# FRESNO COUNTY RETIREES OFFICIAL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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# Thursday, October 20 Luncheon **Reservations**

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY CHECK** 

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4277 N. West Avenue Fresno, California

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

"JACKS IN THE BAG" Raffle **50/50** Raffle FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING **CENTRAL VALLEY VETERANS** 

Books, CD & DVD Exchange

## **HEALTH FAIR**

Reservations \$12 members; \$15 non-members. Please make your check payable to REFCO, and mail to:

> REFCO, P.O. BOX 26384 FRESNO, CA 93729-6384

Deadline for reservations is Saturday, October 15. 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 reservation by calling Marianne Messina at 559-439-9524 prior to the deadline of October 15. 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:** CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8** 



Linda Hutcheson

# **President's Message**

Our membership dues are a bargain! Since our retirement association, formally called the Retired Employees of Fresno County (REFCO), was established 38 years ago, monthly

dues have never exceeded \$1. I repeat, what a bargain! Of the twenty counties, including our county, whose retirement systems were created under the 1937 Retirement Act, fourteen of those counties charge more member dues than Fresno, some as high as \$5 per month.

Although \$1 is not considered much money these days, when combined with all dues-paying-members' dollars-2,566 REFCO members as September, 2016 - it's a substantial sum and the association does a great job of putting all those dollars to good use. The following is a percentage breakdown of how REFCO dues, which totaled \$26,007 in 2015, were utilized last year:

#### Grapevine Newsletter 41% (printing, postage) Six Luncheons 20% (raffles, lunch supplements) Scholarships (CSUF) 11% 24% Administrative (insurance, delegates, office, misc.)

4% Savings This year and in future years, we

expect to have an increased amount of our dues supporting college scholarships for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as we now offer \$1,000 annual scholarships for students attending Fresno City College.

If you want to enjoy some of the many benefits provided by your dollar dues, be sure to join us for our next luncheon, our annual Health Fair Luncheon on October 20. In addition to the Health Insurance Company representatives in attendance, we will be recognizing and congratulating the three CSUF students who have been selected as this year's scholarship award winners.

## **2017 REFCO Nominations**

At the September board meeting and by subsequent email vote, the Nominating Committee submitted, and the board approved, the following slate of candidates for 2017. All candidates are incumbents except those indicated by an asterisk.

President: Bob Dowell (automatic succession from 1st VP) 1st Vice President: Judy Lemos\* 2nd Vice President: Regina Wheeler Membership Secretary: Joy Clark Recording Secretary: Dick Estel Linda Robinson Treasurer: Assistant Treasurer: Marianne Messina

> **Board of Directors** (terms expire end of 2018) Janet Smith Patrice White June Breese McClellan\*

Voting will be held at the January lunch, at which time nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

## **Community Outreach Charitable Food Drive Targets Veterans**

The next REFCO Food Drive will be held on Thursday October 20, 2016. We are pleased to announce that Central Valley Veterans, a local non-profit organization that we have donated to in the past, will again receive our food donations and provide everyone an opportunity to make a difference with cash donations also. Help a local veteran in need.

In addition to food, Central Valley Veterans (CVV) provides a wide array of services to needy veterans - emergency housing, furniture, car repairs, utility payments, educational supplies and holiday gifts. They collaborate with several other veterans' organizations that are equally committed to improving the lives of our valley veterans. In addition to the yearly "Stand Down" event, a four-day event with multiple services for veterans. They also have several Veteran Job/Services Fairs each year.

We anticipate and encourage a strong support for veterans by our REFCO members with generous cash donations and also non-perishable food at our upcoming luncheon.



## 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

**REFCO** .......559-431-5032 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

Marianne ......559-439-9524

Luncheon Reservations

# Don't Expect the US Post Office to Tell Us When You've Moved

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 Disclaimer Statement

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## **Privacy Statement**

REFCO recognizes the need for the privacy of its members and is committed to protecting your personal information. The Officers and Directors of REFCO restrict access to information about you to those who need to know the information to provide services to you.

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.

## **2016 REFCO Activities Calendar**

OCTOBER

13: Board Mtg20: Hlth Fair Lunch

NOVEMBER
10: Board Mtg

DECEMBER 8: Christmas Party

- Meetings 9:00am, FCFCU Admin Offices, 2580 W Shaw Ave
  Luncheons Lunch at 11:30am, International Catering, 4277 N West Ave
- Christmas Party Lunch at 11:30am, International Catering, 4277 N West Ave

# Online Banking Puts You in Greater Control of Your Finances

**Banking online** – viewing your accounts, transferring funds and paying bills – is safe, secure and very convenient. By putting your accounts literally at your fingertips, online banking can give you more control over your finances. Online banking uses today's technology to give you up to the minute, real time access to your accounts.

