

# City of San Diego Retired Employees' Association Newsletter August 2007

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

**THANK YOU to our July Greeters: Mary Lynn Hyde and Bertha Villa.**

## August 14th Meeting

### War Memorial Bldg -Balboa Park

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

## WATERFALL ISSUE STILL ON HOLD

On June 5, the City Council directed the City Attorney to bring back a revised Waterfall ordinance in 30 days, with new language to protect retiree benefits (Corbett, 13th check, and supplemental cola). Nearly 60 days have passed and the Attorney has not yet responded. The Council will be in recess the entire month of August, so nothing will happen until at least early September. We'll email an update in late August (and post it on the website). This issue has not gone away, so please stay tuned in.

**New E-mail Newsletter.** Many of you have indicated that you are very happy with the new, colorful, email version of the newsletter. Already, a few have asked to receive the newsletter exclusively by email. Also, we are able to include more un-edited information than we are able to crowd into the one-page mailer. More information is posted on the website at [www.csdrea.com](http://www.csdrea.com) Those without email won't miss the essential news, but you will not get the updates between mailings. With our email service, we are able to send rapid updates that may need your response to contact an elected official. We have been able to get people to City Council meetings with short notice. **There will be NO interruption** of the newsletter you receive via U.S. Mail unless you specifically request a change.

### Menu \$10

Sandwich Assortment  
Salad/Chips  
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade  
Dessert

**Reservations: call before Friday., August 10th at noon**  
Dora Garcia(619) 464-8595 / Sylvia Tatum(858) 272-0494

## Program:

Our Speaker this month is Al Paton, a 2young2retire facilitator. Since retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1992, following a distinguished twenty-four-year career, Al has held positions as a non-profit Executive Director, and as a corporate trainer and location manager with a major rental car company in San Diego. In the course of moving from being a college Music Education major, to multiple shipboard tours in naval propulsion, and two Naval ship command tours; to the directorship of a humane society and animal control shelter; followed by corporate training and management with a major car rental company, Al's experiences have been varied.

His love and passion, however, has always been in training. "I love helping people improve themselves and expand their horizons." While exploring options of what to do with "the rest of his life," Al discovered *2young2retire.com* The Web Site of Retirement Alternatives, aimed at the Baby Boomer Generation. 2Y2R founders, Howard and Marika Stone, themselves gave "retirement" a try after successful careers in advertising sales and freelance business writing, but wanted something more for themselves and the large population of "Baby Boomers" that were approaching retirement age. A Baby Boomer himself, Al was selected for their program and subsequently completed the course of instruction to become a certified 2Y2R facilitator.

Ty Rogers, SDREA Board member and chair of the Advocacy Committee will introduce Mr. Paton. Ty retired after his city service of 33 years. He began in the Planning Dept and his final position was Community Service Center Manager at 47<sup>th</sup> & Market.

**Message from Acting President Ruth Ann Hageman** who filled in while Nancy Acevedo was on vacation.

Attendees enjoyed a lively question and answer session with our speaker Andrew Donohue from the Voice of San Diego. Some questions were so interesting to Mr. Donohue that he noted them down for further research. The Retirement Association's nominating committee was also established on this day: two

members of the committee from the Association Board: Ross McCollum and Patti Karnes, and one member from the Association General Meeting: Michael Stepner. Send a message to Patti Karnes via <http://www.csdrea.com> link to the secretary if you are interested in serving on the board.

**Ruth Ann**

**SDREA WEB News!** Logon <http://www.csdrea.com>

Members only section for the latest news. This month you can access all of the information and updates that have been distributed relating to waterfall issues and other articles of interest to retirees. Remember that we distribute news as it unfolds between newsletter distributions. First, via email bulletin and simultaneously posting on our website. If you need the password, call one of the board members listed at the end of this newsletter.

Also this month find a summary by Ann Smith, Attorney for the Municipal Employees' Association (MEA) relating to the pension cases currently in the courts. You can read about Judge Barton's upcoming ruling.

#### **Remember**

The Retired Fire and Police Assn. has welcomed CSDREA members to visit their website at Retired Fire and Police Logon to see the mutually important retiree information they publish.

#### **SDCERS Retirement Trust Fund Board Update by Carmen Lutes , Retiree Rep. to the Board**

As of July 19, 2007, the Retirement Investment Fund

has reached \$5.215 billion.

The board discussed the Status of Tax Compliance Ordinance and policies that apply to Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and the Whistleblower. Also, the pending completion of CAFRs (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for FY 05, 06 & 07 by the end of the year.

Health insurance enrollment is complete.

The Retirement Fund Financial Statements Totals for the 11 months ending May 31, 2007 are available on the website at <http://www.csdrea.com>

The Board approved hiring Aon Financial Services Group as broker to obtain a fiduciary insurance coverage for Board members.

A new Board Rule was presented to establish policy re: treatment of rehired City employees who are deferred or redepositing members.

**SDCERS Offices have moved** 401 West A Street.

**Do you know of a member who is ill or hospitalized?** Notify Sharon Beach 858 273-4067 so the word gets passed along and a card is sent.

**City of SD Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** The problem solving assistance of **EAP is available to city retirees**. They offer counseling on an array of personal problems, such as marital/relationship; alcohol/drug; emotional stress; child/eldercare; medical; family; legal; financial; HIV/AIDS. This **assistance is confidential**. Call EAP **619-533-3460**