



The ARA BRIDGE

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In Person Attendance

January 3,072
February 3,179
March..... 3,518
April 3,458
May..... 3,468
June 3,275

Building Fund Changing to General Fund – Discussion on Sunday August 14, 2022

Due to COVID, high Real Estate markets, large down-payment requirements & higher interest rates, the ARA needs to change direction! We are asking for input from its members and meeting attenders. Please join the discussion towards this new direction. Only ARA Board members can vote, and we need your input to move in a new direction.

What is the difference? Fellowship Hall? Non-Profit Corporation? They are Different.

Fellowship Hall: (Like a Church) One Group. One Name. All meetings under the one group name. Some Fellowship Halls meet only once per week or month. Monthly and annual fees may apply.

Non-profit Corporation (ARA): Individual Meetings with their own names. Flexible schedules for the meetings. Renting options available for individual meetings. Autonomy.

The ARA wants to remain as a Non-Profit Corporation. To do this, we need memberships!

How does someone become a Member of the ARA and help keep the building open?

There is only **one way** to be a member of the ARA. (*It would be very sad if this meeting location closed forever.*) ☹️

ARA Membership: ----- **Commits to donating \$100 every year**

Member at Meetings at the ARA----- **NOT a member of the ARA**

Pays rent for the meeting at the ARA----- **NOT a member of the ARA**

The IRS **requires us** to get one-third of our support **primarily through Memberships and Donations**. We are currently **borderline** with this requirement.

Membership with the ARA is **\$100 per year** and is tax deductible. It breaks down to \$8.33 cents *per month*, \$1.93 *per week*. Contact **Patrick Furlong (559) 213-7767** to sign up!

Don't Miss It! Sign-up! It is closer than you think!

ARA Camping Fundraiser! Reserve your spot today! Come join the fun! **Thursday, September 8, to Sunday, September 11, 2022.**

It is a fundraiser, so please be “Honest, Open and Willing” to support the ARA! Learn more by contacting **Rick 916-849-4018, Debbie (916)769-4269 or Susan Irace (916)220-3157.**

Coffee Donation is \$2 per pot. Starbucks, Dutch Bros., Peet's Coffee – LOTS more money.

The ARA **pays upfront** for the coffee service. The coffee is provided as a **convenience** and is **not free** to us and **not included in meeting rents**. Suggested coffee donations are **\$2.00 per pot** (added to rent.)

Starbucks, Peet's or Dutch Bros. plain black coffee is \$2 to \$5 per cup.☺️

It is a “Yet”. Fire Code / Safety Obligations: It is a safety issue, and a law. As landlords, we have to enforce the fire code maximum occupancy. Overcrowding, standing room only in a meeting is dangerous and may contribute to problems for the ARA and impact all of the meetings. *Nothing bad has happened, yet.*

Attention ALL Meeting Groups and Secretaries! Meeting groups have responsibilities to keep their meeting(s) on the schedule.

- (1) Pay rent including \$2 per pot of coffee donation if coffee is made for the group.
- (2) Complete attendance meeting sheets. The ARA needs to report numbers to the IRS.
- (3) **No one** is authorized to have separate Sponsor/Sponsee meetings.

The ARA is **not open** for use of the building for any purpose outside of rented meeting space.

ARA Volunteer Trustees

Cleaning (Paid Position)
Coffee & SuppliesLinda LaCroix
EditorLinda Miller
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