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MAY – JUNE 2026

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We Need You for the REAVC Board!

The REAVC Board currently has two vacancies. If you are interested, please send your bio, or a list of qualifications, and a brief note expressing your interest in serving on the REAVC Board to: Elections, P.O. Box 7231, Ventura, CA 93006-7231.

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MESSAGE FROM REAVC VICE-PRESIDENT – ROBERTA GRIEGO

The REAVC Board of Directors wants to wish you all a “Happy Spring” soon to be a “Happy Summer.” We have so much to share with you that will be taking place over the next two months.

Pension Court Case

On May 6, 2026, the CA Supreme Court heard oral arguments to the lawsuit regarding VCERA’s plans to review and recalculate pensions for those who retired on or after January 1, 2013. The Criminal Justice Attorneys’ Association, along with the Ventura County Professional Peace Officers’ Association, represented the retirees’ case. REAVC’s attorney and a REAVC Board member were present to offer support and to represent you. As you know, for the past three years, as soon as REAVC learned about VCERA’s new policy, a REAVC committee has been working to review VCERA’s plans for pension recalculation. REAVC has had a dedicated Committee, which, along with the entire REAVC Board of Directors, has been writing letters and appearing before the VCERA Board. Other supporters of our effort have also appeared before VCERA. As a result of this work, and consultation with various counsel and other jurisdictions, REAVC strongly disagrees with VCERA’s interpretation of the law. We retained an attorney to represent REAVC and its retirees and to coordinate with the unions’ attorney. On behalf of your REAVC Board of Directors we want to say “Thank You” to all who have provided donations, or your signatures, toward this effort. It has all been a help!

For anyone wanting to listen and watch the archive of the court proceedings you can do so by using this link”

<https://supreme.courts.ca.gov/> You might need the case # which is S283978.

A decision could be issued anywhere from a month to 3 months after the May 6 hearing. We will keep you posted on the outcome. We know this is very crucial in protecting all County of Ventura Retirement Pensions, which you all have worked so hard over the years to receive.

June Scholarship Luncheon

Just a reminder that our “Scholarship Luncheon” will take place on Tuesday, June 2, where we will award and recognize the young men and women who are this year’s scholarship awardees. During this event, we will award multiple scholarships to children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of our current REAVC members. We have received so many scholarship applications this year that it will be hard for the Scholarship Committee to make decisions on who the awardees will be. We look forward to seeing the awardees and their families at our luncheon so we can “Congratulate” them!

Hope to see you at the June 2nd luncheon, we wish you a happy Spring going into Summer!

VCERA RETIREMENT BOARD NEWS - BY ART GOULET

VCERA’s investment portfolio gained 1.9% in February, ending the month with a value of \$9.92 billion. Notably, these results were recorded just before the conflict in Iran began on the final day of the month.

As expected, significant volatility in global public markets following the onset of the war led to a decline of 3.8% in March, reducing the portfolio’s value to \$9.52 billion. Fortunately, markets have rebounded, with the S&P 500 increasing 9.64% from April 1 through close of business April 30, 2026.

At its April 27th meeting, the Board of Retirement adopted both a 2026 Private Equity Annual Plan and a 2026 Private Credit Investment Pacing Plan. These important plans guide the framework and pacing of private equity and credit investments by the investment consultants and in-house investment staff for the calendar year.

The election for the vacant General Member slot on the BoR was held on April 28th. It was won by Ms. Xiaoli Cioffi, who will serve for the remainder of the term which ends on December 31, 2027. Ms. Cioffi is an employee of the County IT Department and has more than twenty years of experience with Ventura County and Santa Barbara County. Interestingly, she was elected twice to serve on the Santa Barbara County Employees’ Retirement System Board of Retirement. In all my years on VCERA’s Board, this is the first time we will have a new member with prior Board experience.

At our most recent REAVC Board meeting, member Lyn Krieger reported that the California Supreme Court’s oral arguments in the appeal of the Appellate Court decision in the Ventura County Employees’ Retirement Association v. Criminal Justice Attorney’s Association of Ventura County case (the “Straddling” case) were expected to take place in Los Angeles in June. However, the Court has since scheduled arguments for 1:30 p.m. on May 6 in San Francisco.

