

PPSPERA Fall Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2011
Valley Hi Golf Club
9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: June George, Alan Rasmussen, John Kerr, Meredith Jobe, Sandy Patton, Marje Erickson, Gerry Olvey, Judy McCormick, Nancy Haley, Elaine Naleski, Brenda LeBrasse, Terri Stevens, Karen Hart, Joyce Schmaltz

Meredith Jobe welcomed members and guests. Dave Rich, Barb and Merl Wallace were guests from PILLAR. Jan Hinkley and Beth Luke, a Coronado High School student, were guests from Girls State.

Brunch was served to approximately 50 people.

Meredith began the meeting by relating the contents of a letter received from one of the 2011 scholarship recipients. The young lady spoke of some of the hills and valleys of being a first year college student and stated how grateful she was for the scholarship as it had helped her to attend the college of her dreams.

Meredith announced that the food donations collected would be donated to the Westside Pantry located at Westside Community Center. The next meeting donations will go to Ecumenical Social Ministries. Meredith asked for suggestions for other organizations to which the group might wish to donate.

Meredith introduced Jan Hinkley who is the Girls State Chair from this area. Twenty-nine girls were sent to Girls State from this area last year. PPSPERA sponsored two of the girls. Beth Luke a senior at Coronado was one of the participants. She was introduced and spoke briefly of her experience at Girls State and thanked the group for its sponsorship.

Sandy introduced Dave Rich from the PILLAR Institute who reminded the group of the free membership partnership with PILLAR. This membership lasts through June 2012. He encouraged each of the group to consider offering a class for PILLAR. He then introduced Merl and Barb Wallace who are presenters for PILLAR. They presented the

program for the day: TRAVEL: To Do or Not to Do. They gave many travel trips that they had learned from leading groups and from their own individual travel.

Sandy next addressed legislative issues facing PERA. She stated that each person needs to be aware of up-coming legislation that would impact the retirement of every present retiree as well as those retiring in the future. There is a proposal from a local representative to change a regulation of PERA impacting city government workers. Bills will be introduced to change the composition of the PERA board allowing more members to be appointed by the governor. More bills regarding changing from defined benefit to defined contribution are in the works. There is groundwork to propose a constitutional amendment that requires defined contribution instead of defined benefit payments for PERA members. Each of these proposals will impact the retirement of PERA members. We must be ever vigilant and be ready to be active in preserving our retirement. The advice that is being given to legislators from PERA is to give SB1 a chance to work. We need more members in our organization as numbers speak. Get out and recruit members and be ready to contact your legislators.

Meredith announced that the State CSPERA meeting will be held in Colorado Springs on May 16-17, 2012 at The Embassy Suites. At that time Sandy will be installed as CSPERA president. Anyone who would be willing to help with local arrangements for this meeting, let Meredith or Sandy know.

Meredith announced changes on the board made at the last board meeting. A Communications/Public Relations Chair position was created and will be held by Elaine Naleski. LuAnn Long was named as the Pre-retirement Chair replacing Elaine Naleski.

New membership brochures were available. We need new members.

The next General Membership Meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Valley Hi Golf Club.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary