



SCREA NEWS

South Country Retired Educators Association

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SCREA UPDATE OCTOBER 2024

Dear SCREA Members,

Enclosed please find the Fall SCREA newsletter. Due to a decline in SCREA membership and enrollment, the executive officers decided that this will be the last hard copy mailing of the newsletter. The board decided to eliminate the hard copy mailing due to the cost of mailings which includes postage, printing, and envelopes. You will be able to view the newsletter information on the SCREA website. The SCREA board asks for your continued monetary support which enables us to provide scholarships to graduating seniors entering the field of education. SCREA donations also, provide the funding which allows the SCREA website, run by Jim McGowan, to function.

As we enter the Fall of 2024, SCREA continues to be supported by myself, Sandi Bolze, Vice President, Debra Poore, Treasurer, Lynn Leistman, Secretary, Jean Gray, Health and Welfare Representative, and Jim McGowan, Website News.

Through your generosity and commitment to our Educational Scholarship Awards fund, SCREA presented \$1500 scholarships to two of South Country's graduating seniors. The recipients were Samantha DeLillo, who will be attending Vanderbilt University, and Derek Griffin who will be attending Genoese University. These students will be entering the field of Education in the Fall. The scholarship were given in memory of the following SCREA members: Ann Rosen, Gilbert Halpin, Arthur Bement, Rosalie Lipson and Sandy Redock.

SCREA sends best wishes to the following teachers on their retirement this year: Mary Zaffarano, Josie Messina,(FPL) Lynn Cullen, Shelly Tooker, Erika Watson,(VWC) and Lisa Carrano.(BHS) These retirees were invited to our annual luncheon as a guest of SCREA and encouraged to join our organization.

Please consider joining our retirement organization. The dues are only \$25 per year and the scholarship fund amount is left to your discretion. For those who are members of SCREA, please continue your support through dues and scholarship funds.

This years' luncheon was held on September 25th at Lombardi 's on the Bay. The hours were from 12:00noon-3:00pm. The number of members attending the luncheon was 30 which included one new retiree. During the luncheon , Jeanne Gray the new healthcare representative of our United Healthcare consortium reported on meetings she attended. As stated the number of members attending the luncheon was thirty and it should also be noted that this number is the minimum number needed to secure a luncheon at most restaurants. The attendance at the past three luncheons has been greatly reduced which is a concern for the SCREA board. Any suggestions that you may have in regards to increasing our membership numbers and attendance at our luncheon are welcomed. You are able to reach me at cwalsh1026@optonline.net. Feel free to check out the SCREA web site as Jim McGowen keeps us apprised of new events.

Respectfully submitted by our Executive Board,

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