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*An Association of CalPERS Annuitants committed to the goal of helping all
public employees maintain their physical and economic health during retirement*

NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday, October 30st, 2024

12:30 PM at China Stix

2110 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050

The Door opens at 11:00 am and lunch is served at 11:30 am. Please check the flyer enclosed in this newsletter, or check at the back of the last issue of the newsletter on the website.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE

Dr. Anne Ferguson of

Bay Area Older Adults:

“Introduction to Bay Area Older Adults”



Dr. Ferguson, the founder of Bay Area Older Adults, will be joining us to explain what kind of programs they offer

throughout the year.

Hamlet! Waterfall Hikes! Point Reyes Trip! BAO has so many great trips planned for this Fall. Check out their calendar and see if something fits your interests. Basic membership is free but is required to register for events. The website has many lectures that anyone can watch. Their founder, Dr. Anne Ferguson, will be our October speaker! [Bay Area Older Adults - Expand Your World](#)

IN MEMORIAM: Our deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of Jesusa Andag, Ursula Bondura, Larry Hayashida, Jerry Hedgecock, Luther Perry, Clyde Stout, Gale Stroud, and Evelyn Tazon.

They will truly be missed.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Following are the names of new members – Julie Arnoult, Betty Bryant, Dan Bryant, Sandra Davis, Armando Ferraris, Linda Quach, Daisy Stark, and Robert Stark.

Welcome Everyone!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Four of our Chapter 031 members are attending General Assembly in San Diego from September 9-12. We will report back on our week of activities at our luncheon meeting on October 30, and in the next issue of our newsletter.



THE HISTORY CORNER

Marianne Damon, RPEA Chapter 031 Historian

WHAT'S A GRANDMOTHER TO DO IN AUGUST?

Grandchildren coming for a month! Six and nine! How do I plan activities? After a moment of panic, I took a deep breath, took out pen and paper, and started to plan. I realized that, luckily, we live in a very child-friendly environment here in Santa Clara County. Following is an accounting of our very fun, successful month of both relaxing with family and being on the go (mostly on the go!). Many places we visited were free or low cost, with a few being a bit more expensive but definitely worth it. Most places were suitable for children of all ages, and I'm hoping this article will give you some ideas for if and when you need to come up with some fun trips.

Luckily, I live just across the street from a City of San Jose park. It used to be the old Belden Elementary School, and luckily the neighborhood had the foresight to work with the City to keep it as a park. It has a two-area playground for very young and older children, a basketball court, two baseball fields, and a perimeter walkway. Dog-walkers are out in the mornings and evenings. My grandchildren used this park almost every day, as do we older folks for our evening walks. It came in handy for my granddaughter to test out her scooter and for her brother to test out a next-sized bike. The park tends to be quiet during the week, but on weekends we have girls' fast-pitch softball, cricket, and a variety of family gatherings. *Advice:* utilize your closest park!

We looked at the San Jose Giants baseball schedule for home games and saw that there were a few we could go to. Unfortunately, the evening fireworks games

didn't match our calendar so we went to an afternoon game. It was hot, with almost all the fans seated up in the last row, the only shade available! Often, free tickets are available for some of the games from select merchants (listed on the Giants' website). Otherwise, tickets start at \$10. We decided the entry fee was worth it just to gain access to the best churros ever! Yes, our stadium is known for its churros, to the point where they even sell Giants hats with an embroidered churro on them! *Advice:* Great for all ages; don't go to a day game on a hot day!

On another day we went just across from the stadium to Happy Hollow. There is a parking fee and an entry fee, but you can stay all day and once inside there are no other costs (except for food and souvenirs—gotta have a pressed penny!). Our former city council member Ash Kalra (now a state assembly member) championed a lovely room for nursing babies and mothers which was very much appreciated by family members in our group. Although Grandma wanted to visit the zoo, all the kids wanted to play in the playground, ride on the carousel, and get ice cream after lunch. Everyone loves a leisurely ride on Danny the Dragon, but unfortunately, he wasn't running. *Advice:* Worth the cost, but best for children under 12; they do have mornings (seasonal) that are free just for us seniors!

When we wanted to go on bike rides, we headed over to Martial Cottle Park; within just a few quiet residential blocks we are inside and ready to ride the loop around the agricultural County park. Our County also had movie nights this summer. We saw Kung Fu Panda 4 at Calero and Coco at Hellyer. It is lovely to be outdoors on a blanket, under the stars, watching a family-friendly movie (but Grandma had dibs on the beach chair!). And at Vasona we went

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OCTOBER 30, 2024

The October 30th, 2024 meeting will be held at China Stix Restaurant, 2110 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050. There will be a speaker for this meeting. Anne Ferguson from Bay Area Older Adults.

Each attendee must pay \$20.00 in advance for lunch. The menu will be Pork Pot Stickers, Chinese Chicken Salad, Honey Pecan Prawns, Garlic Fish, Shanghai Spareribs, Broccoli Beef, Orange Chicken, String Beans Western Style, Combination Chow Mein, B.B.Q. Pork Fried Rice, Tea, and Water (they do not serve coffee). Each dish will be placed on a Lazy Susan at the tables and attendees can serve themselves.

In order to provide a count of attendees to China Stix a \$20 payment for each attendee must be received no later than October 23rd, 2024. No late payments will be accepted, no payments will be accepted at the China Stix Restaurant on the day of the meeting and there will be no refunds. NO EXCEPTIONS. We cannot accommodate those who choose to attend the meeting only.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Food will be served at 11:30 noon

Complete the form below and send with payment to Brian Mark, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Unit M250, Los Gatos, CA 95032 no later than October 23, 2024. Make payment out to RPEA Chapter 031.

Sincerely,

Chapter 031 Board Members

Please Print

Name _____ # Attending _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

(Please list all persons included in your payment)

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