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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John J. McTighe



Happy Independence Day as our country celebrates its 243rd birthday on July 4th. But, did you know that it was actually on July 2, 1776 that the Continental Congress passed the resolution declaring independence from Great Britain? In fact, on that day John Adams wrote to his wife that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival" and

that the celebration should include "Pomp and parade...games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other." The confusion between the two dates is because it actually took two days to write up the document we know as the Declaration of Independence and it wasn't until July 4 that it was signed by the delegates. One more little known fact of history is that both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Do you know that RESDC keeps our members current on news affecting them? We do this through emails and on the RESDC website (www.resdc.net) in the **News Now** link found on the left side of the home page. We want to make sure you have the most up-to-date information possible which can't happen with merely a monthly newsletter with a fairly long lead time between preparation of articles and publication. For those who have signed up to "like" us on Facebook and Twitter, we also regularly send out links to events and articles our members might find of value.

This month's *NETWORK* has a special section featuring the recipients of our annual RESDC scholarships. We are also starting a new feature of "Where are they now?" This month we are publishing an update of one of the scholarship recipients from six years ago. I'm sure when you read it you will take pride in the fact that a small part of your dues went to support this accomplished young lady. I invite parents or grandparents of past scholarship recipients to submit similar writeups of their achievements since receiving the RESDC scholarship. Please send your writeup to our office by mail or to resdc@resdc.net. □



SAVE THE DATE! GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
10:00 am—11:30 am

Glenner Centers' Town Square®
Tour and Presentation
2765 Main St., Suite A
Chula Vista, CA 91911

Caregiving for Alzheimer patients can be overwhelming and it is important to know what resources are available. Many families entertain hiring care within the home, and others look into residential placement. There is, however, an often overlooked yet extremely valuable and relatively affordable option of adult day care. Town Square® is the nation's first Reminiscence Therapy Day Center in the nation and has been designed to replicate a small 1950s town in an effort to facilitate reminiscence. Please join us to tour the Glenner Centers' Town Square®.

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July Calendar of Events

- 4-5—(Thurs. & Fri.) Fourth of July Office Closure**
RESDC Office Closed
- 11—(Thurs.) RESDC Board of Directors Meeting**
8825 Aero Drive, Suite 205, 9:30 a.m.
- 18—(Thurs.) SDCERA Board of Retirement Meeting**
2275 Rio Bonito Way, Suite 200, 9:00 a.m.
- 24—(Weds.) RESDC Roundup**
Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens
1999 Citracado Parkway, Escondido, CA 92029
3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Stan Coombs' monthly Benefits column will return next month. In place of the Benefits column we are publishing an update from Susan Mallett from the California Senior Legislature.

UPDATE FROM CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE

By Susan Mallett, CSL Assembly Member



Hello to all my RESDC friends and fellow retirees. I appreciate this opportunity to share the legislative progress of the California Senior Legislature's (CSL) 2019 Top Ten Initiatives. I have completed a year of my four-year term as one of the eight CSL members from San Diego County.

I certainly have learned a lot about how this grassroots organization advocates for older Californians and how a good idea may lead to a real impact for us all when an initiative is taken up by an elected California Legislator and begins moving through the legislative process. I'm pleased to report that six of the ten initiatives have been sponsored by a State Senator or State Assembly member and in May, five bills received enough votes to move from the house of origin to continue the legislative process. This means further review by various legislative committees and hopefully a vote by the whole body of the Senate or Assembly. September 13th is the last day to pass a bill and send it to the Governor's desk.

Before I summarize these six bills, I would like to share some hopeful news and some demographic trends that may influence the success of the CSL initiatives this year and in the future. On February 12th, **Governor Gavin Newsom** delivered his first State of the State message, commenting, "The Golden State is getting grayer. . . For the first time in our history, older Californians will outnumber young children." By making the care of older Californians a priority, the Governor called for a new Master Plan on Aging that should address the "patchwork of public services" that currently attempt to meet the needs of senior members of our state. As the Governor noted, the older adult population is growing faster than the total population as we are living longer, and birth rates are lower statewide. Locally, SANDAG reports by 2030 San Diegans age 60+ will increase to 929,766 from 682,446

(2018); 75+ to 324,855 from 207,914 (2018); and those 85+ will rise to 102,313. Finally, from a federal profile of older Americans, the current life expectancy of a person 65 years old is 19.5 years and the age 85+ population is projected to increase 123% from 2017 to 2040. Sorry for all the numbers but this should be important to our elected officials because we vote in greater numbers than all other age groups, according to AARP, 70% of 65+ registered voters cast ballots in 2018.

