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Susan Cucchi, Editor



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Kiyoshi Adachi



Your retiree association, SCREA, considers the maintenance of retirement income and the retention of benefits for our retirees as a most important function of the Association. Receiving our monthly retirement checks regularly and predictably means retirees can spend that income in our communities, thereby contributing to our local economy. Those of us who are enrolled in the County-sponsored health program do so because that benefit fits our particular needs. Of the over 9,000 Sacramento County retired employees, about 4,000 are enrolled in the County-sponsored program. SCREA does not have information on the health coverages other retirees and their families have obtained. The assumption is that their health coverage options suit them better and may be superior to the coverages offered in the current County plans. That is good. Everyone should obtain the best health coverage available to them, regardless of the source.

As reported in our last News Briefs, Sandy Carli, our current Program Chair and Susan Cucchi, our current News Briefs Editor will not be seeking reelection to the SCREA Board for new terms beginning July, 2015. Board Member Nancy Gust has agreed to succeed Sandy as Program Chair beginning July 2015 and Board Members Pam Thomas and Carol Mosier have agreed to split the job of Editor of the News Briefs. Pam will produce the News Briefs and Carol will maintain the membership database.

We thank Sandy and Susan. Retirees are grateful for their many years of working for our benefit. We wish them a happy retirement. But, being "doers" they probably won't retire just yet but will move on to new challenges.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

By Linda Kimura, Chair

Election

The SCREA Board of Directors Election will be held at the June 8, 2015 General Meeting/Luncheon at the Dante Club. There are five positions up for election. Three incumbents have filed letters of interest and have met the requirements for candidacy as stated in Article VII, Section 2 of the Bylaws. They are:



<p>Phil Fischbach Nancy Gust Linda Kimura</p>

The election will be held during the General Meeting portion of the luncheon. Because the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, a written ballot is not necessary as stated in Article VII, Section 4 of the Bylaws. Instead, a voice vote will be taken during the election segment of the luncheon. Members are urged to attend to voice their vote.

Board Vacancies

As of this writing, the Board of Directors has one vacancy. Two additional positions will become vacant after the June 8th election. Interested Members in good standing are urged to submit letters of candidacy to Nominating Committee Chair Linda Kimura consenting to place their name in nomination and stating their willingness to serve if elected. Letters can either be mailed to SCREA, Attn: Nominating Committee, P. O. Box 161414, Sacramento, CA 95816 or by email to kimurafour@aol.com.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Kiyoshi Adachi

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On April 20 through April 22, 2015 SCREA Board Members, Barbara Smith, Linda Kimura, Mike DeBord and Randy Angeloni attended the twice annual California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) conference in Ontario, San Bernardino County. Sacramento County is one of twenty counties created by a 1937 Act of the Legislature. Thusly, we are known as a 1937 Act County. All twenty counties have retirement systems governed by the 1937 Act.

A major focus of CRCEA is retirement security. Our members bring back information on the various actions that proposes to affect our security in retirement. At the conference, CRCEA and the 20 chapters discuss strategies to resist attempts to reduce our pensions. The information brought back from the conference will be reported in the next News Briefs.

Mike DeBord is co-chair of the CRCEA Retirement Security Committee. His articles have been appearing in our News Briefs on subjects such as differences between private and public pensions and public pension reform measures. He has been invited by various 1937 Act counties to speak on what our State Association is doing to protect retirement secure for public sector retirees. He is also invited to the Capital of speak to our elected representatives. Mike is also our Elected Retiree Representative to our Sacramento County Employees Retirement System.

Thank you to all those who represent Sacramento County retirees at these State-wide events.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

By Ed & Pam Thomas

Fascinated by railroad history? Interested in working with trains? The California State Railroad Museum is looking for volunteers. The Museum provides volunteer opportunities of many kinds and is always looking for people with an interest in public service who want to contribute time to one of the Museum's programs.

Volunteers work behind the scenes in the Museum and at Railtown 1897 in the offices, the Museum Library, the Museum and Depot Store, and the Restoration Shops. They also work as docents, excursion train crew, maintenance of way crew, Amtrak interpreters, oral history interviewers, living history players, and hand-car interpreters. Volunteers and docents are trained in the history of the Museum and Railtown 1897, the history of railroads in California, and Museum programs.

