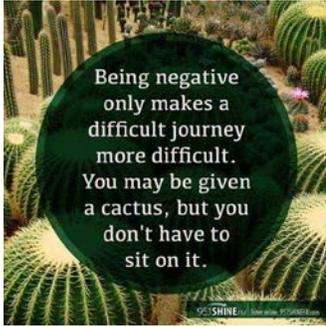


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General Membership Meeting

Date: Monday, December 14, 2015
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: Dora's Gourmet Café
(formerly North State Café)
Ukiah, CA

HOLIDAY PARTY
BUFFET LUNCH
ELECTIONS
SINGING
\$\$ Raffle \$\$



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FROM THE DESK OF...

AMCRE PRESIDENT SUE THORNHILL



As I sit here at my computer writing this message, I am looking out the window at the glorious rain nurturing Mother Earth, I am grateful for the gift of water and pray we are in for much more to end this horrible drought. I realize some of you in other states are

experiencing flooding, and for that I am sorry but I can't help but wonder why when we can put a man on the moon we can't figure out how to get your runoff out to us on the west coast. Oh well that's another topic.

As we enter the Fall and Winter season it is time again for our annual AMCRE Christmas party and we are busy making preparations for another fun and festive get together. As you see by the announcement in this newsletter, we will be gathering December 14 at Dora's Gourmet Café (the old North State Street Café). As last year, Marta will be preparing her wonderful food for us and of course we will have plenty of time for visiting with former co-workers and friends. We may even be able to get in a Christmas Carol or two.

We will, of course, be holding the election and installation of officers for the 2016 calendar year. We are fortunate to have volunteers who are willing to serve on our behalf and are always open for additional help and any topics or concerns you feel need to be addressed. I do want to remind each of you AMCRE is a non-political organization and as such we do not endorse candidates or propositions. If, however, an issue arises that requires our involvement regarding retiree benefits or income we will take up the cause on all of our behalf.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon and catching up on each of your lives.

Sue, AMCRE President



Arden Gibson Linda Whipple Susan Anderson
Randy Keller Audrey Bradford Barron Hanks

UPCOMING EVENTS ~ Mark your Calendars

GENERAL MEETINGS Noon - Lunch & Free Raffle included

We try and get speakers for each meeting.

February, May, August and December (Holiday party/ elections)

BOARD MEETINGS Slam Dunk Pizza 1:00 p.m.

(usually held the 2nd Monday in January, April, July, October (for special election nominations) and November.)

SPECIAL EVENTS >Board Meeting: November 9, 2015

>Holiday Party & Elections-December 14, 2015

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Come enjoy a holiday fun event.

DATE/TIME: MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 12:00 P.M.

PLACE: DORA'S GOURMET CAFÉ
263 North State Street Ukiah, CA

COST: \$20.00 per person includes tax and gratuity
NO HOST BAR

A Wonderful holiday buffet lunch

Salad.....Homemade foccacia bread

Tri tip and Chicken Mendocino

Vegetarian Polenta Lasagna (for non-meat eaters)

Vege rice with cashew nuts

Choice of: Ice tea or passionfruit juice

Dessert: cookies and brownies/coffee or tea

RAFFLES 5 - \$20.00 Prizes 1 - \$50.00 Prize 1 - \$100.00 Prize

R.S.V.P. & PAYMENT

Please return your check with this form.

Have Questions~Call Cyndi: (707) 489-7752

Mail to:

Cyndi Montesonti, Secretary

c/o AMCRE

P.O. Box 903 Ukiah, CA 95482

Must receive reservation and payment no later than Monday, November 29, 2015

NAME: _____ CHOICE: MEAT _____ or VEGETARIAN _____

GUEST NAME: _____ CHOICE: MEAT _____ or VEGETARIAN _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Make checks payable to AMCRE for \$ 20.00 per person

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1-year

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Richard Stenback

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ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 12, 2015

SLAM DUNK PIZZA, 720 N. State Street, Ukiah

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** President Sue Thornhill called the special meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** was conducted with the following Board members
PRESENT: Sue Thornhill, Cyndi Montesonti, Raylene Lucchesi, Tim Knudsen, Tom Desroches, Marilyn Heath, Shirley Christensen, and Dorinda Kay Miller.
ABSENT: Tom Liberatore, Richard Stenback and Pat Vetzmadian.
- 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** This meeting is a special Board of Directors Meeting for discussion of a slate of officers for 2016. There were no reports discussed.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS:** No old business discussed.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion and possible action regarding the 2016 Slate of Officers.
- 6. MEETING:** Next regular Board meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Slam Dunk Pizza. Lunch is on your own.
- 7. ADJOURN:** There being no further business President Sue Thornhill adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI
Secretary



ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 29, 2015

Lions Park, Redwood Valley, CA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** President Sue Thornhill called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. welcoming Retirees and guests to the General Membership summer picnic at Lions Park in Redwood Valley. Midge McMichael led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS PRESENT:** Board Members Absent: Pat Vetzmadian and Marilyn Heath. President Sue asked for introductions of the retirees and their guests. 70 people attended the summer picnic in the 106 degree afternoon. presented them each with a certificate for being the recipients of our \$500 Scholarship. The three graduating seniors each introduced themselves, their parents and grandparents and their relative that is the County retiree. They have provided proof of enrollment for their college of choice. They each received \$250 towards the fall semester for school. In spring of 2016, they will present the proof of enrollment and their grades for the second semester to receive another \$250 towards college. The Returning Scholarship winner, Ariana VanCamp was unable to attend the picnic. She will be attending her second year of Kaplan College in the Nursing Program. Her grandparents, Leno and Shirley Valentini were in attendance and accepted the certificate for her. Three seniors won \$500 scholarships. Breann Dunken, granddaughter of Sue and Chuck Thornhill, will be headed to San Jose State University in the fall to major in Event Management with a minor in Spanish. Trenton Williams, grandson of Patricia Snyder, will be headed to Mendocino College and attending the Fire Science program. The final recipient is Morgan Ingram, granddaughter of Tommy Ingram. She will be attending Mendocino College to obtain an Associate's Degree in Business Management and also plans to attend Beauty College. Pictures were taken. Congratulations to all.
- 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** All reports were dispensed with because our Scholarship Recipients and their families were in attendance, and we had a program for them.

SCHOLARSHIP

REPORT: Scholarship Committee Chairman Tim Knudsen introduced the Scholarship Committee consisting of Tim Knudsen, Chair; Cyndi Montesonti and Marilyn Heath. Marilyn was not at the picnic. Sue Thornhill announced that she was not involved in scholarship selection this year. Tim then went on to introduce the scholarship recipients in attendance and



4. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS: announced that upcoming nominations for officers and delegates will be held at the special board meeting on October 13, 2015. Then on December 14, 2015 at Dora's Gourmet Café, Elections will occur at the General Meeting holiday lunch. If anyone is interested in holding a position, please contact Sue Thornhill or Cyndi Montesonti before October 13th.

5. DINNER SERVED: A big thank you goes out to our cooks: Chuck and Sue Thornhill, Tim Knudsen, Tom Liberatore and Chuck and Sue's grandsons. They bbqed chicken, tri-tip, and sausages. We also had salads, rolls, chili, applesauce and cookies. A great big thank you to Dot and Allan Gialdini for bringing a delicious macaroni salad, homemade pineapple upside down cake and coconut cream pie. Tom Liberatore shared his pickled peppers and olives. The



food was delicious and was complimentary from AMCRE. Water was provided.

6. DRAWINGS: \$100 Grand Prize – Sue Sawyers; \$50.00 prize winner - Merydel Petersen, and the five \$20.00 prize winners were: Sue Ranochak (she donated it back to the Scholarship Fund), Henrietta Munoz, Dave Dorsey, Rick Shambers (he donated it back to the Scholarship Fund) and Raylene Lucchesi (she

donated it back to the Scholarship Fund). Congratulations everyone!

7. ADJOURN: Meeting and dinner adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Thank you for a great picnic.

Respectfully submitted,
CYNDI MONTESONTI, Secretary

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 13, 2015 Slam Dunk Pizza, 720 N. State Street, Ukiah

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Sue Thornhill called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Conducted with the following Board members present: Sue Thornhill, Tom Liberatore, Cyndi Montesonti, Raylene Lucchesi, Dorinda Miller, Tim Knudsen, Marilyn Heath, Tom Desroches, Richard Stenback and Shirley Christensen. Absent: Pat Vetzmadian. Visitors in attendance: Angie Lowe our Sunrise Committee Chairperson, Debbie Stenback and Chuck Thornhill.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Marilyn Heath to approve the April 13, 2015, Board Minutes and the May 18, 2015, General Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Raylene Lucchesi. **PASSED.**

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• **TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Raylene Lucchesi reported the balance in the treasury for May 2015 and June 2015. The balance for June 2015 is \$4,868.13; it included the Scholarship Balance: \$1,510 and Legal Fund Balance for \$1,498.77. Check received and deposited from the County for \$889.42. Raylene paid a few incoming bills and had to rewrite the check for the musicians from the Christmas party. He misplaced the check. Dorinda presented her invoice to be reimbursed for the printer purchased that belongs to AMCRE. Cyndi Montesonti moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tom Desroches seconded. **PASSED.**

• **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Secretary Cyndi Montesonti is now in charge of Membership. We currently have 905 members. Cyndi reported she is organizing the card box received with membership cards. Apparently when people retire and are given the cards to fill out, sometimes information is omitted

that is useful; such as the department they retired from and years of service.

