



Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc.  
A 501(c)(7) Association (REMCOAI) **September 2022**

## NEWSLETTER

The quarterly luncheon & business meeting of the Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, September 13**, at the Merced Elks Lodge, 19th & "M" St, Merced.

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

**RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY** and required by September 2nd to have an accurate head count for food. The following people will accept your reservation:

**Jackie Walther-Parnell** (209) 725-8297  
**Lola Barnett** (209) 658-5109

### Officers & Board of Directors

President: Jackie Walther-Parnell	725-8297
Vice Pres: R. Scott Johnston	617-2126
Secretary: LaVon Justice	722-8202
Treasurer: Lola Barnett	658-5109
Director: Michael Harris	357-5566
Director: Vacant	
Director: Vacant	
Director: Bernadette Castaneda	725-1929
Director: Barbara Carbonaro	769-0279
Director: Vacant	
Retirement Bd Rep: R. Scott Johnston	617-2126
Retirement Bd Alt: Michael Harris	357-5566

### Appointed Staff

CRCEA Delg: Jackie Walther-Parnell	725-8297
MCERA Representative and	
CRCEA Alt. Delg: R.Scott Johnston	617-2126

Past President: John Carlisle	722-9249
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REMCO WEBSITE: [www.REMCOMerced.com](http://www.REMCOMerced.com)  
MercedCERA WEBSITE: [www.mercedcera.com](http://www.mercedcera.com)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jackie Walther-Parnell, CGFM-Ret

**Hope everyone is has been having a great summer!**

REMCO is trying out a new way to send out a newsletter. Michael Harris, a new REMCO director, has helped find a company that will prepare the newsletter package for mailing. This newsletter may look difference than previous newsletters. John Carlisle stepped down from preparing the newsletter after many years of service preparing and sending out our newsletter. Thank you, John, for all your years of hard work on behalf of REMCO. We expect the newsletter to look a bit different in the beginning as we work out the kinks and welcome your suggestions for changes. Michael Harris volunteered to help put together this first attempt. Thank you Mike!

**Our next REMCO meeting and luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Please have your reservations in no later than Friday, September 2nd. You can call Lola, LaVon or me to make your reservations, or you can make a request on the REMCO Facebook Page.**

Steve Pettee of Pacific Coast Agencies will be at our September meeting to talk about benefits available through his agency. These are benefits that first became available a couple of years ago. These benefits are available for REMCO members only. He will be able to answer any questions you have about these benefits. His presentation will start at 10:30 am prior to the general meeting.

**If you make a reservation but can't make it, please call one of us to cancel. REMCO is charged for all lunches ordered whether the person attends or not. The Elks Lodge, who provides our lunches, has increased their prices due to increases in costs of products and labor. We are now being charged over \$24 per person for lunch (includes tax and fees). This has gone up considerably since we last had a price increase. Two years ago, the price for guests was increased from \$8 to \$9 with no increase in price for members. Members' price had not increased in several years. The Board discussed this at their February meeting and after much discussion voted to raise the price for members to \$8 per lunch (1/3 of the cost, with REMCO paying the remaining \$16) and \$12 for guests (1/2 of the cost). Each year the Board reviews the cost and price for luncheon meetings.**

REMCO is looking for nominations for new directors. Current directors are: Michael Harris (completing a slot that became vacant), Bernedette Castaneda, and Barbara Carbonaro. In addition, there are three (3) empty director positions. All six (6) directors' positions are up for election or re-election. Elections are due and we need nominations. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please let me, LaVon Justice or Scott Johnston know as soon as possible. If you nominate someone, please make sure they are willing to serve. The Board of Directors meets once per quarter. Currently we have been meeting via ZOOM and expect that, even when we can move back to in person meetings, Board members will have the option of attending the Board meeting via ZOOM if they are unable to attend in person or prefer to not attend in person. Perhaps this will make it easier for members in outlying areas to join our Board of Directors.

**CRCEA is our state organization. Their purpose is to protect county retirees' pensions and benefits. The next conference will be held October 9, 2022 through October 12, 2022 in Sacramento. Board of Directors members are encouraged to consider attending this conference.**

We are no longer able to include certain retiree information in our newsletter per the attorney for the Merced County Retirement Office. I know many of you look forward to that information, but we have been informed that it is no longer allowed due to privacy regulations.

