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AMCRE: Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday February 10, 2014

Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Place: Donovan Conference Room (Sheriff's Office)
951 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, California

See information inside this newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love it when I get to start off one of these messages with food content, which, come to think of it, will probably be all of them from now on. As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, AMCRE is having lunch at the County Jail, an invitation from Sheriff Tom Allman. It should be interesting to say the least, I will see you there!

And while I haven't discussed this with the board yet, now that we sort of have a pizza parlor in the family, [Vice-President Sue Thornhill's daughter and son in law have opened the most excellent Slam Dunk Pizza] I will be pushing for an AMCRE sponsored Pizza luncheon in hopes of drawing more of you out of your cocoons.

I usually blab something about the weather, but holy 1976 Batman, it's really dry out there and everyone is concerned. It is not too early to start thinking about ways to conserve water because it looks like we won't be getting much this "Winter".

Also mentioned in our newsletter is the AMCRE scholarship program, time to start thinking about someone who could benefit from this opportunity.

Cyndi Montesonti has been doing a fantastic job as our new secretary, we are all learning a lot about proper procedure during our meetings. We are kind of shopping around for some help in the Treasury Department, our long serving Treasurer Vernlynn Farnsworth could use a break. So if anyone has any financial or computer skills, please consider stepping up and helping AMCRE out, at least you will eat well!

Tom Liberatore, President
Vernlyn Farnsworth, Treasurer

Sue Thornhill, Vice President/Secretary
Tim Knudsen, C.R.C.E.A. Del/Connection Editor

3 Yr. Directors: Doug Sawyer/Tom Desroches

2 Yr. Directors: Marilyn Heath/Pat Vetmadian

1 Yr. Director: Shirley Christensen/Ned Walsh

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2013
UKIAH GARDEN CAFE, 1090 S. STATE STREET, UKIAH, CA 95482

1. CALL TO ORDER: Tom Liberatore called the meeting to order at noon welcoming all guests and Retirees to the annual holiday lunch at the Ukiah Garden Café. He also advised the crowd that Sue Thornhill has been both Vice-President and the Secretary for many years, and that Cyndi Montesonti was willing to serve as the Secretary to the Retirees Association, and will be installed at this meeting with the rest of the Board members. He welcomed new blood to the Board. Cyndi agreed to take the minutes of this meeting as practice for Vice-President Sue.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS PRESENT: Sue Thornhill gave a brief welcome and introduced Sheriff Tom Allman, who will be administering the Oath of Office for the Installation of Officers. Sue also introduced her mother, Rose Foster, a former County employee. President Tom and Vice-President Sue had us all go around the room and introduce ourselves as well.

A list was also sent around the room for everyone to sign and put the total years they worked for the County of Mendocino. The years of service from all County Retirees' in attendance totaled: 851.5 years. That does not include Sheriff Allman's 28 years of County service since he has not retired yet. His day will come.

4. INVOCATION: Doug Sawyer led this.

5. ENJOY LUNCH AND VISIT.

6. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Sheriff Tom Allman performed the Oath of Office for all current Board members continuing on as Officers of the Association of Mendocino County Retired Employees'. Cyndi Montesonti was sworn in as Secretary to the Board. Officers for the 2014 year are as follows:

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Sue Thornhill, Vice-President
Cyndi Montesonti, Secretary
Vernlyn Farnsworth, Treasurer
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After Installation, everyone sang Christmas songs. Sue Thornhill phoned Irene Lange so she could hear the songs and wish her happy holidays.

7. DRAWINGS: Winners listed below.

- a) \$20.00 won by Sue Stewart
- b) \$20.00 won by Dave Dorsey
- c) \$20.00 won by Yvonne Niesen
- d) \$20.00 won by Nancy Commons
- e) \$20.00 won by Kendall Smith
- f) \$50.00 won by Sue Thornhill who donated the money back to the Scholarship Fund.*
- g) \$50.00 won by Tom Liberatore
- h) \$100 won by Dot Gialdini

8. TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Vernlyn reported that there is now \$570 in the Scholarship Fund which included Sue Thornhill's winnings just donated back. She also talked about the fun everyone had at the summer picnic and complimented and thanked Chuck Thornhill and Tom Liberatore for their hard work and wonderful cooking at the picnic.

Sue reminded the members that the membership had voted to offer an AMCRE scholarship for member's children and grandchildren, and anyone who would like to make a donation should send the checks to the P.O. Box 903, Ukiah CA 95482, with a note designating the intent of the donation.

