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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Kiyoshi Adachi



SCERS (Sacramento County Employees Retirement System) our retirement system the one that sends us our monthly checks, is a very well managed system. Mr. Richard Stensrud, CEO periodically writes articles for the News Briefs and addresses SCREA luncheons and meetings. He explains terms such as "funding ratio", "earnings assumptions rate", "unfunded liability". We appreciate his patience in discussing such unfamiliar terms with us. But more importantly, we know that he and his talented staff are taking care of our Retirement System and keeping it stable and healthy.

Retirees have two elected representatives to the SCERS Board, Mike DeBord is the elected retiree representative and Martha Hoover is the Alternate Elected Representative. By virtue of being the elected representatives to the SCERS Board, Mike and Martha are also members of the 17 member SCREA Board. Mike and Martha attend the monthly SCERS Board meeting and report back to the SCREA Board. The retirees have one vote of the nine votes on the Retirement Board.

Long time SCREA Board members, Sandy Carli and Susan Cucchi have announced they would not be candidates for election to the SCREA Board for terms beginning July, 2015. Both have dedicated eleven or more years as SCREA Board members.

Sandy is SCREA's Program Chair, and works with her committee members, Inslee Pitou, Susan Cucchi, Andi Bastunas and Kathie Cox. Sandy has directed a wide range of social opportunities for retirees and families. Soon after she became a SCREA Board member, she succeeded Betty O'Leary as Program Chair and has planned and directed

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SCREA NEEDS YOU!

by
Nominating Committee
Linda Kimura, Lyn Scotti and Pam Thomas



The SCREA Board of Directors continues to have a vacant position on its 17-member Board. The Nominating Committee is actively seeking to fill this long-standing vacancy with someone interested in working on local, state and national issues related to pension reform, and with a strong desire to contribute to the well-being of fellow Sacramento County retirees. The term of office for this position begins immediately following an interview process conducted by the SCREA Nominating Committee and appointment by SCREA President Kiyoshi "Pat" Adachi. SCREA Members in good standing may submit a letter of interest to Nominating Committee Chair Linda Kimura at SCREA, P. O. Box 161414, Sacramento, CA 95816, or by e-mail to kimurafour@aol.com. Letters of interest should include contact information (email address and/or phone number), and a short statement indicating they wish to run for election and will serve if elected. Any other background information the applicant wishes to provide would be appreciated.

This article also serves to formally announce the expiration of five SCREA Board positions on June 30, this year. They are Sandy Carli, Susan Cucchi, Phil Fischbach, Nancy Gust, and Linda Kimura. Incumbents and SCREA Members interested in serving on the Board must submit a letter of interest with the same information previously stated to the Nominating Committee Chair by March 1, 2015. Applicants will be interviewed in April and a list of the candidates and the recommendations from the Nominating Committee will be posted in

the June issue of *News Briefs* (received by you in May). Nominees for these five positions are subject to a vote of the Membership at the June 8, 2015 General Membership Luncheon.

Two of the five incumbents have announced they will not be seeking re-election. Sandy Carli, who chairs the Program Committee, and Susan Cucchi, who is Editor of SCREA's newsletter, *News Briefs*, will be stepping down after many years of managing these two very important tasks. While these positions currently hold Committee Chair status, replacements for these two Committee posts will most likely be decided along with all Committee assignments after the new Board is seated in July.

The Program Committee Chair is responsible for planning four annual membership luncheons. Briefly, the duties include making venue reservations a year in advance, scheduling speakers, and purchasing prizes and conducting the raffle at each luncheon. Some public speaking skills are required. Self-motivation and excellent organizational skills are necessary for this very important position.

The Newsletter Director, produces the *News Briefs* newsletter. The newsletter duties include collecting articles from contributors, editing the articles, formatting the newsletter, and working with the printer to be sure the final copy is completed and delivered to the Membership within established deadlines. This position must also efficiently oversee the costs associated with printing and mailing each issue.

SYMPATHY CARDS are sent to families of our members when we are notified of a death.
GET WELL CARDS are also sent to our members who are experiencing health problems.

Please call Carol Mosier at 916-354-8827 or email her at 4carolm@gmail.com if you know of someone who would be cheered by receiving a card from SCREA.



