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AMCRE General Meeting

Date: February 14 2011

Time: 1:30 PM

Place: Retirement Office Conference Room
625-B Kings Court, Ukiah

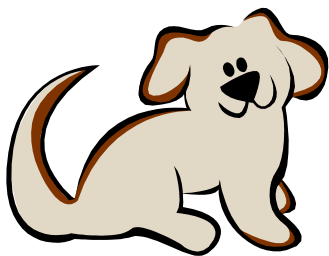
Speaker: Douglas Parka, Co. D.A's Office

Of Course, there will be refreshments, friends, and the usual
Excellent conversation

THE CONNECTION

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES

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Happy
Valentines
Day!
♥

TRAVEL



EVENTS

LAND TOURS & CRUISES * CASINO EVENTS

Yosemite & Chukchansi Resort

Casino * May 9-11, 2011

Alaska and Canada Cruise

Round trip from San Francisco
May 20-30, 2011 No Flights



San Juan Islands Cruise

& Lighthouse Tour

October 19 - 25, 2011 Round trip Seattle

Fall Foliage Getaway

Round trip Boston- Oct. 2011 - 7 nights



West Coast Swing

September 20 - 29, 2011
6 days land - 4 night Coastal Cruise

Custer State Park

Buffalo Roundup

September 24 - 29, 2011 , unpack only once!

Branson-Ozark Mountain Christmas

November 6 - 10, 2011

Hawaiian Islands

Cruise round trip from San Francisco - no flights

March 19-April 3, 2012

Mexican Riviera

March 19-April 3, 2012

Sail Round trip from San Francisco - no flights



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OR BY APPOINTMENT.



Reno - The Sands

Overnight - February 27-28, 2011



DAY TRIPS

Golden Gate Kennel Club

All-Breed Dog Show * Cow Palace



San Francisco, Sat. January 29, 2011

Golden Gate Fields

Bay Area Horse Racing

March 5, 2011



9 to 5 the Musical

Thurs. March 10, 2011

Broadway - Sacramento

San Francisco Flower Show

Life In The California Garden

Saturday March 26, 2011

Cirque Du Soleil's Quidam

April, 2011

Cow Palace, San Francisco

Bodega Bay Fish Festival

April 30, 2011 *** Tons of Fun!

Future Events

Pier 39 San Francisco Bay ** *Mary Poppins*, the
Broadway Musical ** Giants Baseball Game **
Samoa Cookhouse ** Culinary Institute **

TRI COUNTY PICK UP POINTS

MENDOCINO * LAKE * SONOMA * when applicable

Gift Certificates available

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There have been some changes to the MCERA Board of Directors so it seems appropriate to list the members along with short biographies of the new members.

Board members elected by Non-Safety employees:

Lloyd Weer, Auditor-Controller's Office

Randy Goodman, Assessor's Office

Board member elected by Safety employees: November 2010 election

Craig Walker, Sheriff's Office

My name is Craig Walker and I was elected in November, 2010, to a three year term as the 'public safety' representative on the MCERA Board. I joined the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office in 2008 and am currently assigned as one of two resident patrol deputies in Anderson Valley/Boonville. Before moving to Mendocino County and coming to work at the sheriff's office, I spent eleven years working in San Francisco as a stock broker and financial advisor for two major Wall Street investment firms. I've been married for over twenty years, have a degree in Political Science and Regional Economic Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, and am a member of the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Deputy Sheriff's Association. My law enforcement experience includes nearly a decade of service as a police officer in the Oakland/San Leandro area. Hopefully my investment and law enforcement background will be of benefit to both current and future MCERA beneficiaries.

Board Members Appointed by Board of Supervisors:

Bob Mirata (Board Chair)

Dr. Don Coursey

Kendal Smith (Board of Supervisor's)

Ted Stephens Appointed December 2010

Ted Stephens has been a Mendocino County resident, near Yorkville, since 1974. For a little over 25 years Ted has been helping farms, ranches, business and individuals as a financial and tax advisor; his office is in Santa Rosa. Ted's undergraduate degrees are in business and economics; he also has a MBA in Finance and a Master of Science in the area of Taxation. Ted co-manages his family ranch property for ranching and timber. Ted has been active in the Mendocino County Farm Bureau.

