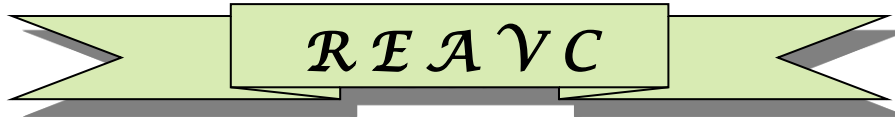




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"DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SERVED"

MAY JUNE 2011

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
By Art Goulet



Well, it's been a busy time since I last wrote this article! In April, I went to a pension conference in San Francisco, the CRCEA conference in San Diego, and traveled to Sacramento to testify at a State Senate Committee hearing on CRCEA-sponsored SB 203 (see the last issue of this Newsletter for a brief description of the bill).

In May, I attended the SACRS conference in Santa Barbara, took a trip to Wyoming, attended a pension trustees' roundtable and, in the second week of June, traveled again to Sacramento to testify at a State Assembly Committee hearing on SB 203, which had passed out of the Senate. Mix in to all of that, Board of Retirement meetings, SACRS Legislative Committee meetings, and the May Member Luncheon, and I wonder (and my wife wonders) if I am really retired.

The trip to Wyoming was a sad one. My wife's only aunt, who was 93, was on her death bed and we wanted to see her one more time. Up until about a month ago, this lady was very active, still drove, and was quite mentally alert. In fact, she could beat my wife and me in Rummikub and Scrabble (where she came up with some of the words, I don't know, but they were always correct!). Also, we were scheduled to take her on a road trip to the Black Hills in South Dakota and the Teddy Roosevelt country in North Dakota later this month, after which she was going to fly to Eastern Washington to spend time with two of her sons at their vacation homes at a place called Bead Lake. Anyway, she suffered a blood clot in her leg, and was told the damage done would require amputation of her leg above the knee. She decided she would rather go home from the hospital to die. While we were at her home in Wyoming, despite being under heavy medication for pain, she was reasonably alert and we had some nice conversations and some laughs. I tell this story not to evoke sympathy, but to remind you to live your life to the fullest every day whatever your age, because you don't know what tomorrow will bring.

In the agenda packet for the Board of Retirement meeting of June 6, there were 60 letters from recipients of the STAR COLA benefit, each describing the personal impact of the Board's decision to terminate this benefit at the end of July. In order to be eligible for this benefit, one (or one's spouse, if a survivor beneficiary) had to have retired prior to April 2, 1981. Presently, there are only 376 recipients of this benefit, and their median age is 83. The median total pension benefit they receive is \$1433, include the \$108.44 and \$27.50 supplemental benefits. Of the total pension, the median STAR COLA amount is \$237, or 16.5% of the total. For those who retired, or whose spouse retired in 1975 or earlier, the percentage is considerably greater. Barbara Kirchoff, a survivor beneficiary of a Sheriff's Deputy

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who died in the line of duty in 1973, made an excellent presentation at the Board meeting. In her case, she will lose about 36% of her total pension amount, or about \$10,000 a year. At the conclusion of her presentation, I made some remarks about how disappointed I was that the Board had made its decision to terminate the STAR COLA benefit without any discussion of possible alternative ways to finance its continuation. I also pointed out that the limited number of recipients were our oldest and most vulnerable retirees or survivors (actually, 156 recipients are survivors) who retired with much lower pensions than those who retired in later years, and whose final compensation did not include many of the items now required to be included under the Ventura decision. Most also did not have 457 or 401(k) retirement accounts. Unfortunately, no other Board member made any comment, which was further disappointing.

See the Retirement Board News later in this Newsletter for an update on the VCTA lawsuit against VCERA, regarding disclosure of names and pension amounts of retirees. The appeal of the decision in a similar case filed by the San Diego County Employees' Retirement Association will be heard by the Appellate Court in their district on June 13.

VCTA is considering filing an initiative to require the County to eliminate certain current items of compensation so they could not be considered as part of final compensation for the purpose of determining a pension amount. As you may have read in the newspaper, the County has already temporarily halted the ability of new management employees from selling back unused annual leave. A portion of what is received for the sell-back is currently included in final compensation. If successful, this initiative would have no effect on current retirees.

In the Orange County case where the current Board of Supervisors has tried to undo the retroactive component of the 3% at 50 pension benefit for Sheriff's deputies, the State Supreme Court has decided not to take the County's appeal of the lower court's decision that the retroactive component was vested. I had guessed they would take it because of the statewide implications of the case, but I was obviously wrong.

