

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF KERN COUNTY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 11:28 a.m. by Past President Jeanne Berkshire. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walter Stewart and a moment of silence was held. Jeanne called the table numbers for all attendees to eat and after lunch continued the meeting. There were three new members and one spouse in attendance at the meeting today. Steve West, Kern Federal Credit Union, reported there are great rates for loans at this time. Linda Factory, also from Kern Federal Credit Union, spoke on a fundraiser for Make a Wish Foundation to be held on June 22, 2011 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the KGET station located at 22nd and M Streets. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$7.00. There were 181 in attendance at the meeting today. 1st Vice President Nancy Warnick introduced Jennifer Perfect from American Red Cross who spoke about all the activities Red Cross does to help people when emergencies arise. Ms. Perfect gave some background on American Red Cross in Kern County and herself. She stated 97% of the work of American Red Cross is completed by volunteers and all five employees at the local office started their careers as volunteers. She encouraged all attendees to sign up for Ready Kern which is a program similar to 911 except in reverse.

TREASURER, Mary Lou Bennett gave the Treasurer's Report for May 2011 and the total REOKC membership as of May 31, 2011 was 4,518. She stated there were 68 retirees for the month and 52 joined REOKC which is 76%.

HOST/HOSTESS PROGRAM – Mary Lou Bennett reported for the month of May there were 32 volunteers who worked 98 hours and assisted 753 visitors to the County Administrative Center. The total visitors assisted since 1992 through May 2011 is 294,036.

NEWSLETTER – Mary Lou Bennett reported the TREND is almost ready to go to the printer; she's waiting for one article but the due date isn't until June 15th.

CRCEA –Ginger Mello, delegate, announced there were 37 bills of interest to retirees listed on the last legislative report with 16 of them becoming 2 year bills, 3 on suspense and 1 was not heard. This means there are still 17 active bills of concern to retirees. Ginger also gave more information as to why REOKC should continue to be a part of CRCEA and a decision in the near future will have to be made on how she should vote on the dues increase at the next CRCEA conference.

EYE GLASS – Nettie Collins reported she has collected 2 pair of eyeglasses and 2 eyeglass cases since the May meeting which will be donated to the Lions Club.

SUNSHINE – Josie De La Torre reported she sent about 15 Sympathy Cards and 5 or 6 Get Well Cards since our last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Past President Jeanne Berkshire announced that we will be holding the First Annual Health Fair in the Board Room at our next meeting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our July luncheon is free **BUT** you have to have a ticket. All members are welcome to come to the Health Fair but only can have lunch if they have a ticket. As coordinator of the Health Fair, Eric Barthel announced the companies participating will be Kaiser, Liberty Dental, VSP, Steve Pettee with Pacific Group Agency and nursing students from Cal State Bakersfield. Also Eric stated there would be a raffle for door prizes held at the end of the Health Fair. Attendance is required to participate in the raffle, but your presence is not required at the time of the drawing.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob Henry, REOKC member, announced the death of Frank Stramler due to a heart attack while in Oregon for the graduation of his grandson from high school.

The attendance prize was won by Charlie Burke. A travel bag and a travel cup were donated by Kern Federal Credit Union and American Red Cross donated 2 T-Shirts, 1 First Aid Kit and 1 Post-It Note Kit for the drawing today. Also for the raffle there were 40 cups of \$10.00 each, 2 cups of \$15.00 each and 1 cup of \$20.00. After the distribution of prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of June, 2011.

Ginger Mello, Secretary