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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Kiyoshi Adachi



At the SCREA January 2016 Board meeting, Mike DeBord reported that the Chuck Reed/Carl DeMaio group put on hold (until probably 2018) their proposal to place a measure on the November 2016 ballot which intended to curb public pension benefits; specifically, close down defined benefit retirement systems (what we have now). Their stated reason: the estimated \$28 million needed to collect signatures and to run a pension change ballot measure campaign and perhaps a better climate for the campaign in 2018. A Sacramento Bee column, dated January 19, 2016, reported in more detail the reasons given for this postponement by the Reed/DeMaio group.

The December 2015 News Briefs reported the Reed/DeMaio group was seeking to file two new ballot proposals entitled "Voter Empowerment Act of 2016". The State Attorney General retitled it as "Public Employees Pension and Retiree Healthcare Benefits". The provisions of the two ballot measures are as follows:

- ⇒ One measure would put employees who first joined a public pension system into a 401 (c) style retirement savings plan that guarantees fixed contributions from employers instead of the promised retirement payment of the defined benefits system.
- ⇒ The second measure would cap the money employers could pay for new hires' retirement to a certain percentage of their salary. For most new employees, employers could contribute no more than 11% of the base compensation to pensions or a maximum of 13% for fire fighters, police and other public safety workers.

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The proposal provides voters at the state and local levels to have the power to override the downgraded benefits or the cost caps at the ballot box.

Now, a little news about our membership dues. Some years ago, when the County began reducing the amounts of insurance subsidy payments received by those who were enrolled in the County-sponsored health plans, the SCREA membership voted to increase membership dues to resist this action by the County. The dues increases authorized by a membership vote was \$1.00 per month for retirees and 50 cents per month for affiliates. The SCREA Board retained legal counsel to bring action against Sacramento County to keep this longstanding benefit. The County motioned the Federal Court where the suit was filed to dismiss the retirees action due to there being no written contract or agreement between the County and retirees which guaranteed this benefit. There being no such document, the judge dismissed SCREA's action. The judge ruled there are no triable issues. The retirees claimed longstanding past practice.

So we come to the present. The SCREA Board has decided that the dues increases voted by the membership should no longer be paid by the members because, at the present time, there appears to be no issue foreseeable that would require this increase to be continued to protect membership benefits. Should such a circumstance arise, the membership will again be consulted. Therefore, the SCREA Board has requested our Retirement System (SCERS) to reduce the withholding of membership dues effective July 1, 2016. The \$2.00 dues will be reduced to \$1.00 and the \$1.00 dues will be reduced to 50 cents per month, a 50% decrease in monthly dues.

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
2016 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016, 1:15 PM\*  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
2001 Point West Way  
Sacramento, CA 95815**

**Agenda**

1. Board of Directors Election
2. Revised Bylaws Approval
3. Dues Reduction effective July 1, 2016
4. Open Positions on the Board of Directors

\*The General Membership Meeting will convene during an intermission at the SCREA June Luncheon at 1:15 PM. Members who only want to attend the General Membership Meeting, are encouraged to arrive by 1:15 PM. There is no cost to attend the General Membership meeting. Luncheon costs and details can be found on the back page of this issue of NEWS BRIEFS.



## ELECTION TIME

By Linda Kimura, Chair, Nominating Committee



It's SCREA Board of Directors election time. Voting will take place at the General Membership Meeting, June 17, 2016 at 1:15 p.m. The meeting will convene during intermission of the June Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Members are encouraged to attend this annual meeting. Members are not required to participate in the luncheon in order to attend this important meeting. There is no cost to attend the meeting. Parking will be covered by SCREA. Bring the parking ticket with you to the meeting to have it validated.

There are five Members on the Board of Directors whose terms are expiring June 30, 2016. Four of the Board members have met the requirements for re-election by submitting Letters of Interest and are Members in good standing. They are Kiyoshi "Pat" Adachi, current SCREA President; Barbara Smith, Vice President; Randy Angeloni, current Legislative Committee Chair; and Carol Mosier, current SCREA Database Management Committee Chair.

SCREA Bylaws. Article VII, Elections, Section 5, state, "A written ballot election will not be necessary should the number of candidates not exceed the number of vacancies. Should the number of candidates not exceed the number of vacancies, the Nominating Committee Chair or his/her designee shall announce the official slate of candidates and request a voice vote for the election of the new Directors." Therefore, a voice vote for the three incumbents will be conducted. SCREA Members in attendance at the General Membership Meeting will give their voice vote at the June 17th General Membership Meeting.

In addition to the aforementioned positions, there are two additional vacancies on the Board. Letters of Interest have not been received in time to meet the press date for this issue of NEWS BRIEFS and to be included in this June Election. Appointments to these two vacancies and vacancies that occur after June 30th will be recommended by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors President for appointment. More details regarding these vacancies are discussed in the article below titled, "SCREA Board Vacancies."

SCREA is **your** organization. Your vote counts. Attend the General Membership Meeting, June 17, 2016, 1:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815.

### **SCREA Board Vacancies**

**SCREA needs you!** As mentioned above there are currently two vacant positions, with a third vacancy effective July 1, 2016.

The first position was vacated a year ago within its three-year term and that term expires June 30, 2016. The Board of Directors is looking for a new member to start as soon as possible. The new term for this vacancy also begins July 1, 2016.

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The second position, was vacated by Gil Magness, our Immediate Past President and this position does not have a term limit. It is filled by the previous President when he/she vacates that President position but remains as a Board member.

The third position will become vacant effective July 1, 2016 when Phil Fischbach's term expires. Phil is not seeking re-election. This term begins anew on July 1, 2016.

In addition, SCREA Board of Directors long standing Treasurer Vic Scotti has announced he will not be seeking another term when his term expires on June 30, **2017**. Vic will serve until a replacement is appointed. Vic has asked the Board to actively seek his replacement now and appoint someone as soon as possible to allow adequate time for training and to become familiar with the Treasurer's duties. The Treasurer is an Officer of the Board of Directors. Either Vic's replacement will be elected from the current Board or President Adachi will appoint a SCREA Member to the Board for the purpose of filling this position, which would then be ratified by the Board of Directors.

**A full Board is needed to fulfill our mission and represent all retired County employees in many areas.** If you are a current SCREA Member in good standing and have an interest in being on the Board of Directors, please submit a Letter of Interest to Linda Kimura, Chair, Nominating Committee at [kimurafour@aol.com](mailto:kimurafour@aol.com) as soon as possible. We need retirees to step up to be on the Board so we can continue to serve you effectively.



### **June 14 is Flag Day**



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  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**SCREA BYLAWS REVISIONS SCHEDULED  
BEFORE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FOR VOTE OF APPROVAL  
By Linda Kimura, Secretary**

Revised SCREA Bylaws are scheduled for the June General Membership Meeting on June 17, 2016. The meeting begins at 1:15 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. The revisions reflect various recommendations and changes proposed over the course of several months in 2014 and 2015 by the SCREA Board of Directors. The revisions were approved by the SCREA Board on March 7, 2016.

In general, the revisions are mainly simple word and punctuation changes for a more consistent document. The major revisions are as follows:

- Reference to specific dates and deadlines were removed in an attempt to be less restrictive to Board Members when setting deadlines for specific tasks year after year.
- Changes to Article III Membership and Article IX, Committees reflect the additions/consolidation of certain committees and some committee duties. Membership is changed to Membership and SCERS Orientations; Website is combined with Information to form Information and Website; and SCREA Database Management has been added, separating these duties from the former Information Committee.
- Secretary is added to the list of Officers in Article V, and to the Executive Committee in Article IX, Committees, since the Executive Committee is made up of Officers.
- Revisions to Article VII, Elections reflect a more realistic process for recruiting for Members of the Board of Directors and for accepting letters of interest year round. Adhering to specific dates have proved to be too restrictive when coordinating dates with Board Meetings and NEWS BRIEFS deadlines each year.

Approving these Bylaws changes is one of the privileges of being a Member of SCREA. It allows the opportunity for Members to have a say in how this important organization operates and represents its members in retirement security issues.

Members are urged to attend the June General Membership Meeting on Friday, June 17, 2016 at 1:15 p.m. Bring your parking ticket with you to the meeting for proper validation. The cost of parking will be paid by SCREA.



**Questions for Seniors:**

**Q.** How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?

**A.** There is no dirt in a hole!

**Q.** Which is the correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?

**A.** Neither; the yolk of the egg is yellow!



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 Betty Wieser-Ronne  
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 Lynn Wood  
 Earl Worley  
 Max Wurzer  
 Penny Yee

Jane Smith, Sunshine Committee Chair, sends a sympathy card to the family of a member when we are notified of a death. She also sends get well cards to our members who are experiencing health problems. If you know someone who would be cheered by receiving a card, please contact Jane at [districtfiveiretired@yahoo.com](mailto:districtfiveiretired@yahoo.com).

The surviving spouse of a member is eligible for SCREA membership. For enrollment assistance, please contact our Membership Chair, Sue Murray, at 916-359-6394. The membership application can be found on our website at [www.saccountyretirees.com/forms](http://www.saccountyretirees.com/forms).



## **GIL MAGNESS LEAVING SCREA BOARD**

**By Kiyoshi Adachi**

At the SCREA Board meeting of February 1, 2016, Past President Gil Magness told us he was retiring from the SCREA Board. He will be missed. He was our parliamentarian, a source of institutional memory and a reminder of our groups' purpose. From time to time to enlighten the group, Gil told us stories that were of the guffaw variety. He worked hard for retirees and was a friend to us.

Gil told me he retired in 1988. He worked as a lieutenant for the Sheriff's Department. When I became a SCREA Director in the 1990's, Gil was the SCREA President. He is the longest serving member of the current Board, over 25 years. Gil likes to fish in Oregon. I hope he gets to do a lot of it. The retirees thank you, Gil. Good luck to you my friend!



## **RAILROAD MUSEUM DOCENT TRAINING**

The California State Railroad Museum is again recruiting volunteers to serve as Docents at the Railroad Museum and Sac Southern Railroad (on the trains) located in Old Sacramento on Front Street. All ages are welcome and you do not need to meet any special requirements.

If you are interested, the next Docent Training Class (Docent Training Class #65) will have the following schedule:

Saturday, June 25, 1:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M., Stanford Gallery: Open House for prospective Docents

Saturday, July 9, all day: Interviews of prospective Docents

Saturday, July 16, Docent Training Class #65, first day of training

Wednesday, August 18, Docent Training Class #65 Graduation

Once training is completed and Docent status is obtained, volunteers can sign up to work on preferred days and shifts.

The Railroad Museum is open year round. The trains run April thru November. The Polar Express runs from the end of November up until Christmas.

For more information and areas of volunteering, check out their website at <http://www.csrnf.org/support-the-museum..>

**Check out the SCREA website at [www.saccountyretirees.com](http://www.saccountyretirees.com)**

## BENEFITS REPORT

By Kiyoshi Adachi

Are there any premium increases anticipated for the County-sponsored health plans? The County Employee Benefits Office (EBO) tells us price hikes have doubled the average drug prices over 7 years. The price hikes are not limited to specialty drugs such as for cancer, hepatitis C and rare diseases but also everyday prescription medication. Price hikes for drugs are reflected in increased health plan premiums. So, what's the outlook for Sacramento County sponsored health plans? We'll know sometime in August when the EBO tells the Board of Supervisors what the premiums will be for 2017.

Recently, a retiree who was previously enrolled in the County health plan (Medicare Advantage, Kaiser) had switched coverage to an equivalent Kaiser individual plan because of a big difference in the premium. Of course, the individual plan premium was lower and he wanted to know why. This is not the first time I have been asked this question. Same for the EBO. The EBO has told those asking the question the benefits are not the same and to compare the benefits and costs detailed in the County's booklet, which retirees receive yearly prior to annual enrollment with benefits and costs of the individual plan they have acquired. Discussion on this subject at a recent SCREA Board meeting indicates that the co-pays and costs of tests are higher for the individual plans. So, should an enrollee be a heavy and frequent user of the plan, being enrolled in the County-sponsored plan could be less costly. So there you are. One size doesn't fit all. We all have to do the math.

### Change of Address, Telephone or Email?

Please fill out and mail this notice to:  
SCREA Change of Address, P.O. Box 573,  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective date for change: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address (if applies): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** Members are always welcome to join us for our monthly Board meetings. All meetings begin at 9:30 AM and held on the first Monday of each month. If the first Monday is a holiday, then it is held on the following Monday. Most are held at the Rancho Cordova Police Department, 2897 Kilgore Rd. You may want to contact a Board member (listed on page 14) in advance in case the meeting is moved to another location.



# ANNUAL SCREA JUNE LUNCHEON

By Nancy Gust

JUNE 17, 2016, FRIDAY

11:00 – 2:00 pm



We held our March Luncheon at the Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center. I want to thank Jan Summers, Carol Summers and Kiyoshi Adachi for their help at the luncheon. The Effinger estate provided \$150 in raffle prizes, along with the \$400 provided by SCREA.

For the June Luncheon we will be going to the Doubletree Hotel off Arden Way. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. with a bar located inside the dining space. **You will have to take a parking ticket and bring it inside to our registration table to be validated.** At this time we are scheduled for rooms on the ground floor in the right corner (Capital Ballroom). Park out front or on the right side and come in through the front doors. There is an elevator or stairs to the ground floor. Lunch will be served at noon and will offer the following:

Pomegranate Glazed Chicken with Cous Cous and Grilled Vegetables

**OR**

Portobello Mushroom Tortellini with Roasted Garlic Pesto Cream Sauce, Fresh Herbs, Toasted Pine Nuts & Spinach

With Garden Salad with Spring Mix & Butter Lettuce, Grape Tomatoes, Julienne Carrots, Sliced Radishes and Croutons Accompanied with Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Carrot Pineapple Cake

Starbucks® Coffee & Tazo® Tea Service

There will be a general membership meeting starting at 1:15p.m. to vote on the revised by-laws and Board of Directors vacancies.

Please indicate on your reservation form if you have special dietary needs.

Everyone must complete the reservation form found on the back of this newsletter to attend the luncheon. The deadline for reservations is **Friday, June 10, 2016. If you put your check in the mail close to or on the due date PLEASE email njgust@hotmail.com or call me at (916) 725-6752 so I can have the correct count for the hotel.**

All meals given for the final count must be paid for. Cancellations due to emergencies can be made up to the reservation deadline.

Directions to the Doubletree Hotel are on the next page.

**Save the Date:** The September Luncheon will be held at Elk Grove Park, Rotary Grove on Friday, September 23, 2016.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL

**2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815**

**I-5, HEADING NORTH:** Take I-5 to HWY 50. Take HWY 50 east to Business 80/Capital City Freeway east. Exit at Arden Way east, keep right. Take the first right onto Point West Way.

























































**I-5, HEADING SOUTH:** Take the Garden Highway exit, turning left onto Garden Highway. Continue on Garden Highway, which turns into Arden-Garden Connector. Continue on Arden-Garden Connector as it turns into Arden Way. Follow Arden Way, going under Business 80. Turn right onto Point West Way, and right into the Sacramento hotel's parking lot.

**FROM HWY 99:** Keep to the left when approaching Sacramento. HWY 99 merges onto Business 80/Capital City Freeway. Take the Arden Way, exit east or keep right. Turn right onto Point West Way.

**FROM HWY 50:** Take the Business 80/Capital City Freeway. Exit at Arden Way east, keep right. Take the first right onto Point West Way and right into the Sacramento hotel's parking lot.

**FROM Business 80/Capital City Freeway towards HWY 50** take the Arden Way exit, turn left at light towards Arden Fair Mall. Get in right lane and turn right at Point West Way, then right into the parking lot.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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|                                  | <p>Joseph Basham, Sheriff<br/>Mark &amp; Jeanne Benuzzi,<br/>Waste Mgmt<br/>Danny Billings, Assessor<br/>Karen (Keri) Blaskoski,<br/>Comm Development<br/>Albert Bloom<br/>Rendell &amp; Angie Boldrini, SDA<br/>Barbara Boyce, Assessor<br/>Anita Brandon, DHA<br/>Aubrey Caldwell, Assessor<br/>Larry Campbell, DHA<br/>Christopher Castorena,<br/>Planning<br/>Thomas Chew,<br/>Regional Sanitation<br/>Margie Cisneros, DHHS<br/>Kenneth L Connors<br/>Albert Curtis, SASD<br/>Donna Dammann, Child<br/>Support Svcs<br/>Daniel Diehl, San Dist Agency<br/>Timothy Durel, Sheriff<br/>Kathleen Edmonds<br/>Dale &amp; Karin Engblom,<br/>Gen Svcs<br/>Susan Erikson &amp; Dennis O'Neil,<br/>EMD<br/>Julie Ann Flagg, Sheriff<br/>Patricia Florez<br/>Michael Freeworth, Sheriff</p> | <p>Sharon Friesen<br/>Louise M. Garrett<br/>Diana Gregory, DCSS<br/>Daniel P. Groft<br/>Jackie Groover, Sac Area<br/>Sewer<br/>Linda Hadid, Gen Svcs<br/>Marcia Hanebutt, DHA<br/>Judy Hummell<br/>David &amp; Susan Hyde, DHA<br/>Kim Jenkins, IT<br/>Delores Johnson, DHA<br/>David Jurin, DHA<br/>Carla Kamhi, DHA<br/>Todd Kell<br/>Janet Larsson<br/>Kathy &amp; Karen Lawler, DTECH<br/>Erik &amp; Kori Leth-Nissen, SRCSD<br/>Barbara Lomazzi, DHA<br/>Donna &amp; Michael Master, CCD<br/>Diane McCafferty<br/>James &amp; Coline McNeill,<br/>Regional Sanitation<br/>Linda Mooney, DTECH<br/>Debra J Morrow &amp; John Boivin,<br/>DHHS<br/>William G. &amp; Kathleen Nichols,<br/>DHHS<br/>David A &amp; Joy Olsen, Sheriff<br/>Arthur &amp; Victoria Olsen, Sheriff<br/>K. Eric Pahlberg, Sheriff</p> | <p>Marsha Paine<br/>Pamella Rogers<br/>Rose Rubio-Lopez, DHA<br/>Richard Schroeder<br/>Gisela Schue, DHHS/CPS<br/>Martin &amp; Michele Sherrel,<br/>Sheriff<br/>Brent W. Smith &amp; Sharon<br/>Stanners, Gen Svcs<br/>Ethne Smoot, DHHS<br/>Barbara V Spencer<br/>Mary Stahl, DHHS<br/>Tricia Stevens, Comm Dev<br/>Cosette Telesford, DHHS<br/>Silvia Viarnes, County Counsel<br/>Barbara Wackford<br/>Ruby Weddle, DHA<br/>Carol Wellman<br/>Glenda Westbrook<br/>Debra Whitlock, DHHS<br/>Terry Wilson<br/>Angela Yee, DHA<br/>Wayde &amp; Cecilia Yee, Reg San<br/>Doris Young, DHHS</p> |                        |
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# WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?

By Randy Angeloni

The CRCEA conference in Stockton had a segment on Genealogy. That got me to thinking, where are my ancestors from, what is my family history, where did I come from? What is my family's story? The more you ask, the more questions come to mind. There are tales passed down through the decades. There are pictures of some of my relatives but what is their story? What does it mean to me? My mother is 92 and has a clear mind and good memory. I asked for information about her childhood, education, life with 17 siblings (21 live births), about her life in northern Maine in the late 20's. What she told me opened up a boxcar full of new questions.

Come to find out, I am related to settlers who came to the new world in the late 1500's and early 1600's through Canada to settle in, what is today, northern Maine. 'Acadians', know for a group of settlers predominantly from France, migrated through modern day Canada to upstate Maine.

You get drawn into the history, the life style, and the culture of the early immigrants. WOW, my people helped settle this country! But wait, some wound up on the other side of the law... Maybe we don't want to know... Let's think about it!!! OK, done thinking, I still want to know.

So where do we begin? The best place to start your search is to ask your direct relatives. Start by defining a starting person. What were their names, relationship to your starting person, birth days, location of birth, etc? Any information will help you along the way.

My dad started out with pencil and paper, but before he died he had reams of paper to go through. My dad's list got me started. Do yourself a favor, get some genealogical charts off the internet or go to one of the many online websites which are great search resources. As of this point I have my Mom's ancestry back to about 930 AD and have more than 1500 persons identified.

You can start your search at the Family Search Centers. The center closest to me is:

## **Sacramento California FamilySearch Library,**

2745 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, California 95821-6638

Many of the FamilySearch centers give you free access to many of the subscription sites.

Or start online. One very popular online URL is [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) which is free as long as you create a log on. I use [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) which will keep track of my family tree. It is a subscription site and is fee based. I also use Family Tree Maker which integrates with Ancestry.com so I can keep adding to the program from other sources. With the advent of DNA markers which are readily available, you can scientifically see what your genetic background is and even be matched with relatives you may not even know you had. If you want to know your story, start looking. History can be fun, especially if it's your history.





