



The Grapevine

JANUARY 2017

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Thursday, January 19 Luncheon Reservations

ALL RESERVATIONS
MUST BE MADE BY CHECK

NEW LOCATION: PARDINI'S

2257 W Shaw, corner of
W Shaw & Van Ness Blvd,
Fresno CA

Check-in: 10 a.m.
Sit-down luncheon served
at 11:30 a.m.

"JACKS IN THE BAG" Raffle
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Reservations \$14 members;
\$17 non-members. Please make
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REFCO, P.O. BOX 26384
FRESNO, CA 93729-6384

Deadline for reservations is
Saturday, January 14. Your
check must reach us by that
date, so please mail it early to
allow for the USPS delivery.

Except for free lunches,

**PHONE RESERVATIONS
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

You may cancel your reserva-
tion by calling Marianne
Messina at 559-439-9524 prior
to the deadline of January 14. If
you get her answering machine,
please leave your name, phone
number and that you are
canceling your reservation.

**CANCELLATIONS AFTER
THE DEADLINE
CANNOT BE REFUNDED.**

**NEXT EVENT:
APRIL 20 LUNCHEON**



Linda Hutcheson

To volunteer, or not to volunteer? That's a question that retirees often ask themselves. After many years of working, most of us never had the time, let alone the energy, to volunteer. But now, at last, we have a little "free time", and for those that are able and willing, we can now seriously consider becoming a volunteer at any one of the numerous non-profit organizations in our community. Not every retiree can volunteer, but for those that do, the following benefits are impressive.

Benefits of Volunteering:

- 1) It's good for us – volunteering provides both physical and mental rewards, which reduces our stress and simply makes us healthier.
- 2) It saves resources – the estimated value of a volunteer's time in California is \$27 per hour; this frees up money to be spent on other needed expenses.
- 3) It brings people together, uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal.
- 4) It promotes personal growth and self-esteem.

2017 Nominations to be Voted on at January Meeting

All candidates are incumbents except those marked with an asterisk.

President:Bob Dowell
(automatic succession from 1st VP)
1st Vice President.....Judy Lemos*
2nd Vice President...Regina Wheeler
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Board of Directors
(terms expire end of 2018)

Janet Smith
Patrice White
June Breese McClellan*

President's Message

January Luncheon Moves to Pardini's on West Shaw Avenue

Pardini's is located at 2257 W Shaw Ave at the corner of W Shaw and Van Ness Blvd. Doors will open at 10:00 am with lunch to be served at 11:30 am. The lunch will be \$14 for REFCO members and \$17 for nonmembers.

5) Volunteering strengthens our community by supporting families, schools, youth and many other vital services.

6) As volunteers, we learn a lot about our government and our community.

7) We get a chance to give back by supporting resources that we use ourselves or that benefit people we care about.

8) It's an investment in our community and the people who live here.

9) Volunteers make a difference because every person counts – a big win for all involved!

If you find yourself with extra "time on your hands", I hope you will consider volunteering at any one of the many organizations in our community – non-profits, churches, government agencies, animal centers, local libraries, city parks, the zoo, hospitals, hospices – the list and the needs are endless.

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Community Outreach Charitable Food Drive for Catholic Charities

For our January 2017 meeting, we will be featuring Catholic Charities. It is a non-profit social service agency serving the needs of the poor and disadvantaged of our community. One of their primary services is operating a Food Pantry to provide nutritional food to help families survive when going through difficult financial times. **Canned goods, beans, rice, pasta, sauce, tuna, peanut butter, cereal and soup are the non-perishable kinds of foods needed on a daily basis.** Please be generous in your donations to this worthy cause for our community. We also accept cash donations for the charity.



Who to Call for Help

Retirement Office .559-457-0681

- Retirement Check
- Withholding Forms
- Beneficiary Change
- Address Change
- Retirement Board Meetings

Employee Benefits ..559-600-1810

- County Health Insurance

REFCO559-431-5032
or refco.emails@gmail.com
mail REFCO, P.O. Box 26384,
Fresno, CA 93729-6384.

- Grapevine
- Membership
- Address Change

Don Nelson
refco.media_mgr@gmail.com
• New/Changed E-mail Address

Marianne559-439-9524

- Luncheon Reservations

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US Post Office to Tell Us
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New US Post Office regulations require REFCO to maintain mailing addresses that are updated no later than 90 days. **To help us keep costs down, we need you to immediately notify us when you move.**

**The Grapevine
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Privacy Statement

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The information that REFCO has about you is your name, mailing address and payment of membership dues. This list of members is provided to us by the Retirement Office.

REFCO does not disclose any of this information about our members and former members to third parties. The information is limited to those who assist us with mailings such as *The Grapevine* Newsletter. The companies who act on our behalf are obligated to keep this information that we provide them confidential.

