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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Randal Angeloni, President

Hello SCREA Members....We have all heard the stories about cyber-crimes perpetuated on others. We hoped it would not affect us. The reality is that it can. PERS was attacked thru a third-party contractor. From a KCRA news item dated June 24, 2023...

"The personal information of about 769,000 retired CalPERS members was exposed in a third-party data breach that was reported earlier this month. CalPERS said Wednesday that its third-party vendor PBI Research Services/Berwyn Group notified the agency on June 6 of a vulnerability with its MOVEit Transfer Application that has since been fixed."

If you or yours has been involved in this breach, contact PERS to find out what you need to do about it. I am hoping by now you would know if you are a PERS retiree.

A note on the SCERS website reads:

"The cyberattack which occurred in late May and affected numerous major organizations around the world, exploited a vulnerability in software used by PBI Research Services/Berwyn Group, known as PBI. Death-audit service providers like PBI monitor retiree lists for unreported deaths to ensure benefits are not overpaid."

Although SCERS uses death-audit services through Berwyn, which merged with PBI this year. SCERS member data has not been compromised by this cyberattack."

If you attended the June SCREA luncheon you know that four members were elected to the Board of Directors. (Please see the Nominating Committee Report on page 6). Also on the ballot during the luncheon was an increase in SCREA membership dues. We have never had dues increase since the inception of this organization in 1975. The vote was unanimous of those present at the luncheon to increase the dues for members from \$1.00 per month to \$2.00 per month and the associate members from \$.50 to \$1.00 per month.

Stay healthy, wealthy and wise!

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Starts Saturday,
September 23



SCREA extends our deepest sympathy to family and friends of retirees listed below. This list identifies those reported in April thru May 2023

Mildred Abbott, Welfare
 Amelia Aquino, Probation
 Dennis Batchelder, Personnel Management
 Dwight Beattie, Voter Registrar
 Joyce Becker, Probation
 Michael Bradbury, Probation
 Shirley Brandon, Health & Human Services
 Stanley Brock, Sheriff
 Matthew Buechner, Sac Area Sewer District
 Dayle Call, Health & Human Services
 Franklin Call
 Thomas Campbell, Public Works
 Charles Charlton, Health & Human Services
 Nancy Constant, Probation
 William Copeland, Public Works
 Laurie Daneri, Health & Human Services
 Linda Dekker, Human Assistance
 Kinnie Ruth Foote, Health & Human Services
 Mary Garcia, Human Assistance
 Barbara Goodale, Social Services
 Richard Gooding, Assessor
 Allen Gorrell, Sac Regional Sanitation District
 Terry Gwenn, Human Assistance
 Kenneth Haworth, ISA-General Services
 Mary Hess, Human Assistance
 Kathe Hewitt, Sheriff
 Paul Johnson, Transportation
 Dennis Jones, Courts
 Marian Jones, Library
 Joanne Knight, Health & Human Services
 Jonathan Kong, Welfare
 Theresa Lagomarsino, Assessor
 Brendan Lawlor, District Attorney
 Alice Lipelt
 Colette Mahurin, Finance
 Gerald Marschke, Health & Human Services

Valjean McDaniel, SETA
 Dean McCowan, Sheriff
 Stephen Miller, Municipal Services
 Betty Newhouse, Revenue Recovery
 Daniel Ohler, Public Works
 Daniel O'Neill, Public Defender
 Sylvia Osman, Welfare
 Mary Peach, Welfare
 Shirley Peppers
 Terezia Pozgayova, SETA
 Daniel Read, Health & Human Services
 Laura Rickman, Child Support Services
 Roger Robinson, District Attorney
 Rebecca Romero, Human Assistance
 Craig Ross, Internal Services
 Kay Sakakihara, Airports
 Jose Salazar, Health & Human Services
 Janis Schuett, Library
 Katarina Schuk, Human Assistance
 Richard Serynek
 Steven Sharp, Probation
 Joann Shepherd, Probation
 Jimmy Sherman, Environmental Management
 Christopher Simmons, Human Assistance
 John Smashey, Public Works
 Laurence Smith, SETA
 Ronald Smith, Sheriff
 Curtis Soderlund, Superior Court
 Norma Soeller, Revenue Recovery
 Merrill Starr, Voter Registrar
 James V. Sutherland, Sheriff
 Helen Sylvia, Retirement
 Margaret Tomczak, County Executive's Office
 Marvin Watts, ISA-General Services
 Cheryl Williams
 Grace Zraggen, District Attorney