• **PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Tom Liberatore will ask the CHP to talk on senior driving for the February 2016 General Meeting. We do not have speakers the rest of 2015. Sue reported that the Scholarship winners will attend the picnic this month and then the next big event would be the Christmas party.

• **HEALTH INSURANCE:** Nothing to report.

• **CRCEA:** Tim Knudsen reported that the next CRCEA conference will be held in Stockton starting October 19, 2015. He may be gone and asked Cyndi Montesonti to attend in his place if he is. President Sue Thornhill said she may attend this one. A report for the next newsletter will be written after the conference.

• **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT:** Tim Knudsen reported that the Scholarship Committee consisted of him, Cyndi Montesonti and Marilyn Heath. Sue Thornhill wanted the record to show that she was not involved in the Scholarship process this year. Ten applications were received and they were all very good. Tim explained the criteria used to determine the scholarship winners. Mainly on need. Tim discussed some issues that occurred with the notifying process. He suggested we make a motion to give a third scholarship for a senior and the one returning scholarship yearly. Cyndi Montesonti moved to give three \$500 (\$250 per semester) full-time scholarships for seniors attending college, a university or trade school with proof of enrollment. Marilyn Heath seconded. **PASSED.** The winners are as follows: Returning Scholarship Winner for second year at college is Ariana Van Camp, granddaughter of Leno Valentini. The three scholarship winners selected are:

Breann Dunken, granddaughter of Sue Thornhill, Morgan Ingram, granddaughter of Tommy Ingram, and Trenton Williams, grandson of Patricia Snyder. They will be invited to attend our General Membership Picnic on July 29th to receive their certificate.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- **SELF-INSURANCE:** Richard Shoemaker was not in attendance. Tim Knudsen did not have anything further to report.

- **SUMMER PICNIC DETAILS:** The General Meeting Summer Picnic was moved from August to Wednesday, July 29th at 5:00 p.m. in Lions Park. AMCRE will pay for everything. Everyone in attendance will receive one raffle ticket for a cash prize. There will also be a donation jar for the Scholarship Fund at a table for contributions. All winners of the Scholarships were invited as were their family members. Sue Thornhill discussed the costs of meat these days and that Tri Tip sky rocketed in price. Sue and Chuck Thornhill and Tom Liberatore are doing the cooking and preparation. Sue said they will provide pork loin, applesauce, chili beans, salad rolls and butter, and cookies. She will have one vegetarian lasagna clearly marked for people who do not eat pork or are vegetarians. Water will be provided and if you want something further to drink, bring your own. She will definitely need help with the clean up as Sue and Chuck need to head out of town. Jim Brown also volunteered to help with any picnic issues. Details will be in the newsletter.

- **“THE CONNECTION” NEWSLETTER:** Dorinda Miller distributed the draft copy of the newsletter with changes. She bought the printer that is to be used strictly for AMCRE labels, minutes, and other typing needs. She said it is a color printer and can copy and do back front. It was very cheap. Dorinda will label the printer PROPERTY OF AMCRE. Everyone liked the miscellaneous information in the newsletter. Cyndi Montesonti will meet with Dorinda to work on the Excel master list of retirees. Dorinda received slips for people wanting the newsletter via email. This time they should receive it both ways, because we need to test it.

- **NEWSLETTER PREPARATION BY UVAH:** Sue Thornhill reported she had a conversation with Ukiah Valley Association for the Handicap (UVAH) about having them collate and mail out the newsletter at a very inexpensive rate. However, she found out that they can only give the discounts and do it for nonprofits, and we must have a nonprofit number. Because of our affiliation with CRCEA, we can't get one. Therefore this issue is moot and volunteers will continue to put the newsletter together and mail it out.