**Please join us for the September 13th meeting and come early to hear about member benefits from Steve Pettee.**

Jackie

MONTHLY DRAW WINNER!

The most recent monthly draw from REMCO MEMBERS  
list WINNER IS MIKE HOGAN of Los Banos, CA  
Congrats to MIKE !!

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!!

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

**DANIEL MURPHY** - *Parents Daniel and Teresa Murphy, Retiree Daniel Murphy*  
**REGAN PELLISSIER** - *Parents Tim and Amy Pellissier, Retiree Michael Tanner*

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

**PHOEBE WYATT** - *Parents Erick Wyatt and Joanne Poesido, Retiree Joann Wyatt*  
**TYLER MINOR** - *Parents Mike and Kristine Minor, Retiree Delia Minor*  
**CELINA MARIE HENN** - *Parents Christopher and Myra Ferr-Henn, Retiree Kenneth Henn*

MERCED COUNTY HEALTH PLAN CHANGES

The Anthem 200 (Traditional Medical Plan) will be frozen after the upcoming Open Enrollment (October 17-28, 2022)

What does that mean??

If you are in the Anthem 500 (Low Cost Medical Plan,) and are considering moving to the Anthem 200 (Traditional Medical Plan,) this Open Enrollment will be the last Open Enrollment you can make this change because the Anthem 200 will be frozen after this Open Enrollment.  
The Merced County Human Resources Benefits Analysts will be at the REMCO meeting on September 13, 2022 to answer any questions you may have.

**And....**  
Darlene Ingersol, Registrar of Voters, will speak about opportunities to be involved in the General Election during the Business Meeting.

NEW RETIREES

Mary	G	Goulart	COMMERCE AVIATION & ECONOMIC DEV	5/31/2022
Kenneth	Makoto	Kobashigawa	DEPT OF ADMIN SVCS-INFORMATION SYS	5/31/2022
William	K	Olson	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	5/31/2022
Jarrad	R	Tramp	DPW-ROAD DIVISION	5/31/2022
Mary	Ellen	Arana	HSA-ELIGIBILITY SERVICES DIVISION	4/30/2022
James	L	Brown	COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE	4/30/2022
Yvonne	M	Burns	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	4/30/2022
Susana	Flores	Hogue	HSA-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIV	4/30/2022
Janice	L	Martin	HSA-SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION	4/30/2022
Brian	Austin	Miller	SHERIFF	4/30/2022
Aurora		Rocha	HSA-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	4/30/2022
Jesse	T	Rodriguez	ADMINISTRATIVE SVCS-CUSTODIAL	4/30/2022
Thomas	S	Xiong	SHERIFF	4/30/2022
LEW		ABANATHIE	HOSPITAL	4/1/2022
Robert	L	Jenkins	PROB-JUVENILE	3/31/2022
Rebecca	C	Barrena	HSA-SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION	2/28/2022
Yvonne		Herrera	HSA-ELIGIBILITY SERVICES DIVISION	2/28/2022
Lydia	F	Glenn	HSA-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIV	1/31/2022
Brian		Liebelt	DEPT OF ADMIN SVCS-INFORMATION SYS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CAL WORKS ALCH & DRG	1/31/2022
Timothy	Stephen	Pierce	ASSESSOR	1/1/2022
Kent	B	Christensen	PROBATION	1/1/2022
William	H	Davidson	AUDITOR-CONTROLLER	1/1/2022
Marshall	Stephen	Jones	PROBATION	1/1/2022
Jeffery	E	Kettering	ASSESSOR	1/1/2022
Barbara	J	Levey	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1/1/2022
Michael	L	Pro	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1/1/2022
Gordon	J	Spencer	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1/1/2022
Joseph	M	Tresidder	CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AGENCY	1/1/2022
Rhonda	L	Walton	UC MERCED DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	1/1/2022
Greg	B	Wellman		12/31/2021
Mark	A	Chadwick	PROBATION	12/31/2021
Maurina	E	Erickson	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	12/31/2021
Cindy		Morse	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-ADMINISTRATION	11/30/2021
Virginia	R	Haygood	CASTLE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT CENTER	11/30/2021
Susan		Kwiatkowski	DPW-ROAD DIVISION	11/30/2021
JUDY		TROVAO	HSA-SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION	11/30/2021
Raquel		Velazquez		

RIP - Director Ken Brummell 8/5/2022