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Jose Luis Pacheco talks to Gary L. Cooper, groundskeeper III with San Jose/Evergreen College Chapter 363.

Photos by Tony Avellar

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Invest in your future

Vote for Jose Luis Pacheco in this fall's CalPERS election

by Shannon Carr

To Jose Luis Pacheco public service is a calling and he is guided by a Pope Francis quote: "There is no good society without a good union, and there is no good union that isn't reborn every day in the peripheries, that doesn't transform the rejected stones of the economy into corner stones."



Jose Luis Pacheco

The CSEA Board of Directors is calling on CSEA members, retired and active alike, to support Pacheco

for the Member-at-Large Position B seat on the CalPERS board in the upcoming fall election.

"My door is always going to be open for labor, and I'm going to bring a high caliber of professionalism back to this position."

"This is our opportunity as retirees, especially, to have a voice. I can't think of any more important election when it comes to your pension," said retiree, past association president and Council 5000 President Allan Clark.

"Pacheco will bring professionalism and respect to the CalPERS board, where he will be a strong voice for California's public workers," Clark said.

"First of all, I'm going to be a champion for defined benefit plans and will fight to protect and preserve our healthcare plan for all 1.9 million of our CalPERS members, especially the retirees, our brothers and sisters," Pacheco said. "My door is always going to be open for labor, and I'm going to bring a high caliber of professionalism back to this position."

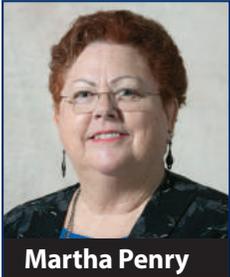
Pacheco is a second-generation union member, a classified employee at the San Jose Evergreen Community College District and is highly educated and experienced in the management of financial institutions. He holds a bachelor's degree

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Help recruit retired friends to CSEA



Martha Penry

Everyone get one! You can get just one! I know you can. Every one of us can get one new retiree member. We need your

help. Each of us knows a former co-worker who we have run into, while masked, at the grocery store or gas station. Have you asked them to rejoin the union?

You will be doing them a favor.

For a simple \$3 per month, they will be covered by the Accidental Death and Dismemberment \$5,000 insurance policy and can receive free college for themselves and their grandchildren, plus help with Medicare. Let's not forget the Humanitarian Assistance Fund they can also receive

should they ever be in a time of need! I personally know someone that is now saving over \$400 a year on Medicare, thanks to our informative seminars!

Retirees also had the opportunity to attend the recent Retiree District Days. The events shared a variety of topics, including legal scam information, presented by CSEA attorney Karen Mazzilli, as well as CalPERS updates from CalPERS board members. There were also amazing prizes during the events that allowed retirees to see the smiling faces of friends they missed.

How do you help add these former co-workers to the union? Take a copy of the electronic applications at www.csea.com/retiree and forward to a few friends.

To belong to the CSEA Retiree Unit, the rules are simple:

- You had to be a classified employee, classified management or confidential
- You must be 50 years or older
- You must no longer work for a school district
- Fill out the application and pay \$3 per month
- Join anytime after retirement

Director of Field Operations Charlie Goetchius and South Bay Field Director Debra Cole

helped the Retiree Unit Executive Board step up this recruitment campaign into the world of high tech. It was a pleasure to

partner with the Field on retiree recruitment. It's the way for the old to give back. As retirees, we often volunteer on active issues and now it is coming back to us in triplicate.

On April 20, CSEA retirees and staff texted former classified employees who are no longer members to ask them how they were and see if they were interested in joining the union. Hustle texting worked wonderfully for CSEA during the last set of wildfires. It allowed CSEA to first make sure members were safe, then to see if

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they needed assistance. This time, it allowed us to see if our former co-workers needed our assistance. We were able to gauge if they needed a free college program for themselves or their grandchildren, ask whether they had questions about Medicare or Social Security and see if there were other ways their union could help.

The CSEA Board of Directors has endorsed a member to run in the upcoming CalPERS election this Fall who will make us proud: Jose Luis Pacheco. I hope you will all invite him to your upcoming Zoom events and get to know him. We need his repre-

sentation and experience to protect our pensions. You can email him at pacheco4calpers2021@gmail.com. Read more about him in our cover article and look for more information in the future.

