocations to chapter | 2013 | \$ 863.62 |
| SUB-TOTAL of INCOME | 2014 | \$ 24,503.62 |
| Total Expenditures budgeted for current year | 2014 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Projected reserves for current year (expected carryover) | 2014 | |
| Total Budget | | \$ 4,503.62 |

DATE BUDGET ADOPTED

Diane W. Horton
President

Steve Haley
Chapter Treasurer

Date Sent to Headquarters

Categories used are from Retired Chapter Financial Report (RED/CH form 12)

PLANS BEING MADE FOR MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT & LEGISLATIVE "FAIR" IN SAN DIEGO

Discussion at the Chapter 17 E-Board meeting on February 19th centered on a possible recruitment and legislative fair during the summer. This topic will be further discussed at our Chapter meetings in March: March 19th in Imperial Valley and March 26th in San Diego.

Please let us know what your ideas are. Ideas expressed thus far are:

1. Vendor tables – Health care providers, CalPERS, Social Security, CSEA Benefits, etc
2. Speakers - Legislator Meet & Greet – Elections are this year – this will be an opportunity to meet them

Help will be needed by members to get the word out to potential state retirees and making contacts to organizations as presenters and providers.

If you have ideas or offers to help please contact **Steve Haley, Vice President, who will be overseeing this event.** Information is on the back of the newsletter. You may also contact any officer or committee chair.

DO NOT BE DROPPED FROM YOUR HEALTH BENEFITS!!!!

CalPERS is doing a Dependent Eligibility Verification (DEV) with CalPERS members with dependents on their health benefit plans. Members are receiving letters in the mail from an independent contractor – **HMS Employer Solutions** - to verify correct eligibility of dependents being included on health plans. The purpose of this process is to ensure all members are not burdened with paying health care cost of those who do not qualify.

Those with NO dependents will NOT BE contacted.

The mailing of these letters began July 26, 2013 and will continue through June 1, 2014. The letter WILL NOT show as coming from CalPERS. If you have not received a letter or think you may have thrown it away and you have a dependent on your plan you MUST request a new form.

To download the form go to: www.VerifyOS.com For question call: 1-877-850-6503

Those who have not completed and returned the information by the required date could be dropped from their health benefits plans.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

A new membership program has begun statewide to inform current state employees of the benefits of being a member of California State Retirees. Two members, Gaspar Oliveira and Aida Canonizado, from Chapter 17 have signed on to distribute CSR material to worksites through our county: i.e. RETIREE newspaper, Chapter 17 newsletter, etc. The message is: CSR represents all Retired State Workers at CalPERS and in Legislative issues that pertain to our benefits. We are encouraging those ready to retire to join forces with those of us in CSR to continue the quest for better benefits for retirees.



CHAPTER 17 - SAN DIEGO

Bi-monthly Meetings

February, April, June, August, October, December

October 23, 2013

MINUTES

Call To Order

Diane Whorton, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Haley Vice President

Roll Call of Officers and Delegates

Nellie Sayer, Acting Secretary

OFFICERS:

President, Diane Whorton, Vice President Steve Haley, Secretary Gloria Koch (excused), Treasurer Mark Flahan, Treasurer (backup) Elaine Edwards-Yahraus

DELEGATES:

Diane Whorton, Pearl Pacheco (excused), Nellie Sayer, Marva Roddy, Elaine Edwards, Patricia O'Neill, Audrey Garner (excused), Mark Flahan

Introduction of Guests

- Gene Waggoner, District G Director
- LaShae Collins, District Director for California State Assemblymember, Shirley N. Weber, Seventy-Ninth District.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Elaine Edwards- Yahraus to accept the August 28, 2013 minutes as written. Second by Laurie Bella. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Flahan, Treasurer

The Chapter made a donation of \$500 for the Imperial Valley Farm Breakfast with an additional \$445.00 was donated by the Chapter members towards expenses for the trip.

Chapter Balance as of 10/17/13 is \$6,717.27

President's Report

Diane Whorton reported she has been attending statewide CSR Board Workshops, BGR & Finance meetings. The following proposals are being considered:

Changes for dues allocations to chapters, limits on total funds chapters may hold, elimination of \$3700/yr to chapters for Member meetings and printing, Grant allowance changes - putting limits on restrictions , and Dues structure for members.

