

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF KERN COUNTY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President Phil Franey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walter Stewart and a moment of silence was held. There was one first time attendee in attendance today at our meeting. A member of REOKC made an announcement of a clinic to be held at the Greenacres Community Hall on October 13, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. for pneumonia and whooping cough protection. On October 30, 2010 there will be a FREE Flu Clinic held at the Department of Aging and Adult Services from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1st Vice President Ginger Carpenter introduced Eric Barthel, Kern County Health Benefits Consultant. Eric spoke today on the changes in premiums, whether increased or decreased, for the medical insurance the County offers retirees. Most of the premiums increased by a minor amount (10% or less) except GEMCare – Medicare Plus HMO which increased by 88.7%. Eric reported the Health Fair would be held on November 4, 2010 at the County Administrative Center. Eric assured the members the value of health care premiums stated on a W2 would not be taxed this year, but could possibly in the future.

TREASURER, Mary Lou Bennett gave the Treasurer's Report for September 2010 and the total REOKC membership as of September 30, 2010 was 4,317.

NEWSLETTER – Mary Lou Bennett announced the TREND should be going out by the first of November. At the end of Mary Lou's report, she reminded the members of the Book Exchange Table; books that have been on the table 2 months are donated to SPCA for their fundraiser.

HOST/HOESSTESS – Mary Lou Bennett reported for the month of September there were 33 volunteers who worked 101 hours and assisted 872 visitors to the County Administrative Center. The total visitors assisted since 1992 through September 30, 2010 is 286,959.

CRCEA – Delegate Ginger Mello reported Jeanne Berkshire, Phil Franey and herself would be attending the Fall CRCEA Conference in San Rafael, CA from October 25 – 27, 2010. This conference is a time to learn and share what is happening in all 20 counties in the 1937 Act. Ginger promised she and Jeanne would be bringing information back to share with the members.

EYE GLASS – Nettie Collins reported she has collected 33 pair of glasses and 33 eye glass cases since her last report. All collected glasses/cases are donated to the Lions Club.

SUNSHINE – Josie De La Torre reported she had mailed out 3 Sympathy Cards and 4 Get Well Cards since her last report.

OLD BUSINESS:

SLATE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS – Jeanne Berkshire, chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of officers:

President: Phil Franey

1st Vice President: Nancy Warnick

2nd Vice President: Teresa Vasquez

Secretary: Ginger Mello

Treasurer: Mary Lou Bennett

The following four people will be running for the position of Board of Director. We will need to elect two people to the Board of Directors to join the remaining two members and Past President on the Board:

Alan Annis

Liz Keogh

Sally Ruiz

Stan Shires

BOARD OF RETIREMENT ELECTION UPDATE – Norman Briggs will be running for the position of retiree representative and Phil Franey will be running for the alternate position.

The attendance prize was won by Barbara Goodlow. For the drawing, there were 43 cups of \$10.00 each and 2 cups of \$15.00 each. After the distribution of prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of October 2010.

Ginger Mello, Secretary