## GIFTS FROM THE HEART

### How can you help or participate?

You can make a difference to the vulnerable and low income families in our community by:

- ❖ Being a gift sponsor
- ❖ Making a donation — make checks payable to Department of Health and Human Services/Gifts From The Heart Program and send it to the address below
- ❖ Being a volunteer to help with gift pick-up, distribution, delivery, sorting, loading and unloading during the months of November and December
- ❖ 100% of the monetary donations apply to holiday gift purchases only

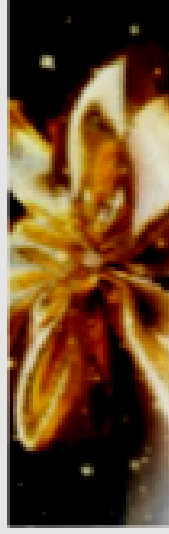
### What is the Gifts From The Heart Program?

Founded in 1988, the Gifts From The Heart Program is an annual holiday gift-giving program that provides gifts to children, teens, seniors and dependent adults served within county programs including: Child Protective Services, Senior & Adult Services Divisions, and the Public Guardian/Conservator office in the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS).

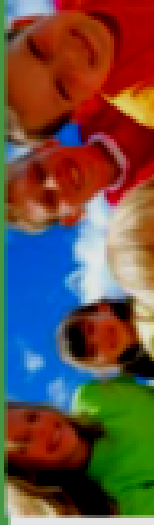
Each season, more than 90 community organizations and private sponsors donate 10,000 gifts to thousands of vulnerable and isolated clients who would otherwise be without holiday gifts.

We rely solely on the donations from local community partners and private sponsors to make this program possible.

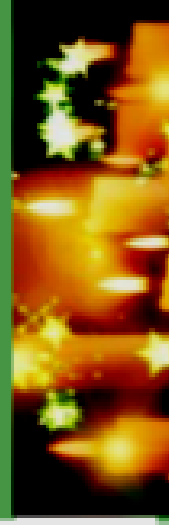
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### Making Holiday Wonders



### Lifting Spirits



### Giving Hope

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### Gifts From The Heart Needs Volunteers

#### The Program:

The Gifts From The Heart (GFTH) Program is a Health & Human Services internal holiday gift-giving campaign. It benefits over 3,000 foster children and the elderly each year served by Child Protective Services (CPA) and Senior and Adult Services Divisions (SAS) since its inception in 1988. All gift recipients are referred by their SAS or CPS social workers. This program depends solely on volunteers to accomplish its mission successfully.

#### The Positions:

Volunteer drivers to collect gift donations or deliver holiday gifts to seniors:

May use either 16" box truck or county cargo van to deliver gifts to county buildings and/or collect donations from sponsors. Those who are not comfortable driving big truck or cargo van may use county car to deliver gifts to senior clients' home.

One day "Santa Shop" Volunteers:

Organize thousands of undesignated toys for the "Santa Shop" on the third Monday of December. The tasks require reaching, bending, lifting (up to 25 lbs.), and standing for long period of time to unwrap, sort and put toys on shelves. Groups looking for one day volunteer work are welcome.

#### Location:

Folsom Boulevard and Power Inn Road. Volunteers will be working in a warehouse during the first three weeks in December. Warehouse area could be cold but the inside office is heated.

#### Days/Hours:

First three weeks in December from Monday to Friday during 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Scheduling is flexible within these weeks and hours but must be four hour block for each shift.

#### Qualifications:

18 or older and able to lift 25 lbs. or more with no physical limitation to bend or reach. All volunteers must pass a criminal background screening. Drivers must have auto insurance, valid driver's license and good driving record. Candidates should be willing to work as part of a team with community partner agencies, department staff, social workers, and other volunteers.

#### To Apply:

Contact Program Coordinator, Tammy Liu at e-mail address: [LiuT@SacCounty.net](mailto:LiuT@SacCounty.net) or contact the Volunteer Services Office at (916) 875-2027 for more information or apply.

[More about the GFTH....](#)

[Other HHS volunteer opportunities...](#)





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# \_\_\_\_\_ Members Pomegranate Glazed Chicken \$ 25.00

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# \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Members Pomegranate Glazed Chicken \$ 38.00

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TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### RESERVATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10, 2016 (FRIDAY)

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR RESERVATION FORM IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.  
ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE CALLED IN BY THE RESERVATION DEADLINE (06/10/2016).

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. **SEND THIS FORM** AND A CHECK PAYABLE TO SCREA  
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