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Pamela Thomas, Editor

PRESIDENT'S CORNER & BENEFITS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Barbara Smith



The first annual Kiyoshi "Pat" Adachi picnic was held September 23 at Elk Grove Park. For those who were able to attend, I am sure you would agree it was a great tribute. Pat's niece Tracy and her husband were able to attend and we were able to trade humorous stories about Pat. A display that was set up to honor Pat was very touching. Many letters were received from various retirees and the California Retired County Employee's Association (CRCEA).

A big thanks to everyone that helped with the display and the picnic.

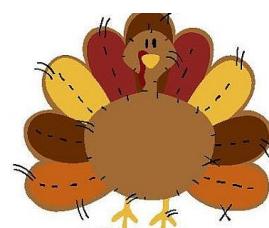
The open enrollment events for the 2017 medical plans were recently completed. SCREA hosted the event at the Foothill Community Center. Sandwiches and drinks were provided by SCREA for those who attended. All the plan providers were there to answer questions.

Mike DeBord, Randy Angeloni and I attended our state-wide organization [CRCEA] conference in Concord. We attended seminars and lectures on many subjects relating to retirees and will have a report on the conference in the next newsletter.

Our next social event will be our Holiday Luncheon on Monday, December 12. This is always a fun and well attended event. Please plan on attending. See you there!

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Happy Thanksgiving

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Adkins
 Ballard Arant
 James Askren
 Marvin Barnett
 Phyllis Bell
 Joann Bockover
 Dorothy Butler
 Christopher Corrington
 Roy Cousineau
 Ronald Cuppy
 Dixon Davey
 Michael Duffek
 Raleigh Edwards
 Marjorie Ellsbury
 Alice Felker
 Remedios Ferrer
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 Grace Lontiong
 Lawrence Lydon



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 Kinya Noguchi

John Ousley
 Robert Owen
 Wayne Parker
 Glenn Pfahl
 David Phillips
 Edward Reynolds
 Patricia Robbins
 Maria Rodriguez-Barr
 Nellie Schlegel
 Breda Seymour
 Ralph Seymour
 Richard Shortt
 Lois Sissom
 Mark Staneart
 Ronald Toppila
 Evelyn Trittipo
 Willian Vonbehren
 Bruce Wagner
 Leroy Winter

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.

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 Jane Smith at 916-786-6502 or email her at districtfiveretired@yahoo.com if you know of someone who would be cheered by receiving a card from SCREA.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Rebecca Albert, Probation	Natalie Lindsey, Superior Court
Kathy Burlingame, DHHS—BHS	Pamela & Venerando Mercado, DHHS
Roberta & Ronald Carpenter, DHHS	John Moehring, Env. Mgmt.
Bryan & Roslyn Cowan, Sheriff	Vince & LuAnn Nyvall, Ag. Comm.
Belinda Espinoza-Farncomb &	Mary Reagor
Charles Farncomb, DHHS	Ramona Saunders, AC/Wts & Meas.
Isaac & Gwendolyn Feathers, Airports	Darla Shirey, DHHS/CFS
Dolores Groth	Anita Stansbury, DHHS/CFS
Stephen & Roberta Kanelos,	Daniel & Tamara Stevens, DTech
Water Resources	Ravenald Williams
Judith Kietzman, DHHS	Henry Zablotny, CMID
Gerald & Debbie Lane, Sheriff	

THANKS FOR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP

By Carol Mosier, SCREA Database Management Chair

Thank you all for your continuing membership with SCREA. We now have 3,478 Regular members, 675 Affiliates and 140 Surviving Spouses, for a total of 4,293 members. Just a year ago our total membership was 3,996.

In July the monthly dues were decreased to \$1.00 for Regular members and \$0.50 for Affiliates (spouse, domestic partner, surviving spouse). As a reminder to some, you may want to review your paycheck deduction for the pension dues to ensure it is still appropriate. For instance, you may have thought you had added an Affiliate member but no dues are being deducted; or if you've divorced or your spouse has died you may not have even thought about changing your SCREA membership to delete the Affiliate.

