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AMCRE General Meeting

Date: April 9, 2012

Time: 1:30 PM

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

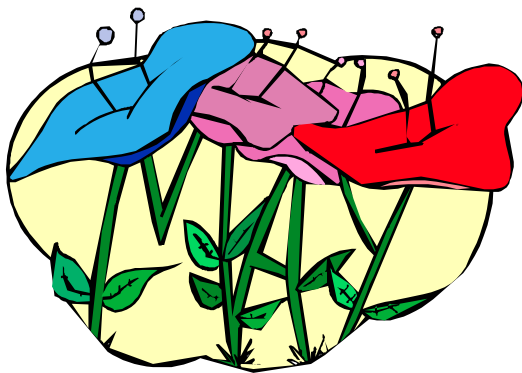
Speaker: Lavonna Silveria Ukiah Senior Center

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



Happy Spring

TRAVEL 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

Alaska Cruise

Roundtrip from San Francisco

August 31-September 10, 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

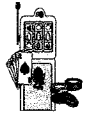


October 20-28, 2013



Reno (TBA)

River Rock Casino (TBA)



DAY TRIPS

45th Annual **Cherry Blossom Festival**

Japantown, San Francisco

Sunday April 22, 2012



Union Square

Spring / Summer Shopping Tour

San Francisco

Saturday June 9, 2012



Pier 39 A Day At The Bay

San Francisco

Saturday July 21, 2012



FUTURE EVENTS

Negri's Luncheon, Filoli Gardens

SF Giants, *War Horse* and more

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here, warmth and light return to all of us that made it through the winter and the birds are singing a happier song. One thing worth crowing about is that AMCRE's hardworking Health Care Committee's huge success of getting the county to agree to continue offering healthcare insurance to those pre-medicare eligible retirees who were still in the program until December 2011. This was a hard-fought battle that raged for many months, with no certain outcome, filled with all the intrigue, rumors, stalling, and misinformation that is common to humans and their attempts to govern themselves. Kind of reminds you of your happy days back at work.

Please join me in saluting Carol Mordhorst, Marsha Wharff, Richard Shoemaker, and AMCRE secretary Sue Thornhill for their tireless dedication and determination to insure that the County did the right thing. They attended countless meetings [along with many other concerned retirees and AMCRE board members], poured over reams of confusing, changing "data", and fought back against all attempts to scuttle what remains of our "promised" healthcare. Partially responsible for our success was the formation of a legal fund (donated by concerned members and non members of AMCRE) that stood ready to initiate a lawsuit if the County chose to end our healthcare benefit, such as it is. AMCRE is very fortunate to have members with the strength, fortitude, and determination to face a difficult situation and come out on top, we all thank you deeply for your hard work and service.

After Spring comes summer and that means Picnic! We are all looking forward to this and have started thinking about times and places. Bring your thoughts to our next meeting, I'll bring some of this years olives as a preview.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

I recently got to see a part of the north county for the first time, for the past several months I have been playing Hammond organ in a high impact rock-blues band called the Backyard Rhythm Section which is 3 Ukiah mechanics backing up a couple of talented guys from Laytonville, Jason Crane and John Corchrane. For me, the thrill of a lifetime, playing the sort of music that I have always loved [Allman Bros., Doobies, Van Morrison, Muddy Waters, Nat "King" Cole] and learning the ropes from Jason, who was willing to work patiently with those less gifted than he and turn us into a cookin' little band.

Things were going great until the brick hit, Jason has cancer, not good, months to live, that sort of thing. The community of Laytonville wasn't going to take this lying down, last weekend there was a benefit for Jason Crane at Harwood Hall in Laytonville, ever been there? A true community center, it not only has a kitchen, stage, tables, chairs, basketball hoops, screens over the windows, it also features enough racks of roller skates to get half the town going around in circles. I don't know what the population of Laytonville is, but there was well over 100 people filling Harwood Hall last Saturday night, dancing, singing, silent auction, donated food, raffles and a lot of love directed to someone that many folks care about in a small community. Over \$4,000 was raised, a huge help to someone whose only health insurance is the love of his friends.

See you out there, Tom

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Tom Liberatore

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Bonnie Koenig	Public Health	06/01/08
Linda Gracen	Mental Health	04/15/11
Terry Johnson	Superior Court	05/27/11
Georgia O'Donoghue	Public Health	08/19/11
Jill Singleton	Social Services	10/27/11
Michael Andrade	Probation	10/28/11
Lorna Singleton	Social Services	10/29/11
Helen Clow	Mend County Fair	11/01/11
Bobbie Gunn	Family Planning	11/04/11
Jane Barrett	Public Health	11/12/11
Robert Fredrickson	HHSA	11/12/11
Jane Barrett	Public Health	11/12/11
Diane Collins	Superior Court	12/01/11
Candi Zizek	Health Care Services	12/26/11
Roy Framke	General Services	12/31/11
Armand Brindt	Public Health	01/01/12
Vale Whippert	Planning	01/07/12