Sacramento County retiree Ed Thomas has been a docent close to 5 years. After a friend recommended it, Ed attended docent training. Ed says "I really enjoy working with the Railroad Museum. Later on I attended the specialized training for Sacramento Southern Railroad and now work on the trains during excursions down the Sacramento River. I've met a lot of great people and enjoy riding the train and telling people about the history of the different trains and their role in Sacramento history." Ed also says he would recommend volunteering to anyone who enjoys history and/or trains or wants to volunteer some time to something fun.

One of the great events is the Polar Express, which runs between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hundreds of volunteers are needed during this time. You do not have to be a trained docent to volunteer for the Polar Express.

If you want to learn more about becoming a volunteer, go to <http://www.csrnf.org/support-the-museum/volunteer-opportunities>. You can also attend the next Volunteer Open House on Saturday, May 30 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 125 I Street, Sacramento.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

May 4, 2015
June 1, 2015
August 4, 2015
September 8, 2015
October 6, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Anderson
Eileen Ansted
Mildrid Ballanger
James Basden
Theodore Blunk III
Thomas Browning
Elwood Cahoon
Dominick Chimeri
Benjamin Coloma
Ruth Crader
Glendon Craig
Kenneth Cuttle
Peter Dixon
Lawrence Effinger
Donald Fike
Maurice Fix
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Frank Hue
Michael Jenkins
Mervin Jerabek
Mabel Johnson
Mildred Kelleher
Kenneth Klagge
Lowell Lardie
Philomene Larson
Betty Lee
David Leicester
Wayne Leonard
Juanita Lobato
Brenda Martinez
Cathleen Mazur
Jeffrey McCutcheon
Jack Mobley
Ignacio Moreno
Jennie Morton
Michael Nash

Gerald Nichols
Kenneth Odell
Ana Owings
Marquita Pearman
Sam Peruch
William Pesce
James Powell
Martha Powers
Joaquin Rebello
Betty Robinson
Paul Root
Vyetta Simpson
Herschel Smittle
JoAnne Smolich
Bess Taylor
Rose Taylor
Lila Van Cleave
Raymond Webber
Daniel Wenger
Frank Young

INTERESTING INFORMATION

We Never Stop Learning!!

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

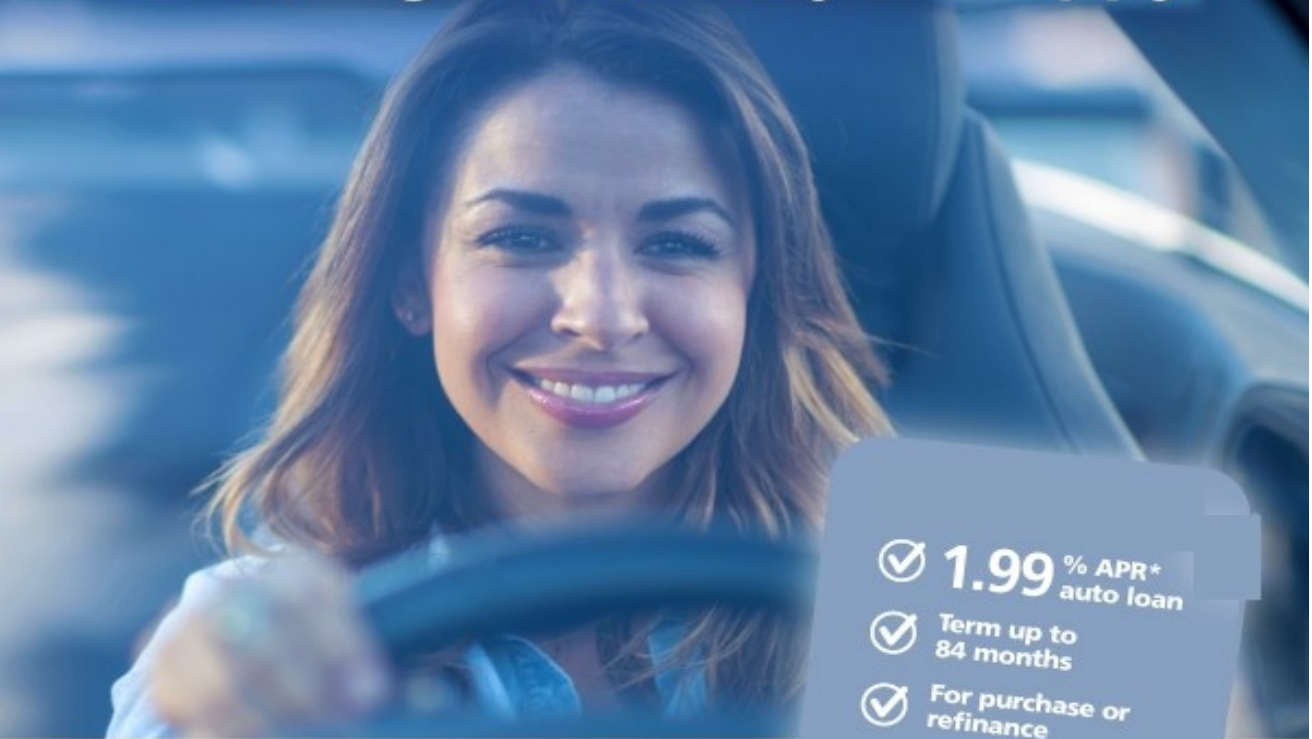
Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F.

