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July August 2014

Tim Knudsen, Editor



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AMCRE: Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday August 13, 2014

Time: 5:00 p.m. till ?

Place: Lions Park
East Road
Redwood Valley, CA

See information in President's Message

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In spite of the drought this is turning out to be a pretty good summer, milder than many of them for sure, boding well for the **AMCRE SUMMER PICNIC on Wednesday, August 13th @ 5pm at Lions Park in Redwood Valley!** Along with good weather we will be having BBQ chicken, pork loin, Italian sausage, chili, salad, cookies and watermelon. Just show up at Lions Park in Redwood Valley with something to drink, \$5 and you are in! **Just tell Sue Thornhill (485-7600)** that you are coming, details elsewhere in this newsletter.

When I was ordering the meat for the picnic at The Forks Ranch Market, I complemented Randy on the nice surface of the adjacent parking lot which used to be a serious sea of holes, the site of the former Wine Glass Tavern where I danced the night away in my wild youth. Randy asked if I remembered what was there before the Wine Glass and I drew a blank, Rocky's Pizza, before he moved into town where the Pub is now, that guy could make a pie!

Speaking of drought, although we have a lot of members, our board is getting kind of thin, AMCRE will be holding elections this December with positions available both on the board and for associate members as well. If you like receiving these newsletters, luncheons, picnics, and the advocacy work that we do on your behalf, then it is time to get on the stick and help out. Many of the people who founded AMCRE have fallen by the wayside and it is time for younger people to step in and keep us going, it is more fun than you might think.

And speaking of pizza, having our general meetings at Slam/Dunk Pizza is a home run, great food and camaraderie, although trying to conduct a meeting in the middle of people having fun has a peanut gallery quality to it, I think people liked it anyway.

We are all looking forward to seeing you at this summer's picnic, and for you beefeaters out there, I might have asked Randy to put a couple of Tri-Tips in the meat order, don't tell Sue.

See you out there, Tom

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

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 12, 2014

SLAM DUNK PIZZA

720 N. STATE STREET, UKIAH, CA 95482

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Tom Liberatore called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. welcoming Retirees and guests to the General Membership lunch meeting at Slam Dunk Pizza. Treasurer Vernlyn Farnsworth was absent due to illness.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. President Tom Liberatore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS PRESENT: President Tom asked us do introductions. Vice-President Sue Thornhill introduced our two scholarship recipients: Ariana Van Camp and Maria Holland. Both ladies are seniors in high school.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: Sue Thornhill introduced the Scholarship Committee: Sue, Tim Knudsen and Marilyn Heath. We will have a presentation after the reports.
- RETIREMENT and C.R.C.E.A. REPORT: Tim Knudsen gave a lengthy update and referenced people back to the last newsletter with his report from the conference. He also reported that two candidates are in the final interview stages as the newly hired Retirement Administrator. They did a presentation at a Closed Session. Tim also talked about retirees living longer and changes need to be made in the pensions of future retirees. Richard Shoemaker also addressed the group as an Alternate Member of the Retirement Board and a member of the Retirees' Association. He discussed upcoming changes in pensions to the Constitution that was discussed at the conference.
- MEMBERSHIP: Sue Thornhill has taken this over with the Vice-President position. Currently we have 863 members and 5 self pays. Sue will be in contact with the Retirement Office to see if they have any recent members.

5. TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Vernlyn Farnsworth was absent due to illness. Therefore, there was no report. Sue will contact Vernlyn to have her send a check to Slam Dunk Pizza for the lunch today and to reimburse Cyndi Montesonti \$20.00 for paying the two raffle winners \$10.00 each.

6. EVERYONE ENJOYED PIZZA LUNCH AND VISITING.

7. SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION: The two recipients were invited up to receive flowers and a certificate presented by the Committee. The winners are: Ariana Van Camp, a senior at Ukiah High

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School and Maria Holland, a senior at the Seventh Day Adventist Redwood Academy. Ariana will attend Nursing School at San Diego City College in the fall. Maria will attend a few years at Mendocino College and then transfer to colleges in Idaho and later Montana to complete a teaching credential. They each will receive a \$500 scholarship (\$250 per semester with proof of enrollment). They both thanked us for awarding them the scholarships. They said they appreciate it and it will be extremely helpful in their studies.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Tom Liberatore introduced Angie Lowe who is our Sunshine Committee. Angie is more than happy to send any cards to retirees and their families if there is an illness or if someone passed away. Please send her the information you have via email or a phone call to:

Angie Lowe Her email is: angirivalowe@yahoo.com Phone number: 707-485-7643

You can also email Cyndi Montesonti at tomcyndichili@comcast.net or phone 707-489-7752 and she will provide Angie with the information as well.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Sue Thornhill talked about the fun everyone had at the summer picnic. Sue and Chuck Thornhill and Tom Liberatore will be doing the cooking again. An ice chest and water will be provided. **The picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Lions Park in Redwood Valley. Same place each year.** More information will come later in the summer. We hope to see everyone there.

