

# THE SCMOA REPORT

Protecting Our Rights and Lifestyle with Education, Communication and Integrity



## Next Meeting

Saturday, May 4  
 Brookwood MHP  
 7000 Montecito Ave.  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Meeting begins @ 1:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Katie Parrish  
 Sonoma County Human  
 Services Area Agency on Aging  
 (please see article on page 2)

### DIRECTIONS

From Petaluma & Santa Rosa

North on US 101, Get off at Exit  
 488B, Go East on Hwy 12 to  
 Farmer's Lane and go 1 mi to 4th  
 St. Take a left at 4th and go  
 1.1 mi. to Mission St. Take a right  
 on Mission St. and go  
 .2 mi. till you get to Brookwood  
 MHP which will be on your right

## President's Message

Warm greetings to everyone, at this time of renewal and rebirth. Now may well be the loveliest weather of the whole year. So, in addition to thoroughly enjoying it, remember that this is also a time for cleaning out old things, planting new seeds, and ushering in the future.

Hopefully, you are reading this newsletter via email, or viewing it on the [www.SCMOA.org](http://www.SCMOA.org) website. If you are still reading ink on paper, PLEASE consider going electronic. Just take a moment to send editor John your email, or that of your daughter or grandson. It will greatly reduce our costs, in terms of money, time, and effort. (John's email is: [jikyle@mac.com](mailto:jikyle@mac.com))

Now is also just the right time to take care of some important personal business. Like that emergency "GO BAG" you still haven't gotten around to packing. Have some clothes-food-tools-medicine packed for easy grabbing in an emergency. In addition, consider signing up for the nearly free state program of earthquake retrofitting for your home. Simply call one of the licensed vendors, like Pacific Bracing. (707-235-4376 or email to [fred@pacificbracing.com](mailto:fred@pacificbracing.com) for more information)

OK, suppose you have already attended to the above items, and you are looking for something else important to do. Why not sign up to be the SCMOA contact person at your park. This post has the enviable combination of a job title and not much to do. You would just be available in case association officers got wind of something they wanted to pass along to other residents. i.e. Maybe you could post a flyer about it on your clubhouse bulletin board, or announce it at your HOA meeting. Call our VP Dan at 707-696-5077, or email him: [dandrummond@hotmail.com](mailto:dandrummond@hotmail.com)

How about something even more exciting? You can be one of the public at large who gets to address the entire County Board of Supervisors at its weekly Tuesday afternoon meeting. That's right, anyone at all can have three minutes to say anything at all to the heads of our county government. You could tell the board how the housing crisis is making you, as a vulnerable senior, feel victimized by the predatory behavior of greedy park-owning corporations, who aren't respecting the rules of Mobile Home Law. (see [www.SCMOA.org/CurrentProjects](http://www.SCMOA.org/CurrentProjects) for details and already-written scrips)

Spring could, indeed, be your time to bust out all over. In anticipation of this, I look forward to telling you more on Saturday, May 4, 1:30 PM at our Spring quarterly meeting: Brookwood MHP, 7000 Montecito Av, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

Richard Shames, SCMOA President



Our guest speaker Katie Parrish works with the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging but many of us don't know what the organization does. This article serves as an introduction.

With the oversight of a community Advisory Council, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) makes recommendations to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors regarding the needs of older and disabled adults and their caregivers.

In response to those needs, AAA also supports helpful programs and services, including:

**Advance medical care planning**

Half of American adults will become unable to speak for themselves during a future medical situation or crisis, yet only 23 percent have advanced health care directives defining our health care wishes for loved ones who will need to make decisions for us.

To help you plan ahead and ensure that your medical care and end-of-life wishes are honored. The Agency offers free workshops and presentations.

**Elder abuse prevention and reporting**

For concerns about a senior in a nursing home or residential care facility who isn't being treated properly, the Agency has the Sonoma County Ombudsman Program. Ombudsmen are a voice for anyone concerned about a senior and for the senior who may feel overwhelmed, fearful or ashamed to talk to facility staff about problems.

Day or night, talk confidentially with state-certified counselors who can help resolve issues of neglect, physical, sexual, emotional, verbal or financial abuse

**Classes to improve balance and prevent falls**

Falls are serious, especially for adults 55 and above. Injury from falling is the major reason older Sonoma County residents go to the hospital. A Matter of Balance is a free fall prevention class series that can help keep you safe.

This nationally-acclaimed program includes group discussions, mutual problem-solving and safety strategies, exercises and a home safety evaluation. Each two-hour class explores practical strategies for preventing falls and simple exercises to improve strength, coordination and balance.

**Senior Resource Guide**

Finally, the Agency maintains a countywide list of services and programs in the Senior Resource Guide which is available in:

English:  
<https://www.sonomasenioreresourceguide.org> or

Spanish:  
<https://www.sonomasenioreresourceguide.org/Spanish/>

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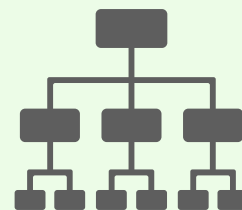
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Financial Statement  
March 31, 2019

Business Checking

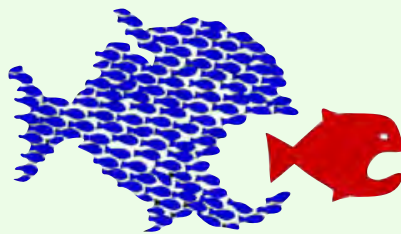
Ending Balance 12/31/18	8,156.49
Beginning Balance 1/1/19	8,156.49
Money Market Transfers	0.00
Dues Deposits	622.00
CA Franchise Tax	0.00
Membership Expense	0.00
Postage	(101.77)
Office Supplies	(14.11)
Education Comm. Expenses	0.00
NSF Check	0.00
Website Maintenance	(150.34)
Ending Balance 3/31/19	8,512.27

