

CSEA – Chapter 34
Joe Whaling
Box 3922
Huntington Beach, CA 92605

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage Paid
Huntington Beach, CA
Permit No. 538

DATED MATERIAL

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Newsletter for Chapter 34

An Affiliate of the California State Employees Association

Serving all of Orange County & Beyond

MMXIII-II

*"Our Mission is to Protect the Pension & Health Benefits
of all Retired State Employees"*

Chapter 34 Meeting

•
Our meetings are held on the
Second Wednesday of each month at 10:00am.

At the Elks Lodge

120 S. Elk Way in Santa Ana (across from the Santa Ana Zoo)

Lunch & Parking is Free

December 2013

Chapter Meeting Information	Page 1
President's Message	2
Vice President's Information	3
By-Laws & Governing Rules Chairman's Report	3
Secretary's Desk	4
Legislative Representative Notes	5
Membership Chairman's Notes	6
Attendance Drawing	6
CSR District G Board Member	7
Officers & Chairpersons	8
Up Coming Event's	8
Delegate Reminder	8



CHAPTER PRESIDENT



There is an initiative being brought to the floor to change the formula on our pensions. It is supposed to only affect the newly hired employees working for the state. I would like to ask all of our members to read and check anything that comes out about pensions. I read an article on the internet about the Chicago Water District going after current pensions of their retirees. The formula was declared improperly figured. Guess what, retiree pensions were reduced and were sent a bill for that retiree to pay back thousands of dollars. One received a bill for \$40,000 another \$60,000.00. Now this didn't happen in our state, however, we need to be aware of these gimmicks being done to other pension holders.

As a member on the Health Care Committee we are currently talking about our current vision and dental benefits. They haven't been changed for many years. Some members find it less expensive to use Costco for their frames and prescriptions. Also a member mentioned that dentures are not covered, etc. There are so many issues yet to be explored. California State Retirees deserve the best coverage for their money. It was suggested that maybe we would be willing to pay a little more to get what we want. Long Term Care is still an issue with the folks that bought in 1995.

Another issue facing us is membership. There are so many people out there surprised we have an association representing them. Our job is to share this information and sign up people. Numbers count when we go to visit our legislature. There is a membership form in every California State Retiree newsletter for you to sign up people you use to work with while still active. We guess there will be a big flock of new people retiring in the year or two. Some of us are going to work sites leaving our newsletter in break rooms so people get the word about us. The dues are small, maximum a month is \$12.00 for people making \$3,000.00 a month. The dues structure is in your "California State RETIREE" newsletter.

As the holiday's come around this year we need to be thankful for all the friends and comforts we have in our lives. Recently while recovering from acute bronchitis I learned how much a phone call means or someone stopping by to see if I needed anything. Thank you all for your caring. Please be kind to yourself and all family and friends in your life. It makes a valuable difference in your recovery. We lost so many of our members this year. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loss. We shall keep them in our prayers.

So in closing, be safe, loving, outgoing, and playful and have a safe holiday.

Respectfully yours,
Jenny Hayden, President
Chapter 34, Orange County

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny Hayden".

INFORMATION FROM YOUR CHAPTER.....

VICE PRESIDENT



Fellow Members,

Your Chapter President, Membership Chairman and I have been asked to be Ambassador's for our chapter. This means asking you our members to contact me about going to your former work site or giving me a name of someone you know still working there who may be retiring soon. We would like to talk to them about joining our chapter and also letting them know we are working to maintain our pension and our medical benefits. My telephone number is on the back of this newsletter. Remember, it's important to let them know where we are located here in Orange County.

At our December 11th Christmas meeting we will have the Woods Brothers Trio entertaining us. The High School Choir is not available to perform this year due to the School Administrating special testing of students that day.

Some of you may remember the Woods Trio from three years ago. Vernon, Gary and Wayne. They will be singing traditional Christmas Songs plus some oldie but goodies. Come join us and get into the Spirit of the season. Meet new friends and enjoy a good meal.

Please remember to contact me, the Ambassador Program is vital to our organization.

Chapter Vice President, Delegate

Lloyd S. Duronslet

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lloyd S. Duronslet".

