

Tehama County Commission on Aging
Minutes of October 8, 2007, Meeting
Los Molinos Senior Community Center

Attending: Walter Dodd, Ray Dunn, Mike Garofalo, Mildred Johnstone, Mary Newman, Joy Wright, and Doreen Wysocki,

Excused Absences: Gail Locke, Leland Taylor, Louisa Barber

The TCCA Meeting began at 2:00 pm and ended at 2:40 p.m. The Los Molinos Senior Community Center was closed so we met outdoors under a beautiful oak tree. The Columbus Day holiday affected attendance and facilities for our TCCA meeting.

Minutes from the last meeting, 8/13/07, were approved by the group.

Mary Newmann from Passages (Area Agency on Aging, Region 2) presented information on a variety of topics. She distributed posters about Flu shots for the senior centers. Flu shots will be given to seniors at the St. Elizabeth Hospital's Health Spree on 10/12. Passages HiCap, Health Insurance Counseling (530-898-6716) will be doing presentations on the 2008 Medicare changes on 10/31, 10-Noon, at the Red Bluff Community Center. Other presentations on Medicare 2008 changes will be presented in the near future. Ms. Newmann talked about the need for volunteers in Senior Companion Program in our county (530-898-4027) and handed out a flyer. Walter Dodd and Doreen Wysocki encourage Passages to continue its efforts to communicate this kind of information to seniors. Ms. Neumann distributed a flyer and invited us to attend the Caregiver Comfort Conference on 11/8, from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, at the Red Bluff Community Center.

Ray Dunn reported on helping 137 persons with renters and homeowners tax information.

Doreen Wysocki recommended that we consider developing a basic handbook and guide for senior services in our area. Mike Garofalo suggested putting existing handbooks and services guides in electronic format online on the TCCA website for free.

Gail, Mildred and Mike attended the Tehama County Fair on 9/28 from (9:30 – Noon) along with the Passages Van and Tatianna (?). We talked to seniors and answered questions before they were served lunch by a service club.

Walter Dodd gave a detailed report on activities at the Corning Senior Center: fire prevention measures taken at the center, information distributed in September on shingles, Amazing Phone services workshop from SBC, DMV information workshop, 75 seniors at Nifty Fifties Sock Hop Dance, a scheduled Halloween Dance, and fundraisers on 10/17 (BBQ), snack bar on Saturday 11/3, and Christmas Bazaar at Veterans Center on 12/8. Mr. Dodd told us that flu shots will be given to seniors at the Corning Senior Center on 11/13, and 11/29; and at Safeway market in Corning. Mr. Dodd praised the work of Rose Lima at the Corning Senior Center.

Mildred Johnstone reported on visiting with the director, Anita Cambell, of Villa Columba, in Red Bluff, and encouraging her, or her assistant, Susan Murphy, to provide information to TCCA on activities at this large senior complex.

There was some discussion about various medical and support benefits available to veterans who are seniors.

Mildred Johnstone reported on the “Hawaiian” fundraiser at the Red Bluff Senior Center.

Walter Dodd shared a news article about the intense debate amongst Congressmen about Medicare.

The next scheduled meeting of the Tehama County Commission on Aging is on Monday, December 10th, 2:00 p.m., at the Corning Senior Citizens Center.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Garofalo on 10/10/2007.