



The Grapevine

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Thursday, July 19 Luncheon Reservations

**ALL RESERVATIONS
MUST BE MADE BY CHECK**

PARDINI'S

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

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

**Jacks in the Bag Raffle: \$250
50/50 Raffle**

**Food Drive benefiting:
HIGHWAY CITY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Books, CD & DVD Exchange

Reservations \$14 members; \$17
nonmembers. Please make your
check payable to REFCO, and
mail to:

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

Deadline for reservations is
Saturday, July 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 reservation by
calling Marianne Messina at 559-
439-9524 prior to the deadline of
July 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:
BINGO BASH
SEPTEMBER 6**

President's Message

I recently attended the State Assn. of County Retirement Systems' (SACRS) Spring Conference with over 600 Trustees, staff members and investment advisors in attendance. The SACRS conferences are always geared towards helping Trustees to be better stewards of our system's assets and it is essential that we acquire the education necessary to perform our duties.



Bob Dowell

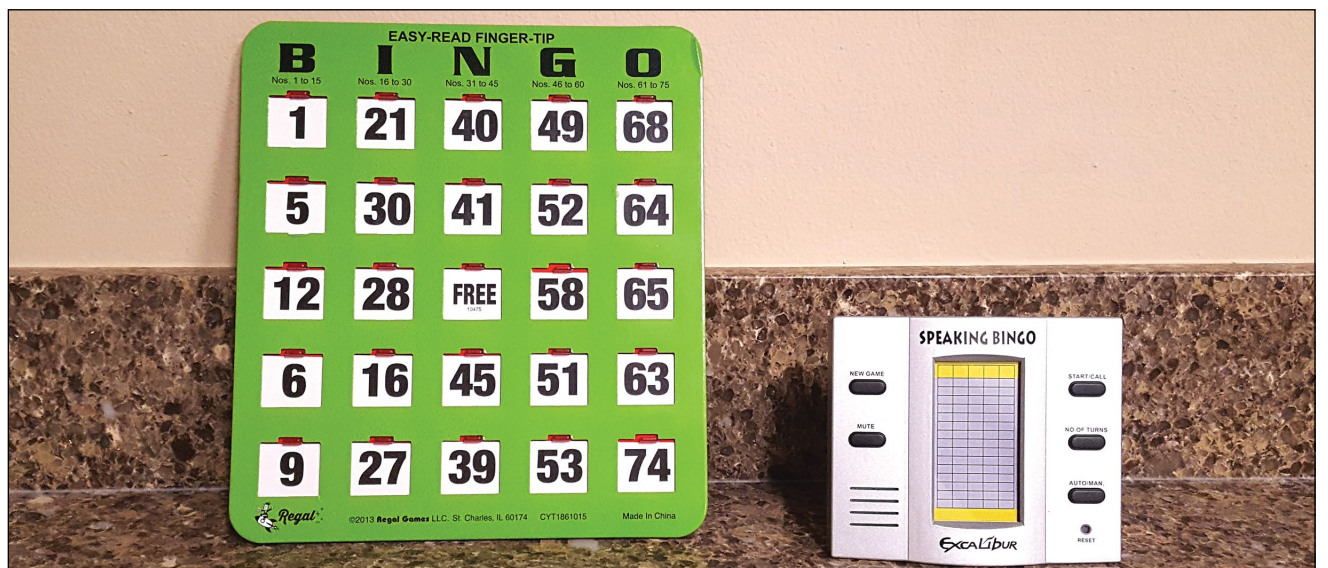
SACRS' conference topics generally include: Alternative Investing, Asset Balancing, Defined Benefit Plans, Defined Contribution Plans, Governance, Hedge Funds, International and Domestic investment strategies, Investment Technology, Money Managers, Private Equity, Real Assets, Real Estate, Regulation and Legislation, Trading and Research and Venture Capital.

AS you have recently seen in the press, discussions about public employee pension benefits or sustainability issues is often fraught with tension and acrimony. Your REFCO Board members are very concerned with what we read and let me

assure you that pension sustainability is our number one obligation by assuring that the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association Board delivers on it's promises that were made to each of you when you began your career and again when you retired from Fresno County employment.

REFCO Board members and volunteers continue to serve our members by attending FCERA's board meetings, performing outreach with the other 1937 Act counties through the California Retired County Employees Assn. (CRCEA), presenting at FCERA's retirement seminars, producing our "Grapevine" newsletter, and developing our REFCO web site to assist you in staying informed.

In closing, I want to sincerely thank each of you for your membership and your participation in REFCO's activities and luncheons. Your support for REFCO is very much appreciated by each of our Board members and we all wish you wellness and happiness for this upcoming summer season!



Plan to Attend the Bingo Bash in September

Our annual Bingo Bash will be on September 6th this year. You will receive the usual mailing/email for making reservations.

In the meantime thought you'd like to know that we'll be using new Bingo equipment generously provided to us by Noble Credit Union. (See accompanying picture). The numbers are called by the electronic device pictured and will be repeated by Ken Smith using a

microphone so everyone is sure to hear them correctly.

