

# RPEA CHAPTER 059 NEWSLETTER

## AREA V - LOS PADRES

### WELCOME TO RPEA

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#### RPEA MISSION STATEMENT:

We are retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits.



**Chapter Charter:** The Los Padres Chapter 059 chartered June 3, 1980, includes the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc, Los Alamos and Santa Barbara. Currently, our July membership report posted our Chapter as having 142 members. We always welcome new members interested in supporting the Retired Public Employees Association.

**Chapter Board Members:** Herbert Bolton, President of Chapter 059; Sarah Cheever, Chapter Vice President/Editor of our Newsletter; Kay Green, Secretary/Treasurer; Jean Bolton, Chair of Membership Committee; Bob Green, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee.

**FROM THE EDITOR:** Open enrollment for changing your CalPERS health plan coverage is from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a correction to your August RPEA Newsletter as it showed Basic Plans and not the rates for Medicare plan premiums. Those corrections should be in an email sent by RPEA Hdqtrs. The effective date of changes is January 1, 2026. Also note you may have a change to your pharmacy coverage with some plans.

As a reminder for those on Medicare, you will never be called asking for money or your social security number. You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) if you suspect a suspicious call or email.

On August 13<sup>th</sup> I attended a Zoom meeting hosted by RPEA Director of Health Benefits, JJ Jelincic. He reviewed the Assembly Bills currently in legislation; i.e., AB83 – California Elder Financial Prevention Act, currently awaiting Assembly action, (there have been 200,000 reported cases which may be under reported), and is supported by RPEA; AB1105 setting rules for conservatorship; AB92 – providing spouse and domestic partners visitation at health facilities due to a possible fallout from Covid. These were a few of the items in discussion at the meeting.

**Chapter Meetings:** Our next quarterly meeting will be held on **October 16 at 11:30 am** at the Crumbles Restaurant, located on So. Broadway in Santa Maria. As a Reminder: we meet quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of January, April, July, and October, and send out a newsletter prior to each quarterly

meeting. A drawing is held at each meeting for a gift card for those in attendance at the meetings. Congratulations to Kay Green who won the drawing at our July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER in 2025/2026:**

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 059 General Meeting

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day

November 27<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – New Year's Day

JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 – CHAPTER 059 MEETING

## Chuckle of the day:

Did you know, somebody complimented me on my parking today? They kindly left a little note on my windshield which said: "Parking Fine".

Someone told me that half of all car accidents happen within a mile of your home. So I moved.

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