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CSR Lobby Day 2017



A sea of retirees wearing blue shirts converged on the state Capitol during the Sixth Annual California State Retirees Lobby Day April 5. More than 100 CSR members scheduled meetings with their assemblymembers and senators on both sides of the political aisle.

Our main message in all of the meetings was lawmakers need to support retirees in our ongoing efforts to protect the pensions and health care benefits we have earned.

Retirees also relayed their support for SB 17 by Sen. Ed Hernandez, D-West Covina, which would require pharmaceutical companies to give more notification and justification before hiking drug prices. (Photo by Bryan Patrick, www.BryanPatrickphoto.com See more Lobby Day photos on Pages 6-8.)

CalPERS shelves options for combo health members

CalPERS cites cost and complexity as the main reasons for not currently supporting more options to the 62,000 health subscribers and dependents in “combination families” with both Medicare and Basic plan members.

The issue stems from the CalPERS cancellation of the Blue Shield health plan for Medicare members in 2016. About 45,000

Medicare members and their dependents were required to switch to UnitedHealthcare (UHC), Kaiser or Anthem health plans as an alternative. About 1,500 of those affected members had to switch to higher cost Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs), which have higher member costs, because the alternative plans were not available

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RETIREES Do you support or oppose CalPERS plans to direct REACT: members to their website instead of sending mailings?

The views expressed are those of the respondents. Some of the statements and statistics may be up for debate.
Send your letters to csrinfo@calretirees.org or to **CSR Newspaper 1108 O St., Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814.**

Note: Retirees can continue receiving their direct deposit receipts in the mail if they contact CalPERS and request it. If CalPERS is not contacted, the receipts will automatically go on the my|CalPERS site. (See Page 3.) For those who “opt in” for the mailings, CalPERS officials have not yet decided whether the mailed receipts will continue beyond a year for those who opted in.

About two dozen CSR members sounded off on the issue. Here are a few of their remarks:



“I believe CalPERS needs to continue sending hard copy mailings out. I oppose them doing internet only. I, for one, do not always look online.

“My husband, who is also retired, does not do computers. If something should happen to me, he wouldn’t know how to go online and find his information.

“I’m [a former associate government program analyst] and realize we live in a computer world, but with all the hacking going on and the fact that technology is moving so fast, I would prefer my information be sent via mail.

“We must not forget retirees have served the state for a lot of years. We should grant them respect and give them information in the easiest way possible for them.”

Victoria Jorn
Chapter 14
Redding

“I am 90 and do not access personal information via a website. I don’t trust the internet and I don’t want to be hacked.”

Persida Drakulich, Ph.D.
Chapter 17
San Diego

“I’ve been retired for 10 years and computer-free for the same. As a Caltrans highway maintenance supervisor, I spent a fair amount of time on a computer.

“Just when you think you’re free, they want to suck you right back in! My wife has a laptop and feels the less personal info in the computer, the better. I agree!”

Cary M. Woempner
Chapter 17
Ramona

“It is extremely important for state retirees to have access to hard-copy mailings because of increasing internet access costs. Most of us are on fixed incomes.

“With the physical paperwork in my hands, I can analyze articles easier with instant access versus the delayed, involved and sometimes confusing multiple steps of internet access. Having a paper copy involves two steps: pick up the paper and read it.”

Donna Eccles
Chapter 21
Rohnert Park



“I have never owned a computer or ever used one.

“I worked for the state from 1952 to 2012 in the department for teachers’ licensing. Since I was screening old microfilm records of teachers, it was not necessary for me to go online for information.

“I want to make it clear how very important it is to keep receiving the mail so that my [finances] can be kept very simple and clear.”

Myrtle S. Rust
Chapter 2
Sacramento

“I am a retired California Highway Patrolman, 83 years old.

“My computer is not reliable. I have been hacked several times and have had defective routers replaced twice. When my computer is down, I am unable to access anything.

“I am from the ‘old school’ and I want a piece of paper in my hand. I only use a flip cell phone for emergencies. As seniors, we should be able to opt out [if we don’t want mailings], and not have to opt in.”

Jim Orton
Chapter 165
Reno, NV

“I do not believe it is fair to judge any retiree on the basis of computer literacy, especially if their position with the state was not computer-related.

“I truly hope to never see a computer again after finishing my career doing transcription editing at an acute care hospital. I do not believe medical records or any records are safe and secure in a paperless system. I have only to cite daily news reports of personal information being hacked and stolen. And what about the cost of restoring one’s identity?

“This should be about our rights and not about the cost of mailing. A million dollars in a system as large as CalPERS is not that significant.”

Paulette Todd
Chapter 14
Chico

“I am 88+ years old and DO NOT own a computer, do not plan on owning a computer or other means of sending or receiving information other than by direct mailings.

“Unless us non-computer members [can continue receiving mailings], I would consider it discrimination of the elderly and all others who might not have computers.”

Leo Pyshora
Chapter 14
Chico



“The information on the mailings is stuff I have to give to the person who prepares my taxes. I want to collect the papers monthly, not print them out of a computer.”

Ione Hershberger
Chapter 165
Sublimity, OR

“I am 84 years old and I do NOT own a computer. It is crucial that I continue to receive my CalPERS information in the mail.”

Doris Mann
Chapter 15
Chico

Please answer this question:

Is retirement all it’s cracked up to be?

What are the best and worst things about being retired? Did you imagine it would be different? What advice do you have to others considering taking the plunge?

Send us your comments by May 17 and they’ll be printed in the June 2017 edition of the California State Retiree newspaper. A jpg or photograph of yourself is encouraged, but not required.

Emails and jpgs may be sent to: csrinfo@CalRetirees.org Or mail your response and a photograph to: CSR Newspaper Staff, 1108 O St., Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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NEWS

If you want mailed receipts, notify CalPERS by June 1

June 1 is the deadline to tell CalPERS you want to continue receiving mailed receipts for your direct deposit statements.

CalPERS sent a mailer in April alerting 470,000 affected retirees they must fill out the attached postcard if they prefer mailed receipts over going to the CalPERS website to see their direct deposit receipts.

Mailings will stop, effective July 1, for CalPERS members who do not return the postcards postmarked by June 1.

Those who miss the deadline to opt in for the mailed receipts may still call (888) 225-7377 or go to their my|CalPERS account at any date in the future to resume the mailings.

There is no need to write any identifying information on the postcard because the stamped barcode tells CalPERS who you are.

If you prefer receiving your direct deposit statements electronically, there is no need to take action. Your

direct deposit statements are already available through your my|CalPERS account and your paper statements will be discontinued with your July 1 statement.

Those who don't currently have a my|CalPERS account may sign up at www.calpers.ca.gov

Since January, CSR President Tim Behrens and other officials have argued that CalPERS did not give retirees sufficient notice about the plan to go paperless with the receipts. Allowing retirees to opt out of mailed receipts would have been less confusing than requiring them to opt in for the mailed receipts, CSR said.

Those who opt in for the mailings will receive them for 12 months, CalPERS officials said, but there has not yet been a decision on whether they will be allowed to continue receiving the mailings in the 2018/2019 year.

CalPERS estimates going paperless with the receipts will save the system about \$1 million

annually. The same information currently on the hard copy receipts will be available online and will be posted sooner, CalPERS said.

Receiving the mailed receipts is a comfort to many retirees who do not use or have access to computers, said Larry Woodson, chair of the CSR Health Benefits Committee. He pointed out that many retirees have several deductions, which may be more readily visible to them on paper.

CSR also objected to the way CalPERS made a similar change last July when it required members to notify CalPERS if they wanted to continue receiving health enrollment information by mail. If CalPERS was not notified, the information automatically went to the website.