Dues structure for active members is being looked at. Thoughts: straight dues cost per member, not a sliding scale based on PERS allowance as it is now & adding to the top of the scale. Dues are voted on by delegates, so this will continue to be discussed until Delegate Assembly.

3rd Sub-Chapter meeting was held October 16th. Thomas Stroud was elected Chair and Ray Vialpando was elected Recording Secretary. Manuel Abundis, Liz Gonzalez also sit on the PAC Committee with Thomas and Ray. This is a very lively bunch and looking forward to working with them.

CSR BOARD OF DIRECTORS will be in San Diego on November 8th at the Doubletree in Mission Valley (off Hazard Center Dr). Finance and Bylaws/Rules committee will meet Wednesday, Nov 6th beginning at 8:00am. Health and Membership will meet Thursday Morning. These are ALL OPEN MEETINGS.

Welcome new members

Tony Aquilar, Bonsall area. Gloria Enriquez ,EDD, Jan Sandano, EDD

Committee Reports

1. Holiday Committee Linda Collins, Chair –
Holiday Meeting – Mission Valley Resort –Wednesday, December 18th

Donating to Food Bank. Buck in lieu of food as they have restriction on food you can donate. Each dollar get a ticket for a drawing. Two food banks being consideration: San Diego Food Bank and Feed America San Diego (also covers Imperial County).

Motion by Mark Flahan to donate to the San Diego Food Bank. Motion 2nd by Marva Roddy. Motion passed

Cost for the Holiday Meeting will be \$15 each for member and 1 guest. Other non-member attendees will cost \$30 per person.

Motion made by Laurie Bella, 2nd Marva Roddy to allow \$500.00 for Holiday Committee working fund. Issued to Linda Collins. Motion passed

There will be a table game – gift exchange, steal or keep. Each person brings a gift not more than \$10.00 if they want to participate. Entertainment will be provided with the lunch.

2. Membership/Communications Aida Canonizado, Chair

Receiving calls from members. Will be working on recruitment. Members interested in helping please give information to Aida.

3. Finance/Budget committee Steve Haley, Chair

NO REPORT

4. Legislative/PAC Gaspar Oliveira, Chair

Chapter 17 has attended several open houses for legislators. Gaspar met with Myra Sambrano – Toni Atkins. They made a commitment to speak with us in the future.

Gaspar also attended Legislator Shirley Weber's workshop. He went as a constituent. Learned that legislators make referrals to other districts so don't be afraid to visit other legislators for information of community issues or information pertinent to retirees. Be vigilant keep in touch with them.

5. CalPERS/Health Benefits Report Elaine Edwards-Yahraus

Durable Power of Attorney – with CalPERS. Question from Aida at last meeting. Information is online.

If Power of Attorney becomes incapacitated what do you do?

- When doing Power of Attorney need to list several people in priority order you want them to represent you. Example: primary, secondary, tertiary designee.
- If you have a TRUST it would need to be sent to CalPERS to make sure it meets their qualifications.
- Your beneficiary should also do the same thing

Booklets available for more information: Retired Members Death Benefits; Changing Beneficiary; Living Trust

6. District G Director's report Gene Waggoner

Health Plan changes – DO NOT sign up for any Federal programs, Medical or Medicare. HICAP 33675 Ruffin Road, San Diego, Ste 315 (858) 565-8772 - can answer questions you might have regarding the Affordable Care Act.

You can also get healthcare information from CARA (California Association of Retired Americans) Meetings. CARA can also answer questions about legislative and federal politics.

RETIREE Newspaper – If you receive more than one copy at home call and change to one copy. Or if you want to get it by email let them know. Each newspaper costs \$.73. Avoiding duplications will save CSR funds to use for other activities.

Unfinished Business

34th Annual Farmer Workers Appreciation Breakfast

\$500 donation was presented to Loli Torres who delivered it to the Committee. We will need a banner to hang on the wall for recognition. Steve Haley, Gaspar Oliveira and Diane Whorton will be working that day along with 3 members in the Valley – Ray Vialpando, Manuel Abundis, and Ana Rodriguez. Loli Torres is also on the committee.

GRANT – Grant request changed to \$2,000.00. No motion needed.