Also, there will be new bingo cards (shown). The cards are approximately 8"X 8" with a little red pull-down shade to cover the number if you have the number that's been called. We think you'll like the new equipment. And remember - playing bingo at REFCO is always free as long as you paid for your lunch.



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

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- 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.

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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 list.

2018 REFCO Activities Calendar

JANUARY 11: Board Mtg 18: Luncheon	FEBRUARY 8: Board Mtg	MARCH 8: Board Mtg
APRIL 12: Board Mtg 19: Luncheon	MAY 10: Board Mtg	JUNE 14: Board Mtg
JULY 12: Board Mtg 19: Luncheon	AUGUST 9: Board Mtg	SEPTEMBER 6: Bingo Bash 13: Board Meeting
OCTOBER 11: Board Mtg 18: Hlth Fair Lunch	NOVEMBER 8: Board Mtg	DECEMBER 6: Christmas Party

- **Meetings** – 9:00 am, FCFCU Admin Offices, 2550 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

July Luncheon Benefits Highway City Community Development

The REFCO Food Drive will benefit the Highway City Community Development (HCCD) organization. This private, non-profit, nondenominational organization was founded in 1995 to address the extreme poverty in and around Highway City and the surrounding communities. Their purpose is to stimulate economic development by not only collaborating with a variety of community groups but also enlisting the help and involvement of the impoverished families themselves in leadership roles – making changes for the better by building hope and stabilizing families.

The specific ways they are making these changes is by offering Job and Vocational Training, Life Skills and Leadership Training, Dignity Based Work Programs with the opportunity to work

for food, clothes and household needs, After School/Learning Center services, monthly Food Pantry distributions, and helping displaced children throughout the Central Unified School District.

An integral part of HCCD's efforts is the Highway City Thrift Store, which is located at 5472 W Shaw Ave. The proceeds from the thrift store go to support all the services they provide. In an effort to be 'green', the thrift stores takes items that do not sell due to wear and tear and partners with a local recycler to turn those items into insulation, rags, stuffing and more.

Those attending our July 19, 2018 luncheon will have an opportunity to help meet this need by donation food and or money to this collaborative community effort.

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Congratulations, New Retirees!

**Indicates a deferred member. Listed alphabetically by last name.*

Loren Abernathy	Pub Wks & Plan	6.26*	Robert E Rusche	Sheriff	14.78
Laura Aguilar	CA Sup Ct	28.12	George F Sanchez	ITSD	23.02
Margaret Alatorre	Soc Servs	27.27	Karen Scharnhorst	Public Hlth	22.71
Sherrie Anderson	Aud-Cont	18.79	Martin L Scott	Behv Hlth	11.29
Arturo Avila	VMC	8.60*	Lorene M Singh	Behv Hlth	10.23
Patrick Barnett	Public Hlth	16.20	Jane T Smith	County Council	12.31
Hardip Batth	Personnel	9.43*	Gerald J Starkey	Public Hlth	15.11
Rudy G Bernal Jr	Pub Wks & Plan	11.08	Beverly Luanne Stocks	Soc Servs	20.11
Kenneth Dean Bird	Comm Hlth	27.44	Andrew J Stone	Public Wks	11.87
Patricia A Bresett	District Attorney	17.39	Joanne L Thorne	Comm Hlth	14.86
Elizabeth Bunting	Soc Servs	1.88*	Stanley Tiller	Internal Servs	28.05
Beverly Ann Butler	Soc Servs	33.43	Rafael T Torres	Soc Servs	17.47
Alan Cade Jr	A-C/T-TC	20.04	Patricia A Vallejo	Publ Hlth	14.38
Dann M Carnahan	Facility Servs	26.67*	Stephen Miles Vang	Soc Servs	27.41
Bret Cassano	Pub Wks & Plan	16.68	Tou Vang	Sheriff	13.34
Genevieve Chavoya	Soc Servs	23.28	Randall K Vetter	Assr-Rec	11.99
Gregg Collins	Sheriff	28.23	Victoria Villicana	County Clerk	20.79
Rayann Cruz	Probation	25.24	Patricia Wallace-Rixman	CA Sup Ct	16.37
Rhonda L Darling	Soc Servs	36.73	Mark R Warren	Pub Wks & Plan	23.64
Delia Delgado	Behav Hlth	33.33	Tom Whited	Pub Wks & Plan	17.06
Debbie Dinoto	Behav Hlth	17.03	Karen Wilson	CA Sup Ct	25.81
James Ehrlich	Internal Servs	17.68	Phyllis Zuniga-Santoyo	Sheriff	2.03*
Kristine Ferrucci	Child Supp Servs	20.19	James Zupko	Internal Servs	11.42
Ruby M Garza	Sheriff	27.67			
Mary E Graham	Comm Hlth	8.87*			
Blake Gunderson	District Attorney	32.56			
Kathleen A Grassi	Comm Hlth	23.74			
Jerry D Halphin	Child Supp Servs	22.93			
Cindi Hamm	Aud-Cont	1.80*			
John Hays	Admin Office	20.98			
Robert S Hollenbeck	District Attorney	30.07			
Richard Isom	Sheriff	2.17*			
David G Jones	Public Hlth	29.59			
Robert Lee Kandarian	Sheriff	31.21			
Hector Lizarraga	Sheriff	5.96			
Leo Lopez	Sheriff	19.23			
Tomas Lopez	Probation	27.66			
James C Lyman	Sheriff	31.43			
Karen S Markland	Behav Hlth	27.46			
Randal J Martin	Pub Wks & Plan	28.78			
Ronald J Martin	Library	11.84			
Rene E Martz	Public Hlth	16.85			
Sabrina McArthur	Sheriff	28.24			
David M McNary	ITSD	16.14			
Annie Medina	Public Hlth	29.55			
Mercedes G Medina	Soc Servs	36.42			
Gary L Morris	Pub Wks & Plan	11.71			
Margaret A Morris	Comm Hlth	14.04			
Daniel A Murray	Soc Servs	17.85			
Renae J Myatt	Dist Attorney	13.60			
Enedina L Norwood	Soc Servs	25.44			
Irma A Nunez	CA Sup Ct	29.78			
Belinda Elena Ocegüera	Soc Servs	27.28			
Daniel J Orosco	County Clerk	19.25			
Richard Orozco	Dist Attorney	22.05			
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Virginia F Pena	Soc Servs	26.90			
Timothy Phillips	Fresno Mosq/Vect	36.77			
Synthia S Quan	Library	8.91*			
Sean Quinn	Sheriff	31.42			
Louis Reba	Sheriff	28.49			
Delia Rendon	Comm Hlth	29.81			
Rebecca L Repp	Child Supp Servs	16.09			
Jose Reyes	Soc Servs	22.30*			
Paul E Reyes	Sheriff	27.40			
Sonia Reyes	Public Hlth	21.97			
Manuel Reyna	Behv Hlth	34.28			