"They need to seriously consider that some of their members are older," Behrens said. "We may not be as computer savvy as younger members, but our needs are just as important."

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

May 14 (Sunday)

Mother's Day

May 16 (Tuesday)

CalPERS Pension & Health Benefits Committee, Lincoln Plaza North, 400 P St., Sacramento

May 17 (Wednesday)

CalPERS Board of Administration meeting, same location as above

NOTE: Live coverage of all open sessions of the board and its committees is streamed from the CalPERS auditorium to the internet. Visit www.calpers.ca.gov on board meeting days to watch and listen. Access videos of past meetings at www.youtube.com/calpersnetwork

May 19 and 20 (Friday and Saturday)

CalPERS Benefits Education Event (CBEE), which informs all CalPERS members about programs and benefits available to them, Red Lion Hotel Eureka, 1929 Fourth St., Eureka. For more information, go to www.calpers.ca.gov or call (888) 225-7377

May 29 (Monday)

Memorial Day, CSR Headquarters is closed

June 20 (Tuesday)

CalPERS Pension & Health Benefits Committee meeting, Lincoln Plaza North, 400 P St., Sacramento

June 21 (Wednesday)

CalPERS Board of Administration meeting, same location as above

June 27-28 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

CSR committee meetings, Four Points by Sheraton – Los Angeles, 9750 Airport Blvd., Los Angeles

June 29 (Thursday)

CSR Board of Directors meeting, same location as above

LEGISLATIVE WATCH with Ted Toppin

SB 17, Transparency in Prescription Drug Pricing Bill, advances

Legislative activity is in full throttle now, with a packed slate of policy and budget subcommittees running every day.

All bills introduced in 2017 must have cleared their house of origin policy committees by April 28.

I am happy to report SB 17 (Hernandez), legislation to bring much-needed transparency to prescription drug pricing, cleared the Senate Health Committee on April 19, thanks to the support of CSR and countless other health care and consumer advocates. SB 17 was featured as part of CSR's Lobby Day this year.

Here's an update on other bills CSR is monitoring:

Support

AB 241 (Dababneh): Would require a public agency that is the source of a data breach to offer appropriate identity theft prevention and mitigation services at no cost to the individuals affected by the breach. **STATUS:** Assembly Appropriations Committee, Suspense File.

AB 401 (Aguiar-Curry): Would authorize a remote dispensing site pharmacy to use a telepharmacy system and would require the Board of Pharmacy to issue a remote dispensing site pharmacy license. Using a telepharmacy system will allow pharmacists to provide counseling to patients when they pick up their prescriptions in medically underserved areas, like those in which many state retirees live. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 437 (Rodriguez): Would require the Attorney General to establish and maintain within the Violent Crime Information Center a Voluntary Online At-Risk Community Network for purposes of providing information to first responders in order to prevent harmful interactions between first responders and seniors or persons with disabilities. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 587 (Chiu): Would require the Department of General

Services to convene the California Pharmaceutical Collective to address the rising cost of pharmaceuticals. The bill would coordinate the efforts of state and local government agencies to identify and implement opportunities for cost savings when purchasing medications considered high-cost drugs. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Assembly Health Committee.

AJR 8 (Kalra): Would resolve that the Legislature opposes cuts to, and proposals to privatize, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. This bill calls on our state's congressional representatives to vote against cuts and privatization proposals, and would call on the President of the United States to veto any legislation to cut or privatize these programs. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security Committee.

SB 17 (Hernandez): Would increase transparency in prescription drug pricing consistent with other sectors of the health care industry. Specifically, SB 17 will require:

- * Drug manufacturers to provide advance notice when they plan to increase the cost of a prescription drug.

- * Drug manufacturers to provide justification any time they introduce an expensive drug.

- * Health plans to report each year the proportion of premium dollars spent on prescription drugs, the total costs they pay for drugs and the drugs with the highest increase in net cost. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 62 (Jackson): Would enact the Affordable Senior Housing Act of 2017, which establishes the Affordable Senior Housing Program within GO-Biz, as part of the Economic Revitalization Act. The purpose of this program is to guide and serve as a catalyst for the development of affordable senior housing dwelling units within the state and would require the director of GO-Biz to undertake various actions in implementing this

program. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee.

Oppose

AB 1310 (Allen): Would require the retirement board of a public retirement system to disclose the unfunded liability and health care debt of the system on each member statement provided to members of the system. **STATUS:** Dead -- failed passage in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security Committee.

AB 1311 (Allen): Would revise the composition of the CalPERS Board of Administration. The bill would add to the board two persons, appointed by the governor, who represent the public, have financial expertise, and have no interest in the system. The bill would also replace the official of a life insurer, whom the governor is currently authorized to appoint, with a gubernatorial appointee who has expertise in health insurance and is not interested in the system. **STATUS:** Dead -- author pulled bill from hearing. It will miss policy committee deadline.

SB 32 (Moorlach): This bill would create the Citizens' Pension Oversight Committee to serve in an advisory role to the board of the State Teachers' Retirement System and the CalPERS Board of Administration. The bill would require the committee to annually review the actual pension costs and obligations of CalPERS and CalSTRS and report on these costs and obligations to the public. The bill also makes many other changes detrimental to each system. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Senate Public Employment & Retirement



Ted Toppin

Committee.

SB 601 (Morrell): Would require the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System to report a calculation of liabilities based on a discount rate equal to the yield on a 10-year United States Treasury note. **STATUS:** Dead -- failed passage in Senate Public Employment & Retirement Committee.

SCA 8 (Moorlach): This measure would permit a government employer to reduce retirement benefits based on work not yet performed by an employee regardless of the date the employee was first hired. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Senate Public Employment & Retirement Committee.

SCA 10 (Moorlach): This measure would prohibit a government employer from providing public employees any retirement benefit increase until that increase is approved by a two-thirds vote of the electorate of the applicable jurisdiction. **STATUS:** Awaiting hearing in Senate Public Employment & Retirement Committee.



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Longtime CSR leader Fritz Walgenbach passes away

Fritz Walgenbach, who served 35 years in California State Retirees (CSR), the Association of California State Supervisors (ACSS) and California State Employees Association (CSEA), passed away April 17. He was 87.

Walgenbach retired as executive vice president of the CSR Board of Directors earlier this year because he said health issues prevented him from doing his best work.

Before his tenure in CSR, Walgenbach was secretary/treasurer and vice president on the ACSS Board of Directors, where he worked with Tim Behrens, former president of ACSS and current president of CSR.

In addition, Walgenbach served on the CSEA Board of Directors, where he held the regional director, treasurer and executive vice president positions.

Walgenbach retired from his job as administrative officer and financial officer for the California State Library in 2001 and immediately joined CSR.

He soon became president of Chapter 2, the largest CSR's 26 chapters statewide. He was also District E director on the CSR board and finally executive vice president, where he served for the last three years.

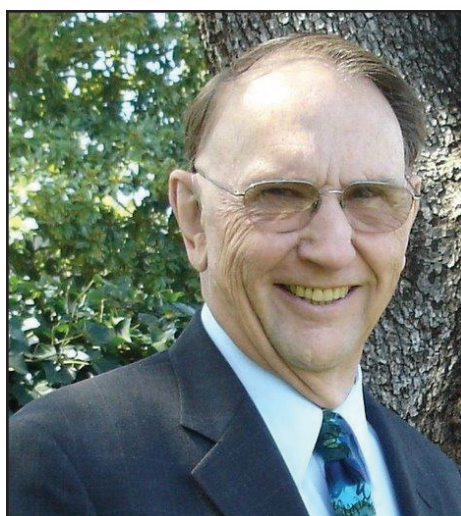
As a show of gratitude for his many contributions to retirees, state workers and supervisors, Sen. Ken Cooley, D-Rancho Cordova, wrote a legislative resolution honoring Walgenbach at Chapter 15's holiday party in Auburn Dec. 20.

