

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of the SCARE Business Meeting May 22, 2018

Steele Lane Community Center, Santa Rosa

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

- 1. Guest Speaker:** Bob Bulwa introduced today's speaker, Kris Organ of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA). His presentation focused on how Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are Under Attack and how we can fight back. SCARE is a member of CARA.
- 2. Call to Order:** Following the CARA presentation, the business meeting was called to order by President Alix Shor. There was a quorum today, as more than 25 members were present.
- 3. Presentation to Greg Jacobs:** Greg served on the SCARE Board from 2008 through 2017. Alix thanked Greg for his service and presented him with a gift certificate to a local sporting goods store. One of Greg's hobbies is fly fishing. Greg thanked the Board members he worked with over the years, especially Phyris Tobler. He also recommended a book, Dark Money, by Jane Mayer, which provides a history of how we got where we are today politically.
- 4. 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 interested full-time student should check in with the Financial Aid Office of those facilities. We need to get the word out that these scholarships are available.
- 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. SCCLO:** The County has been in negotiations with all the labor organizations and there has been talk of layoffs and a possible strike. The County is trying to get unions to agree to the uncoupling of retirees and SCAMC for purposes of determining the County contribution for health insurance. While the County is agreeing to continue to pay the \$500/month at this time, it would leave retirees with no guarantee of an ongoing contribution. SCARE members are encouraged to attend the next Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, June 5th, at 8:30 a.m., to show our support for current employees and to protect retiree benefits.
- 6. JLMBC:** As reported in our last newsletter, 41% of retirees who were part of the lawsuit settlement (retired on or before June 30, 2016) have never used any of their HRA benefit. \$995 was deposited in HRAs last July 1, and Phyris reported approximately \$1,300 more will be deposited this July 1. These funds can be used for out-of-pocket medical, dental, and vision expenses, and monthly premium costs.
- 7. SCARE Luncheon:** Alix reminded members of the June 13th SCARE Luncheon at the Quail Inn in Oakmont. Reservations (\$21 for members/\$25 for non-members) must be sent to

Patty Hamley by June 6th. Fliers were included in the May Newsletter and were also on the back table at this meeting.

8. Drawing: 29 members signed the roster for today's meeting. Marilyn Foster and Doreen O'Rourke won the drawing for a free SCARE luncheon at Oakmont. Thanks to Carl Jackson for conducting the drawings at our Business Meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

2018 Calendar:

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