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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE — MARY MILLER

Happy New Year! The holidays are behind us, open enrollment is now closed, the days are getting longer. It is time to relax and enjoy all that 2019 brings us.

We have had several inquiries about See's Candy recently. The website here may be useful to you if you are looking for locations that participate in the discount program in addition to the one at 1933 Davis Street in San Leandro: <https://group-discount.sees.com/locations/quantity-discounts>.

Although this is always popular during the holidays, the discount is available to REAC members all year. Remember, there are lots of holidays and special occasions every year.

Update on lawsuit. Alameda County is participating in a lawsuit regarding potential changes to the way retirement benefits are calculated. The California Supreme Court has now heard the matter, and their decisions are pending. This has been in the works for several years with the outcome expected to impact future retirees.

Contacting ACERA: Both REAC board members and ACERA staff receive inquiries about benefits, requests to troubleshoot individual issues, and general questions. When REAC board members can address those inquiries, we do. However, most matters fall under the purview of ACERA. The best way to contact them for inquiries and troubleshooting is at (510) 628-3000

or (800) 838-1932. Once you have called, press 1 for member services and then press 3 for Health/Dental/Vision questions.

Call To Annual Meeting

This is your first formal notification of the REAC Annual Meeting to be held just before the Spring Luncheon on March 11, 2019. Election of REAC Board members will take place at that meeting. At this writing, we have one position vacant without a candidate. If you are interested in serving on your REAC Board, please contact any of the current board members. Our luncheon speaker will be from the Treasurer's Office and will speak on Deferred Compensation. Bring your questions and be prepared for an informative presentation.

ACERA Investment Report

ACERA reported that the fund had a gain of \$61,912,766. The total fund returned .82%. The total market value of the fund was \$7,924,681,444.

REAC BOARD MEETINGS

January 14, 2019
 (Monday) 9:30 AM
 Ala. Cty. Health Care #135
 1000 San Leandro Blvd.
 San Leandro

February 12, 2019
 (Tuesday) 9:30 AM
 Ala. Cty. Health Care #135
 1000 San Leandro Blvd.
 San Leandro

<http://reacsite.org>
reacwebsite@gmail.com

ACERA TRUSTEES MEETINGS

January 17, 2019
 (Thursday) 2:00 PM
 475 14th Street, Oakland

February 21, 2019
 (Thursday) 2:00 PM
 475 14th Street, Oakland

www.acera.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Guevarra
 Malinda Jones-Williams
 Robin Leon
 Robert MacHado
 William Muranishi
 Jill Nannizzi
 Shawn Peterson
 Nerissa Riray

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

*Health Care Services Agency Building, Room 135,
1000 San Leandro Blvd, San Leandro, CA*

Mary Miller, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

ROLL CALL: Mary Miller, Marian Breitbart, Liz Koppenhaver, Nancy Reilly and Renaye Johnson were present. Dave Nelsen, CEO of ACERA, Michael Fara, ACERA staff member, Connie Land, REAC member, Paul Trudell, REAC Member and Pete Albert, ACRE President were also present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Board meeting were reviewed. A change was made to include Liz Koppenhaver as an attendee along with Nancy Reilly at the SACRS Conference. A motion was made by Marian and seconded by Mary that the minutes be approved with the change. The motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dave Nelsen stated that he was attending the meeting to offer ACERAs support of the REAC organization. Mary will not attend the January 2019 meeting. There is a contact in Fresno regarding the Sees Discount. There have been concerns regarding Via Benefits and reimbursements. Kathy Foster from ACERA will submit information for the newsletter regarding how to contact them with concerns.

Paul Trudell brought his concerns

regarding the SRBR funding. He gave us a history of the SRBR and let us know what his preference would be regarding using these funds. Liz Koppenhaver and Nancy Reilly requested to continue the discussion with Mr. Trudell after this meeting.

