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AMCRE General Meeting

Date: AUGUST 11, 2012
Time: 5:00 PM
Place: Redwood Lions Park
East Road, Redwood Valley
Speaker: The Jason Crane Bank

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

THE CONNECTION

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES

Post Office Box 903 ☐ Ukiah, CA 95482



Please come to the picnic

TRAVEL



EVENTS

TOURS & CRUISES *** CASINO EVENTS

2012 & 2013

"Epic Civil War" *American Queen*



cruise from Vicksburg to Chattanooga

August 19 - 30, 2012

Pageant of the Masters



"Where Art Comes To Life" plus a cruise to

Catalina Island *** August 20-23, 2012

Pacific Coastal Cruise

Sept.27-Oct.2, 2012 * *Holland America*



Cruise Canada & New England



Holland America's *ms Eurodam*

October 3 - 14, 2012

Hawaii Cruise



Roundtrip from San Francisco

October 6-21, 2012



Colonial America

from Quebec City to Tampa aboard *Norwegian Dawn*

October 26 - November 11, 2012

Nashville New Year's

Dec. 30, 2012 - Jan.3, 2013



Mexican Riviera

aboard the *Grand Princess*

March 31-April 10, 2013

Savannah & Charleston

Springtime * April 2-9, 2013

Calgary Stampede



The Greatest Show on Earth

July 22 - 16, 2013

Costa Rica

October 20-28, 2013



Reno Overnighter

TBA



DAY TRIPS

Pier 39 * A Day At The Bay



San Francisco



Saturday July 21, 2012



A Landmark Theater Event

Orpheum Theater - San Francisco

Sunday August 19, 2012

Union Square District



San Francisco -

Best names in Fashion and Dining

Saturday September 15, 2012



The Lion King



San Francisco - Orpheum Theater

Saturday December 15, 2012

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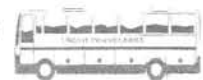
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is here and you know what that means, AMCRE picnic! August 11 @5:00 p.m., Lions Park in Redwood valley is the place to be. This year we are doing things a bit different from last year, first of all, it is FREE, AMCRE is picking up the tab for the meat, soft drinks, rolls, plates and watermelon! All we ask is that you bring a dish to SHARE [potluck] and rsvp to Sue to tell us that you are coming. We have included some guidelines for who should bring what but these are not carved in stone, if you make killer deviled eggs, bring 'em, even if your name ends in "X" and you are slated for a dessert.

I will be bringing Boroni olives, peppers, and some pickled eggs [get there early if you want any of those]. The meat menu is Chuck's Tri-Tip, Forks Ranch Market marinated Chicken, & Italian Sausage, vegetarians feel free to bring your favorite entree in place of a potluck dish and we will cook it up for you. Also different this year is live music. I was fully expecting to be chained to a BBQ for this event but instead, thanks to the direction of the board, will be parked behind my Hammond organ as The Jason Crane Band will be providing the entertainment after dinner. This will be a bittersweet moment for me as this will likely be our last public performance. Last fall, Jason was diagnosed with stage IV cancer and given 6 months to live, time is running out but we have all agreed to play until the end. When the board insisted that our band play for the picnic, I protested that we are a Rock & Roll band and maybe not everybody's cup of tea, nonsense they said, it will be fine. And it will be, we start with some ukelele tunes, some Van Morrison, giving the faint-hearted enough time to get to their cars before the crack of the drums signals the first line of "Unchain My Heart" and then we are pretty much off to the races, a lot of people like our version of Spirit's "I've Got A Line On You" We just played the Healthy Start Benefit in Laytonville, whose community never ceases to amaze me, they really do pull together and help each other.

And speaking of helping each other, AMCRE needs some help filling out its board, we have several positions available, if you derive any enjoyment from our meetings, this newsletter, and get-togethers, please consider helping to make it happen. Also, anyone with the computer chops that could help us put things online would be greatly appreciated. Social organizations like ours are fast becoming an endangered species, without members who can step up to the plate and staff the helm, we will fade to black like the Black & White TV and The Jason Crane Band.

Think about it, Tom

Tom Liberatore, President

Pat Vetzmadian, Vice President

Sue Thornhill, Secretary

Vernlyn Farnsworth, Treasurer

Tim Knudsen, Connection Editor

Ned Walsh, C.R.C.E.A. Delegate

3 Yr. Directors: Doug Sawyer/Tom Desroches

2 Yr. Directors: Abbie Ojanpera

1 Yr. Directors: Marilyn Heath/Shirley Christensen

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,

JULY 9, 2012

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 1:40 pm.

