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WEDNESDAY, May 12th

Balboa Park Club - Balboa Park

Board Meeting (Santa Fe Room)	8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast (Ballroom)	9-10:00 a.m.
Meeting (Ballroom)	10- 10:30 a.m.
Program (Ballroom)	10:30 a.m.

*The Ballroom is located in the Balboa Park Club.

Parking is available in the Pan American Plaza parking lot or the Organ Pavilion lot. More parking is available in the adjacent lots that are located behind the Hall of Champions and Starlight Bowl. If need be, you can take the [Balboa Park Tram](#)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH
**Raymond Chowning, retired 6/30/07 - Street
Division**

The Program and Hospitality Committees have selected Ranch Events for our May 12th, 2010 meeting. The Program meeting will be held in the Balboa Park Club, Ballroom in Balboa Park, beginning at 10:30am and ending at approximately 11:30. The continental breakfast PRECEEDS the program.

Our May menu catered by Ranch Events features:

Fresh Fruit Bowl and Juice
bagels, assorted muffins and pastries
and coffee

Cost: \$5 - for REA retired members, \$7 for all
other attendees

Pay at the door

YOU MUST RSVP By Friday May 7th to:

**Hospitality Committee member Bob Ferrier
at
April [Lunch Reservations](#)**

or Dave Twomey at 619-236-1407

FYI: There is no permanent lunch list; everyone
must RSVP or risk not eating.

Directions and Parking for the Balboa Park Club:

- Take Hwy 163 south to Park Blvd, go left at the stop light then left onto President's Way, which is the next stop light. Continue to the stop sign where you can go straight to park in the Pan American Plaza parking lot or make a right and park in the Organ Pavilion lot.
- The Balboa Park Club is located in the South Palisades area of Balboa Park, just north of the Puppet Theatre, and Recital Hall.
- More parking is available in the adjacent lots that are located behind the Hall of Champions and the Starlight Bowl.

**MAY PROGRAM by Vice President (Programs)
Dave Twomey**

Our May program will be a panel discussion, Dennis Morgigno, television channel 4 will serve as moderator. Questions and discussion will be about Proposition D, the Strong Mayor and additional City Council seat District 9.

Taking the PRO position will be the author of the ballot argument in favor: Adrian Kwiatkowski, and a City Council member.

Taking the opposition position will be Council Member Donna Frye and President of the League of Women Voters, Norma Damashek.

Please note the pending REA programs for June through December 2010:

June 15, 10:00 to noon, SDCERS Health Fair at Balboa Park Club Ballroom. There will not be an REA general meeting. Health insurance providers and SDCERS staff will be on hand to answer questions, and provide an overview at the start of the program. Open enrollment booklets will be mailed to all retirees prior to June 15.

July 13, at the War Memorial Building, guest speaker Ruben Navarrette, syndicated columnist and member of Union Tribune editorial board will speak on immigration issues.

August 10, will be a summer picnic at the Police Pistol Range. Speaker will be DA Paul Greenwood.

September 14, at the Balboa Park Club, Ballroom, will be a candidate forum for Council District 6, and 8. Discussion will be about candidates' views, in particular on pension and health care benefits for retirees.

October 12, at the War Memorial Building, SDCERS' Cynthia Queen will discuss a "State of the System" program and will include projections for Corbett, 13th check, and COLA adjustments.

November, meeting will be at the Balboa Park Club, Ballroom, details to be announced.

December, Holiday Party, details to be announced.

Dave

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by CSDREA President
Jim Baross**

Your President is feeling somewhat humbled at the moment. There is so much to know and

keep track of about REA: from a seemingly constant barrage of calls for attacks on our retiree benefits; and then keeping a little up-to-date on what all my former City work buddies are up to, like how 'fortunate' that a certain former REA president was temporarily trapped in Paris.

If REA did not have so many caring members volunteering to take on important tasks for us, well, stuff just would not happen! Thanks to current helpers and welcome to you who might want to get more involved. There is a place for you!

Recently 'retiring' from active service to REA are Ruth Ann Hagemen and Maggie Smith, both having provided years of service on REA's Board and, I hope, still 'on-call' to provide their wealth of knowledge and experience to me and REA. THANKS!

Our May 12th, Wednesday morning program, should be very interesting for City employees and all City residents and retirees! What do you think about our Strong Mayor vs City Manager form of government, listed on the ballot as Proposition D? Come to hear, in person, what both sides of the issue want you to believe. I have my opinions. What about you retirees, probably the best informed group of citizens about the City's functioning. I encourage you to reach out to City employee retirees who have not yet joined us about this issue and program.