Reports

ACERA: Michael Fara gave his report on the December 5, 2018 Retirees Committee meeting. There were two action items and three informational items included in this report.

THE FIRST ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Medicare Part B Reimbursement Plan Benefit for 2019. The Committee moved to continue to provide Medicare Part B Reimbursement Plan (MBRP) benefits to current eligible retirees at the lowest standard monthly rate (\$135.50).

THE SECOND ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Updates to Appendix A of 401(h) Account Resolution. The Committee moved to adopt revisions to 401(h) Account Resolution 07-29, Appendix A, amended to reflect Plan Year 2019 benefit amounts.

FIRST INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Annual Report of Retired Member (Lump Sum) Death Benefits Paid in 2018. In the past year \$194,000.00 in death benefits was paid from the SRBR. This benefit is funded by the

Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve and is a vested benefit, as long as there are funds available.

SECOND INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Retiree Health and Wellness Fair Results and Open Enrollment Activity. Staff will provide results of the Retiree Health and Wellness Fair and Open Enrollment activity for Plan Year 2019. 125 forms were received prior to the meeting. ACERA will re-consider the venue as they received several comments that it was difficult to find and not convenient for those using public transportation.

THIRD INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Staff will update the committee on any recent benefit issues affecting ACERA. There was nothing new to report at this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary presented REAC's November 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report. Receipts were \$8,795.76 and Disbursements were \$4,393.96. The receipt total included two ACERA deposits, one dated November 1, 2018 and one dated November 30, 2018. Mary stated that she would research the CD rates we currently have and report back. Liz moved that the November 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Marian seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Mary will prepare the REAC Budget for 2019 for approval at the January 14, 2019 Board Meeting.

CRCEA: Paul will be preparing a letter to be sent to the CRCEA Counties, informing them that the REAC Newsletter will be sent by e-mail beginning February 2019.

SACRS: Liz Koppenhaver and Nancy Reilly attended the Conference which was held November 13, 2018 thru November 16, 2018 at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort in Indian Wells. They reported that the Keynote Speaker was very inspiring. The subject was working with homeless individuals and families to acquire, homes, training and pathways out of homelessness. They also attended a presentation from Willie Brown, past Mayor of San Francisco. The next conference will be held in Lake Tahoe, May 14 to 18, 2019.

RETIREMENT BOARD: Liz and Nancy attended the ACERA Retirement Board Committee and reported that there is an effort to streamline the number of meetings. They may combine meetings and limit the agenda to action items only. Also, the agenda will be structured to place the Retiree Committee concerns at

the beginning of the agenda, followed by action items and operation concerns. Also, ACERA is prepared to implement a REAC dues increase, should such increase be approved and will follow instructions after procedures are followed and proper notification takes place.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: There will be updated information to follow the December 12, 2018 meeting.

HEALTH CARE: There were no updates

ACTIVITIES: Rosalie let Mary know that the Spring Luncheon will continue to be \$30.00. Also, Henry Levy, Treasurer/Tax Collector, will be our speaker for the Spring Luncheon March 11, 2019.

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT: As of November 30, 2018, membership stood at 4111 members.

REAC NEWS: The next REAC News will include Board Vacancies, Spring Luncheon Speaker and the passing of Olga Kempton.

OLD BUSINESS: Elected Positions to be voted on March 11, 2019 at the

Annual Meeting. There are three vacant positions.