I think you will agree the time is right for more State budget dollars and resources dedicated to issues facing older Californians. The following is a brief description of the six sponsored bills and the current status of each.

AB 387 (Jesse Gabriel, representing the 45th Assembly District) Prescription Drug Labeling: To address medication errors, requires physicians to include the purpose for a medication for medicine label unless the patient asks to omit purpose. **Status- passed assembly, in senate.**

AB797 (Tim Grayson, representing the 14th Assembly District) Mandated Reporter: To address financial elder abuse, require money wire transfer businesses to report suspected financial abuse of elder customer-committee amended to inform consent requirement. **Status- bill died in committee 3/26/19.**

AB 970 (Rudy Salas, representing the 32nd Assembly District) Transportation, Senior and Disabled for non-emergency medical: Authorizes fund grants for energy renewable vehicles from the greenhouse gas funds (1.5 billion 2018-2019 budget). **Status-passed assembly, in senate's Human Services committee.**

SB280 (Hannah-Beth Jackson representing the 19th Senate District) Fall Prevention: Amend CA Building Standards to include structural features in new construction designed to prevent falls and facilitate aging in place. Amended to a feasibility study of possible changes. **Status-passed senate, in assembly.**

SB 695 (Anthony Portantino, representing the 25th Senate District) Land Use, Housing: Would allow home sharing arrangements, with at least one elderly resident, to qualify as required low income housing units. Author added aged out foster youth. **Status-passed senate, in assembly.**

SB 725 (Susan Rubio, representing the 22nd Senate District) Veteran Rental Housing: Rental assistance for veterans from the \$600 million Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014. **Status: passed senate, in assembly.** □





PENSION FACTS

Pension Funding Math and the Economy

By Chris Heiserman, Director



In two recent *NETWORKS*, RESDC 1st Vice President Stan Coombs has taken us on a journey into the actuarial “weeds” of our County retirement finances. I would like to focus on the figurative “tall grass” and discuss more generally the connection between the retirement fund’s investment assumption rate and its

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL).

As explained by Stan, the “net investment return assumption rate” combines numerous economic factors, including inflation, the expected rate of return on pension fund investments, assumed expenses and risk associated with the Retirement Board’s allocation of fund assets. This important percentage allows retirement system officials to produce rational estimates of how much of the fund’s future benefit obligations will be covered by investment earnings. Armed with this basic insight into the pension plan’s expected earnings level over time, the Retirement Board can calculate the contributions needed from the County and employees each year to eventually pay for the projected benefits currently being earned by its work force.

These are the so-called “normal” costs of the retirement plan and they are jointly funded by payroll deductions, County taxpayers, and investment earnings (usually comprising half to two-thirds of most public retirement fund distributions). However, the pension plan sponsor (the County and its taxpayers) is solely responsible for the UAAL, the retirement plan’s future obligations not covered by the mixture of regular contributions and earnings on those assets. Unfunded liabilities occur when investment returns are lower than anticipated, when actual costs are greater than predicted (such as increased benefits without adequate contributions to cover them), or in the unfortunate circumstance of two serious stock market downturns between 2001-2013. SDCERA’s unfunded liability was nearly \$3.4 billion last year and it plans to amortize the debt gradually over a 20-year period. The county’s current annual payment due to SDCERA is \$365.8 million; to its credit, the Board of Supervisors has in recent years been making significant extra contributions to reduce the unfunded liability and avoid some future interest costs.

As Stan also reported, the recent decision by SDCERA to lower its investment assumption rate from 7.25% to 7.0% changes the actuarial math, reducing the funded ratio of the retirement fund, adding to the unfunded liability and triggering higher future contribution requirements for employees and the County. The equation is simple –

lower returns on investment means more dollars are needed from contributions to pay for future promised benefits.

