

Hi Everyone!

YOUR PACRA BOARD HOPES YOU ARE STAYING WELL—CAN IT REALLY BE THE BEGINNING OF WEEK 10 THAT WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS??

This email is being sent as a Bcc to PACRA members for whom we have email addresses; feel free to forward to others!

Your Board was bummed to cancel our April Annual Meeting—we ALWAYS look forward to seeing everyone and catching up! We will be back in April 2021—keep that thought!! Following is a summary of March-May PACRA activities and campus meetings—including links/attachments for clarification; enjoy with your morning tea or your evening glass of wine!

THING NUMBER ONE

On March 2, PACRA President Judy Cater and Vice-President Steve Spear met with Barry Bennett of the Law Offices of Bennett, Sharpe, and Bennett, Inc. regarding retiree Group I benefits; ***please see Attachment 1***. Of note, *...you can be assured that, thus far, there is a strong legal right to retain the current benefit scheme and to enforce that right, if necessary.*

At its March 16 meeting, the PACRA Board members in attendance discussed the above at length and how to proceed. By consensus, the Board directed Judy and Steve to meet with Acting Superintendent/President Jack Kahn to present the letter. The letter was also sent to each PC Governing Board member as well as to the leadership of the campus constituency groups.

THING NUMBER TWO

Judy and Steve met with President Kahn in a half-hour Zoom meeting on April 7, discussing both a summary of the history of retiree concerns—including the cavalier and careless nature of shifting Group I retirees to Medicare D without our knowledge—and the attorney's letter; ***please see Attachments 2 and 3***. Of note, *...the District is not recommending any changes to the benefit plan(s) options provided to current retirees. ...we will continue to offer them in the same manner as you are currently receiving.* Your PACRA Board will continue monitoring benefits issues through our attendance on the Benefits Committee!!

THING NUMBER THREE

This one is a request from HR: ***Benefit Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit due by July 31; please see Attachment 4 for details—direct any questions to:***

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MORE STUFF

❖ *PACRA BOARD SCHOLARSHIP DONATION*

At its April 16 Zoom meeting, the PACRA Board suggested to Judy Cater, President, to contact Stacy Rungaitis, Executive Director, Palomar College Foundation, as to how we can use our Scholarship funds to help Palomar students during this COVID-19 pandemic. Because there have been no applicants for the PACRA Scholarship for the last two years, the PACRA Board voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 to the *Foundation's Emergency Fund Campaign* to be used as the Foundation deems best for students.

This will be a one-time donation in lieu of giving a scholarship, does not mean that the Foundation has access to any other funds, and that we would appreciate some recognition for our contribution which could be shared with the PACRA members. Stacy replied: *It is wonderful to have PACRA considering options. ...The requests from students have not slowed down. If PACRA would consider pivoting funds to this Emergency Fund Campaign we would put them to use immediately...*

<https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/news/palomar-college-foundation-mobilizes-crisis-support-for-students/>

❖ *Acting Superintendent/President Jack Kahn's Weekly Updates*

These updates are mainly for the active employees regarding budget updates, campus events, meetings with constituencies on eliminating the \$11 million deficit, Covid-19, etc. Here is an example for May 15:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybqa3bnc> There are several links to more information if you are interested. HR also posts summaries:
<https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/hr/>

❖ *HEALTH from PACRA Board Member Jayne Conway*

Jayne regularly emails the Board with Public Health updates for CA; this link is a brief updated summary of signs and symptoms of Covid-19 and when those

symptoms are an Emergency:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCO/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-51.aspx>

❖ **HR HOME PAGE FOR RETIREE INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

<https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/hr/retiree-information-page/>

<https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/covid19/>

❖ **WE REMEMBER MIKE NORTON**

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/deseretnews/obituary.aspx?n=michael-merrill-norton&pid=195866940>

❖ **PACRA HOME PAGE:**

<https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/pacra/>

President Judy Cater addressed the GB at its May 12 meeting; next GB meeting is June 9: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/pccd/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>

LAST PACRA BOARD MEETING OF 2019-2020: ON ZOOM THURSDAY, MAY 21.

Please let us know of any concerns you would like us to address. We will be discussing the results of the Cancellation Mailing of the 2020 Annual Meeting and all comments that were received; the next Email blast will summarize that info for you and give the Board direction for its 2020-2021 year.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020-2021 –be assured your voice is being heard at the District and Governing Board levels!

If you have not renewed as yet—and you know someone who would like to join and support our efforts—the forms are on the website!

How about those Air Force Thunderbirds flying in the San Diego County skies on Friday—AWESOME!!

<https://www.cbs8.com/video/news/local/thunderbirds-in-sd/509-e22d56ad-d355-4295-8f15-aadf4837c3c7>

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Judy Dolan, Secretary (on behalf of the PACRA Board)