Describing Walgenbach as a fiscal conservative, Behrens said he was always passionate about whatever he believed was in the members' best interest.

"When we disagreed, we would agree to disagree and support whatever the majority voted on," Behrens said.

Beverly Greening, who recently retired as president of Chapter 165, said she knew Walgenbach for 40 years.

"You could never find a more



Fritz Walgenbach

dedicated member," she said. "He always gave me a heads-up with information I needed for our chapter meetings, and he attended all of them when he was our district director."

The care he gave to his wife, Judi, who survives him, was admirable, said Greening, echoing the thoughts of many other retirees.

"This was no easy task for him because he had his own health issues," she said. "I think what helped him through difficult times was his sense of humor. Fritz was a mentor to me, and I was very lucky to have that relationship with him."

Stephanie Hueg, CSR's executive vice president, described Walgenbach as a "very dedicated and good-hearted man."

"Our organization has benefitted from his fiscal responsibility throughout the years. He helped us get our financial house in order, along with former CFO Harold Rose. Those two could make an eagle scream."

Walgenbach had a talent for not making politics personal, said CalPERS Board Member JJ Jelincic, who is the former president of CSEA.

"Fritz was the kind of leader we need more of. He was always thoughtful even when he was wrong (i.e. he didn't always agree with me)," said Jelincic. "He always acted in the best interest of the group as he saw it. He will be missed."

At the April 19 meeting of the CalPERS Board of Administration,

President Rob Feckner announced Walgenbach's passing and noted he often attended CalPERS meetings.

"He had an active, reasoned voice in those meetings," Feckner said.

Walgenbach's dedication was further demonstrated in a recent interview with the *California State Retiree* newspaper.

"It is essential that retirees remain involved in protecting their pensions and health care,"

Walgenbach said. "Any changes for future retirees will affect current retirees in some form or another. Any change in the contributions to CalPERS will change the pot of funds for investment, which would have an impact on CalPERS' ability to maintain its commitment to current retirees."

Details about a celebration of life and a list of Walgenbach's survivors will be posted on our website when they become available.



Former CSR Executive Vice President Fritz Walgenbach and Tim Behrens, current CSR president, posed several years ago at the 58th CSEA General Council.

Most retirees to get COLA

Most state retirees will receive a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) between 1.26 and 2 percent in their May pay warrants.

Additionally, some retirees will see a Purchasing Power Protection Allowance (PPPA) adjustment in the same check.

Retirees begin receiving annual COLAs in the second calendar year of retirement and each May after that. For example, those who retired in 2015 would receive their first COLA increase in their May 1, 2017 benefit check.

The cost-of-living adjustment is dependent on two factors: the rate of inflation in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) and the cost-of-living adjustment contracted by the employer, which is California in the

case of state retirees.

The annual rate of inflation was 1.26 percent through the 12 months ending in December 2016. That percentage was used in calculating the 2017 regular COLAs for CalPERS retirees. About 95 percent of CalPERS retirees will receive a 2 percent COLA provision.

Also in May of every year, the PPPA is automatically given to retirees whose benefits fall below minimum levels established by law.

For state and school retirees, the PPPA keeps pensions from falling below 75 percent of original purchasing power.

The PPPA benefit is paid in addition to the COLA, and is dependent on inflation over time. Adjustments are applied when

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Our voices are heard - LOBBY DAY 2017



CSR President Tim Behrens and Sen. Ed Hernandez, D-West Covina, give the thumbs-up sign after Hernandez spoke to retirees about various legislative matters at a dinner in Sacramento April 4. CSR supports the senator's AB 17, which would require pharmaceutical companies to give notification and justification prior to raising drug prices.



In honor of Gus Lease, former CSR vice president who passed away last year, Chapter 35 members Carol Wood-Gilham and Susan Koski join others in a rousing rendition of "God Bless America" at the end of the Lobby Day dinner. Lease was a longtime music teacher at San Jose State University and often treated CSR members to his musical talents.



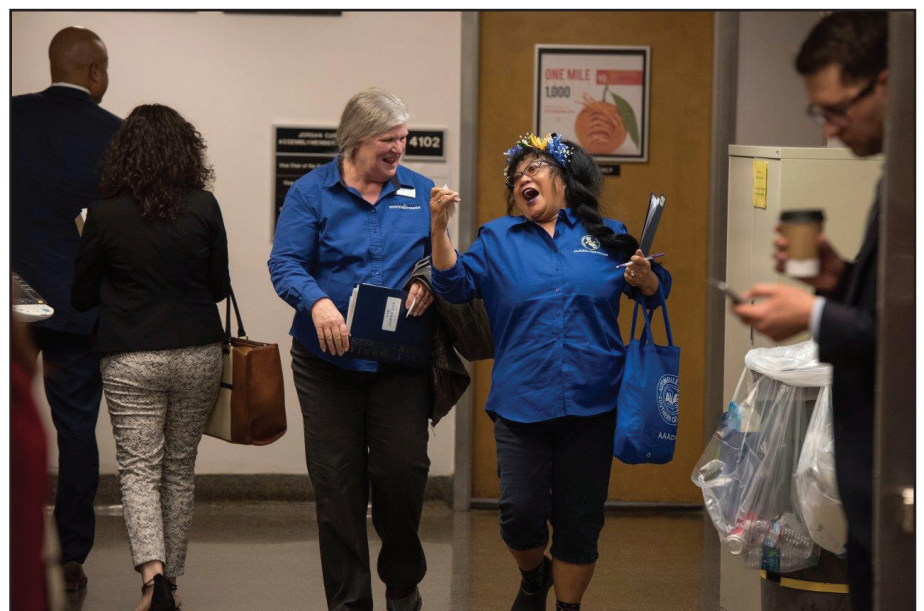
Sen. Mike Morell, R-Rancho Cucamonga, right, talks about health issues with Chapter 6 members: Erlinda Ochoa, vice president; Dee Stoddard, president; Sharon Huddleston; and Willis Huddleston, treasurer/secretary.



CSR Executive Vice President Stephanie Hueg and CSR Vice President J.W. "Jay" Jimenez walk to one of several legislative visits at the Capitol.



CSR Chief Financial Officer/Secretary Gerald "Jerry" Fountain reviews his schedule of legislative visits.



Chapter 10 member Ophelia Rabanal, right, had some fun between legislative visits.

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Assemblymember Jim Wood, D-Healdsburg, center, meets with Chapter 8 members Joan Hume; Jill Miranda; Jim Evert, president; Veronica Avila, vice president; Hope Wilder; and Bob Hume.



During a meeting with retiree constituents, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, D-Pomona, pauses to read literature from CSR. Rodriguez plays a vital role in legislation affecting seniors because he is the chair of the Assembly Public Employees, Retirees and Social Security Committee.



Chapter 35 President Lou Flores finds a convenient spot to put his literature while enjoying lunch in the Capitol basement.