To be clear the County is far from alone in this act of rebalancing assumptions and lowering investment return rates. Most experts cite a gradual slowing of what has been a 10-year global economic expansion as the reason nearly all public retirement systems have been lowering their earnings expectations. Of course, this is the responsible and pragmatic path forward in stewardship of the long-term health of pension funds. Nevertheless, the many strident critics of traditional public pensions use this trend of lowering assumption rates and increasing contributions to their advantage, claiming the rising costs to state and local governments prove defined benefits retirement plans are “unsustainable” and will “crowd out” public services. To make their allegations look even more alarming, they even suggest pension administrators should be using a much lower and conservative “riskless” rate of investment earnings, ostensibly to protect the retirees’ future benefits.

These public pension naysayers aren’t interested in the viability of public pension plans at all; they want to eliminate them and force government workers into 401 (k) style savings accounts so prevalent in the private sector. But 401(k)s do not provide any reasonable level of steady and secure retirement income. □



THEO AND EVELYN YAKEL 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the four recipients of the Theo and Evelyn Yakel Scholarships for 2019! The students received awards in the amounts of \$1,000-\$1,500. The four students are in alphabetical order:

Anna Schneider, sponsored by **Andrew Schneider**.

Bella Siwicki, sponsored by **Donna Siwicki**.

Samuel Viray, sponsored by **Rizalina Viray**.

Alex Wimberly, sponsored by **Maria Perez**.

In 2001, RESDC member **Theo Yakel and his wife, Evelyn**, placed a \$250,000 endowment with the San Diego Foundation for the purpose of awarding scholarships to children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of members of The Retired Employees of San Diego County. The interest from the endowment is used to fund the annual scholarships. Many thanks to Theo and Evelyn for their generous endowment to provide financial assistance to young people seeking higher education at a college or university.

The Yakel Scholarships are in addition to and complementary to the scholarships that RESDC awards. This is another opportunity for the families of RESDC members.

Congratulations and good luck to all of the 2019 Scholarship Recipients. □



RESDC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CLASS OF 2019

By Carlos Gonzalez, Scholarship Committee Chair

This year's RESDC Scholarship recipients will soon be off to their college lives. Together with their parents, grandparents, and sponsors, we pause briefly on their exciting journey to recognize their accomplishments. Excerpts of their personal statements are presented here.



Gisele de Araujo is sponsored by her Grandmother, **Angela Ryan**. Gisele graduated from Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School, Alameda, CA, with a 4.57 GPA. Quoting from her applicant statement, "As a child, I became accustomed to strangers leaning in and peering curiously at my face. I stared back and resisted the urge to blink. You see, I have

sectoral heterochromia. However, looking out of my blue eye isn't any different from looking out of my green and brown eye – except for the prescription (the blue eye doesn't see the world quite as clearly). I wondered if all colors of eyes see people the same way, what is it about circumstances that create different perspectives?

Having bicultural parents and dual citizenship with Brazil sparked my interest in international affairs. Interviewing my father for a school heritage project, I watched his tanned face contort as his blue eyes gazed off deep in memory of the violence brought to my family in Rio by the military coup d'état and the U.S. attempt to instate democracy. During further studies, after scrutinizing the paternalistic Western world, my glasses prescription became symbolic. My first intergenerational Model UN conference (IGMUN) inspired me to pursue my long-time passions through international relations. After this conference, I established our school's Model UN Club hoping to mirror IGMUN's values. As founder and President, I brought these values to my school and encouraged members to recognize how global issues applied on a local level."

One of Gisele's teachers wrote, "Gisele's activities are numerous and illustrate her passions and talents. She is an exemplary model to others in her character, behavior and ability to balance other priorities. She has been in student government all four years, representing her freshmen class, and then transitioning to representing the entire student body in sophomore and junior years until being elected as ASB President."



Sarah Goudarzi is sponsored by her Grandmother, **Jackie Cleveland**. Sarah graduated from Mission Hills High School, San Marcos, CA, with a 4.23 GPA. Quoting from her applicant statement, "I have lived in San Marcos my whole life and have enjoyed every happy moment and hardship I have experienced in this

town. School is one of the most important aspects of my life. During my high school years, I have taken seven AP classes, my two favorites are AP Art History and Criminal Justice. I played soccer for a club and the high school until my senior year, but I had to stop because of a debilitating concussion. My family has driven into me that there are two things we can control in life; attitude and effort. This has been my foundation for all the things I do, in order to be the best that I can be.