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For your information here are some important phone numbers and addresses:
SCERS: 916-874-9119 980 9th St. Suite 1900 Sacramento, CA 95814-2739
Employee Benefits Office: 916-874-2020 700 H St. Suite 4667

U.S. Ranks 19th On Retirement Security California Is Even Worse Off Than The Nation

By Mike DeBord, Co-Chair CRCEA Retirement Security Committee

First the bad news! According to Natixis Global Asset Management, the U.S. barely ranks in the top 20 countries in terms of overall “Retirement Security”. **America has held the lowly 19th rank for 3 straight years**, just above Slovenia and behind the United Kingdom, Republic of Korea, Czech Republic, Canada, Iceland and many northern European countries.

In their study, “Quality of Life”, largely measuring well-being of individuals, the U.S. doesn’t even make it to the top 30. **Income inequality is a big factor** in the Natixis measure of well-being, and John Hailer, President and CEO of Natixis said **“that is what sank the U.S.”**

Now the even more distressing news! The U.C. Berkeley Labor Center, in their research, found that access to workplace retirement plans in **California’s private sector is inadequate and declining**. Their 3 year study found that only 45% of private sector workers age 25-64 in California work for an employer that even sponsors a retirement plan—much less than the U.S. average of 53%. And within California, **only 37% of private sector workers actually participate in their employer-sponsored retirement plan**. California also has the nation’s highest poverty rate in the Country at nearly 25%. So clearly, California (the 5th largest economy in the world) is not doing better than the nation on these important issues.

In California, there has been a downward trend in workplace retirement coverage since 1998-2000 when 50% of private sector workers had access. More specifically, access is the worst among low-wage workers who work for firms with less than 100 employees. More than **6.3 million California private sector workers currently do not have access to employer sponsored plans** including a disproportionate percentage (64%) of these workers being people of color.

It’s been a generation now since **the shift from traditional pensions (defined benefit plans) to mostly self-funded 401(k) savings plans (defined contribution plans)** and fewer workers than ever are setting aside what they need for their retirement. Employers aren’t contributing enough to the plans and employees aren’t saving enough (**50% of American workers aren’t saving anything for their old age**).

Many workers that have under saved for retirement use the excuse that they’ll work forever. That’s not realistic and not always up to them, said Greg McBride, senior vice president at Bankrate.com. “That’s the point where it can reach a crisis at the household level.” **With 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 each day, the U.S. retirement crisis is here and growing rapidly**. Sadly, each generation is now projected to retire poorer than the last.

Even with all these facts, **“pension reformers” continue their efforts to destroy all remaining public defined benefit plans and the retirement security they provide**. If they are successful, the race to the bottom will be realized. **America needs to change course and we need to be involved in that change!**

FAREWELL

By Sandy Carli

I wanted to let you all know that this will be the last luncheon I will be coordinating for SCREA. As of June, 2015, I am retiring from the SCREA Board. It has been an honor to be your Program Director for the past 13 years. I have enjoyed arranging the events and see them grow from year to year. But most of all it was fun to see so many familiar faces at all the events.

I also want to thank my committee members, Susan Cucchi, Katherine Cox, Inslee Pitou, and Andi Bastunas. They have been invaluable in helping put on these events. They created attendance lists, stepped in when I have been away, purchased door prizes and centerpieces and handled the reservation table at every event.

Their spouses have been invaluable as well. Gene Cucchi made the SCREA boxes that hold your reservation forms at each event. He helped arrange tables and chairs at the picnic and helped with the centerpieces at the Holiday luncheons. Jack Tucker provided the jokes as well as setting up the center pieces and the picnic tables and chairs. Bill Cox helped set up the picnic tables and chairs and hung the SCREA Banner along with Kiyoshi at every picnic venue. The picnic always took a village to get everything done, so I want to thank the Board members as well for bringing the sodas, bringing the ice, covering the picnic tables, bringing the loud speaker, bringing covered awnings when we lost so many trees at William Land Park, being speakers at these events, and paying all the bills.