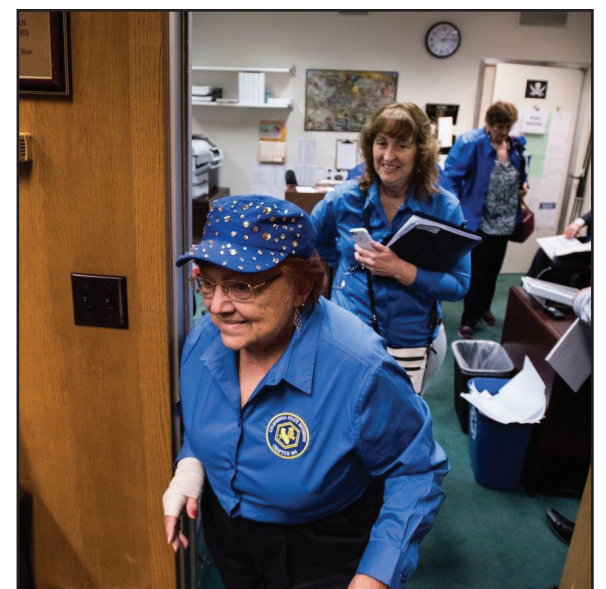
Assemblymember Devon Mathis, R-Visalia, shakes the hand of Chapter 35 member Larry D. Long.



Chapter 3 member Billie Feliciano prepares for her next legislative visit.



Assemblymember Mathis spoke with a roomful of CSR members, including CSR President Tim Behrens to the left of the desk.



Chapter 165 member Beth Scott is invited into a legislator's office.

Our voices are heard - LOBBY DAY 2017



Chapter 11 members Jess Beltran, Richard Conness and Don Truesdale wait in the Capitol hallway for their next meeting.



Chapter 20 members meet with Charles W.R. Harvey, legislative director for Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer Sr., D-Los Angeles, center. From left to right are Norma Gallegos, Steve Cohen, Charlene Gonzalez and David Okumura.



Chapter 23 members Essie Sukkar, treasurer; Bobbie Estrada, president; and Maria Aguilar, vice president; speak with a representative of Assemblymember Kevin Mullin, D-South San Francisco.



Chapter 15 member Aleta Zak reviews her meeting schedule.

CalPERS shelves options for combo health members

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in their areas. Even when the alternative plans were available, many additional members of the 15,000 combination plan members switched to PPOs for other reasons, such as wanting to keep their doctors.

At the urging of California State Retirees (CSR) in February, Priya Mathur, chair of the CalPERS Pension & Health Benefits Committee, directed staff to bring back the potential financial and time costs for allowing separate health carriers in combination enrollments. CSR contends that such a study should have been done before the committee added a new regulatory amendment barring combination families from choosing more than

one health care provider without the approval of CalPERS. Before the new regulatory amendment, the regulation language could already be read to allow members to enroll in plans provided by different carriers, CSR argued.

CalPERS staff reported at the committee's April 18 meeting that a study by its Health Policy Research Division (HPRD) concluded it would cost \$15 million if CalPERS allowed individuals in combination plans to separately enroll in plans offered by different health carriers. It would also take at least four years to implement such a plan, the study said.

Allowing different plans to combination plan members "would

benefit a relatively small CalPERS population and would deviate from current health industry data handling practices that safeguard health data privacy," the study said. "It would also have a sweeping impact to CalPERS system processes, business processes and to any external data systems linked to myCalPERS."

Earlier this year before the study, CalPERS staff estimated the cost of such a change would only be about \$1 million.

"To me, [the most recent estimates] defy reason," testified Larry Woodson, chair of CSR's Health Benefits Committee. "CalPERS estimates it would take 100,000 staff hours. That's 56 staff

members working fulltime for a year to make the necessary changes ... I would hope the committee would ask the staff for further analysis of those estimates, and we will too."

Woodson also pointed out that CalPERS offered its Medicare members the choice of 12 health plans in 2002, but now there are just three.

"This is just another reduction in choice for our members," Woodson said.

Several members of the committee indicated they want to pursue other ways to provide more options for combination families in the future, but nothing definitive is underway yet.

FOR CSR MEMBERS ONLY

Death and disability insurance is available



Safe driving and accident prevention may help to ensure your safety, yet you can still be the victim of someone else’s mistake.

Accidents kill someone every 4 minutes in America according to the 2015 Injury Facts report by the National Safety Council. That’s 15 deaths every hour. In fact, motor vehicle accidents are the overall leading cause of death for Americans, and there are even more non-fatal but nonetheless disabling accidents every year – about 3.7 million.

Help Protect your family and enroll in the **CSEA Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Plan***. It’s designed to pay your family a lump sum benefit if you were to die from a covered accident. And it will pay you benefits for certain covered injuries caused by accidents. And you or your family can use the money for just about anything -to help pay bills, buy groceries or to help replace lost income.

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costs, eligibility, renewability, limitations and exclusions, visit **CSEA Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Plan** and sign up today.

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Company, 51 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10010, under Group Policy No. G-29148-0 on Policy Form GMR-FACE/G-29148-0 John Wigle, California Agent license number: 0482924. John Wigle, Arkansas Agent license number: 46424.



California State Retirees Member Application

(Print) Last Name

First Name

Initial

Social Security No.

Chapter No.

Number and Street

City

State

Zip Code

Retirement Date (MM-DD-YY)

Home Phone

Email

From Which State Agency did you Retire?

How Did You Hear about Us?

Recruiter's Name

- Type of Membership (check one)
- ☐ **Retired Membership** Available to state retirees only. See Dues Table.
- ☐ **Associate Member** Available to persons not eligible for Retired membership. Dues are \$12.00 per year (payable annually).

I hereby apply for membership in California State Retirees, an affiliate of the California State Employees Association, and I authorize CSR to withhold dues from my monthly PERS allowance. I understand my membership rights are set forth in the CSR and CSEA bylaws, policies and procedures. As a member of CSR, I agree to abide by the CSR bylaws, policies and procedures.

Signature

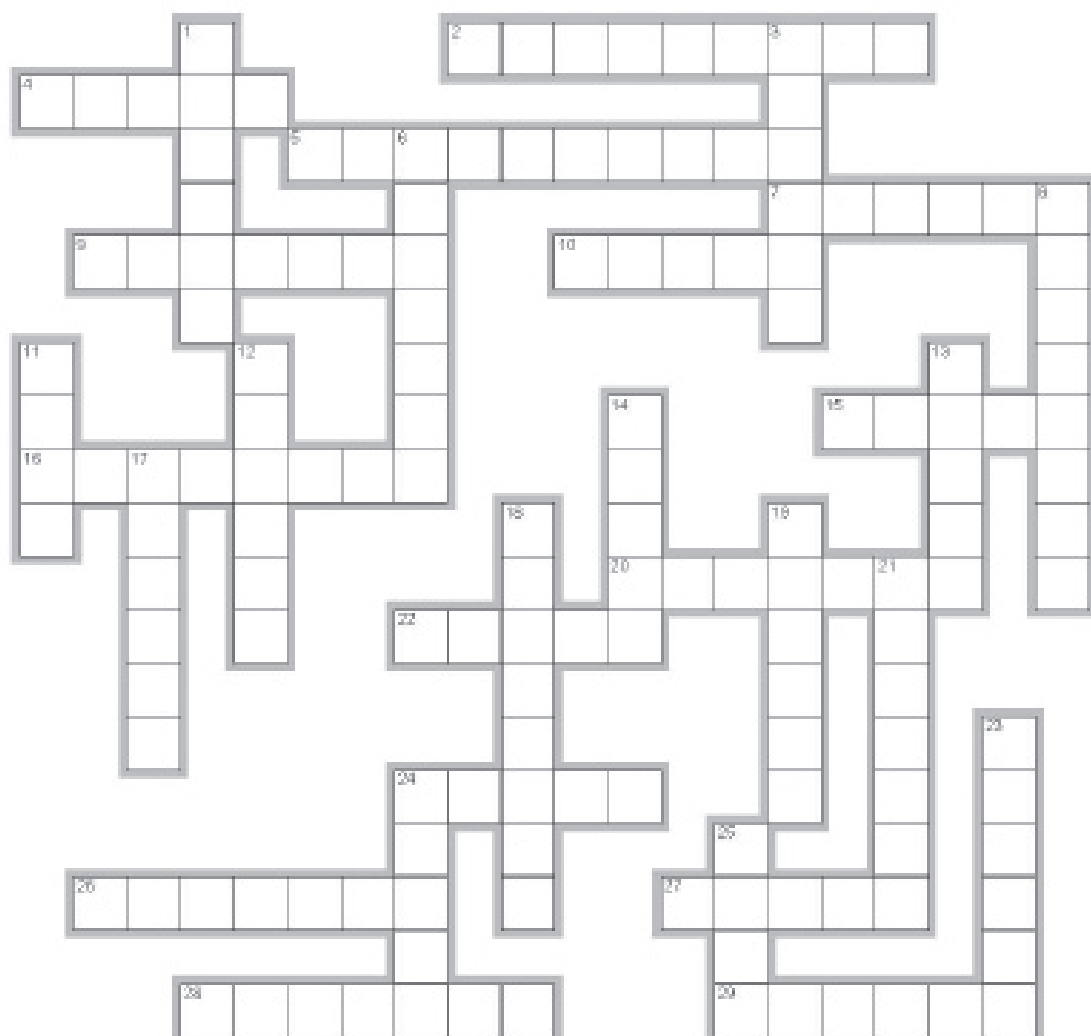
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Dues Table for Retired Members	
Monthly PERS Allowance (Base + COLA)	Monthly Dues
\$0 - \$399	\$1.00
\$400 - \$799	\$2.25
\$800 - \$1,199	\$3.25
\$1,200 - \$1,599	\$5.00
\$1,600 - \$1,899	\$6.50
\$1,900 - \$2,299	\$8.00
\$2,300 - \$2,699	\$8.50
\$2,700 - \$3,099	\$9.00
\$3,100 - \$3,499	\$9.50
\$3,500 - \$3,999	\$10.00
\$4,000+	\$12.00