REFCO does not sell or share our member lists.

2017 REFCO Activities Calendar

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
12: Board Mtg 19: Luncheon	9: Board Mtg	9: Board Mtg
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
13: Board Mtg 20: Luncheon	11: Board Mtg	8: Board Mtg
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
13: Board Mtg 210: Luncheon	10: Board Mtg	7: Bingo Buffet 14: Board Mtg
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
12: Board Mtg 19: Hlth Fair Lunch	9: Board Mtg	7: Christmas Party

- **Meetings** – 9:00 am, FCFCU Admin Offices, 2580 W Shaw Ave
- **Luncheons** – Lunch at 11:30 am, Pardini’s, 2257 W Shaw Ave
- **Christmas Party** – Lunch at 11:30 am, Pardini’s, 2257 W Shaw Ave

Christmas Raffle Winners

50/50, \$615.....Joe Lopez
Jacks in the Bag, \$10 ...Tom Cash
Food Drive, \$50.....Pati Ann Soto
FCFCU \$25 Gift Cards:

- SearsEbelia Elizondo
- Home Goods...Patsy McAllister
- Joanns.....Marty Evers
- Red Robin.....Kathy Castello

REFCO, \$20Emily Piercy,
Hanako Lord, Gayle DeLaTeur,
Nancy Beltran, Centhy Hansford

Steve Pettee \$50 Macy’s
Gift Cards.....Tan Koo,
Millie Mello, Linda Cusick,
Kathleen Elia

Liberty Mutual
PoinsettiasJune McLelland,
Irene Romero

Ancilla’s Homemade
Christmas TreesKen Jepson,
Donna Davenport

Referred Member, \$100
.....Marianne Messina

Toys for Tots.....Elena Perez

**Do You Pay Your
Dues By Check?**

If you have not already paid your 2017 dues, please send us your check made out to REFCO to REFCO, PO BOX 26384, FRESNO CA 93729-6384.

If you would like to switch to payroll deduction at the reduced rate of \$12 (\$1 per month), please print our Membership Application Form from our website refco1.org or request one by calling REFCO at 559.431-5032 or emailing Joy at ja-clark@pacbell.net.

Thanks to all of you who have switched to payroll deduction through the years, as it is a lot easier on our end.

President

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As the outgoing REFCO Board President, this is my last message for *The Grapevine*. I would like to end as I began my first article in April 2015 by again saying I love being retired and I hope you do too. And finally, for inspiration: **A good life is when you assume nothing, do more, need less, smile often, dream big, laugh a lot and realize how fortunate you are.**

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Congratulations, New Retirees & New Members!

New REFCO members are **bolded**. *Indicates a deferred member. *Listed alphabetically by last name.*
Note: Missing info on some new REFCO members indicates the info could not be verified by the *Grapevine* deadline.

Peter L J Albert		
Peter Alvarez	Waste Disp & Plan	
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David Boyden	VMC	
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Joseph G Bruzee	Pub Wks & Plan	15.18
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E Delores Caglia		
Rudy Carrillo	Dist Attny	25.69
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Jeffery Champ	Fleet Servs	
Joyce A Constant	CA Sup Ct	11.41
Jeanie Cox	Beh Hlth	
Felix E Denton	Soc Servs	17.39
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Robert W Engellenner	Sheriff	19.59
Bonnie Engelsman	Probation	
Erlinda F Esparza	Sup Court - Civil	
Lupe Flores	Ch Supp Servs	25.58
Azam Gadwah	ITSD	22.07
Raphaela Gallagher	Dist Attny & Fam Supp	
Gloria Galvan	A-C/T-TC	
Sara G Garcia	Ch Supp Servs	14.53
Troy R Garey	Sheriff	
Lisa Gessner	Soc Servs	
Janet Glaude	Soc Servs	13.50*
David Godfrey	Sheriff	34.48
Roy Gomez	Soc Servs	
Olga Gonzales	VMC	
Sylvia Gonzales	Soc Servs	17.18
Fernando Gonzalez-Velez	Pub Hlth	
Samuel T Goong	ITSD	22.43
Grace N Grimes	Beh Hlth	10.18
Miguel V Gutierrez	Sup Ct/Interpreters	
Marjorie L Hall	Library	
Martin Harguindeguy	Library	
Diane Hatch	ITSD	31.85
Nancy Hatcher	Health	
Rosemary Hernandez	Soc Servs	
Sandra Hernandez		
Sophia Hernandez-Garza	Pub Defend	
Christine H Hinds	Library	
Wesley Hoggatt	ETNA	
Kathy Huffstutler	Dist Attny	26.69
Nelson Dean Huseby	Pub Wks & Dev Servs	
Linda J Jacobs	Soc Servs	17.65
Elizabeth Jacobsen	Dist Attny	
Steven D Jones	Soc Servs	2.30*
Joan Keenen	Beh Hlth	24.62
Diane W Kecskes		
June Kutumian	Sup Ct	
Brian V Larson	ITSD	
Jerry Lewis	Soc Servs	26.06
David Lopez	Sheriff	28.22