Your partnership over the past months has been amazing. I always look forward to seeing you at virtual district meetings, Retiree Board meetings and Fourth Monday Member Benefits historical learning events. Make sure to check out our Retiree Facebook page and drop me a line about what is happening in your world. Mike, my husband, and I are

vaccinated against COVID and looking forward to slowly and responsibly expanding our pod of friends and family we get to see in person again. With hopes of seeing you in person again before the end of 2021, take care and get just one!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Penry".

Martha Penry

"I'm Still In!" videos connect retirees Episodes premiere every month

Martha Penry, chair of the Retiree Unit Executive Board, continues her video series "I'm Still In!" with the launch of the May edition the week of May 10. In it, she'll discuss the completion of the "text hustle" pilot program and CSEA's endorsed member for CalPERS, Jose Luis Pacheco. The mission of the series is to keep the more than 11,500 retirees across 51 councils informed about the illustrious amount of work that is happening within the Retiree Unit.

A wide range of topics have been covered since the series launched in October 2020, including 30th Anniversary celebration information, the chartering of Council 5000 for out-of-state retirees, Granny Grants, committee progress and even special guest Rob Feckner, who

is serving his sixth term on the CalPERS Board of Administration. He spoke at length in the February video about the importance of completing your Power of Attorney form and keeping it updated.

The series has helped build connections during the pandemic

while retirees are unable to have face-to-face meetings. Episodes release the beginning of every month, so be sure to subscribe to the CSEA YouTube channel and follow us on Facebook to get the latest news and important information.



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in economics from Santa Clara University and a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from California State University East Bay. He also holds certificates in accounting from Santa Clara University and alternative investments from the Harvard School of Business. Pacheco is chairman of the board of the Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union and a board member for Latinas Contra Cancer.

Pacheco serves as president of San Jose/Evergreen Colleges Chapter 363,

is a delegate to the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, and formerly held chapter positions as vice president and served on the negotiations committee, district budget committee and the resource allocation model committee.

“When he was interviewed again by the PACE committee and this committee made a recommendation to the Board, looking at all his credentials, his education, and the fact that he's one of us, it was really a no-brainer,” Clark said.

He added that 31 percent of

CalPERS members are active or retired school employees.

“So, when you look at that percentage, we need to have at least one voice, if not two, on that board,” Clark said.

Pacheco concluded by saying he is “honored and humbled” to be endorsed by CSEA.

“CSEA was founded on the principles that no one should work their entire lives in public service and retire with nothing at all,” he said. “I'm just honored to be part and be associated with it.”

2021 CalPERS Pay Days

Here are CalPERS pay days to prepare for 2021. Benefits are paid at the beginning of the month for the previous month's benefits. The State Controller's Office issues checks

and determines mailing dates. If you have direct deposit, contact your financial institution to see when funds are placed in your account.

2021 Pay Dates:

Benefit Month	Southern California/ Out of State Mail Date	Northern California Mailing Date	Direct Deposit Date
May	May 27	May 28	June 1
June	June 28	June 29	July 1
July	July 28	July 29	July 30
August	August 27	August 30	September 1
September	September 29	September 30	October 1
October	October 28	October 29	November 1
November	November 29	November 29	December 1
December	December 30	December 31	January 3, 2022

The State Controller's Office distinguishes Northern and Southern California using ZIP codes:

- Southern California is between 90000 through 93599
- Northern California is between 93600 through 96199

The importance of a CalPERS Power of Attorney



by Rob Feckner, CalPERS Board of Administration

We all know the CalPERS Power of Attorney (POA) may serve a different purpose for a retiree than it does for an active member, but it is still incredibly important. It is difficult to think about not being able to take care of ourselves and manage our own affairs, but we all do need a bit of assistance every now and then.

You will not need the POA in place to retire, but have you ever thought of things you might need help with? For instance, if you suffer some incapacitating situation, your Agent/Attorney-in-Fact on your POA form can communicate with CalPERS on your behalf. Let us say if you need to file a change of address or your financial institution changes, etc.

In the unfortunate event that your beneficiary passes before you do, your Attorney-in-Fact could then change your beneficiary on your behalf (provided they are not one and the same) and update your \$2,000 death benefit to go to another recipient.

Been retired so long you cannot remember which retirement option you selected? Your Attorney-in-Fact could call CalPERS on your behalf and ask the question. CalPERS will not talk to anyone you have not given your expressed WRITTEN permission to have access to your CalPERS information. Filling out the POA is



your expressed written permission.