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To join, please fill out the application completely and mail it back in an envelope to:
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www.CalRetirees.org/joinus

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ACROSS

2. Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Jeff ____
4. Wheel of Fortune, Pat ____
5. Tic Tac Dough, Wink ____
7. The Price is Right, Bob ____
9. Love Connections, Chuck ____
10. The Dating Game, Jim ____
15. I've Got a Secret, Garry ____
16. The Weakest Link, Anne ____
20. The Newlywed Game, Bob ____
22. Sale of the Century, Jim ____
24. The \$10,000 Pyramid, Dick ____
26. Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Regis ____
27. The Joker's Wild, Jack ____
28. To Tell the Truth, Bud ____
29. Password, Allen ____

DOWN

1. Family Feud, Richard ____
3. Jeopardy!, Alex ____
6. The Match Game, Gene ____
8. Supermarket Sweep, David ____
11. You Bet Your Life, Groucho ____
12. Deal or No Deal, Howie ____
13. Concentration, Hugh ____
14. Who's Line Is It Anyway?, Drew ____
17. What's My Line? Wally ____
18. Hollywood Squares, Peter ____
19. The Gong Show, Chuck ____
21. Name That Tune, Tom ____
23. The \$25,000 Pyramid, Bill ____
24. Win, Lose or Draw, Bert ____
25. Let's Make a Deal, Monty ____

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Stuffed Green Peppers



Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

- 4 green peppers (large, washed)
- 1 pound turkey, ground
- 1 cup rice, uncooked
- 1/2 cup onion (peeled and chopped)
- 1 1/2 cup tomato sauce

Preparation:

Cut around the stem of the green peppers. Remove the seeds and pulpy part of the peppers. Wash, and then cook green peppers in boiling water for five minutes. Drain well. In saucepan, brown turkey. Add rice, onion, 1/2 cup tomato sauce and black pepper. Stuff each pepper with the mixture and place in casserole dish. Pour the remaining tomato sauce over the green peppers. Cover and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

SAVVY SENIOR

How to pick a medical alert system

Dear Savvy Senior,

I would like to get my 82-year-old mother, who lives alone, a home medical alert system with a panic button she can push in case she falls or needs help. Can you recommend some good options to help me choose?

- Overwhelmed Daughter

Dear Overwhelmed,

A good medical alert system is an affordable and effective tool that can help keep your mother safe, but with all the choices available today choosing one can be quite confusing. Here are some tips that can help.

HOW THEY WORK

Medical alert systems, which have been around for about 40 years, are popular products for elderly seniors who live alone. Leased for about \$1 a day, these basic systems provide a wearable help button – usually in the form of a neck pendant or wristband – and a base station that connects to the home phone line, or to a cellular network if no landline is present.

At the press of a button, your mom could call and talk to a trained operator through the system's base station receiver, which works like a powerful speakerphone. The operator will find out what's wrong, and will notify family members, a friend, neighbor or emergency services as needed.

In addition to the basic home systems, many companies today (for an additional fee) are offering



motion sensitive pendants that can detect a fall and automatically call for help if your mom is unable to push the button. There are also mobile medical alerts that work when your mom is away from home. They work like cell phones with GPS tracking capabilities. They allow your mom to talk and listen to the operator directly through the pendant button, and because of the GPS, her general location would be known in order for help to be sent.

WHAT TO CONSIDER

When shopping for a home medical alert system, here are some things to look for in a quality system:

Extra help buttons: Most companies offer waterproof neck pendant and wristband help buttons, but some also offer wall-mounted buttons that can be placed near the floor in high fall risk areas like the

bathroom or kitchen, in case your mom isn't wearing her pendant.

Range: The base station should have a range of at least 400 feet so it can be activated from anywhere on your mom's property – even in the yard.

Backup: Make sure the system has a battery backup in case of a power failure.

Monitoring: Make sure the response center is staffed with trained emergency operators located in the U.S., are available on a 24-hour basis, and respond to calls promptly.

Contacts: Choose a company that provides multiple contact choices – from emergency services, to a friend or family member who lives nearby – whom they can contact if your mom needs help.

Certification: Find out if the



Send your senior questions to:
Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443
Norman, OK 73070
or visit SavvySenior.org

monitoring center has been certified by Underwriters Laboratories, a nonprofit safety and consulting company.

TOP-RATED COMPANIES

While there are dozens of companies that offer medical alert systems, here are some top options offering both home and mobile alerts: Bay Alarm Medical (fees start at \$30 per month for a home landline system), bayalarmmedical.com, (877) 522-9633; Life Station (\$30/month, lifestation.com, (800) 554-4600; Medical Alert (\$33/month, medicalalert.com, (800) 800-2537); MobileHelp (\$30/month, mobilehelpnow.com, (800) 992-0616; and Phillips Lifeline (\$30/month, plus a \$50 activation fee, lifelinesys.com, (855) 681-5351.

Most of these companies offer discounts if you pay three to 12 months in advance.

For mobile medical alerts only, you should also see GreatCall's Lively Mobile and Wearable (\$50, plus a \$20 to \$35 monthly fee, greatcall.com, (866) 359-5606 and Consumer Cellular's Ally (\$150, plus \$25 per month, consumercellular.com, (888) 345-5509.

Honoring CSR's former CFO

CSR Tim Behrens presented Harold Rose with a legislative resolution from Sen. Mike MacGuire, D-Healdsburg, at the Chapter 21 meeting in Santa Rosa April 18.

Earlier this year, Rose retired from his position as CSR's chief financial officer/treasurer, a position he held for more than a decade. For 50 years before that, he was involved in nearly every aspect of CSR and its umbrella organization, California State Employees Association (CSEA).

MacGuire's resolution honored Rose for his dedicated volunteerism to state retirees, helping them to protect their earned pensions and health benefits.



CSR's Retired Annuitant Program

Do you want a part-time state job?
Be ready if the state starts hiring again

If you need extra money or like the idea of working again, send an application to be on the California State Retirees (CSR) Retired Annuitant Program List.

