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Our time in Blackhawk for the annual meeting was very interesting; it was amazing to walk through the noisy casino and into our very nice meeting rooms in the conference center! As we are so aware in PPSPERA, membership is our #1 concern just as it is at the state level. Somehow we have to reach out to those we worked with to help them understand that we need to be standing together, unified in our support of each other. The concept of our retirement being determined by what the State Legislature decides should be our main focus. Losing our effective lobbyist was a blow, and we need to keep our organization unified and standing together. Changes will be and are coming, and we need to stand together to get through them as a strong organization.

*Rose Enyeart*

President



Pictured: Rose Enyeart

The second day of the June conference was the CSPERA's Annual Meeting. Members from across the state joined the CSPERA Board in learning skills to improve our resourcefulness and problem-solving in a presentation by Ana-Christina Hicks entitled "Burn Out's Kryptonite" based on her book, "Tool's for Hope." She was inspiring and left us with tools to use when we need to meet stress head on.

***The Fall Legislative Forum 2018 will be at the Radisson September 12, 2018.***

***225 and Parker Road - 3155 S. Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO.***

The theme "In a Democracy -- YOUR Vote Counts!" All members are invited; hopefully we can have a lot of members come and listen to the morning discussion and the afternoon panel.

*Jan King*

Past President



Pictured: Elaine Naleski

# SCHOLARSHIPS



Pictured: Barbara Watts, Lilli Hansen, Charlotte Brummer

Lilli Hansen is one of our scholars from last year. Lilli is studying elementary education at UCCS. She earned a 3.8 GPA in the first semester and 3.5 in the more difficult second semester. We are proud of Lilli and pleased to award the \$500 second-year scholarship to her.

Jessica Jeong is our other scholar from last year.

Jessica is studying Human Development and Family Studies and a minor in International Development at Colorado State University. Jessica already has 55 credit hours as she was able to transfer 26 credit hours from her high school International Baccalaureate classes.

Jessica earned a 3.977 GPA in her freshman year of college. We are very pleased to award the second-year scholarship of \$500 to Jessica Jeong.



Pictured: Barbara, Jessica Jeong, Charlotte

Audrianna Bechert is a 2018 graduate of Mesa Ridge High School with a 3.94 GPA. She plans to study secondary education at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs in preparation to become a middle or high school math teacher. Audrie has been close with her teachers and wants to be there to listen, teach, and care for her students in the same ways she has felt supported. Audrie was a busy high school student, participating



Pictured: Barbara, Audrieanna Bechert, Charlotte

in Student-to-Student, Link Crew, Peer Mediation, Peer Tutoring, Avid Tutoring, National Honor Society, teacher cadet program, volunteering at Cheyenne Place, and working, as well as serving as yearbook editor and National Honor Society President. We are pleased to award this year's PPSPERA Bill Brandenburg scholarship to Audrieanna Bechert.

Brooke Zarkovacki graduated this year from Palmer Ridge High School with a 4.0 GPA. Both of her parents are from different countries so Brooke is a first generation American and the first in her family to attend college.

Brooke is active in her church youth group, plays piano and volunteers at the hospital in the Pediatric and Pediatric Intensive Care Units. She also worked part time as a nanny for two small children, tutored children at her high school in math, science, English, reading and history, and volunteered with the summer reading program at the library, as well as other community service activities. Brooke has been accepted into the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Science pre-nursing program at UCCS. She recently earned her Certified Nursing Assistant License. We are pleased to award this year's Wayne Bricker scholarship to Brooke Zarkovacki. Neither Brooke nor her parents could be present for the awards, so we mailed her scholarship award. Hopefully, she can meet with us next year and tell us about her freshman year.



**Please try to donate at least \$20 to our scholarship fund each year so that we can continue to provide scholarships to such deserving students.**

## COMMUNITY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Elaine Naleski proudly announces the winner of the Community and Distinguished Service Award for 2018 - the **North Colorado Springs Rotary**. Our very own Terry Alley is a member of this branch of Rotary. Rotary is a service organization dedicated to providing humanitarian services, high ethical standards, and advancing goodwill and peace around the world.