Also on May 6, but at 9:00 a.m., the California Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the Los Angeles County Employees’ Retirement Association (LACERA) v. County of Los Angeles et al. case. The outcome will determine the scope of the plenary authority granted to California county retirement systems under Proposition 162, approved by the voters and implemented in 1992 to amend the state Constitution, granting public employee retirement boards plenary authority and fiduciary responsibility over their systems. LACERA has argued that this authority extends to determining the classifications and salary structures of its staff, even though those employees are legally employed by the County of Los Angeles.

PAPA B1- BY BUTCH BRITT –BOB DYLAN AND HIGH SCHOOL DAYS

“How often times I repine for the days of old. When we dug up the gold, in the days of '49...”

Bob Dylan - Traditional



I confess that I have long been a fan of old Robert Allen Zimmerman AKA Bob Dylan. When I first heard him sing in the 60's, I thought there's a guy who may just be a worse singer than me. Having failed as a backup singer and guitar player as a teenager, I was almost convinced to pick up my old guitar and give it another try. But my folks had spent all that money to send me to college, so I figured I'd stick it out. Besides, I didn't have the legs, nor were my guitar skills very good, and to be honest, I was tone deaf.

But Bob grew on you the more you listened to the words. He was and still is a great poet. And one of his less famous songs resonated with me through the years – “The days of 49”. It is a story of an old gold digger recalling some of the friends and comrades of his youth and the good times they shared. At least that's my interpretation. You're welcome to your own.

I've never been good at keeping in touch with old friends or comrades. One of my great faults. But I do think fondly of them often, as the night wanes and the Jack slides down.

High School was a time of uncertainty, body changes, acne, fear of the future, and various other unpleasant things associated with growing up. But we were a group of boys and girls that seemed to hang out together. We weren't the “A” clique, but we were friends and comrades, and we seemed to enjoy each other's company and share “adventures.”

I often drove. I was the one with a driver's license, and parents that for some reason trusted me to drive. My Dad had a second or third hand Chevy that he didn't mind me using – at least around town. But I was supposed to bring it back clean, some gas and no new dents – heck I could fill the whole gas tank for just a few bucks!

We started a rotating card club and met at a different house to play bridge once a week or so. None of us really knew how to play bridge. It was just kind of an “in” thing back then because that's the card game that was played in one of the new James Bond books. We kinda kept score, but there were no winners or losers. Not sure we even knew how to keep score to be honest, but we'd play, gossip, slap cards down on the table, and eat a lot of chips, dips, and sometimes little bitty sandwiches. Actually, that was the real reason we met for bridge, some of the mom's put out really good chow for us when we played at their house. Anyway, when the chow and gossip started to run low, we figured it was time for the last deal, and load back up in the old Chevy, and drive as many as possible back home. No seatbelts in them days, three people in the front seat and as many as we could squeeze in the back seat. There weren't a lot of streetlights on the roads, drainage ditches on both sides of most roads. How did we ever make it home alive?

It was the time of “Camelot” We had a young President, and we were going to the moon. We were all excited. President Kennedy started a program of 50-mile hikes. It was intended to be an accomplishment for young people to show they were hale, healthy, conditioned and full of “vi-g-orr.” Now walking used to be not so much of a chore for me as it is today. Then I thought I could walk 50 miles before breakfast, chop a cord of wood, and still find time to paint the house – all before noon.

We all wanted to be good Americans and figured this was something we could do for our country and the young President. The idea of joining the Peace Corps didn't sound like much fun. So, we made plans to do a 50-mile hike on one weekend when almost everyone could make it.

None of us were particularly athletic. I tried out for the football team once, but the only positions offered to me were right bench or left out. When a coach asked me if I wanted to try out tackling dummy, I figured my glory days were not to be. But walking didn't sound too hard. After all, I walked home from school at least once a week, uphill both ways.

We planned our 50-mile hike in excruciating detail. We mapped out a round-trip route that started at a sweet potato farm that one of the fathers managed and ended up there at the end. But we omitted one detail in our planning and optimism. Fifty miles is a heck-of-a-long way and takes a long, long time to walk.

Somewhere about a quarter to halfway through our trek, with legs aching, blisters aplenty and our optimism waning, one of the parents drove by in a pickup truck. It didn't take much convincing for all of us to load up in the bed of the truck and ride back to the farm. Yes, we rode in the bed of the truck! Don't tell the regulators.

