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SCREA Board President Kiyoshi Adachi Passes Away at 89 “A Final Visit”

By Mike DeBord



Kiyoshi conducted the SCREA Board of Directors meeting on May 2, 2016 in his typical friendly manner. At the end of the meeting he commented about feeling exhausted over the last couple of weeks. Three days later, he went to the doctor and was then taken to the hospital in an ambulance. He died on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the hospital around 5:30 p.m.

While at the hospital, Kiyoshi received medical reports about his condition and he made the decision to stop the intravenous medications. He said he wanted no flowers, no candy, and no visits; he

wanted his friends to remember him as he was prior to becoming ill. Those restrictions were hard for all of us who loved and admired him as we wanted to do something to demonstrate how we felt.

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I talked to him by phone a couple of times and on Friday, May 13th I said that I would really like to visit him, even if it was just to sit with him. He said “Let’s do it” and told me to set it up with his niece Tracy. I was at his room around 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and Kiyoshi was in good spirits. As always, he has a way of making people feel comfortable and welcome. I had the opportunity, and used it, to let him know that I was there on behalf of all of the County retirees and SCREA Board Members to tell him how much we all loved him. In typical Kiyoshi style, he returned those comments by saying how much he loved all of the retirees and that they were really good people. (You always got more back from Kiyoshi than you gave.)

The nurses and his doctor were coming and going throughout the visit and Kiyoshi took the opportunity to introduce me to each of them and complimented them on the good care they were providing him. At one point when I tried to step out of the room while they were doing their jobs, he asked me to stay with him which of course I did.

We talked over the next hour or so about many things, and I was trying not to let him say too much as his breathing was difficult. He was open about dying and death, and we had a good conversation about it. He was grateful that he was going to be able to die at the hospital without being moved to another place.

Kiyoshi had a visit with his brother the day before and another family member was planning to visit in early afternoon after my visit. My time with Kiyoshi had gone by so quickly. Before leaving, I told his primary nurse about Kiyoshi and how all the County retirees admired him as our long-term Association President, now at age 89. She said that her parents had worked for Sacramento County and I asked her who they were. Kiyoshi and I both knew her parents and the conversation then moved from patient/caretaker to a more personal level that we all enjoyed. It was such a good way to end the visit and I said that we really have a great County family. Kiyoshi had given me a couple of messages to communicate to his friends and he said he would write some more and give them to me on our next visit. He then took my hand as we said goodbye and told me to tell my wife Kathie (who had also wanted to be there) how much he loved her too.

A few hours later, Kiyoshi’s niece Tracy called and said that Kiyoshi had passed away. She said he talked about how much he enjoyed the visit and about the County connection to his nurse. Tracy said that at the end, Kiyoshi told her that he was “ready to go” and then he died.

Sharing this story is important because even at the very end of his long life, Kiyoshi was exactly the same caring and wonderful person that we all got to know and love.

There will be a memorial/celebration of Kiyoshi’s life at the Annual Kiyoshi “Pat” Adachi Picnic on Friday, September 23, 2016. Donations will also be accepted for the Adachi Memorial Fund (see page 6).





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Barbara Smith



It is with a heavy heart that my first President's message comes from the passing of my friend, Pat Adachi. Pat will truly be missed by not only myself and the entire SCREA Board of Directors, but by all who knew him. Mike DeBord's article says it all about Pat.

At our June meeting, the Board chose to elect me as President of SCREA. As many of you know, I have been the Vice President for several years. I hope I can carry on the wonderful leadership that Pat so graciously showed.

I am happy to announce re-election of Board members Randy Angeloni, Carol Mosier and myself. Also, as President I have appointed three new Board members as recommended by the SCREA Nominating Committee. New Board members are Judy Guardalabene, Susan Shaughnessy and Jan Summers (see the Nominating Committee report on page 8). The SCREA Board will continue to try and provide the best interests of all retirees.

With that being said, the Board of Directors voted to rename our annual picnic the "Annual Kiyoshi 'Pat' Adachi Picnic" A brief memorial for Pat will be held at the picnic. I hope to see you there!

For your information here are some important phone numbers & 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

PLEASE NOTE:

Members are always welcome to join us for our monthly Board meetings. All meetings begin at 9:30 AM.

The following meetings will be held at the Rancho Cordova Police Department, 2897 Kilgore Road:

Monday, September 12
Monday, October 3
Monday, November 7

The meeting for Monday, December 5, will be held at La Bou Café & Bakery, 8887 Folsom Blvd.



IN MEMORIAM



Maxine Abbott
 Kiyoshi Adachi
 Mary Alei
 Jeanne Ashley
 Dave L. Atkinson, III
 Fredonia Archie
 Eleanor Armstrong
 Henry Basquez
 Frank Beardsley
 Steven Belzer
 James Bemis
 Betty Bender
 George Bierwirth
 Robert Brewer
 Leroy Brown
 Keith Bybee
 Rosalie Clark
 Marie Colston
 James Corcoran
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 Gordene Davis
 Osame Doi
 Sharon Dorsey
 Margaret Duguay
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 Clare Evpak
 Carol Faist
 Alice Feldmann
 True Gable

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 June Glatz
 Milton Thayne Goff
 Phyllis Goldthorpe
 Erven Good
 Terry Gustavson
 Warren Harada
 John Harris
 Paul Hauptman
 Herbert Highsmith
 Kathleen Hunt
 Sheila Inks
 Sandra Jojo
 Raymond Jones
 Jeremy Juarceys
 Martin King
 Marie Lowery
 Janet Magness
 Paulette Malloy
 Marjorie Marshall
 Gayle Martin
 Wilma Martin
 Ruth McKenzie
 Gary Mead
 Dorrien Moyer
 Boyd Naron
 Edwin Niemeyer
 John Parsons
 Marvin Peixoto

Nadine Pillsbury
 Floyd Rassmussen
 Vincent Reagor
 Ella Rose
 Jacqueline Rossi
 John Sahlberg
 Cornace Sanders
 Lee Saunders
 Walter Schmidt
 Jo Bathurst See
 Leonard Sernholt
 Breda Seymour
 Robert Schleh
 Carol E. Smith
 Carol J. Smith
 Lee Smith
 John Summers
 Benjamin Tang
 Steven Ungles
 Donna Vodash
 Olivia Waldron
 Karen Walsh
 Walter Webb
 Eveline Welsh
 Howard Wenneker
 Thelma White
 Marlene Whiteford
 Clora Mae Williams
 Rachel Yee

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 or sumurray@surewest.net.

David L. Atkinson, III

Written by David's friend & working-class brother, Paul M. Boltinghouse

Soldier, scientist, teacher, sewer guru and all-round raconteur, those of us who knew and loved Dave swear he was bitten by an imp at birth. A man of infinite peccadilloes and nearly absolute convictions, Dave was never happier than with an adult beverage in hand, holding forth to friends and family on any subject his voracious intellect and restless spirit chose to enlighten us on, often without employing any filter.

His was a sterling integrity, occasionally tarnished by diversions to the dark side, but who among us cannot say the same? Dave was a great friend and if he believed in you, he would back your play with both his blood and his treasure, a fact to which more than one of us that Dave helped throughout life's journey will attest.

But Dave was at his best when his informed wit was overcome by mirth, and he dissolved us, and himself, into gales of unrestrained laughter behind a charismatic stream of consciousness that rivaled the humor of Robin Williams. There was nothing like Dave unplugged, which he often was. He will be sorely missed in so many regards.

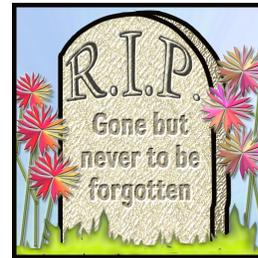
BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Barbara Smith

The SCREA Benefits committee meets with the County Benefits Office (EBO) on a monthly basis to be updated on current benefit issues. There is not much to report this period.

Preliminary health insurance rates for 2017 are showing increases from 4% to 18%. We will be getting more information on this at our August meeting. Hopefully, we will have a better idea after the August meeting on what rates will actually be.

I recommend retirees take the time to attend the retiree's day for open enrollment in October this year. That's all for now...



REMINDER

Some of the SCREA Board members have received inquiries as to the dues amount. Effective July 1, 2016, your dues were decreased by 50%.

This means if you are a Regular Member your dues were \$2 per month and have been decreased to \$1 per month.

If you are an Affiliate Member your dues were \$1 per month and have been decreased to 50¢ per month.

Welcome New Members

Sandra Amos, DHHS

William C. Ashby

Eileen Carey, DHHS-APS

Virginia Derlet, Finance

Kirk & Hui Ferrell, Airports

Cheryl & Robert Hawkins,
Environmental Mgmt.

Stacie Hill, Sheriff

Debera & Joseph Jackson,

Sanitation District Agency

Gloria Juarez, DHHS-CHDP

Craig A. Kramer, Clerk/Recorder

Maria Victoria & Zenen Magtoto,
Finance

Edna Malone, DHHS-CPS

Mary E. McCarrick, DHHS-CPS

Cheryl Mock, DCSS

Paula Moltzen, DHA

Jill Noble, Probation

Barbara & George Patten, DHHS-CPS

Judith L. Pierini, DHHS

Peggie Richardson, Sheriff

Glenda Rudolph, Comm. Dev.

