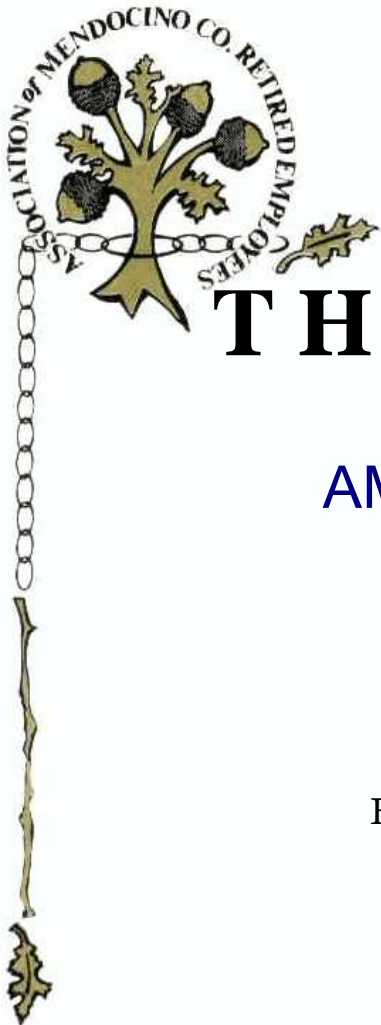




July August 2013

Tim Knudsen, Editor



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THE CONNECTION

AMCRE: Annual Picnic

Date: Wednesday August 21, 2013

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Place: Redwood Valley Lions Park
East Road
Redwood Valley, California

Food provided by AMCRE

Bring your own drinks

President's Message

Happy 90th Birthday Irene Lange

First of all, please join me in wishing AMCRE founder Irene Lange a very happy 90th birthday! As most 90 year olds will tell you, it is no picnic getting to that age. The changes that age has in store for us are sobering, to say the least. But that aside, we are all glad that Irene is still here with us, always willing to guide and inform on the history and ways of AMCRE.

And speaking of picnics, have we got something for you, another AMCRE Picnic! This year we are trying to make it as user friendly as we can, no pot luck, no mail ins, no live music, just \$5.00 at the door, 5p.m. Wednesday August 21 at Lions Park in Redwood Valley. BYOB and enjoy Chuck's famous Tri-tip, Forks Ranch Market BBQ Chicken, Italian Sausage, Chili, Salad, Rolls, and possibly a watermelon or two.

Please feel free to bring your own beverages as we cannot seem to guess what folks would like to drink. Accuweather says that it is going to be a balmy 88 degrees that day instead of our usual 100+ so I am encouraged that this will be the year that a lot of folks show up and eat everything that we will have cooked for you. Also I am hoping that Bob McAlister will attend and let me drive his Thunderbird.

Tales of the County Garage part 2. Long time Garage boss Joe Toste has had a bit of misfortune and ended up at the Ukiah Convalescent Hospital with a broken leg, we all wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he can return home soon, fully able to yell at all the people speeding down his street. And how about Lee Wachs, who in spite of his many maladies, still does a bang-up job of emceeding the Ukiah Airport Day

From time to time the quaint expressions that we used to say at the garage pop into my brain, here are the ones that I can remember today. "It's better than new, it's been worked on", "If you can't fix it, fix it so nobody else can", "Get a bigger hammer", "Cheat to win", " Do something even if it's wrong". And "If he had a brain he'd take it out and play with it" (Joe Toste).

It has been a great summer so far, see you at the picnic. Tom

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Vernlyn Farnsworth, Treasurer

Sue Thornhill, Vice President/Secretary
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD JULY 8, 2013 AT 12:00 PM

2721 ROAD E, REDWOOD VALLEY, CA. 95470

1. President Tom Liberatore called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM

2. REPORTS:

- a) Treasurer/Presenter: Vernlyn Farnsworth reported there is currently \$4,814.92 in the treasury and \$1,496.63 in the legal fund.
- b) Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held May 13, 2013. Motion by Marilyn Heath, seconded by Ned Walsh to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) Committee reports
 - Membership Chair Tom Liberatore reported there are 864 members.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding "The Connection" preparation. Ned Walsh also mentioned he would like for the board to use the conference room at the Retirement office more often.