**Security** – We've all seen it – bashed in mailboxes and stolen mail. Mail theft is on the rise, there is no doubt about it. Online banking provides a level of security that mailboxes cannot because financial institutions are highly regulated to ensure superior protection of your data. With online banking, information is encrypted, minimizing the chances of any security breaches. At Fresno County Federal Credit Union, safety and security of member information is the number one priority.

**Convenience** – Unlike a branch location, online banking is never closed; it's only a mouse click away, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Access** – Wherever you are, if you're out of state or out of the country when you want to access your accounts, you can log on instantly to your accounts and take care of business, 24/7.

**Efficiency** – Accessing and managing all of your accounts (including IRAs, CDs, loans, and more) from one

secure site saves you valuable time. Plus, through online banking, you can notify the Credit Union when you'll be traveling out of town (to avoid disruption in your credit or debit cards), eliminating the need to call or visit a branch.

**Move Money** – You can now move money to/from another financial institution and to another member within the Credit Union right from your computer.

**Bill Paying** – No more stamps! Pay bills and monitor your household spending in just a click. Best of all, online banking allows you to access your payment history for every vendor on your payee list.

**Budgeting** – Online banking records transactions instantly, in real time, so you can see them as they occur. You'll be better able to track and monitor your spending, making it easier to follow a budget and avoid overdraft or late charges.

**Go mobile** – With Fresno County Federal Credit Union's free MyCU2Go mobile app, you get the functionality of online banking right on your smartphone or tablet, enabling you to stay connected to your accounts quickly and easily, wherever you go.

For more information about online and mobile banking options available at Fresno County Federal Credit Union, visit www.FresnoCU.com.



## DIRECTORY OF REFCO OFFICIALS/VOLUNTEERS

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Website: refcol.org Contact Information: Phone: 559.431-5032

Email: <u>refco.emails@gmail.com</u>

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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.

Joan Allen	Beh Hlth16.14
Frank Aranki	Comm Hlth15.00
Laura R Barnard	Bene of Douglas
Donna Bernardi	Beh Hlth
	Co Counsel5.06*
Darla Boughton	Probation15.95
	Library7.55*
Rudy Carrillo	
Lori A Carroll	Bene of Mark
Michael M Cha	Soc Servs21.82
Daniel Cohan	Dist Attny1.68*
Debra D Cooper	Dist Attny16.45
Alan D Corley	Internal Servs21.05
Carol Cruz	Soc Servs15.95
	Agriculture37.44
Daniel L Davies	Sheriff25.39
Diana Diehl	Assr-Recorder35.34
Ollie Dimery-Ratliff	Probation28.21*
William English	Coroner/Pub Admin13.81
Francine Fox	Comm Hlth8.72*
Samuel T Goong	
Douglas J Grandquis	Pub Wks & Plan2.73*
	Soc Servs30.05
John Hernandez	Soc Servs26.37
James M Hill	Comm Hlth7.80*
Linda Jacobs	Soc Servs
Elizabeth Jacobsen	Dist Attny
Gayle Johnson	CAO26.82
Philip Kader	Probation28.33*
	VMC12.29*
	Sheriff5.02*
Carmela LeBlanc	Pub Defender10.60
Timothy Leming	Assr-Recorder25.18
	Pub Wks & Plan25.30
Gilbert Lopez	Sheriff
Jeannie E Marchand	Pub Wks & Plan19.43
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# REFCO Benefit Plans Open Enrollment

Dental, Vision, Identity Theft, Car, Home, Life, Accident, Travel, Legal, Pet, & More

Around the second half of October, all REFCO members will receive the 2017 REFCO Benefits Open Enrollment package. This package details all the benefit plans, including dental and vision, that are available exclusively to REFCO members.

Please do not delay in opening this package as the Open Enrollment period ends November 25. Benefits will be effective January 1st and the premiums for most of the benefit plans are eligible for payroll deduction.

The REFCO Benefit Plans Administrator, Pacific Group Agencies, will be attending the REFCO Health Fair Luncheon on Thursday, October 20 and will be able to answer any of your questions regarding these plans.

Please note: You may have received information on a VSP plan offered by SACRS, an outside organization. This is not the same VSP plan that is endorsed by REFCO and detailed in the benefit booklet.

## **Do You Pay Your Dues by Check?**

It is getting to be that time of year again. This is an early reminder that your \$15 dues check is due by the end of the year. Pease send us your check made out to REFCO to REFCO, PO BOX 26384, FRESNO CA 93729-6384. Writing "dues" on the check would make our record keeping a little easier, since our luncheons are also \$15.

