

Dear H. C. S. C. Friends,

These are positively motivating times for our JCPenney H. C. S. C. Alumni Club. It was only a year ago that we celebrated together in San Antonio, and now, preparations are already in place for our next ***National Convention***, which will be in ***Sacramento, CA, September 28-30 (Saturday – Monday), 2019.***

The planning team, led by Robin Caldwell, held teleconferences, gathered detailed information on several potential sites, and were unanimous in the selection of Sacramento. Additional members of the team and their respective LMGs are David Kloose (Northern California/Nevada), Phil Shama (Northwest), Steve Strom (Mile High), and Tom Clarke (Southwest).

Many of us on the at-large national board were pleasantly surprised to learn of the many wonderful and fun things there are to do in the Sacramento area and we readily voiced united approval. It is an ideal location to extend your stay before or after the convention.

More information will be made available as we move the event planning forward. We wanted you to have the dates so you can work them into your personal plans.

I hope that you are already thinking about this opportunity to get to visit with many of your friends at our gathering. I've heard it said, *"The only people who don't have a good time at the national conventions are those who don't attend."*

Also, we are currently in the process of reaching out to almost ***three thousand*** Voluntary Early Retirement Participants (VERP) and inviting them to join the H. C. S. C. Alumni Club. We are hopeful that many of them will complete the application and connect with us.

As we receive their information we will advise the Local Meeting Group closest to them so that you can encourage them to get involved in your LMG's activities. Remember, the best way to retain members long-term is through personal relationships.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.