



REMCO

NEWSLETTER

Retired Employees of Merced County-December 2012



MY APOLOGIES!!

John Carlisle, Newsletter Editor

I am deeply sorry for the lateness of the newsletter and for any inconvenience! Veronica and I recently went through a major health scare with our son and, as a result, we "lost" 2 weeks of our lives dealing with his issues in San Francisco and elsewhere. Once we were able to get him airlifted out of Mercy Medical Center in Merced, things started looking up and we give a big thank you to the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco (UCSF)! And thanks to UC Merced, where our son works. It is nice to see an employer who really cares and supports their employees! He is now home in Merced and on the mend. Again, my sincere apologies for the lateness of the newsletter.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Lola Barnett

Greetings REMO Member! I am sitting here at my computer, drinking my coffee and thinking about what to write for the December edition of our newsletter. I thought, wait a minute didn't I just write a December letter? Then I remembered that was a year ago - my how time flies the older we get.

So here we are again with another holiday season upon us . . . the trick-or-treaters in their Halloween costumes of witches, princess and pirates. Then the big Turkey day, you know the one where we eat too much and then groan about for the rest of the day. Then comes my favorite holiday, Christmas, with all the presents, the big dinner - and most of all family and friends.

Then comes another New Year where we all make resolutions we probably won't keep but it's a fun thing to do. I always make the same resolution - I *don't* make one. That way I don't break it. When I think back to January 1st 2012 I wondered what this year would bring for me

and my family. Well, let me tell you this has been a wonderful year. I have been blessed with fairly good health as I hope you have and have had an exciting year as your President. I would not have missed this experience for anything.

Sometimes we don't stop to say thank you to the people in our world who have given us a helping hand. So to each of the REMCO Board of Directors, I thank you for your support and help during the past year. Without you I could have not been effective as the President. To John Carlisle, our Past President and Editor in Chief of the newsletter has been a wealth of knowledge and support. Linc Clendenin and his committee for their dedication to REMCO and the retiree Health Benefits. He and his committee are doing a great job. To Scott Johnston as our alternate to the MCERA, and as a member of other committees. To Marie McDonough and Vivian Stierwalt for their help in obtaining donations for the CRERA Conference in Modesto, Mike Sofranek for his dedication and hard work in getting the webpage up and running. To Kaye Greeley, not only is she the Vice President she is also the alternate to CRCEA. What can I say about Kaye? She was terrific at the Conference! She helped set up the raffle prizes among other things and is helping with our December raffle for REMCO, plus recruiting new members. David Baker, in addition to being our excellent Treasurer, he is also the delegate to CRECA, and on the Scholarship Committee. Ron Kinchloe as our Retirement Board Rep and is a Director. And our Secretary Lavon Justice, she is the one who tries to keep me out of trouble. I don't know what I would do without her help. As you can see, your Board of Directors do double or triple duty for REMCO! So if you get a chance, say thank



you to a Board member for a job well done.

If any retiree wants to serve on a committee please let me or any Board of Director know that you would like to help. But most of all I would like to thank you, the retirees, for your help and support since my election as your president. You make this organization what it is, so we need to keep recruiting new member as this keeps us a viable organization with a voice. THANK YOU MEMBERS!

On 10/23/12, I attended the CRECA conference in Modesto, I was very impressed with the information that was presented by the other counties. Other counties are experiencing some of the same problems we are. The one thing I heard throughout the conference was we must keep a vigilant eye on any issues that affect retirees and to voice our concerns.

In January 2013 I will be sending out ballots for the following offices, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you know anyone who wants to run for any of these offices please let Karloyn Alvarez know as she is on the nomination committee.




December is our Food Drive Luncheon! Scholarship Applications will be available at the meeting and also on the web page at Remcomerced.com. The web site has excellent information.

Our next REMCO Luncheon is December 11, 2012 so please make your reservations early so we may give a correct count to Meg at the Elks.

Merry Christmas everyone! And may you have a Happy New Year!



 The quarterly luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, December 11, 2012** at the *Merced Elks Lodge*, 19th & "M" Streets, Merced. The doors will be open at 11:30 AM. The program will begin at 12 Noon and lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. Reservations are a must so the proper amount of food can be prepared. REMCO is required to pay for the number of meals ordered so unpaid reservations come from our treasury. The following people will accept your reservation:

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REMCO ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS REMINDER!

Please remember that elections for REMCO President, Vice President and two Board Members will be happening soon. Any active REMCO member is eligible for any of these positions. Send any nominations (**after** you get permission from the person being nominated!) to REMCO, PO Box 3065, Merced, CA 95344, ATTENTION: NOMINATION COMMITTEE, or advise President Lola Barnett at the December luncheon.

THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2012!

CRCEA CONFERENCE

The bi-annual CRCEA Conference was held in Modesto an October 22-24. It was cosponsored by Stanislaus retirees and REMCO for the first time and it was a great learning and networking opportunity for retirees. You can read about it at the CRCEA website (www.crcea.org) or you can speak to President Lola Barnett or Board Members Kaye Greeley or David Baker about it. The next CRCEA conferences will be held in Los Angeles in April, 2013 and Fresno in October, 2013.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

REMCO and CRCEA want to sincerely thank **MERCO CREDIT UNION** for their \$750.00 donation to help sponsor the recent CRCEA Conference in Modesto. Many REMCO members have accounts at **MERCO** and they recognized that fact and wanted to support those members and other retirees. **REMCO thanks MERCO for their support!**

REMCO SCHOLARSHIPS !

Any REMCO Member can nominate someone for a REMCO scholarship.

Go to **REMCOMerced.com** and click on **NEWSLETTER & FORMS** for an application. For the 2013 Scholarships, the applicant's community service and/or extra-curricular activities will be given more weight than in the past, along with academic achievements.

REMCO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

REMCO shall award 4 (four) \$500 scholarships as follows: **2 (two) \$500 Scholarships to a graduating senior who will enter an accredited college or university** **2 (two) \$500 Scholarships to a student continuing education at an accredited college or university**

Applicants must have maintained at least a minimum a "B" (3.0) grade average in their courses, as verified by a school administrator. Financial needs, and personal goals will be considered as part of the scoring process. Emphasize the applicant's extra-curricular activities as well as school activities.

Applicant must be the member of **REMCO**. Applicants must meet all requirements set by the college or university of their choosing.

Each applicant must comson, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a dues paying plete and forward: The application, official signed transcript of record, letter of recommendation from a school official or teacher and a letter detailing the applicants educational and professional goals and extra-curricular activities, curricular activities.

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2013. Any material postmarked after this date will not be accepted or considered.

Announcement of the winners will be made on or about June 11, 2013. Payment of scholarships will be paid in full to the applicants selected upon receipt of the Certification of Enrollment and Attendance from the Registrar of your college or University.

EMAILED NEWSLETTERS

If you are not receiving the REMCO Newsletter via email and wish to do so (it is nicer looking than the printed version and you will get it much sooner!), you may send your name and email address to John Carlisle at **jbc76@sbcglobal.net** and I will add you to the email list. If added to the email list, you will also continue to receive the "snail-mailed" version.

Note: New Member Welcome and Memoriam will continue in the next edition.



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