I know many of you will make the CalPERS centenarian club. *What is the centenarian club*, you ask? It is for CalPERS retirees attaining the age of 100 years. CalPERS has a policy that whenever a retiree turns 100, they cease retirement payments until CalPERS can confirm you are indeed still living and the person receiving the payment. So, your

Attorney-in-Fact would be able to communicate with CalPERS to provide the proof needed on your behalf.

CSEA attorney Karen Mazzilli, who provides Retirees with education to avoid scams, also provides advice

about the CalPERS POA for retirees. If you were a victim of a scam and need help changing all your account information, the Attorney-in-Fact could assist you with that. I have talked to many retirees who need a bit of help and clarification. Select an Attorney-in-Fact to be there for you when you need that little bit of assistance.

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For more information about Power of Attorney and filing or updating your form, contact CalPERS at (888) 225-7377 or visit <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/docs/forms-publications/special-power-of-attorney-form.pdf>

Council 5032 supports its community

by Shannon Carr

A strong sense of volunteerism is quite literally found within the fabric of Coachella Valley Retiree Council 5032, and these efforts haven't slowed down the past year due to the pandemic. In fact, President Irene Piña admits that they are doing more than ever to support their local community.

Just recently, they donated 21 blankets to the Martha's Village & Kitchen's homeless shelter after Piña stitched

"Everybody that we've done things for are so very appreciative of everything that we give them."

together "granny squares" that were crocheted by members to make the blankets. They also recently dropped off receiving blankets to the Refuge Pregnancy Center, for which they also collect baby items and cash donations.

The outreach doesn't stop there. In fact, they currently have ongoing projects with:

- **Ronald McDonald House** – Their donations of aluminum soda can tabs are part of a program that brings in an average of \$6,000 each year.
- **Penny Pines Plantation Program** – For every \$68 collected, an acre of seedlings is planted in the San Bernardino National Forest to reforest areas that have been damaged by wildfires, erosion or insect damage. They have now donated six acres.
- **Animal shelter** – Old blankets and towels, laundry detergent.
- **Child Protection Services** – Tote bags and stuffed animals.

- **Narrow Door, a nonprofit faith-based organization that serves the needy** – \$50 each year and members help wrap boxes for their Christmas store.

- **Safe House, a place for runaway kids who face abuse at home** - \$50 each year and household items such

as toiletries, trash bags and laundry detergent.

"It's been a busy time for me because I'm constantly doing something, but I stay home," Piña said.

The hard work doesn't go unnoticed by the community.

"Everybody that we've done things for are so very appreciative of everything that we give them," she said.

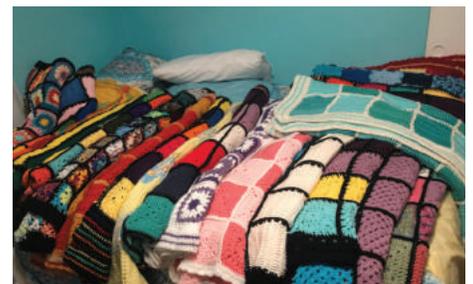
Additionally, during a socially distanced item drop off in February at a local parking lot, a passerby who asked what they were doing was so moved by the cause, she went back to her car and came back with \$80 they could use toward their projects. She shared that she is the loan officer for the bank and that she would try to get more donations for them.

Piña shared her passion for their community outreach, especially because many people have fallen on hard times lately and need the support.

"I believe if we have the resources to do it, we're going to do it," she said. "Our members are so great. I just really, really want to thank all our membership."



Gloria Velasquez and Irene Piña pose with crocheted blankets their fellow retiree members helped crochet for a local Refuge Pregnancy Center.



Retiree Council 5032 donated these 21 blankets to the local Martha's Village homeless shelter.



Calling all retirees

Volunteers sought for Retiree Unit committees

Want to turn your passion into action? What interests do you have as a Retiree that you could utilize to help build the union? The Retiree Unit is looking for volunteers to participate in different committees and activities. The recruitment committee operates under the mission that it is the responsibility of all retirees in leadership to recruit more members into the Retiree Unit. This group focuses on best and new techniques to capture members as they leave the

school district. There are many other committees, including the special project committee.

