



Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc.  
A 501(c)(7) Association (REMCOAI) *May 2024*

# NEWSLETTER

The quarterly luncheon & business meeting of the Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, June 11th** at the Merced Elks Lodge, 19th & "M" St, Merced.

### Topic: Senior Center and HICAP

- 10:00 AM Doors Open
- 10:30 AM Presentation
- 11:30 AM Business Meeting
- 12:00 PM Lunch Served

**RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY and REQUIRED by June 7th** to have an accurate head count for food. The following people will accept your reservation:

- Lori Norman (209) 769-5556
- Lola Barnett (209) 658-5109

Please state if member or guest

### Officers and Directors

President	Lori Norman	<a href="tel:209-769-5556">209-769-5556</a>
Vice President	Open	
Secretary	LaVon Justice	<a href="tel:209-722-8202">209-722-8202</a>
Treasurer	Richard St Marie	<a href="tel:209-201-9057">209-201-9057</a>
Director - ByLaws Committee	Bernadette Castaneda	<a href="tel:209-777-5118">209-777-5118</a>
Director - Registration, Trips	Open	
Director - Photographer/FB Live	Open	
Director - Events (Speakers/Presenters)	Gloria Keene	<a href="tel:209-259-9870">209-259-9870</a>
Director - Communication/Newsletter/Facebook	Open	
Director - Elections	Open	
Past President	Lola Barnett	<a href="tel:209-658-5109">209-658-5109</a>

REMCO WEBSITE: [www.REMCOMerced.com](http://www.REMCOMerced.com)  
MercedCERA WEBSITE: [www.mercedcera.com](http://www.mercedcera.com)

## President's Corner

In our February newsletter I wrote the President's Corner as Jackie was out with some health issues. At our March general membership meeting it was announced that Jackie had submitted her resignation due to these continuing issues and I was voted in as President per our By-Laws. I hope to do as good as job as she did during her time as President. We all wish her well and hope to see her back at our meetings soon. This also means that the Vice President position is now vacant.

As some of you know, Jim Pacheco, one of our directors, won his election to be on the Merced County Board of Supervisors. We are so excited for him. Although he won't be sworn in until January of 2025, he has had to resign his director position with us. Good luck Jim!

I am encouraging any and all who might have interest in continuing to move this organization ahead to consider becoming a REMCO officer/director. There are many of you with the experience and knowledge who could step into a position of leadership and do a terrific job. How about some of the younger people/newer retirees? We need to bring you into our organization. You are the future of our organization. You will be able to bring in the thoughts and ideas of the recent retirees and those following behind you. Give it some serious thought. Many of the current leaders have left for various reasons and it is time to bring in some new leaders. Come visit us and at our next Board meeting if you want to see what goes on behind the scenes.

Our state organization has offered their assistance in updating the technology for our organization. I will be meeting with them in the next few weeks, and I would love to have some assistance from those of you that have an IT background. I know that you are out there. I know what department you worked in!

We have some great ideas for some social activities and would like to form a social committee to help plan and organize these events. I understand that we use to sponsor many fun activities and one of my goals is get this going again. The first activity is announced in this newsletter. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. No one person can do this on their own.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any comments or feedback for the REMCO board. Our contact information is included in this newsletter.

Hope to see you on June 11<sup>th</sup> either in person or on our Facebook Live feed.

Lori

## REMCO Meetings Board vs General Membership

REMCO has 2 types of meetings: General Membership and Board Meetings. Both types of meetings are held 4 times per year. Our General Membership meetings are held at the Elks Lodge in Merced and include a program, business meeting, lunch, and door prizes. Lunch is provided at a cost of \$8 per member and REMCO pays the balance. Our Board Meetings are held at the MERCOCO business office and consist of planning for the organization. Both meetings are open to all members. The dates of these meetings are listed on our website at REMCOMerced.com. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, please let one of our board members know as there is limited space. We look forward to seeing you.

## What is the purpose of the REMCO Association?

We are a chapter of the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) which is a non-profit organization. It is comprised of 20 associations that were created under the 1937 Retirement Act. CRCEA provides a forum for educating members and promoting retiree benefits and issues. The CRCEA board oversees opportunities to:

- Exchange information through communications and their 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.