- **“THE CONNECTION” PREPARATION:** The cutoff date for submitting information to the newsletter will be Monday, July 13, 2015. Cyndi will get her minutes done and incorporated in the newsletter and send to Dorinda to finalize and make pretty. We will assemble the newsletter at noon on Friday, July 17,

2015, at Slam Dunk Pizza. Cyndi will come with stickers and stamps.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- **FUTURE SPEAKERS:** As mentioned above, Tom Liberatore will search out speakers for 2016, but he plans to get the CHP for February 2016.

- **DAY TRIPPING EVENTS:** Cyndi Montesonti reported that she made contact with this company that has an office in Savannah, GA, Santa Rosa and Martinez. She encouraged everyone to go on line and sign up to receive all the information via email and hard copies in the mail for the day, weekend or weekly events. This company picks up in Healdsburg and Santa Rosa and would come to Ukiah for pick up if we wanted to do a day trip with at least 44 people for a cost. All info will be in the current newsletter.

- **CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Cyndi Montesonti will contact Dora's Gourmet Café and see if we can reserve the place for Monday, December 14th. We will not hire a band this year. We will look into costs for corkage if we provide wine on the tables, and the cost for transportation again. Everyone had fun and loved the food. Tom Liberatore requested coffee to be out earlier. Cyndi will mention that. Details to come later.

- **WEB SITE ISSUES:** Cyndi Montesonti has been in contact with Granville Poole, our Website Administrator. Our website: www.amcre.org Granville discussed making changes and correcting errors on the website. Under the button that is currently there called **HEALTH BENE NEWS** which deals with issues that are long dead and gone, Granville suggested eliminating that selection and replace it with **“AARP DISCOUNTS”** rather than adding another button. He will keep the old information from the **HEALTH BENE NEWS** page in place so if anyone has it bookmarked and tries to return to it, the information will still be there. Dorinda Miller will email the newsletter to Granville in color for insertion on the website. Sue Thornhill requested that Granville be notified to clearly make sure that the discounts are labeled as **AARP DISCOUNTS** and not AMCRE. Cyndi will pass that on.

- **MEETINGS:** Next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at Lions Park. The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 12, 2015. This will be a special meeting for nominations in November. Contact Sue Thornhill if you would like to be on the Board.

- **VACATION:** Cyndi Montesonti reported that she will be out of the country from August 28th – October 4, 2015. She will be available via email only if she is in a Wi-Fi place. Sue Thornhill reported that she will be out of the area from August 15 – September 30, 2015. Sue will be available via email or cell. Tim Knudsen said he may be gone for a few weeks in October.

There being no further business, President Sue Thornhill called the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI, Secretary



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Consists of Ms. Angie Lowe, Retired from the Mendocino County Superior Courts.

If you know of any of our members who could use a get-well or sympathy card, please contact Angie with any details along with correct names and addresses if you have it. Phone (707) 485-7643 or Email to: angirivalowe@yahoo.com

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 9, 2015 1:00 p.m. SLAM DUNK PIZZA, 720 N. State Street, Ukiah

1. **CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS:** President Sue Thornhill called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Sue Thornhill, Tom Liberatore, Cyndi Montesonti, Tim Knudsen, Dorinda Kay Miller, Tom Desroches, and Marilyn Heath. **Absent:** Richard Stenbeck, Raylene Lucchesi, Pat Vetzmdian and Shirley Christensen. **Visitor:** Jim Tuso

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Tom Liberatore to approve the July 13, 2015 Board Minutes, July 29, 2015 General Meeting minutes and approval of the October 12, 2015 of the Special Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Tom Desroches. **PASSED.**

4. REPORTS:

• **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Cyndi Montesonti reported for Treasurer Raylene Lucchesi who was absent. She reported the balance in the treasury for July 2015, August 2015 and September 2015. The balance for July 2015 is \$3796.15; it included the Scholarship Balance: \$1010.00 and Legal Fund Balance: \$1498.77; Check received and deposited from the County for \$892.42. August 2015 is \$4691.38 it included the Scholarship Balance: \$1000.00 and Legal Fund Balance: \$1,498.96 (earned \$.19 interest); Check received and deposited from the County for \$893.42. September 2015 is \$5635.76 it included the Scholarship Balance: \$1000.00 and Legal Fund Balance: \$1,498.96 (earned \$.19 interest); Check received and deposited from the County for \$894.32. Raylene paid incoming bills and scholarship costs to the winners. There is a \$10.00 difference in statements under Scholarships. Cyndi will show it to Raylene to figure out and possibly correct. Dorinda will give Raylene her invoice to be reimbursed for the ink purchased that belongs to AMCRE. Tim Knudsen presented his invoice for reimbursement from the CRCEA conference. Tom Liberatore moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dorinda Kay Miller second. **PASSED.**

• **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Secretary Cyndi Montesonti reported there are 908 active AMCRE members.