Bylaws and Governing Rules Report

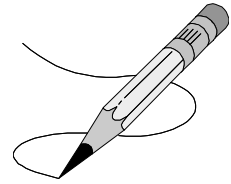
The CSR Board of Directors, at its November meeting, took the following actions to change the Governing Rules in:

- Section 1, ADMINISTRATION OF THE CORPORATION by removing superfluous language;
- Section 2, MEMBERSHIP AND DUES by clarifying and cleaning up language in this section;
- Section 4, DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS by reducing the amount of travel for the Board and consolidating the duty statement for the CFO from Section 11 to Section 4.04;
- Section 5, BOARD VACANCIES / ABSENCES by eliminating language that permitted "proxy voting" a violation of the Bylaws and Governing Rules;
- Section 7, DELEGATE ASSEMBLY by removing reference to CSEA Bylaws from CSR delegates Oath of Office;
- Section 8, MEETINGS by adding language to help secure meeting locations and ensure meeting minutes are sent out in a timely manner;

[Continued on Page 7]

FROM THE DESK OF THE

SECRETARY



A friend of mine who worked for the State of California has friends in Ireland. The husband's retirement (he worked for the government) was cut by 12%; the wife's retirement (she was a teacher) was cut by 10%. My friend asked me if I thought that could happen to us (who collect a retirement through CalPERS). I would like to have told him that this could not happen to us. I could not. CalPERS does the resources to pay the retirement for those of us who are already retired. However, there could be changes. For example: a requirement to fully fund our health care. It appears there is some buzz along those lines. Some assembly persons and State Senators are working for our interests. But there are some who are not working for our interests. To counter this, we need to increase our membership and our activity. Since our "divorce" from CSEA, our presence has been re-defined and somewhat diminished. One way to re-establish our presence is to show our State elected officials that we continue to be a force that has a strong voice. I retired about ten years ago and I am a little more edgy about my retirement now than when I retired. Some of us have no other nest egg than our retirement and Social Security. If that is your situation you may need to reconsider your options.

Joe whaling
Chapter 34 Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Whaling".



Joe Whaling
Cell: 714-349-5393
E-mail: joewhaling@aol.com



LEGISLATIVE NOTES.....

FROM THE SIDELINES



It has been quite a while (over a year) since my last article for chapter 34. MEMBERS AND CHAPTER OFFICERS. This writer has had a go around, major some of it with infectious breakouts that seem unusual, but seem to be pandemic in our society these days.

If the retiree newsletter for November is handy, and it should be, folks..... I will be touching on some of the articles/subjects that somehow relate to a lot of old –folksies, just coincidentally and personally.

On page one, Trinda the Editor of “Retiree” asks members: “Are you plugged into the internet, on line, and the like? If not why not??” I wrote her a short letter explaining that I do not because of “internet/on line fraudsters “who know how to work the system. See page 11 Jim Miller’s column “Savvy Senior”— who lists over 13 scams seniors must watch out for, --internet and e-mail top the list.

On page four, Ted Toppin’s “Legislative Watch” highlights 6 of the 800 Legislative Bills signed by Gov. Brown, which Ted tells us are endorsed by C.S.R. In my view five of the ones summarized are tidily winx laws politicians’ use to raise image on-the-cheap. I consider AB 707 (Ting,S.F.) of some worth to seniors, and “establishing senior slow signs” to remind speedsters that elders are walking around in the neighborhood should have been and could have been, accomplished by local governments—not in mine. So I do appreciate the effort on Mr. Tings part.

Future legislative attacks of State Pensions may be attempted in November 2014 elections. A San Jose mayor is planning to (at this date) challenge state/Us Constitutional protections awarded workers. Chuck Reed pushed his initiative city wide in San Diego, but it is being challenged in court currently. Members who live in San Jose should be peppering his mayor office with dissent messages. CSR’s vested rights to benefits deserve member energy and due attention. (This article is on page 5)

On page nine, the top 20 costliest medical stays (and costs) is listed by the agency for healthcare research and quality (about time). Number 1 is something we are all –as human beings—subject to and yet most of us never heard the word. ...Septicemia which sucks up over \$20 Billion medical care dollars. I discovered that the medical profession (in practice) has ignored patients’ complaints of infection virility. Yes, I have firsthand experience for over 2 years—treatment ongoing and expensive. Coincidentally, in the Sunday Times (11/17) a 3 page article on “Toxic/Hazardous waste tracking regulations” have a huge hole for failure in the system. That Septicemia is being recognized as a major cause of this nasty bodily disorder should not be any surprise. Wash hands often, and bleach out whites often. (Look up the word septic and you will get the general idea fast, and remember the disorder’s name, and be constantly aware of who and what you touch.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Jean Spiegel
Legislative Representative
Member-at large Chapter 34

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Jean Spiegel". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

NOTES FROM OUR.....

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



We need your help to get new retirees to join California State Retirees.

