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## Mt. Diablo Chapter 531



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

### Concord, CA

## Chapter Chatter — The Monthly NARFE Chapter Newsletter

### CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING — MONDAY 22 JUNE 2009 @ 11:30

**Dragon 2000 Restaurant,**

**1651 Bothelho Dr. (Palm Court Shopping Center) Walnut Creek**

Join your friends and fellow chapter members for a delicious seven-course Chinese luncheon. Bothelho Dr. is just off California Blvd—very easy to locate. There is free parking at the restaurant or several parking garages nearby. Bring your family and guests, all are welcome.

**Guest speaker Mark Celio will present “Ways to Sneak Fitness into Your Day”**

Mark W. Celio grew up in the Diablo Valley area and loves living in Pleasant Hill with his wife Kristin and his one-year old son, Anthony. He is a Certified Fitness Instructor and owns Club 50 Fitness of Pleasant Hill. Ever since he opened Club 50 Fitness (a health club designed for people 40 and up) two and a half years ago, he has been very involved in the community volunteering with over ten organizations. In November, he was elected Pleasant Hill's City Treasurer with 98% of the vote, so knows the joys and challenge of being a public servant.

For reservations at \$13 per person please use the coupon at the bottom of this page and send to June Zaloumis by June 18.

### Day Trip

### The Ruth Bancroft Gardens — Monday 27 July, 2009

The Ruth Bancroft Gardens are located at 1552 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. The Garden is handicapped accessible and parking is available but limited. Carpooling is recommended. If you want to carpool, meet at the Heather Farms parking lot at 9:00. The Gardens are only 5 minutes from there.

The docent directed tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue for 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Please wear comfortable shoes and, considering the time of year, a hat and bottled water are suggested.

The Garden was established in 1972. It features beautiful water conserving plants on a 3 acre preserve and has received international acclaim as appropriate to our Mediterranean climate. It features plants such as aloe, cacti, agaves, yucca, and echeverias set among beautiful shade trees

Cost is a mere \$7.00 per person. Please send reservations (see coupon below) to Rosemary Bondi, 3238 Vera Cruz Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583. Any questions, phone Carole Roth at (925) 828-1299 or Rosemary at (925)828-4022.

#### Reservation For Tour of Ruth Bancroft Gardens 27 July at 9:30 a.m.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$7 each (payable to **Mt. Diablo Chapter 531**) *Deadline for reservations is June 30, 2009.* Send to Rosemary Bondi, 3238 Vera Cruz Dr. San Ramon, CA 94583.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Luncheon - Dragon 2000 Restaurant — June 22, 2009 @ 11:30

Send reservations to June Zaloumis at 1588 Schenone Ct #B, Concord CA 94521  
Any questions, please phone June at 676-6759. *Deadline for Reservations is 18 June.*

Enclosed is my check (payable to **Mt. Diablo Chapter 531**) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$13 each for the 22 June luncheon at Dragon 2000 Restaurant.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## **MEMBERSHIP: Paul Andrews**

### **There is good news and not so good news.**

Unlike much of what we see, hear or read today, there is actually some good news in the Chapter Membership arena this month. Last month we broke even with our gains and losses, stopping a many month slide in membership. This month we are happy to report a four member gain, resulting from 8 new members recruited and one reinstatement, off set by 1 death and 4 drops.

The really good news is that the local recruiting effort being stressed by our President, Herb Roth, is really showing positive results. Close to 70% of our new recruits this year are Chapter recruits; almost triple the normal percentage. The corresponding, not so good news is that national recruiting for our Chapter is still down and unexplained. Remember Herb's motto for 2009, "the power of one". If each of us contact just one eligible non-member this year and ask them to join NARFE we will not have a membership problem; we will have a growing and thriving Chapter. Contact your "one" today. Let's keep the membership ball rolling for the rest of the year! Please welcome our new members and our reinstated member named below:

### **New Members**

Robert Landwehr, Sibylle O'Malley, Brodie Peters,  
Steven Sachs, Michael Schmidt, James Stogner,  
Richard Silbert and John Wied

### **Reinstatements**

Donald Parlier

### **In Memory**

Rose Usatin

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE; Herb Roth**

Upon completion of two years of organizing and preparations the 2009 California State Federation Convention has taken place. Thanks to the efforts of Paul Andrews and his Host Committee Members the Convention was highly successful from the beginning thru the banquet which ended on Sunday the 3rd of May. Mt. Diablo Chapter 531 was the major participant of the Convention with assistance of the Vallejo and Livermore Chapters plus members of various other California Chapters.

Paul Andrews spent considerable time and energy organizing and carrying out the many facets of this undertaking. His committee Chairs were mostly from Chapter 531, however Lea Zajac from the Vallejo Chapter also played a major role in assisting Paul throughout the planning and organizing of the Convention. When the initial call was made for our Chapter to Host the Convention Paul stepped forward and accepted the challenge of Chairmanship. He immediately started the process and when the membership was called upon to assist, they were there.

As President of the Chapter I have repeatedly called upon our members to become active and be involved, we couldn't have had a better response than we received from our Chapter. Once Paul made the committee head assignments things began to roll. Those committee heads to be complimented are: Vito Magliano, Vice-Chair; Joan Byrens, Secretary; Werner Gumpert, Treasurer; Mildred Fong, Delegate Packets; Betty Peterson and Herb Roth, Registration; June Duncan, Information; June Zaloumis and Jay Carson, Ways and Means; and Hanako Andrews, Decorations.

In addition, the following volunteers came forward, Chiyo Pohan, Sue Selim, Rhoda Wing, Serina Nichols, Ursula Magliano, Joe Mueller, Norma Swan, Teri Kyte, Angie Jaman. Carole Roth, Duane Peterson, and Rosemary and Phil Bondi spent many hours at the registration desk, Betty and Gus Kritikos sold raffle tickets and Phil Waggoner made certain banners and flags were appropriately placed.

According to my perspective, which may show some prejudice, we are one of the most outstanding and active Chapters in the California Federation. Thanks to all who supported our effort whether you bought raffle tickets or worked on a committee and congratulations on a job well done,.

### **Mt. Diablo Chapter 531 Officers**

*President:* Herb Roth, 828-1299

*Secretary:* Rosemary Bondi, 828-4022

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