

UTLA-Retired News October-November 2018

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Calendar of UTLA-Retired General Assembly Meetings 2018-2019

[All meetings are Fridays at the UTLA Building]

October 19, 2018 – January 18, 2019 – March 15, 2019 – May 1, 2019 – August 9, 2019

UTLA-Retired General Assembly Highlights

Report of the October 19, 2018 UTLA-Retired General Assembly Meeting

By Mignon Jackson, UTLA-Retired Secretary

UTLA-Retired President **John Perez** called the meeting to order at 10:30a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President's Report: UTLA-R President **John Perez** spoke briefly, reporting that the district has the same position that they had 18 months ago. The union is ready to strike. Retirees are invited to participate in a massive March for Public Education which will be held at Grant Park in Downtown Los Angeles, on December 15, 2018. UTLA-R members are needed to work with schools and Chapter Chairs by Adopting a School.

President John Perez also spoke about the need for UTLA-R members to continue to support PACE. Introductions were made of candidates running for House of Representatives.

Treasurer's Report: **Mike Dreebin**, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report and the budget was adopted unanimously.

Health Benefits Report: **Loretta Toggenberger** reviewed a Health Benefits FAQ information sheet from the LAUSD Health Benefits Committee. Loretta and John stated that UTLA-R members with concerns and issues dealing with health benefits need to be written in letters addressed to UTLA President Alex Caputo-Pearl and UTLA Treasurer Alex Orozco.

Membership & PACE Reports: Vice President **Cecelia Boskin** reported that UTLA-R has 4342 members. She then reminded everyone the importance of joining PACE through monthly CalSTRS deduction contributions. Contributions can also be mailed to Cecelia Boskin at 3547 Federal Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90066.

Legislative Report: **Mary Rose Ortega** our legislative reporter presented a report on the current active retirement related measures as of September 2018 and the CTA positions on these current bills. She concluded her report with an appeal for UTLA-R members to vote for Tony Thurmond for State Superintendent of Public Education and for Gavin Newsom for Governor.

Guest Speakers: Tom Morrison, *Consultant to the Districtwide Health Benefits Committee* and **Mariam Hironimus**, *LAUSD Health Benefits Representative* spoke about the upcoming 2019 Benefits Package. UTLA-Retired members Annual Benefits Open Enrollment dates are November 1-18, 2018.

- An announcement was made that Anthem Blue Cross EPO will no longer be offered to retirees who have Medicare Part A & B. A new Anthem Medicare Preferred PPO Medical Plan will be offered by LAUSD.
- Kaiser Senior Advantage is adding Silver & Fit to the plan.
- Health Net Seniority Plus is adding Silver Sneakers to the plan.
- Life Insurance Benefits will now be provided by Met Life.
- UNITED HEALTH CARE MEDICAL will NO longer be offered.
- New cards will be mailed January 1, 2019.

There was a Q&A period at the end of the presentation.

If you have questions or need additional information on your benefits please call (213) 241-4262 or visit the website at benefits.lausd.net.

Congratulations to Cecelia Boskin, Mike Dreebin, Loretta Toggenburger, Jane Sakamoto, Jimmie Woods Gray, Susie Chow, Emily Ettinger, Sandy Keaton, Hattie McFrazier, Charlie Tripp and alternates Pat Stanyo, Peter Martin, Pete Paladino, Janet Lucar and Andrew Otero. They were elected to the House of Representatives.

Thank you to **Emily Ettinger** for selecting the beautiful plants. And a special THANK YOU to **Tomas Junge** and his **committee of volunteers** for organizing and preparing the healthy brunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.