



Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc.
A 501(c)(7) Association (REMCOAI) **DECEMBER 2016**

NEWSLETTER

Join Us

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, December 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:

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By Leon "Sandy" Teague, PhD

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! By now all of us are involved with the upcoming holiday season. It is time for reflection on what the year 2016 has meant to each of us, was it a years of prosperity or a year we would rather forget. Either way, 2017 promises its own set of ups, downs, and decisions on life. For some it will be decisions on buying a new home, a new car, a long awaited vacation, providing for a new grandchild, or any other host of life altering events sure to come our way.

It is also a time to renew our commitment to life, will we participate or be a spectator as the year unfolds. Commitment means getting involved in something new or revitalize an existing dedication to a cause or project. Stand up and be counted among those who will make a difference or impact during 2017. Involve yourself in family or an organization you are a member of in order to make a difference. Your ideas and thoughts can be refreshing and invigorating in promoting family events and organizational goals. It is a time to be alive and enjoy the fruits of being heard. Or are you going to be spectator, relying on others to make decisions, plan events or even getting involved.

In the world of retirement, life is never dull or stagnant. There is always something or someone wanting to change the status quo. The benefits you receive today are constantly under fire and are being threatened out of existence. As an example, legislature is currently considering and deliberating over a measure that will affect each and every one of us. Currently on the discussion table are AB241 (Gordon) required, notwithstanding any other law and under certain conditions, a local public entity to provide the name and mailing address of each retired employee or his or her beneficiary receiving the retired employee's retirement benefit to any 501 (c)(5) organization; AB 259 (Dababneh) would additionally require an agency that was the source a breach of records security, and the breach compromised a person's social security number, driver's license number, or California identification card number, to offer to provide the person with identity theft prevention and mitigation services; AB 1812 (Wagner) would prohibit the retirement benefit paid to a member of any public retirement system from exceeding \$100,000 if the employee's service is not included in the federal social security system, and from exceeding \$80,000 if the employee's service is included in the federal social security system.; AB 1853 (Cooper) is a very important bill sponsored by SACRS. It would authorize the retirement boards op-

erating under the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL) to modernize the operating authority structure for their system; AB 2833 (Cooley) would, for contracts entered into on and after January; SB 897 (Roth) Existing law (Labor Code sec. 4850) provides that certain peace officers, firefighters, and other specified public employees are entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary while disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment; SB 1436 (Bates) Existing law authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to hold a closed session regarding the salaries and fringe benefits of its unrepresented employees.

So please get involved and have a voice in what you think is important. REMCOAI, for one, can be conduit to providing valuable information, assist in putting forth your ideas and suggestions, becoming a voice on your behalf. Please attend and enjoy our forthcoming Christmas Luncheon, with good friends, good food, and GOOD PRIZES. Perhaps even making 2017 a fruitful year by volunteering to hold an office or donate your time and energies in a project near and dear to you. ENJOY!!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications for REMCO Scholarships are posted on the REMCO website (remcomerced.com) for applicants to print out.

Applications are open to REMCO members (continuing education), children, or grandchildren of REMCO Members. Applicant must be either a graduating high school senior or a student continuing education at a college, university or accredited trade school as a full time student. Applications will also be available at the December REMCO luncheon! **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2017 TO BE CONSIDERED!**

NEW PLAN ADMINISTRATOR AT MCERA

On October 3, 2016 your retirement plan office (MCERA) finally welcomed a long awaited new Plan Administrator, **Kristen (Kristie") Santos**.

Your Newsletter Editor spoke to Kristi and got a little information for members. Kristie Santos was born and raised in Sacramento. She has a husband, Rick, who is the boss at the Stanislaus County retirement office and they have 2 kids, ages 24 & 28 years. They live on the family's farm in Stanislaus County and currently raise

pistachios, after converting from a dairy business. More importantly for REMCO members, Kristi has a wealth of experience that should greatly benefit MCERA and REMCO members. After school at CSU - Sacramento, she worked for CALPERS and became the Assistant Chief of Actuarial and was in charge of the Disability Retirement section before leaving to work for the State Controller. She later worked for Stanislaus County Social Services and Alliance WorkNet. While the search process for a new MCERA Plan Administrator was a long, slow process, it appears the results were worth it - she is a very well qualified candidate! If you come to the December REMCO luncheon, you may very well get a chance to welcome her! She has her work cut out for her and she says she is looking forward to a job she really seems to enjoy!