Joginder Rye

Robert & Sherri Selzle, Parks & Rec.

George Smyrnos, DA

Rex & Martina Williams, General
Services

Jeffrey & Linda Wustefelt, General
Services



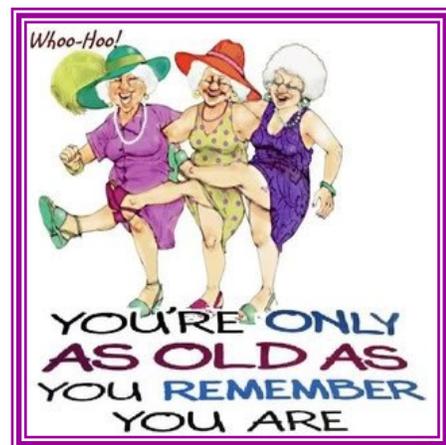
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ADACHI MEMORIAL FUND

A memorial fund honoring Kiyoshi "Pat" Adachi has been established.

In remembrance of Pat, at each of SCREA's events, a \$50 bill will be given as the final raffle prize until the funds have been depleted. If you wish to contribute to the memorial fund, please send your check payable to SCREA (**with the notation in the memo line, "Adachi Memorial Fund"**), at P.O. Box 573, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

Thank you for the donations!



Shelter Store Recruiting Volunteer Sales Clerks

By Sandra Denny, Store Manager

Critter Outfitter, the pet supply and more store at the Bradshaw Animal Shelter, is staffed entirely by volunteers. Volunteer sales clerks are needed to work two 2 1/2 hour shifts per month on an ongoing basis. Training will be provided "on the job" by an experienced volunteer. Duties include greeting and assisting customers, ringing up sales, keeping the store tidy and acting as an ambassador for the shelter. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and retirees are encouraged to apply. Those who want to take a more active role in running the store will have opportunities to do so.

Volunteers are scheduled each month based on their availability. The store is open Tuesday - Friday, 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM and Saturday and Sunday, 12 PM - 4:30 PM. Two volunteer coordinators prepare the shift assignments and E-mail to the volunteers, so E-mail access is required. Prospective volunteers can visit the shelter and the store during the hours cited above. Applications to volunteer at Critter Outfitter are available in the store.

Critter Outfitter opened when the the new shelter was built in 2009. Since then, the store has raised over \$60,000 to help shelter animals. The store is operated by Teaching Everyone Animals Matter (TEAM), the non-profit partner of the shelter. and is located off the lobby of the Adoption Center. Look for our sign "We're Open and We're Awesome!"

Bradshaw Animal Shelter is located at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827. For additional information about volunteering at Critter Outfitter, please contact Karen at 616-4004 or Cheryl at 662-1483.

Contact: Sandra Denny
 sndenny@omsoft.com
 916-451-7457

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

By Pamela Thomas

As the new Chair of the Nominating Committee, it gives me great pleasure to announce that three new Members have joined the Board of Directors. Judy Guardalabene and Jan Summers were nominated and elected by the SCREA Members present at the Annual June General Membership Meeting on June 17, 2016. Susan Shaughnessy was appointed by new SCREA President Barbara Smith at the July 11, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

Judy, Susan and Jan fill three of the four vacancies on the Board. Here are a few facts about your new Board members....

Judy Guardalabene worked for the County of Sacramento for approximately 12 years, retiring in 2008. Judy worked in the Human Resources Department as the Training and Development Manager. She was responsible for increasing the training staff and the number and types of management, supervisory and staff development training programs.

Judy coordinated the management programs for the Management Development Committee. She also assisted in developing and serving on the Stars of Development Employee Recognition Program.

Susan Shaughnessy worked for Sacramento County for approximately 23 years. Susan started her career in 1977 at the Agricultural/Weights and Measures office on Bradshaw as a Typist Clerk I. She retired as an Eligibility Supervisor for Human Assistance at the Rancho Cordova Bureau.

As an Eligibility Worker, Susan participated in contract negotiations for the United Public Employees. When she promoted to Eligibility Supervisor, she again participated in contract negotiations and served as President for Sacramento County Supervisors Association.

Jan Summers retired December 2014 from Department of Airports after 17 years with the Airport System. Eight of those years Jan worked at Mather Airport with the USAF Sr. Environmental Inspector in preparation for transitioning the base to the County of Sacramento. The remainder of her County career was with Sacramento International Airport writing leases and agreements for Airport tenants (cell carriers, FAA, & local aviation companies).

Jan received the All-Star Award from the County & USAF for Excellence in serving the tenants at Mather Airport and furthering the environmental cleanup process at that airport.

