



# The Informer

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.

## Breaking News

You may find this edition of *The Informer* to be somewhat different. The January 23, 2019 luncheon was cancelled due to Mile Square Park construction. We apologize for any disappointment you may experience and hope you stay healthy and happy through the next few months. Our March newsletter will contain the usual luncheon information.

In the meantime, holiday photos from both the Fountain Valley and Hemet Chapters, including the Aliso Niguel High School Choir and Singer Dennis Alvarez are presented.

## Progressive Drawing Winner



Ray Cole, who was present at the December Luncheon, won \$500 from the year-end drawing. Remember—you must be present at the time of the drawing to win! See you on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at Mile Square Park for the next Progressive Drawing.

## Presidents' Message

*From the Desks of Linda Robinson and Doug Storm*

CHEERS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! The entire REAOOC and AREOC Board of Directors wishes everyone happiness, perfect health and exciting adventures in 2019. May this year bring peace and prosperity to you, your family, friends and all REAOOC retirees.

It's time to bring out those New Year's Resolutions and turn them into reality. Be brave. Embrace new opportunities with optimism, resilience and an unwavering belief in our ability to make this world a better place. Let us never forget we worked for and earned the right to be retirees—valuable, contributing participants in our own domains and communities. Let's seize the day and be the best we can be in 2019!

We have been honored to serve as your REAOOC Co-Presidents since 2007. At the December 5, 2018 Holiday Luncheon and Annual Business meeting we were re-elected to serve a 12th year in this capacity. Thank you all for your consideration and support. Big thanks from each Officer and Director for your continued vote of confidence in electing them to the positions they have held and will hold on your Board in 2019. We are dedicated to provide the best services we can during this new year.

Please know every Board member values and appreciates your continued membership, support and participation in REAOOC. To all new

and associate members who joined REAOOC in 2018—WELCOME. The well-earned retirement benefits we worked for during our years of service to the public must never be taken for granted. Challenges continually arise and it is up to all of us to stay informed, active and united when new or continuing challenges arise. There is strength in numbers and REAOOC will continue to diligently work toward increasing membership. To-date, efforts have been ongoing and effective. Our membership now totals more than 6,100. If you know or are aware of any retiree who is not a REAOOC member, please feel free to encourage them to join us.

2018 was certainly an adventure. With the mid-term elections behind us, attention will be focused on what the future holds for government retirees and employees at the national, state and county levels. Moving forward, Team REAOOC will continue to track and report to you political decisions, legislation and policies that could affect retirees' financial security and well-being. Though not

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# Welcome, New Members

**HCA:** Carolina Lim, Maria R. Del Pozo  
**OCCR:** Kent Grigsby  
**OC Public Works:** Ruth (Randi) Dunlap  
**OC Sanitation District:** Bernardo DeAnda, III  
**OCSA:** Carlos Soto, Jerry Culp  
**OCTA:** James Cook, Jr.  
**Probation:** Pedro Lopez  
**SSA:** Elizabeth Saxby  
**Superior Court:** Richard Amezquita  
**Not Stated:** Nanci Turner-Mitani

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all inclusive, here are some examples of the types of activities your Board will pursue during the next twelve months.

Board members and volunteers will work closely with the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA), the statewide organization representing over 180,000 County retirees from all twenty 1937 Act counties. Networking with other retiree associations and continued vigilance regarding pension reform platforms will continue. REAOC will interact on a national level with the National Conference of Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) to expand our capacity to protect retiree rights and benefits.

Board members will attend OCERS retirement system meetings; provide presentations for pre-retirement seminars; work with Pacific Group Agencies, Inc. which provides a variety of insurance offerings to our membership; and publish five editions of *The Informer* newsletter to update members on current issues. In addition, up to four, \$2,000 scholarship grants will be

# Hemet Chapter Luncheon

**When:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** The First Presbyterian Church, 515 E. Kimball, Hemet  
**Price:** Only \$9.50 per person  
**Menu:** Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, and Brownies

The Hemet Chapter invites new members and all REAOC members who live in the area or within driving distance to join them for the luncheons. Call Jane Pabitzky at (951) 237-3240 or Mary Little at (951) 485-7738 by February 7, 2019 to reserve your seat.

awarded to accomplished students in pursuit of a college or advanced degree (thank you, REAOC members, for your generosity and investment in the future); countless service hours have and will be provided by retiree volunteers through monitoring of Board of Supervisor meetings, planning retiree luncheons held in both Fountain Valley and Hemet, tracking legislation, working with the County's Employee Benefits staff to better understand and provide input into the selection process for health plans; provide an annual health insurance informational workshop for retirees during Open Enrollment; and last and certainly NOT least, provide member services through our extremely talented, REAOC Executive Director, Ilene Barcenas.