• **PROGRAM COORDINATORS' REPORT:** Tom Liberatore will ask the CHP to talk on Senior driving for the February 2016 General Meeting. We usually have the February General Meeting at the Sheriff's Training Center and Sheriff Allman provides lunch. Sue Thornhill will contact Sheriff Allman to see if the CHP Officer could also speak there. Tom Liberatore will also contact the Senior Center to see if someone will talk at our May 2016 General Meeting.

• **CRCEA:** Tim Knudsen reported that he attended the CRCEA conference in Stockton October 19, 2015. He noted that he read our Bylaws and the CRCEA delegate is not a voting member. This was discussed in detail. Tom Liberatore moved to amend the bylaws and present them to the general membership at the December 14, 2015 meeting to state that the CRCEA delegate can be a voting member for AMCRE. Tom Desroches Second. **PASSED.** Cyndi Montesonti will come with Bylaws for the December meeting for the Board members with

the changes on it. She will hunt down a copy in Word. Once approved, the Bylaws will be given to Granville Poole to put on the website. Tim also discussed the importance of reading every ballot petition given to any one of us to sign to put initiatives on the ballot. His report in the November-December 2015 Connection will discuss this in detail. He urged all retirees to pay attention to the initiatives, especially on Pension Reform that we sign to get it on the ballot. He said some are really bad. Tim also said Richard Shoemaker is Acting City Manager of the City of Point Arena and we may not see him at the AMCRE meetings.

• **HEALTH INSURANCE:** Nothing to report

• **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT** –Tim Knudsen reported that one of the winners had not turned in her proof of enrollment. Tim called the family and found out school started later. Today Cyndi Montesonti reported that we had her proof of enrollment in the P.O. Box and she will give it to Raylene to pay. Tim also received samples of applications from the rotary for Scholarship applications. We will tweak ours for next year to include pertinent information we need included in the application process.

5. OLD BUSINESS

• **SELF INSURANCE:** Richard Shoemaker was not in attendance. Tim Knudsen did not have anything further to report. It was agreed to remove this item off the Board agenda regarding self insurance until further notice.

• **SLATE OF OFFICERS:** President Sue Thornhill presented the 2016 Slate of Officers as proposed for voting by the General Membership at the Monday, December 14, 2015 meeting as follows:

• A.M.C.R.E. 2016 ~ SLATE OF OFFICERS AS PROPOSED

President	Sue Thornhill
Vice-President	Tom Liberatore
Secretary	Cyndi Montesonti
Treasurer	Raylene Lucchesi
C.R.C.E.A. Delegate	Tim Knudsen
3 Year Directors	Tom Desroches, Dorinda Miller
2 Year Directors	Marilyn Heath, Jim Tuso
1 Year Directors	Shirley Christensen, Richard Stenbeck

Tom Liberatore moved we accept the 2016 Slate of Officers as proposed to the General Membership at the December 14, 2015 meeting. Dorinda Kay Miller Second. **PASSED.** It was further discussed that Tom Desroches has two years left on his term. Marilyn Heath has one year left. Jim Tuso will be elected for one year and would need to be reelected next year. Shirley Christensen and Richard Stenbeck will have one year left.

• **NEWSLETTER:** Dorinda Miller distributed the draft copy of the newsletter. Dorinda reported that our newsletter should only be 8 pages back and front. Cyndi Montesonti submitted a newsletter that has 12 pages and needs fixing up. Dorinda will work on this in the next few days to get it to the printer for timely mailing. There is an urgency to get this out due to the upcoming holiday party that requires reservations. Cyndi was

reminded to contact Raylene to be sure that she has plenty of stamps and seals for the newsletter preparation.

- **“THE CONNECTION”** preparation. The cutoff date for submitting information to the newsletter will be Tuesday, November 9, 2015. Cyndi will get her minutes done and incorporated in the newsletter and send to Dorinda to finalize and make pretty. We will assemble the newsletter at noon on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at Slam Dunk Pizza at noon. Sue will provide pizza.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Future Speakers:** As mentioned above, Tom Liberatore will have the CHP talk at the February 2016 General Meeting. He will also connect with the Senior Center to see about getting speakers for the May 2016 General Meeting.