There we were treated to a picnic lunch of fried chicken, iced tea, beans, corn bread, other assorted veggies, and sweet potato pie. To this day, I can't eat sweet potatoes without thinking of those young friends and comrades.

I often repine what happened to those boys and girls. I hope they are all well, hale and happy. We all had great dreams and expectations and knowing the character and resolve of these young friends and comrades, I am sure they all did well in their lives.

***"My comrades they all loved me well, a jolly saucy crew
A few hard cases I will recall though they all were brave and true
Whatever the pitch they never would flinch, they never would fret or whine
Like good old bricks they stood the kicks in the days of '49. ----"***

Hope to see you at the next REAVC Luncheon. Stop by and say hello. I'll be the fat, old bald guy at the candy table in the back, behind the potted plants trying to sell See's candy cards. Don't expect sweet potato pie though.



SEE's Candy Gift Card Sales

REAVC is still selling \$25 SEE's CANDY gift cards. The gift cards do not expire. You can buy as few or as many as you want at the discounted price of \$21 each. They are relatively easy to mail or use as holiday gifts. But remember, while they are worth \$25 of See's merchandise the price of cocoa ain't cheap – and da price seems to be going higher and higher. They ain't no nickel candy bars anymore, and maybe soon no more nickels! Heck, even the price of gasoline has gone sky-high!!



You can still get ridiculously discounted gift cards:

1. Via the postal service at REAVC P.O. Box 7231, Ventura CA 93006
2. By ordering over the phone at 805-644-7814
3. Or visit our See's CANDY table at the luncheons – usually set up in some convenient location – like behind the potted plants.

LUNCHEON UPDATE

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON: Every year, scholars submit even more impressive achievements for the committee to review. Join us in celebrating these inspirational young people. Our Scholarship Luncheon will be on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at noon at the Sterling Hills Country Club, 901 Sterling Hills, Camarillo, CA 93010. Doors open at 11:00 a.m.



PLEASE NOTE: An announcement was made at the March luncheon that members must send a written confirmation to the P.O. Box, along with their check, to RSVP. No calls and/or walk-in payments are allowed. The phone number on the form is for questions or cancellations, not for RSVPs. This is necessary to secure enough food and seating. Thank you for your understanding.

Change of Address Form

If your address has changed, please complete this form and mail it to REAVC-Address Updates, P.O. Box 7231, Ventura, CA 93006. Please print your information.

Name _____

New Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

CONGRATULATIONS, NEW RETIREES!

LANNETTE MARIE	AGUILAR	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
TARINA M.	ALAMILLO	PROBATION AGENCY
MARIA D.	ALCALA	SUPERIOR COURT
SAGOMAY SAWAY	BAJWA	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
ROBERT JOHN	BUCZKOWSKI	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIAN	BUCZKOWSKI	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RICHARD	CABRAL	SUPERIOR COURT
JOHN ANDREW	CALDERWOOD	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
SHIRLEY	CERVANTES	HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
ARMANDO	CHAVEZ	MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE
DONNA	CLINE	CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
RICHARD JOSEPH	COBOS	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
JOJI ROSAL	DACANAY	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CATHY DAWN	DEEN	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
JULIE MARIE	DRANSART	SUPERIOR COURT
GLORIA	ESTRADA	HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
MARY ROSALIE	GALVEZ	VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARY
ROY	GARCIA	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
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RANDALL A.	GLOBERMAN	FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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IRMA G.	HERNANDEZ	PROBATION AGENCY
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LAURA ADELA	HERNANDEZ	HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
MELISSA GONZALES	HINAHON	SUPERIOR COURT
MICHAEL R.	JUMP	DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DOUGLAS FLOYD	LEEPER	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AC	LEFLORE	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
EFRAIN M.	LEYVA	GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY
GINA MARIE	LOCASCIO	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
JASON J.	LOUIS	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
KEITH ANTHONY	MACIAS	AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
VANNESSA LYN	MATZEN	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BEATRICE KAY	MC GINNIS	VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARY
HELLMI	MCINTYRE	SUPERIOR COURT
VICTORIA Q.	MENENDEZ	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
JAINÉ CANETE	MENES	HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
DEENA MARIE	MONETTE	PUBLIC DEFENDER