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By Kiyoshi Adachi

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the March and June business luncheons, the September picnics and the December holiday luncheons. Attendees have looked forward to these events to meet and reacquaint with former co-workers and friends. Her selection of venues afforded convenient access and parking, ample seating facilities and of course, the table decorations and door prizes were always big hits with attendees. Retirees will miss you, Sandy, and will remember the good times they had at the functions.

The SCREA Board and retirees were very fortunate that Susan Cucchi agreed to be the Editor of News Briefs following Elaine Seibel's retirement from the SCREA Board. She also is responsible for maintaining the SCREA Membership Roster, which, by itself,

is a big task with additions and deletions constantly requiring the roster to be updated. Susan recently incorporated color to the News Briefs which enhances its appearance. She has handled all contacts with our printers and mailers. She also assures that Unions, Sacramento County and other 37 Act County employee and retiree organizations and other business partners receive a copy of News Briefs.

News Briefs keeps retirees and dependents informed about the various matters affecting their retirement life, including their monthly checks, benefits changes and associated costs, social opportunities, etc. So Susan, thanks so much for providing this to retirees and their families

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

By Carol Mosier

Labels for Education is a program where you can save labels for various products and send them in to accumulate points for schools to earn free educational merchandise. Remember when we saved our soup can labels for our kids to take to school to help their classroom? It's not just soup labels anymore; the product list is expansive. Check out www.labelsforeducation.com to find the school you'd like to help out by saving product labels.

St. Jude's Ranch for Children has a recycled greeting card program where you can send your old greeting cards to be repurposed and resold by the children. For more information go to <https://stjudesranch.org/your-donations-at-work-recycled-card-program/>

PLEASE NOTE:

Members are always welcome to join us for our monthly Board meetings. All meetings begin at 9:30AM and the following meetings are all held at the Rancho Cordova Police Department, 2897 Kilgore Rd. The upcoming meetings are:

February 2, 2015

March 2, 2015

April 6, 2015

May 4, 2015

June 1, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

Regi Bacoccini
 Glen Bambula
 Josephine Bodda
 Harold Bohn
 Harold Buder
 Marilyn Burks
 John Canipe
 David Carlson
 Elizabeth Chisa
 Donald Coan
 Roxanne Diller
 Annie Edwards
 Melvin Everson
 Robert Ferry
 Ernest Fiorica
 Teresa Fletcher
 Teresa Garafola
 Henry Garibay
 Betty Grimm
 Michael Guinn
 Donald Heidenreich
 Kane Hong

Edward Hoshino
 John Isnard
 Lois Jack
 Maisie Jackson
 Charles Johnson
 Mary E. Johnson
 Rebe Jones
 Violet Kekina
 Allen Lee
 Dora Lindsey
 Laura Link
 Duane Mabeus
 Randy Mattson
 Alice McGuire
 Bernice Miller
 Roger Miller
 Burton Mills
 Doris Mulherron
 Thomas Murphy
 C. Walter Neptune
 Lorriane Nichols

Naomi Palmore
 Paul Potter
 Phyllis Ralston
 Raymond Reed
 Brian Richter
 Dorothy Sakauye
 Glen Sanders
 John Seller
 Stewart Slaff
 Edward Staff
 Nick Sulli
 James Thornton
 Roger James Tomkins
 Laurence Turner
 Eleanor Villanueva
 Marie Voss
 Karmin Wahba
 Leah Wait
 Donald Weeks
 Ray Willis
 Phyllis Wilson
 Alvin Wolf



BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Kiyoshi Adachi

About eight years ago (2007) Sacramento County took action to cap the amount of insurance subsidy paid to retirees enrolled in the County-sponsored health program (medical, vision and dental). At that time the program was costing the County about 15 million dollars annually. It was then reduced yearly until it was eliminated entirely after 2013. The last two years of the program were limited to SCERS annuitants with retirement checks of \$2000.00 per month or less. They received a subsidy of \$40.00 per month.

Many retirees affected by the lose of the subsidy strongly urged the SCREA Board to seek adjudication for this loss. The lawsuit against the County was based on the testimony of numerous retirees that said that the County's "past practice" of providing this subsidy to augment the cost of health insurance premiums created an "implied contract" that obligated Sacramento County to continue providing this subsidy. The Federal Judge in the case told SCREA's attorney to, in effect, "to show me the papers" (my words) referring to a document stating such an obligation. Because such a document was not available she granted Sacramento County's request for a dismissal of our action. The retirees didn't get the opportunity for our witnesses to present testimony in court. Lesson learned: Get it in writing.