- **Holiday Party:** Cyndi Montesonti and Sue Thornhill met with Marta at Dora’s Gourmet Café (formerly North State Street Café) and booked our holiday party for Monday, December 14, 2015. We will not hire a band this year. Nor will we pay for the trolley. The dinner will be \$20.00 per person with a no host bar. We will have singing and raffle prizes. Cyndi said the meal will be delicious and include a vegetarian entry. All RSVPs are due to Cyndi no later than November 29th. Cyndi was reminded to have Raylene bring name tags, magic markers, raffle cash prizes in envelopes as follows: 5- \$20.00 prizes, 1 - \$50.00 prize and 1-\$100 prize.

- **Web Site Issues:** Cyndi Montesonti has been in contact with Granville Poole, our Website Administrator. Our website: www.amcre.org Cyndi will make changes on the Bylaws and present them to the Board. Once approved, we will have Granville put them on the website.

- **REACH:** Cyndi Montesonti reported that emails were received after some retirees received their billings from REACH showing they owe \$65.00/year instead of the \$45.00/year discount we are supposed to be getting. After numerous calls with the County, Retirement Office and REACH, we discovered we were accidentally dropped from the plan for discounts. It has been fixed up per Human Resources. This is discussed in the next newsletter in detail. However, if you receive a \$65.00 invoice from them, change it to \$45.00 and note this plan number on your invoice: PC6116.

- **IDEAS:** President Sue Thornhill discussed the idea of revving up our organization. She thought maybe we could do some recipe contest to add to the newsletter where people submit recipes with pictures and the Board picks one to go into the newsletter to keep people involved. Discussion only.

- **UPCOMING FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING:** More discussion about February General Meeting at the Sheriff’s Training Site. We discussed the possibility of going to another restaurant, however, the Sheriff kindly provides our lunch at new cost and it is delicious. President Sue will connect with the Sheriff. We would like to see a bigger turn out for the February lunch meeting.

- **MEETINGS:** Next General Meeting will be held Monday, December 14, 2015 at Dora’s Gourmet Café (formerly North State Street Café). The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2016.

7. **ADJOURN:** There being no further business President Sue Thornhill called the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI, Secretary

Should you have any questions regarding the contents of this newsletter, please contact the following people. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE RETIREMENT OFFICE.** They have nothing to do with the AMCRE Newsletter.

HAVE QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL A BOARD MEMBER!

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Write to: AMCRE

P.O. Box 903 Ukiah, CA 95482

✓ **REACH RENEWAL ISSUES-----IMPORTANT**

If your invoice is for \$65.00, please put at the top of your invoice **PC6116**, cross out the \$65.00 and put **\$45.00**. Pay only \$45.00 to REACH for your renewal. Questions, please contact the Mendocino County Representative, Nicole at REACH 707-239-2505. Medicare questions: go to reachair.com website.

- ✓ **OPEN ENROLLMENT ends November 25, 2015 to sign up for any additional benefit plans from the booklet we all recently received.** If you did not receive a booklet, you should call Pacific Group Agencies, Inc. 800-511-9065.

✓ **WANT THE CONNECTION VIA EMAIL?**

Contact dmiller0404@gmail.com.

- ✓ **SENIOR DISCOUNTS:...**ask ask ask!

- ✓ **2015 WELLNESS:** Reminder: Have you taken care of your health prevention/wellness issues for the 2015 year?

- ✓ **MOVING?** Notify the Secretary of AMCRE, Cyndi Montesonti via email: tomcyndichili@comcast.net or telephone (707) 489-7752 so AMCRE’s records stay correct. Be sure you connect with the Mendocino County Retirement Association 625-B Kings Court, Ukiah, 707-463-4238 with any address change, telephone and email change (if applicable) as well.

- ✓ **THIS & THAT: Jerry and Rose Jacobson are looking to reconnect with colleagues. Feel free to contact them. Jerry worked in Probation for 29 years.**

“Hi, I would like to receive the Connection via email. I'd also like to hear from colleagues and acquaintances from Mendo, so you may share my email address. After I retired from the county, we moved to Davis, CA where we owned a house. Three of our children lived there while attending the university. We fixed the house up, sold it and moved to Oro Valley, AZ (Tucson). Since it gets kind of hot in the summer, we bought a place in No. AZ, where we go every summer. (it's cooler). We miss No. Cal. and friends up there, but we sure love the weather in AZ (most of the time). Keep up the good work with the newsletter. I appreciate reading about what's going on. Thank you.

Jerry and Rose Jacobson jerryjacobson1946@yahoo.com ”