Two major community service programs I have participated in are: The Shooting Stars Basketball Program and the San Diego Sheriff Explorer Program. In The Shooting Stars Program, I would volunteer to help special needs children play a game of Basketball. Throughout ten weeks, I got to know most of the players on my team. These children are hilarious, sweet and absolutely brilliant. This experience inspired me to have a more positive outlook in life. I hope I was able to brighten the "buddies" and their parents' day, as they brighten mine. Participating in the San Diego Sheriff Explorer Program helped me develop my people skills and having a deeper understanding of the many issues we have in our society.

I plan on attending California State University San Marcos. I would like to pursue a career in public service, either in Education or Law Enforcement." One of Sarah's teachers wrote, "Sarah is one of the top students in my Criminal Justice class, she is self-motivated, easy to get along with and a diligent worker; always completes her assignments in a timely manner and is constantly eager to help others. I have always been impressed with Sarah's maturity level and her respect for others. She has been a role model for her peers, and I am positive that she will go on to do great things in her life."



Jessica Manzuk is sponsored by her Grandmother, **Gladys Hradecky**. Jessica graduated from Steel Canyon High School, Jamul, CA, with a 4.39 GPA. Quoting from her applicant statement, "My name is Jessica E. Manzuk, but I go by Jessie. I was born and raised in San Diego and

grew up in the small town of Jamul. I am very active outdoors, and very involved at my school and in my community. I enjoy hiking, camping, and mountain biking. I grew up playing soccer and riding horses. Once I entered high school, I started to run Cross Country and Track. My community involvement includes volunteering with a youth soccer organization, supporting local Kiwanis events, volunteer labor to restore local ecosystems,

volunteering at horse shows and putting in many extra-curricular hours for school events. I take great pride in my school, family, and friends; I am fortunate to have such large and robust network of great people in my life. I have plans to start a career as either a biologist or an athletic trainer. I want to play an active role in studying, protecting and exploring our ecosystems. The career of an athletic trainer would require the study of the human body, along with how to treat athletic injuries, and even possibly to contribute to sport specific research for improved performance.”

One of Jessica’s teachers wrote, “As a Safe School Ambassador, Jessie works tirelessly to keep our students safe; she serves as role model to all students on campus, reporting any suspicious activity to a trusted adult. As a member and team captain of the varsity Cross Country, she led the team to a CIF championship. She has balanced all of her extracurriculars while also maintaining strong grades in her A.P. classes.”



Savannah Rinder is sponsored by her Grandfather, **Lewis Zollinger**. Savannah graduated from West Hills High School, Santee, CA, with a 4.43 GPA. Quoting from her applicant statement, “As a child, many of my family members and people in my community told me that because I was educated in Lemon Grove, or that because I grew up in Lemon Grove, I couldn’t achieve success in my future. Despite this negativity, I worked hard in all years of my schooling, and now I will be attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, in the fall.

Because I grew up in a religious home, I was able to adopt deep moral values, helping me strengthen my own personality. Ever since I was a child, there was an emphasis on family relationships, specifically ensuring love, honesty, and communication. Since these values were strongly upheld in my home, I was soon embodied by them. At the end of my sophomore year, I decided to focus more on basketball and eventually made the varsity team in my junior and senior years. Despite having no experience in basketball, when I first stepped into the gym my freshman year, I was made the captain of the varsity team. As a senior during my final year of high school in the fall, I was enrolled in a peer tutoring class. This class gave me the opportunity to help students at my school with disabilities. While in this class, I was able to “job-shadow” our school’s Occupational Therapist. For the first time in my life, I saw a glimpse into a future I could have. Since then, I have decided to pursue a degree in Special Education, with hopes of then attending Occupational Therapy School.”

One of Savannah’s teachers wrote, “Her dedication to service was fully on display during a humanitarian aid trip to Guatemala. She worked for two weeks with a medical team to aid families in local communities with service projects like building sustainable gardens for healthy eating habits. This experience was one that really helped to shape who she is as a person and where her future will take her as it helped her discover her drive and passion for helping others.”