Retiree's Deaths

William Clow	10/18/11
John Strangio	11/15/11
Barbara Dewaal	12/24/11
Robrt McGovern	12/08/11
Richard Drury	01/01/12
Aileen Thornhill	01/25/12

Total Membership 791

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,
MARCH 12, 2012
MENDOCINO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE ROOM, 625B KINGS CT., UKIAH, CA. 95482

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Liberatore called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

2. ROLL CALL was conducted with the following Board members present: Tom Liberatore, Pat Vetzmadian, Sue Thornhill, Vernlyn Farnsworth, Tim Knudsen, Doug Sawyer, Tom Desroches, Abbie Ojanpera, Marilyn Heath and Shirley Christensen. Members absent: Gordon Campbell. Members also present Ned Walsh, C.R.C.E.A. delegate.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Ned Walsh, seconded by Shirley Christensen, and carried unanimously the minutes of the February 13, 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 \$3,758.53.
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Chair Tom Liberatore reported the membership is currently 791.
- **PROGRAM COORDINATORS' REPORT:** Pat Vetzmadian reported she had been trying to contact the County Wellness Program Director with no response. Sue suggested she contact the County Human Resources Department who are in charge of the program.
- **RETIREMENT:** Tim Knudsen reported the Mendocino County Board of Retirement was presented with the quarterly performance report by Callan Associates and the Retirement portfolio is back up to \$350,000,000.00. He also reported the Board of Retirement upon the advice of the consultants had voted to approve a 3% cost of living raise for the retirees, which will be seen on the April 30, 2012 retirement payroll.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE:** Sue Thornhill and Tom Liberatore reported that earlier in the day the Board of Supervisors had voted to continue (and subsidize the premiums) for those members who are currently covered on the Non Medicare health insurance program. Premiums for those members would have remained at \$922 per month will (due to subsidy) be reduced to \$633.

5. OLD BUSINESS: None to discuss

6. NEW BUSINESS: Ned Walsh gave a brief report regarding the C.R.C.E.A.'s upcoming vote to approve a 10 cent per member increase in each of the 20 County Associations dues to help cover the cost of the by annual conferences held each year.

After a short discussion a motion was made by Sue Thornhill, seconded by Tom Desroches to vote to agree to the increase. All votes unanimous, motion carried.

A second motion was made by Sue Thornhill, seconded by Shirley Christensen to subsidize the expenses incurred and give the associations' proxy vote to Tim Knudsen who will attend the conference as AMCRE's representative. All votes' favorable motion carried unanimously.

Ned further requested that each board member authorize him to include their personal information for the C.R.C.E.A. handbook. Each member agreed.

There being no further business President Tom called the meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Thornhill, Secretary

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2012
MENDOCINO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE ROOM, 625B KINGS CT., UKIAH, CA. 95482

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll call was conducted with the following board members present Tom Liberatore, Pat Vetzmadian, Sue Thornhill, Vernlyn Farnsworth, Doug Sawyer, Gordon Campbell, Marilyn Heath, Tim Knudsen, Shirley Christensen.

2. FLAG SALUTE

President Tom introduced Sue Goodrick from the County Human Resource department who spoke briefly about the current situation with the non-Medicare health insurance. Sue explained the County has met with each of the eight bargaining units and presented A.M.C.R.E.'s proposal to continue the health program, she said the bargaining units have 10 days to agree, disagree or ask for further meet and confer. Having nothing further to present Ms. Goodrick was thanked and left the meeting at 1:50.

3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Vernlyn Farnsworth reported the balance in the treasury remains \$3,427.00
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Chair Tom Liberatore reported the membership is currently 789.
- **PROGRAM COORDINATORS' REPORT:** Chair Pat Vetzmadian reported that members of the Health Insurance Committee would speak after regular business was completed.
- **RETIREMENT:** Tim Knudsen reported the actuarial firm Segal Associates had completed their report for the period ending 6/30/2011 and the County contributions were increased steeply due to under funding in the past. He added the audit is in progress and proceeding and should be completed soon.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Shirley Christensen volunteered to continue as hospitality chair.

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Program Chair Pat Vetzmadian presented Carol Mordhorst and Richard Shoemaker who spoke on behalf of the Health Insurance Committee. The speakers gave an extensive accounting of the process to date and concluded that, as of today, the non-Medicare health insurance coverage will continue with the County subsidizing the premiums. They warned however that since it has now become a meet and confer issue with the eight bargaining units of the County employees' it is certainly not a guarantee the final outcome will be as positive.

7. DRAWINGS

Winners of the \$10.00 drawings were Richard Shoemaker and Tim Knudsen.

There being no further business President Tom called the meeting adjourned at

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