

## **Richard Shoemaker**

Alternate, Elected by the Retired Membership

Born and raised in California, he moved to Mendocino County in 1979. Richard served eight years on the MCERA Board in 1997-2005 and two terms representing retirees at MCERA since 2011. He is dedicated to the employees and retirees who are invested in MCERA.

As the Executive Director/ Project Manager of the Ukiah Valley Cultural & Recreational Center from 2006-2014 he was instrumental in establishing the City, School District, County cooperation to build the Alex Rorabaugh Recreational Center. Probably his proudest professional achievement.

He served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor of County of Mendocino for eight years, Ukiah City Council member for 10 years and the Russian River Flood Control District for 8 years. He also operated a landscape contracting and monument business for 27 years.

His higher education background is varied with studies in business, accounting, graphic arts, printing, ceramics, art, education, horticultural practice, project management, facilitation and non-profit management. He has worked as a printer/graphic artist, professional potter, sailing instructor, truck driver, custodian, ditch digger, landscape and irrigation contractor, campaign organizer, non-profit fund raiser, construction manager, elected policy maker and City Manager.

Members of the Shoemaker family have lived in California for 100+ years, with five generations in Mendocino County. His parents are retired educators living in Ukiah receiving their hard earned CalStrs pensions. He has five children, Son: Nicholas, 29, Twin Daughters: Jaime Rose and Allyson Mae, 25, Step sons: Elias, 24 and Jasper 26, with his life partner Linda.

For fun he Sails, Kayaks Bikes, Hikes, Camps gardens, and plays Ultimate Frisbee. He also plays Backgammon, Texas Hold'em and Settlers of Catan. He loves the ocean, a good debate and learning something new.