

# City of San Diego Retired Employees' Association Newsletter June 2006

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## June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting War Memorial Building Balboa Park

Board Meeting..... 9:30 a.m.  
General Meeting..... 11:00 a.m.  
Program..... 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon..... 12:00 p.m.

### Program

The speakers for June will be experts from the various areas of health care that are important to us at this time each year.

**SDCERS Representatives** - Monty Peretto - Health Insurance Retirement Analyst or;  
David Arce - Operations Division Manager

Caroline Hootman - Health Insurance Retirement Assistant

Laurie Harper - Health Reimbursement Benefits Representative

**City-** Val (Valerie) Van Deweghe-Risk Management Claims and Insurance Manager

**Pacificare** - Michael Kin - Pacificare Account Executive

Gregory Tunnell - Pacificare Associate Account Manager

### **Kaiser**

Pete Thurman - Kaiser Permanente Executive Account Manager

Yazmin Stutzel - Kaiser Permanente Medicare Consultant

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### Menu \$11

**Chicken /Pepper Steak**

**Peas& Carrots/Country potatoes**

**Cucumber Salad/ Bread, butter**

**Coffee, Tea, Lemonade / Dessert**

**Reservations: call before Fri., April. 7th at noon**

Dora Garcia (619) 464-8595 or  
Sylvia Tatum (858) 272-0494

### Message from President Nancy Acevedo

May's meeting, held at the Mission Trails golf course clubhouse, was well attended. We will be discussing our meeting location at our next meeting and would welcome your comments.

Boardmember Terry Flynn, retired General Services Director, introduced our guest speaker, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis.

Ms. Dumanis began her career with the County as a junior clerk typist, graduated from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, served as a prosecutor and then a judge before being the first woman elected San Diego County District Attorney. She advises attorneys to treat the clerical staff well, as they may find themselves working for them one day!

She explained the various criminal prosecution jurisdictions, including the City Attorney who prosecutes misdemeanors in the City of San Diego, the District Attorney who handles all felonies plus misdemeanors in all the county's cities except San Diego, the State Attorney General who sees that the laws of the state are uniformly & adequately enforced. Also the AG serves as legal counsel to state officers and state agencies, boards and commissions. Last, the U.S. Attorney who addresses all Federal criminal charges.

When she explained the duplications that occur due to the City and District Attorney separately prosecuting defendants charged with both misdemeanors and felonies, we wondered why in these days of limited funds the City would not choose to save about \$2 million annually by having the DA handle all charges for San Diego as they do for the other 17 cities in the county.

There was a very lively question and answer session, with the DA answering those questions she could about the current case involving several prior CERS boardmembers. Although she could not share confidential information, she did explain the process to date and guessed that the trial will probably extend two to three months in duration.

--Nancy

## More News...

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**SDREA WEB News!** Logon to <http://www.csdrea.com> Recently added to Press Articles Section: Several new articles from various sources relating to the ongoing pension issues. Find these and more in the members only section of our website.

For members who use library computers to access the web site, you may contact us to get the passwords, so you can read these interesting members-only articles.

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Remember, **GREETERS** can qualify for a **free lunch** at our December Holiday Luncheon.

**June Greeter: Sorry, we have NO greeters for June or July. If you can give a few minutes next month please call Dora (619) 464-8595. We can really use your help.**

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(Call Sharon Beach to send cards to members who are ill.)	

## Retirement Trust Fund Board Update

by Our Representative, Joe Flynn

**Jo Anne SawyerKnoll**, the deputy chief for ethics and integrity has been appointed as the Mayor's rep. to fill the last vacancy on the Ret. Bd.

**Cherion, the Bd actuary**, gave their full report May 19. The City's required contribution remained at \$162 million. Some say that number is too low to begin paying down the City's unfunded liability, and that is true. The Gleason settlement, of which SDCERS and the City are a part, imposes limits on funding and amortization until 2008. Jim Gleason and Mike Conger have told the Ret. Bd they agree to lifting those limits. SDCERS of course would prefer that the liability be paid off as soon as possible. The City is working on a difficult budget. The Mayor is searching ways to channel additional payments into the Pension Fund.

The Bd. authorized the **2% COLA** eff. July 1, 06 for 1981 plan retirees and all other SDCERS retirees. Special Class Fluctuators are exempt.

**Tax Counsel for the Bd.** advised the 10% Corbett payments to non-service eligible disability retirees after July 1, 2000 were paid in error, and must cease. Tax Counsel was unable to find payment authorization. After public testimony, Bd. discussion, and consultation with Fiduciary Counsel, the Board voted 7 - 4 to discontinue the Corbett payments. The Bd. then voted 8-3 to take no action to recover previously paid benefits. The Bd. also voted 10-0 to request verification from the Council. The corrected deductions will begin with the July 2006 payroll.

