

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF KERN COUNTY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Past President Jeanne Berkshire. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walter Stewart and a moment of silence was held. There was 1 new member and 4 guests in attendance at the meeting today. Steve West, Kern Federal Credit Union, reported the credit union is sponsoring a low interest on car loans and you can get a \$50.00 VISA card when securing a loan. Steve also announced Jim Hussey has returned to work at the credit union as the Financial Advisor. There were 176 in attendance at the meeting today. 1st Vice President Nancy Warnick introduced Della Hodson from United Way who gave information on the three topics in which the United Way is involved: Education, Income and Health. Della stated all non-profits are having a very tough time in this economy. She is also trying to find a way for retirees to donate to United Way through payroll deductions.

TREASURER, Mary Lou Bennett gave the Treasurer's Report for April 2011 and the total REOKC membership as of April 30, 2011 was 4,483.

HOST/HOSTESS PROGRAM – Mary Lou Bennett reported for the month of April there were 25 volunteers who worked 77 hours and assisted 723 visitors to the County Administrative Center. The total visitors assisted since 1992 through April 2011 is 293,283.

NEWSLETTER – Mary Lou Bennett announced the TREND was mailed out prior to May 1, 2011 and hopefully, everyone received it.

CRCEA – Ginger Mello, delegate, gave a short synopsis of the different topics covered at the conference held in San Diego from April 18 – 20, 2011. Two important topics were discussed during the Business Meeting on April 20th. The registration fee to attend a conference beginning in October 2011 will be \$35.00 which is an increase of \$10.00 over the current fee. The registration fee is sent to the host county for their expenses. Ginger explained a discussion was held on increasing the amount of dues each association pays for their members which would increase from 45 cents to 55 cents per member. This item was sent to the Bylaws Committee to write a proposal for the delegates to vote on at the Fall Conference. The dues are used by CRCEA to keep the organization functioning. Ginger explained why it is important for REOKC to be a part of CRCEA.

EYE GLASS – Nettie Collins reported she has collected 19 pair of glasses and 7 eyeglass cases since the April meeting and will donate them to the Lions Club.

SUNSHINE – Josie De La Torre reported she sent 3 Sympathy Cards and 1 Get Well Card since our last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – Past President Jeanne Berkshire reminded the attendees of the Book Exchange at the front table.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

The attendance prize was won by Ivan Forrest. A cold drink cooler, 1 travel bag and 1 windshield visor were donated by Kern Federal Credit Union and United Way donated 3 Book Bags for the drawing today. Also for the raffle there were 2 cups of \$20.00 each and 43 cups of \$10.00 each. After the distribution of prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of May, 2011.

Ginger Mello, Secretary