

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF KERN COUNTY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walter Stewart and a moment of silence was held. There were no new members, guests or first-time attendees at the meeting today.

Following lunch, 1st Vice President, Jeanne Berkshire, conducted the meeting in the absence of President, Norman Briggs. She introduced Sue Benham as our guest speaker today. Sue is the Executive Director of Golden Empire Gleaners. Sue gave a little history of the Gleaners, which started in 1985. The Gleaners help feed people through their Senior Sack Program and Referring Agencies calling them with an order for a certain family or client in need. Some of the referring agencies are schools or churches. The Gleaners receive donations of food through canned food drives and donations from farmers or companies, such as Grimmway or Bolthouse. The Gleaners manage to feed over 30,000 people a month with only 2 paid employees. All other workers are volunteers, who work in the warehouse, doing bookkeeping, or as truck drivers, etc. Sue announced that 3 members of REOKC are volunteers for the Gleaners. Sue thanked REOKC for the \$100.00 donation she was given before she even spoke. A collection was taken up by the members of REOKC totaling \$129.00. Most of the cash donations are used for fuel bills or other overhead expenses.

Michelle Watson, Kern Federal Credit Union, introduced Martin Medrano, new Branch Manager - downtown, and Marla Christian, Assistant Vice President of Branch Administration. Michelle asked for a show of hands of members who attended the Annual Meeting. She also announced that on June 15th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. the credit union will have another party - Picnic Under the Stars to be held at the Auto Mall Branch. Michelle brought 3 Candy Jars filled with candy and 3 Atlases to be given away in the drawing today.

BUSINESS MEETING:

TREASURER, Mary Lou Bennett gave the Treasurer's Report for April 2006 which showed that REOKC membership as of April 30, 2006 was 3,570.

CRCEA – No Report

EYE GLASS – Helen Heath reported that she has collected 9 pair of glasses and 11 cases since the April meeting.

SUNSHINE – Belva Jared reported that she had mailed 3 get-well cards and 1 sympathy card.

HOST/HOSTESS PROGRAM – Mary Lou Bennett reported that for the month of April there were 34 volunteers who worked 104 hours and assisted 1,278 visitors to the County

Administration Building. The total visitors assisted since 1992 through April 2006 is 234,102. She announced that all the volunteers should have received an invitation to the luncheon to be held on May 16th.

NEWSLETTER – No Report

OLD BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: No Report

The attendance prize was won by Francisca Coburn. There were 3 candy jars filled with candy, 3 Atlases all donated by Kern Federal Credit Union and 44 - \$5.00 prizes. After distribution of the prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of May, 2006.

Ginger Mello, Secretary