Meeting Dates - Calendars

After reviewing calendars for other chapters in our District, dates have been adjusted so they do not land on the same as other chapters. We will be meeting during the ODD number months instead of EVEN months – except for October and December. Drafts of the calendar for 2014 passed out. Final will be available in December.

New Business

1. Hanging Banner for wall events etc.

Estimate: **Fabric Banner w/ grommets for securing.** Single Sided Imprint

2.5'x5' = \$89.00 - 3'x6' = \$119.00 - + CA TAX of 8% would be applied as well - Getting cost for vinyl

Motion was made by Mark Flahan for funds not to exceed \$200 to be set aside to purchase an appropriate Chapter 17 banner. Motion 2nd by Sharon Hatch. Motion passed.

2.Website

Website has changes – everyone needs to go online and look at it. Cost for web master work: \$ 390.00. Minimal changes and blogs will be done by Chapter Administrators. CalPERS Blog will be done by Elaine. PAC blog will be done by Gaspar.

Motion made by Laurie Bella for \$390.00 to be paid for chapter website changes. 2nd by Ken Bealo. Motion passed.

3.Member Spotlight – need pictures and BIOS

Want to SPOTLIGHT the members in our chapter so we can get to know each other. Will be taking pictures of folks at the meetings and asking you to write a brief BIO about yourself. We have been doing this for a while in the Newsletter, they are now going to be posted on the website as well

Informational Items

In 2014 the CSR board will meet the last week of February, June, and October. The Chapter Executive Board proposed that we change our Chapter meeting dates when they conflict with the CSR Board meeting days. Our February meeting will be March 26th. Our June meeting will be July 23. Our October meeting will be October 22th (since moving it to November will conflict with Thanksgiving).

Guest Speaker Shirley Weber, California State Assembly member's representative LaShae Collins.

LaShae Collins, District Director San Diego Office. San Diego Native. SDSU. 11 years at SDSU as Shirley's Dept Coordinator. Went to school with her children. LaShae informed us of current issues the office is working on:

Local Control Funding – money to schools. Works hand in hand with governor (hand-picked). If we have issues that need work get in touch with her office to help put a package together.

Her office advocates for education, clean energy, community development, transportation, women's issues, community issues, and more.

CalPERS issues to improve work force benefits. They are currently working on: AB 102 – AB 1377 – AB 373 – AB 410

Other bills being worked on: AB53, carbon monoxide – AB149 – x-offenders – still have voting rights after parole or probation is over, AB12 – Cal Grant extensions. AB899 – English language development.

Other issues of importance are: – early childhood education. Ensure that parents get proper services to care and educate their children. (If child can't read by 3rd grade there is great probability child will end up in prison). Ms LaShae encourages our members to visit their state legislators and get involved in community issues.

Meeting Adjournment

2:20 pm

Nellie Sayer

Nellie Sayer, Acting Secretary

CHAPTER 17 PARTICIPATES IN THE 34th Annual Farm Workers Appreciation Breakfast of Imperial County

CSR Chapter 17 participated in this event this year as their Community Relations Project. We had a total of 6 participants including Gene Waggoner, District G Director. It was 2 days between travel for those of us from San Diego and early morning hours beginning at Midnight but it was loads of fun and really gave us a good feeling for the holidays.

IMPERIAL COUNTY - The 34th Annual Farm Worker Appreciation Breakfast of Imperial County was held on **December 6, 2013 from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.** at the Calexico One-Stop Business and Employment Service in Calexico, CA.

The breakfast began in 1979 hosted by the Employment Development Department as an appreciation to the hard work and contribution that farm workers do for this community. In 1985 the City of Calexico, the Calexico Chamber of Commerce and the Farm Worker Services Coalition of Imperial County joined this effort and since 2006 the Center for Employment Training (CET) became a partner and co-sponsor. It includes City, County, Consulate if Mexico agencies, community organizations as well as local agriculture growers and contractors.

The event has transformed from humble "coffee and sweet bread" to a breakfast plate that consist of tamales, beans, salsa, sweet bread and coffee; an impressive event which serves over three thousand farm workers.



Diane Whorton, Christina Whorton. Manuel Abundis, Don Johnston, Gene Waggoner & Ron Whorton



Farm Workers everywhere – Lines started before 1:00am – Continued until 6:00 am when they had to be at the fields to start work

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**** If there is a committee you wish to help with please contact the President so you can be assigned *****

IMPORTANT NUMBERS (have your SS# ready)

CSR Retirees, Inc.