Ex-Officio Member:

Shari Schapmire, Treasurer – Tax Collector

Elected by Retired Members:

Dennis Huey

Tim Knudsen (Alternate Member)

**Minutes of AMCRE General Meeting
October 12, 2010**

President Linda Parnak called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. with 26 members and guests present. The members introduced themselves and the offices from which they had retired.

The minutes of August 21st were approved after adding Vernlyn Farnsworth as one who also contributed to getting AMCRE non-profit status.

Linda Parnak read the Treasurer's report from Vernlyn. We have a balance of \$4,317.28.

Tom Liberatore gave the membership report. We have 742 members.

Everyone approved the date of our Holiday luncheon as December 11th.

I read the names of the AMCRE Officers and Board Member Nominations for 2011. With no nominations from the floor and no opposition Linda asked, "All those in favor of accepting the AMCRE Officers and Board Members nominations for 2011 raise your hand. Opposed. Congratulations everybody."

I introduced our speaker from MCWOW, Mendocino County Working on Wellness, Katie Ford. She explained about health screenings, various classes, lending library, etc. Check other services on-line at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr.

There was lengthy discussion regarding healthcare and how we had not been given an opportunity to approve any options, we were told this is what it is. Linda suggested a committee be formed to keep us apprised of what is happening with healthcare. Tabled for later.

The \$10.00 drawings were held and the winners were Abbie Ojanpera and myself.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Long

Dawn Long,
Acting Recording Secretary

NOTE: Katie Ford, MCWOW, informed me a few days after her presentation that ONLY pre-Medicare retirees under Delta health insurance are eligible for the free health screenings, etc. Call MCWOW at 463-4040 for what is available for non-Delta retirees.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members for July 2010

Helen Hauke Mental Health

New Members August 2010

Danelia Kracht Social Services

Nancy Naumann Social Services

New Member September 2010

Susan Gutmann General Services

New Member October 2010

Susan Thornhill Retirement

New Member November 2010

Peter Burtis Mental Health

For the past few months, I have heard concerns from AMCRE members and other retirees about reductions from their pension checks for retiree health care premiums leading to questions about whether or not pension checks were vulnerable to “raiding” for other purposes – such as balancing the County’s budget shortfall.

Government Code Section 31452.5 is very clear that deductions to your pension checks can only occur upon your written authorization. In addition, deductions can only be made for certain benefit programs for retirees, and your authorization is revocable. That means at any time you can withdraw your authorization, the deductions stop, and you can make arrangements to pay directly for retiree services.

The last two increases in retiree health care premiums that were deducted from your pension checks were done only after written authorization from retirees. Unfortunately, the two premium increases before that, with tremendous focus on the premium increases and the future of retiree health care, were implemented with the authorization process falling through the cracks. It is ultimately my responsibility and that of MCERA to ensure that all protections of your pension checks are strictly adhered to, and I do apologize that the process described in the Government Code was not followed. Retirees did pay for retiree health care in the amount set by the Board of Supervisors, so everyone received services for their money. However, our failure to secure your authorization for deductions to your pension checks left a lot of retirees feeling confused and vulnerable, and for this I apologize. I also want to assure you that any future reductions will only happen upon your written, revocable permission.

Jim Andersen
Retirement Administrator

AMCRE Officers and Board Member Beginning January 2011

President: Tom Liberatore
Vice president: Pat Vetzmandian
Secretary: Sue Thornhill
Treasurer: Vernlyn Farnsworth
3 year directors: Doug Sawyers and Tom Desroches
2 year directors: Abbie Ojanpera and Gordon Campbell
1year directors: Ned Walsh and Jack Brush

Tim Knudsen has volunteered to take over the Connection
Ned Walsh will be our representative at CRCEA
Shirley Christensen will do Hospitality