Thousands of retired annuitants lost their positions in 2008 under an executive order issued by Gov. Schwarzenegger, which was extended by Gov. Brown, but the state continues to employ around 4,000 retired annuitants in a variety of departments, according to the State Controller's Office.

CSR continues to maintain its popular CSR Retired Annuitant Program List. The names and qualifications of state retirees who belong to CSR are distributed biannually to state department officials who request them when they are hiring part-time workers.

The list is one of the many benefits our organization offers exclusively to its members.

Applicants to the

annuitant list should return the completed form to California State Retirees by Friday, June 23, 2017. The names collected during this



period will be sent to our state agency contacts in July 2017, encouraging them to consider our list when hiring retired annuitants. An application will also appear in the November 2017 issue of the *California State Retiree*. CSR will then send another list to state agency contacts in January 2018. If you've sent in your application already or applied online, you do not have to send in another application. We keep all applications on file as a convenience to our members. If you'd like to remove yourself from the list, please contact us to do so. If you'd like to apply online, visit www.calretirees.org

Where retired annuitants work

Although hiring of state retired annuitants has slowed down in recent years, there are still 3,705 retired annuitants in departments statewide, according to the State Controller's Office.

Below is a list of the 15 state departments with the most retired annuitants.

Corrections and Rehabilitation.....	368
Department of State Hospitals.....	256
Forestry and Fire Protection.....	227
Developmental Services.....	227
Transportation.....	184

Justice.....	167
Social Services.....	124
Parks and Recreation.....	124
Water Resources.....	128
Fish and Wildlife.....	107
Consumer Affairs.....	93
CA Exposition and State Fair.....	70
Department of Public Health.....	76
Employment Development Department.....	77
Corrections of Rehabilitation/CCHCS.....	50

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE
Supplemental Retired Annuitant Application

05/2017

☐ **Yes**, I would like to be considered for a temporary job with the state. I understand the information I provide here will be sent by California State Retirees to all state departments, and it is up to the interested employer - not California State Retirees.

Last four digits of Social Security Number_____

Name_____last_____first_____

Phone_____Email_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Most recent job classification_____

Do you type? ☐Yes ☐No Do you have computer experience? ☐Yes ☐No

Last two state classifications:

2. _____

3. _____

Location where you want to work (Check one only)

This form must be received at California State Retirees no later than June 23, 2017.

Area	Counties
<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles	Los Angeles
<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego	San Diego
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern Coast	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura
<input type="checkbox"/> South Central Valley	Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Kern (east of the Tehachapi Mountains)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay Area	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito San Francisco, San Mateo, Sonoma, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley	Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Tulare, Kern (west of the Tehachapi Mountains)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento Area	Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo Yuba
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern California	Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Plumas, Mendocino, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity

RETURN THIS FORM TO: Attn: Retired Annuitant Program, California State Retirees, 1108 O St., Suite 300, Sacramento, CA, 95814

PLEASE NOTE: If you sent in your application in November or applied online, we have your application on file. There is no need to reapply. If you sent us an application and would like to be removed from our list, please send an email to csrinfo@calretirees.org or call 916-326-4292.

CHAPTER MEETING NOTICES

CHAPTER 1

ALAMEDA/CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES

President: Carol Bowen csrchapter1@gmail.com; **Vice President:** Stella Torrez; **Treasurer:** Digna Laureano. *Meets in April, August and December unless otherwise announced*

Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m. **Where:** Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant, 1148 Ballena Blvd., Alameda. **Program:** TBA. **Menu:** TBA.

CHAPTER 2

SACRAMENTO/YOLO AREA

President: Louis Espinoza, (916) 397-2526; **Vice President:** Phyllis Johnson, (209) 471-2192; **Treasurer:** Kathleen Elwell, (916) 395-3717; **Secretary:** Dianne Welsh, (916) 682-7810; **Membership:** Nadie Savage, (916) 968-5984.

Meets on the first Monday of every month, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: Monday, June 5, 11 a.m. to noon, Meet, Greet and Eat; the official meeting starts at noon. **Where:** Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., Sacramento. **Program:** Discuss water resources and volunteer program assistance. **Menu:** Happy Father's Day! Caesar salad, grilled chicken, bread and chocolate chip cookie. The vegetarian meal will be a tossed salad with feta cheese crumble. Vegan or gluten-free special orders are only available with reservations. **Cost:** Members eat free; guests cost \$3, which is payable by the sponsor upon arrival at sign-in. **Reservations are required:** RSVP for members and guests with food choices by 5 p.m. Friday, May 26 by email to Nadie Savage at texasgirls0124@gmail.com or by phone at (916) 968-5984. **Note:** No reservations means no lunch. Reservations with a "No-Show" will require full payment by member for meals reserved. For additional information, please contact Chapter Vice President, Phyllis Johnson by email at johnsonphyllis010@yahoo.com or by phone at (209) 471-2192. Voicemail messages are encouraged.

CHAPTER 3

WEST BAY AREA

President: Skip Charbonneau, (415) 648-4946; **Vice President:** Al Darby, (925) 788-6068; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Vacant; **Chapter Membership Chair:** Erlinda Villa (415) 407-7905.

Meets on the second Friday of March, June, September and December

Meeting: Friday, June 9, 11:30 a.m. **Where:** United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Ave., San Francisco. **Program:** Speaker to be announced. Election for chapter secretary. Call Skip with nominations at (415) 648-4946. **Menu:** Cottage/

Shepherd's Pie or fish and chips. **Cost:** \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. **Reservations are required:** By Tuesday, June 6, contact Erlinda Villa at (415) 407-7905 or aida.b.villa@gmail.com

CHAPTER 4

GREATER LOS ANGELES

President: Marta Zaragoza, (310) 204-0484; **Vice President:** Ethel Watson, (323) 734-2788; **Secretary:** Meryl David, (323) 939-0620; **Treasurer:** Virginia Griffin, (323) 290-3655. **Note:** If you need transportation to a meeting, please call Meryl at the number above at least three days prior to a meeting.

Meets on the third Thursday of even months, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Where:** Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles. **Program:** CSR District A Director Sharon Stoltzman will speak. **Reservations:** Please call (310) 204-0484.

Chapter 4 Subchapter CULVER CITY

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month when announced

Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Where:** Denny's Restaurant, 10700 Jefferson Blvd., Culver City. **Program:** TBA.

CHAPTER 5

CENTRAL VALLEY FOOTHILLS

President: Barbara Powers, (209) 482-7647; **Vice President:** Al Lara, (209) 825-5285; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Denise Simpson, (209) 206-3817.

Meets after each CSR Board meeting, unless otherwise announced

Mariposa Subchapter

Meeting: TBA.

Merced Subchapter

Meeting: TBA.

Modesto Subchapter

Meeting: TBA.

Sonora Subchapter

Meeting: TBA.

Jackson Subchapter

Meeting: TBA.

CHAPTER 6

SAN BERNARDINO/RIVERSIDE COUNTY

President: J. Dee Stoddard, (909) 862-1870; **Vice President:** Erlinda Ochoa, (909) 822-4128; **Treasurer/Secretary:** Willis Huddleston, (805) 573-5345.

Meetings are held quarterly

Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m. **Where:** Sizzler Restaurant, 9800 Sierra Ave., Fontana.

CHAPTER 8

NORTH COAST AREA

President: Jim Evert, (707) 951-

4166 or jimevert@hotmail.com; **Vice President:** Veronica Avila, (707) 954-3631 or sandvavila@frontier.com; **Secretary:** Hope Wilder, (707) 465-4861 or hopewilder.com; **Treasurer:** Patti Falk, (707) 445-1196 or pmfalk@earthlink.net.