My current term as Retiree Member of the Board of Retirement, as well as Will Hoag's as Alternate Retired Member, ends in November. We will both be running for re-election, when the election is held in September. We will be seeking signatures for our nomination petitions in the first two weeks of July. If you think we are doing a good job and would be interested in signing either or both of the petitions, please let us know by e-mail. If we need you, we'll get back to you. The rules require a minimum of 20 signatures, but no more than 30.



APRIL CRCEA CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO IS A SUCCESS!

By Ron Janes

The conference in San Diego provided representatives from all of CRCEA's Associations the opportunity to network and learn. The subject of the constant media attacks on retirees was a frequent theme in presentations and discussions.

Walt Ekard, San Diego County CAO, opened the conference by singing "America the Beautiful," and recalling the tremendous good done in past and present by those in public service. He viewed the sensationalizing of the public employee pension issue by the media as their attempt to hang on to their own fiscal viability. Unfortunately, this attempt to sell papers and air time carries with it the risk of the loss of public trust in government employees. He urged everyone to make sure the story of the good done for the public by their employees is told for the benefit of all, as well as for the upcoming generation that might be considering a career in public service.

San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis warned us about criminals who take advantage of seniors, and steps that you can take to protect yourself. From fake emails to callers telling their victims that relatives are in trouble and need money, the current scams are seemingly endless. She advises not to give out personal information to anyone and thoroughly check out potential offers before taking any action. In the case of in-home care workers, thorough background checks should be made before hiring someone – serial elder abuse and theft is all too common.

The “Network of Care” website was presented by Kathy Sterbenc. The website: <http://networkofcare.org/home.cfm> has a library of helpful information for all seniors, and in some counties there is a local site listing of agencies that can provide assistance.

Additional presentations on financial scams, identity theft prevention, and personal safety highlighted the necessity of vigilance for all of us. Among the lessons:

- Be constantly aware of your surroundings whether you are at home, walking, shopping in a store, in your car, or in a parking lot.
- Recognize that if something “doesn’t seem right, it’s probably not.”
- Let someone know where you’ll be if you are going on a trip or deviating from your normal routine.
- Plan your activities in advance from the time you leave until you get home.
- Never give out your personal information over the telephone or internet.
- At home keep your windows and doors locked even when you are there, and never answer the door without checking through a peep hole first to see who is there.

A Health Care Reform Update was provided by Stephen Murphy of AON Consulting. While repeal is being discussed and may or may not occur, there definitely will be many legislative changes to come. Regulations are still being written by the Health & Human Services Department. The current biggest challenge is finding insurance for people in the age 55 to 65 group, which is the “most expensive segment of the insurance market.” In conclusion, the one thing we know for sure about the current Health Care situation is that there “will be a shortage of providers, and more people will have access to insurance.”

One of the more animated presentations was a panel discussion moderated by Bob Palmer, the Executive Director of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS). It featured two taxpayer representatives debating two representatives of our current system. Although most of the arguments are all too familiar to CRCEA members, a few of the points made are worth mentioning again:

- Up to 75% of the public pension payments to retirees come from the earnings of the fund on the contributions made by the employees and employers
- The public agency pension contributions are a relatively small part of their overall budget
- The level of employee contributions to pension funds were determined by collective bargaining, with employees often giving up raises in return for the County picking up their previous share of contributions.

CRCEA Legislative Chair Art Goulet, along with CRCEA Legislative Consultant Amy Brown, brought us up to speed on developments on pension legislation in Sacramento. Given the predominance of the current budget battle, the future here is even murkier than in previous years.

Finally, there were committee meetings, round tables and social gatherings. Several counties, including Contra Costa, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, Sonoma, and Stanislaus are in or on the verge of litigation. Their reports were of use to all CRCEA members who find themselves with similar issues.

With the successful conclusion of the Conference, Sonoma County Representatives invited CRCEA members to the 2011 Fall Conference, scheduled for October 24-26, 2011 at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel in Santa Rosa, California. Mark your calendars today, details to follow in future issues.



*Life isn't about how to survive the storm,
But how to dance in the rain.*

RETIREMENT BOARD NEWS

By Art Goulet

The market roller coaster continues! March was essentially flat, with total system assets rising slightly to \$3.16 billion, including quarterly real estate valuations. At the end of April, assets had climbed to \$3.24 billion. However, from all indications, May was not a good month. Although the numbers are not in yet, I expect the next monthly report to the Board of Retirement will show the system's asset value will be lower.