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 <u>refcol.org</u> or request one by calling REFCO at 559.431-5032 or emailing Joy at <u>ja-clark@pacbell.net</u>.

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

## IN MEMORIAM

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

## **RETIREES**

Douglas Barnard Karen Betancourt Glenn Bisel Jr Donald Brown Clifford Buckman Alice Copus Mary J Eberhardy Jackie Everitt Diane Fitzhenry Edward Garza Donna Grijalva Steven Helm Theresa A Henry **Betty Hodges** Janice Kemplin Garland Kopp Joseph E Lucero Jess S Martinez Beverly Mathison **Curtis Mott** Kenneth Myatt Americo Papaleo Ronald L Peterson Orville Randall Albert J Rodriguez Bill G Sanders Sr

Betty R Tudman Leslie Wallers Hershell Warner Melvryn Wingett

## ACTIVE

Donna A Fleming

## **BENEFICIARIES**Helen Boudakian

of Paul Hazel Grim of George

Rosemarie T House of William

Nancy K Robertson of Daniel

Barbara Scott of Floyd

Georgia Williams alt payee of Michael Molinari

## DEFERRED

Boune Yang Sylvia Valencia

## **TERMINATED**

Robert A Salinas Debbie Whitehill

## **CSUFresno Scholarship Recipents Announced for 2016-17**

The REFCO Board has voted to award three \$2,000 Anna B. Lund Memorial Scholarships to eligible students attending CSUF this year. Carrie McAnulty is the stepdaughter of Oppliger (retired as Fresno County District Attorney and Superior Court Judge). Selene Oaks is the grand-



Carrie McAnulty





Randi Parkinson

Selene Oaks

ted for this FY school year. REFCO's scholarship programs are administered by CSUF & FCC for 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 instructions below:

October 20 Luncheon to

meet everyone and express

their thanks for the scholar-

In addition to REFCO pro-

viding scholarships to CSUF

students, the REFCO Board

approved two \$1,000 schol-

arships for FCC students. So

far, none have been submit-

ship awards.

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



daughter of Leandro Cano (retired CDCR/Fresno County Sheriff). Randi Parkinson is the daughter of Gary Parkinson (retired Purchasing Supervising Buyer).

Carrie McAnulty is currently in her second year at Fresno State and enrolled in her first semester at the CSUF School of Nursing. She is expected to graduate with her BSN in May 2019, and looks forward to becoming a registered nurse.

Selene Oaks is a Junior at CSUF. She is a speech pathology major and is on the road to getting her bachelor's degree. Her goal is to become a speech therapist for children with speech impediments. She is the oldest child in her family; she has a brother and a sister. She discovered she wanted to become a speech therapist after finding out her brother had to go to speech therapy. This really opened a door for her; helping her to find what she is passionate about.

Randi Parkinson is currently a Senior at Fresno State pursuing her B.A. in child development with a pre-credential option. She will pursue her master's degree and credentials upon graduation so that she may pursue - her dreams of becoming a teacher. She currently works parttime for Central Unified as an instructional aide in kindergarten. She loves working with students and helping make a positive difference in the world, one student at a time.

All three students have been invited to attend our



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You are invited to meet with the onsite Financial Consultants, Ted Dietz and Chue Lor to discuss how to maximize your retirement funds by calling (559) 437-2002 or by email at chuelor@lpl.com.



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# OPEN ENROLLMENT Plan Year 2017



Open Enrollment for Plan Year 2017 is scheduled to begin on **Monday, October 24, 2016** and will continue through **Thursday, November 10, 2016**. Open Enrollment is the one time during the year that you may enroll in one of the County's health insurance plans or make changes to the plans you are currently enrolled in without a qualifying event. If you choose to enroll or make any changes, coverage will take effect **January 1, 2017**.

#### WHAT CHANGES ARE THERE FOR PLAN YEAR 2017?

For the 2017 plan year, the Kaiser Pre-65 plan will not be offered due to low enrollment. The County of Fresno will continue to offer Anthem Blue Cross HDPPO, Hartford Supplemental, and Kaiser Senior Advantage High and Low Options. If you do not want to enroll or make any changes to the plans you are currently enrolled in, no action is required on your part. The new rates for plan year 2017 can be found below. Please note - these rates are contingent upon Board approval; rates will be approved on the October 11, 2016 board meeting.

#### CAN I MAKE CHANGES TO MY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ONCE OPEN ENROLLMENT CLOSES?

Once Open Enrollment closes, you will not be permitted to enroll or make changes until the next Open Enrollment period, unless you experience a qualifying event as defined by the IRS. If you experience a qualifying event, you must submit the required documentation to Employee Benefits within thirty (30) days of the qualifying event date.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE COVERED ON MY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN?

ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS	REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S)		
Spouse*	A copy of the Certified Marriage Certificate		
Registered Domestic Partner	A copy of the Declaration of Domestic Partnership filed with the California Secretary of State		
Child	A copy of the Certified Birth Certificate		
dopted Child A copy of the Adoption Order or the Certified Birth Certificate			
Stepchild	A copy of the Certified Birth Certificate and a copy of the Certified Marriage Certificate or Declaration of Domestic Partnership showing your spouse or registered domestic partner as the child's parent		
Child of Legal Guardianship	A copy of the Letters of Guardianship filed with the courts		

Please note: The required documents listed above must be submitted each time a dependent is added to your health insurance, regardless if the dependent has been covered under your plan previously.

#### HOW DO I ENROLL IN ONE OF THE COUNTY RETIREE PLANS?

Complete the applicable form(s) and submit to Employee Benefits, along with any required supporting documents via:

- Email: HRBenefits@co.fresno.ca.us
- **Fax**: (559) 455-4787
- In person: On the 14th Floor of the County Plaza Building
- USPS mail: 2220 Tulare Street, 14th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721

Please note: All forms *and* supporting documents must be <u>received</u> by Employee Benefits no later than 5:00 pm on **Thursday, November 10, 2016**. Employee Benefits is not responsible for forms sent through USPS mail that are lost or delayed and therefore not received by the deadline. In order to confirm receipt of forms and/or supporting documents, please contact Employee Benefits at (559) 600-1810 or email HRBenefits@co.fresno.ca.us.

#### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Employee Benefits at (559)600-1810 or email <a href="https://example.co.go/hrsno.ca.us">https://example.co.go/hrsno.ca.us</a>. Additionally, you can visit the Open Enrollment website at <a href="https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/openenrollment">www.co.fresno.ca.us/openenrollment</a>. The site is very informative and includes detailed summaries, provider information, rates, forms and much more!

#### **OPEN ENROLLMENT EVENTS**

#### **REFCO LUNCHEON (Retirees only)\***

Thursday, October 20, 2016 10:00am — 2:00pm International Catering Company 4277 N. West Avenue Fresno, CA 93705

#### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 7:30am — 2:00pm 2220 Tulare Street, Plaza Level Fresno, CA 93721 \*In order to attend the luncheon, you must RSVP by October 14<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$15. Please mail your check, made payable to:

REFCO PO BOX 26384 Fresno, CA 93729-6384



This is your opportunity to obtain information from difference vendors and the County's health insurance carriers all at one location.

#### **HEALTH PLANS AND MONTHLY PREMIUM SUMMARY**

	NON-	MEDICARE	MEDICARE SU	MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL	
	(Under Age 65)			(Age 65 and Over)	
	PLAN 1		PLA	PLAN 2	
Medical/Mental Health	Anthem Blue Cross HDPPO		) Hartford	Hartford/Benistar	
Prescription	Anthem Blue Cross		Express	Express Scripts	
Vision	Vision Service Plan (VSP)		Vision Se	Vision Service Plan	
Dental Plans	Delta Dental	DeltaCare US		DeltaCare USA	
	DPPO	or DHMO	DPPO	DHMO	
RETIREE COST		RETIRE	RETIREE COST		
Retiree Only	\$845.11	\$819.86	\$584.70	\$559.45	
Retiree + Spouse	\$1,480.61	\$1,443.38	\$1,131.65	\$1,094.42	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$1,309.53	\$1,282.91			
Retiree + Family	\$1,942.42	\$1,902.19			
Medicare & Non-Medicare	\$1,407.90	\$1,370.67			
	MEDIC	ARE ADVANTAG	GE PLANS (Age 65 c	ınd Over)	
	PLAN 3		PLA	PLAN 4	
Medical/Mental Health	Kaiser High Option		Kaiser Lo	Kaiser Low Option	
Prescription	Kaiser	Permanente	Kaiser Pe	Kaiser Permanente	
Vision	Kaiser Permanente		Kaiser Pe	Kaiser Permanente	
Dental Plans	Delta Dental	DeltaCare US		DeltaCare USA	
	DPPO	or DHMO	DPPO	DHMO	
	RETIREE COST		RETIRE	RETIREE COST	
Retiree Only	\$393.89	\$368.64	\$362.95	\$337.70	
Retiree + Spouse	\$751.20	\$713.97	\$689.32	\$652.09	

<sup>\*</sup>Please note: These rates are not final until approved by the Board of Supervisors.