SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of the SCARE Membership Meeting, November 19, 2019

Steele Lane Community Center, Santa Rosa

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

1. Guest Speakers: President Alix Shor introduced today's guest speakers, Debrah Klein and Dana Jacoby, who spoke about their free class, A Matter of Balance/Managing Concerns About Falls. This is a nationally known, award-winning, fall prevention program for older adults. Each series of eight, two-hour classes is led by two volunteer coaches. These classes are sponsored by the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging and the Sonoma County Human Services Department. To register for the classes or train to be a Volunteer Coach call Dana (707) 565-5936 or email mob@schsd.org.

Also, Ariel Vipond and Mindy Keegan of United Way Wine Country spoke about two of their RSVP volunteer opportunities:

Earn It! Keep It! Save It! – A 100% FREE tax filing service provided through United Way of the Wine Country. Free training is provided. No tax preparation experience is necessary. Volunteers work two hours a week during the 2020 February thru April tax season. Register at unitedwaywinecountry.org. For more details call (707) 528-GIVE x122.

Schools of Hope Tutoring Program, a volunteer opportunity just 30 minutes a week helping children kindergarten thru 3rd grade learn to read at a school near you. From K-3, children are learning to read. From fourth grade on, they read to learn. Less than half of Sonoma County 3rd graders are reading at grade level. Sign up at unitedwaywinecountry.org or call 707-528-4485.

- **2. Call to Order:** Following the volunteer presentations, the Membership Meeting was called to order by President Alix Shor. There was a quorum today, as more than 25 members were present.
- **3. Election of Officers:** The two-year terms of office for SCARE Board Members Carol Bauer, Lou Maricle, Bill Robotka and Phyris Tobler are up, and all have agreed to run again for their offices. It was moved, seconded, and approved by all present that the current slate is re-elected.

Chris Bauer has been asked and agreed to fill one of two current vacancies on our Board. It was moved, seconded, and approved by all that Chris join the Board. This leaves one more vacancy. Anyone interested, please contact a current Board member (phone numbers listed in newsletter).

4. SEIU Retirement Group: The SEIU Retirement Group has invited Julie Wyne to speak to their group on February 13. Chip Atkins said the meeting is open to SCARE members. Madolyn Bemis volunteered to attend.

- **5. SCARE Holiday Luncheon:** Alix announced SCARE's Holiday Luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. on December 11th at Legends Restaurant at the Bennett Valley Golf Course. Fliers were in the last Newsletter and available today. Holiday music will be provided by Du Zighi Baci.
- **6. CRCEA Conference October 2019:** Unfortunately, due to the recent Kincaid Fire and power outages, the Fall 2019 CRCEA (California Retired County Employees Association) Conference SCARE was hosting at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park October 28-30 had to be canceled at the last minute. Many hours of planning went into getting ready for this event by the SCARE Board. Sonoma County will have another chance to host this event in eight years.
- **9. Drawing:** 26 members signed the roster for today's meeting. Richard Miller and Myrna Kappler won the drawing for a free SCARE luncheon at Legends. We were happy to welcome back Carl Jackson to conduct the drawing.
- **10. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Patty Hamley, Secretary

2019 Calendar

December 11 – Luncheon – Legends