You would also be checking to see if we could put a table up and handing out information about CSR to recruit new members to the organization.

As an Ambassador you would get paid for mileage and parking fees. If interested in doing something like this you can get ahold of me (Membership), Jenny Hayden (President) or Lloyd Duronslet (Vice President).

Additionally, Ambassadors will be utilized to attend events in their regions. This may include benefits fairs, health fairs, local union meetings and events etc. They will be expected to represent CSR and to talk to potential members and recruit them.

Ambassadors should distribute the California State Retiree newspaper to state offices in their region. The Membership committee will identify those potential location and work with their assigned chapters.

Ambassadors will be paid \$5 for every member they sign up. They will also be authorized to claim .565¢ per mile for their transportation for the delivery of CSR materials and attendance at authorized events under the direction of their chapter President.

Sincerely,
Jack Vander Bruggen
Membership Chair – Chapter 34

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Jack Vander Bruggen in black ink.

Monthly Attendance Drawing Winner

\$25.00 is awarded each month to a lucky member in attendance at our meeting.

October 2013 - Cherie Gamboa
November 2013 - Joe Whaling



WORDS FROM YOUR

CSR DISTRICT G BOARDMEMBER



Members,

Starting in January of 2014 and continuing until the election in November retirees, including CSR, are going to be facing a lot of controversy concerning their retirement plans and health insurance. This scenario will and is taking place throughout the United States. There will be a number of issues on the ballot that we as California State Retirees must be prepared to counter. These false statements put out by anti-government employees, anti-unions, anti-helping the working poor groups are put out to rile the public up over what their taxes are paying for. These groups are well funded and are able to run ads all the media out lets using names like "Americans for Justice" or "Americans for a Better Life" to persuade the public to vote against any measure that would benefit these people that are receiving a government retirement or government aid. California State Retirees can help prevent issues that will be harmful to us from being passed or help pass issues that are beneficial to us or others, by becoming involved. We can as individuals talk to our neighbors, friends, relatives concerning these issues and what effect they would have if passed or if they failed. One last thing sign up for the PAC's, particularly the issue PAC.

Gene W. Waggoner II
CSR District G Board Member

["Bylaws & Governing Rules" continued from Page 3]

Section 9, SERVICE AGREEMENT AND CORPORATE STAFF by adding the CFO during negotiations with CSEA and move Section 9.02 to Section 4.04, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER / SECRETARY

Section 12, COMMITTEES by moving the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee to Section 13.03;

Section 13, COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITY by having all committees meet at the CSR Board of Directors meetings;

Section 16, CHAPTERS by having chapter Treasurers follow the CSR Treasurer's Handbook;

Section 14, CHAPTER GRANTS and Section 4.09, DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS by removing the Chapter Grants program from a committee and assigning it to the Board of Directors for efficiency and expediency. The language includes a new structure and funding expectations for chapters.

J W Jimenez
Chapter 34
Bylaws & Governing Rules Chairman

CHAPTER 34

OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

President	Jenny Hayden Jlhaydenn991@yahoo.com	714-895-8423
Vice President	Lloyd Duronslet	714-826-6977
Treasurer	Adolfo Zavala Zavala-co@sbcglobal.com	714-388-5355
Secretary	Joe Whaling joewhaling@yahoo.com	714-349-5393
Membership Chairman	Jack Vander Bruggen Jvan4302@gmail.com	949-857-0955
Immediate Past President	Madeline Rae Jensen mcrewjensen@earthlink.net	714-534-8912
Legislative Representative District G Representative	Anne J. Spiegel Gene W. Waggoner II	714-846-5150 760-868-0968
Newsletter Editor	William (Bill) Serb III serbthe3rd@att.net	sagwaggs@aol.com 714-826-6029

Up Coming Chapter Events

December 11th Chapter Meeting at the Elk's Lodge in Santa Ana
Christmas Lunch with the Woods Brothers Trio entertaining us.

Note: If you know of a subject you think might be of interest to our group, contact our Speaker Chairperson Maxine Quitiquit at our meetings or at 949-903-7954.

●●●●● Delegate Reminder ●●●●●

Pursuant to the California State Retirees Governing Rules Section 17.18(c) "Chapter delegates are required to attend all Chapter meetings unless excused".

Failure to attend the above, except when excused, is grounds for removal from office". This action may be taken in accordance with the procedures set forth in the California State Retirees Bylaws, Article XV Discipline.

We apologies for any errors or omissions in this publication. Let us know of any and will attempt to make corrections in the next issue.