The surviving spouse of a member is eligible for SCREA membership. The application is available on our website at www.saccountyretirees.com/forms. For enrollment assistance, please contact Sue Murray, Chair, Membership Committee at murray03@gmail.com or at 916-359-6394.

Jane Smith, Chair, Sunshine Committee, sends **sympathy cards** to families of our members when we are notified of a death. Jane also sends get well cards to our members who are experiencing health problems. If you know of a member who would be cheered by receiving a card from SCREA, please contact Jane at district-fiveretired@yahoo.com or 916-786-6502.

The SCREA News Briefs is published quarterly. Information presented in our News Briefs is believed to be from reliable sources. No responsibility is assumed by SCREA, the Editor or the writers for inaccuracies in the articles published.

However, if you do see an error, please bring it to the attention of Pamela Thomas, SCREA's News Briefs Editor, at egishome@gmail.com.

WELCOME NEW SCREA MEMBERS!

Angelina Castillo, Sr & Adult Services
 Donna Corde, Human Assistance
 John Downey
 Ron McCormack Child Protective Services
 & Brian Brosseau
 Alice Moore, Courts
 Gail Pilas, Human Assistance
 Pamela Weil, Welfare



SEE'S CANDY SALES

By Nancy Gust, Chair, Program Committee

See's \$25.00 gift cards are available at a discounted price of \$20.00. If you would like to purchase any, please email me at njgust@hotmail.com or call (916) 725-6752 and tell me how many you would like. For mail orders it will be check only. If you purchase at the picnic, cash will also be accepted. These gift cards can be used at any See's Candy Store.

You also have the option of taking your current pay advice to one of the See's Discount Stores to receive a discount. The stores are located at 10395 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 or 1009 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814. Your county discount is only available at these two stores.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & DAYS TO CELEBRATE!

September 4	Labor Day
September 10	Grandparent's Day
October 9	Columbus Day
October 31	Halloween

SCREA JUNE 2023 RANDOM RAFFLE WINNERS by Nancy Gust

I would like to congratulate our first four random raffle winners. They are Darrell Canady, Roger Daniels, Stephen Hong, and Thomas McElheney. Enjoy your \$25 Amazon Gift Cards.

SCREA's website is updated on a bimonthly basis with news regarding employee benefits, supplemental insurance, upcoming events, and more. Past News Briefs are also available.

Visit us at www.saccountyretirees.com to get updated info and stay informed on various issues affecting County employees and retirees.

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, the meeting is held the following Monday.

Most of our meetings are held at the Rancho Cordova Police Department, 2897 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova.

As of March 31, 2023, SCREA now has a total of **4,822 members**. Members consist of retired Sacramento County employees and/or their spouses.

The membership application for retirees and/or a spouse is available on our website, at www.saccountyretirees.com/membership.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Murray, Chair, Membership Committee at 916-359-6394 or at msmurray03@gmail.com.



ANNUAL KIYOSHI “PAT” ADACHI PICNIC
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
MATHER LAKE REGIONAL PARK, ROTARY GROVE
4111 Old Eagle Nest Rd, Mather CA 95655
SOCIAL: 11:00 AM; LUNCH: NOON
By Nancy Gust, Chair, Program Committee

Our last luncheon was held at the Dante Club on June 16th. An election was held for Board of Director positions with Sue Murray, Jane Smith, Bob Weil, and Sandra Leahy being elected and the dues increase for regular members from \$1.00 a month to \$2.00 and for Associate, Domestic Partner and Surviving Spouses from \$0.50 to \$1.00 a month passed.