Mary Cavanaugh, Sally Sparhawk, Elaine Naleski

The North Colorado Springs Rotary has contributed a myriad of services to the staff and students of Colorado Springs School District Eleven. Among the more salient contributions are the following: presentation of the Ethics Program to all Doherty High School freshmen (this is the fifteenth year and over 7000 freshmen have been involved); presentation of the Ethics Program at CIVA Charter School; volunteering, tutoring, and other programs at Life Skills Charter School; furnishing reading volunteers in second grade classrooms; volunteering in Head Start classrooms; distributing over 2000 dictionaries each year to area third grade students; sponsoring an essay contest on ethics for seventh grade students at Jenkins Middle School; providing scholarships to AVID students at Doherty High School; and sponsoring the Interact Program at Doherty High School.

The contributions of the North Colorado Springs Rotary go well beyond the boundaries of School District Eleven. Their members contribute the following: conduct the Community Flag Display Program in cooperation with Boy Scout Troops; provide funding for Boy Scout Troops; teach classes, financial support, and other programs for Urban Peak Shelter for homeless teens; cook at the Marian House Soup Kitchen; raise funds for the Karen Possehl Women's Endowment (this provides scholarships for women); help in providing Thanksgiving meals for service member families; and volunteering at Care and Share.

Rotary provides services to those in need around the world. Locally, there is an emphasis on education and serving our youth. PPSPERA thanks the North Colorado Springs Rotary for their valuable contributions to our school district students and to the people of Colorado Springs.

## NEEDED - YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS



PPSPERA members reported a grand total of 3,341.5 volunteer hours for the year 2017. Good job, members. These hours have been reported to the CSPERA Volunteer Office. Send your volunteer hours for Quarter 1 of 2018 (January, February, and March) to Roger Louden at either [rogerlouden340@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerlouden340@yahoo.com) or [Roger.Louden@d11.org](mailto:Roger.Louden@d11.org) or you may wish to mail them to me at 12611 Pensador Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

The volunteer sites of PPSPERA volunteer hours touch a wide spectrum of locations and organizations. The following is the list that we have so far. If your site is not listed, please inform Roger Louden.

PPSPERA Board and Committee meetings (multiple members), HOA Landscape Committee and Board meetings, Radio Station KCMJ, Salem Lutheran Church and School, New Horizon Band, Colorado Digital Learning, School District 11, School District 49, Artemis, Colorado Springs Science Center, Girls' STEM, CSPERA (multiple members), School District 11 Board of Education, Democratic Party Office, Pillar Institute, American Association of University Women, Palmer High School Alumni Association, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Sons of Norway Lodge, Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs, Holy Apostles' Catholic Church, Sub City West & Sewing and Ceramic Clubs (both in AZ), Happy Cats Haven, First United Methodist Church, Colorado High School Activities Association, Silver Key, American Cancer Society, Divine Redeemer Church, Villa Sierra Condominiums, Memorial Hospital Central, PERA Ambassador & Training Activities, Pikes Peak Hospice & Palliative Care, Howbert Elementary School, Pleasant Valley Association, Pleasant Street- 300 Block, Jim's Garden, Pleasant Valley Entrance - 31st Street, assisting a blind neighbor and her two sons, assisting a 93 year-old former teacher with meals and shopping, visiting a nursing home, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Fine Arts Center, the High Plains Church, American Legion Auxiliary- Unit 5, McCandless Veterans' Living Center in Florence CO, Westside Cares, and Community Congregational Church of Manitou Springs.

As you can see, your volunteer hours benefit many organizations, friends, and neighbors. Your volunteer time is much appreciated. You help make our community the good one that it is.

Thank you for all that you do.

Roger Louden - Volunteer Chair

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To All CSPERA Local Unit Affiliate Members:

Even though the Legislative Session of 2018 has come to an end, the need for pension advocacy has not, as verified in many newspaper articles that hit the press the minute SB18-200 was adopted in the eleventh hour of May 9, 2018. It is vital that we all continue to collaborate in this fight to save our pensions.

We have successfully been doing so for 75 years, and we must adopt a new structure that allows us to do so for the next 75 years and beyond. We all know that technology and other innovations have caused us to re-think how we do business.

CSPERA's response to this change has been the Unified Membership/Unified Dues Model. We feel this is the best option in trying to preserve our grassroots history and perhaps even re-grow our local units. We are asking you, the local affiliates, to trust in the UM/UD Model and recognize that it is genuinely meant to make your local unit stronger. It is not intended to take over your governance.

