

## **SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)**

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Minutes of the SCARE Business Meeting November 28, 2017

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 speakers, Graton Fire Protection District Chief Bill Bullard; Santa Rosa Fire Chief Tony Gossner; and Sheriff's Office Community Engagement Liaison Misti Harris. They shared information about their experiences fighting the Tubbs Fire in October (1 of 8 major fires), shared videos of the fire, and offered suggestions for any future disasters. There were many questions from the audience, many of whom were evacuated from their homes and one who lost her home. Tragically many County employees and retirees lost their homes.
- 3. New SCARE Board Member:** Greg Jacobs (SCARE Board member since 2008) has submitted his resignation. Greg did a lot of work on the lawsuit, and we are sorry to see him go. Ed Clites has agreed to fill Greg's vacancy on the Board. Alix welcomed Ed to the Board.
- 4. Election of SCARE Board Members:** The two-year terms of office for Bob Bulwa, Carol Bauer, Dick Gearhart, Lou Maricle, Bill Robotka, and Phyris Tobler are expiring, and all have agreed to continue if re-elected. Alix asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, it was approved by all that the current slate is re-elected. (Per SCARE By-Laws, the members elect the Board, and the Board decides which offices they fill.)
- 5. SCARE Board Actions:** Due to the recent firestorm in which many people lost their homes, the Board voted on November 1<sup>st</sup> to donate \$10,000 to the Redwood Credit Union North Bay Fire Relief Program, \$10,000 to the DSA Firestorm Store, and \$5,000 to North Bay Labor Council's fund for fire victims. They also voted to join the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), which is a politically-active statewide retiree group which is part of a national group that fights for retiree interests. The California headquarters are in Oakland. The membership fee is \$800.
- 6. Email Addresses for Rapid Response:** Alix asked that members make sure SCARE has personal email addresses (even if they want to get a hard copy of the Newsletter). Phyris wrote an article about the new mailing program in the November newsletter and how to notify SCARE of email addresses ([communications@sonomacountyretirees.com](mailto:communications@sonomacountyretirees.com) or maricles2@gmail.com).
- 7. JLMBC:** Shaun DuFosee reported the cost of the County Health Plan will probably not increase due to fewer members using that plan. Delta Dental will continue to be our dental plan as it was deemed to be the best program available.
- 8. No Election For SCERA Reps:** No election will be held because no one requested to run against John Pels and Neil Baker, SCARE's Retirement Board member and alternate.

**9. Holiday SCARE Luncheon:** Alix reminded members of the December 13th SCARE Luncheon at the Quail Inn in Oakmont. Reservations (\$21 for members/\$25 for non-members) must be sent to Patty Hamley by December 6th. Fliers were included in the November Newsletter and were also on the back table at this meeting. Holiday music will be provided by a barbershop quartet, "Just One More Song".

**7. Drawing:** 36 members signed the roster for today's meeting. Renee Webber and Lorraine Jones won the drawing for a free SCARE luncheon at Oakmont. Thanks to Carl Jackson for drawing the names at our Business Meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Hamley, Secretary

**2017 Calendar:**

December 13 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.