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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John J. McTighe



I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual Flag Day luncheon being held this year on Thursday, June 15th at the La Mesa Community Center. This is the first event that we have used our newly activated online Member Self-Service website to take reservations and payments. I used it to make my reservation and it worked flawlessly.

If you have internet access and you'd like to set up your online profile, please go to www.resdc.net and click on "Member Login" to get started. Use the email address that's on file with RESDC, and click the "Forgot password" link if you need to setup your password. Thank you to the RESDC Technology Committee and our Technology Manager, **Liz Silverman**, for getting this new member feature set up and working smoothly.

I recently attended the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) conference in Ventura. These conferences are held twice a year, alternating between Northern California and Southern California. These conferences are an opportunity for the delegates from each of the 20 member associations throughout the state to come together to hear from speakers on topics of interest to our members and to compare our associations' work with one another.

I was particularly impressed at this conference by our keynote speaker on the first day, Supervisor Steve Bennett of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. His talk was very complimentary and encouraging of retired county employees. In fact, his theme was to be proud of our past public service and to continue in our retirement with giving back to the communities from which we have retired. Supervisor Bennett was especially sensitive to the negative forces that are threatening to do away with the traditional public pensions which we enjoy. In one part of his remarks, he stated:

"There is great public resentment against anyone who has a pension. We need to remind people that as late as the 1980s 60% of American workers had a pension. What those without a pension need is a pension, not to ruin the secure retirement that others have worked for. And they need to be reminded that it is primarily gov-
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RECENT EVENTS

❖ **BREAKING NEWS ALERT** - It's not too late if you hurry to catch the "Vital Aging 2017 Conference – Steps for Success" on June 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at various locations throughout the county. The Keynote Speaker will be legendary actor and performer Ben Vereen, whose address on an active and healthy lifestyle will be webcast to regional venues in North, East and South County. The conference is free and sponsored by the County Health and Human Services Agency, Aging and Independence Services. The main event will be held at Liberty Station, McMillin Center, 2875 Dewey Road, San Diego, CA 92106. To register and find out more about other event locations, visit <http://www.aisevents.org/> or call 1-800-827-4277.

❖ **New Issue Brief** - How Will More Retirees Affect Investment Returns? The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College recently released this brief including the following key findings:

- Economic theory suggests that retirees draw down their assets, so a higher retiree-worker ratio reduces the supply of saving, thereby increasing investment returns.
- However, research generally shows that retirees draw down their wealth much more slowly than expected, particularly the wealthy who hold most of the assets.

The full brief can be accessed at: <http://crr.bc.edu/category/briefs/>.

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June Calendar of Events

8—(Thurs.) RESDC Board of Directors Meeting
8825 Aero Dr., Suite 205, 9:30 a.m.

15—(Thurs.) SDCERA Board of Retirement Meeting
2275 Rio Bonito Way, Suite 200, 9:00 a.m.

15—(Thurs.) Flag Day Luncheon, General Meeting
La Mesa Community Center, 11:00 a.m.
4975 Memorial Dr., La Mesa, CA 91942

UNRESTRAINED GREED OR JUST GOOD BUSINESS?

By Stan Coombs, Director



Eighteen months ago, the media alerted the public and the public was outraged.

A new owner and producer of an off-patent, six-decade-old-drug, Daraprim, had raised the price 5,456%, from \$13.50 a tablet to \$750. Daraprim is the treatment of choice for a vicious parasite, *toxoplasma gondii*. Left untreated, toxo-

plasmosis can result in brain damage and death. Seniors with depressed immune systems are particularly vulnerable.

An "off-patent drug" is one for which U.S. Patent and Trademark Office patents and Food and Drug Administration exclusivity protections have expired. One would think competition from generic versions would then moderate prices. Sometimes that works.

Turing Pharmaceuticals, the new corporate owner of the Daraprim license, was headed by a Martin Shkreli, who, according to Wikipedia, started his career as an Intern at Cramer, Berkowitz and Company, and progressed to managing hedge funds, and associations with other investment firms. He drew the attention of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission more than once.

Shkreli was immediately unpopular, was investigated, eventually indicted on unrelated charges, and awaits trial.