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Halle Way is sponsored by her Grandmother, **Anianita Villarba**. Halle graduated from Cathedral High School, San Diego, CA, with a 4.22 GPA. Quoting from her applicant statement, “Halle, pronounced “Ally,” but with an “H;” I was born and raised in San Diego, attending Our Lady of Grace in El Cajon for elementary and middle school. I have been fortunate to have grown

up in the most amazing family who constantly supports my educational and life aspirations. I’ve always valued community service, in that it creates special bonds with the population being served, exercises selflessness, and increases social awareness and responsibility. I participated in community service through the volunteer program at Sharp Memorial Hospital; once or twice a week, I had the opportunity to assist nurses in tasks such as pushing wheelchairs, delivering blood bags, escorting families of patients or working the front desk in the post-operation room. There is nothing more gratifying than the look on the patient’s face when I bring them flowers delivered from a loved one, or just sit and chat with them while they are waiting for a nurse.

I consider my adolescent life to have been very successful; I have achieved First Honors every semester of high school, while continuously searching for ways to perform service in order to potentially benefit my community. I look forward to continuing my passion of service to others as I study Nursing in college and enter the medical field.”

One of Halle’s teachers wrote, “Halle is one of the most active students on this campus. When she told me she would be participating in the school play this year; I asked, why? The reason is that it is one of the very few activities she has not participated in and she wanted to learn from the experience. (This was after college applications had been sent...!). This speaks to the intellectual curiosity Halle exuded in my class; a greatly undervalued trait critical to long-term success.”



Christian J. (C.J.) Ringenberg is sponsored by his Grandfather, **Larry Fredricks**. C.J. graduated from Hillcrest School, Papua, Indonesia, with a 3.75 GPA. Quoting from his applicant statement, “My background is the life of a missionary kid and I have had some very unique cultural experiences. I was born overseas in an

interior hospital in Kalimantan, Indonesia, where my family was serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). MAF’s mission is, “Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology so that (geographically) isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed. My family returned to the U.S. after my sister Hannah became sick with a brain tumor. She went to be with the Lord in 2003. After seven years working in the States at MAF headquarters, God called my family back to serving overseas; first to Kalimantan, (Continued on Page 6)

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then to Papua, where my family has served for the past seven years. Over the years, I have had many unique ways to serve the community and grow in my leadership abilities. Most prominently, I participated in Outdoor Education (O.E), a ten-day long trip to an interior village that the high school takes every year. During the trip we serve the local people by doing work projects for them and by helping provide education about HIV/AIDS, and other healthcare problems.

Because I live in a foreign country and I have a student visa, I legally can't get a job. My work experience has come from work that a class sponsor has helped us to obtain, organizing fundraisers throughout my four years of high school. Our fundraisers have ranged from regularly preparing and serving a meal for the mission community of around 200 people, to organizing events such as a coffee house which included live music, coffee, and desserts. We have also organized meat and cheese orders for the mission community, because those items are hard to get where we live. Part of our fundraising includes tithing from our profits each year. We also will leave the school a gift when we graduate, as well as getting to enjoy a senior trip to Bali. I am thankful for the skills that I have learned from my work experiences.

Service has been a big part of my life, which has given me the opportunity to further my leadership service capability. Regardless where I go in life, according to God's call, serving others will always be part of my life."

One of C.J.'s teachers wrote, "C.J. has many interests and is primarily focused on medical fields, military and public service. He is one of the most conscientious and generous people I know. He has a true heart for service to others and takes time to build up those around him with encouragement." His service to others includes an extensive list of over 15 different activities, where he has distinguished himself during his high school years.

C.J. has been selected to receive the **LaRue Pierce Community Service Award**. This award was established in 2014, honoring the memory of LaRue Pierce, RESDC Director and Scholarship Committee Chair during the first 18 years of the RESDC Scholarship Program, and her spirit of community service.

Congratulations to all our participants. The San Diego County retirees are very proud of their children and grandchildren, and their scholastic, civic, and social accomplishments. Best wishes to all for continued success.

Our deepest appreciation and credit for the Scholarship Program's success goes to the Selection Committee, whose independent and confidential effort ensures the quality of results. We are most proud and honored to have them as part of the RESDC team. □



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different dreams.