For those of you who like to have your spouse/domestic partner accompany you to the SCREA quarterly luncheons, it is to your benefit to enroll them as an Affiliate member. There is a significant savings to you to pay the cost for two Member lunches rather than one Member and one Non-member. The Holiday Luncheon cost for Members is \$20 and \$29 for Non-members. The yearly Affiliate membership dues would be \$6.00 (50 cents a month) so you realize a \$3.00 savings just on the one luncheon. We anticipate that the Non-member lunch prices for the March and June luncheons will be even higher and the Member price will be no more than \$20, so the Affiliate membership would be an even greater savings to you.

SCREA membership is open to all SCERS members including the Sacramento Superior Court and Special District retirees. Affiliate membership is open to spouse, domestic partner, or surviving spouse. Please encourage your fellow retirees to become a SCREA member.

If you would like to make any changes to your membership, please contact Sue Murray (Membership Chair) at msmurray03@gmail.com, phone 916-359-6394 or Carol Mosier (Database Management Chair) at 4carolm@gmail.com, phone 209-893-5000.



Meet Your New President

By Pamela Thomas

In July 2016, your SCREA Board of Directors voted Barbara Smith (also known as Bubba), as your new President.

Barbara was hired by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in 1976 and as a permanent Deputy Sheriff in 1977. She spent time working at Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, Main Jail, Patrol in Rancho Cordova and the Marine Detail. When she retired in December 2003, she was the Vice President of the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Her hobbies are golfing, traveling, playing on a senior softball team and hanging out with her Rottweiler, Roxy.

SEEKING A TRAINEE

By Pamela Thomas, Chair, Nominating Committee

As mentioned in a previous News Briefs, 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.

The following excerpt from the SCREA Bylaws defines the responsibilities of the Treasurer:

"c) The Treasurer shall act as the record keeper and financial officer of the Association

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all monies due the Association; have charge and custody of all funds of the organization; keep proper records of all monies received and disbursed; deposit all such monies in the name of the Association in such bank or other depository as shall be approved by the Board of Directors; sign checks upon the funds of the Association with any other Officer authorized by the Board; and render a report at the June General Meeting regarding the records and financial affairs of the Association, as well as other interim financial reports as may be required by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer, in conjunction with the Budget Committee, shall prepare and submit a proposed annual budget to the Board of Directors at its first meeting of the fiscal year. The Treasurer shall arrange for an annual audit of the Association's books and report the findings back to the Board of Directors."

If you are a current SCREA Member in good standing and have an interest in being on the Board of Directors and serving in the capacity of Treasurer, please submit a Letter of Interest to Pam Thomas, Chair, Nominating Committee at egishome@gmail.com, phone 209-912-4312. We need someone to step up to be on the Board so we can continue to serve you effectively.

SCREA Board Members Stay Informed and Involved!

By Mike DeBord

On the first Monday of each month, the SCREA Board of Directors meet for about 2 or more hours to share information on various topics from health insurance to legislation. We plan luncheons, provide updates on our retirement system, monitor issues that could impact our retirement security, receive financial reports on our funds, as well as a range of other topics. **Basically, our job is to look out for your interests as retirees.** How do we do that, where do we go to get our information, and how do we play an active role in these topics? The following are some examples.

Each month, a group of the **SCREA Board Members meet with the County Benefits Manager**, Dave Comerchero to discuss health and dental insurance plans and costs. Dave has been a speaker at some of our quarterly SCREA luncheons. We have a good relationship with the Employee Benefits Office and our voice is heard.

Two of our Board Members serve as Trustees on the Sacramento County Employees Retirement System (SCERS), one as the regular member and one as the alternate. The retirement system encourages and pays the cost of their Trustees to attend State-wide conferences to receive the most current updates on investment issues, legislation and retirement security. Our two Board Members frequently attend these conferences and report back to the SCREA Board of Directors on the content of these conferences.