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REA SPEAKER AT APRIL 13TH MONTHLY MEETING by Captain Joel Roos

Captain Joel Roos had a powerpoint presentation where he described the extensive programs for the patients at the San Diego Naval Medical Center. The Center has 13,000 employees whose job it is to deliver top-quality patient focused healthcare. The presentation focused on the goal to care for those who are physically or mentally wounded during deployments around the world. Of particular interest is the C5 program: Comprehensive Combat and Complex Casualty Care, which works with prosthetics and other devices to help wounded soldiers. Project CARE is the Comprehensive Aesthetic Recovery Effort, that has a mental health care emphasis with attention paid to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Thank you to Ruth Ann Hageman for her notes of April meetings.

SDCERS Board Meetings APRIL 15th and 16th reported by REA Board Member Patti Karnes

PATTI KARNES attended the SDCERS board and committee meetings on Thursday, April 15th, and Friday April 16th.

Total SDCERS asserts as of April 1, 2010 are \$3,865,944,000 compared to March 1, 2009 of \$2,887,108,000. SDCERS interim/CEO Mark Hovey will present the budget to City Council on Wednesday, May 5th. This will be the fourth year in a row that the administrative expense budget has been reduced, it is now 30% less than FY2007. The Board has replaced Callan after twenty years. The new general investment consultant is Ennis Knupp.

REA board president, Jim Baross, read a letter requesting the the SDCERS Board retain attorney Parks, who has institutional memory, at least until the new CEO is hired.

Should employees pay one half of investment loses, as the City Attorney has requested? At the May 28, 2010 meeting, trustees will vote on what will be included in substantially equal split between employer and employee starting on July 1, 2010. Several attorneys

spoke against differing interpretations of law and court cases, lowering assumed rate of return with consideration of vested rights, etc. When the SDCERS actuary was asked to do the numbers if employees were to have to start paying for one half of the investment losses, Kalwarski wondered if it was even possible to figure that out. At the May 28, 2010 meeting the Board will be given an outline of the Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) losses. A through report on this extensive discussion can be found on this website.

Dick Wilken, REA board member, thanked the Business and Governance committee on April 15th for including Board meeting materials in PDF on SDCERS web site. He requested SDCERS Board televise committee meetings and asked for the court rulings to be available in a PDF format on the web site. There will be a special real estate presentation at the May meeting.

The next SDCERS meeting is May 28, 2010, at 8:30 a.m., at 401 West A Street. Please attend if you possibly can. These matters are very important to all of us. SDCERS makes parking free in the building.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: no meeting in June, July 9, August 20, no meeting in September, October 1, November 5, and December 17, 2010. Special meetings may be scheduled as needed with a 72 hours' notice. Committee meetings, not televised yet, are on the Thursday before the regularly scheduled Board meeting: Disability Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; Business & Governance will meet 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Investment Committee will meet 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Audit committee will continue to meet quarterly on Wednesdays at 900 a.m. on April 7, June 30, September 29, and December 15, 2010. Patti

General Announcements

THANK YOU April Greeters
Burnie Gipson, Janet Wood

and of course- Dora Garcia

Mary Lynn Hyde, our Hospitality Committee co-chair, has been placed on "injured reserve", and will be unable to perform her usual duties of checking members in for our monthly luncheons, at least for the immediate future. Janet and John Burgess are unavailable for May. Anyone out there willing to fill in? It's about 4 hours once a month. If you can help out for a couple of months, please come able to help, or contact Dave Twomey @ 236-1407
Thanks!

**Winner of the April drawing was Jon Dunchack.
He received a free lunch at a future meeting of his choosing.**

Winner of the "Where's Waldo quiz was Jean Hughes who knows Middle Eastern Geography.

Happy Birthdays: Gwen Bye, 93 on 4/10; David Peterson, 99 on 4/13; and George Wheldon, 93 on 4/19. Happy 67th Anniversary for former City librarian, Marco Thorne and his wife Dorothy on 5/8!

Do you know a member who is ill or who is over 80 years old and having a birthday? Notify Sharon Beach (619-934-8202) so the word gets passed along and a card is sent. Also, if you know of someone who has died, please let us know. You may also submit a short bio of that person for publication.

City of San Diego Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is available to city retirees. This assistance is confidential. Contact EAP at 619-533-3460.

WEBSITE NEWS

**SDREA WEB News! Logon <http://www.csdrea.com>
Members only section for the latest news. Read all the recent postings on subjects important to retirees. You will also discover helpful links to other resources.**

Reminder

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.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION BOARD

Board Members

Position	Name	Email Link**
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Vice-Pres Advocacy	Patricia Karnes	VP Advocacy
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Director	Robert Korch	Director 4
Director	Dick Wilken	Director 5
Director & Webmaster	Art Brown	Webmaster
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619-934-8202

Roster Maintainance

Kaye Carey

[Roster](#)

****To send a message with your comments, suggestions or questions to an officer, board or committee member, click on their E-mail link above and your mail system should bring up the e-mail form with the proper addressee. We look forward to your comments.**

The board members who have consented to listing their phone numbers in the newsletter have done so to provide you a way to arrange sending a card to a sick member, and to obtain a password for the "members only" section of the website. They are intended for the use of CSDREA members only. Thank you for your cooperation.