REAC Board 2019 Goals and Objectives will be on the Agenda January 14, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS: Appointment of Nominating Committee: Mary Miller, Paul Reeves, Rosalie Masuda, Renaye Johnson and Michael Smart.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: The Deputy Sherriff's Association Law Suit regarding pensions, is currently before the Supreme Court. This involves Alameda, Contra Costa and Marin Counties.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Renaye Johnson for
Paul Reeves, Board Secretary*

Next Meeting

January 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

Health Care Services Agency
Building, Room 135,
1000 San Leandro Blvd, San Leandro

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AGUILUZ, Hector A.
General Services Agency

ALBERTO, Jacquelyn A.
Alameda Health System

ANDERSON, Smiley A.
Sheriff's Office

ANTONIO, Francisoco Jr.
Superior Court

BERMUDEZ, Edwin A.
District Attorney

BOLTON, George M.
Public Works Agency

BUGARIN, Maria
Alameda Health Systems

BURGESS, Patricia I.
Social Services Agency

CARDOZA, Roy A.
Sheriff's Office

CRUTCHFIELD, Nesbit
Alameda Health System

DENOBRIGA, Michael J.
Sheriff's Office

DORN, Dianne J.
Superior Court

DUARTE, Elizabeth D.
Superior Court

EDWARDS, Don R.
Information Technology

ENEBOE, Craig A.
Alameda Health System

FOCKLER, Henry M.
Public Works Agency

HARTEAU, MICHAEL J.
General Services Agency

HASKINS, Francell K.
Health Care Services Agency

HAWKINS, Carol D.
Library

HOWARD, Raymond B.
Information Technology

ISHIDA, Marc T.
General Services Agency

KELLY, Dana L.
Alameda Health System

LAWRENCE, Annemarie I.
District Attorney

LEON, Robin L.
Public Works Agency

LIMPEROPULOS, Anthony
Health Care Services Agency

LOPEZ, Patricia M.
Health Care Services Agency

MACHADO, Robert A.
Public Works Agency

MANCHESTER, Blane R.
Community Development Agency

MBANUGO, Akachukwu O.
Alameda Health System

NANNIZZI, Jill P.
Information Technology Dept. Admin

OBIDAH, Karen E.
Social Services Agency

PADILLA, Sylvester F.
Alameda Health System

RIRAY, Nerissa G.
County Administrators Office

ROEHL, Darlene K.
Information Technology

ROSS, Patrica M.
Assessor

SADIQ, Renne Deanna
Health Care Services Agency

SCHROTH, Margaret
Alameda Health System

SLACK, Valerie D.
Alameda Health System

SPANGLER, Robert E.
Auditor-Controller

STAROSKY, Michelle D.
Alameda Health Systems

TILLOSTON, Roy R.
Sheriff's Office

URBI-SHORTTRIDGE, Juvy F.
Social Services Agency

WASHINGTON, Veda C.
Probation

WILLIAMS, Diane
Social Services Agency

YIU, Nancy M.
Alameda Health Systems

YUE, John D.
General Services Agency

IN MEMORIAM

In deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following retirees:

BETTS, Helen H.
Non-Member Survivor of
Archie Betts
8/30/2018

DAVIS, Audrey C.
Social Services
Agency Administration
11/08/2018

DE PERALTA, Eliana A.
Alameda County
10/28/2018

REMBERT, Thelma E.
Non-Member Survivor of
Melvin Rembert
10/10/2018

TURNER, Bernice L.
Alameda County
09/11/2018

VALENCIA, Edward A.
Juv. Field Juvenile Services
10/07/2018

WARD, Julia M.
Alameda County
10/22/2018

The surviving spouse of a member is eligible for REAC membership.
To enroll, send an email to reacwebsite@gmail.com.

Come to the REAC Spring Luncheon Monday March 11, 2019

11:30 am–No Host Cocktails 12:15–Luncheon
Fairview Metropolitan Golf Course
10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland
Free Parking

COST: \$30 for a buffet luncheon with dessert

Reservations must be made in advance by mailing the form below along with a check for
\$30 per person **payable to REAC** to the following address:

Rosalie Masuda
2000 Asilomar Drive
Oakland, CA 94611
510-339-1307

The deadline for reservations is Friday March 1, 2019

Reservation Registration for REAC Spring Luncheon

Members (s): _____

Guest(s): _____

Phone No: _____ Total # of people: _____

Total Amount Total Enclosed: _____

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