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.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Janice K.A. Bailey, DHA
 Tim Beale, Engineering
 Christopher Berg, Sheriff
 Barbara and Lee Bowden, Personnel Services
 Vikki Butler, SCWA
 Brad Buyse, Voter Registration
 Michael Connelly, Technology
 Gretchen Cotter, Sheriff
 Timothy Cotter, Sheriff
 Gary and Laura Dingley, Sheriff
 Ivy T. Dong, DHHS
 LaVernee Drayton, DHHS
 James Driver III, Water Resources
 Phyllis Dunzweiler, DHA
 Jeffrey and Patricia Farley, Sheriff
 Sim Fong, County Ex's Office
 Jeff and Nimfa Gardner, DHA
 Rosalind Garner, DHHS
 Marc and Donna Gillmore, DGS
 Thor and Jolene Grendahl, DGS
 Robert and Heidi Harrison, Sheriff
 Ramona Heidenreich
 James Hicks, DTECH
 Linda Wittkop Johnston
 John and Lisa Kauo, Sheriffs
 Kevin and Carla Kobza, Sheriff
 Robin Kristufek, DHHS
 Barbara Lammerding
 Randel and Kari Lewis, Parks

Colleen Maitoza and Lill Jarrell, EMD
 Christine Manz, DHA
 Janet Mapes, Sheriff
 Connie McCraw, DHA
 Ivan and Kathy Mejia, Water Quality
 Judith and Richard Michelsen, DHHS
 Naomi and Kenneth Mori, DHHS
 Irene Moser, DHA
 Catherine Nevin, Assessors
 Amelia Prado, Sheriff
 Alan and Jennifer Prince, Sheriff
 Ellen Radford, Probation
 Debbe Rapoza, Clerk Recorder
 Carol Richards, Personnel Services
 Theresa Riviera, DHA
 Raymond and Tanya Roberts, Sheriff
 Mark Rodriguez, DHHS
 Mark and Angela Scott, Sheriff
 Martin and Patricia Smyth, DTECH
 Donna Stewart, Sheriff
 Pablito and Jocelyn Supnet, CMID
 Cheryl Sweeney, DHA
 Brian Sweeney, Public Defender
 Deborah Thomas, DHHS
 Monica and Gregory Voetsch, SDA
 Lynnda Voss, Sheriff
 Beverly Walsh, DHHS
 Gail Wilde, Sheriff

CIAO, ADIEU, GOODBYE

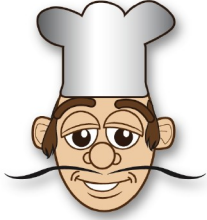
By Susan Cucchi

It has been a pleasure to serve retirees on the SCREA Board, as Editor of News Briefs and Roster Chair for the last 9 years. How has the time passed so quickly!!

We have a very diligent and dedicated Board who works very hard for retirees. Each member brings their own talents to the organization and has our interests at heart in every decision. It was a privilege to work with each of them.

I am pleased to tell you that Pam Thomas will become News Briefs Editor. Her first issue of News Briefs will be September 2015 (you will receive it in August). The equally good news is that Carol Mosier will take on the responsibility for the Member Roster. Both jobs are in very capable hands. Thank you, Carol and Pam.

I will be moving on to other volunteer opportunities but will look forward to seeing you at SCREA events. Take care and be well.



SCREA MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

JUNE 8, 2015 (Monday)

By Sandy Carli

THE 2015 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT THE DANTE CLUB ON FAIR OAKS, BLVD. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SCREA LUNCHEONS SO PLEASE USE THE RESERVATION FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS NEWS BRIEF.

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

**GUEST SPEAKERS: ANNE MARIE SCHUBERT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SACRAMENTO COUNTY
PRESENTATION TO INCLUDE CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS**

**LINDA KIMURA: ELECTION OF SCREA OFFICERS
DOOR PRIZES**

MENU CHOICES:

**OVEN ROASTED BAKED SALMON WITH FRESH DILL SAUCE
SEARED TRI TIP WITH CHIMICHURRI SAUCE ON THE SIDE
RUSTIC MUSHROOM RAVIOLI WITH BASIL PARMESAN CREAM
AND FRESH HERBS
ROASTED RED POTATOES
CRUNCH ROLLS AND BUTTER
SPUMONI ICE CREAM
*WATER UPON REQUEST**

**RESERVATION/CANCELLATION DEADLINE
JUNE 3, 2015**

**DIRECTIONS TO THE DANTE CLUB
2330 FAIR OAKS BLVD.**

FROM HIGHWAY 50:

TAKE HOWE AVENUE NORTH; TURN RIGHT ON FAIR OAKS BLVD., RIGHT ONTO THE FRONTAGE ROAD OFF FAIR OAKS BLVD. TURN RIGHT INTO THE PARKING AREA JUST BEFORE THE CAR WASH AND AT THE STOP SIGN.