▪ **Jimmy Carter**

RECENT EVENTS

❖ **Board of Supervisors Approves Plan to Boost Wildfire Resilience.** In news that should matter to all San Diego County residents, the County Board of Supervisors voted to implement a pre-fire strategy in its highest-risk areas to reduce wildfire loss. The Board unanimously approved the plan with one modification: to develop a grant program to help residents in the high fire risk communities pay for fire-resistant building improvements to their homes. San Diego County CAL FIRE Division Chief and Fire Authority Chief Tony Mecham told the Board that County Fire will be focusing its risk reduction efforts on four communities a year. This year they will focus on the communities of Guatay and Crest, followed by Palomar Mountain and Jamul's Lawson Valley.

To implement the plan, the County requested funding for five additional staff positions and additional contracted services through CAL FIRE to provide fire code enforcement, vegetation management, geographic information systems mapping, defensible space inspections, and other support.

❖ **New Research - The Implications of Social Security's "Missing Trust Fund".** The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College recently released this research brief which includes the following key findings:

- As policymakers consider restoring balance to Social Security, understanding the reason for the shortfall is important.
- Specifically, the program's "pay-as-you-go" approach, which dates back to the late 1930s, makes it expensive.
- Little rationale exists for burdening today's workers for the long-ago decision of allowing Depression-era workers to retire with dignity.
- These additional costs could be funded more equitably through the income tax, rather than the payroll tax.

To access the research, visit:
<https://crr.bc.edu/category/briefs/> . □



RESDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

By Carlos Gonzalez, Elections Committee Chair



The 2019 RESDC election season is now open. The election process runs through the middle of October. The terms of four (4) Directors, President, and Second Vice-President will expire December 31, 2019; the new term runs January 1, 2020-December 31, 2021 (two calendar years).

We need prospective candidates who wish to volunteer time and effort to pursue RESDC’s business, attend monthly board meetings, and be present at six general membership meetings each year.

For the first time, active employees, registered as Associate Members, are eligible to run in the election. According to recently enacted Bylaws, participation is restricted to the election of one Associate Member, to an open position of Director (Officers’ seats are restricted to retirees, who are present or former board members).

Interested RESDC members must file a candidacy statement (200 words or less), with a summary of your background and work experience to: RESDC, 8825 Aero Drive, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92123, or by email to: resdc@resdc.net, by **August 2, 2019**. Please state your candidacy for one of the following: RESDC Director (4), President, or Second Vice-President. Only current and past board members are eligible for the President and Second Vice-President positions.

If you have any questions, please contact our office by phone at (866) 688-9229 or by email at resdc@resdc.net. □



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

The RESDC and SDCERA offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of the holiday. The RESDC office will also be closed on Friday, July 5th. We will re-open on Monday, July 8th at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and happy 4th of July! □



RESDC ROUNDUP July 24, 2019, 3:30 pm Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, Escondido

Our next RESDC Roundup is fast approaching and we look forward to seeing you!

This time we will be heading north to Escondido to visit the beautiful Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens in Escondido!

The Roundup provides an opportunity to catch up over libations and appetizers with RESDC leadership and fellow members. This is a no-host event. Food and beverages are available for purchase from the restaurant/bar. No reservation required. Come meet with old friends and make some new ones!

Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens – Escondido, 1999 Citracado Parkway, Escondido, CA 92029. □



DISCOUNTS ON ATTRACTIONS

Through an ongoing partnership with **Recreation Connection**, RESDC members have access to discounts to a variety of amusement parks, movie theatres, and other attractions nationwide. The monthly update from Recreation Connection is posted on our website at: www.resdc.net/discounts.

To order tickets online, visit: recreationconnection.com and click on “Members Enter Here” in the left menu. You will need to enter your personal email address and the “Company Code” **Retired**. If you prefer to order by mail or fax, the order form can be found in the FAQ section of the Recreation Connection website; there are no phone sales and their walk-up locations are only in Hollywood and Glendale. □



JOYOUS JULY

WE'VE REACHED THE FINISH LINE

By Chuck Brown, Membership Committee Chair



Our six-month recruiting campaign has reached the finish line, and I'd like to thank everyone who participated. Over the past several months, we've worked to build our membership by engaging you in becoming more familiar with RESDC and reaching out to your retiree friends to promote RESDC membership and participation in its events. Keep up the good work!!

