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## Annual Christmas Luncheon

**Date:** Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Time:** Lunch will be served at 12 noon

**Place:** Ukiah Garden Café  
1090 South State Street  
Ukiah, California

(See menu and signup sheet enclosed)

# THE CONNECTION

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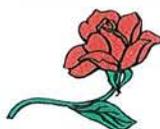
ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES

Post Office Box 903 ☐ Ukiah, CA 95482



Happy Holidays

# TRAVEL



# EVENTS

## LAND TOURS & CRUISES \* CASINO EVENTS

### 2011-2012



### Hawaiian Islands

Cruise round trip from San Francisco - no flights

March 19-April 3, 2012

### National Cherry Blossom Festival



Washington D.C. April 11-16, 2012

### Re-Discover Palm Springs

Unpack only once! May 7-11, 2012



### Yellowstone Experience

June 18 - 24, 2012

### The Grand American Queen

### Civil War Epic Cruise



Vicksburg to Chattanooga

August 2012

### Cruise Canada & New England

aboard Holland America's



*ms Eurodam*

October 3 - 14, 2012

### Laughlin Motorcoach Tour



April, 2012 (Date TBA)



### UKIAH TRAVELEERS

620 KINGS CT. STE. 105

UKIAH, CA. 95482 707-463-0456

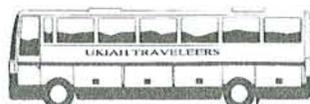
[www.ukiahtraveleers.com](http://www.ukiahtraveleers.com)

Office Hours Tues. - Thur. 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

OR BY APPOINTMENT.

Tri county pick up points

Gift certificates available



Reno - (TBA)

### River Rock Casino (TBA)

### Reno Snow Train

2 nights stay Silver Legacy

February, 2012



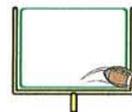
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## DAY TRIPS



### San Francisco 49ERS

Sunday December 4, 2011



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### San Francisco Union Square

### Shopping & Corte Madera Mall

Saturday December 10, 2011



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### Celtic Yuletide-Michael Londra



Sunday December 18, 2011

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### Golden Gate Kennel Club

### All Breed Show

Saturday January 28, 2012



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### Golden Gate Fields Horse Races

February, 2012 (Date TBA)



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### Wicked The Musical

### Stage Performance - Sacramento

coming this Spring (Date TBA)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here it is December and it is time for another meal! I wish that we could get the notices out sooner, working within the confines of a tiny staff and self publishing a bi-monthly newsletter has its limitations. We are working on compiling a master email list to get messages out sooner, but that won't work for everyone. Anyway, it is time for the annual Christmas luncheon and we on the AMCRE board are looking forward to seeing as many members as possible and enjoying a little Christmas cheer. At this point I don't even know what is on the menu but because the olive gods were kind to me this year I will be bringing some choice Baroni olives to the affair, should really liven up a Martini!

This has been a busy year, we started working on the CRCEA conference last November, meetings, travel, working with energetic, talented, enthusiastic folks from Sonoma county, writing letters, soliciting and collecting donations as well as materials to promote tourism in Mendocino county, enlisting Dan Hamburg as our welcoming speaker, bashing out all the details so that, when it all came down last October, the conference pretty much went off without a hitch and I am happy to say, Mendocino County really shined! Thanks to a few generous Mendocino county businesses and AMCRE founder Irene Lange, we really outdid ourselves when it came to the donations that were mostly used as door prizes, 43 in all, enough so that half the attendees went home with something.

Frey Vineyards donated 2 cases of wine, Mendocino Brewing Company, some of their fine beer, Pacini Wines gave us some fantastic wine, including an old vine Zinfandel that was one of the first items to be picked, Little River Inn kicked in a game of golf for 2 as well as a discount on lodging, Wall Mart donated a gift card used to buy food for the event, the Boer Family Pumpkin Patch supplied us with a small mountain of little pumpkins and gourds, and Irene Lange, bless her heart, bought two cases of Mendocino Mustard with her own hard-earned money! The banquet tables were adorned with the pumpkins and mustard along with some other foo-foo things and the person sitting at the table whose birthday was the closest to the banquet date got to take it all home, lots of happy people!

As soon as the conference was over AMCRE was petitioning the BOS to find a way to include the remaining non-medicare eligible employees with the active ones on the health plan. We feel that this is the only decent thing to do for those who have no other options. Now that the county has sent out notices canceling their insurance in 90 days to those still on the health plan, the clock is ticking. Anyone wanting to get involved in this issue should check out the AMCRE website, we are fighting this and will post regular updates.

There were lots of happy people at our first annual summer picnic this August too! A lot of hard work went into that as well, but rest assured, next year will be even better and we will try to pick a day when Robert Cray isn't playing in the park at the same time.