Money Market (Legal)

Ending Balance 12/31/18	3,906.80
Beginning Balance 1/1/19	3,906.80
Legal Donations	40.00
Dividends	5.30
Transfer to Checking	0.00
Ending Balance 3/31/19	3,952.10

Business Share

Ending Balance 12/31/18	105.67
Beginning Balance 1/1/19	105.67
Dividends	0.03
Ending Balance 3/31/19	105.70



**Minutes Feb. 2, 2019**

Meeting opened 1.33 pm, with 14 residents and all 4 officers present.

Discussion about what's going on in the county - our ordinance is being rewritten now, it was suggested that someone from SCMOA attend every BOS meeting.

**GSMOL - Legislative Weekly Bulletin**

\*California is suing Huntington Beach for its stunning lack of Affordable Housing.

\*Gov Newsom put aside \$500 million to deal with housing.

\*AB173 - extends the Existing Mobilehome Fee & Tax Waiver Program for an additional 3 years. It waives past due registration fees & taxes incurred from previous owners.

**Minutes** from last meeting were unanimously approved

**Treasurers Report** was unanimously approved

**Membership Report** Nov-Jan 335 active 62 renewed

**Education Committee** - has new MRL's. Resident reference folder distribution will expand when weather is better.

**Organization Committee**- working on database of all MHP's in Sonoma, seeking a person in each park as contact

**Communication Committee** - CA has funds to install earthquake resistant bracing systems for mobile homes(except those Santa Rosa or Petaluma). Contact is Fred Blum at Pacific Bracing 707. 235-4376.

**Old Business:** Nominating Committee - the position of Trustee is open, John Kyle and Robert Bruce volunteered. Others can be nominated; vote to be held at May meeting.

**New Business:** Lamplighter Issues - new manager from real estate, Doug is the new handyman; residents are hopeful. Some are getting 7 day notices

Rancho Verde in Rohnert park - Abuse, and discussion about management interfering w/ distribution of information Residents from Rancho Grande suggested we invite Katie Parrish, Human Services of Sonoma County, Adult & Aging Division, to present at our May meeting.

CARA-California Association of Retired Americans, unanimous vote to have them speak Aug. meeting

Newsletter: emailed copies are opened by less than half.

Discussed including Legislative Updates into SCMOA Report. Donna volunteered to do this.

Raffle was held. Meeting adjourned 2.45 pm

## Your Phone, Our Most Potent Weapon

Subscribers who get the SCMOA Report emailed to them have also noticed another item showing up in their inboxes: the **“SCMOA Action Alert”**. These posts contain a summary of pending legislation of great concern to mobile home owners, a short list of the legislators with their phone numbers, and some talking points in support or against the bill in question.



Making those phone calls is probably the most important thing a SCMOA member can do. Our law makers in Sacramento pay attention to these calls. On a recent lobby day trip to the capitol, legislators and their aides mentioned more than once the volume of calls they were receiving on behalf of mobile home bills.

This is the way we passed AB 3066, the bill that has the HCD enforce the MRL. There are several more bills in the works this year that are equally important to mobile home owners.

If you subscribe to the SCMOA Report, please make these calls when you receive an **“Action Alert”**. If you don’t currently get the SCMOA Report via email please consider sending your email address to [jjkyle@mac.com](mailto:jjkyle@mac.com) so that you can receive these **“Action Alerts”** and add your voice to getting the laws passed that make our housing secure.

### GSMOL

Richard Heine, new Zone A-1 Vice President, with an area covering the Oregon border to San Jose. Richard will be the guest speaker at the next Sonoma Valley GSMOL meeting: Saturday May 18th @ 10:30 am, Pueblo Serena MHC, 951 5th St. West, Sonoma.

Lunchtime Pizza Party

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### Bob Fleak’s Mobilehome Owner’s Lunch

Friday, April 26, and May 24  
Boulevard Café  
1096 Petaluma Blvd. N.  
Meeting starts at Noon  
Come earlier to find a space  
and have time to eat  
\$1.00 Donation

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#### SCMOA Membership Report

Month	New	Renew
January	0	3
February	5	40
March	1	15

Active Members	334
Inactive Members	0

Expiration Notices	0
Archived Status	9

Renewal Notices Sent:  
Jan 0, Feb 12, Mar 9

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARK \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DUES \$ \_\_\_\_\_ LEGAL FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$10 per household for 12 months.  
Send your check payable to SCMOA, along with this completed form, to:

SCMOA, 380 Circulo La Cruz, Rohnert Park, CA 94928-1956



**Do not allow this to be your last newsletter**

If your membership is about to expire, please renew before  
**May 5, 2018** to receive the next issue of the **SCMOA Report**.

Your expiration date is shown above your name  
on the address label of this newsletter.



If your label shows you to be due either now or soon, we  
urge you to renew your membership in SCMOA, using the  
above form. We need your support for the important work  
that SCMOA will be doing to help fight attempts to convert  
our manufactured homes to condos, remove rent control,  
and to restore effective local planning controls.

If dues remain unpaid, we will have to remove you from our active  
membership list. We hope you will continue to support our collective  
efforts to protect our communities!

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

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