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From the President

At our February meeting, we had our annual visit from Richard Stensrud, CEO of the Sacramento County Retirement System. He is an excellent speaker, and delivered his usual happy news: a COLA raise for all, and the continuing sound status of the retirement systems assets. Their investment strategies were explained to us in easy to understand terms, and I for one am glad Mister Stensrud and his people are taking care of our retirement money. He also commented on recent articles in one of the local newspapers about retirement pay-outs to some Sheriff's Department retirees that attempted to put them in a bad light. He contacted the newspaper to set the record straight about incentive pay, leave balance pay-outs and other issues after some difficulty finding someone who was willing to take responsibility for the article or the headline. Be it known that whatever gets written in the 711 Club newsletter, there is always someone willing to back up their writings.

Jan Arbuckle also attended the February meeting and told us about an exciting new program she is starting. She has given up her position of leadership with the Sheriff's Peer Support Program with Gordon Smith assuming the position. Jan will still be a part of Peer Support, but her new focus will be on what can be done for retirees and their families. This is great news for us, as Jan has always been very involved in Peer Support and it will be great to have her in our corner when the need arises. For most of us, that need will arise. If you have any suggestions on how Peer Support can work with retirees, Jan would be happy to hear them.

Our March meeting will feature Yolanda Smith, who is the Senior Retiree Programs Consultant for Kaiser Permanente. She has an excellent presentation that she calls Medicare 101 and she will be available for any

IN THIS ISSUE:		and all questions you might have about medicare. It should be very informative.	
Presidents Message	1	 Our Range day this year will be on the <u>3rd</u> Wednesday of the month, May 18. The first line starts at 0800 and the last line will be 1200, just in time for lunch. Mark your calendars and make plans to be there. More details will be sent out as the date gets closer. (see page 2). That's all for now. See ya at the next meeting. -EE (Earl Evans) 	
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711 NEWSLETTER

<u>RANGE DAY</u>

<u>May 18, 2016, Range Day shoot and Picnic</u>—<u>This is for paid members of the 711 Club.</u> This is a reminder that the annual range day will be held on May 18, 2016, at the Kenneth Royal Range. You are **not** required to qualify for in state CCW authorization.

If you want to qualify for out of state carry (18USC 926c/ HR 218): bring your own weapon, and a holster. You must shoot from a holster. The session is 20 rounds. You must present your SSD ID to shoot.

You bring your own ammo. (20 rounds per line). The range fee has been waived by Sheriff Jones. Range qualifications will start about 0800 hours and the last line is noon. The price will be \$15.00 and will include sodas and cold water. <u>THE LUNCH MUST BE PAID IN</u> ADVANCE DUE TO NO SHOWS.

You must have a R.S.V.P. before May ??, 2016. I need to know if you are going to shoot even if you are not planning on eating.

March Birthdays

- 1. Del Stuck, Art Stulmann, Leroy Worden
- 2. Nancy Gust
- 3. Barbara Scott, Charles Randall, James Babcock
- 4. Richard Taylor
- 5. Manual Rivera
- 6. Richard Matranga
- 7. Sue Safholm
- 8. James Bell, Juanita Hufalar
- 9. Richard Knight
- 11. William Brown
- 12. Carl Williams, Joe Doupe
- 15. Ed Doonan, Louis Blanas
- 17. Ferrel Pendleton, Robert Bell
- 18. Joe Simoni, Jim Ackermann
 19. Sharon Cadagan
 20. Earl Boyd, Vaughnene Putman
 22. William Woodel
 24. Neil Taber, Val Kobza, Matt Curtis
 25. Gary Boutwell, Sharon Telles
 26. Paul Evans, Steve Wright
 27. Michael Linn-Kidwell
 28. Jim Hall
 29. Robert White, Darlene Painter, Bob Smalling, Cullis "Don" Jones
 30. Sam Matranga
 31. Willie Nix

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Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2016 L

Location: SPOA Facility 550 Bercut Drive, Sacramento

Meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m.by President Earl Evans. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Lunch was served at 12:15 p.m.