SCREA Board Members also participate in the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA), which is the State-wide association that includes all 20 County retirement associations that operate under the same retirement laws (called the "1937 Act"). CRCEA represents about 180,000 County retirees in California. Our SCREA association has a delegate (Barbara Smith) and alternate delegate (Mike DeBord) who **actively participate and vote on issues to represent our County retiree views**. Another SCREA Board Member, Randy Angeloni, is on the Legislative Committee for this State-wide association and **keeps our SCREA Board updated on pending legislation**. These three SCREA Board Members, as well as any other SCREA Board Members, can attend the twice a year State-wide conferences. These conferences provide our SCREA Board Members the opportunity to meet their counterparts from other County retiree associations and learn a great deal about a wide range of topics that impact County retirees.

Mike DeBord is also the Co-Chair of the CRCEA Retirement Security Committee and as such has met with Members of the State Assembly and Senate, and has testified at legislative hearings such as the Governor's Pension Reform effort a couple of years ago. He was very active with the State Legislative Analyst's Office and the State Attorney General's Office to address potential State-wide initiatives that could negatively impact our retirement security. And at the Fall 2016 CRCEA conference, he recommended and received approval that the CRCEA Executive Board to hire an attorney to write a letter to represent our concerns to the Supreme Court of California.

They are hearing an appeal of a lower court ruling that could potentially undermine a key legal protection related to California public pensions benefits.

Your SCREA Board of Directors play an active role in staying informed and finding opportunities to represent our retirees' interests. And we are always looking for new recruits to serve on our SCREA Board to continue and expand our efforts. So please consider joining our SCREA Board of Directors in the future.



Need a ride....

Would you like to attend SCREA luncheons or other events but do not have transportation? You may want to consider Paratransit.

Sacramento Regional Transit's Paratransit Service is a "Safety Net" for people with physical, cognitive or visual disabilities that are functionally unable to independently use the RT fixed route service either all of the time, temporarily or only under certain circumstances.



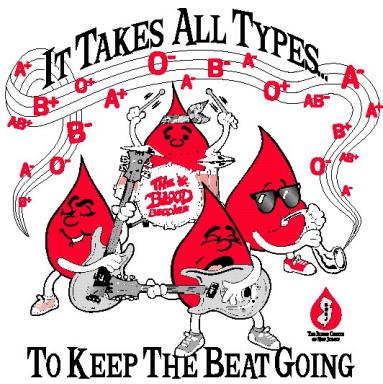
To see if you are interested and/or qualify for Paratransit, check out their "Frequently Asked Questions" at <http://www.paratransit.org/category/faq/>.

If you are interested in applying, visit Paratransit's website at <http://www.paratransit.org/> registration to find out how and view the application.

SCREA BLOOD DONOR CLUB By Pamela Thomas

The Blood Source of Sacramento manages SCREA's Blood Donor Club, which serves our retirees and their spouse/domestic partner in Northern California and in the Stockton and Merced areas.

If you, your spouse or your domestic partner receive medical services within the designated coverage area and require a blood transfusion, your health insurance, Medicare or Medical will probably cover most, if not all, of the costs. If your insurance does not cover all the costs of needed blood, the SCREA Donor Club at Blood Source should cover the remaining balance. Just call the Blood Source at 916-456-1500, extension 60604, tell them you are a member of Donor Club # 6855, and arrange to verify the charges for blood products not covered by your insurance. Once eligibility is confirmed, Blood Source will make arrangements for replacement of blood products and reimbursement of your uninsured costs.



The Blood Source has many locations to donate. To find the one closest to you, call 866-822-5663 or visit their website at bloodsource.org.

SCREA thanks all of you that donate to the SCREA Donor Club and will ensure blood is available to eligible members when needed. To donate, please call the Blood Source at 916-456-1500 to make arrangements. Thank you!

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): _____

If you move, don't forget...

There are **2 very important** places to contact.

First, be sure to let the Retirement Office (SCERS) know in writing your new address so you won't miss receiving your pension check! Their address is 980 9th St. Suite, Sacramento, CA 95814-2739 .