Mr. Shkreli's spectacular business antics also caught the attention of the U.S. Senate's Special Committee on Aging, which held three hearings on his drug pricing, and -- paraphrasing their report -- interviewed scores of patients, doctors, hospital administrators, consumer advocates, health experts, pharmaceutical executives and board members, and reviewed more than a million pages of documents.

The Committee's 130-page report, "Sudden Price Spikes in Off-Patent Prescription Drugs: The Monopoly Business Model that Harms Patients, Taxpayers, and the U.S. Health Care System," is a goldmine of information. It's available on the Internet, and reads surprisingly well. Folks discouraged by the triple-digit page count may find the nine-page summary more appealing.

The report includes descriptions of the drug industry and regulatory structure, drug pricing practices, Turing's business model and tactics, and the story of Daraprim and

three other prescription drugs owned by Retrophin, Inc., Valeant Pharmaceuticals and Rodelis Therapeutics.

For starters, we're told that 60% of Americans, about 192 million people, including 90% of American seniors, bought prescription drugs in 2015. They spent \$328 billion doing so. About \$50 billion of that was out-of-pocket. The federal government spent another \$126 billion through Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Affairs and other programs, about \$1,400, overall, for every man, woman and child in the U.S. There's no indication that total includes the active military.

Drug pricing in the U.S. is a maze of financial relationships, operating in a near Wild West scenario. Participating firms are driven by the market for a particular drug, the costs of alternative treatments, the costs of current and future research and development, the costs of manufacture and ingredients, and of course, maximum profits.

According to the Committee report, these participants include *pharmaceutical companies*, which develop or purchase rights to manufacture and sell drugs to wholesalers, often not the firms that funded the original research and development.

Drug wholesalers, currently dominated by three companies, are FDA registered to purchase, inventory and sell drugs to retail and non-retail pharmacies, hospitals and clinics, and are state licensed to distribute within individual states.

Third-party payers, including self-insured businesses, insurance companies and union health plans, submit payments to health care providers for services on behalf of insured individuals.

Pharmacy benefit managers act as intermediaries between manufacturers and payers, handling prescription billings, negotiations, creation of retail pharmacy networks for insurers, and contracting with mail-order pharmacies.

Pharmacy benefit managers also heavily affect drug prices through "drug formularies," or lists of groups of "therapeutically similar drugs," selected for coverage by pharmacy benefit managers for their members. They negotiate prices with manufacturers, receiving rebates for including drugs on their formularies, and control access to particular drugs for large segments of the health care market.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Judith Benson
Patricia Bransford
Terry Noyes
Charles Warnert
Rosalva Weston
Robert Wilson

Health & Human Services
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Public Works
District Attorney
General Services

DISCOUNTED MEMBER BENEFITS. DID YOU KNOW?

By Mark Nanzer, Executive Director



From time to time I like to highlight RESDC Member Benefits you may not be familiar with.

While our popular dental plans are only available for enrollment during the October/November open enrollment period, highlighted below is a sample of programs and discounts available to RESDC members throughout the year.

If you haven't considered accessing these programs and discounts, please take a few moments to review these excellent offerings. All offered discounts are for members of RESDC.

Comprehensive Living Trust Estate Plan

Retail Value \$2,800 - For RESDC Members -\$850.

Benefits of Estate Planning include:

- Preserving an estate for the benefit of heirs
- Maintaining control over the distribution of assets
- Helping to reduce, or potentially eliminate estate taxes
- Designation of someone to act on your behalf should you become incapacitated
- Protecting your privacy by avoiding probate

To learn more contact the two law offices below:

Lopez & Wilmert – larisa@lopezwilmert.com
(619) 589-1112, La Mesa & Chula Vista

Law Office of Scott Soady – scott@help411.com
(858) 618-5510, Rancho Bernardo

HMO Pet Care – United Pet Care

Available for Dogs, Cats, Birds, Rabbits, Ferrets, Pocket Pets, & Reptiles.

One of our more popular benefits, the HMO Pet Care is a discount program available for pets regardless of age or pre-existing and breed specific conditions. Pet owners will receive instant savings of 20%-50% off exam, surgery, hospitalization, vaccine, spay/neuter, diagnostic, radiology, dental, and other preventative and sick care procedures. Medication is also discounted 20%-25%.