Gilbert Lopez	Sheriff	25.70
Carolyn B Lovejoy	Comm Hlth	10.25*
Jean E Marchand	Pub Wks & Plan	19.43
Patrice Mack	Sheriff	
Columba Mares	Soc Servs	7.25
Paul Marquez	Sheriff	
Kelli McCaslin	Assr-Recorder	16.39
Beth McWherter	FMAAA	
Sandra Molina	Probation	29.68
Leticia Morales	Soc Servs	
Maria G Morales		
Judy Weeks Mosqueda	A-C/T-TC	13.23
Cathy Newell		
Travis Newell	Sheriff	
Karen Lynn Nishi	A-C/T-TC	
Valerie J Nitta	Bene of Steven	
Marcos J Orro	Pub Wks & Plan	5.56*
Crystal Pacheco	Ch Supp Servs	24.90
Sandra K Palmer	Sup Court	
Nancy J Parker	Child Supp Servs	2.16*
Ascencion F Peraza Jr	Fleet Servs – GSA	19.06
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Dolly Quan	Probation	22.70
Henry Ramirez	Sheriff	29.20
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Francisco Reyes	Soc Servs	
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Fatima Roshdy-Dunbar	Soc Servs	34.45
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Pete C Salcedo	Probation	18.03
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David Scott	Beh Hlth	
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Billie Irene Sloan	Soc Servs	
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Nikaela G Solis	Ment Hlth	
Roderick Spaulding	Dist Attny	26.07
Allen Stegall	North Cent Fire	
Michael Stepke	Hum Resources	7.34
Margaret A Storey	Sheriff	
Kathleen Thiessen	Co Clerk	
Rita Townsend	Beh Hlth	4.30*
H James Turnbull	Library	11.19
Julie Valentine	VMC	12.05*
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Robyn Williams	Sheriff	11.66*
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Calvin R Young	Sheriff	

IN MEMORIAM

REFCO extends our condolences to the family and friends of the following deceased, as reported by the Retirement Office:

RETIREES			BENEFICIARIES		DEFERRED
Erlinda Arce	Carmela Glass	Harold Tokmakian	Dolores Edelbrock	Julie Stevens	Frank D
Emilie Arndt	Reina B Gonzalez	Joseph S Torres	of William	of Robert	Middleton
Barbara Boos	Kao Herva	Janice Tucker	Richard D	Miguel V	Rosemary Vargas
Linda Bartlett	Vickie L Jordan	Ernest R Viau	Pedersen of Gwyn	Villalobos	
Luca Carbone	Victor I McKinney	Kenneth D Young	Irene Raymond	of Margarita	
A Vernon Conrad	Joyce L Moses	Elayne G Zalky	of Keith		
Dolores Edelbrock	Willie P Nunley		Robelyn Rhines		
Gerald Faulkner	Sothea L Pho		of Ronald C		
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Cynthia Flock	Gloria Stockle				




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Scott from Office Depot gave me a card with both laminated back-to-back. I present it when I am buying something to see which has the better discount. You can take the “cards”

printed here to any Office Depot or OfficeMax store and they will laminate them for free.

OfficeMax still offers online purchasing. Orders over \$50 are shipped for free, while orders under \$50 are shipped for \$3.95. Follow the instructions below:

Place orders at:
officemaxsolutions.com
username **cofemploy**
password **myorders04**

You must pay by credit card and specify the delivery address when the order is placed. Be aware that sometimes in-store prices may be lower due to retail promotions. Happy shopping!

Time to Apply for CSUF and FCC Scholarships

REFCO is now providing \$2,000 scholarships to CSUF students and \$1,000 scholarships to FCC students.

Both the CSUF & FCC scholarships are available to children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of REFCO members. If you have an eligible student in your family who would benefit from a CSUF or FCC scholarship, follow the instructions below:

CSUF & FCC scholarships are only available online.

For CSUF log on to:

www.csufresno.edu/scholarships/scholarshipapplication. The Scholarship Office phone number is (559) 278-6572.

For FCC log on to:

www.fresnocitycollege.edu/index.aspx?page=1469. The Scholarship Office phone number is (559) 442-8293.

Scholarship applications may be submitted for both CSUF & FCC starting October 1, 2016 through March 2, 2017.

Photos from the 2016 Christmas lunch have been added to the REFCO Shutterfly page at:
<https://refcophotos.shutterfly.com>



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