888 808-7197

Fax: 916 326-4364

www.californiastateretirees.org

CSEA Member Benefits

800 952-5283

www.calcsea.org/benefits

916 444-8134

CalPERS Headquarters

Retired Members

800 352-2238

Beneficiary

916 326-3848

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www.calpers.ca.gov

Social Security

800 772-1213

www.ssa.gov

Medicare

800 633-4227

www.Medicare.gov



CHAPTER 17 – Imperial Valley

Golden Corral, El Centro, CA
(CONTACT: Elizabeth Gonzalez)

October 16, 2013

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

AGENDA

Call To Order

Diane Whorton, President

Pledge of Alligence

Steve Haley, Vice President

Roll Call of Officers & San Diego Members

Diane Whorton, President; Steve Haley, Vice President; Gloria Koch, Secretary – excused; Mark Flahan, Treasurer – excused
Gaspar Luna Oliveira, PAC Chair-Chapter 17;
Elaine Edwards – Member of CSR Health Benefits Committee

Introductions

- Gene Waggoner, District G Director
- Members

Guest Speaker

- Sedalia Sanders, El Centro City Councilwoman

Sedalia is our friend. She updated members on local issues and the importance of staying strong. Gave us a review of her past endeavors and how she will continue work for the working class, retirees and the State of California.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 20, 2013, Calexico, CA

Motion made and 2nd. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report

- Balance as of August 23, 2013 \$9,527.78

President's Report

Diane Whorton, President

The one thing this President has noticed between the “Big City” and the “Country” is everyone knows everybody else. It's great to see guest speakers come in and already know everyone in the room. It becomes very casual – like sitting around the campfire. This is such a treat.

Beginning in 2014 we will begin having a share of cost for members at the meetings. This will help offset expenses for the meetings and projects in the valley. Our Grant to help establish the Sub Chapter will be finished the first part of 2014 so we will need to look at our expenses closely.

Share of cost will be \$10.00 over member. New attendees at their first meeting will be free.

We will be discussing recruitment ideas for the area at our upcoming meetings.

Welcome new members

Committee Reports

PAC

Gaspar Luna Oliveira, Chair.

Elections will be coming up in 2014 so we will be needing to make contacts with those running. We are also taking a look at issues that affect retirees.

HOLIDAY Diane Whorton

Open Chapter meeting for ALL Members. Wednesday, December 18th, 2013. Mission Valley Resort.

CalPERS Elaine Edwards-Yaharus

Elaine reviewed the importance of having Durable Power of Attorney.

If Power of Attorney becomes incapacitated what do you do?

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- If you have a TRUST it would need to be sent to CalPERS to make sure it meets their qualifications.
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Booklets available for more information: Retired Members Death Benefits; Changing Beneficiary; Living Trust

Information will be on the Chapter Website

Unfinished Business Chapter 17 Community Relations Project
34th Annual Farm Workers Breakfast - \$500.00 donation

Need Volunteers for the event – Manual Abundis, Ray Vialpondo and ____-. Need to meet at EDD at 1:00 am to get assignments. 3 members will be coming from San Diego to participate: Diane Whorton, Steve Haley and Gaspar Oliveira.

New Business

ELECTION - Vice President/Chair – Imperial Valley Sub Chapter

Imperial Valley Subchapter Chair will be liaison between Chapter 17 E-board and will be a voting member of the board. They will chair meetings, initiate programs and work with Chapter 17 officers on overall programs, projects and strategies with Chapter 17.

Tom Stroud was nominated and elected by membership.

Recording Secretary

Election of Recording Secretary - will be responsible for taking minutes of all sub-chapter meetings, correspondence and help Sub-Chapter Chair in meeting locations arrangements and guest speakers

Ray Vialpondo volunteered to be Recording Secretary. Elected by acclamation

Calendar

Draft of the 2014 was presented – it will be finalized and distributed at the Holiday meeting. It will also be posted on the website

Website A lot of work has been done on the website. Please take a look and refer your friends there for information.

Members Bio & Pics We are including member BIOS in the newsletter and on the website, We want to get to know each other. Please provide some information so we can include it. Pictures after the meeting so get ready to tell us about you.

Informational Items

Meeting Adjournment 1:55 pm