IN MEMORIAM

RETIREEES

Buena Baumann
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 Willa M Coats-Taylor
 Joyce Collins
 Thomas Graham
 Gene Hartman
 Lonnie Hayhurst
 Elizabeth Head-Casilla
 Gail Herlan
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 Ellen Kato
 Susan Kyle
 Laura Martin
 Juanita Mccorkill
 Douglas (DB) McCrummen
 Michael V Mendoza
 Dorothy Morris

Herbert Paradies

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Robert Ray Sr

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Robert Sandusky

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Gertrude Schletz

Pedro L Vallejo

Andrew Waits

Ginger Whisenhunt

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Raymond Hatcher of Roberta

Guillory

Donna Sessa of Robert

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Dwayne D Davis

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MAIL We do receive some address changes from FCERA, but we continue to get returned mail from the USPS indicating that you are not at the address we have on file. If the USPS has a more current address, they notify us in writing and forward your mail to your new address. PLEASE remember to either email or mail your new mailing address to: ja-clark@pacbell.net. Also indicate if you prefer to receive both versions of the notices, or the mail only.

Live Inspired!

Challenge your intellect. Explore topics of interest or discover a new passion. Connect with new and interesting people in the community. You could do all that through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Fresno State.

Be sure to come to our July 19 luncheon because our special guest will be Jill Wagner, the Executive Director of OLLI. She will inspire you with her presentation about the OLLI learning opportunities for those of you who are age 50 or better. There are no tests, grades, or papers – just learning for enjoyment, personal growth and intellectual stimulation with like-minded people. The theme of the Fresno State OLLI is “live inspired” and their offerings are designed to do just that. Choose from a broad range of courses and activities: classes, lectures, field trips and hands-on activities. OLLI offers non-credit, university-level learning opportunities for older adults right on the Fresno State campus.

The OLLI program offers learning in the spring and fall semesters as well as summer. OLLI members enjoy several large format general sessions each semester on topics of interest. In Fall 2018, members will hear nationally-known speaker Ashton Applewhite, who reveals the untapped possibilities of later life—in our communities, at work, and in ourselves.

Each semester offers dozens of short courses, a book club, field trips and



At left: **Dr. Bill Thomas General Session**



At right: **Touring Air National Guard Base**



At left: **Jim Boren General Session**

hands-on experiences. A \$40 membership fee includes attendance and on-campus parking pass for all General Sessions, and eligibility to attend courses, field trips and hands-on experiences for nominal additional fees.

OLLI connects you with curious fellow learners and engaging instructors,

including Fresno State and other area faculty, authors, artists and local experts. OLLI offers chances to dive into learning and recapture the thrill of intellectual growth and camaraderie of a vibrant learning community.

Join us at Pardini's on July 19!

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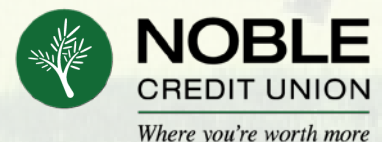
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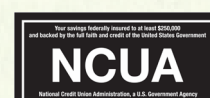
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