The best advertisement for anything is word-of-mouth from friends and relatives. We've focused on some of the ways we can all do that, such as passing around or forwarding *The NETWORK* newsletter and telling friends about upcoming events and inviting them to attend. The focus was on our friends who've already retired. The other side of the coin is those who have not yet retired – the active County employees. If you're aware of employees preparing to retire, "give 'em a nudge" toward RESDC membership.

A selling point for joining RESDC is the variety and types of events that are offered throughout the year – informative general membership meetings, the "big" luncheons (health fair picnic, holiday luncheon, and Flag/Independence Day luncheon), joint events with other organizations (Alzheimer's Walk, etc.) and the RESDC Roundup socials. Invite those friends of yours – retired or active – and let the good times roll.

If you want to continue to help, consider becoming an RESDC Ambassador. The obligation is minimal, and the commitment is totally up to you. Ambassadors assist at or participate in events of their choosing. The recent Spring California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) conference is a good example. Ambassador volunteers signed up for various support tasks, which ranged from working at the registration table, handing out materials during the seminars, providing general information, and assisting attendees in various hospitality functions. □



Summer is here!

Join Retired Employees Today!

Retired Employee Membership

I, the undersigned, receive a retirement and/or survivors allowance from the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association. I hereby authorize SDCERA to deduct from my monthly retirement benefit \$5 per month for my membership in the Retired Employees of San Diego County, Inc. and to pay such deductions monthly to RESDC. This authorization shall continue until revoked by me.

Associate Membership

I am an active or deferred San Diego County or Superior Court employee, or a non-County-affiliated spouse of a current RESDC member, and I have enclosed a check made out to RESDC for \$60 annual Associate Membership.

Name*: _____ MI

_____ Last

Last Four of Soc. Sec. #:**

Email: _____

Phone*: (____) _____
 Cell Home Work Other

Address*: _____

Department: _____

Retirement Date: _____

Signature*: _____

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*Required

**Required for deduction of dues

Mail completed form to:
RESDC
8825 Aero Drive, Suite 205
San Diego, CA 92123

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Virgie Liza Agustin	In Home Supportive Services	Debra Kues	Environmental Health
Jesus A. Alejandro	General Services	Karen J. LaMar	
Magdalena Alvarez	Traffic	Brian R. Larabee	Sheriff
Richard S. Armstrong	District Attorney	Cecilia Larom	District Attorney
Angelina E. Avila	Health & Human Services	Darryl L. Leaport	Sheriff
Catherine Avila		Blessilda L. Maaghop	Sheriff
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EMILY CHRISTINE MILLER,
2013 RESDC Scholarship Recipient
By Betty Miller, Wife of Bill Miller, RESDC Member

Emily was a recipient of the RESDC Scholarship program in 2013. She attended the University of Texas at Austin where she obtained a bachelor's degree in Mathematics. While at the University she was also a member of the well-known Texas Longhorn Band and was a section leader for the Band. Since graduation, she has become a math teacher at Richardson High School in Richardson, Texas. As a math teacher she teaches Al-

gebra 1 and also teaches students who have been unable to pass the Algebra 1 class that is required for graduation. As a first-year teacher, she has been able to accomplish helping 66% of those students who had previously failed, pass the required test.

Emily has also joined the Longhorn Alumni Band and she flew from Austin, Texas with other members of the band to participate in the 75th Anniversary of D-Day by marching in the parade in Normandy, France on June 6, 2019.

During the summer while attending college, Emily worked at a facility for handicapped and disabled children and is going to work there again this summer when she returns from France. She has a heart for special needs children and has a capacity to connect with them. She is very grateful for the assistance the RESDC scholarship afforded her. □





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Ticket price is **\$54.00** per person. Petco Park is located at 100 Park Blvd., San Diego, 92101.

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.

Registration: Registration forms and payment must be received in the RESDC office by **Friday, September 6**. **Tickets will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the event date. A limited number of tickets are available on a first-come first-serve basis.**

Register by Mail: Fill out the registration form below, make a check payable to RESDC for \$54 per person and mail both to RESDC, 8825 Aero Dr., Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92123.

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Email Address:	_____	
Department:	_____	Year Retired: _____
Name of Guest(s):	_____	
# of Reservations:	_____ x \$54.00 each = \$_____	(Total Enclosed)