In closing, please know that retirement-related issues are ever-evolving and we are committed to addressing and seeking resolution to each one. Happy 2019 everyone! Take care and be well. Stay united, retirees!!

– Linda and Doug

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*The Informer* is published 5 times a year. Readers are encouraged to write *The Informer* expressing their views and comments on the subjects of interest to them.

The mission of REAOC is to promote and maintain fellowship and camaraderie of OCERS retirees and their spouses by sponsoring social and recreational activities and by maintaining contacts via the newsletter, the REAOC website, email, or other means of communication. A secondary purpose is tracking and dissemination of information relating to pension and legislative actions, financial matters, physical and mental health care, volunteer and employment opportunities and other concerns that may be of interest to our members.

OCERS retirees and their spouses are eligible for regular association membership. Dues are \$3.00 per month, payable through payroll deduction. Active employees, who will receive their retirement through OCERS, are eligible for Associate Membership. Dues for associate members are \$1.00 per month payable for the year each January.

Luncheons are held at Mile Square Golf Course in Fountain Valley on the fourth Wednesday of January, March, May and September, and on the first Wednesday of December. A local chapter of REAOC is active in Hemet.

# 2019 Keith L. Concannon Scholarship Program

by Rebecca Guider

**R**EAOC is happy to announce our annual Scholarship Program will continue this year! Starting January 2, 2019, scholarship applications may be requested by email at [reaoc@reaoc.org](mailto:reaoc@reaoc.org) or by telephone at 714 840-3995. Now in its 15th year, the Scholarship Program assists bright and accomplished students in their pursuit of a college or advanced degree. Four scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each are available.

**Qualifications** Applicants must be full-time students having at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0

scale. Students must be either high school seniors who have been accepted as full-time candidates for a college degree program in the Fall of 2019; or students already pursuing a degree at an accredited institution. Accredited educational institutions include colleges and universities, institutions authorized to provide full credit toward a bachelor's or higher degree, and accredited institutions authorized to train students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

**Deadline** Complete applications,

including the response to the essay question and certification, must be electronically submitted to REAOC by Monday, April 1, 2019. The official transcript and reference letter must be mailed separately with a postmark no later than April 1, 2019. Please visit the REAOC website, [www.reaoc.org](http://www.reaoc.org), for more information regarding the Scholarship Program. Applications should be thoroughly reviewed to ensure requirements are met. Please encourage your family members to apply for a 2019 REAOC Scholarship grant!

## Retirees at Holiday Luncheon



# In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of those who meant so much to so many.

## September 2018 – November 2018

Abbott, Richley, OC Public Works  
Backus, Larry, Assessor  
Bartosiewski, Larry, OC Sheriff's Dept.  
Benedict, Rose, UCI  
Bobbitt, William, Vector Control  
Brown, Rachael, OC Public Works  
Cook, Constance, SSA  
Cornelius, Joann, Auditor Controller  
Finkle, Robert, DA  
Gonzales, Jesse, OC Waste & Recycling  
Harris, Barbara, HCA  
Hughley, Sandra, OCCR  
Hurt, Jo, SSA  
Klingenberg, Britt, OC Public Works  
Lafontaine, David, OC Sheriff's Dept.  
Lee, Wilma, SSA  
Marshman, Wyona, HCA

Miller, Glenn, OC Sheriff's Dept.  
Montano, Victoria, OC Public Works  
Nguyen, Thoa, HCA  
Perez, Rogelio, OCTA  
Peterson, John, OC Public Works  
Pham, Hanh, OC Public Works  
Recor, Caren, HCA  
Roberts, Patricia, SSA  
Snyder, Randall, OCTA  
Standiford, Matilda, UCI  
Stauffer, William, Probation  
Tran, Melinda, SSA  
Uggwe, David, OC Sheriff's Dept.  
Vankeuren, Margaret, Superior Court  
Walker, Gerald, HCA  
Watts, Betty, Assessor  
Whitcomb, Edna, OC Sheriff's Dept.

## Surviving Spouses

Jahn, Fred  
Massey, Barbara  
Oxandaboure, Norma  
Richardson, Dorothy

## Hold These Dates

The following dates have been reserved for our 2019 luncheons:



### FOUNTAIN VALLEY

March 27

May 22

September 25

December 4

### HEMET

February 19

April 16

June 18

October 15

December 17

Dated Material – Please Deliver Immediately

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Holiday Luncheon Photos

Accepting REAOC Scholarship Applications

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