Merry Christmas!!! Tom

**ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,  
NOVEMBER 14, 2011  
MENDOCINO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION  
CONFERENCE ROOM, 625B KINGS CT., UKIAH, CA. 95482**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Tom Liberatore called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Roll call was conducted with the following members present Tom Liberatore, Sue Thornhill, Vernlyn Farnsworth, Doug Sawyer, Gordon Campbell, Abbie Ojanpera, Carol Mordhorst and Shirley Christensen.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Abbie Ojanpera, seconded by Doug Sawyer, and carried unanimously the minutes of the October 11, 2011 AMCRE General Membership meeting were approved.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Vernlyn Farnsworth reported the balance in the treasury remain \$5,240.55.
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Chair Tom Liberatore reported the membership is currently 779.
- **PROGRAM COORDINATORS' REPORT:** No information available.
- **RETIREMENT:** No information available.

**4. HEALTH INSURANCE:** Carol Mordhorst reported that the Board of Supervisors will discuss the non Medicare health insurance issues and have placed on the agenda to give a 90 day notice to retirees and discontinue the non Medicare health insurance at the end of that time. Members were encouraged to attend the meeting and voice our concerns.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:** Tom Liberatore and other members who attended the C.R.C.E.A. conference gave a report on the conference and said Mendocino County was well represented. Vernlyn Farnsworth and Pat Vetzmadian and applauded for Tom for all of his work and explained that he had single handedly collected most of the items for the gift bags and feel he should be reimbursed \$1,000.00 for all of his mileage and work on behalf of AMCRE. Motion was made by Vernlyn and seconded by Sue to reimburse President Tom \$1,000.00 for expenses incurred. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Discussion began regarding the need to fill the Board position of 1 year delegate. A motion was made by SueThornhill, seconded by Pat Vetzmadian to appoint Shirley Christensen to fill the position. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Discussion began regarding the Christmas party and the need to get the Connection out early enough to get reservations back by 12/6. It was decided the cutoff date for the Connection would be 11/22 and assembly 11/29. It was decided that Sue will call Irene Lange and asked that she install the officers at the luncheon. If Irene is unable to do the installation Marsha Young will be invited to do so.

There being no further business President Tom called the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M. Respectfully Submitted by Sue Thornhill, Secretary

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Tom Liberatore  
New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>
David Fuchs	D O T	6/17/11
Ina Gordon	Library	7/9/11
Thayne Hayke	HHSA	7/9/11
Virginia Fagan	Mental Health	7/13/11
Lael Fraser	Mental Health	7/18/11
James Grant	HHSA	7/23/11
Kevin Maloney	D A	7/2/11
Roger Wong	Human Resources	7/15/11
Walter Allen	Air Quality	7/1/11
Mark Grover	Associate Member	5/1/11
Colleen Henderson	HHSA	8/19/11
Ken Myres	HHSA	9/2/11
Linda Nagel	HHSA	9/3/11
Beverly Sipila	HHSA	9/15/11
Carole Aleshire	HHSA	10/15/11
Sharon (Sherry) Johnsen	HHSA	9/30/11
William (Randy) Leach	Public Health	10/4/11
Beth Meyersen		10/7/11
Kristin Noonan	HHSA	5/5/11
Denise Sams	Mental Health	10/14/11
Charlene Southwick	Treasurer Tax Collector	10/15/11

We now have approximately 774 members.

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## **AMCRE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

President:	Tom Liberatore
Vice President:	Pat Vetzmadian
Secretary:	Sue Thornhill
Treasurer:	Vernlyn Farnsworth
3 year Directors:	Doug Sawyers and Tom Desroches
2 year Directors:	Abbie Ojanpera and Gordon Campbell
1 year Directors:	Ned Walsh and Shirley Christensen
Connection:	Tim Knudsen
CRCEA Representative Hospitality	Ned Walsh Shirley Christensen

# AMCRE'S 2011 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Where: Ukiah Garden Café, 1090 South State St. Ukiah  
When: Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Lunch will be served at 12 noon (Sign in around 11:30 a.m.)  
Guests are invited and welcome  
Music: To be announced....  
Price: \$14.73 PER PERSON (Includes Tax and Tip)  
Menu Choices: (Choose on per person)

Grilled Pork Chop	Filet of Snapper
Pasta Pomodoro – angel hair pasta with tomato, basil and garlic	Cobb Salad

Includes Salad, Coffee or Tea and Rolls

Dessert compliments of AMCRE  
Choice of Chocolate Mousse Cake or Rainbow Sherbet

OUR TRADITIONAL CASH DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD  
We hope to see you there for fun, socialization and good food

**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY DEC. 5, 2011**

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SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO AMCRE TO:

Vernlyn Farnsworth, AMCRE Treasurer  
605 Mill Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Please list number of each meal ordered

Grilled Pork Chop \_\_\_\_\_  
Pasta Pomodoro \_\_\_\_\_

Filet of Snapper \_\_\_\_\_  
Cobb Salad \_\_\_\_\_

List dessert choices (number of each one for each meal)

Chocolate Mousse Cake \_\_\_\_\_

Rainbow Sherbet \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*THANK YOU\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*SEE YOU THERE\*\*