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Jan began her aviation career with Southwest Airlines Marketing, opening the city of Sacramento for the airline. Many of the Opening Team are still at the Sacramento International Airport where she sees them from time to time.

Please join the Board in welcoming **Judy, Susan** and **Jan** to your SCREA Board of Directors. Their eagerness to answer the call for new Board Members is appreciated.



NOTE: One vacancy remains. The new Board member will be appointed by SCREA President Barbara Smith. If you have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit your Letter of Interest to Pamela Thomas at egishome@gmail.com or you can mail it to me at 159 Sterling Grove Drive, Galt, CA 95632.

*You're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes,
just as long as you don't have to go along!*

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): _____

SCREA ANNUAL KIYOSHI "PAT" ADACHI PICNIC SEPTEMBER 23, 2016, FRIDAY

Social: 11:00; Lunch: Noon
By Nancy Gust

We held our June Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel. I want to thank Jan Summers, Carol Summers and Joyce Paquereau for their help at the luncheon. The Effinger estate provided \$75 in raffle prizes that was presented as a movie/popcorn basket and \$400 in prizes was provided by SCREA. The last drawing of the day was for a \$50 bill from the Adachi Memorial Fund.

At the Board Meeting held on June 11 it was voted to rename the September event as the ANNUAL KIYOSHI "PAT" ADACHI PICNIC. A memorial for Kiyoshi will be held during the picnic. We will be returning to Elk Grove Park, Rotary Grove. Look for the banner and the signs. **There is NO ENTRY FEE TO THE PARK.**

Our guest speaker will be Dave Comerchero, County Employee Benefits Manager.

Menu includes: Boneless Chicken and Pork, mango rice with vegetables, green beans with mushrooms, basil pasta, mixed green salad and cookies for dessert. For the Vegetarians there will be Vegetarian lasagna and baked vegetable tamales. Water and soda will be provided by SCREA.

The Health Department has extended food temperatures and holding conditions so **the caterer cannot release leftover food to us at the end of the event. Seconds will be allowed after everyone has been served.**

The directions to the Park are as follows:

Main Gate #1

Take Highway 99 toward Elk Grove
Exit on Elk Grove Blvd.
Turn left on Elk Grove Blvd.
Turn right on Elk Grove-Florin Rd.
Turn right into Elk Grove Regional Park
Follow the signs to Rotary Grove

Main Gate #2

Take Highway 99 toward Elk Grove
Exit on Elk Grove Blvd.
Turn right onto East Stockton Blvd.
Turn left into Gate 2 of Elk Grove Regional Park
Follow the signs to Rotary Grove

Everyone must complete the reservation form found on the back of this newsletter to attend the picnic. The deadline for reservations is **Friday, September 16, 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 caterer.**

All meals given for the final count must be paid for. **Cancellations due to emergencies can be made up to the reservation deadline (09/16/16).**

Save the Date: The December Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Hilton Hotel (Arden Way) on Monday, December 12, 2016.

SILENT AUCTION AT THE ANNUAL KIYOSHI “PAT” ADACHI PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

By Nancy Gust

Once again this year Mike Garcia’s Thai-Mex BBQ will be donating a catered event for up to 20 people. This would allow you to sit back and enjoy a party for you and your friends with all the preparation, serving, set up and clean-up being done by Mike and his company.

The bidding for this silent auction starts at the beginning of the picnic and ends before the first raffle ticket is drawn. If you are the winner, all you have to do is contact Mike and work out the date, time and place when it is convenient for you. The value of the catered lunch or dinner is \$400.00. All proceeds go to SCREA’s Legal Fund.

The bidding document will be at the reservation desk as you pick up your registration envelope. Bidding starts at \$25 with increments of \$25. Just before the drawing starts for the raffle prizes starts there will be a final announcement. The winner will be announced before the first raffle prize is given away.

So think of events you have coming up and bid on this great deal.



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ANNUAL KIYOSHI "PAT" ADACHI PICNIC ELK GROVE PARK (ROTARY GROVE) RESERVATION FORM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____
Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____
"New" e-mail addresses ONLY: _____
Non-Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____
Non-Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Members Boneless Chicken/Pork \$ 13.00
_____ Member Vegetarian Lasagna/Baked
Vegetable Tamales \$ 13.00
_____ Non-Members Boneless Chicken/Pork \$ 18.00
_____ Non-Members Vegetarian Lasagna /Baked
Baked Vegetable Tamales \$ 18.00

TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

REMEMBER NO FOOD MAY BE TAKEN HOME FROM THE EVENT BECAUSE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS. PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR RESERVATION FORM IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS. **ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE CALLED IN BY THE RESERVATION DEADLINE.** PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. **SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM AND A CHECK PAYABLE TO SCREA PICNIC, TO P.O. BOX 573, FAIR OAKS CA 95628.**