

California Retired County Employees Association

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August 1, 2011

CRCEA Delegates, Members, Affiliates and Friends of County Retirees,
'37 ACT Retirement Board Members and Administrators:

Please accept this invitation to join your fellow retirees at our Annual CRCEA Fall Conference that will be held on **October 24-26, 2011** in beautiful Sonoma County, California, co-hosted by the Sonoma County Association of Retired Employees (SCARE) and the Association of Mendocino County Retired Employees (AMCRE), and held at the **Hyatt Vineyard Creek** in Santa Rosa.

Traveling to Sonoma County will give you the opportunity to visit another of California's beautiful counties. With its parks and history, along with numerous vineyards, wineries and wonderful restaurants, SCARE encourages you to join them for this conference.

CRCEA continues our work by providing you with current educational information relative to our present and future county retiree issue, so I am pleased to inform you that our Sonoma Host Committee, your CRCEA Executive and Conference Committees have worked hard to bring you a meaningful and enjoyable Conference.

The past several conferences included Round Table Discussion, highlighting information and issues from various member associations, which were very well received. Thus, the Conference Executive Committee has continued to allot time for individual associations to present informational materials on discussing problem areas, requests for assistance, along with successful accomplishments that may be helpful to other associations.

With the end of the legislative year in Sacramento, time has been planned for our Legislation Session. We plan to bring together CRCEA legislative consultant Amy Brown and other "experts" from the Sacramento scene. Their analysis is always interesting and should provide insight into the future.

Included with this letter, you will be receiving the Tentative Program giving you an idea of the topics and great speakers we will be enjoying at the Conference. Our hosts are also providing entertainment and gifts guaranteed to make the Tuesday evening social event relaxing, fun and rewarding.

The Wednesday Morning Business Session is an important segment, with discussion from local associations as well as updates from all our Standing Committees. We will consider other business brought before the Delegates, who are the Board of Directors and the official voting body for CRCEA. It is important that every association be represented at the Conference, not only for the valuable information, but especially at the Business Session.

You are always welcome to bring members of your family and friends to the Conference. Plan now to attend. Encourage your Retirement Board Retiree Member (and Alternate) to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Santa Rosa.

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Sincerely,

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CRCEA 2011 FALL CONFERENCE

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OCTOBER 24-26, 2011

SUNDAY, October 23

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Conference Registration:** Alexander Valley Foyer

MONDAY, October 24

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Conference Registration:** Alexander Valley Foyer

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Executive Committee Meeting:** Alexander Valley II, III, IV

Lunch - on your own

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Opening Session:** Alexander Valley II, III, IV

Call to Order: E. F. (Skip) Murphy, CRCEA President

Invocation: Reverend David Slorpe

Presentation of Colors: Sonoma County Sheriff's Honor Guard

"God Bless America": Sung by Reverend David Slorpe

Pledge of Allegiance: Carol Bauer, SCARE President

Roll Call of Counties: Leon (Sandy) Teague, CRCEA Secretary

Introduction of first time Attendees: E.F. (Skip) Murphy

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Welcome

Speaker: Dan Hamburg, Mendocino County Supervisor

Introduction: Tom Liberatore, AMCRE President

1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Keynote Address

Speaker: Dave Jones, State Insurance Commissioner

Introduction: Carol Bauer, SCARE President

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Presentation: Impact of National Health Care Policies

Speaker: Valerie Brown, Past-President National Association of Counties (NACO) / Member of White House Forum on Health Care/Sonoma County First District Supervisor

Introduction: Alix Shor, SCARE Board Member

3:15p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon Break

3:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Presentation: Social Security & Medicare Current Issues

Speaker: AARP Representative- Denis Poggio

Introduction: Ron Piorek, SCARE Board Member

4:10 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Presentation: The Good and the Bad of the Wine Industry

Speaker: Richard Thomas, Santa Rosa Junior College Instructor, Retired

Introduction: Gary Wilkening, SCARE Board Member

4:40 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. **Standing Committee Breakout Sessions:** If you are not assigned to a Committee, please join any Committee of your choice.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Hospitality Reception:** Hosted by Steve Pettee, Affiliate Pacific Group Agencies, Inc.
All Attendees and Affiliate Members are Invited – Hospitality Suite

Dinner – On Your Own

TUESDAY, October 25

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Conference Registration:** Alexander Valley Foyer

8:15 a.m. **Morning General Session:** Alexander Valley II, III, IV
Call to Order: E. F. (Skip) Murphy, CRCEA President
Announcements: Cindy Moore, Host Committee Chair