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BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Kiyoshi Adachi

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In the mean time, the SCREA Board has been regularly asking the County EBO (Employee's Benefits Office) why the Medicare eligible health plans offered to retirees and dependents were so much more costly than equivalent Kaiser Medicare Plans. The EBO arranged for Kaiser to provide two Medicare Plans Kaiser Gold and Kaiser Silver provide Kaiser enrollees another choice to enroll in lower cost plans. The other Medicare plan providers, HealthNet and Blue Shield were not as accommodating.

There was a huge change for 2014. The County's EBO announced, starting in 2014 HealthNet and Blue Shield would no longer offer health plans to County employees, active and retired. For retirees under 65 the new replacement provider's premiums would be the same as those

paid by active employees with the same coverage.

The premiums drops for the Medicare eligible enrollees was substantial. For example, I was enrolled in 2013 with HealthNet and paid a premium of \$581.04 per month. Equivalent coverage with United Health Care PPO was \$254.56 per month (\$323.48 less or about 56% less). The premiums for all Medicare plans have now reached a similar range.

The EBO tells us, for 2015, 4061 retirees and dependents are enrolled in the County sponsored health programs. The Kaiser enrollees total 2642. Of the overall 1419 non-Kaiser enrollees, 307 are non-Medicare enrollees (Sutter HMO, Sutter HD HMO, Western Health Advantage HMO, Western Health Advantage HD HMO) and 1112 are enrolled in United Healthcare (667 HMO 445 PPO).

2015 LUNCHEON and PICNIC DATES

Sandy Carli

Below you will find the 2014 SCREA LUNCHEON DATES AND DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS. PLEASE mark your calendar, enter into your Iphone, I Pod, or cut it out and put in a visible place!

All events start at 11:00 with LUNCH
SERVED AT NOON.

2015 CALENDAR FOR SCREA'S ANNUAL LUNCHEONS

MARCH 9 (Monday) 2015

General Meeting at the Lionsgate Hotel
Deadline *March 4, 2015*

JUNE 8, (Monday) 2015

General Meeting at the Dante Club
Deadline: *June 3, 2015*

SEPTEMBER 14, (Monday) 2015

Annual Founder's Day Picnic at Elk Grove Park (Rotary Grove)
Deadline: *September 10, 2015*

DECEMBER 11, (Friday) 2015

Holiday Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel off Arden Way
Deadline: *December 7, 2015*

Differences Between Private & Public Pension Movements

By Mike DeBord, Co-Chair CRCEA Retirement Security Committee

The 1987 movie “Wall Street” demonstrated how the corporate “Greed is Good!” philosophy helped destroy defined benefit pensions in the private sector. Through corporate mergers and acquisitions, the prize was often looting employee pension plans, especially the over-funded plans. Unfortunately, **the real life scenario that occurred over the last 30 years in corporate America has in fact eliminated most private sector defined benefit pension plans.** They were most often replaced with 401(k) savings plans. But when you ask U.S. workers which plan they would prefer for retirement security, they respond with a preference for a guaranteed stream of pension payments provided through defined benefit plans vs. the do-it-yourself 401(k) plans that are subject to volatility, leakage through loans, high fees and often grossly underfunded.

So why did private sector workers let this happen to them? And what are the differences in what happened in the private sector and the pension reform movement in the public sector?

In the **private sector**, the elimination of worker pensions came not only through mergers, acquisitions and bankruptcies but from CEO’s simply imposing the changes on their workers. Examples show a pattern of CEO’s announcing that there was a problem with the pension fund (which in many cases there wasn’t) and advising employees of a new and better pension replacement plan, such as a “cash balance pension plan” or “pension equity plan” and later, the infamous “401(k) savings plan”. **Comparisons of the differences between the old and new plan were often not provided to employees or masked** so employees didn’t know the full effect of the change until they were ready to retire. Private sector unions that had previously represented worker interests were mostly gone by this time. And for corporate CEO’s, it must have been like “taking candy from a baby” and they were richly rewarded through pay-for-performance measures for their actions. The average annual compensation for Fortune 500 CEO’s is now \$10.8 million or **257 times average worker pay** (who no longer has a pension).

In the **public sector**, changes to pensions are being attempted through voter initiatives, either to close public pension systems or to eliminate legal protections for pensions. But public sector unions are still in place representing employee interests. And top executive pay in government is closer to **6 times average worker pay** and they are not financially rewarded for duping their employees out of their pensions. But probably the most important difference is that we now have evidence that the 401(k) savings plans that were never designed to replace pensions are becoming a real financial disaster for private sector retirees. The question is: **Why would anyone want to follow a failed private sector strategy (or more appropriately, a gimmick) that is currently producing such devastating financial results for our American workers?** The answer is: **We shouldn’t follow; we should fight to protect our defined benefit plans!**

NOW and THEN

by Carol Mosier

My Picnic from the Past article in the last News Briefs included a couple of photos from the SCREA picnic of August, 1984. I was hoping someone could identify the people pictured and share information about them. I was very happy when I received a phone call from Juanita Goodloe letting me know she thought she recognized "the redhead in the picture of the two ladies." Juanita said she's not sure, but she thinks it is Jeannie Taylor. Jeannie was the secretary for Jim Simpson in the County Clerk's Office. Juanita said that was before the County Clerk and Recorder combined into one office and they split off from Courts. Juanita recalls that the County Clerk's Office was in the Courthouse downtown. Unfortunately, Juanita said she believes that Jeannie has passed away. Juanita, herself, retired from Courts in 2002 after 27 years with the County. Juanita lives in Sacramento but her friend, who now lives in Ohio, shares the News Briefs with her. She says that's the way they each can get the news of those they both know who have passed away. Thank you, Juanita, for sharing memories with me and thank you, Herman, for sharing your News Briefs copy with Juanita.

If you have someone you think would be an interesting person to find out about the Now of their life and the Then of pre-retirement, let me know and I'll try to contact them to do a Now and Then article for the News Briefs. Carol Mosier, phone 916-354-8827, e-mail 4carolm@gmail.com .

Change of Address?

Please fill out and mail this notice to:
SCREA Change of Address, P.O. Box 161414
Sacramento, CA 95816

Name: _____

New Address: _____

City _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Move: _____

Previous Address: _____

The surviving spouse of a member is eligible to SCREA membership.
For enrollment assistance please contact our Membership Chair, Sue Murray,
at 916-359-6394.

MARCH 9, 2015 SCREA LUNCHEON

By Sandy Carli

LIONSGATE HOTEL
3410 Westover Street
At McClellan Park in Club Ballroom
Sacramento, CA 95652

NO HOST BAR STARTS AT 11:00 AM
LUNCH SERVED AT NOON

SPEAKERS: Dave Comerchero, Mg. Employee Benefits Office and Jeff Gelison
From Fidelity Investments regarding the Deferred Compensation Plan

GREAT DOOR PRIZES

The Best to everyone in 2015! Hope you will consider coming to our first luncheon for the year and invite any of your friends and co-workers that might have retired recently and haven't come to one the 3 luncheons and 1 picnic that SCREA puts on throughout the year. Would also love to get your ideas on what changes need to be made to make them as enjoyable as possible.

The cost of the luncheon remains the same as last year. Members will pay \$18.00 and non-members will pay \$25.00. Flour is not used in the preparation of the meals; therefore your entrees are gluten free. Your selections are:

1. Lemon Herb marinated Seared Chicken Breast, Seasoned Vegetables and Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes or
 2. Cheese Ravioli with Vodka cream sauce and seasonal vegetables.
- Both entrees come with a Baby Spinach Salad with dried cranberries, pecans, and Balsamic vinaigrette.

Coffee will be set on the table with ice tea and lemonade upon request.
Dessert will be Cheese Cake with a strawberry sauce.

Should you have a specific dietary need, PLEASE indicate what you are requesting on your reservation form to assure that your request is met.

I can't stress enough the importance of signing up as early as possible. Mailing the reservation several days before or on the day it is due does not guarantee that I will get it before the event. Please call me if that occurs so that I can submit the correct selections.

Please try to arrive as early as possible to find a parking space.

