

The RASCAL Register

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Mark Your Calendar

RASCAL Picnic
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Retzlaff Winery
1356 South Livermore Ave.
Livermore, CA

Watch your Email
More information coming

RASCAL organizes a June picnic and a December luncheon every year. These events have been reasonably well attended and provide an excellent opportunity to catch up with former Sandia associates. Unfortunately our turnout for these events has been declining in recent years, attendance at last year's picnic and luncheon was barely over 50. As our numbers get smaller the cost per attendee increases. One way to help us with this issue other than your signups is to feel free to invite friends or family to attend with you.

Pictures from past luncheons



Marianne and Barry Green



Eve Marion, Sue and Cook Story



Roger Everett, Jeri Norris,
Rodger Page, Hal Norris



Dan Dawson, Bill Ballard,
Jim Bartel

Holiday Luncheon

December 6, 2018
Elks Lodge



John & Suzanne Didlake



Barry Green & Maclyn Pons



Marge Mederios & Martha Campiotti



Barry & Marianne Green



Hal & Jeri Norris, Don Bohrer,
Marie Dremalas



Jim Muir, John Tootle, Ray Culy



Gail Bryan & Roger Everett



Dan Dawson, Tom Brumleve, Joe Vieira



Jim Baumann, Bruce Nevin, Ray Culy



Glenda Muir & Dolores Nevin



Suzanne Didlake & Kit Schmidt



Linda Houston & Bill Ormond



Kit Schmidt, Bernie Marx, Bonnie Ladd



Marie Dremalas, John & Rosemary
Tootle, Glenda Muir



Jane Everett, Gail Bryan



Barry Green, Maclyn Pons,
Marianne Green



Hal & Jeri Norris



Corky Ford, Karen & Harry Davis,
Bill Ormond



Kevin Schroder, Tom Brumleve,
Joe Vieira



Janet Vieira, Shirley Olsen



Wanda Finn, Gail Bryan



John Smugeresky, Jim Dremalas



Al Mederios, Glenda Muir, Marge Mederios



Bill Carter, Kit Schmidt

Retiree Death Benefits Procedures

Following are suggested steps and information about benefits procedures for a family member of a Sandia retiree following the retiree's death:

Notify Sandia HR by calling 505-844-4237, Option 2. HR has a representative to assist a retiree's family and/or beneficiaries.

Any pension benefits the retiree receives will cease the month following the date of death. (The pension amount for the month in which the retiree passes will not be affected.) After notice is received by Sandia, a Sandia representative will provide this notice to Prudential Retirement to stop future annuity payments. In the event any annuity payments are made to the participant's account after the month the retiree dies, Prudential will recapture any overpayments by contacting the retiree's bank or their estate administrator.

Sandia will provide information to the eligible beneficiary(ies) regarding benefits that are payable as a result of the retiree's passing.

Sandia must receive an original death certificate before paying any benefits that become due to an eligible beneficiary(ies).

If life insurance is available, Sandia will initiate a claim with Prudential Life Insurance. Prudential will then contact the beneficiary(ies) directly to obtain information required to process the claim.

If the retiree had voluntary supplemental life insurance coverage through MetLife, the beneficiary(ies) should contact MetLife Customer Service at 866-492-6983 to submit a claim.

Sandia will notify OneExchange by

Towers Watson (formerly Extend Health) of the retiree's passing, or the passing of their spouse, in order to stop any health insurance benefits. Refer to the **Sandia Health Benefits Plan for Retirees Summary Plan Description** for more information about this process.

If there is a surviving spouse of a deceased retiree, that spouse may be eligible for continued health insurance as of the first of the month after the retiree passes away. OneExchange will contact the surviving spouse within 10 business days after Sandia provides notice of death to assist the spouse with surviving spouse coverage.

If the retiree has a 401(k) balance in the Sandia Savings and Income Plan, Sandia will initiate a service request with Fidelity's Beneficiary Qualification Services. The eligible beneficiary(ies) will be contacted by Fidelity's beneficiary qualification services about their distribution options and the value of the 401(k) inherited. Fidelity will process the transfer of the 401(k) inherited after the beneficiary supplies all requested documents.

If you have questions, contact Sandia HR by calling 505-844-4237, Option 2.

TO ALL RETIREES We Need Articles

If you have a newsletter article to share you can either contact casandians@gmail.com or by mail at RASCAL, P. O. Box 18, Livermore, CA 94551. Possibilities include hobbies, vacations, problems you have incurred since retirement and suggestions for things you might like to see included in the newsletter.

Recent Deaths:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
William Wall	10-09-18
Ken Finders	12-2018
Neil Reichmuth	12-26-18
Rodney Nissen	01-25-19



For Information and to Contact Sandia Health, Benefits, and Employee Services (HBE):

HBE Customer Service Phone:
505-844-HBES(4237)

HBE Customer Service Web Site:
<http://hbe.sandia.gov>

One Exchange:
1-888-598-7809
<https://medicare.oneexchange.com/sandia>

Retirees Association of Sandia

If you know of a Sandia retiree who is not a RASCAL, please encourage them to join. They should send their name, email address, and \$5.00 yearly dues (\$50.00 lifetime dues) to Retirees Association of Sandia/CAL, (RASCAL), P.O. Box 18, Livermore, CA 94551.

Thank You

Thank you to Jim & Glenda Muir, and Ken Marx for the holiday photos.

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