The following Officers and Board Members were present:

	Officers	Board of Directors	
Х	President Earl Evans	Х	Sandy Boyd-Pierce
Х	Vice President: Rich Madrigal	NP	John Woodhouse
Х	Treasurer: Kathy Shannon	Х	Karlene Doupe
Х	Secretary: Nancy Gust	Х	Judy Denton
Х	Sgt. at Arms: Sam Gault	Х	Larry Jarvis
Х	Past President: Dave Evans	Х	Pat O'Neal

General Members Present: 44 Guests: 3

New members: Rosie Sutherland & Collen Fitzpatrick

Guest Speaker: Richard Stensrud, SCERS - First question, what will the COLA be in 2016? Effective in the April 2016 checks it will be 4% for Tier 1 who retired before 1979; 2.5% for Safety 1 & Misc Tier 1; Safety Tier 2 and Misc. Tier 3 will be 2%. The extra 0.5% for these members will be banked for a year when the COLA is under 2%.

The investment performance for 2015 was flat but the 3 yr and 5 yr return was 6.9%. The current target is 7.5%. The long-term return was 8.2%. The system uses a 7 year smoothing average so if the market goes up or down drastically it's not a huge hit to the system. The investment portfolio continues to pay for the bulk of retirement. SCERS is going to be doing even more risk analysis. They are also working with the County to establish more autonomy, control and authority for the retirement system. There is State legislation in the works for the 1937 Act counties to allow them to make these changes.

The Sacramento Bee had published an article that said County employees were getting large payouts and "spiking" their pensions. Mr. Stensrud contacted the Bee and explained that those were lump-sum payouts and were not included in pension calculations. The Bee printed a notice of the error and also did a new article that corrected what they had previously reported.

At this time, all pension reform initiatives have been pulled from the ballot. New target date per the sponsors is 2018. Stay tuned.

Additional Speakers:

Jan Arbuckle – Past Coordinator for the Peer Support Program. Gordon Smith will be assuming that role. Jan is going to focus on a new position that focuses on retirees. She would like feedback on what the Peer Support Program can do for you.

Treasurer's Report: On file and available for review	Secretary's Report: Published in Newsletter
Sunshine Report: Bob Denham's brother passed away	Old Business: None

New Business:

Range Day is May 18th, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 0800-1200 hrs for qualifying. Must bring your own holster, ammo for each weapon and Department ID. Lunch will be served starting at noon. Come out and have a soda or a water while you wait for lunch.
 If you fly frequently you may want to file an application for Frequent Flyer Status. Fee is \$85.00 for five years. You make look on-line for an office near you or go to 2240 Lake Washington Blvd, West Sacramento (Near Pheasant Club). Question was asked on whether we pay our speakers a fee. Answer was they get a free lunch.

The raffle was held and the free lunches for April were won by: Richard De Cuir, Dottie Greene, and Don Savage

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 p.m. Minutes Submitted by: Nancy Gust, Secretary Next Meeting: March 9 at SPOA

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36th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Bowling Tournament South Lake Tahoe May 6 & 7, 2016

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 6th

Saturday, May 7th

2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Doubles Bowling

9:00 am to 12:00 pm 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Team Bowling Lunch @ Bowling Alley Singles Bowling Banquet @ Inn by the Lake Awards & Raffle

Entry Fees and Reservations

\$55.00 per person

For more information contact Rich Reid at 916 638-5642 or email at **richster521@yahoo.com** or Ed Thomas at 209-912-4312 or **egishome@gmail.com**.

To make your reservations, call 800-877-1466 or 530-542-0330 as soon as possible!!! The motel requires a **14-day written cancellation notice**. Check in time is 2:00 p.m., check out time is noon. The hotel will honor these rates for additional nights if you want to stay longer.

Next Meeting - March 9, 2016

SPOA Banquet Facility 550 Bercut Drive, Sacramento 11:00 AM Social hour 12 Noon Lunch Followed by raffle RSVP By: Thursday, March 3rd Kathy Shannon (916) 952-7395 keshannon004@gmail.com

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