Members will also receive discounts at numerous pet places including those for: Pet Food, Natural Food, Grooming, Accessories, Supplies, Boarding Kennel, Doggie Daycare, Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, Training/Obedience, Herbs, Supplements, & Medications.

To enroll or for more information: Call United Pet Care at (888) 781-6622 and mention you are a member of RESDC or visit: www.unitedpetcare.com/resdc.

NPPGov

RESDC is partnered with NPPGov to give our members access to special savings on a variety of everyday products and services. NPPGov is a cooperative procurement program offering publicly solicited contracts to public organizations and individual discounts to retirees.

This program offers discounted pricing from prominent companies such as Sprint, Expedia, 1-800 Flowers, Life-

lock, and more!

To learn more about the saving opportunities available to you, register at www.nppgov.com by going to "Join Now" and selecting "Retiree Registration." Membership with NPPGov is free, and there is no obligation to purchase. Once you submit your registration, you will receive a welcome call and email from NPPGov confirming your enrollment within 48 hours. **NPPGov discounts are for online purchases only.**

For help with questions or assistance registering, please contact NPPGov at (877) 329-8847 or at : customerservice@nppgov.com.

Amplifon Hearing Benefit

Clinical studies have shown that wearing a properly fitted hearing aid significantly improves your overall quality of life. Yet, denial and embarrassment are cited as the main reasons for not getting a hearing aid. Even though many hearing aids are virtually invisible and deliver excellent performance, a Johns Hopkins study revealed that only about 20% of people with hearing loss, over age 70, use a hearing aid.

Amplifon has partnered with RESDC to offer a FREE hearing aid discount program. Benefits include:

- Significant savings of approximately 25% off hearing aids, including name brands like Phonak, ReSound, Starkey, and Siemens and 40% off testing and diagnostics.
- Low price guarantee – will beat local hearing aid quotes by 5%!
- Free one-year supply of batteries – approximate \$75 value.
- Free one-year follow-up care.
- Risk-free 60-day, 100% money-back satisfaction guarantee.
- 3-year warranty – one of the longest in the industry. Financing available.

To take advantage of this free program, call Amplifon directly at (877) 846-7075 and let them know you're an RESDC member. They will assist you and explain the process.

SAVE THE DATE MEET AND GREET WITH RESDC LEADERSHIP JULY 25, 10:00 A.M. EAST COUNTY

RESDC members and any other interested parties are cordially invited to join RESDC President John McTighe and Executive Director Mark Nanzer for an informal gathering.

This is your opportunity to interact with our leadership, learn more about the organization, and to ask any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

**Location: HHSA Public Health Center—East
Magnolia Room
367 N. Magnolia, El Cajon, 92020**



RESDC DAY AT THE PADRES GAME



We're pleased to announce RESDC will be hosting another "Day At The Padres Game."

RESDC members will attend a game at beautiful Petco Park on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 12:40 p.m. as the Padres take on the

visiting Minnesota Twins. We have once again secured the scenic Skyline Patio, which features box-style ballpark seats, a semi-private group area overlooking third base, and gorgeous views of downtown San Diego.

Tickets include a pre-game buffet with standard ballpark fare, served one hour before first pitch until one hour after first pitch, and soft drinks served from one hour before first pitch through the seventh inning.

Fifty tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. Ticket price is \$50.00 per person.

To purchase tickets:

Option 1 - Pay with a check made payable to RESDC, enclose the reservation form below, and mail to 8825 Aero Dr., Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92123.

Option 2 - Pay with a credit card. Please go online to: <http://www.resdc.net/events> Click the green "Register" button and follow the steps to register and pay. You will need to use the email address associated with your member account. Need assistance? Contact us at (619) 688-9229 or resdc@resdc.net.

Tickets will be mailed to you. We look forward to seeing you at the game!

RESDC "Day At The Padres Game" Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Tickets: _____ at \$50 each = Total Enclosed: \$ _____

THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE



Dear RESDC Co-Retirees,

After 18½ years of faithful service to the People and County of San Diego, I retired in 1990 and joined the U.S. State Department. I was fortunate to be assigned at U.S. embassies overseas as well as other missions. I have experienced firsthand the challenges and hard work our U.S. personnel, their families, and the Foreign Service nationals, face in their everyday job in representing the United States abroad. I proudly served in the Foreign Service for 15 years with the State Department.

