



# San Diego Chatter

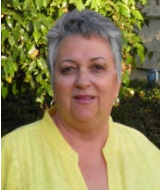
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2014 Meeting Calendar

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Diane Whorton, President



Chapter 17 acknowledged the request of Imperial Valley members and held three meetings in that area in 2013 averaging 25 members. We have also gone to Imperial Valley twice in 2014, once in March the other in June. Collectively at those 2 meetings we had a total of five (5) Imperial Valley members present one being Tom Stroud, Sub Chapter Chair. The Vice President and I drove from San Diego and Gene Waggoner, District Director drove from Pinon Hills – north of Big Bear.

During both discussions it was decided by the members from Imperial Valley that we will NOT be holding further meetings there unless a consensus is made by a reasonable number of members that they want the chapter to be there with information. The biggest issue seems to be paying for lunch.

San Diego members have been contributing to lunch costs for many years to help sustain enough money in the chapter budget to carry on the work the chapter needs to be doing. This has recently been discussed at the San Diego meeting as well, with representation from Imperial members, and it is felt that no matter where the meetings are held that contribution should remain the same for everyone.

Imperial Valley members will continue to get the newsletter and email communications. ALL meetings are open – ALL MEMBERS are welcome to attend the chapter meetings in San Diego as well as the Holiday meeting each year.

The attempt to change to quarterly meetings this year has been unsuccessful. The E-Board decided to go back to meeting every 2 months beginning 2015. Members felt this is a better schedule and keeps members informed more frequently. The E-Board met on August 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the scheduling. We will be meeting in **the EVEN months**, as before, but will **change to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month**.

An issue is the statewide CSR Board of Directors and committees meet the 4<sup>th</sup> week of February, June and October. This is the same time our meetings have been scheduled in the past. Three of our members currently sit on statewide committees, two being your President and Treasurer. Because of this we would not have a quorum of officers present to hold a meeting on those dates.

**Beginning in 2015 – Meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the even months – February, April, June, August, October and December.**

Currently we are trying out Coco's Restaurant on Friars Road. If you have any other suggests please let us know. We need to make sure there is a "private" area, preferably with a door, for us to meet and talk in. As well, a senior menu or buffet is preferred to keep the cost reasonable. The chapter subsidizes the difference in cost from the \$10.00 collected.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS: All meetings are on Wednesday from 11:00am to 2:00pm**

- **Sub Chapter Meetings in Imperial Valley - September 17<sup>th</sup> – CANCELLED**
- **Meetings in San Diego –**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>** - Location: Coco's Restaurant –  
10430 Friar's Rd - San Diego - 11:00 to 2:00 pm - \$10.00 per person.

**DIRECTIONS:** I-15 to Friar's Rd EAST. Go approximately 1 mile. Left turn on Riverdale. Black Angus is on the corner. Turn right in 1<sup>st</sup> driveway on the right. Pass Coco's and park on that side, closer to the entrance. Close to Kaiser Hospital.

- **HOLIDAY MEETING in San Diego – ALL Members**

This is the annual holiday meeting with limited business taking place. We will review our finances and approve the Budget for 2015. From then on it is good food, entertainment and fun with friends. It is open to ALL MEMBERS near and far. Please plan on joining us.

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Mission Valley Resort –

875 Hotel Circle South - San Diego 92108. 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. COST: \$15.00 each for member and 1 guest, \$30.00 for non-members.

The Chapter's Community Project this year will be the San Diego Food Bank.

## **2015 CALENDAR FOR CHAPTER MEETINGS** **First Wednesday of even months** **11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – **NOMINATIONS for Officers and Delegate**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – General Membership Meeting

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 – General Membership Meeting

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – General Membership Meeting

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – General Membership Meeting

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 - **HOLIDAY MEETING**

## MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Gaining new members in our chapter is critical in supporting the issues of State Retirees. We have to stay on top of legislation that will affect our checks and Health Benefits.

All persons who have worked for the State of California are eligible to be members of the California State Retirees (CSR).

There are three classes of membership

- **Active Retiree** – Retired from State Service & receives a PERS check
- **Associate Member** – work for - did not retire from the state – does not receive a PERS check
- **Beneficiary** – Spouse of a Deceased Member of CSR and receives a PERS check.

All Bargaining units within State Service can be members of CSR.

Think about those you worked with and ask them to come to a meeting and visit or just plain sign them up.

## CaIPERS INFORMATION – “ASK ELAINE”

**QUESTION:** HEALTH PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT – Sept 15<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> - What should I do?

**ANSWER:** You should be receiving open enrollment information mailed by CaIPERS. Read through it – there are new plan options available as well as changes to some plans. It will also include the payment schedule.

1. Please read the September issue of the CSR RETIREE.
  - a. Beginning on page 8 there is information about the differences between HMO, PPO, EPO and POS.
  - b. Page 9 is information about open enrollment as well as contact information for all the plans.
2. Review other plan options if you feel you might want to change plans.
3. If you are going to make a change be sure and do it between September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DELEGATES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2015

Nomination period for Chapter Officers and Delegates will be open beginning January 1, 2015. Chapter 17 will hold open nominations at the meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Nominations will be accepted from the floor as well as self-nominations. Please provide a 100-word candidate statement with the nomination form.

Additional Election Notices will be in our next 2 chapter newsletters and at the Holiday Meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

# SAVE THE DATE



## HOLIDAY MEETING

**DECEMBER 17, 2014**

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Buffet Lunch**

**\$15.00 per member & 1 guest**

**All Non-Members \$30.00**

## Mission Valley Resort

875 Hotel Circle South - San Diego 92108.

**Entertainment:** Sonlight Singers

**Community Project:** San Diego Food Bank

Gifts Exchange, Fun and Entertainment

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

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[www.californiastateretirees.org](http://www.californiastateretirees.org)

#### CSEA Member Benefits

800 952-5283  
[www.calcsea.org/benefits](http://www.calcsea.org/benefits)

#### CalPERS Headquarters Retired Members

(888) 225-7377

#### Long Term Care

(800) 982-1775

#### Beneficiary

(916) 326-3848

(800) 353-3338

[www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov)

#### Social Security

(800) 772-1213

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

#### Medicare

(800) 633-4227

[www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)