It is time for our Annual Kiyoshi “Pat” Adachi Picnic at Mather Lake Regional Park off Zinfandel Drive. (See directions below)

The menu will include Tri Tip and Chicken, mango rice, green beans, mixed green salad, and rolls. For the Vegetarians there will be Vegetarian lasagna. Water, soda, and cookies will be provided by SCREA.

The cost will be \$25.00 for Members and \$28.00 for Non-Members.

The Health Department regulations do not allow the caterer to release any leftover food at the end of the picnic. Seconds will be allowed after everyone has been served to be eaten at picnic only.

Everyone must complete the reservation form found on the back of this News Briefs. **The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, August 15, 2023.** 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 may be made up to the reservation deadline of August 15, 2023.**

Parking: Everyone will have to look for Carol Summers in the parking lot to get their parking pass and then stop by the registration table to pick up your envelope.

The directions to Mather Lake Regional Park, Rotary Grove are as follows:

From Folsom, CA (Hwy 50)

Take Hwy 50 and exit at Sunrise Blvd.
 Turn left at top of ramp. Continue on Sunrise Blvd for approx. 4 miles then turn right on Douglas Rd.
 Continue on Douglas Rd for approx. 1 mile and turn left onto Zinfandel Dr.
 Look for the entrance and signs on the left.

For those traveling South on Sunrise Blvd.

Continue on Sunrise Blvd across Hwy 50, past Folsom Blvd. After you pass Folsom Blvd. your four-mile counter starts and follow the

directions above to turn right on Douglas Rd, then left on Zinfandel Drive.

From Hwy 99 or Hwy 80

Take your respective freeways to Hwy 50 and head towards Placerville/Lake Tahoe. Once you are on Hwy 50 you will take the Zinfandel Drive Exit and turn right. Follow Zinfandel Drive until you pass Douglas Rd. Park entrance will be on your left.

For all drivers - If you get to the golf course you went too far.

UPDATE FROM THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS OFFICE

By Alice Krueger, County Benefits Officer

Open Enrollment for 2024

We hope everyone has been enjoying the summer and is looking forward to the cooler autumn months. The Employee Benefits Office is gearing up for Open Enrollment which will run between October 2, 2023 and October 27, 2023 for calendar year 2024 benefits. There will be two in-person retiree benefits fairs for this year:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	ATTENDEES
Department of Personnel Services (DPS) - Tech Center 9310 Tech Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826	Wednesday October 4, 2023	9 AM – 12 PM	Sacramento County Employee Benefits Office Insurance Carriers*
Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) – East Parkway 7001-A East Parkway Sacramento, CA 95823	Thursday October 5, 2023	1 PM – 4 PM	Sacramento County Employee Benefits Office Insurance Carriers*

Materials for Open Enrollment will be sent out in mid-September, so keep an eye out for it arriving in your mail. Also pay attention to a form to elect how you would like to receive open enrollment materials next year for 2025 benefits. There will be a postcard for you to let the Employee Benefits Office know your choice. There will also be a summary of any changes for the upcoming 2024 benefit year included as well.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need further information. (916) 874-7614 or myretireebenefits@saccounty.gov



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- Auto Loans for Purchase or Refinance
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SCREA Board Election Results

By Carol Summers, Chair, Nominating Committee

On June 16, 2023, at the annual general membership meeting and election at the Dante Club, the following Slate of Candidates was introduced to the membership:

Sue Murray, Incumbent
Jane Smith, Incumbent
Bob Weil, Incumbent
Sandra Leahy, Nominee

No other nominations were made from the floor. Members were asked to approve the slate of candidates by a voice vote. All members approved the slate of candidates with no objections. The vote was unanimous. This slate of candidates will serve from July 2023 to June 2026.

At the July 10, 2023 SCREA Board meeting, Pamela Thomas was appointed by President Randal Angeloni to fill the vacant board position. Her term of office is until 2026. Pam graciously extended her time on the Board for another 3 years or until such time as SCREA is able to fill her position as the Editor of "News Briefs", the quarterly SCREA newsletter.