Over 16,000 members of the United States Foreign Service are serving our country around the world. America's diplomats and development professionals help prevent the spread of conflict, open markets for U.S. goods, assist Americans abroad, negotiate agreements in line with U.S. goals, report on threats to the U.S. homeland, and work alongside our military colleagues on a range of missions, from stabilizing Iraq, to earthquake relief in Haiti. Few of our fellow citizens realize how challenging and important the work of the Foreign Service is to our nation.

Many are not aware that in 1996 the United States Senate designated the first Friday in May as "American Foreign Service Day." It is on this day that members of the Foreign Service around the world and here at home come together to recognize and celebrate the thousands of people who commit their lives to serving the U.S. abroad and the impact their work has on us all.

Our golden state is home to approximately 3,000 Foreign Service members and their families and there are about 80 Foreign Service retirees living here in our beautiful San Diego County. I can only hope that America's diplomats and the important work they do, will be in your thoughts, and that you will take time to get to know the Foreign Service, learn about what they do, and realize the indispensable role that these extraordinary patriots play in protecting and serving America's people, interests, and values.

Sincerely yours, **Milagros (Mila) V. Thurber**

Editor's Note: We'd like to feature other interesting stories like this about our members. Please contact the RESDC office if you have a compelling story for our newsletter. Call us at (619) 688-9229 or email us at resdc@resdc.net.

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ernment that will assure their retirement security. Currently, even Social Security and Medicare are under attack. This is an opportunity for finding common cause between public pension holders and those whose government retirement security is under attack. Let's have public pension organizations lead the defense of Social Security and Medicare."

Supervisor Bennett concluded by saying "Let's show them how proud we are of what we have accomplished." His remarks reminded me of what our former San Diego County Chief Administrative Officer **Walt Ekard** wrote in this space last August when he said, "I believe public service is a noble calling...that there is nobility to what we do." Walt's concluding comment was "I want to thank the members of RESDC for your contributions to this noble thing we call public service. Though you may never be fully appreciated for the work you did, I, as one who had the privilege of working beside you, will always be grateful for your contributions."

Taken together, the recent remarks of Supervisor Bennett and those of Walt Ekard from last August should serve as a rallying cry for those of us bound together by our common experience in the noble profession of public service to defend public pensions and to advocate on behalf of all working people for adequate retirement security.

Some of the other topics covered in the two-and-a-half day CRCEA Conference dealt with the demographics of pension systems; being financially fit; having high IQ for emotional and mental health; preventing falls and aging awareness; being aware of and avoiding scams; and updates on legislation, and the class action lawsuit against CalPERS over their Long-Term Care Insurance Program. Information gleaned from some of these sessions will be shared in future columns, articles, and RESDC programs. The conference concluded with a business meeting chaired by CRCEA President **Skip Murphy** at which association business was discussed including the format and conduct of future conferences. I was especially interested in that discussion since RESDC will be hosting the Spring 2019 conference.

Finally, I'd like to remind you of our "Each One, Reach One" campaign to reach out to your fellow retirees who are not yet members of RESDC. In a comparative survey of CRCEA members, RESDC ranks 15th lowest out of 20 counties in the percent of retirees who are members. RESDC has 37% of SDCERA retirees as members. I'd like to see us get to at least the median of 46% of retirees by the time we host the conference in April 2019. If we increase our membership by just 5% over the next year and then by another 4% in the following year we will reach that goal. That means a membership increase of 825 people by this time next year and then an increase of another 720 people by April 2019. With a conscious effort on behalf of your Board of Directors and staff to reach newly retired members, combined with your commitment to each talk to just one person about RESDC membership, these goals will be accomplished. Can I count on your help?

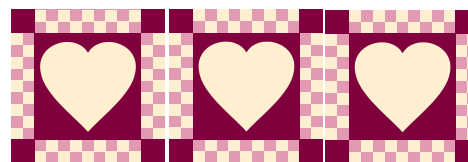
Each One, Reach One

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Group purchasing organizations negotiate contracts with wholesalers and manufacturers, on behalf of 90% of the hospitals and other providers, for drugs and high-tech products, using high volumes to obtain favorable prices. They charge administrative fees to suppliers, calculated as a percentage of specific contracts.

