

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF KERN COUNTY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walter Stewart and a moment of silence was held. There were no new members or guests at our luncheon today.

After lunch, President, Norman Briggs, introduced Marla Christian, Assistant Vice President of Branch Administration with Kern Federal Credit Union. Marla introduced Martin Medrano, Branch Manager – downtown branch and Patty Johnson. Patty reminded everybody about the one year anniversary of the branch at the Auto Mall. The celebration will be held on June 22, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m. The credit union donated 2 backpacks for our raffle drawing today.

President, Norman Briggs, turned the meeting over to 1st Vice President, Jeanne Berkshire, who introduced our guest speaker, Paula Jones. Paula works for Mental Health and she suffers from schizophrenia. A person who suffers from this ailment usually does not work at all let alone in a position such as the one she holds. Paula has also had to fight depression and at one time almost took her own life. She has learned that she can help people with mental health problems because of her illness. Paula graduated from college and then was diagnosed with schizophrenia. She and her mother were told that she would never leave the hospital. Paula has watched some of her clients receive their GED's and some have even gone on to obtain a higher education. Paula thrives on relating with her clients because she understands what they are going through; she has been there.

President, Norman Briggs, announced that the Board, at today's meeting, voted to do away with the hamburgers and hot dogs for the July picnic and have deep pit beef and all the fixin's. The entertainment will be Cloggers.

BUSINESS MEETING:

TREASURER, Mary Lou Bennett gave the Treasurer's Report for May 2006 which showed that REOKC membership as of May 31, 2006 was 3,628.

CRCEA - Dave Merritt announced that the conference in the spring of 2008 will be held here in Bakersfield and that the conference committee has already started looking at sites for the event. Dave also reported that CRCEA received a negative response from the Supreme Court on the Brandt Case.

EYE GLASS – Helen Heath reported that she has collected 2 pair of glasses and 3 cases since the May meeting.

SUNSHINE – Belva Jared reported that she had mailed out 1 sympathy card and 4 get well cards.

HOST/HOSTESS PROGRAM – Mary Lou Bennett reported that when the volunteers had their luncheon in May, General Services gave each volunteer a nice pen and pencil set and a small pen with “Kern County” imprinted on it. For the month of May there were 37 volunteers who worked 112 hours and assisted 1,249 visitors to the County Administration Building. The total visitors assisted since 1992 through May 2006 is 235,351.

NEWSLETTER – President, Norman Briggs, reported that the deadline for articles is June 15th and hopefully it will be out shortly after the 20th.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: No Report

The attendance prize was won by June Ennis. There were 2 backpacks donated by Kern Federal Credit Union and 42 - \$5.00 prizes. After distribution of the prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of June, 2006.

Ginger Mello, Secretary