On May 11, the Third Appellate District filed its decision in the Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System's (SCERS) appeal of a decision of the Sacramento Superior Court's ruling that pension amounts and names of recipients were a matter of public record. The Appellate Court upheld the Superior Court's ruling that SCERS must disclose names and corresponding pension benefit amounts of its members. The decision does not require disclosure of the members' home or e-mail addresses, telephone numbers or social security numbers. SCERS has decided not to appeal this decision to the Supreme Court, although they have sought clarification from the Appellate Court as to exactly what comprises "individual" records of members that are considered confidential under the 1937 Act. The Court has refused the SCERS request for clarification. There are two other similar cases pending in other Appellate Districts, in which decisions have yet to be rendered. These involve the San Diego County Employees' Retirement Association and the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association. If either of these cases results in a differing decision, the issue will undoubtedly be elevated to the Supreme Court.

As you are probably aware, the Ventura County Taxpayers Association (VCTA) had sued VCERA

over the same issue when VCERA refused to disclose names of members receiving pensions of \$100,000 or more. While the SCERS appeal was pending, and prior to the time VCTA sued, VCERA had committed to abide by the ruling in the SCERS case. Because of this earlier commitment, after learning of the Appellate Court's decision, VCERA decided to release the sought after names and numbers.

Since Ventura County is one of the very few public agencies in the state that did not increase retirement benefits after the State raised benefits for its employees in the early 2000s, and gave local public agencies authority to do the same, I was somewhat surprised by the number of our retirees in the so-called \$100K club. The most recent count was about 335, or approximately 6.1% of our retirees. When one considers that the last actuarial valuation, as of June 30, 2010, showed the average monthly benefit, not including the supplements of \$108.44 and \$27.50, to be \$2,959, \$1,254, and \$6,123 for General Tier 1, General Tier 2, and Safety retirees, respectively, the number in \$100K club seems high.

The Board of Retirement has not yet been able to fill the position of Retirement Administrator. Upon completion of a recruitment process, the Board made an offer to one of the top-rated candidates. Early in the morning of June 6, that candidate informed the Chair of the Board that he was declining the offer. At the Board's meeting that day, the Chair was authorized to make an offer to another qualified candidate. As of this writing, we don't know whether that candidate will accept the offer.



"Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature.

It will never fail you."

...Frank Lloyd Wright

Insurance Issues
By Ron Janes & Bob Riggs

County sponsored medical insurance plans are currently available to retired County employees and surviving spouses who receive a monthly pension check from the Ventura County Employees Retirement Association (VCERA) and continued their employee medical insurance coverage when they retired. Over the past several years we have seen premium costs for them rise dramatically, and a large number of County employees and retirees moved from higher cost plans to lower cost ones with fewer benefits. Last year's federal health care reform has added both regulations and new costs for insurance and health care providers. All of these factors will influence what may be available through the County in 2012.

At this point in time, it is too early to predict much about what is going to be available – other than it won't be less expensive. Later this month we will meet with the Joint Labor Management Health Care Committee to review the 2011 claims experience for both the Ventura County Health Care Plan (VCHCP) and the Health Net Plans. At that time we hope to get an update on the progress toward developing next year's plans, and will report back to you in the next issue

About to become Medicare Eligible?

For retirees under the age of 65 the Health Insurance Plan options are the same ones available to current County employees, and these retirees pay rates based on the claims experience of all employees in the plans "blended" with pre-Medicare eligible retirees. If retirees were separated from the employees' claims experience pool, their rates would most likely double. Finding insurance at affordable rates outside a group plan is almost impossible for those in the 50-65 age bracket. Also once you leave the County Health Insurance Program, you will not be allowed back in, so you should never take that step without a consultation first with Human Resources/Benefits.

Upon becoming eligible for Medicare, you will have a different set of plans available, and should contact Human Resources/Benefits several months in advance of becoming eligible. The County's "Retiree Health Benefits Handbook for the 2011 Plan Year" is available from their offices, and it has a summary of the plans for all County retirees, including Medicare Eligible. The four plans for retirees and their dependents covered by Medicare Parts A & B are:

1. Health Net's Medicare Coordination of Benefits (COB) HMO Plan
2. Health Net's Medicare Flex Net (COB)
3. Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage HMO Plan
4. Ventura County Health Care Medicare Coordination of Benefits (COB) HMO Plan.