Information Cut-Off Date Monday 7/30/13

Assembly Date and Location 8/2/13 location TBA

- b) Discussion and possible action regarding the summer picnic. After a short discussion the board chose Wednesday August 21 @ 5:00 PM. The picnic will be held at the Lion's Park in Redwood Valley. AMCRE will provide meat, salad, rolls, cookies and watermelon for a fee of \$5.00 per person. Those attending should bring their own drinks.
- c) Sue Thornhill reported she has had no further contact with the County CEOs' office regarding employee participation in the scholarship fund approved by the AMCRE membership in May.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Ned Walsh began discussion regarding some outspoken members of the community criticism of the County's retirement system. After lengthy discussion the board was reminded that the person most qualified to answer those criticisms is Tim Knudsen who is bound by the Board of Retirement rules which discourage such responses.

5. ADJOURN: 3:40

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING,

MAY 13, 2013

JENSEN'S RESTAURANT, 1550 LOVERS LANE, UKIAH, CA. 95482

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1. CALL TO ORDER President Tom Liberatore called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT WAS CONDUCTED

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Vernlyn Farnsworth reported the current balance in the treasury is \$6,013.58. Legal fund stands at \$1,496.63.
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Chair Tom Liberatore reported there are 859 members.
- **PROGRAM COORDINATORS' REPORT:** Sue introduced Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman as the quest speaker. Sheriff Allman gave a very informative report about his book "Out There in the Woods" which is an accounting of the capture and eventual death of a double murderer who fled to a remote part of the County. He also spoke about other issues within the sheriff's department and topics interesting to older residents. After some questions from the members he was thanked by President Tom and left the meeting at 12:50 pm.
- **RETIREMENT:** Tim gave an extensive report on the CRCEA conference he recently attended. He told the members that every county retiree system reported the greatest issue they face is getting the membership involved, exactly like our association.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE:** Nothing to report

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5. Discussion regarding the membership funding a scholarship for Mendocino County Retirees/Employees for continuing education. After some discussion a motion was made by Dawn Long, seconded by Tom Desroches to make the funds available to start a \$500.00 scholarship for Mendocino County Employees or Retirees children or grandchildren for scholastic or vocational continuing education. Roll call vote was unanimously aye with the exception of one nay. Motion carried.

6. Drawing winners were Sue Thornhill and Emily Valentini

There being no further business President Tom Liberatore called the meeting adjourned at 1:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Thornhill, Secretary

AMCRE ANNUAL PICNIC

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, 2013 5:00 P.M.

LIONS PARK, REDWOOD VALLEY

Come to the Lions Park on East Road in Redwood Valley on the above date and time and bring a friend for the annual AMCRE picnic. Enjoy B B Q Tri-tip and chicken plus an assortment of other great food prepared by Chuck Thornhill and President Tom Liberatore. The total cost of the picnic will be \$5.00 per person to cover incidentals, the cost of food will be covered by AMCRE. This is a good time to meet with friends and former work partners and talk about the good old days. Bring your favorite beverage and stories.

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NEW MEMBERS

Alice Langton-Sloan	2/01/13	Social Services
Vicki Martinazzi	1/22/13	Social Services
Sheryl Parducci	1/18/13	EFAS H&H Res.
John Terry Pittman	12/31/12	Public Works
Richard Russell	1/11/13	Social Services
Jacqueline Devine	2/21/13	Social Services
Rose Ellis	2/1/13	Social Services
Jaana Lemmon	3/15/13	Social Services
Jack Morris	3/1/13	
Mary Wallace	12/5/12	Public Health
Larry Alexander	3/31/13	DOT
Sandra Applegate	3/30/13	County Council
Vivian Caldwell	3/30/13	Superior Court
Christy Conrardy	3/30/13	District Attorney
Sue Goodrick	3/30/13	HR
Ann Hershberger	3/29/13	
Sharon Hunt	3/29/13	Public Health
Patricia Meek	3/31/13	HR
Richard Stenback	3/3/12	Probation
Leslie Woll	3/29/13	Auditor-Controller

DECEASED:

Ray Ellis	1/23/13	Social Services
Barbara Wilburn	1/20/13	
Colette Morris	2/4/13	
Lorraine Sullivan	2/21/13	
Michael Woll	3/3/13	