The Unified Membership/Unified Dues Model that was voted in by the Board of Directors May, 2017 is really very simple. Members pay \$48.00 a year, with \$38.00 going to the state office, and \$10.00 going to the local unit. If the local unit has higher dues than \$10.00, they simply collect the difference. All it takes to be in "Good Standing" is to complete the simple application form, open the bank account so we may arrange the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) deposits, and then the local unit functions as always.

The biggest advantage of the UM/UD model is membership will be assigned to a local by zip codes; therefore, locals will gain money from people who have been classified as "no locals." Please keep in mind that some people want to be active in a local, but some do not. Some just want to have the pension advocacy services offered by the state. These people, typically, do not mind their money going to support pension advocacy services happening at the local level.

We all need to secure our retirement! We need to continue our seat on the Colorado Coalition for Secure Retirement also known as Secure PERA. That can only be done if we keep our organization healthy and do our part in recruiting younger members, ones who will take the baton.

Sincerely yours,

CSPERA Unified Membership/Unified Dues Project Committee

Mary Lynn Jones

Nancy Carlson

Sandy Patton

Tom Tonoli

Jim Haptonstall

Elaine Naleski

Karen Magnuson

Marlis Hamm

## Pre-Retirement Seminar -2018

### Terry and Jennifer Alley

The annual Pre-retirement Seminar sponsored by PPSPERA was held at the Tesla Center on April 9th. Approximately one-hundred twenty individuals who are considering retirement were in attendance. Attendees came from the city, utilities, police, fire, state employees and area school districts.

Elaine Naleski presented the latest information concerning CSPERA to the group and encourage everyone to become familiar with changes to PERA being considered by the state legislature. Jake Henderson, regional executive for AMBA, reviewed the programs his company offers and he encouraged all attendees to become members of CSPERA and PPSPERA. Aimee Taylor, Field Representative for PERA, reviewed the PERA retirement process and answered many questions presented to her by the group.

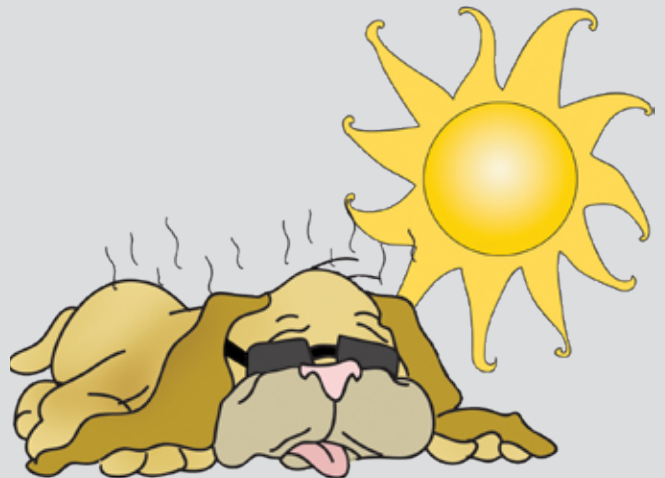
**The next Pre-retirement Seminar will be presented in April 2019.**



Our luncheons are always tasty with lots of smiling people!



Pictured: Charlotte Brummer and Barbara Watts



Pictured: Karen Hart, Membership and John Kerr, Treasurer

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### PPSPERA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 2018/2019

Valley Hi Golf Course  
 610 S. Chelton at 11:30 a.m.

November 15, 2018

February 21, 2019

April 18, 2019

June 20, 2019

August 15, 2019

### PPSPERA BOARD MEETINGS 2018/2019

The Egg and I  
 733 S. Academy N. at 9:00 a.m.

October 18, 2018

January 17, 2019

March 21, 2019

May 16, 2019

July 18, 2019

### September 11 -12, 2018

CSPERA Board Meeting –  
 Legislative Forum

### June Date TBA

CSPERA Board Meeting –  
 Annual Meeting

### Pre-Retirement Meeting

Date TBA - April , 2019  
 Tesla Education – District 11  
 at 4:30p.m.



If you have questions on PPSPERA or CSPERA, feel free to contact any of the following:

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