

City of San Diego Retired Employees Association Newsletter December 2005

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December, 2005

Holiday Luncheon!

You will want to mark your calendars for your Retirement Association's *Holiday Luncheon* for fun, companionship and good food.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse

Thursday, December 8th

11:00 AM: Social Hour

12 Noon: Welcome & Award Presentation

Buffet Luncheon:

Roast Breast of Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Fresh Fish in Season, Cheese Enchiladas, and Sumptuous Salad Bar, Coffee, Tea, Milk & Dessert

Deadline for reservations is November 30th. Send \$18 per person check payable to SDREA to

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Message from President Nancy Acevedo

Our November Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Bob Nelson**, retired District Manager for the City's Park and Recreation Department.

Our speaker was **Evan McLaughlin** a journalist who covers San Diego City Hall for *Voice of San Diego*, a nonprofit, independent local news website (www.voiceofsandiego.org) whose board of directors are **Neil Morgan, Bob Page, Gail Stoorza-Gill and Buzz Woolley**. The stated mission of *Voice* is "to consistently deliver groundbreaking investigative journalism for the San Diego region and to increase civic participation by giving citizens the knowledge and in-depth analysis necessary to become informed advocates for good government and social progress."

The San Diego Press Club gave *Voice* with the following awards: first place for "Overall News Website"; staff writer **Andrew Donohue** for the "Breaking News Category" and first place for *Voice* Senior Editor **Neil Morgan** for his column, "Returning with a New Voice." Recent articles of relevance to retirees include San Diego's underfunding, low taxes per capita and the possibility of selling public lands to meet pension obligations.

Evan McLaughlin explored several topics with our group, including the pension underfunding, the new stadium controversy and the DROP program. Then he took questions from the audience for a good part of the program.

--Nancy

What you can find on the website:

Log on to <http://www.csdrea.com> for a wealth of information regarding retiree issues that are taking place at the City Employee Retirement System (CERS), City Hall, the courts and other places. For example you will find what is happening at CERS from **Joe Flynn, the Association's representative on the CERS Board**; observations and notes by **Pat Karnes Association Secretary and member of the Advocacy Committee**, latest information on retiree health issues from **Association Retiree Issues Task Force member, Bob West**; approximately 200 press articles mostly on the pension fund deficit; general meeting and board of director meeting minutes; survivor benefits information; current status of the various lawsuits involving the pension fund; archive of newsletters; articles, reports and opinions from members and guests; official reports and correspondence from City and CERS; listing of the Association Officers and how to contact them; reports by the Advocacy Committee; useful links to other websites.

To keep you informed of new developments and the password to the members-only areas, please e-mail your name and e-mail address to webmaster@csdrea.com.

More from the President:

The Association's new directors were elected at the November meeting.: **Ty Rogers as Advocacy Vice President, Ruth Ann Hageman as Program Vice President, Pat Karnes as Secretary, and board members Terry Flynn, Ross McCollum and Maggie Smith.** I agreed to stay on as President for a third term and I will welcome any assistance you can give me in the coming years.

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Mark your calendar for your

January 10, 2006

Retired Employees Association meeting

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