9. COMMENTS: Sheriff Allman thanked everyone for inviting him to be a guest and for allowing him to administer the Oath of Office to the Board. He invited the A.M.C.R.E. membership to the next general meeting, February 10, 2014 at the Sheriff's Training Center. He said the Jail will serve lunch to the Retiree's Association. More information will follow. The next Board meeting will be January 13, 2014. Place to be announced. Board meetings are held the second Monday every other month.

10 ADJOURN: Meeting and lunch adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI
Secretary

**AMCRE GENERAL MEETING 2/10/2014
DONOVAN CONFERENCE ROOM
SHERIFF'S OFFICE 951 LOW GAP ROAD, UKIAH
BETWEEN 12:00 AND 1:15 P.M.**

Those of you who attended the Christmas Luncheon in December might remember that Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman invited the AMCRE members to a luncheon at the Mendocino County Jail for our February general meeting.

Tom has kindly offered the conference room in the training facility at the Sheriff's office for the luncheon. Tom has informed me that the jail kitchen will prepare Lasagna (vegetarians beware there will be meat in the Lasagna), Salad (no meat), and French bread. Bottled water and coffee will be served during the meal and dessert will also be provided. There will be no cost for the luncheon as this will be provided by Tom.

The Conference room is located at the far West side of the jail facility through the gate entrance that almost intersects with Despina Drive. There will be signs directing you to parking and to the conference room. A tour of the jail can be arranged after the luncheon.



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The members of the Association of Mendocino County Retired Employees (A.M.C.R.E.) are proud to announce we are now offering two \$500.00 scholarships for the children or grandchildren of Mendocino County Retirees who are members in good standing with A.M.C.R.E. Each scholarship will be paid in two installments, one at the beginning of each semester, with proof of enrollment.

Applicants must be graduating seniors who are planning to further their education through an accredited college or trade school.

To apply write a one page essay, which should include the name of their parent or grandparent who is a member of A.M.C.R.E. and the department from which they are retired, and information about their interest and which school and field they plan to work toward. Application should also include a copy of their high school transcript (to date) and two letters of recommendation from high school teachers or administrators. Mail packets to 2721 Road E, Redwood Valley, Ca. 95470.

Applications must be received by **April 15, 2014**. Successful applicants will be invited to attend the general membership meeting on May 12, 2014. If winners do not live in the immediate area they will be invited to attend either by phone or telecommunication. If no applications have been received by the deadline applications will be accepted for returning college or trade school students who qualify as above.

NEW MEMBERS

Alice Langton-Sloan	Social Services	2/1/2013
Vivcki Martinazzi	Social Services	1/22/2013
Sheryl Parducci	EFAS	1/18/2013
John Pitman	Public Works	12/31/2012
Richard Russell	Social Services	1/11/2013
Jaqueline Devine	Social Services	2/21/2013
Rose Ellis	Social Services	2/1/2013
Jaana Lemmon	Social Services	3/15/2013
Jack Morris		3/1/2013
Mary Wallis	Public Health	12/5/2012
Larry Alexander	DOT	3/31/2013
Sandra Applegate	County Counsel	3/30/2013
Vivian Caldwell	Superior Court	3/30/2013
Christy Conrardy	District Attorney	3/30/2013
Sue Goodrick	H R	3/30/2013
Ann Hershberger		3/29/2013
Sharon Hunt	Public Health	3/29/2013
Patricia Meek	H R	3/31/2013
Richard Stenback	Probation	3/3/2012
Leslie Woll	Auditor	3/29/2013
James Brown	Probation	3/29/2013
Judith Frank	Planning	5/1/2013
Janice Kurtyka	Social Services	5/24/2013
Monica Labbert	Superior Court	5/31/2013
Joyce Johnson	HHS	7/5/2013
Frances Neumeyer	Children Svcs	6/28/2013
Yolanda Ruiz	CPS	7/10/2013
Domingo Agular	Social Services	8/25/2013
Tim Ellis	Sheriff	9/2/2013
Donna Rice	Probation	9/15/2013
Lisa West	Library	8/17/2013

DECEASED MEMBERS

Jame Menzmer	Marshal	8/14/2013
WandaBell	Sheriff	6/7/2013
Loretta Sevey	Social Services	5/4/2013
Thomas Humphreys	Sheriff	5/12/2013
Frances Holder	Mental Health	5/13/2013
Ed Petrykowski	Planning	4/28/2013
Michael Woll	Public Works	3/3/2013
Colette Morris	Hospital	2/4/2013
Lorraine Sullivan	Planning	2/21/2013
Ray Ellis	Social Services	1/23/2013
Barbara Wilburn	Hospital	1/20/2013