Meetings are held quarterly, unless otherwise announced

Humboldt Chapter

Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 11:45 a.m. **Where:** Eureka Elks Lodge, 455 Herrick Ave., Eureka. **Reservations are required:** By Tuesday, June 27, please contact one of the officers above.

Del Norte Subchapter

Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 11:45 a.m. **Where:** The Lucky Seven Casino, 350 N. Indian Road, Smith River. **Reservations are required:** By Tuesday, June 27, please contact one of the officers above.

CHAPTER 9

LOS ANGELES AREA

President: Raelene Allard, (323) 221-6010 or raeleneallard@ymail.com; **Vice President and Membership Coordinator:** Luanna Allard, (323) 227-4287 or estebanos@sbcglobal.net; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Vivianne Fitzgerald, (562) 866-6264 or 4fitzi@gmail.com

Meets on the second Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 10 a.m., Executive Board meeting, followed by the general meeting at 11 a.m. **Where:** Sizzler, 15252 East Rosecrans Blvd., La Mirada. **Menu:** Your choice. **Cost:** Chapter 9 will pay \$15 toward each member's lunch. Guests pay for themselves. **Reservations:** Not required.

CHAPTER 10

SAN LUIS OBISPO

President: Vic Martinez, (805) 239-3397; **Vice President:** Vacant; **Secretary:** Pearl Cole, (805) 489-5194; **Treasurer:** Marc Laxer, (805) 546-8470.

Meets on the fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October

Meeting: Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. **Where:** Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, San Luis Obispo. **For more information:** Call any chapter officer listed above.

CHAPTER 11

MID VALLEY

President: Christy Christensen-Fountain, (559) 707-7067 or chrschrs90@aol.com; **Vice President:** Joyce Jarrett, (559) 348-7845; **Treasurer:** Gigi Subilosky, (559) 269-5380; **Secretary:** Claudine Edwards-McDougall, (559) 696-2628. *Meets on the first Wednesday*

of March, June, September and December, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 11:30 a.m. **Where:** Pardini's, 2257 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno. **Program:** Meet CSR-endorsed candidates for the CalPERS Board of Administration. You will have an opportunity to ask questions. We will also have a speaker on "Safety for Seniors," along with updates from CSR leadership on what's happening to state retirees. Brent Landis from CaptionCall (assistance for the hearing impaired) will also be there to answer your questions. We will also be collecting school supplies for needy children. And, don't miss out on the door prizes and raffles. **Cost:** \$10 for members and a guest; \$12 for non-members. **Reservations are required:** Call (559) 920-7277 by Saturday, June 3.

CHAPTER 12

EASTERN MOUNTAIN AND HIGH DESERT AREAS

President: Caryl Cole, (760) 247-8962 or carylcole@verizon.net; **Vice President:** Stephanie Pryzbeski-Gilbert, (661) 537-3811 or stefva22@hotmail.com; **Secretary:** Diane Deutsch, (661) 823-7307 or dianedeutsch07@gmail.com; **Treasurer:** Linda Currie, (661) 273-6390 or lcourrie197@roadrunner.com

Meets on the third Wednesday of the even months

Please Note: No June Meeting.

Meeting: Wednesday, July 11, 11:30 a.m. **[Note: change of day and date]** **Where:** Big Papa's, 1001 Tehachapi Road, Tehachapi. **Program:** JJ Jelincic, CalPERS board member, will speak. We will review information from CSR Board of Directors and committee meetings in Los Angeles June 25-27. The Chapter can pay for a limited number of chapter members to attend the CSR Board of Directors and Committee meetings in June or you could attend just one day. Please contact Caryl at the number above right away for arrangements to be reimbursed. **Meeting:** Wednesday, Aug. 16, 11:30 a.m. in Lancaster/Palmdale area. Location to be announced at later date.

CHAPTER 13

NO. CALIFORNIA/REDDING

President: Robert Black, (530) 722-0511 or bob_linda@charter.net; **Vice President:** Warren Schlatter, (530) 605-1588 or kandws2@gmail.com; **Secretary:** Audrey Sandeen, (530) 221-3500 or theswede8243@gmail.com; **Treasurer:** Georgene Gibson, (530) 529-0277 or rbjeepman10@hotmail.com; **Chapter Membership Director:** Ed Huey, (530) 246-9456

or csrchapter13@gmail.com

Meets on the third Monday of every month, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: Monday, May 15, noon. Arrive at 11:30 a.m. if you are ordering a meal. **Where:** Country Waffle, 2300 Athens Ave., Redding. **Menu:** Order from the menu. **Cost:** Complimentary to CSR members and associates. **Reservations:** Not required.

CHAPTER 14

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/CHICO

President: S.E. Riaz, (530) 519-2174 or seriaz@gmail.com; **Vice President:** Vincent Herrera, (916) 804-6613 or tberreta@yahoo.com; **Secretary:** Kenneth Mayer, (530) 894-3479 or toddmayer@comcast.net. *Meets on the third Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise announced*

Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Where:** Creative Catering, 2565 Zanella Way, Chico (located at the Northeast corner of Zanella Way and Morrow Lane). **Program:** John Pereira, Senior Assembly Member and Michael LePeilbet, Senior Senator, are members of the California Senior Legislature (CSL). They will talk about the CSL's purpose, goals, accomplishments and how we can get involved. There will be a Q&A session following. **Cost:** CSR members are free and non-members cost \$15. Guests pay \$10 per person. **Reservations are required:** Please contact S.E. Riaz at (530) 519-2174 or seriaz@gmail.com by Saturday, May 13.

Lassen/Plumas Subchapter

Meets on the first Tuesday in April, June, August, October and on other dates as announced

Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 11:30 a.m. **Where:** Diamond Mountain Casino, 900 Skyline Drive, Susanville. **Cost:** Members are free; non-members pay \$15. **Reservations are required:** Please RSVP and for more information, please contact one of the following volunteers: Darlene Hunter at (530) 251-2053 or darlenehunter@frontier.com; Carol Van Amburg at (530) 254-6891 or carolvan60@frontiernet.net

CHAPTER 15

SIERRA FOOTHILLS

President: Joann Stewart, (916) 412-2075; **Vice President:** Vacant; **Treasurer:** Marshall Conner, mconner139@gmail.com; **Secretary:** Frank Weinstein, ch15secretary@hotmail.com

Meets on the first Tuesday of even months

Please Note: No May meeting.

Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 1 to 4 p.m. **Where:** Auburn Sizzler,

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13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. **Cost:** Members are free; guests cost \$18. **Reservations:** Not required.

CHAPTER 16

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

President: Evelyn (Evie) Poppa-McKenna, (209) 608-2149 or suzzypoppa@yahoo.com; **Vice President:** Marina Estrada, (505) 770-5240; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Sheila Ward-Shaw, (209) 915-1020 or sheilaws2@yahoo.com. *Meets three times annually on the third Friday of March, July and November 2017* **Meeting:** Friday, July 21, 12:30 pm. **Where:** The Old Spaghetti Factory, 2702 W. March Lane, Stockton. **Menu:** Order off the special senior menu. **Cost:** Members are free; guests cost \$10. **Reservations are required:** Please RSVP during the first two weeks of the meeting month by contacting any chapter officer listed above.