FROM WATT AVENUE:

WEST ON FAIR OAKS BLVD. TURN LEFT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAR WASH.



SCREA SURVEY

By Sandy Carli

The SCREA Board Program Director is asking for your input and ideas regarding the interest in the current social events that we have each quarter. As you know we have a General Membership luncheon in March, another in June, a Picnic in September and the Holiday luncheon in December. The survey is to see if we should continue the way we are providing the social events as they are, or if there is an interest in providing something else. SCREA could substitute one of the current luncheons with a different type of social activity or add a different event to the existing events held each quarter.

We currently have a little over 4,000 SCREA members. However, the attendance at the current social events ranges from 180 to 380 members and guests. If there is interest in another activity that would encourage more participation from our members, then we as a Board, would like to know what sort of activity you are interested in.

The survey is on page 11 of this NEWS BRIEF; on the reverse side of the June Luncheon Reservation Form. For those attending the luncheon, you may include the survey with the reservation form. For those not attending the luncheon, please send the survey to SCREA Survey, P.O. Box, 161414, Sacramento, CA 95816. If you wish, we ask that you include your name so that we may be able to contact you should we have any questions. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this important survey.

2015 LUNCHEON and PICNIC DATES

By Sandy Carli

Below you will find the 2015 SCREA LUNCHEON DATES AND DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS. PLEASE mark your calendar, enter into your iphone,

ipod, 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

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

SCREA SURVEY

Please indicate an interest in the following by checking the Yes or No Box.
Please feel free to add your own ideas at the bottom of the survey.

As a SCREA member I am interested in the following Social Events:

1. Continue the current social events as they are now. Yes ___ No ___
2. Substitute one of the luncheons for one of the items listed below. Yes ___ No ___
3. Keep the current social events and add one of the activities listed below. Yes ___ No ___

I would be interested in:

- | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| A River Cats Game | Yes ___ No ___ | |
| A Kings Game | Yes ___ No ___ | |
| Casino bus trip to | Thunder Valley | Yes ___ No ___ |
| | Red Hawk | Yes ___ No ___ |
| | Jackson Rancheria | Yes ___ No ___ |
| A Blood Drive | Yes ___ No ___ | |

In addition to or instead of the above suggestions I propose SCREA consider:

Are you interested in having entertainers at the luncheons? Yes ___ No ___
If you answered yes, what type of entertainment are you interested in?

Speakers:

What are the relevant topics that you would like to hear about at future luncheons?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Would you be interested in serving now or in the future on the SCREA Board?
Yes ___ No ___

I am interested in volunteering for a committee that works on one of the social events?
Yes ___ No ___

Members Name _____ Phone # _____ or
Email _____

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY. Please return the survey with your luncheon reservation (reverse side) or if only sending the survey please mail to:
SCREA Survey, P.O. Box 161414, Sacramento, CA 95816



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SCREA LUNCHEON RESERVATION MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015

Member(s) Name: _____ Phone: _____
Member(s) Name: _____ Phone: _____
Department and Year Retired _____
"New" E-mail Address _____

Non-members Name: _____ Phone: _____
Non-members Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ (Dues Paying Members) Salmon with dill sauce \$18.00= _____
_____ (Dues Paying Members) Oven-Seared Tri-Tip \$18.00= _____
_____ (Dues Paying Members) Portabella Mushroom Ravioli \$18.00= _____
_____ (Non-Members) Salmon with dill Sauce \$25.00= _____
_____ (Non-Members) Oven Seared Tri-Tip \$25.00= _____
_____ (Non-Members) Portabella Mushroom Ravioli \$25.00= _____

Total Check enclosed _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE NO LATER THAN JUNE 3, 2015
DO NOT SEND CASH. SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO SCREA-LUNCHEON,
P.O. BOX 161414, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

Call Sandy Carli at 457-0304 or email scarli@surewest.net if check is sent on or after reservation date. Cancellations accepted until June 3, 2015