

Summer 2011

Ventura County Community College District Retirees' Association

# The Monitor

## Filing your reimbursement claim

BY HARRY CULOTTA

Between July 1 and September 30, 2011, about 450 of the nearly 650 VCCCD retirees and their dependents are eligible, under certain circumstances, to file with Ventura County Community College District an application (*i.e.*, claim) for reimbursement of excess costs incurred for medical services and prescription drugs during the period July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011. Those who are eligible were, in November 2009, mailed a copy of the Settlement Agreement in which they are specifically named.

### Filing Requirements

**Who can file:** classified, confidential, supervisory, and management retirees

among the eligible 450 retirees named in the Settlement Agreement, plus eligible dependents (usually spouses or domestic partners), who were enrolled in Anthem Blue Cross during 2010-11.

**What can be claimed:** (1) During 2010-11, if you paid the \$100 deductible for one or more emergency room visits that did not result in being admitted to the hospital, you may claim \$100 for each such emergency room visit. (2) In 2010-11, if you were at least 80 years of age prior to July 1, 2009, when the prescription deductible was raised from \$50 to \$100, you may claim the amount you spent over \$50, up to a maximum of \$50, toward this deductible in 2010-11.

**How to claim:** Fill out the front and

back sides of the VCCCD Retiree Application for Reimbursement of Medical Costs Above Baseline Plan and attach copies of receipts for each item claimed. Be sure to insert individual amounts in the correct column on the back of the form. If you are also filing for an eligible dependent (spouse or domestic partner), you must also list his/her name and other required information and attach copies of receipts for each item claimed.

A copy of the VCCCD Retiree Application is included on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

Mail or hand-carry the completed application to Ventura County Community

(See CLAIM, page 2)

## VCCCDRA plans BBQ for October 11



Oak Grove Park will be the site of the first VCCCDRA barbeque on Oct. 11. (Photo by Pat Gage)

BY MARIE SOO HOO

The Retirees' Association will hold a barbeque in October.

The BBQ and picnic will be held in Camarillo at Oak Grove Park, which can be reached by taking the Camarillo Springs Road off-ramp (Northbound or Southbound) near the bottom of the Conejo Grade on U.S. 101.

This event is the first of what the Social Committee hopes will become an annual event for the Retirees' Association.

A western theme has been chosen for this event so western attire is appropriate but optional.

The BBQ will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. The menu will include tri-tip, chicken, salads, bread, and desserts on the menu. Water and soft drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own beer or wine. The flier on page 5 has more information and also provides a reservation form that needs to be sent in with your check by the Oct. 1, deadline.

Join the fun, see old friends and colleagues, and enjoy outstanding barbeque.

What reimbursement did you/will you seek?

# 2010 applicants: Contact Gary Johnson

BY GARY JOHNSON

For retirees who applied to the District for reimbursement of medical expenses last year for the period July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010: Would you please contact Gary Johnson and let him know what categories of expenses you sought reimbursement for and what the District actually reimbursed you for or rejected reimbursement for. We also need to know if the District provided an explanation for its actions.

We did not hear anything about the reimbursement experience until several retirees raised issues at the annual meeting.

So, to better represent retirees, we would like know how many retirees applied for reimbursements and what their experience was.

For retirees applying for reimburse-

ment by the September 30, 2011, deadline, for eligible reimbursement expenses for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011: Also please contact Gary Johnson to let him know that you are applying for reimbursement and what categories of expenses you are applying for.

The Benefits Committee believes retirees included in the settlement know who they are; they all received a copy of the settlement and their names are listed in an attachment at the end.

The September 30 deadline for filing a medical expense reimbursement application with the District is for expenses occurring during the time period July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.

Faculty retirees are not eligible for any reimbursement claim since no changes in the primary Blue Cross plan or the dental or vision plans which affect

this group of retirees have occurred since the settlement was agreed to.

No one is eligible for dental or vision plan expense reimbursement since no adverse changes have occurred in these plans since the settlement was agreed to.

Classified, confidential, supervisory and management retirees who were 80 years of age before July 1, 2009, when the prescription deductible was increased from \$50 to \$100 are eligible for reimbursement for anything they spent over \$50 on this deductible between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011. (Including dependent expenses for this deductible).

Classified, confidential, supervisory and management retirees who paid a \$100 deductible for any emergency room hospital visit that did not result in hospital admission and an overnight stay are eligible for reimbursement of this expense.

## Be sure to submit claims by September 30

(From page 1)

College District, ATTN: Employee Benefits, 255 W. Stanley Avenue, Suite 150, Ventura, CA 93001.