REMCO pays dues to this organization each year which is where part of your monthly dues are spent. CRCEA has a Legislative Analyst who keeps up to date on any legislation that would affect our retiree benefits or us as retirees. Please go to their website: [CRCEA.org](http://CRCEA.org) to learn more about the work that they do. We budget to send 2 REMCO members to the semi-annual conferences to learn and bring back information. The next conference will be Nov 3-6 in Contra Costa County (Walnut Creek). Please contact Richard St Marie for more information about attending.

## Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our all of our scholarship winners. These students met all the qualifications (including GPA) and will be great representatives of our organization. They will each receive a \$1000 scholarship from REMCO. The winners and their parents have been invited to our general membership meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please attend and come meet our winners.

### High School Graduates

Benjamin Wyatt, parents Eric Wyatt and Joanne Pocsidio, Remco sponsor JoAnn Wyatt

Geno Garcia, parent Margaret Madris, Remco sponsor Margaret Madird

Emily Burroughs, parents Adison and Nancy Burroughs, Remco sponsor Michele Burroughs

### Continuing Education

Justine Navarra, parents Kevin and Mary Ann Navarra, Remco sponson Mary Ann Navarra

Daniel Murphy II, parents Daniel and Teresa Murphy, Remco sponsor Teresa Murphy

## Monthly Draw Winner \$50 Visa Gift Card

Frances Rodriguez-Escobar

## Social Calendar

Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30pm Wine Tasting

Location: Vinhos, Wine Lounge & Tapas, 427 W Main St, Merced

Cost: \$15 members/\$18 guests and includes 4 wine tastings. REMCO will be providing the charcuterie boards. If you purchase a bottle of wine that night your \$15 fee will be applied to your purchase.

This event is limited to 16 people. We can expand this social to other nights if more people are interested. Your fee must be paid in advance and no cancellations will be allowed unless there is a waiting list. Please contact Lori Norman, 209-769-5556 if interested.

## Door Prize

There will be a \$100 gift card to the Rainbird Restaurant for members only. You will receive a special ticket when you check in for this drawing. The restaurant is located at 609 W Main St in downtown Merced. Another great reason to attend our next meeting.

## New Retirees



### Open positions:

Vice President

4 Director positions

By-law review committee

Social committee

Facebook live videographer

IT committee

Registration desk at general membership meetings

Henrietta	Casanova	4/30/2024
Deana	Dobbins	4/30/2024
Cynthia	Mattox	4/30/2024
Ivory	Owens	4/30/2024
Nola	Ramirez	4/30/2024
Teresa	Red	4/30/2024
Paul	Clanton	3/31/2024
Bruce	Storer	3/31/2024
Jean	Her	2/29/2024
Dana	Hertfelder	2/29/2024
Janet	Jennings	2/29/2024
Tim	Phanith	2/29/2024
Judith	Verderber	2/29/2024
Yanira	Anaya	1/31/2024
Deborah	Copus	1/31/2024
Phillip	Cuaresma	1/31/2024
Elwyn	Gray	1/31/2024
JaLaunda	Hanson	1/31/2024
Annette	Peguero	1/31/2024
Nancy	Schertz	1/31/2024
Karrie	Solis	1/31/2024
Frederick	Swafford	1/31/2024
James	Brown	1/1/2024
Kent	Christensen	1/1/2024
William	Davidson	1/1/2024
Jeffery	Kettering	1/1/2024
Barbara	Levey	1/1/2024
Gordon	Spencer	1/1/2024
Rhonda	Walton	1/1/2024
Greg	Wellman	1/1/2024

HSA-ELIGIBILITY SERVICES DIVISION
TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-ADMINISTRATION
SHERIFF-CORRECTIONS
LIBRARY
DPW-PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SVCS
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SVCS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-MERCED ADULT
DPW-PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION
SHERIFF-CORRECTIONS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-MERCED ADULT
SHERIFF-COURT OPERATIONS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-INPATIENT
HOSPITAL
HSA-SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
HSA-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS
PROBATION
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SHERIFF-CORRECTIONS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
ASSESSOR
PROBATION
PROBATION
ASSESSOR
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AGENCY
UC MERCED DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**REMINDER:** If you are on **Facebook**, please join the REMCO Group. You'll find the latest information as well as videos and live stream broadcasts of our Quarterly meetings. Here is a link to the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/527512874350767> . The group is a private group so an admin will approve your membership. Be sure and answer the simple questions when prompted.