Several months before becoming eligible for Medicare, you'll want to take a look at their website: www.medicare.gov. It has an extensive collection of resources explaining Medicare benefits, coverage options, rights and protections, and answers to frequently asked questions about Medicare. It also explains the secure online service where Medicare users can access their personal information about benefits, etc. (see: www.mymedicare.gov)

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging has a "Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program" (HICAP) which provides "free and unbiased counseling to, and advocacy for, Medicare recipients and those who will soon be receiving Medicare." You can reach them at 805/477-7310 if you live in Ventura County. Call 800/434-0222 if you now live elsewhere. Their website has information many have found helpful: www.medicareRoute66.com.

Assistance with Health Insurance Needs

Patty Vandewater at Human Resources is the Retiree Health Plan administrator and should be the primary contact for all retiree county health insurance issues. Her telephone number at the County is: 805/662-6791. Her email address is Patty.Vandewater@ventura.org.

Contact information for the health plans is as follows:

HEALTH NET: Phone: 800/522-0088

Website: www.healthnet.com

VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH CARE PLAN: Phone: 805/981-5050

Website: www.vchca.org/hcp

KAISER PERMANENTE SENIOR ADVANTAGE: Phone: 800/443-0815

Website: www.kp.org

GOLDEN WEST DENTAL: Phone: 805/987-8941

Website: www.goldenwestdental.com

ANTHEM BLUE CROSS: Phone: 800/627-0004

Website: www.anthem.com

MES VISION PLAN: Phone: 800/877-6372

Website: www.mesvision.com

For those needing help with their current County Retiree Health Plans, a reminder of the schedule of the Benefits Assistance help meetings for the rest of the year is below:

Health Net – 2nd Wednesday
11:00 am-12:30 pm
Room SR-1 (Main Plaza)

June 8, 2011
July 13, 2011
August 10, 2011
September 14, 2011
October 12, 2011
November 9, 2011
December 14, 2011

VCHCP – 3rd Wednesday
11:00 am-12:30 pm
Room SR-1 (Main Plaza)

June 15, 2011
July 20, 2011
August 17, 2011
September 21, 2011
October 19, 2011
November 16, 2011
December 21, 2011



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Thank you, Linda

LUNCHEONS
By Ray Holzer



I know it is kind of early to let you know about our September 6, 2011, luncheon since we are just barely starting summer (at least that is what the calendar indicates, although so far the weather has not been very summer like). But, due to newsletter publication scheduling we must let you know about our September luncheon in this issue. So when you are ready, no rush, give one of us a call or an email to obtain your reservation number.

As usual the luncheon will be at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road, Ventura. Reservations will be accepted until we have reached room capacity, or noon Wednesday, August 31, whichever occurs first. Should you contact us after the limit, or deadline is reached you will be placed on a waiting list. If you make a reservation and cannot attend please let us know so we can give your reservation to someone else. If your phone or email is not acknowledged within 2 days something bad has happened in cyberspace, or my place, and you will need to try again. For reservations contact:

Carol "Mike" Aalbers 207-1768, retirdmike@gmail.com
Judy Sewell, 654-8304, sewellj119@sbcglobal.net
Ray or Linda Holzer, 644-3702, rayholzer2@aol.com

Carpool if you can and remember that spaces at the rear entrance (check in level) are for those with difficulty with stairs. When you arrive at the luncheon make sure someone checks your name off before you enter the dining room.

Thank you again for your generous donations of food items to Food Share. The barrels will again be available at the September luncheon.

See you in September, Ray

CONTACT NEWSLETTER CHAIRPERSON

Members are encouraged to submit their views, comments, articles, cartoons and photos pertinent to REAVC issues. You must include your name so we can verify your membership, but it will be withheld if you so request. Please email your submissions to info@reavc.org ~~~

*Are you a surviving beneficiary of a
Ventura County Employee?*

By Maryellen Benedetto, Associate Member Representative

Over the past year, we have become aware that there are a number of local retiree "survivors" who have not been attending the quarterly luncheons. This is a request to all the members to help us reach out to this group because they may or may not have present connections with retirees or employees.

We are inviting these associate members and potential members, who have not attended our quarterly luncheons, to call Ray Holzer at 805-644-3702 and let him know that you are being invited as a survivor. Please think about joining us as a guest for a free lunch and interesting program on September 6, 2011 at the Poinsettia Pavilion.