Drugs are provided to a patient, the health plan pays the pharmacy, the pharmacy obtains the drug from the wholesaler, and the wholesaler buys from the pharmaceutical company. Drugs, mail orders, fees, payments, reimbursements and shared costs flow back and forth, and prices sometimes spike without warning, forcing patients to skip doses, do without, or even find their drug entirely dropped from their insurance plan formulary.

So, how can Shkreli and others manage to charge so much for standard, old-line drugs, no longer protected by patents or market exclusivity arrangements and supposedly open to competition from other generic drug manufacturers? You'll have to wait till next month. We've run out of space!



BITS AND PIECES

Robert (Bob) Luitjens and his wife, Joni, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in March! Bob retired from the Assessor's Office in 2002. The Luitjens celebrated at their home in Escondido.

Jean Sharp retired from Welfare in 1991. She lives in a nice Board and Care facility in El Cajon now. She wants us to say hello to her fellow retirees. She has wonderful memories of working for the County.

John Cantor celebrated his 100th birthday in April! He retired in April 1979 from Superior Court. He had a birthday party with friends and family at Life Bridge Church in Rancho Bernardo. John is a caregiver for his wife, Lois. They both still live at home.



Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. There are steps you can take to minimize your risk of identity theft including: destroying unused checks and credit cards, taking extra security with online purchases, being aware of phone scams, and simply guarding your purse or wallet. Be sure not to give out your personal information over the phone unless you are sure you know to whom you're speaking. SDCCU® also encourages you to review your credit report once a year for free at annualcreditreport.com.

For information on what to do if you think you've become a victim of fraud or identity theft visit sdccu.com and search identity protection.

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

By Liz Silverman, RESDC Staff

In April, RESDC hosted a Board of Retirement Candidate Forum for the Retiree Representative and the Alternate Retiree Representative seats. Although there will be no election since there was only one candidate for each position, members asked many good questions about the Board of Retirement and the pension fund. Here are some of the highlights from the forum discussion.

What is the San Diego County Board of Retirement (BOR) responsible for?

The Board of Retirement is the governing body with exclusive control and fiduciary responsibility for management of the benefits and investments of the retirement fund for the members and beneficiaries. More information is available at:

http://sdcera.org/board_retirement_responsibilities.htm.

What is the make-up of the Board of Retirement, e.g. who is elected, appointed, etc.?

There are nine members on the Board of Retirement, and two additional alternates. Of these eleven people, six are elected: two active employees (non-safety), one active safety employee, one retiree, one alternate retiree, and one alternate active safety employee. Four positions on the board are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and are typically, but not required to be, investment and/or business experts. And lastly, the County Treasurer-Tax Collector serves on the board by statute, i.e. by virtue of their office they are on the BOR.

How can we see information about the pension fund, e.g. returns, asset allocation, benchmarks, etc.?

RESDC publishes the monthly figures in The NETWORK when possible (the publication deadline is early in the month, so occasionally this reporting is deferred to the next issue). Detailed quarterly financial reports are available on the SDCERA website at http://sdcera.org/Quarterly_Investment_Reports.htm.

What challenges to public pensions do you see ahead on the horizon?

The main responsibility of the BOR is as a fiduciary, and they must carry out that responsibility in the context of current legislation and directives. One challenging issue facing the BOR is reducing the expected rate of return (assumption rate), which they have done over the course of the past two years. This is a difficult balancing act. It's good to have an expected rate of return that is as close as possible to actual average returns over a long period of time. However, reducing the expected rate of return means that more money has to be contributed to the fund now by both the county and the employee in order to ensure future obligations will be met. This is usually unpopular in the short-term and is an easy target for those who are against public pensions.

