

## SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of the SCARE Membership Meeting, February 25, 2020

Steele Lane Community Center, Santa Rosa

12 noon Social/1 p.m. Meeting

(At 12 noon those attending were treated to a pizza party. The Board was very happy to see over 100 members at this special Membership Meeting to hear about the new insurance programs being offered only to SCARE members by Pacific Group Agencies.)

**1. Call to Order:** President Alix Shor called the meeting to order early and welcomed everyone.

**2. Next Luncheon/Drawings:** Alix announced the next SCARE Luncheon will be held March 11 at the Legends Restaurant at the Bennett Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$20 for SCARE members and \$30 for guests/non-members.

A drawing was held for two free luncheon tickets. Mike Brown and Michael Waldorf were the winners.

Steve Pettee of Pacific Group donated six boxes of See's candy for the drawing. The winners were Brenda Hawthorne, Madolyn Bemis, Jill Hager, Luann Pritchard, Gail Goring, and Suzanne Black.

**3. Open Enrollment/HRAs/Domestic Partners:** Vice-President Phyris Tobler made the following announcements:

\* Open Enrollment will start March 16. Rates for CHP are going down slightly, whereas rates under 65 for Kaiser are going up 4.7%, Sutter 5%, and WHA 2.3%. Kaiser Medicare rates are going down by 2%.

\* Additional money will be deposited into our HRA accounts on March 1. We will get around \$100. This is because the County had withheld money to pay for the ACA Cadillac Tax, but that requirement is no longer required by the federal government. It also includes the reallocation of money that was returned to the HRA pool because retirees died without using their funds. Our current cards are good through June 30 and new ones will be issued.

\* All Domestic Partners are now eligible for County insurance plans per State Law.

**4. Guest Speaker:** Alix introduced Steve Pettee of Pacific Group Agencies. Steve's company is offering SCARE members several group insurance policies geared for seniors, including dental and vision, life insurance, home and auto, emergency assistance, legal shield, pet insurance, etc. Booklets will be mailed out to members the middle of March to coincide with the County's open enrollment booklets. There is an open enrollment period, which ends April 30 for dental and vision only. You can enroll at any time in all the other types of insurance. Monthly payments will be deducted from checking accounts rather than through SCERA.

**5. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Hamley, Secretary

**Upcoming Events**

March 4 – Board Meeting

March 11 – Luncheon at Legends

May 6 – Board Meeting

May 26 – Membership Meeting

June 10 – Luncheon at Legends

July 1 – Board Meeting

August 25 – Membership Meeting

September 2 – Board Meeting

September 9 – Luncheon at Legends

November 4 – Board Meeting

November 6 – Board Meeting

November 17 – Membership Meeting

December 9 – Luncheon at Legends