Also, if you identify any "survivor" who has special needs not being met, please call Maryellen Benedetto at 805-644-1831 and we will try to identify resources available in our community.



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When sending an email to the Board and/or Association Officers, please be sure to put REAVC in the subject line.
Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Lauraine Effress

By now, most of our kids and grandkids know where they will be going to school in September and how much it is going to cost them and their families. The one thing we at REAVC know is that it is going to cost them more than it would have last year. All tuition and fees are going only in one direction: up

REAVC wants to help young scholars with our scholarship awards to be given out at our September luncheon--\$1,000 to each of two outstanding candidates. Please make sure your family does not miss out on this opportunity for financial assistance.

The scholarship application and information about how to apply is on the website at www.reavc.org. Just hit the link at the top of the page for “scholarship.” Make sure the applicant follows all directions and meets the July 1 deadline. Tell them to send it a little early, so we can review it and contact them if there is something that needs to be clarified. The address to which to mail applications is included in the instructions. Please take advantage of this as soon as possible. Good luck to one and all the candidates.

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In Memoriam

We acknowledge the passing of the following. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families and friends.

Clifford R. Austin, Jr.

John E. Brown

Linda Butler

Jacqueline D. Casello

William E. Cullen

James A. Fitzpatrick

Roger L. Hoxmeier

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Clarence E. Kennedy

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Johanna M. Vanderhoeven



*A garden of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears.*

CRCEA

By Betty McCollum, Delegate

Here it is June already and our CRCEA San Diego Conference is over, but we had a very good learning experience; but always do by attending. Our opening session with the San Diego County Sheriffs' Honor Guard was very impressive and the singing of "American The Beautiful" by their CAO, Walt Ekard. Walt also gave an overview of his position of taking care of a five billion dollar budget and 16,000 people.

Our next speaker, Bonnie Dumanis, District Attorney of San Diego for 30 years was very knowledgeable in so many subjects of concern to our senior citizens including how to protect ourselves in so many instances. She helped to write the "Child Molest Bill." Ms. Dumanis also warned us of persons that we hire as caregivers in and around our homes. Another warning she gave, and I am very guilty of this along with many others, is when we put our outgoing mail in the mail box with the red flag raised, especially the first week in every month when we pay our bills. "When that red flag is raised it is telling the criminal element to come and get it." It is much safer to take your mail to the post office or the big blue box on the corner.

Another good speaker was Kathy Sterbenc, Publisher Trilogy/Network of Care. She had some very interesting stories to tell of her position working with the criminal element.

Our most asked for presentations are the panels with our Pension Views and our Legislative Sacramento Scene with input from our twenty counties. Art Goulet always does a great job in being our Moderator for the Sacramento Scene as he is our CRCEA Chair of Legislation. Round Table Sessions are also a big factor in finding out the needs and concerns of each county; always interesting what each county is coping with and discovering.

San Diego gave us a great musical Luau with lots of Hawaiian foods to enjoy. The Ventura table won five of the prizes and you should have seen your president in his Hawaiian hat - looked pretty good Art.

**DON'T MISS THE LINKS TO THE VIDEOS FROM OUR LUNCHEON MAY 3RD.
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Tough Times – a recession hits everybody-

- ☞ I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
- ☞ Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.
- ☞ Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.
- ☞ McDonald's is selling the ¼ ounce.
- ☞ Congress says they are looking into this Bernard Madoff scandal. Oh Great! The guy who made \$50 billion disappear is being investigated by the people who made \$1.5 trillion disappear!!!

CURE FOR HEADACHES: Take a lime, cut it in half, and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.



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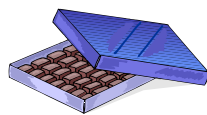
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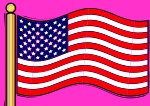


*See's Candies Gift Certificates
By Maria Older*

GOOD NEWS! The now famous See's Candies gift certificates are still only \$13 each. Yep, you heard me, just \$13. As one wise shopper once said, "Why spend \$16.50 at the See's store when you can get their one pound gift certificate from REAVC for \$13?" Well, I couldn't agree more. There are at least three ways you can get in on this deal: at one of the membership luncheons, through the mail, or by calling to make special arrangements. Since the next membership luncheon isn't until September, you may want to choose a speedier method. Questions? Please give me a call at 805-643-8718.