NOTE: *MCERA has a new computer system that is now more able to provide information the Editor has tried to include in this newsletter - the new retired County employees, deceased employees and deceased "survivors" of deceased County employees. Because the most recent list is too long to include in this newsletter, the Editor will attempt to include it in the email version of this newsletter (another reason to get on the email list by sending your name and email address to the Editor!) and will then try to keep it up to date with future newsletters.*

CRCEA CONFERENCE

REMCO President Sandy Teague and new CRCEA Delegates Jackie Walther-Parnell, Jennifer Eberhard and Hassan Golbad recently attended the CRCEA Conference and brought back information that should be quite helpful to REMCO and its members. (CRCEA is made up of the 20 California counties that are in the "1937 Act" retirement system.)



Happy Retirement!
NEW RETIREES

Retiree	Date Retired	Department
Maria Deleon	1/2/2016	HSA-PUB GARDIAN
Kevin Mclarty	2/6/2016	DPW-BUILDINGS
Richard Hamilton	2/9/2016	
Juan Nuno	2/11/2016	SHERIFF-CORRECTIONS
Scott Ball	3/1/2016	PROBATION
Karen Curci	3/2/2016	UC MERCED DEV OFFICE
Jeffrey Miller	3/12/2016	SHERIFF-CORRECTIONS
Estela Dunn	3/13/2016	MENTAL HEALTH-ADMIN
Paul Lyon	3/19/2016	PUBLIC DEFENDER
Milton Cruz	4/1/2016	HOSPITAL
Elizabeth Guerrero	4/2/2016	HSA-ADMIN SERVICES DIV
Carl Strong	5/12/2016	MENTAL HEALTH
Ronald Silva	6/1/2016	
Jerry Barcellos	6/4/2016	DPW-ROADS
Joann Adame	6/11/2016	HSA-ADMIN SERVICES DIV
Larry Burrow	7/5/2016	COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
Debra Hutchins	7/12/2016	LIBRARY
Lorinda Stanford	7/14/2016	HOSPITAL
Hortencia Ortiz	7/21/2016	PROBATION
Ruben Vega	8/6/2016	HSA-ADMIN SERVICES DIV
Carlos Ayala	8/11/2016	DPW-ROADS
Judith Brown	8/19/2016	HOSPITAL
Marla Hunt Peter	8/19/2016	
Irene Ramirez	8/26/2016	HSA-ADMIN SERVICES DIV
Michael Edwards	8/27/2016	DPW-PUB WORKS ADMIN
L Jones	9/17/2016	HSA-SOCIAL SERVICES DIV
Debra Berlt	10/1/2016	CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
Iris Asai	10/1/2016	AG COMMISSIONER
James Pacheco	10/22/2016	SHERIFF

In Memoriam

Retiree	Date of Birth	Retirement Date	Date of Death
Mary Gill	1/16/1940	1/31/2006	1/6/2016
June Tutsch	4/2/1948	4/2/2003	1/7/2016
William Sanders	4/3/1934	6/12/2004	1/20/2016
Mary Vedo	5/14/1940	1/1/1997	1/25/2016
Joyce Wilson	12/15/1938	6/9/2001	1/25/2016
James Norsworthy	12/14/1932	1/1/1988	2/9/2016
Alice Umbarger	12/17/1941	12/1/1999	2/25/2016
Irene Ornelas	8/12/1948	12/19/2009	3/10/2016
Veta Bacciarini	3/2/1921	5/18/1987	3/24/2016
Bruce Peacock	12/24/1945	10/4/2005	3/25/2016
Lloyd Stepp	4/1/1922	7/17/1984	3/25/2016
Louis Martinez	8/7/1936	8/9/1996	4/3/2016
Mary McMurry	11/26/1920	11/30/1976	4/10/2016
Thomas Bunker	8/29/1940	2/9/2001	4/11/2016
James Ball	5/24/1940	12/14/2002	4/12/2016
Chris Cruikshank	8/17/1956	1/15/1992	4/12/2016
Margretta Schleich	9/24/1943	1/3/2001	6/21/2016
Joseph Verna	3/23/1931	10/29/1990	7/20/2016
Carmen Dormanen	8/5/1928	8/22/1993	7/29/2016
Mary Davidson	1/30/1930	3/1/1980	7/29/2016
Walter Lopes	1/30/1931	3/18/1995	8/9/2016
Alice Koehn	5/26/1935	5/30/1981	8/14/2016
Sherry Faulkner	9/18/1936	10/25/1989	8/14/2016
Raymond Wrobel	7/5/1917	1/6/1973	8/26/2016
William Stephens	12/28/1925	3/31/1979	9/4/2016
Carolyn Flury	10/28/1943	2/15/2007	9/8/2016
William Tiernan	4/7/1929	3/31/1990	9/12/2016
Barbara Hicks	6/22/1924	8/27/1989	10/10/2016
Anita Fredrickson	6/14/1928	6/17/1989	10/11/2016
Lupe Romero	8/19/1944	8/1/2003	10/24/2016



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