The **second** is SCREA. Please complete the form above and forward it to SCREA at the address on the form so you can continue receiving your quarterly **News Briefs**.

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Holiday Safety Tips:

In the store...

Keep your guard up: Be aware of people around you. If someone in a store makes you uncomfortable, notify a store employee.

Avoid excess baggage. Do not carry a purse unless necessary. Try keeping accessories in your pocket where they are less accessible.

In the parking lot...

Lock your vehicle! Double check to make sure your vehicle is secured after parking.

Out of sight: Keep your vehicle clear of any items that may be tempting to thieves. Lock purchases in your trunk before going to another shopping destination.

Stay alert. A shopper carrying too many bags or talking on a cell phone is vulnerable. (This is also true in a store or mall).

Use the buddy system. Shop or walk to your parked vehicle with someone else. This is a strong deterrent for theft. If you are alone, ask a security guard to walk with you.

The SCREA Board wishes you a very happy and safe holiday season.

Please Note,,,

SCREA Members are always welcome to join us for our monthly Board meetings. All meetings begin at 9:30 am and are held on the first Monday of each month. If the first Monday is a holiday, it is held the following Monday. Most of our meetings are all held at the Rancho Cordova Police Department, 2897 Kilgore Road.

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

The 2017 meeting schedule should be published in the next quarterly News Briefs.



The information presented in "News Briefs" is believed to be from reliable sources.

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ANNUAL SCREA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

By Nancy Gust

DECEMBER 12, 2016, Monday
11:00 am – 2:30 pm



We held our first Annual Kiyoshi “Pat” Adachi Picnic at Elk Grove Park Rotary Grove and I think all who attended had a good time. We set up a table with memorial items and hung the new banner with the new name. The weather cooperated and was not too warm. I did forget to put out the Silent Auction sign-up sheet so it will be held at the Holiday Luncheon. Donations in the amount of \$775 were added to the Adachi Memorial Fund for a total of \$1,825.

The Holiday Luncheon will again be held at the Hilton Hotel off Arden Way West. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the parking is free. Lunch will be served at noon. (The menu is on the page 10.)

The door prizes will be provided by SCREA, the Sacramento Credit Union, John Descamp’s Annual Christmas Gift Fund, the Lawrence Effinger Estate Fund and the Adachi Memorial Fund. John Descamp, the former CEO of the Sacramento County Employees Retirement System, donated a total of \$9,200 to SCREA with a current balance of \$5,970. Each year \$400 can only be spent on door prizes for the holiday luncheon. The Lawrence Effinger Estate Fund is to be used for raffle prizes at the luncheons and has a balance of \$4,715. The Adachi Memorial Fund provides the final raffle prize of the day—a \$50 bill.

We want to thank John Descamp, the Lawrence Effinger Estate, the Sacramento Credit Union and the Adachi Memorial Fund for their donations.

Everyone who wants to attend the Holiday Luncheon must complete the reservation form found on the back of this newsletter. The deadline for reservations is **Friday, December 2, 2016**. If you put your check in the mail close to or on the due date PLEASE call me at (916) 725-6752 or email njgust@hotmail.com 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 (December 2, 2016).

Save the Date: The March luncheon date and location is still to be determined. The complete 2017 Luncheon calendar will be available in the March 2017 News Brief.

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

2016 SCREA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

By Nancy Gust



DECEMBER 12, 2016, MONDAY
11:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Luncheon at the
 Hilton Hotel Ballroom
 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento

11:00 A.M. NO-HOST BAR - 12:00 P.M. LUNCH
 Door prizes after lunch

The menu this year will include three (3) choices:

1. Chicken Picatta with Lemon Beurre Blanc and Capers with Fresh Rosemary Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes; or
2. Roast Pork Loin with Caramelized Apples and Cranberries, Herb Roasted Fingerling Potatoes; or
3. House made Vegetarian Lasagna with Marinara

Each dish comes with Mixed Field Greens with Tomatoes, Cucumbers & Carrots with Assorted Dressings, Fresh Vegetables du Jour, dinner rolls with butter, Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea, Water

For dessert they will alternate Carrot Cake and White Chocolate Cheesecake with Raspberry Swirl.