CARLA SUE	MORALES	PROBATION AGENCY
LAURA ANN	NATOLI	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DEBRA S.	OLIVERA	SUPERIOR COURT
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PAUL FRANKLIN	RICHARDS	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MARIA A.	RODRIGUEZ	DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CHRISTOPHER JON	RUSSELL	HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
EDWIN MALONZO	SAMPANG	HARBOR ADMINISTRATION
ELIZABETH ELLEN	SANDERS	SUPERIOR COURT
MELISSA ANN	SCHULTE	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NANDAKUMAR	SHANMUGAM	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
SCOTT HOWARD	SIEGMAN	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
GINA	SIMONSGAARD	PROBATION AGENCY
ELENA MARJORIE	SNYDER	SUPERIOR COURT
JOHN WILLIAM	STUBBLEFIELD	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
GILDA ANA	TORRES	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
JAMES C.	TRAVERSON	HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
JOHN FITZGERALD	VELASQUEZ	HEALTH CARE AGENCY
SARA	VENEGAS	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
GABRIEL LOPEZ	VIESCA	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JOSEPH MORRIS	WEBB	PROBATION AGENCY
RODGER MILES	WEISS	DISTRICT ATTORNEY
AMY BETH	WEISS	SUPERIOR COURT
ADAM TROY	WITTKINS	DISTRICT ATTORNEY

IN MEMORIUM

LOVED ONES LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER



ROBERT BRYDEN. ROSE CARNAHAN. AUDREY B. CHAICLIN. LOUIS FARRAR. CLARA FERRO. GARY GIROD. WILLIAM GLAD. MARK HANKS. MARVIN L. HANSON. JUANITA R. LOZANO. PENNY MATTHEWS. KATHLEEN MONGARAZ. WARREN STEELE. ROBERT TURNER. JAMES GERALD VAN VOORHIS. CLINTON WHITNEY.

A member's surviving spouse is eligible for REAVC membership. Applications are located at: www.reavc.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ben Emami uses Constant Contact to send the newsletter via email. If you need to update your contact information, please send the form below to info@reavc.org or REAVC, P.O. Box 7231, Ventura, CA 93006. Please indicate "Address Update" on written correspondence. You can save REAVC dollars for other membership needs by requesting a PDF version of the newsletter by email at info@reavc.org.

REAVC 2026 CALENDAR

<p>JANUARY January/February Newsletter Sent Mid-Month</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2/24 REAVC Board Meeting March Luncheon RSVP due 2/20</p>	<p>MARCH 3/3 General Membership Luncheon Meeting March/April Newsletter Sent Mid-month 3/31 Postmark for Scholarship</p>
<p>APRIL 4/7 REAVC Board Meeting</p>	<p>MAY May/June Newsletter Sent Mid-Month June Luncheon RSVP due 5/20</p>	<p>JUNE 6/2 General Membership Luncheon Meeting & Scholarship Awards 6/9 REAVC Board Meeting</p>
<p>JULY July/August Newsletter Sent Mid-Month</p>	<p>AUGUST 8/4 REAVC Board Meeting September Luncheon RSVP due 8/19</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 9/1 General Membership Luncheon Meeting September/October Newsletter Sent Mid-Month</p>
<p>OCTOBER 10/6 REAVC Board Meeting</p>	<p>NOVEMBER November/December Newsletter Sent Mid-Month Holiday Luncheon RSVP due 11/18</p>	<p>DECEMBER 12/1 Holiday Luncheon & General Membership Meeting 12/8 REAVC Board Meeting</p>

Please note: This calendar is subject to change without notice. To confirm the events and deadlines on this calendar, please call REAVC at 1-805-644-7814.



REAVC sincerely appreciates the Ventura County Credit Union for its continued support of the Scholarship Program

REAVC LIST OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The go-to resource for “where to find anything” is 211, a 24-hour helpline with an incredible list of County services. Below is a list of county-wide resources, some of which were recommended by other seniors.