Participating in a committee will allow you to make connections with former coworkers, generate ideas to get more members and offer help to contact others, among some of the many duties. To find out more information about the different committees or to sign up, email Martha Penry, CSEA RUEB chair, at mpenryruebchair@gmail.com.





Meet your Council 5000 Board Members

by Shannon Carr

Earlier this year, CSEA reached a historic milestone by chartering Council 5000, the Retiree Unit's out-of-state council, representing more than 1,420 retired CSEA members who live throughout 43 states.

Araujo, a former association president, Life Member and retiree, started talking about creating a more established council a couple years ago with former association president and retiree Allan Clark, both members of Council 5000.

Having the council in place provides a source of volunteers for phone banking for CalPERS elections, elections in California and even some that are out of state. For example, last year, Steve Araujo worked on Mark Kelly's successful U. S. Senate campaign in

Arizona, where Araujo now lives. Kelly's win benefits CSEA members as he's a pro-labor voice in the Senate and helped secure a 50-50 split of the chamber. Araujo, a former association president, Life Member and retiree, started talking about creating a more established council a couple years ago with former association president and retiree Allan Clark, both members of Council 5000.

AS PART OF THE CREATION OF THE COUNCIL, OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED EARLIER THIS YEAR. THEY INCLUDE:

Allan Clark, President: Clark is a former Association President and Life Member. He is active in his community as a member of the Board of Directors and



Vice Chair for the Council on Aging in St. Martin Parish in Louisiana, where he lives on a beautiful piece of land. There, he does professional-level photography which he often donates to the CSEA Humanitarian Fund for silent auctions, raffles or other events. Woodworking is also a passion for him. When Allan's wife, Luci, a former senior labor representative and advocate for classified staff, sends him to the workshop, he often returns with a wooden treasure for her. He's also been known to head to the bayou to fish on his own property for a meal.

Bill Regis, Vice President: Regis is a former association president, Life Member and former RUEB president. Under his leadership, his wife, Francis,



was involved in starting Area J to recognize the support spouses give to the leaders who spend so much time leading the activities of the organization. He left California to be closer to his daughter in Arizona and now lives in Las Cruces, New Mexico. To stay busy, he serves on the local board of AARP as well as lobbying the New Mexico Legislature in Santa Fe. In Regis' spare time, he enjoys being around his six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Charlotte Brothwell, Secretary/Treasurer: Brothwell became involved with



CSEA as an aide around 1968 and served in many positions with Enterprise Chapter 384. Among her many accomplishments, she joined the Sacramento

Field Office in 1989 to help defeat NEA in the San Juan attempted representation raid. She served one term as state secretary under Bill Ellis. Since retiring in 2002, she has attended and led a weekly group and served in other capacities at her church for several years, in addition to writing to inmates, volunteering in her teacher/daughter's fourth grade classroom and being a positive influence for her eight children, 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

By attending the monthly Council 5000 Zoom meetings, attendees will have the chance to connect with these officers of the Board.

volunteered for and became vice president of the Fernley Democratic Club, assisting local community members of the Democratic Party with information and assistance via regular monthly meetings. He was then elected to the Executive Board

of the Lyon County Democratic Central Committee. Having since moved to Douglas County, Nevada, he is currently nominated to serve on the Executive Board of the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee as chair of the Administration Committee. When he's not tending a small flock of chickens, Gentile spends his leisure time taking photos and gardening.

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95th Annual Conference in July, there will be a resolution to create a seat for Council 5000 on the Retiree Unit Executive Board.

Matthew Gentile, Webmaster:



Upon retiring as an administrative assistant, Gentile joined the CSEA membership as a retiree. He retired to Nevada and

Are you an out-of-state member who wants to join the meetings? Email President Clark at aclark@csea.com.

TOP 10 PLACES CSEA RETIREES RELOCATE IN THE UNITED STATES



STATE	CSEA RETIREES
Arizona	152
Nevada	104
Oregon	84
Washington	61
Texas	52
Idaho	38
Colorado	32
Florida	24
Utah	19
Georgia	17

CSEA sponsoring SB 411 to support retirees working after retirement

by Shannon Carr

CSEA retired members often return to work to earn a bit of extra money to supplement their income. Under the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA), which became law in 2013, retirees must be registered as retired annuitants with CalPERS, wait at least 180 days after retiring to return to work, not exceed 960 hours per fiscal year and not take any permanent assignment at any CalPERS covered agency.