Directions: 3410 Westover Street
East on Hwy 80, North on Watt Ave., West on Palm Ave.,
Left on Arnold, Left on Westover into the parking lot.
Phone # of the Hotel: 916-643-6222

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lori Joy Baldwin, Sheriff
 Brenda and John Boll, SRSCD
 Esther and Bernabe Diaz, DHA
 Carmencity and Antonio Dimal, Finance
 Keith and Brenda Eng, Sheriff
 Jeanne and Greg Fougerousse, DHHS
 Michael Frint, Airports
 Arlan Holst, County Exec's Office
 Jeffrey and Marcia Horton, Probation
 Albert Kirby, Sheriff
 Christine Ann Lewis, Superior Court
 Maureen McCaustland, DHHS
 Denise McVay, Sheriff
 Nancy Nystrom, DHHS

Kathy O'Neil, DHA
 Jerry Schwappe
 Johnny and Gloria Sivils, Water Agency
 Jeff and Laura Spackman, Sheriff
 Marv and Karen Stern, District Attorney
 Jan Summers, Airports
 John and Michelle Tackitt, Sheriff
 Chris Weis, SRSCD
 Susan Wilson, District Attorney
 Yelena and Eduard Yazhgur, DHA
 Cindy Yeafoli, Sheriff
 Dwain Yearwood, Sheriff
 Caesar Zosa, DHHS

GETTING OLDER:

- ◆ I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- ◆ My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
- ◆ I finally got my head together and now my body is falling apart.
- ◆ If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
- ◆ Some days you're the top dog; some days you're the lamp post.
- ◆ These days I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...I go somewhere to get something and I wonder what I'm "here after".



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DEFERRED COMPENSATION

By Dave Comerchero, Employee Benefits Office Manager

As a former County of Sacramento employee, you may have taken advantage of the County's 457 (b) Deferred Compensation program administered by Fidelity Investments to set aside additional retirement funds on a pre-tax basis to supplement your SCERS income in retirement. In fact, over 60% of active County employees are currently participating in the Deferred compensation program, and combined with the contributions from retired annuitants our assets now exceed \$823 Million.

But did you know that all the services that were available to you as an employee are still available to you as a retired annuitant with Fidelity. You can take advantage of unlimited phone consultations, one on one counseling at the local branch, and fund allocations and transfers of funds online and on mobile devices, while still receiving the benefit of extremely low fees due to your participation in the County's program.

Before you consider moving your money from the County's Deferred Compensation program to another qualified retirement plan, make sure you review the services you have today and your current account fees in order to keep your money working for you! A guest speaker from Fidelity Investments will be at the luncheon on March 9th to talk about what to look for prior to moving your money out of our plan.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SCERS) FINANCIAL UPDATE

By Mike DeBord

As a Trustee on the SCERS Board, I wanted to share some key information that was provided at our December 17, 2014 meeting. At that meeting, we received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the years ending June 30, 2014 and 2013. As of June 30, 2014, the following key information was provided:

- ◆ **10,049 Retired SCERS Members and Beneficiaries;**
- ◆ **SCERS investments achieved a 16.6% rate of return for the year ;**
- ◆ **SCERS' net position restricted for pension benefits totaled \$7.810 billion; This was an increase of \$1.022 billion from June 30, 2013.**
- ◆ **SCERS system funding ratio was 85.2% as of June 30, 2014, up from 82.8% the prior year;**
- ◆ **To help reduce year-to-year volatility in employer contributions, SCERS uses a rolling seven-year period to recognize investment returns above or below the "assumed investment return rate";**
- ◆ **The "assumed investment return rate" is currently 7.5%.**

The above information reflects the continuation of solid investment returns for our retirement system since the 2007-8 global financial crisis. More information can be found at www.retirement.saccounty.net (Click on "Financial Information" and scroll down to the report titled: "The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2014 and 2013".)

For your information here are some important phone numbers and addresses:
SCERS: 916-874-9119 980 9th St. Suite 1900 Sacramento, CA 95814-2739

STORY NUMBER ONE

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuverings kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a clipping from a magazine. It read: "The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

STORY NUMBER TWO

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another.

Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son.



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SCREA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON RESERVATION Lions Gate Hotel MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

Member(s) Name: _____ Phone: _____

Member(s) Name: _____ Phone: _____

*Member's NEW email _____

Non-members Name: _____ Phone: _____

Non-members Name: _____ Phone: _____

# _____	Members: Marinated Chicken Breast	\$18.00= _____
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