



Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc.  
A 501(c)(7) Association (REMCOAI) **JUNE 2017**

# NEWSLETTER



The quarterly luncheon and business meeting of the **Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc.**, a 501(c)(7) Association, will be held on **Tuesday, June 13th** at the **Merced Elks Lodge**, 19th & "M" Streets, Merced. Doors open at **11:00 AM**. The program will begin at **11:30** and lunch will be served at **12:00 Noon**. **RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY** to allow the Elks Lodge to order/prepare enough food. The following people will accept your reservation:

**Sandy Teague** (209) 769-7331  
**Lola Barnett** (209) 384-4185

## Officers & Board of Directors

President: **Sandy Teague, PhD** (209) 769-7331  
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By **Leon "Sandy" Teague, PhD**

Hello Fellow Members of the best retirement association in the State of California, the Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Incorporated (REMCOAI)

Being a member of such an association gives you automatic membership in the state-wide association called California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA).

This CRCEA membership give you access to host of benefits including:  
Providing a forum for educating members and promoting retiree benefits and issues  
Volunteer Officers and Directors oversee opportunities to:

*Exchange information through communications and this website*  
*Meet in semi-annual conferences to provide retirement information and related subjects to members*  
*Initiate legislation to develop and maintain retirement benefits*  
*Train and encourage Associations to actively represent retirees to their respective Board of Supervisors and Retirement Boards*

Currently CRCEA represents about 180,000 retirees from twenty counties under the Title 37 Retirement Act.

CRCEA came into being through the efforts of a few dedicated people and it has grown steadily over the years through the efforts of other dedicated people. Without their unpaid efforts, the organization would have withered and died. They also comprise of a number of affiliates who have dedicated their services at a significant discount to the benefit of all retirees. CRCEA Affiliates are companies who assist us not only with their annual dues, but with help at our conferences. We encourage you to support them by using their services whenever possible.

These affiliates are: EFI Actuaries, Guided Choice, Liberty Mutual, Member Extra, My Senior Health Plan, Pacific Group Agencies, Segal Group, Road Scholar, Southland Credit Union, and Western Group Agencies, Inc.

These agencies provide a variety of services and are eager and willing to assist your needs. For further information about what they provide go [www.crcea.org](http://www.crcea.org) and click on Affiliates.

The CRCEA Conference held in Ventura on April 24-26, 2017 included a variety of topics, among them a legislative report of issues in Sacramento affecting your pension. Foremost is the issue regarding pension reform. To list a few:

**AB 283 (Cooper)** would require that any member of a 1937 Act system who is classified as a peace officer be retired for service-connected disability due to a job-related injury upon meeting the criteria for disability in the Act, regardless of the member's rank, position, or duty at the time of injury or at the time of application for permanent incapacity.

**AB 1309 (Cooley).** Existing law allow an employer to hire a retired member without reinstatement under certain conditions

**AB 1310 (Allen)** would require the retirement board of a public retirement system to disclose the unfunded and healthcare debt on each member statement provided to its members

**SB 32 (Moorlach)** is entitled the California Pension Reform Act of 2018. It makes many changes to existing law. This bill would prohibit a public retirement board from deeming certain forms of pay to be pensionable compensation. In addition, the bill would prohibit a public retirement system from making a cost of living adjustment to any allowance payable to, or on behalf of, a person retired under the system, or to any survivor or beneficiary of a member or person retired under the system, for any year beginning on or after January 1, 2018

**SB 571 (Pan)** would authorize a state or local public employer participating in an employee supplemental retirement savings plan, such as deferred compensation plans and payroll deduction individual retirement account plans, to make a deduction from the compensation of an employee for contributions attributable to automatic enrollment and automatic escalation in the supplemental retirement plan.

**SB 671 (Moorlach)** Under current law, a county and only districts in San Bernardino County may make an advance payment of or all or part annual contributions to the retirement fund. This bill would extend that authority to all counties and districts. The bill would also authorize advance payment of all or part of a future year's contributions.

**SCA 10 (Moorlach)** is a proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit a government employer from providing public employees any retirement benefit increase until that increase is approved by a 2/3 vote of the electorate of the applicable jurisdiction and that vote is certified

Enjoy the summer and remember September is the installation of executive officers including the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, so if you would like to serve or want to nominate someone please do so at the June Luncheon. Deadline to submit a nominee is July 3rd.

## ELECTION OF REMCO OFFICERS

As noted in the March Newsletter, the REMCO Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are up for election in September 2017. Nominations have been open since March and, to date, there have been no nominations. Any nominations must be received in writing, by the Nomination Committee: **mike Sopfrank**, **Kaye Greeley** or **Harold Goldman**. Nominations can be mailed to the REMCO PO Box noted on the front of this newsletter. If no nominations are received by the July 3rd deadline, the current officers will continue for another term and it will not be necessary for a mail-in ballot to be sent to the membership for a vote. Officers have indicated a willingness to continue in their positions, if that is the memberships wish.

## 2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

There were more applications than usual this year and many very deserving candidates. For the first time, there was a tie and the Board of Directors voted to add one additional scholarship this year *only*, because of the tie. All Scholarships are \$1,000.



## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

STUDENT: **JACK ENOS**  
RETIREE: **LINC, CLENDENIN**  
PARENTS: **ANTHONY & SHELLY CLENDENIN**

STUDENT: **VICTORIA BODINE**  
RETIREE: **CAROL SILVA**  
PARENTS: **ANDREW & JENNIFER BODINE**

STUDENT: **ELIZABETH DESOUSA**  
RETIREE: **NORMA DESOUSA**  
PARENTS: **RICHARD & ADELE DESOUSA**

STUDENT: **TANNER PELLISER**  
RETIREE: **MICHAEL TANNER**  
PARENTS: **TIM & AMY PELLISER**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

STUDENT: **REGAN MURPHY**  
RETIREE: **DAN MURPHY**  
PARENTS **DAN & TERESA MURPHY**

STUDENT: **JULIA NUNES**  
RETIREE: **MICHAEL TANNER**  
PARENTS: **JON & KELLY NUNES**

*This month's Guest Speaker is a Fraud Expert from Merced Police Department!*

**IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

**PLEASE** remember to send notification if you move or change your address - whether it is residence address or email address! If you change your email address and want to receive this newsletter by email, notify the Newsletter Editor of the change. If you change your residence or mailing address, notify the MCERA Office by sending the information to:

**MCERA**  
 3199 'M' Street  
 Merced CA 95348  
 FAX: (209) 725-3637  
 Email: MCERA@co.merced.ca.us

The information should include your full name and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number)

Recently we have seen changes in personnel and positive changes at MCERA. MCERA provides a valuable service and all retirees need to do everything possible to keep them updated with any updates.

*Happy Retirement!*  
**NEW RETIREES**

RETIREE	RETIRED	DEPARTMENT
VANCE WALKER	11/5/2016	SHERIFF-CORRECTIONS
KAREN BRICKY	11/22/2016	HSA-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIV
PAUL VAN GERWEN	12/19/2016	
RICHARD CLAMP	12/19/2016	
MARTA SHUGART	12/27/2016	TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS
SAMUEL SUMMERVILLE	12/31/2016	PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MARY HODSON	12/31/2016	FIRE
DEIDRE KELSEY	1/4/2017	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TIMOTHY LIVERMORE	1/21/2017	HEALTH-ADMINISTRATION
HUE MOUA	1/30/2017	HEALTH-MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH
GLORIA MESKUS	2/4/2017	HSA-ADULT PROT-PUB GUARDIAN
ROY TIGHE JR.	2/4/2017	SHERIFF
BRADFORD SMITH	2/4/2017	RISK MANAGEMENT
FRANCES PALM	2/18/2017	HSA-MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERV PROG
MARCIA HARVEY	2/18/2017	HEALTH-ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ROSA GUZMAN HERNANDEZ	2/18/2017	SHERIFF-CORRECTIONS
CURTIS WILLEMS	2/19/2017	MENTAL HEALTH-MERCED ADULT
STEVEN ROUGH	3/2/2017	DPW-ROAD DIVISION
LESLIE HOWARD	3/10/2017	SHERIFF
SOILA BERMEJO	3/18/2017	MENTAL HEALTH-ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE
BEVERLEY BEKEDAM	3/27/2017	
ROGER REYES	3/31/2017	DEPT OF ADMIN SVCS-INFORMATION SYS
LESLIE FRANKIEWICH	3/31/2017	ASSESSOR
STACIE LISH	3/31/2017	SHERIFF
VICKIE HAYER	4/1/2017	HEALTH-ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
EMMA PALMER	4/1/2017	HEALTH-ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
TERRI LAMPE	4/1/2017	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
JAMES BUNNELL	4/1/2017	HSA-MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERV PROG
JAMES ELMS	4/1/2017	DEPT OF ADMIN SVCS-INFORMATION SYS
KENNETH BOHNER	4/1/2017	SHERIFF
LODIVINIA FALLAGO	4/1/2017	RISK MANAGEMENT
JUANITA SILVA	4/1/2017	HEALTH-PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING
ISABEL COSTA	4/14/2017	TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS



*In Memoriam*

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Retirement Date	Date Of Death
CHARLES	WILSON JR.	10/10/1944	1/12/2004	11/12/2016
LOUIS	GONCALVES	9/28/1920	1/8/1983	2/2/2017
JOE	DAVIS	7/29/1931	5/29/1980	2/4/2017
SYLVIA	GONZALES	9/16/1974	5/5/2015	2/20/2017
ALFRED	MENDOZA	9/18/1939	5/26/2007	2/23/2017
CONNIE	CLIFFORD	10/27/1946	6/19/2014	3/1/2017
LUPE	TORRES	4/13/1931	3/1/1986	3/2/2017
SUSAN	SHIVE	7/5/1951	1/20/2007	3/2/2017
VIOLET	TWOMEY	1/28/1915	2/1/1980	4/5/2017
ANNETTE	MORENO	10/2/1961	2/27/2015	4/9/2017
LEWIS	BRAXTON JR.	12/26/1931	8/5/1997	4/15/2017

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