If retirees exceed the 960-hour limit under current law, CalPERS is technically forced to reinstate them as active members. A person who has dedicated years of their life to our state, and in the case of CSEA members, to students and our school system, is then required to pay back all their earned retiree benefits they

received after exceeding the hour limit by even just one hour.



Being forced to repay these benefits can be devastating. CSEA retirees have been asked to pay back six figures of their hard-earned retiree benefits because they were misinformed or misled by their employers. People living

they've crossed the 960-hour threshold. In one case, a retiree living in a

CSEA-sponsored Senate Bill 411 (Cortese) would allow CalPERS to mitigate the penalties for retirees who inadvertently exceed the 960 hours-per-year limitation for work as a retired annuitant.

nursing home and struggling with dementia was told she had to repay \$30,000 because her employer failed to notify her that the substitute hours she worked years earlier were at the

allowable limit. CSEA-sponsored Senate Bill 411 (Cortese) would allow CalPERS to mitigate the penalties for retirees who inadvertently exceed the 960 hours-per-year limitation for work as a retired annuitant. SB 411 would give CalPERS the ability to consider mitigating factors in determining whether a retiree should actually be

allowable limit.

on a fixed income who count on the pension they've earned have faced mortgaging their homes because public employers, who often beg our retirees to come back to fill a critical need, then failed to promptly report their hours to CalPERS and notify the retiree that





Important benefits discussed during Fourth Monday events

Bring your favorite hot beverage and snack and join fellow retirees during upcoming interactive learning sessions with CSEA Historical Committee Chair Susan Adams and Member Benefits Coordinator Debb Jachens. The fun and educational virtual meetings are held 4:45 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month to discuss important topics and benefits for retirees and their family members.

Upcoming days and topics include:

- **May 24** – Farm Fresh to You
- **June 28** – CVT with Kaiser and Anthem Medicare Supplement and Medicare 101
- **July (Date to be determined)** – Union Plus Benefits (AFL-CIO)
- **August 23** – Schools Solar

Previous topics have focused on working after retirement at a CalPERS agency, CSEA Senate Bill 411 (Cortese) to reduce penalties for retirees who exceeded 960 hours, why sick leave counts toward your pension, travel accident insurance, hearing benefits, Have-a-Heart Month and more.

Look for emails and registration announcing future meetings. For more information, contact Debb Jachens at djachens@csea.com or (408) 433-1309.

reinstated and have to pay back their earned benefits or if there is a more reasonable solution for a retiree who has exceeded the cap, considering the circumstances of each case. SB

411 passed unanimously (5-0) with bipartisan support out of the Senate Labor Committee on April 19. David Schapira, director of Governmental Relations, testified in person for the

bill. This was the first time anyone from CSEA staff has testified in person on a bill since the pandemic began, as political advocacy in Sacramento is beginning a return to normal.

Retirees celebrate during annual District Days

CSEA is still using caution about in-person gatherings until everyone is fully vaccinated, but that has not stopped the Retiree Unit's district directors from instituting calorie-free retiree gatherings on Zoom. Across the state, Retiree district directors worked together in small groups to host learning, fun and prizes for Retiree District Days. The events were a chance for retirees to enjoy time with other retirees while learning about relevant issues and programs.

District directors put together amazing lists of speakers relevant to CSEA retirees. Depending on which district event retirees attended, they may have heard from Executive Director Keith Pace with current information about CSEA, the importance of retirees in the union and how CSEA pivoted successfully

as an organization to keep moving ahead while sheltering in place. Attendees also had the opportunity to connect with CalPERS CEO Marci Frost and President Henry Jones on CalPERS' commitment to retirees. Rob Feckner, CalPERS board member and CSEA Life Member, demystified the CalPERS Power of Attorney for retirees. CSEA Staff Attorney Karen Mazzilli taught about scams to beware of and legal resources that are available. Member Benefits shared information about hearing aide discounts, Medicare and updated attendees on when retirees can expect to buy discounted movie tickets again.

Many who joined were very excited to hear in tandem from district directors and area directors. It was comforting for retirees to directly witness the active leadership working as one during the shared



Zoom presentations.

