THE VCCCDRA BLOG, <u>blog.vcccdra.org</u> and THE VCCCDRA WEBSITE, <u>vcccdra.org</u>

Keeping VCCCDRA retirees informed is a major challenge, but the challenge can be mitigated by the use of the above two VCCCDRA Internet resources <u>IF</u> retirees make use of them.

More and more, the VCCCDRA leadership is relying on the VCCCDRA Blog, blog.vcccdra.org, and the VCCCDRA Website, vcccdra.org, to keep retirees informed on issues affecting them.

Blogmaster Carmen Guerrero updates the VCCCDRA Blog, <u>blog.vcccdra.org</u>, almost daily <u>thereby providing retirees</u> with the very latest information on issues and <u>topics affecting retirees</u>. Moreover as Website Editor, she is now responsible for also maintaining the VCCCDRA Website, <u>vcccdra.org</u>, which Home page normally highlights the news, but points to the Blog for details of the latest news.

Furthermore, because information added to the Website and to the Blog is NEVER DELETED, these two important VCCCDRA Internet resources <u>serve as an ongoing repository of useful information for retirees, and a veritable history of VCCCDRA activities.</u>

HOW DO I FIND THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE BLOG? Go to the VCCCDRA Blog by entering <u>blog.vcccdra.org</u> in a browser URL (address) window at the top of the page and hit Enter.

What will appear first is the latest article filed by the Blogmaster. By scrolling down, you will see the article that was posted previously to the first article. You will notice that each article has a time and date of posting. The Blog articles appear in chronological order so that as you scroll down, you know that you are getting the latest information as posted by the Blogmaster from the latest to earlier articles.

HOW DO I FIND INFORMATION ON THE BLOG ON SPECIFIC TOPICS? Go to the VCCCDRA Blog by entering <u>blog.vcccdra.org</u> in a browser URL (address) window at the top of the page and hit Enter.

On the right hand side of the page, you will see a "Search" window, and right below the "Search" window, you will see various Categories under which the articles in the Blog are organized.

The fastest way to find a particular posting is to use the "Search" window. Just enter a key word or a name and hit Enter. All the articles that have that keyword or name in the Title will appear first, and then all the articles that use that keyword or name in the body of the articles will appear next.

For example, type Medicare into the "Search" window. You will now get all the articles that have ever been posted to the Blog with the word Medicare in the Title or in the body of the articles, listed from the most recent to the oldest articles.

THE BLOG blog.vcccdra.org VS THE WEBSITE vcccdra.org

The VCCCDRA Website, <u>vcccdra.org</u>, was created in 2006 by incoming President Rene Rodriguez. He used the latest website development software available then to create the website. However, in early 2016, when he upgraded to Windows 10, the website development software would not run on Windows 10, so VCCCDRA website development and even the updating of articles ceased. The VCCCDRA website, <u>vcccdra.org</u>, was not updateable for over a year.

In 2017, Rene learned of WordPress, website development software, used by most major businesses and governments, and available free to anyone, as long as one did their own website development. He developed the VCCCDRA Blog, blog.vcccdra.org, in 2017, and it is now being used as the primary source for ALL the latest "news" affecting retirees.

Meanwhile, the VCCCDRA Website, <u>vcccdra.org</u>, can be thought of as a source of ARCHIVED materials dating from 2006 to 2016, <u>and a source of some new materials</u>, <u>but only on existing pages</u>. A way was found to update material on existing pages of the VCCCDRA Website, <u>vcccdra.org</u>, but nothing structurally can be changed on the website such as adding new menus or new pages. For example, you can go to the VCCCDRA Website, <u>vcccdra.org</u>, and view all VCCCDRA newsletters from the latest, The Monitor – Spring 2020, to all the previous editions going back to 2006.

The VCCCDRA Website, <u>vcccdra.org</u>, Home page is updated frequently, mostly to point you to the VCCCDRA Blog, <u>blog.vcccdra.org</u>, for more details. Look at the VCCCDRA Website, <u>vcccdra.org</u>, Menus on the Home page to see important current and historical information that is available there.