While the focus of the SDCERA BOR is necessarily narrow, Retired Employees of San Diego County, Inc. (RESDC) is an advocacy organization that focuses on both the local and general environment of public pension plans, and keeps a close eye on prospective rele-

vant legislative and judicial developments. RESDC watches and reports on issues like the Marin County case, possible ballot initiatives by pension reformers such as Carl DeMaio or Chuck Reed, and negative editorials attacking public pensions. Many of these challenges are highlighted and examined in the monthly NETWORK newsletter and on the RESDC website. RESDC also networks with other public pension systems and advocacy organizations locally and statewide.

Can you provide an update on what is going on with the Marin County case?

The Marin County case, filed as MAPE vs. MCERA – The appellate court ruled in November 2016 and stated “While a public employee does have a ‘vested right’ to a pension, that right is only to a ‘reasonable’ pension — not an immutable entitlement to the most optimal formula of calculating the pension. And the Legislature may, prior to the employee’s retirement, alter the formula, thereby reducing the anticipated pension. So long as the Legislature’s modifications do not deprive the employee of a ‘reasonable’ pension, there is no constitutional violation.”

The California Supreme Court has taken up the case and will review the appellate court’s ruling. There is no specific timetable for the Supreme Court’s decision.

What are the pros and cons of the pension investing in real estate?

Real estate can be a good investment, but it’s definitely one that takes a long time to mature and start showing returns that are worthwhile. It’s important to look at the associated fees, and also be mindful of it being less liquid than other investments.

What is being done to ensure the pension is invested in a socially responsible manner?

The BOR looks critically at any potential new investments proposed by SDCERA staff, asking questions and requesting more information as necessary. This careful one-by-one approach is preferred by the BOR, rather than having their investment options regulated at the state level, especially if it would tie their hands due to fleeting political issues. It’s important for the BOR to be pragmatic, and ultimately their goal is to ensure the sustainability of the pension fund.

What is the outlook for the future of SDCERA health benefits?

SDCERA is continuing to offer health plans. While SDCERA plans may have slightly higher premiums than the open market, they are typically more benefit rich. Each individual should compare all plans to find the best option for them.

Under BOR’s existing policy, when the pension fund becomes 90% funded, then 25% of the excess earnings are at the discretion of the BOR (75% of the excess still goes toward the unfunded liability). It is possible at that point that the BOR could decide to use the discretionary portion to fund the SBA again. However, the pension is currently at about 78% funded, and it’s difficult to predict if and when it will reach the 90% threshold.

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Board of Retirement (Continued from Page 6)**How can someone contact the BOR to express questions or concerns?**

To contact the BOR, you can...

- Directly email a member of the BOR by visiting the SDCERA website for contact information: http://sdcera.org/board_retirement.htm
- Express your questions or concerns to RESDC. RESDC is in communication various ways with the BOR, for example: RESDC communicates with the Retiree Representative; RESDC makes public statements at BOR meetings; and RESDC occasionally sends letters to BOR member(s) for specific topics. You may contact RESDC at: resdc@resdc.net or by calling 619-688-9229.
- Attend a BOR meeting and fill out a speaker slip. This can be for any item and doesn't have to be about something on the agenda. Visit: http://sdcera.org/board_calendar.htm for a list of meeting dates.

NEW SECRETARY ON THE RESDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In April, Joan Wright resigned from her position as Secretary on the RESDC Board of Directors. We are very grateful for her years of service on the board, and wish her all the best.

At the April 18th General Membership Meeting, the members nominated and unanimously approved current board member Carlos Gonzalez to serve out the remainder of Joan Wright's term as Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

Bobby Bateman	Probation
Kenneth Bealo	Probation
Kenneth Bell	District Attorney
Eugene Bergerson	Health & Human Services
Paul Bledsoe	Sheriff
Wilma Boggs	Surviving Spouse
Patricia Byers	Surviving Spouse
Marina Carrera	Health & Human Services
Rosalinda Casela*	Parks & Recreation
Robert Conklin	Probation
Byron Conrad	General Services
Maybell Conroy	Information Services
Barbara Curry	Welfare
Paul Dato	Municipal Court
Joseph Davis	Probation
Barbara De Lia	Surviving Spouse
Robert Diedolf	Surviving Spouse
James Dodd	Sheriff
Peterson Duku*	Health & Human Services
Nancy Galliher	Marshal
Geraldine Gill	District Attorney
Edith Hostler	Surviving Spouse
Harry Lasalle	Coroner
Daniel Long	Probation Department
Colin MacIver	Sheriff
Gerhart Mehner	Auditor/Controller
Ann Mendez	Social Services
Jane Miller	Welfare
David Moore	Auditor/Controller
Penelope Nettles	Surviving Spouse
Kathleen Powers	Surviving Spouse
Frederick Quintanar	Public Works
Edward Redman	Sheriff
John Reeve	Sheriff
Mary Rojas-Melzer	Assessor/Recorder/Co Clk
Martha Ruff	Municipal Court
Karen Saldate	Probation
Donna San Nicolas	Probation
Ashley Shively	Sheriff
John Stassi	Welfare
Wilbur Van Cleave	Sheriff
Dolores Whelan	Health & Human Services
Mary Woodhouse	Surviving Spouse

