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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — BY MARLAN BREITBART, VP

ACERA Health Fair

This year the Health Fair will be Wednesday October 30 at the Albert DeWitt Officers Club in Alameda. This venue is larger than in prior years and parking is free.

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment packets should begin to be sent out the end of October. Needless to say, we can look forward to an increase in premiums. Even if you are not changing your options please review the packet as the benefits for your provider may have changed.

Coming Attractions

ACERA will be sending out a survey regarding Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) benefits. This will be an online survey.

Now that REAC dues have been increased, the REAC Board has begun a process to retain an administrative assistant. A job description has been developed and we will continue to keep members informed as we would like to give preference to a REAC member.

ACERA Investment Report

ACERA reported a loss of \$130,826,850 with an end balance of \$8,252,784,843 and an investment return of -1.26% in August.

REAC BOARD MEETINGS

October 14, 2019
(Monday) 9:30 AM
Fairview Metropolitan
Golf Course,
10051 Doolittle Drive,
Oakland

November 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

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

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

www.acera.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Maria Berber
Engedaw Berhanu
Dionne Cola
Bridget Enos-Conner
Yvette Escobar
Nancy Gee
Andrea Henry
Janay Knox-Banks
Charlene Perry
Lauri Weiner

Oh Joy! **0% APR for 12 months on purchases & balance transfers**

APR (Annual Percentage Rate) as of October 1, 2019 is 0% for 12 months for on purchases and balance transfers made through December 31, 2019, then reverts to a variable rate tied to the Prime rate, currently 10.65%–20.65% for Visa Platinum and 11.65%–21.65% for Visa Platinum Rewards, is based on credit worthiness, and is subject to change. New Visa cards only. View full disclosure online at 1stunitedcu.org. Federally insured by NCUA.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

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

Marian Breitbart, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

ROLL CALL: Marian Breitbart, Rosalie Masuda, Mike Smart, Liz Koppenhaver, Paul Reeves, and Connie Land were present. Suman Sharma, REAC member, was also present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Connie Land and seconded by Mike Smart, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Paul reported that the REAC Website received a message from a member who wanted to relate a recent experience he had that he hoped might help other retirees. He had been suffering from a hearing loss, significant enough to require hearing aids. However, because of the high cost, he delayed getting them for years. He did not realize that his Health Plan, Kaiser/ACERA, provided a hearing aid allowance, which would help offset some, or all of the cost of hearing aids. Since that information is currently included in each retiree's annual Healthcare packet, he was hoping that REAC would provide a reminder to retirees regarding the information which is contained in their health care packet.

Reports

ACERA: The September 4, 2019 Retirees Committee meeting was cancelled.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary was unable to attend today's board meeting, but she did provide each board member with a copy of the August 2019 Treasurer's Report. Receipts totaled \$8,575.42 and Disbursements were \$2,288.54. There were no unusual disbursements or receipts in August 2019. Mike moved that the August 2019 Treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Liz seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CRCEA: There was no new information to report. As a reminder, the next CRCEA conference will be held October 28th through October 30th in Santa Rosa (Sonoma County). Mary and Rosalie will be attending.

SACRS: There was no new information to report. As a reminder, the next SACRS conference will be held November 12th through November 15th in Monterey. Nancy, Liz and Paul will be attending.

RETIREMENT BOARD: During the August 12, 2019 REAC Board meeting, Liz reported that approximately 70 retirees received a "demand" letter from ACERA regarding premium payments back to Plan Year 2013. (The demand letter was actually sent by VIA.) Liz reported that ACERA was still working on the issue, but she was pleased to report that ACERA has completed 45 reviews and they only had around 25 cases yet to be reviewed.

Liz reported that the August 23, 2019 ACERA Wellness Walk at Lake Merritt was well attended. There were approximately 50 to 75 individuals who actually participated in the walk. She also mentioned that the walk was very well

organized, with plenty of stops for water, aid, etc. ACERA plans on continuing that program.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: There was no new information to report.

HEALTH CARE: There was no new information to report.

ACTIVITIES: Rosalie reported that twenty one individuals have already signed up for the REAC Fall Luncheon which will take place on October 14th, 2019 at the Fairview Metropolitan Golf Course. As reported last month, Ish Pina, ACERA staff member, will be the guest speaker.

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT: Connie reported that as of August 31, 2019 membership stood at 3,992 members. As of August 31, 2019, only 110 individuals have opted out of the \$1.00 REAC dues increase.

REAC NEWS: Marian reported that the next REAC News will include information about the October 30th ACERA Health Fair, Open Enrollment, a survey on Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) benefits, and information regarding the progress made thus far in developing a supportive administrative assistant type position for the REAC Board.

Old Business:

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT JOB DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES: Connie distributed copies of the latest revision to the draft Administrative Support Job Duties & Responsibilities position. The Board was

very pleased with the progress she has made thus far. Mary Miller is reaching out to other retiree organizations regarding any administrative support positions they might have. This information will help REAC determine what responsibilities they have, how often they attend meetings, how much they are paid, etc.