COST: Members \$20.00 and Non-Members \$29.00

Please let me know of any special dietary requests on your reservation form.

Please complete the reservation form found on the back of this newsletter and return by the deadline **Friday, December 2, 2016**. If you put your check in the mail close to or on the due date PLEASE call me at (916) 725-6752 or email njgust@hotmail.com so I can have the correct count. All meals given for the final count must be paid for. No refunds after December 2, 2016.

Send reservation form and check to SCREA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, P.O. BOX 573, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Directions: Hwy 80, Exit at Arden Way West, right on Harvard Street. PARKING IS FREE and is in front and on the sides of the hotel.

SILENT AUCTION AT THE 2016 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DECEMBER 12, 2016

By Nancy Gust

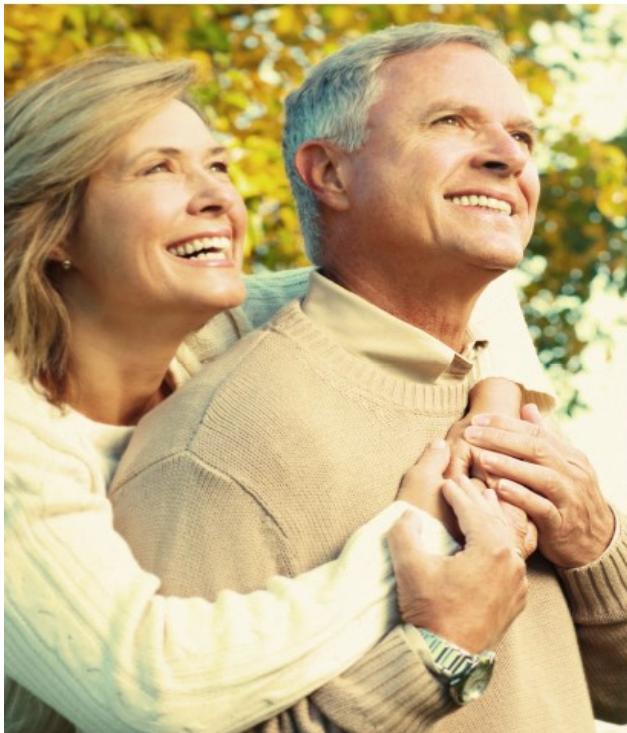
Oops! I forgot to put out the sign-up sheet at the picnic so we are including it in the Holiday Luncheon. Once again Mike Garcia's Thai-Mex BBQ will be donating a catered event for up to 20 people. This would allow you to sit back and enjoy a party for you and your friends with all the preparation, serving, set up and clean-up being done by Mike and his company.

The bidding for this silent auction starts at the beginning of the luncheon 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 Research & Representation Fund.

The bidding document will be at the check-in table as you pick up your registration envelope. Bidding starts at \$25 with increments of \$25. Just before the drawing starts for the raffle prizes 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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You get old when you stop having fun."**



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**2016 SCREA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
 RESERVATION FORM
 MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2016**



Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

"New" e-mail addresses ONLY: _____

Non-Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Non-Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

# _____	Member Chicken Picatta	\$ 20.00
# _____	Member Roast Pork w/Caramelized Apples/Cranberries	\$ 20.00
# _____	Member Vegetarian Lasagna w/Marinara	\$ 20.00

# _____	Non-Member's Chicken Picatta	\$ 29.00
# _____	Non-Member's Roast Pork w/Caramelized Apples/Cranberries	\$ 29.00
# _____	Non-Member's Vegetarian Lasagna w/Marinara	\$ 29.00

TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 2, 2016

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR RESERVATION FORM IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS. **ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE RESERVATION DEADLINE (12/2/2016).** PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. SEND THIS FORM AND A CHECK PAYABLE TO SCREA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, TO P.O. BOX 573, FAIR OAKS, CA 95628.