

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of the SCARE Business Meeting February 27, 2018

Steele Lane Community Center, Santa Rosa

12:30 p.m. Social/1 p.m. Meeting

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Alix Shor at 1 p.m. There was a quorum today, as more than 25 members were present.

2. Guest Speakers: Bob Bulwa introduced today's speaker, Emily Rogan, Chief Operating Officer of United Policyholders, a non-profit organization whose mission is to be a trustworthy and useful information resource and an effective voice for consumers of all types of insurance in all 50 states. They are currently providing long-term recovery help to disaster survivors of the Sonoma County, Napa County, and Southern California fires. United Policyholders was formed in 1991 to help level the playing field between insurers and insured. Their Roadmap to Recover program provides tools and resources for solving insurance problems after an accident, loss, illness or other adverse event. Their Roadmap to Preparedness program promotes disaster preparedness and insurance literacy through outreach and education in partnership with civic, faith-based, and other non-profit associations. Their Advocacy and Action program advances pro-consumer law and public policy related to insurance matters.

Emily noted that many Sonoma County fire survivors were underinsured, as the cost of rebuilding is currently at least \$300 per square foot. The maximum that FEMA provides is \$34,000. Policies should also cover at least two years of additional living expenses.

More information from this United Policyholders presentation will be posted on SCARE's webpage and the next Newsletter.

3. SCARE Scholarships: SCARE provides two \$2,000 Sonoma State Scholarships and two \$1,500 SRJC Scholarships to children or grandchildren of Sonoma County employees or retirees. Any student interested should check in with the Financial Aid Office of those facilities. Be sure to let people you know who might be eligible about it.

4. Email Addresses for Rapid Response: Alix once again asked that members make sure SCARE has personal email addresses (even if they want to get a hard copy of the Newsletter). Send email addresses to Lou Maricle (maricles2@gmail.com). Quite often there are notices that need to be sent out to members between Newsletters.

5. JLMBC: Phyris reported open enrollment for County health insurance programs will be March 19 – April 6. There will be no cost increase for the County Health Plan. Kaiser will go up 6.6% for under 65 and 4% for over 65. Sutter is increasing 6.2% and Western Health Advantage will increase 6.7%. Delta Dental will remain the same. The County is trying to make the AARP/UnitedHealthcare application process easier by having a dedicated number for Sonoma County retirees.

6. SCARE Luncheon: Alix reminded members of the March 14th SCARE Luncheon at the Quail Inn in Oakmont. Reservations (\$21 for members/\$25 for non-members) must be sent to Patty Hamley by March 7th. Fliers were included in the November Newsletter and were also on the back table at this meeting.

7. Drawing: 38 members signed the roster for today's meeting. Chris Bauer and Ed Clites won the drawing for a free SCARE luncheon at Oakmont. Thanks to Carl Jackson for conducting the drawings at our Business Meetings, for collecting donations for F.I.S.H. at the luncheons, and for providing the poinsettias for our Holiday Luncheon tables.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

2018 Calendar:

March 7 – Board Meeting

March 14 – Luncheon

March 19 – April 6 Open Enrollment

May 2 – Board Meeting

May 22 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane

June 13 -Luncheon – Oakland

June 27 – Board Meeting

August 28 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane

August 29 – Board Meeting

September 12 – Luncheon – Oakmont

November 7 – Board Meeting

November 27 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane

December 12 – Luncheon – Oakmont