***Active**

**As long as we think of you,
 You'll always be with us.**

The surviving spouse of a member is eligible for RESDC membership. For enrollment assistance, call (866) 688-9229.

MEMBER PRIVACY

Any retiree or surviving spouse who doesn't want his/her death notice published in the "In Memoriam" section of this newsletter may notify the RESDC office and your privacy will be maintained.



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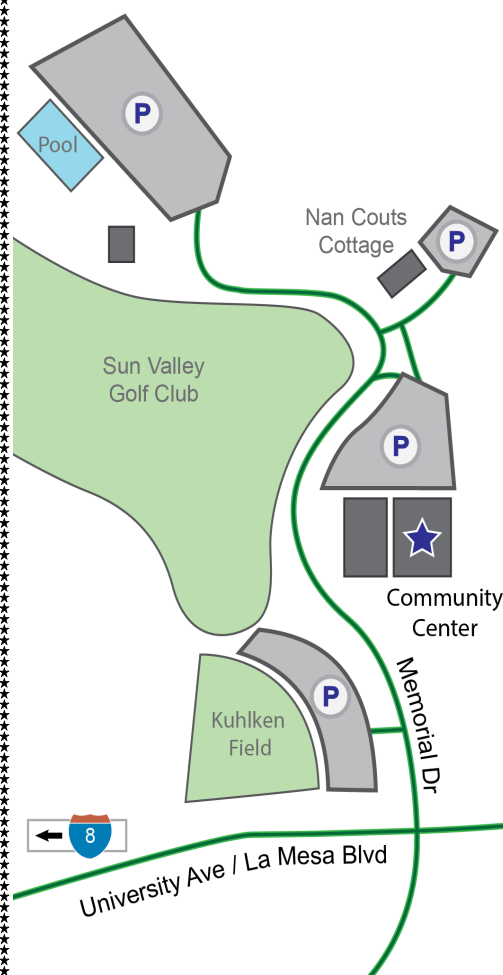
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2017 FLAG DAY LUNCHEON

What: Lunch—\$12.00 per person
When: Thursday, June 15, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
Where: La Mesa Community Center in MacArthur Park
4975 Memorial Dr., La Mesa, CA 91942
Entertainment by: Christian Youth Theater San Diego Performance Group.
Menu: Ham, roast turkey, salads, fruit, vegetables, desserts, coffee and tea.
To Attend:
Option 1 - Pay with Check. Please complete the Reservation Form below, include the names of person(s) attending, and send a check for \$12 per person, payable to RESDC at 8825 Aero Dr., Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92123. **Reservation forms must be received in the RESDC office by Friday, June 9.**
Option 2 - Pay with Credit Card. Please go online to: <http://www.resdc.net/events> Click the green "Register" button and follow the steps to register and pay. You will need to use the email address associated with your member account. Need assistance? Contact us at (619) 688-9229 or resdc@resdc.net. Online registration and payment must be received by **Friday, June 9 at noon.**
Tickets should be picked up at the registration table at the luncheon. They will not be mailed. Parking is adjacent to the Community Center with overflow parking available in three other lots at the center. The closest overflow parking lot is the Cottage lot and it will be well marked. The Flag Day Luncheon is an indoor event.



Name of Member: _____ Telephone #: _____
Department: _____ Year Retired: _____
Name of Guest(s): _____
of Reservations: _____ x \$12.00 each = \$ _____ (Total Enclosed)
Email Address: _____