



San Fernando Valley Chapter 61

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Regular meetings are the first Wednesday of each month except June, July, and August

January 2024 Meeting, Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Meeting Location: Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91406

Please arrive at 11:30 am

Executive Board meeting at 10:30 am prior to the regular meeting

President's Report by Charles Feistman

Hello to all my fellow NARE Members.

I am very pleased to state that we had elections at our last chapter meeting and here are our new officers and other positions filled for the year 2024:

President – Charles Feistman
Vice President – Rebecca Faso
Treasurer – Yoggi Riley
Secretary – Gregg Pericich
Sargent at arms – Erwin Nudel

In addition we have these additional positions filled:
Congressional Legislative officer – Amateo Salvador
Alzheimer Chair and Good & Welfare – Rebecca Faso
Newsletter Editor – Erwin Nudel
Public Relations – David Rittenberg

Next year may be a very challenging year for us as we head into the election for President and other congressional seats. Be sure to keep informed and registered to vote so you can decide who will be your political decision maker.

Remember that our COLA for 2024, effective January 1, 2024 will be 3.2 percent.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting to discuss many of the important issues that may affect us in 2024. That will be at our next meeting, January 3, 2024.

Hoping you all had a happy and safe holiday season and have a very happy new year.

Our next meeting will be at Lulu's restaurant on Wednesday January 3, 2024. We will start at noon so be early so you can order lunch.

Executive board will meet at 10:30 am.

SOS REPORT By Yoggi Riley

It was a bit of a shock to hear of the report of Congressman's Tony Cardenas's decision to not seek reelection this next year. Tony has served us well for six terms and it is a bit sad to lose a good friend now. It isn't any wonder though with all the ruckus going on in the House and the lack of cooperation and respect amongst house members. We can only say thank you for the support all these years for the federal workforce. Now we have to pay close attention to candidates that will be running for the 29th Congressional District. We will know more in the coming months and share more information on the candidates. Also, to be considered will be the vacancy created by the departure of Kevin McCarthy of the 20th Congressional District.

*** * FEHB FOR POSTAL ANNUITANTS * ***

All postal annuitants will be receiving information about the Special Open Enrollment for those postal annuitants over the age of 65 that have not enrolled in Medicare B as of this time and may want to consider enrolling during the special period April 2024 through October 2024. Remember this is the time to consider enrolling because your late enrollment penalty will be waived for late postal enrollees. This is part of the Postal Reform Bill of 2023. More information should be coming within the first few months of 2024. This will be a great opportunity for those not yet enrolled to consider Medicare B options at that time.

*** * SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER * ***

We will have a special guest speaker at our January meeting to talk to us about the equipment available for hearing impaired, those with visual equipment needs and for those with mobility assistance needs. It will be a great chance to hear and learn about the programs available for you provided throughout the state at no cost or very little cost to CA residents. So, we hope to see you at our next meeting to learn about the benefits available for you.

Until we see you at our next meeting, I wish you a Happy Holiday season full of love and happiness. Happy New Year to you all.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

We will have a special guest, Victoria Hernandez, at our next meeting to speak to us about special equipment that is available for those with disabilities and most of the equipment that is provided free from the State of California for residents. Victoria is a representative from California Telephone Access Programs.

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