### Filing and Related Deadlines

Please note these important deadlines as you prepare your reimbursement application:

•**September 30** – The deadline for submission of reimbursement applications to the District.

•**October 31** – The deadline for the District to acknowledge receipt of reimbursement applications.

•**November 30** – The deadline for the applicant to submit a written objection to the District if he/she has not received acknowledgment of reimbursement application by November 15 or if he/she objects to the anticipated reimbursement amount.

•**January 31** – The deadline for the District to pay the non-disputed reimbursement amount.

### Ineligible Persons or Plans

Please note these current limitations on filing eligibility:

(1) Faculty retirees named in the Settlement Agreement are not eligible to file a reimbursement application, since no benefit reductions have occurred in the Anthem Blue Cross plan or in the dental or vision plans since the 2007-08 fiscal year on which the Settlement Agreement is based.

(2) No retirees named in the Settlement Agreement are eligible to file a reimbursement application for any expenses associated with Delta Dental, Medical Eye Services, or VSP vision plans, since no benefit reductions have occurred in those plans since 2007-08.

If you are planning to file a reimbursement application and you still have questions prior to September 30 that have not been answered to your satisfaction in this report, please feel free to contact René Rodriguez, Gary Johnson, or Harry Cullotta by telephone or e-mail. You will find their contact information in your copy of the VCCCD Retirees' Association member directory, 2010 edition.

You may also send questions to the Retirees' Association e-mail address at [vcccdra@yahoo.com](mailto:vcccdra@yahoo.com)

## In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our friends and colleagues:

Peggy Boedecker

Stella Butler

Jerry Curtis

John Collins

Maxine McConathy

Virginia Rutledge

Joseph Wolfe



VCCCD Retiree Application for Reimbursement of Medical Costs Above Baseline Plan

Retiree Information			Dependent Information (if claim(s) submitted)	
Retiree Social Security # Retiree Date of Birth: Age 75-79 <input type="checkbox"/> 80 or over: <input type="checkbox"/>			Last Name, First Name	
Last Name, First Name			Relationship to Subscriber: Spouse/Domestic Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address			Last Name, First Name	
City	State	Zip Code	Relationship to Subscriber: Spouse/Domestic Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	
Grand Total for Amount Above Baseline Plan \$			Retiree Phone Number ( )	
Retiree's Signature			Date	
Designee (In the event of retiree's death prior to payment)				
Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code

**Instructions**

1. Complete application form.
2. Proof of payment of costs above baseline plan **must** be included for reimbursement
3. Only one reimbursement form may be filed per health benefit year (July 1 – June 30)
4. Keep copies of all for your file, and return the application and proof of payment on or before **September 30th** of the immediate preceding health benefit year (July 1 – June 30) to:

Ventura County Community College District  
Employee Benefits  
255 W. Stanley Ave., Suite 150  
Ventura, CA 93001

**(Complete back of form and attach proof of payment)**

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### Inventory of Medical/Prescription Costs Above Baseline Plan

USE A SEPARATE INVENTORY PAGE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE FAMILY SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT; USE ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR EACH MEMBER IF NECESSARY

PAGE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

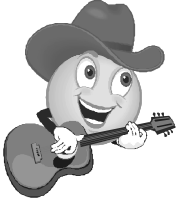
Medical, Dental, Vision Expense	Retail Pharmacy Prescription	Mail Order Prescription
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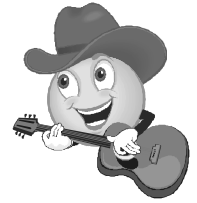
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**Amount Approved for Reimbursement**      **Date** \_\_\_\_\_      **Signature of Authorized Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**



# Y'all Come!



## To the First Annual Western Style BBQ Picnic of the VCCCDRA

- WHERE:** Oak Grove Park in Camarillo  
(Located off the 101 freeway near the bottom of the Conejo Grade – take the Camarillo Springs Road off-ramp)
- WHEN:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011
- TIME:** 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- MENU:** Tri Tip, Chicken, Chili beans, Salads, Bread and Desserts prepared by our chef Bob Reeves. Water and soft drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to bring your own beer and/or wine.
- COST:** \$15.00 per person (includes \$1.00 parking fee).  
*Walk-ins will pay \$18.00 per person; **early reservations are encouraged!***

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: October 1, 2011**



Dust off your boots, put on your Stetson and mosey on down to join in the fun!! Come play a game of horse-shoes, listen to music and visit with friends!! We look forward to seeing y'all.