Mary will also contact a number of employment agencies to determine

the range of payment rates, insurance coverage, what sort of supervision is provided, and what administrative duties do they perform.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: There was nothing new to report.
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted Paul Reeves,
Board Secretary*

Next Meeting

October 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m. (Monday)
Fairview Metropolitan Golf Course
10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland

Come to the REAC Fall Luncheon Monday October 14, 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 October 4, 2019

Reservation Registration for REAC Spring Luncheon

Members (s): _____

Guest(s): _____

Phone No: _____ Total # of people: _____

Total Amount Total Enclosed: _____

No refunds after Friday, October 4, 2019

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

BARRY, Timothy
LARPD

BELLO, Kamal
Assessor

BERBER, Maria D.
Social Services Agency

BROADHURST, Tobin C.
Information Technology

CALAYAG, Maria C.
Alameda Health System

CANDIES, Carolyn
Superior Court

CANO, Cindy L.
Child Support Services

CAVALIERI, Michael T.
Zone 7

CHO, Sangsook
Health Care Services Agency

CREQUE, Geri
Non-Member

CRUZ, Jose C.
LARPD

CUNNINGHAM, Diana G.
Health Care Services Agency

DALY, Philip G.
District Attorney

DANZIG, Allison I.
District Attorney

ELENDU, Ann U.
Alameda Health System

ELLIOTT, Barbara L.
Sheriff's Office

ENOS-CONNER, Bridget
Superior Court

ESCOBAR, Yvette
First 5

FRAZIER, Charles E.
Sheriff's Office

FREITAS, Michael C.
Probation

FRYE, Denise Y.
Alameda Health System

GALEHZAN, Jamshid
Community Development Agency

GEE, Nancy
Social Services Agency

GRAY-SHAVIES, Lorice
Social Services Agency

HALL, Mona
Alameda Health System

HINISH, Lonnie O.
Public Works Agency

HOQUE, Josefina E.
Sheriff's Office

HORTON, Carolyn
Social Services Agency

HUGHES, Harold E.
Zone 7

HUGO, Susan L.
Health Care Services Agency

HWANG, Donald C.
Health Care Services Agency

JACOB, Neva S.
General Services Agency

JOHNSON, Diana J.
Alameda Health System

KING-PALMER, Linda D.
Probation

KO, Jessica
Non-Member

LAZAR, Rebecca
Alameda Health System

LEE, Michele D.
Social Services Agency

LIVELY, Sybil D.
Social Services Agency

LORENZANA, Maria L.
Sheriff's Office

MAPLES, Diane M.
Sheriff's Office

MELENDRES, Amelita
Alameda Health System

MOORE, Vincent L.
Probation

MORGAN, Blaise
Social Services Agency

ORANGI, Lila
Social Services Agency

ORTEGA, Richard A.
Public Defender

PERRY, Charlene M.
Superior Court

RYAN, Victoria
Health Care Services Agency

SAN AGUSTIN, Enrique A.
Public Works Agency

SHERIDAN, Evelyn
Alameda Health System

SMITH, Edward J.
General Services Agency

SMITH, Louis P.
Alameda Health System

SPENCE, William R.
Sheriff's Office

THOMPSON, Sherrann E.
Superior Court

TUANQUIN-REYES, Renita B.
Alameda Health System

VALENCIA, Perry O.
General Services Agency

WEINER, Laurie L.
District Attorney

WONG, Craig A.
Sheriff's Office

WOOD, Dale D.
Health Care Services Agency

IN MEMORIAM

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

ABBOTT, Rose

Alameda County Office of Education
8/15/2019

AGUILAR, Norma

Alameda Health System
8/5/2019

BONETE, Josefina R.

Social Services Agency
7/12/2019

BROWN, Henry C.

Non-Mbr Survivor of Mary E. Brown
7/7/2019

CALDWELL, Michael J.

Sheriff's Office
8/3/2019

CHARLESTON, William

Non-Mbr Survivor of
Patricia A. Charleston
4/23/2019

DRIEHAUS, Donald C.

Social Services Agency
8/22/2019

FOSTER, William M.

Sheriff's Office
7/20/2019

HARRIS, Burdette L.

Superior Court
7/18/2019

LAU, Donna

Alameda Health System
8/5/2019

LAZOWICK, Lionel M.

Health Care Services Agency
7/5/2019

LOCKHART, Marcus

Alameda Health System
8/6/2019

MATTAL, Larry A.

Non-Mbr Survivor of Edith S. Mattal
7/24/2019

MC GEE, Thomas A.

Health Care Services Agency
8/7/2019

NELSON, Renee

District Attorney
8/16/2019

PANNELL, Verniece E.

Non-Mbr Survivor of Ashrious F. Pannell
8/2/2019

REEDY, Joseph D.

Health Care Services Agency
7/22/2019

REGO, Manuel J.

Non-Mbr Survivor of Gladys A. Rego
8/10/2019

STEINBERG, Fred

Probation
8/5/2019

THOMAS, Marjorie M.

Auditor-Controller
6/22/2019

WRIGHT, Etheridge E.

Non-Mbr Survivor of Cassie M. Wright
8/14/2019

ZIMA, Cathleen M.

Probation
8/20/2019

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

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

 ACERA Wellness

**ACERA's 2019
Health Fair**

October 30th, 2019
Wednesday,
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

at Albert H. DeWitt
Officer's Club
641 West Red Line Ave
Alameda, CA 94501





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The purpose of the Retired Employees of Alameda County (REAC) is to promote the common good and general welfare of Alameda County retired employees, subject to the County Employees Retirement Act of 1937, by promoting the interests of its members throughout the community by means of social, political, and educational activities that advance the social welfare of such retirees.

Moving? Please fill out and mail this notice to the following address:

REAC, P.O. Box 302, Oakland, CA 94604
or e-mail reacwebsite@gmail.com

Name: -----

New Address: -----

City/State: ----- Zip Code: -----

Date of Move: ----- Telephone: -----

Old Address: -----

1/2018

Also send change of address to ACERA:

Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association (ACERA)
475 14th St., Ste. 1000, Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: 800-838-1932 or 510-628-3000

Select Option 1 for the Retiree Benefits Unit (health, vision, dental, etc.)

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