CHAPTER 17

GREATER SAN DIEGO

President: Diane Whorton, (619) 467-7861 or dlw.union@gmail.com; **Vice President:** Steve Haley, (619) 441-8769 or raceready@usa.net; **Secretary:** Gloria Koch, (619) 455-1917 or kochgloria303@gmail.com; **Treasurer:** Elaine Edwards Yahraus, (619) 435-4044, eyahraus@gmail.com; **Membership Co-Chairs:** David Juarez, (619) 379-4269, maxjuarez555@gmail.com and Theresa Juarez (408) 390-8006, terez-juarez@gmail.com. *Meets on the first Thursday of even months, unless otherwise announced* **Meeting:** Thursday, June 1, 11 a.m. **Where:** Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Drive, San Diego (Off of I-15, take the Aero Drive exit. From north or south, go west to the signal and turn right. The entrance is at the back of the building with a parking lot.) **Program:** Discussion on burials or other options from several perspectives, i.e. veterans, pre-planned, cremation, donation, etc ... **Cost:** Free to all Chapter 17 members.

CHAPTER 19

NORTH COAST AREA

President: Skip Hulet, (707) 279-4643; **Vice President:** Natalie Daugherty, (707) 485-8857; **Treasurer:** Dorothea M. Parsons, (707) 462-1209; **Secretary:** Marilyn Saegert, (707) 513-8943. *Meets on the second Tuesday of February, April, August and October. The chapter and subchapter hold combined meetings in June and December* **Combined Chapter and subchapter (Lake and Mendocino counties)** **Meeting:** Tuesday, June 13, noon.

Where: Ukiah Garden Café, 1090 S. State St., Ukiah. **For more information:** Call Marilyn Saegert, (707) 513-8943; Ines Freeman, (707) 485-7203; Natalie Daugherty, (707) 485-8857; Lois Barth, (707) 459-5334; Suzanne Schutz (707) 279-9076 or Joan Hume at (707) 279-4811.

Lake County Subchapter

Meets on the second Monday of February, April, August and October. The chapter and subchapter hold combined meetings in June and December

Meeting: Please see June combined chapter meeting information above.

CHAPTER 20

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND LOS ANGELES AREA

President: M. Cora Okumura, (818) 359-7625, mcokumura@yahoo.com; **Vice President:** Raymond Cole, (818) 425-1978, flipcole@yahoo.com; **Secretary:** Jan Christiansen, (562) 413-0627, jechristi@earthlink.net; **Treasurer:** Gaylonn Mayo, (310) 897-7950, gaylonn28@gmail.com; **Chapter Membership Chair:** Norma Gallegos, (818) 667-2347, norma.2005@gmail.com; **Chapter PAC Chair:** Charlene Gonzalez, (818) 317-1327, charkitty@gmail.com

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month, except in July and August and unless otherwise announced

Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 9 a.m.; the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. **Where:** Sizzler, 7131 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys. **Program:** Kendra Palucha of the California Public Utilities Commission will speak. **For additional information:** Please contact any of the chapter officers listed above.

CHAPTER 21

SONOMA, MARIN, NAPA AND SOLANO COUNTIES

President: Donald Lehnhoff, (707) 795-9405; **Vice President:** Ron Franklin, (707) 938-2288; **Secretary:** Eric Norrbom, (707) 833-1870.

Meets quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month

Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 11:30 a.m. **Where:** Napa Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscal Ave., Napa. **Program:** CHP Public Information Officer Marc Renspurger will speak. **Menu:** Tossed Caesar salad and a choice of rosemary roasted chicken, baked salmon with rice pilaf or chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes and country gravy, all served with seasonal vegetables. A vegetarian option is available. Dessert will be Apple Crisp. **Cost:** \$5 for members; \$10 for guests. **Reservations are required:** By mail no later than July 8. **Send menu choice and check**

to: CSR Chapter 21, P.O. Box 725, Cotati, CA 94931. **For more information:** Please call Don Lehnhoff at (707) 795-9405.

CHAPTER 23

SAN JOSE AREA

President: Barbara (Bobbi) Estrada, (408) 373-4220 or bobbiestrada@gmail.com; **Vice President:** Maria Aguilar, (408) 706-0366 or mdl2aguilar@yahoo.com; **Secretary:** Denise Johnson, (408) 460-1748 or dpadres7919@gmail.com; **Treasurer:** Essie Sukkar, (510) 566-3999 or esukkar@hotmail.com

Meets in April, August and December, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: TBA.

CHAPTER 26

BAKERSFIELD/KERN COUNTY

President: Al Fillon, (661) 619-6181; **Vice President:** Henry Mendoza, (661) 725-8604; **Secretary:** Sue Kimbrel, (661) 589-2026; **Treasurer:** Regina Vaughn, (661) 832-6348; **Chapter Health Benefits Chairperson:** Rachel Mendoza, (661) 319-5943.

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 11 a.m. **Where:** Lorene's Ranch House, 6404 Ming Ave., Bakersfield. **For more information:** Call any of the officers listed above. **Meeting:** Thursday, June 15, 11 a.m. **Where:** Lorene's Ranch House, 6404 Ming Ave., Bakersfield. **For more information:** Call any of the officers listed above.

CHAPTER 31

VENTURA/SANTA BARBARA

President: V. Raylene Laverentz, (805) 986-1854 or (805) 551-2278; **Vice President and Program Coordinator:** Barbara Driscoll, (805) 487-4619; **Secretary:** Irene Fisher-Clifton, (805) 984-1579.

Meets in March, June, September and December, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: TBA.

CHAPTER 34

ORANGE COUNTY-SANTA ANA

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Meets on the second Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted

Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 10 a.m. **Where:** Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 Elks Lane, Santa Ana. (Across

from the Santa Ana Zoo – Exit I-5 at Fourth and First streets, continuing south across First Street.) **Program:** TBA. **Cost:** Members are free. **For more information:** Call any chapter officer listed above.

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SO. CENTRAL VALLEY PORTERVILLE AREA

President: Lou Flores, (559) 362-0689; **Vice President:** Mary McCaig, (559) 359-6069; **Secretary:** Carol Wood-Gilham, (559) 240-0272; **Treasurer:** Larry Long, (559) 781-8761.

Meets on the second Thursday of every month, unless otherwise announced

Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 11 a.m. **Where:** Tony's Pizza, 1304 W. Olive Ave., Porterville.

Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 11 a.m. **Where:** Santa Fe Depot/Senior Center, 280 N. Fourth St., Porterville.

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MONTEREY BAY AREA

President: Susanne Paradis, (831) 662-3334, svparadis@yahoo.com; **Vice President:** Marilyn Hamilton, (831) 809-2721. **Secretary:** Juanita Martinez; **Treasurer:** Ted Whiteneck.

Meetings are the third Thursday of even months at various locations **Upcoming meetings are:** June 15, Santa Cruz; August 17, San Juan Bautista; October 19, Salinas; December 14, Santa Cruz

Meeting: Thursday, June 15. **Where:** in Santa Cruz, to be announced.

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SACRAMENTO

President: David Phillips, (775) 790-5636; **Vice President:** Gail Fasciola, (916) 386-1553; **Secretary:** Bobbi Smith, (916) 308-9892; **Treasurer:** Eleanor Poole, (916) 753-4821.

Meets on the first Wednesday of even months, with some exceptions **Meeting:** Wednesday, June 7, 11:30 a.m. **Where:** New Canton Chinese Buffet, 1000 Howe Ave. (corner of Howe and Enterprise), Sacramento. **Program:** TBA. **Cost:** Chapter members and invited guests are free; Additional guests are \$10. For more information, please contact any of the officers listed above.

Washington State Contact Person: Dan Reibson, (360) 887-3123.

Medford, Oregon Subchapter *Meets on the third Thursday of even months*

Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. **Where:** Elmer's Restaurant, 2000 Biddle Road, Medford, OR. **Program:** Julie Brimble, area manager of SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), will speak. **Reservations are required:** Contact Bruce Eliason, membership chair, at (541) 779-2912 or Geanie Hixon, subchapter chair, at (541) 646-0925.

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