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. **Introduction of Affiliates**
Linda Jackson, Chair, CRCEA Affiliate Committee

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Presentation: 1937 Act Legal Issues**
Speaker: Jeffrey Lewis, Attorney, Lewis, Feinberg, Lee, Renaker & Jackson
Introduction: Phyris Tobler, SCARE Board Member

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **Presentation: Modern Communications Scams**
Speaker: Lou Maricle, Sonoma County Information Services Dept.
Introduction: Gary Wilkening, SCARE Board Member

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Morning Break**

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Panel Presentation: Public Pension Perspectives**
Moderator: Bob Palmer, SACRS Executive Director
Panel Members: Gary Bei, Sonoma County Retirement System Administrator
Robert Eyler, Professor, Sonoma State University
Jack Atkin, President, Sonoma County Taxpayers Association
Introduction: Dick Gearhart, SCARE Board Member

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch – On Your Own**

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Legislative Report – Sacramento Scene**
Moderator: Art Goulet, Chair, CRCEA Legislative Committee
Panel: Amy Brown, CRCEA Lobbyist
Karon Green, Chief Consultant to the Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security
Pam Schneider, Principal Consultant, Senate Committee on Public Employment and Retirement

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Afternoon Break**

- 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Round Table Session:** E. F. (Skip) Murphy
Speakers: Various County Representatives
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Hospitality Reception:** Hosted by Steve Pettee, Affiliate Pacific Group
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- 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **Conference Banquet:** Alexander II, III, IV
Entertainment: “Due Zighy Baci” (Two Gypsy Kisses)
Door Prize Drawing

WEDNESDAY, October 26

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Business Session** – Russian River Room
Call to Order: E. F. (Skip) Murphy, President CRCEA
Announcements
Approval of Minutes of the Spring 2011 Conference, CRCEA Secretary
Leon (Sandy) Teague, Merced
Executive Committee Report: President E. F. (Skip) Murphy
Financial Report: Edward C. Morris, Treasurer
Committee Reports by Committee Chairs:
Affiliate: Linda Jackson
Benefits: Jerry Pundt, Tulare
Bylaws: Lyndell Dale, Imperial
Communications: Ron Janes, Ventura
Audit/Finance: Carlos Gonzalez
Legislation: Art Goulet, Ventura
Membership: Rhonda Biesemeier, Stanislaus
Nominating: Will Hoag, Ventura
Conference: Betty McCollum, Ventura
Retirement Security (Ad Hoc Committee): David Muir, Los Angeles
- Invitation to CRCEA Spring 2012 Conference:** Kevin Mizner, Tulare
- Closing Remarks:** E. F. (Skip) Murphy, CRCEA President

Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel & Spa
Top Restaurant Choices

- ◆ **The Brasserie**-Serving only the freshest seasonal farm-to-table ingredients with the unique flair of Executive Chef Richard Whipple
- @ The Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel & Spa - **Touch ext 7388**

Restaurants located in Railroad Square- 1-2 Blocks away

- ◆ **Petite Syrah**- California Cuisine
205 5th Street, 707-568-4002
- ◆ **Khoom Lanna**- Thai
107 4th Street, 707-545-8424
- ◆ **Jack & Tony's**- Restaurant & Whisky Bar
115 4th Street, 707-526-4347
- ◆ **Sushi To Dai For**- Sushi
119 4th Street, 707-576-9309
- ◆ **Lo Coco's Cucina Rustica**- Italian
117 4th Street, 707-523-2227
- ◆ **Starks Steakhouse**- Steak/Seafood
521 Adams Street, 707-546-5100
- ◆ **La Gare**- Traditional French Cuisine
208 Wilson Street, 707-528-4355
- ◆ **Omelette Express** - Breakfast
112 4th Street, 707-525-1690
- ◆ **Jackson's Bar and Oven**- American
135 4th Street, 707-545-6900
- ◆ **Chevy's** – Fresh Mex
24 4th Street, 707-571-1082