The most heartwarming and special part of the District Days was watching Association President Ben Valdepeña and Retiree Unit Executive Board Chairperson Martha Penry present 10-, 15- and 20-year service pins for those who have dedicated so much of their lives and themselves to CSEA. Penry also installed new council officers in many councils across the state.

If you want to make sure you don't miss future events like these, check in with Member Benefits to make sure your email is up to date by calling (866) 487-2732.

All Retiree Unit members are invited to attend the Retiree Unit Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 12 at 10 a.m.

As we keep our members' health and safety in mind, CSEA is not holding in-person events or meetings at this time. However, the Retiree Unit Executive Board has arranged to safely host their board meetings online via Zoom. All of the meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (except in July, which will be held on a Monday), as follows:

- May 12
- July 7
- September 8
- November 10

What is Zoom?

Zoom is an app you can download on any computer, smartphone or smart tablet at no cost. Zoom allows you to both see and hear the presenters and their PowerPoint presentation. It also allows you to use a "chat" feature to ask questions in real time.

How do I set up my Zoom account?

Go to zoom.us today to sign up for your free account. Download and test Zoom by going to zoom.us/test and follow the instructions.

How do I attend the RUEB meeting?

You must be an authenticated Zoom user (see set up above) and pre-register to attend this virtual meeting by clicking on the links that are sent via email.

After you have pre-registered, and once your CSEA membership has been verified, you will receive an email with the Zoom link and information to join the meeting. We look forward to your participation.



Question:

What do you or your group do for your community?

Answers:

DAWN KAMBER
COUNCIL 5055



For the community, I host a weekly half-hour OC Talk Radio Show called "Impact OC," in which I interview people and/or representatives of nonprofit organizations who make a positive impact on our community. The show is live streamed Tuesdays at 3 p.m. on <http://www.ocktalkradio.net>, and on OC Talk Radio's YouTube channel. The show is then available on the OC Talk Radio YouTube channel on-demand, and the audio from the show is eventually edited and produced for podcasts on the Podbean Podcast platform.

LINDA PEREZ
COUNCIL 5035



I have contributed to my Hollywood Community for over 30 years at all my children's schools and have been involved with CSEA for over 25 years, including as chapter president. I am very active with the Democratic Party as an elected official of the L.A. County Central Committee AD43, former elected member of CADEM AD43, member of CARA (CA. Alliance for Retired Americans-5 years) among many other groups.

RUTH GLORIA
COUNCIL 5010



Chair of membership Recruitment, Modesto and CSEA COE State Committee Member. I assist my daughter-in-law, Kelly Gloria, in fundraising for the Awesome Spot, an all-inclusive playground. These funds will help us to build this playground for physically challenged children to be able to play with their siblings. The site will be at the existing Beyer Park in Modesto. Due to the pandemic, this has slowed our progress but not the "dream."

RANDAL CORMIER
RETIREE COUNCIL 5012



I would like to share with you my first vaccine shot at Disneyland during this COVID virus. I have been quarantined and it is nice to see my fellow retirees on Zoom during the meetings. As a senior I was able to obtain my vaccine.



Save the Date: Inaugural virtual conference

The Retiree Unit Executive Board's District Directors are encouraging retirees to save the date for the first ever CSEA Retiree Virtual Conference, September 20 through 22. The conference will be held utilizing Zoom. District Directors will send out details as soon as they are available in the coming months, so make sure your email is up to date. Email addresses can be updated by calling CSEA Member Benefits at (866) 487-2738.

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Take a minute today to update your contact information at www.csea.com/email or call our Member Benefits Call Center at (866) 487-2732, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Join the Retiree Facebook page today

The Retiree Unit continues to find different ways to stay connected with its members from a distance, such as through their Facebook group page that launched last October. Join today simply by searching, "I'm Still In CSEA." This CSEA group page is strictly for retirees, with exceptions to the Association President and Board Members.



Susie Luna, member with San Gabriel Valley Crusaders Retiree Council 5053, manages the page. For someone to be accepted into the group, they must answer three questions: membership number, council number and chapter retired from. People can expect to see announcements, including information about upcoming RUEB meetings, fundraisers such as Granny Grants and anything to do with CalPERS and retirement.





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RETIREE UNIT MISSION STATEMENT: *The California School Employees Association Retiree Unit envisions a strong, organized program for retirees to promote communication among all retirees, to address issues that impact their lives, and to assist CSEA's active membership in accomplishing their retirement goals.*

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