Board Meetings will be held the second Monday in January, April, July, a special Election meeting in October and November.

General Meetings will be held the second Monday in February, May, August and December.

10. DRAWINGS: Jack Brush and Tim Knudsen were the winners of the drawing.

11. COMMENTS: The next Board meeting will be July 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Slam Dunk Pizza. Richard Shoemaker asked Cyndi Montesonti to submit the pictures of the Scholarship winners with an article to the Ukiah Daily Journal. It would be great publicity for AMCRE.

12. ADJOURN: Meeting and lunch adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Thank you Slam Dunk Pizza for the great lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI
Secretary

Tom Liberatore, President
President

Sue Thornhill, Vice

Cyndi Montesonti, Secretary
Treasurer

Vernlyn Farnsworth,

Tim Knudsen, Connection Editor/C.R.C.E.A. Delegate

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ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,
JULY 21, 2014
SLAM DUNK PIZZA, 720 N. State Street, Ukiah

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1. CALL TO ORDER Vice -President Tom Liberatore called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

2. ROLL CALL was conducted with the following Board members present: Tom Liberatore, Cyndi Montesonti, Vernlyn Farnsworth, Tim Knudsen, Doug Sawyers, Tom Desroches, Pat Vetzmadian and Marilyn Heath. Absent: Sue Thornhill (however, we did contact Sue by telephone during the meeting) Shirley Christensen and Ned Walsh were also absent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Pat Vetzmadian, seconded by Doug Sawyers to approve the minutes of the General Membership meeting of May 12, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Vernlyn Farnsworth reported the balance in the treasury for May 2014 was \$5,766.24 and June 2014 was \$6,343. Check received and deposited from the County for \$860.76. Payouts of \$250 to one of the Scholarship recipients. Accounts were separated for the Legal Fund which stands at \$1,498.02 and the Scholarship Fund which stands at \$1,070.12. Pat Vetzmadian moves to incorporate the Scholarship Account into the General Fund Account to write the four checks per year. Two per semester. Seconded by Tom Desroches. **PASSED.** Scholarship Funds cannot be disbursed until Sue Thornhill or Vernlyn Farnsworth receives proof of enrollment from the scholarship winners. Vernlyn Farnsworth will make sure when she disburses the Scholarship Fund that the amount disbursed is moved from the original Scholarship account set up back to the General Account she wrote the check from.
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Vice-President Sue Thornhill reported to Cyndi Montesonti via the telephone that there are 873 members and 5 self pay members. She also reported that Ferne Bennett (Recorder's Office), McClaren Parker, and Joseph Vickroy passed away. Cyndi Montesonti will contact Angie Lowe to send cards to the family

REGULAR BOARD MEETING JULY 21, 2014

5. OLD BUSINESS

Telephone call to Sue Thornhill to discuss the summer picnic for the retirees. **The date of the picnic will be Wednesday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m. at Lions Park in Redwood Valley. Sue requested RSVP's be called to her home at 485-7600 mainly for shopping purposes Chuck Thornhill and Tom Liberatore will do the BBQing. Sue anticipates 50-75 retirees attend. Attendees can bring their own drinks of any kind. Marilyn Heath moved and Doug Sawyers seconded on the following menu at \$5.00 per person:**

Pork loin, chicken and sausages

Big salad with dressings

Rolls

Chili beans

Cookies (different kinds)

Watermelon

Water

MOTION PASSED. Discussion of raffle prizes as follows: \$100 – grand prize; Two- \$30.00 prizes and Four - \$20.00 cash prizes. Tom Liberatore will mention that in the President's Message of the newsletter. Vernlyn will come with the cash and envelopes all ready for the prizes.

- Discussion and possible action regarding "The Connection" preparation.

Information Cut-Off Date: Sunday, July 27, 2014

Assembly Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at noon for lunch on our own at Slam Dunk Pizza. Tim Knudsen will pick up the newsletters and bring them there for assembling, and he will help **Please come and help.** Tom Liberatore will get the President's Message to Tim by this Thursday. He will put in a paragraph about the summer picnic.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion and possible action as to who can apply for future scholarships will be tabled to the next Board meeting: Monday, October 13, 2014. This meeting will also be the special election meeting for nominations. The entire Board will be up for election. If people are interested in serving on our Board, they need to be present at the October meeting for nominations or let somebody know.
- Next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at Lions Park in Redwood Valley at 5:00 p.m. This is a BYOB summer picnic event for \$5.00 per person. Dinner will be provided and RSVP's should go to Sue Thornhill at 485-7600.
- Below are the listed months that the Board of Directors and the General Membership will meet. Meetings are usually held the 2nd Monday of the month. Four meetings a year.
BOARD MEETINGS: January, April, July, October will be a special meeting for nominations and November.

GENERAL MEETINGS: February, May, August and December.

There being no further business President Tom Liberatore called the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cyndi Montesonti, Secretary