



Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc.
A 501(c)(7) Association (REMCOAI) *May 2026*

NEWSLETTER

The quarterly luncheon & business meeting of the Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, June 9th** at the Merced Elks Lodge, 19th & "M" St, Merced.

Topic: Merced City Topics with Jennifer Flackman and Fire Chief Wilson.

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 5th to have an accurate head count for food. The following people will accept your reservation:

Gloria Keene (209) 259-9870
Michele Burroughs (209) 769-0367
(call or text include name in text)
or our Facebook Page.

Please state if member or guest

Officers and Directors

President	Lori Norman	209-769-5556
Vice President	Dartine Solis	209-617-4821
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Treasurer	Richard St Marie	209-201-9057
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Director Social	Kelly Pedrozo	209-761-4970
Director - Communications Newsletter/FB	Open	
Director - Events (Speakers)	Gloria Keene	209-259-9870
Director - Scholarships	Bernadette Castaneda	209-725-1929
Director - Registration	Michele Burroughs	209-769-0367

President's Message

Happy Easter, Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day! It's hard to believe the year is moving so quickly.

Tax season was a challenge with all the changes due to the OBBB. I hope a lot of you benefited from these changes. This bill has some additional changes for 2026, so look forward to those.

I'm sad to announce the resignation of Lola Barnett as our Past President. Life has gotten in the way, and she has made the decision to no longer participate on our Board. She will continue to be a REMCO member. We all wish her well and thank her for her years of service to REMCO. Gloria Keene will now assist with reservations. Please see her information in another section of the newsletter.

New retirees, that have made the decision to join REMCO, will now receive a free lunch ticket for the first membership meeting after they retire. We have sent the first set of lunch tickets to new members. If you receive one, make your reservation now. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

I will be out of town during our next membership meeting. Gloria Keene has offered to take my place and run the meeting. Thank you Gloria!

I know with gas prices rising, we are probably going to curtail some of our travel plans for the rest of the year. This is a great opportunity to suggest some group trips that REMCO can sponsor and save you some money.

Have a great summer and I'll see you in September.

Lori

New Retirees

Name	Years	Department	Eff. Date
Mark Araiza	20	Probation	12/13/2025
Daniel Baltezone	23	DPW	12/13/2025
Jeffrey Hogan	6	Fire	12/23/2026
Anthony Massadey	23	BHRS	12/27/2025
Kenneth Masasso	4	Admin Services	1/1/2026
Jan McGraw	6	Superior Court	12/14/2025
Robert O'Rourke	1	County Counsel	1/20/2026
Lupe Rubalcava	17	HSA	1/15/2026
Yorel Ackerman	31	DPW	1/3/2026
Sergio Avila	19	Sheriff	2/8/2026
Joseph Firestine	15	Admin Services	2/7/2026
Pedro Paz	2	First Five	12/26/2025
Beatriz Ponce De Leon	22	HSA	1/24/2026
Salvador Sandoval	1	Health Admin	1/27/2026
Rochelle Stolle	20	Probation	2/21/2026
Robert Thomas, Jr	6	DPW	2/7/2026
Zahid Iqbal	19	HSA	3/7/2026
Cassandra Loveall	25	HSA	3/3/2026

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MercedCERA WEBSITE: www.mercedcera.com

Scholarship Winners \$1,000

Matthew Fincher – REMCO member James Fincher

Angelo Tumonong – REMCO member Alma Contreras

Geno Garcia - REMCO member Marge Madrid

Fiona Kutcher - REMCO member Roseleen Henn

Alani Rocha - REMCO member Arnulfo Rocha

Marissa Martinez - REMCO member Annamarie and Donald Washburn

We had an impressive group of applicants! We have invited the winners to our June meeting so you can all and congratulate them.

Monthly Draw Winner – Ronald Kinchloe \$50 Visa Gift Card

Elections – Elections for director positions will be held at our September meeting. All our current directors have made the decision to return. There is still an open position for Communications Director. Please let me know if you are interested in running for this position.

By-Laws – We are in the process of updating our By-Laws. There is a draft copy available for review on our website. Please review and contact Karen Rodriguez if you have any comments or questions. We will also have an open discussion time during our next meeting. A final vote will be held during our September meeting.

Reservations for General Membership meetings – Great job on getting reservations made for the March meeting. It is so important to make a reservation, so we can provide the Elk's an accurate count for lunch. REMCO pays for every reservation that is made. There were quite a few no-shows. Please let us know ASAP if you are unable to attend.

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.