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TUESDAY, June 15th

SCDERS Hosting Health Help Day

BALBOA PARK BALLROOM in the Balboa Park Club

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

*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 MEMBERS THIS MONTH

Alan Langworthy, Waste Water Public Utilities; Susan Levine, Information Technology and Communication; Gene Oliver, Police Department

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.

June 15, 2010 SDCERS' Hosting Help Day for Health coverage plan review

There will not be a regular REA Meeting this day.

Representatives from Health Net, Kaiser, Concordia Dental, MetLife Dental, Care Counsel, City Health Director, and SDCERS Member Services Director will be there to answer questions after general announcements and introductions.

Open enrollment starts June 7 and ends July 2. Open enrollment booklets will be mailed to all retirees prior to June 15.

If you ARE making changes, or think that you might want to, you will either need to download the forms from the SDCERS website www.sdcers.org, or call SDCERS and have them mailed or stop by at this event.

If you are NOT making changes you DO NOT have to do anything. Coverage choices would remain the same.

Yes, rates will be going up.

Please be aware that retiree health care coverage is becoming more complex as the City seeks to reduce costs. Concerning out-of-state retirees, it is important to check the health care coverage in other areas, before making decisions.

Dave Twomey

July through December Preview of Programs

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. This program will focus on elder abuse. The message will include tips for seniors that can reduce the risk of becoming a victim, and information about how we can better detect and respond to this largely silent crime.

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 9, Holiday Party, at Tom Ham's.

Dave Twomey

June 11, 2010, ALERT Special REA Event on RETIREE ISSUES - FRIDAY 10 AM to 11 AM

This special meeting will be a discussion sponsored by your REA Advocacy Committee to be held at the College Heights / Rolando branch Library. We will meet in the library meeting room, address is 6600 Montezuma Road (east of College Avenue cross street is Reservoir)

Topics: supporting SDCERS independence from City politics; keeping SDCERS funded; retiree health care vesting; and when bankruptcy looms in other cities, what are their retirees doing?

There is a newly printed advocacy "Alert" brochure that is available for your review.

Please join Advocacy Committee members: Dick Wilken, Jon Dunchack, Jim Baross, Patti Karnes and other REA members to learn more and be involved in these critical issues.

NOTE: The REA Board Meeting for June will be on Tuesday, June 8, at 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Meeting will be in the Santa Fe Room at the Balboa Park Club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by CSDREA President Jim Baross

Wow, I am glad I was not in Dave Twomey's shoes when the speakers did not show up on time for the forum he arranged for our May meeting! What would you do when your speakers do not show up? All ended well though as Councilmember Donna Frye rushed over to fill in until the Proposition D proponent arrived. I appreciated hearing from both sides of this strong mayor, and additional council district seat, but my personal position was not changed. (Since the REA Board has not taken a position, I probably should not state mine, but you can ask.)

I encourage you all to look over the revamping REA web site at <http://www.csdrea.com/> . Not only is Board member Art Brown making some good improvements, but you can review an expanded version of our new membership brochure that we will be sending out soon. You may recall that we are gearing up our ability to inform REA members about threats to their retirement benefits; to do what we can to protect SDCERS from the City's cash flow problems; and to encourage new retirees to join our organization. Speaking of that, I recommend that you ask a retired City employee friend to join REA. The price cannot be beat, and as much as numbers count in politics, we could use more members to help us earn a place at the table.

The Advocacy Committee, led by Patti Karnes is organizing some informal get-togethers for retirees in various neighborhoods to learn about and discuss our issues. I hope to meet some of you on June 11th, Friday, at the College Heights-Rolando branch library, 6600 Montezuma Road.

Oh, and there is talk of starting a singles section of REA, but my wife says I should not participate. ;-)
Jim

For City employee retirees who have not yet joined us. They can log on at <http://www.csdrea.com> or call 858-272-0494 for more information

SDCERS Board Meetings reported by REA Board Member Patti Karnes

Just as this newsletter goes to print, Patti Karnes is attending the May 28, 2010 SDCERS meeting. A complete review will be in next month's July edition.

The SDCERS meetings are 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 9:00 a.m. on April 7, June 30, September 29, and December 15, 2010. Patti

General Announcements

REA Board member position for Secretary is OPEN. Please contact Jim, or other REA board member if you are interested in participating at this crucial time.

Joe Flynn reports that the McGuigan settlement information received in the mail is a good thing. Funding would go into SDCERS sooner and the City would pay back Bank of America at a lower interest rate.

The City Attorney's lawsuit against SDCERS does not involve retirees. The lawsuit is asking that active employees contribute "substantially equal" shares of market losses. This case on vested rights goes to court on July 16. REA is concerned about all issues regarding current employees and retirees.

THANK YOU May Greeters
Bob Cain, Jim Foley, Kevin Munnelly,
and Janet Wood

We are looking for additional greeters and helpers at meetings. 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 May drawing was Kevin Munnely.
He received a free lunch at a future meeting of his choosing.**

Happy Birthdays: Donald Gordon, 90 on 6/23; Herbert Lemon, 97 on 6/11; Mona Jennings, 98 on 6/5; Floyd Malin, 91 on 6/19; Lester Peterson, 90 on 6/24; June Sandford 92 on 6/18; and Richard Sisson, 91 on 6/2.

Mary Lou Sanford, retired from the Clerk's Office, is ill and under hospice care in her home. She would be happy to hear from her friends.

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

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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.