Ventura Crisis Line	800-273-8255
Area Agency on Aging	VCAAA.org
Food Share	Foodshare.com
W.I.C.	FNS.usda.gov/wic
Knights of Columbus	Kofc.org
Home Helpers	homehelpershomecare.com
Many Meals	manymealsoftcamarillo.org
Ventura Avenue Adult Center	805-648-3035
Independent Living Resource Center	ilrc-trico.org
Livingston Hospice Care	lmvna.org
Senior Concerns	seniorconcerns.org
Home Caregivers of Ventura	caring.com/senior-care 800-973-1540
Senior Council on Aging, Camarillo	NCOa.org
Camarillo Council on Aging	cityofcamarillo.org/residents/seniors
Housing Resources guide Camarillo	cityofcamarillo.org
Ventura Downtown Lions Club	venturalions.org
Salvation Army	ventura.salvationarmy.org
Help at Salvation Army	needhelppayingbills.com
Catholic Charities	catholiccharitiesusa.org
Livingston Visiting Nurses Bereavement Group	lmvna.org-grief&bereavement
Turning Point	turningpointfoundation.org
Project Understanding	projectunderstanding.org
One Stop showers, mail delivery	vchca.org/health-care-for-the-homeless
Four Generations Foundation	fourgenerationsfoundation.org
Senior Support Line	camhealth.com/senior-support-line
NAMI National Alliance	nami.org programs and services
Ventura Counseling/Wellness Center	venturacwc.org
Alzheimers Association	alz.org
Oxnard Rescue Mission	vcrescuemission.org
Genesis Program	genesisprograms.com
Prototypes	healthright360.org/agency/prototypes
AA Alcoholics Anonymous	aaventuracounty.org
Alanon/Alateen	alanonventura.org al-anon.org - On Right side is Alateen
Dept of Rehab	dor.ca.gov
Housing Hotline	hud.gov/states/california/renting 800-477-5977
United Parents	unitedparents.org
Whole Person Care	wholepersoncare@ventura.org 805-339-1122
Diversity Collective	diversitycollectivevc.org
Rainbow Umbrella	diversitycollectivevc.org/services/#youth-services
Veteran’s Crisis Line	veteranscrisisline.net
Bereavement groups at Churches, etc.	griefshare.org
Sliding scale therapy:	
Jewish Family Services	federation@Jewishventuracounty.org
Cal Lutheran	clucounseling.org
New Beginnings	thenewbeginningscenter.com
Ventura County Ombudsman Program	ombudsmanventura.org
(Long-term care complaint assistance)	Fraud Help: John Meeker@ventura.org or (805)388-5130

MAY 20 IS THE LAST DAY TO RECEIVE YOUR RESERVATION!

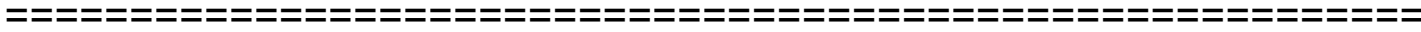


Celebrate our Scholarship Recipients at the REAVC Scholarship Luncheon

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.
Sterling Hills Country Club
901 Sterling Hills Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010
(Doors open at 11:00 a.m.)

\$20 each for REAVC Members and one Guest, \$48 for a second Non-member Guest

No phone reservations or walk-ins are allowed for this event. Reservations must be made in advance by May 20 by completing and mailing this form along with a check payable to REAVC to the following address:
REAVC - Luncheon, P.O. Box 7231, Ventura, CA 93006-7231



Registration form for the REAVC Scholarship Luncheon, June 2, 2026

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name(s) of REAVC Member(s): _____

Email: (**Required for Confirmation*) _____

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

Payment Included for: Member(s) at \$20.00 = _____

1st Guest, or Member Guests at \$20.00 _____

2nd Non-Member Guest at \$48.00 _____
(2 Non-Member Guest Limit)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

The deadline for both reservations and cancellations is Wednesday, May 20, 2026!

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Anyone who makes a reservation, does not attend, and fails to cancel by May 20, 2026, will be responsible for the \$48 luncheon cost. An exception may be made in case of an emergency. Please note that the cost for a second non-member guest is \$48. Only attendees who provide an email address will receive confirmation of their reservation.*

Reserve early; once the seating limit is reached, reservations are placed on a wait list. For questions related to the luncheon, please contact Anne Dana at 1-805-320-6408 or email info@reavc.org. RSVPs by telephone and walk-ins are no longer allowed.