Restaurants located in Downtown/Courthouse Square – 10-15 minute walk

- ◆ **Sizzling Tandoor** - Indian
409 Mendocino Ave, 707-579-5999
- ◆ **Caffé Portofino's**- Italian
535 4th Street, 707-523-1171
- ◆ **California Thai Fusion**- French/ Thai
522 7th Street, 707-573-1441
- ◆ **Annapurna**- Himalayan
535 Ross Street, 707-579-8471
- ◆ **3rd Street Aleworks**- Brewery Pub
610 3rd Street, 707-523-3060
- ◆ **La Rosa Taqueria & Grill**
500 4th Street, 707-523-3663
- ◆ **La Bufa**- Old Fashioned Mexican
703 4th Street, 707-573-8915
- ◆ **Sapporo**- Japanese
518 7th Street, 707-575-0631
- ◆ **Flavor Bistro**- Sonoma County Cuisine
96 Old Courthouse square, 707-573-9600
- ◆ **Tex Wasabi**- Sushi & BBQ
515 4th Street, 707-544-8399
- ◆ **Gary Chu's**- Chinese
611 5th Street, 707-526-5840
- ◆ **Thai House**- Thai
525 4th Street, 707-526-3939
- ◆ **Russian River Brewery**- Brewery Pub
725 4th Street, 707-545-2337
- ◆ **Bistro 29**- Local/Organic Cuisine
620 5th Street, 707-546-2929
- ◆ **Ca Bianca's**- Italian
835 2nd Street, 707-542-5800
- ◆ **El Coqui**- Puerto Rican
400 Mendocino Ave, 707-542-8868

**AMCRE & SCARE MEMBERS
2011 CRCEA FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
OCTOBER 24-26, 2011
Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel, Santa Rosa, California 95401**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SCARE Member _____ AMCRE Member: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name & Phone) _____

FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: OCTOBER 8, 2011

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR HYATT VINEYARD CREEK HOTEL IS: 9/26/2011
Reservations Can Be Made By Calling: 1-888-421-1442

Mention CRCEA Group for rate of \$119/single/double plus current occupancy tax, etc. Rates extended from Friday, October 21st through Thursday, October 27th, (based on space available).

We recommend that you book immediately due to popular local events demanding extreme hotel space during this time.

Please indicate designation desired on name badge. County: _____

Delegate ____ Alternate Delegate ____ Ret. Bd. Member ____ Ret. Bd. Alternate Member ____

Member ____ Guest ____ CRCEA Officer (Title) _____

Host County Member (Title) _____

ASSOCIATION FEE IS \$75.00 per Association on Delegate Registration Form \$ _____

AMCRE OR SCARE MEMBER ATTENDEE FEE IS \$10.00 \$ _____
(\$35.00 FOR NON-SCARE/AMCRE MEMBERS and Guests)

BANQUET FEE \$55.00 per person. \$ _____

Please indicate meal selections for Banquet Attendees:

Rosemary Crusted Chicken ____ Grilled Beef Filet ____ Vegetarian ____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(make checks payable to SCARE)

**Mail To: SCARE - Attn: Cindy Moore
5701 Occidental Rd., Santa Rosa, CA, 95401**

TRAVEL TO SONOMA COUNTY IS EASY AND AFFORDABLE WITH AIR SERVICE TO THE CHARLES SCHULZ -SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT (STS):

Horizon Air/Alaska Air fly directly into the Charles Schulz – Sonoma County Airport from Los Angeles, with connecting flights to San Diego.

AIRPORT Shuttle Options to/from STS, SFO and OAK:

From Charles Schulz - Sonoma County Airport (STS): Many taxi companies serve the Airport and often wait for passengers near the Terminal. Currently there is no scheduled shuttle service from the Santa Rosa Airport directly to the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel and Spa. Please consult the Yellow Pages (phone book or online) to arrange taxi service either in advance or at the Airport. Below are some taxi companies that regularly serve STS.

AC Taxi
(707) 526-4888

George's Taxi
707) 546-3322

Yellow Taxi
(707) 544-4444

From San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and Oakland International Airport (OAK) to Santa Rosa: There is a shuttle bus (SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT EXPRESS) that runs from SFO or OAK to Santa Rosa Airport, about every hour and costs \$32 per person each way. However, it does not stop directly at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel and Spa. For more information, visit <http://www.airportexpressinc.com> . Advanced reservations are not required. Request a taxi pick you up at STS (the shuttle driver will call one for you).

AMTRAK RAIL SERVICE TO SANTA ROSA:

AMTRAK rail service offers direct bus service from Martinez to Santa Rosa at a location directly across the street from the Hyatt Vineyard Creek. This is an excellent travel option for attendees from the Southern and Central Valley counties!

Other Transportation Options:

The following private transportation companies offer airport transfers via private executive sedans, limousines, vans and buses for all size of groups to/from SFO/OAK/STS.

Pure Luxury Transportation - www.pureluxury.com (800) 626-5466 -Shannon Bergman

Beau Wine Tours – www.beauwinetours.com (800)-387-2328