**CUT OFF AND RETURN THIS RESERVATION FORM WITH YOUR CHECK**

Retiree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bringing spouse/guest(s): YES or NO (circle one)

**Make checks payable to:** VCCCD RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

\$15 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total amount of your check

**Mail completed reservation form and check to:**

**Pat Gage  
427 Fernwood Drive  
Oxnard, CA 93030-4032**



## Membership Report by Don Medley

**IF YOU RECEIVE A PRINTED COPY OF THIS, AND IF THE ADDRESS IS HAND-WRITTEN, IT MEANS IT WAS ADDRESSED BY THE DISTRICT, WHICH CANNOT SUPPLY US THE ADDRESS. IF YOU DO NOT SEND US YOUR ADDRESS, WE WILL REMOVE YOU FROM OUR LABEL FILE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE NO MONITORS IN THE FUTURE.**

### **WE NEED ADDRESSES! THERE ARE MANY NEW RETIREES!**

**WE NEED ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS/EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE. If you can help, call Don Medley at 805-482-8761 or email to don.medley@verizon.net. Thank you for your help.**

**Please correct your roster with the following changes:**

Sandra Allen	Robert Anderson	John Andrich	Virginia Atmore	Beverly Barker
Thomas Barth	Eddie Baugh	Margaret Boles	James Botting	Elizabeth Bowker
Donald Brockett	Vincent Campo	Reginald Burrier	Margaret (Peggy) Castor	Susan Carter
Linda K. Chapman	Paul Conley	Christy Corbett	Jeanette Cortez	Aseneth Cota
Paulette Cox	James Crowley	Patricia Dozen	Patricia Earl	Franceen Fallett
Katherine Felter	Ruby Filar	Dallas Flanigan	Robert Forest	Christina Garcia
Ron Halleran	Lucia Haro	Juan Hernandez	Teri Hernandez	Judith Hunt
Marge Imbach	Erlinda Tuyor Ispahani	Deborah Jacobson	Ralph James	Achla Jinda
Donna Johnsen	Michael Johnson	Anne Kairschner	Steven Kegley	Norma Letinsky
Michael McGann	Victorino Mercado	Michael Munoz	Norlene Neal	John Ostrander
Earl O'Neill	Stasia O'Neill	James Owen	Barbara Partee	Arthur Preston
Steve Price	Jack Rager	Steve Righetti	John Roach	Emile Robb
Ofelia Romero-Motlagh	Mary Ruiz	Joe Sabedra	Tomas Sanchez	Reynaldo Santos
Judy Skahl	Larry Smithson	Mark Thomas Spragins	Diane Sukiennk	Art Szylewicz
E. Burns Taft	Mary Taylor-Parr	Neriman Urkmez	Sue Wal	Florencia Wallace
Dora Washington	Ernest Williams	Janice Wiley		

**Please correct your roster with the following changes:**

Donald Anderson	Robert Arce	Mary Shannon Baker
Betty Coffey	Joan Comstock	David Donaldson
Marijeane Farley	Jeff Ferguson	John M. Grzywacz (Gray)

**More additions and changes to your roster:**

LeRoy D Haberman	Richard LaPaglia	Bill McEnroe
Carolyn McKinney	Lynn M. Meschan	Paul K. Pagson
Nancy Stewart	Joan Thompson	Eileen L. Wesler
John Wagner	<b>Also:</b> John Wagner	George Wymer

## Membership Committee Report (continued from p. 6)

**Telephone number Adds/Changes:** William & Jean Tauck

**Email address changes:** Nancy Feltman  
Jeff Ferguson  
Gary B. Morgan

**Email Address changes needed:** All these emails were returned as undeliverable.

Dave & Jean Abraham  
Armando R. Castillo  
Hitoshi Kajihara  
Clara Lawson  
Shelton Mehr  
Richard Phelps  
Eliza Thomas

Rita Beahan  
Betty R. Coffey  
Mary (Jean) Kauffman  
Norman Mallory  
Johnna L. Morton  
Steve Pollock  
Susanne van Marion

Marjorie Berg  
Tom Everton  
Clara Kimbrough  
Lucie Marsh  
Mary Taylor-Parr  
Robert Reynolds

Alberto Beron  
Joan Faskin-Johnson  
Virginia Lawler  
Michael Meeks  
Beverly Pearson  
William Thieman

**And anyone else who does not get emails from us.**

## The Monitor, Summer 2011

**The BBQ is October 11:  
RESERVE NOW!!**

**Look for us on the Web at**

**<http://www.vcccdra.org>**

### **2010-2011 Executive Board**

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