2. ROLL CALL was conducted with the following Board members present: Tom Liberatore, Pat Vetzmadian, Sue Thornhill, Vernlyn Farnsworth, Tim Knudsen, Abbie Ojanpera, Marilyn Heath and Shirley Christensen.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Pat Vetzmadian, seconded by Shirley Christensen, and carried unanimously the minutes of the June 11, 2012 AMCRE General Membership meeting were approved, with one correction

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Vernlyn Farnsworth reported the balance in the treasury remains \$4,217.81. Legal fund stands at \$1,495.50
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Chair Tom Liberatore reported the membership is currently 812.
- **PROGRAM COORDINATORS' REPORT:** Nothing to report.
- **RETIREMENT:** Nothing to report.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Nothing to report

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(Continued)

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Summer picnic will be held August 11, 2012 at 5:00 PM. Location will be the Redwood Valley Lion's Park. After some discussion the Board voted unanimously to include the dishes to be funded by AMCRE will include the bread/rolls along with the meat, soft drinks and watermelon.
Further discussion approved Tom Liberatore's band to provide musical entertainment after the meal.

- b) Information cutoff for "Connection" Newsletter by 7/23/12 and Assembly will be 7/26/12.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion began regarding the need to replace Gordon Campbell as a 2 year director. The Board agreed to ask Mary Lee Davis to complete Gordon's term and encourage her to run for the position at the end of the term.

Pat Vetzmadian and Abbie Ojanpera both said they will not run for Board positions when their terms expire. Further discussion involved the need to get the other 800 members of AMCRE involved in the workings of the Association.

- b) Pat Vetzmadian reported she will make reservations at the Ukiah Garden Café for December 8 for the annual Christmas party.

- c) The Board discussed the need to ask The Ukiah Travelers to begin either paying for the add in the "Connection" or donating a trip each year to be used for a drawing prize after it was brought to the Board's attention that some of the trips are run through another travel agency and the fact that there may be additional charges by the postal service for the extra page in the newsletter.

There being no further business President Tom called the meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Thornhill, Secretary

SECOND ANNUAL AMCRE PICNIC
SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2012 5:00 P.M.
LIONS PARK, EAST ROAD, REDWOOD VALLEY

PLEASE MARK SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2012 ON YOU CALENDARS FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL AMCRE PICNIC. THE PICNIC HELD IN AUGUST LAST YEAR DREW AROUND 75 AMCRE MEMBERS AND WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO IMPROVE ON THOSE NUMBERS THIS YEAR.

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO GET TOGETHER WITH FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT YOU KNEW DURING YOUR WORKING YEARS AND MAYBE TO BEGIN SOME NEW FRIENDSHIPS.

THIS YEAR THE AMCRE BOARD HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE MEAT, SOFT DRINKS, ROLLS, PLATES AND PLASTIC WARE AND WATERMELON. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ICE CHESTS WITH YOU FAVORITE "TAB" (TASTY ADULT BEVERAGE)

ALL WE ARE ASKING FROM THE AMCRE MEMBERS IS A POT LUCK DISH TO SHARE WITH OTHERS. IF EVERYONE BRINGS A DISH THAT CAN BE SHARED WITH 8 TO 9 OTHER MEMBERS THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF FOOD TO SATISFY EVERYONE.

IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT WE GET A VARIETY OF POT LUCK ITEMS WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS TO USE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

LAST NAME ENDING IN	A TO H	SALAD
LAST NAME ENDING IN	I TO P	SIDE DISH
LAST NAME ENDING IN	Q TO Z	DESSERT

AS MENTIONED IN PRESIDENT TOM'S MESSAGE IF YOU HAVE A KILLER POT LUCK DISH THAT YOU WANT TO BRING AND IT DOES NOT MATCH THE ABOVE SCHEDULE STEP OUTSIDE THE BOX AND BRING THAT DISH, WE ARE SURE IT WILL ALL WORK OUT EITHER WAY

IN ORDER FOR US TO PLAN FOR THE EVENT AND GET PLENTY OF MEAT AND ROLLS, ETC. PLEASE CONTACT AMCRE SECRETARY SUE THORNHILL AT EITHER 2721 ROAD E, REDWOOD VALLEY 95470 OR BY EMAIL AT rsthornhill@comcast.net
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE PICNIC