We have no SCREA Board vacancies at this time. I would encourage any interested active members to consider becoming a Board member. Please contact me at mauisummers13@gmail.com if you are interested in applying or have any questions. I would like to keep a list of interested members if we have vacancies in the future.

MOVING? FORMS TO ADVISE SCERS AND SCREA

If you plan on moving any time soon, there are **two** very important places to notify.

First, notify the Retirement Office (SCERS) by downloading and completing a SCERS Member's Affidavit form from their website, <https://sacountyretirees.com/county-retirement-system>. Once completed, return the form to SCERS, 980 9th Street, Suite 1900, Sacramento, CA 95814-2739. If you prefer, you may call SCERS and request a DocuSign version of the form. SCERS Reception is at 916-874-9119. **If you do not notify SCERS of your new address, you will miss receiving your retirement check!**

Second, notify SCREA of your new address by completing the form below and forwarding it to SCREA at the address on the form so you can continue receiving your quarterly News Briefs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE OR EMAIL
(for SCREA only)

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

Name(s) _____

New Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Effective Date for Change _____

HOME WARRANTIES - A GOOD IDEA?

Stephen F. Pettee, Administrator, Pacific Group Agency

Are home warranties a good idea? Recent market research surveys show home repair and maintenance costs averaged \$2,467 and home emergency spending — i.e., an unexpected repair — was \$1,953 on average; \$4,420 altogether. Escalating factors caused homeowners to put certain tasks on the backburner this year. Higher prices for gas cut into home project funds for over half of homeowners, two-thirds of homeowners concerned with inflation rates say it caused them to delay maintenance, and 52% of homeowners with financial concerns are holding out on home improvements due to recession concerns.

Regardless of what you may pay for those expenses, they have the potential to upend a household's budget when unexpected. While some of the costs may be unpredictable, there are things you can do to mitigate their sting. Regular home maintenance is an excellent way to prevent small issues from becoming large, expensive headaches. Whether its cleaning or replacing your HVAC filters, removing food and debris from your dishwasher, maintaining good plumbing habits, or keeping your washer and dryer free from lint and mold, simple maintenance habits go a long way to extending the life of your home appliances.

But what happens when an appliance ultimately needs a repair or replacement? The vast majority of homeowners, 74%, say they pay for home repairs as they arise and do not save for these unexpected repairs. But home warranty plans are able to help homeowners save by providing coverage for those costly repairs and replacements. Enter Armadillo: a subscription-based home warranty plan for when a covered item breaks. They schedule and coordinate service appointments and manage the logistics to repair or replace.

They sweat the small stuff and the big stuff so you don't have to. There are 3 tiers of coverage available to fit your specific needs: the Appliance, Comprehensive, and Luxury plans. Armadillo covers normal wear and tear of major appliances (refrigerators, dishwashers, washer/dryers), HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems. This includes the cost of parts and labor to repair or replace the appliances and systems.

Interested in learning how you can save on your home repairs? Armadillo's dedicated team can answer any questions you may have about their services; just call 844-403-2123 for more information. The team here at Pacific Group Agencies will be more than happy to assist you with enrollment questions or general information about the plan. Contact us at 800-511-9065.

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday,
November 5**

**Be sure to turn your
clocks back**





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ANNUAL KIYOSHI "PAT" ADACHI PICNIC
MATHER LAKE REGIONAL PARK (ROTARY GROVE)
RESERVATION FORM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

"New" e-mail addresses ONLY: _____

Non-Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Non-Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

- # _____ Member's Tri Tip/Chicken \$ 25.00
- # _____ Member's Vegetarian Lasagna \$ 25.00
- # _____ Non-Member's Tri Tip/Chicken \$ 28.00
- # _____ Non-Member's Vegetarian Lasagna \$ 28.00

TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED _____

NO FOOD MAY BE TAKEN HOME FROM THE EVENT BECAUSE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

RESERVATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR RESERVATION FORM IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS. **ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE CALLED IN BY THE RESERVATION DEADLINE (08/15/2023).** PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. **SEND THIS FORM** AND A CHECK PAYABLE TO SCREA, TO **SCREA, P.O. BOX 573, FAIR OAKS, CA 95628.**