

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of the SCARE Business Meeting, November 27, 2018

Steele Lane Community Center, Santa Rosa

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

1. Guest Speaker: President Alix Shor introduced today's guest speaker, Donata Mikulik, Elder Justice Coordinator for Sonoma County with the local non-profit Senior Advocacy Services. Since January 2017 she has worked with community partners to improve systems responding to Elder Abuse while increasing public awareness and promoting elder justice. She discussed signs to watch out for in our neighbors and loved ones, as well as common frauds and scams that increasingly target older adults. Financial exploitation or falling for scams is often the starting point for other types of abuse, so there was a discussion about what to watch out for.

The Sonoma County District Attorney's Office has an Elder Protection Unit which handles all felony cases that involve the abuse of an elder or dependent adult, as defined by California Penal Code Section 368. If an elder or dependent adult is being abused, dial 911 and report the abuse immediately.

The following agencies may be able to provide helpful resources:

Adult Protective Services: 707-565-6940

Elder Law Hotline: 707-340-5610

Long Term Care Ombudsman: 707-526-4108

Sonoma County Elder Abuse Prevention Council: 707-565-5950

Senior Advocacy Services is always looking for volunteers. Call 707-526-4108 or email volunteer@sasnb.org if interested.

2. Call to Order: Following the Senior Advocacy 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. Election of Officers: The two-year terms of office for SCARE Board Members Ed Clites, Shaun DuFosee, Patty Hamley, and Alix Shor are up, and all have agreed to run again for their offices. It was moved by Bill Robotka, seconded by Chris Bauer, and approved by all present that the current slate is re-elected.

Sadly, Dick Gearhart, who served on our Board for 15 years, passed away in October. His two-year term of office expires at the end of 2019. Wendie Cooper, a retiree from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, was elected at the November 7th SCARE Board Meeting to fill Dick's vacancy.

Bill Adams and John Pels, whose terms of office are also up this month, opted not to run again. This leaves two vacancies on our 12-member Board. Anyone interested in filling one of these vacancies should contact a SCARE Board member (see Newsletter for contact information).

- 4. JLMBC:** Phyris reported preliminary health insurance rates will be reviewed in December and January. Another \$1,400 is expected to be deposited in our Health Reimbursement Accounts on July 1, 2019. This will be the last installment which was part of our lawsuit settlement agreement.
- 5. SCCLO:** Bill Robotka reported the Sonoma County Coalition of Labor Organizations will be meeting soon as all unions will be in negotiations in 2019.
- 6. SCARE Scholarships:** Alix reminded members that each year 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 at those facilities. We need to get the word out that these scholarships are available. We recently received thank you notes from the two most-recent recipients.
- 7. CRCEA Conference October 2019:** Alix reported SCARE will be hosting the Fall 2019 CRCEA (California Retired County Employees Association) Conference next October. Volunteers will be needed to help make this a great event for visitors from other 1937 Act California Counties.
- 8. SCARE Luncheon:** Alix reminded members of the December 12th SCARE Luncheon at the Quail Inn in Oakmont. Reservations (\$21 for members/\$25 for non-members) must be sent to Patty Hamley by December 5th. Fliers were included in the November Newsletter and were also on the back table at this meeting. Holiday music will be provided by Due Zighi Baci.
- 9. Drawing:** 27 members signed the roster for today's meeting. Frank Cooper and Phyris Tobler won the drawing for a free SCARE luncheon at Oakmont. Thanks to Carl Jackson for conducting the drawings at our Business Meetings and collecting the donations at our luncheons.
- 10. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

2018 Calendar

December 12 – Luncheon – Oakmont