To place a mail order, simply mail your request to REAVC, PO Box 7231, Ventura, CA 93006. Be sure to enclose a check made out to REAVC for the total amount of your purchase, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please be aware that each certificate weighs just under an ounce (including the very nice gift certificate holder). Some of the larger orders require a larger envelope and the larger envelope postage rate. On the other hand, three certificates without the gift holder only need one stamp. If you do not want the gift certificate holder, please note that when you place your order.



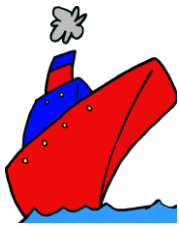
THE BEST WAY TO GET IN THE LAST WORD IS TO APOLOGIZE.

<p>January</p> <p>3 - Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 4 – REAVC Board Mtg 7 – Articles due 24-Board of Retirement Bus Mtg 27-Reservation cut-off date for next luncheon</p>	<p>February</p> <p>1 – General Membership Luncheon 4 – Articles due 7 – Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 28-Board of Retirement Business Mtg</p>	<p>March</p> <p>1 – REAVC Board Mtg 4 – National Pound Cake Day 7 – Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 17-ST PATRICK'S DAY 20-FIRST DAY OF SPRING 21-Board of Retirement Bus Mtg 25 –Articles due</p>
<p>April</p> <p>1 – April Fool's Day 4 – Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 7 – No Housework Day 8 – BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY 17-20 – CRCEA Spring Conf San Diego 18-Board of Retirement Bus Mtg 22-EARTH DAY 24-EASTER 26-Remember Your First Kiss Day ! 27-Reservation cut-off date for next luncheon REAVC Board – No Meeting</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>2 – Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 9 – Mother's Day 3 – General Membership Luncheon 16-Board of Retirement Bus Mtg REAVC Board – No Meeting 25-TAP DANCE DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>31-MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>3 – Articles due 6 – Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 7 – REAVC Board Mtg 8 – BEST FRIENDS DAY 😊 20-Board of Retirement Bus Mtg 20-FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>ADOPT A CAT MONTH </p>
<p>July</p> <p>1 - Scholarship apps due for Sept Luncheon</p> <p>4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY 11-Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 15-COW APPRECIATION DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>18-Board of Retirement Bus Mtg REAVC Board – No Meeting NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH !!!</p>	<p>August</p> <p>2 – REAVC Board Mtg 5 – Articles due 31- Reservations cut-off date for next luncheon Board of Retirement – No Meeting</p>	<p>September</p> <p>6 – General Membership Luncheon (Scholarships awarded) 12-Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 19-Board of Retirement Bus Mtg REAVC Board – No Meeting</p>
<p>October</p> <p>3 – Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 4 – REAVC Board Mtg 7 – Articles due 14-Scholarship apps due for Dec Luncheon 17-19 CRCEA Fall Conference – Sonoma/Mendocino Counties 17-Board of Retirement Business Mtg</p>	<p>November</p> <p>7 – Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 21-Board of Retirement Business Mtg 30-Reservation cut-off date for next luncheon REAVC Board – No Meeting</p>	<p>December</p> <p>5 – Board of Retirement Disability Mtg 6 – General Membership Luncheon (Scholarships awarded) 13-REAVC Board Mtg 16-Articles due 19-Board of Retirement Bus Mtg</p>

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NEW RETIREES

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James A. Aguirre	Sheriff
Bruce D. Arvizu	Fire Protection
Cheryl Rae Bart	HCA
Diana Casey	HCA
Janis L. Cash	HSA
Brenda L. Christianson	Probation
Dale A. Cundiff	Fire Protection
Gary A. Desgagnes	Fire Protection
Linda J. Easterling	HSA
Kerry L. Ellison	Fire Protection
John C. Foy	Fire Protection
Mark Grambling	Sheriff
Diane Hall	Resource Mgmt
Mark J. Hanks	Sheriff
Sandra J. Higginbotham	HCA
Larry O. Kennedy	HSA
Nami H. Maani	HSA
Dennis S. Maine	HSA
Marsha H. Morrow	Probation
Carole J. Nelson	HSA
Evelia M. Ortega	HCA
Tamara L. Paxton	HCA
Margaret L. Peters	HSA
Hilda Pina	AuditorController
Ridgway L. Pope	HSA
Glen A. Renner	Fire Protection
James A. Robertson	HCA
Mary K. Robinson	CEO
Peggy G. Seay	Assessor
Shelley Signor	Courts
Kathlyn M. Smith	HSA
Nancy J. Steward	HCA
Mark G. Taillon	Fire Protection
Joyce A. Taylor	Board of Supervisors
Michael D. Winton	Assessor

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