

# REMCO

Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc.  
A 501(c)(7) Association (REMCOAI) *December 2018*

## 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, December 11th** 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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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Leon "Sandy" Teague, PhD



As I put fingers to keyboard – Fall has officially descended upon us. For some of us that's a good thing with lower temperatures (not recently) and kids or grandkids heading back to school. The last time I wrote, I hoped for a lack of fires in our state. Unfortunately, that hope was dashed and many areas were devastated again.



Not too much to report by the REMCOAI Executive Committee this last couple of months. We talk with each other somewhat regularly in some manner, and seem to be able to accomplish necessary business via email and phone calls without the necessity of an actual meeting, thus saving REMCOAI expenses. Having said that, be assured that we have not ignored anything that might touch on the myriad issues that may impact retirees.

The California Legislature is in the last months of this session and is working to finish up all the loose ends of the various bills that are out there. While not too much has really happened in the retiree/retirement area, it never ceases to amaze me what the Legislature puts forth. I am sure that each of you can think of one or two bills that have gone through the process that has you scratching your head.

The Marin Conference will put the state of California front and center when our Consultant, Amy Brown, appears IN PERSON to discuss the entire picture. Always time well spent and educational.

This is an election year for CRCEA. Will Hoag of Ventura County recently sent out a "slate" of nominees from the Nominating Committee. As we always remind you, the delegates from each local county association make up the Board of Directors



of CRCEA. Their decisions will set the direction of the organization for the future. No matter the decision that gets made at the conference, we need to have everyone think about possibly stepping up in the future to assist the operation and direction of CRCEA. It's some work, yes, but it is only an extension of what we have done (or are doing) at the local level. And, of course, it is for all the right reasons.

Speaking of conferences, the next CRCEA Spring Conference, in April, 2019, will be in beautiful San Diego. The board is already working on their conference and things are coming together - the material that will be transmitted to the attendees will be good stuff!

April in San Diego? Kind of like April in Santa Barbara. Nice, John McTighe, Mark Nanzer, and the board of RESDC have promised.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

REMCO Scholarships are up for grabs again! 2019 Scholarship Application forms will be posted on the web page in December at:

[REMCOMERCED.com](http://REMCOMERCED.com)

Completed scholarship applications MUST be **received by April 30, 2019** in order to be considered. Contact Lola Barnett for answers to any questions.

## HEARING ISSUES?!?



REMCO Members currently have vision insurance coverage through VSP and the County of Merced. There is a **NEW BENEFIT** that is now part of the VSP coverage called "True Hearing" that may be of assistance to those with hearing problems and - sit down for this part!-it has been added to the VSP plan at **NO ADDITIONAL COST!** If you are interested, contact Risk Management at Merced County for specific information and details. Thank you Merced County and VSP!



## REMCO ON FACEBOOK !

For those of you with the technology and too much time on your hands, **REMCO is now on Facebook** located at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/527512874350767/members/>



It is set up as a "closed group" - meaning you **MUST be a REMCO Member** to access the page. There will be a sign

up sheet at the December REMCO luncheon where you can sign up to receive an "invitation" to join. The Facebook page will include REMCO happenings, reminder of meetings, upcoming events, photos, CRCEA updates etc. Check it out if you are on Facebook!

## WARNING: CITIBANK PARKING

When coming to REMCO meetings at the Elks Lodge - **DO NOT PARK IN CITI BANK PARKING LOT!** They are NOT user friendly and your car may get towed!

## DECEMBER MEETING-PRIZES!!

Come to the December meeting and play Bingo to win a **NEW i-Pad** donated by MERCOCredit Union! There will also be a Christmas tree with decorations containing \$\$CASH\$\$ up for grabs! Get your raffle tickets early!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

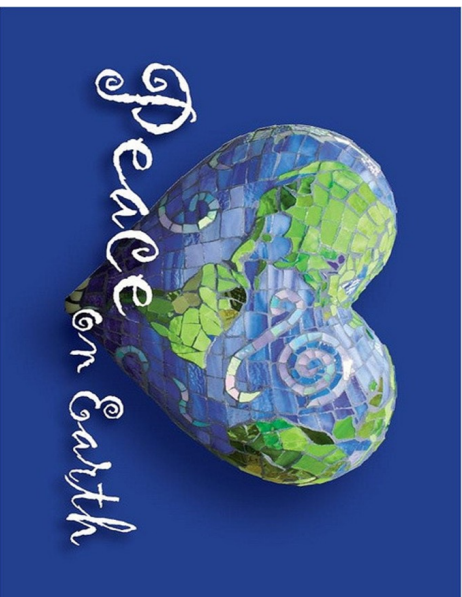
Congratulations to **REMCO's Volunteer of the Year, Karolyn Alvarez**, a long time CASA Advocate/Volunteer!

*And*

Congratulations to **REMCO's Non-Profit of the Year, New Beginnings** for Merced County Animals!



*Happy Retirement!*  
**NEW RETIREES**



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