



PASADENA RPEA CHAPTER 007 NEWSLETTER

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“Our (almost) Annual Christmas Party” Charismatics – Dickenson Costumed Choral Group

Thursday, December 9 at 12:00 Noon

Villa Gardens Retirement Community

842 E. Villa Street, Pasadena

5th Floor Villa Vista Assembly Room

Cost: Free to RPEA members & one guest - Others \$5

Everyone MUST Be Vaccinated!

We will be checking cards!

Masks are also Required!

COVID protocols are still in effect. Nursing and retirement homes are much more strict than commercial establishments. If you are NOT vaccinated, please consider attending a future meeting when restrictions have been lifted.

Even though this meal is free to most attendees, we still need reservations. Because the meal is banquet style, we need to have a good head count the Friday before the meeting. We're moving upstairs to the Villa Vista Room for our Christmas meeting. Take the elevator to the 5th floor; go west.

Chapter Elections at December Meeting

All three of our chapter officers have agreed to serve for another year until we can get our act together following this COVID thing. We will be formally asking for a motion to this effect at the meeting to make things legal. However, we can still use a volunteer to be secretary or a board member at large.

Reservations Required!

Please call one of the following by
!! Friday, December 3 !!

Larry Harsha	1-626-351-0183
Walter White	1-626-359-5805

Or e-mail to LandCharsha@yahoo.com your reservation with “RPEA” in the subject line.

Menu: Turkey and All the Trimmings

**Street Parking or
Free Valet Parking Only
Enter Villa driveway near main entrance
(The church parking lot is off-limits!)**

**Public Transportation:
MTA Bus Routes 180 & 485
Pasadena Transit Routes 20 & 40
Metro Gold Line - Lake Station**



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The date of the next Board of Directors meeting is undetermined. Until we are able to regularly hold general chapter meetings, we won't be holding board meetings either. Members will be informed via email regarding future chapter events.

If you are a new RPEA member or haven't been to one of our local chapter luncheons, please come. This lunch is free for members (or anyone signing up to be a member).
(Don't forget to make a reservation).

Larry's COVID Observations

Before the lockdown, if you went into a bank wearing a mask, they would call the police. After the lockdown started, you had to wear a mask to get into the bank, assuming you could find one open. Also, it seemed to take us longer to do nothing.

Chapter President's Notes

by Larry Harsha

Our chapter lost eight from our total membership of around 350 since the COVID shutdown – two were active members: Gene Ramaker and Kay Ferraro. Prior to the shutdown we lost Leta Ross and Ralph Bicker. Ralph was our former RPEA area director. Speaking of area directors, Ellie Knapp, our current director, is moving to Texas after the first of the year. Bob Siegler, a former area director, is taking her place.

I think the biggest positive thing to come out of this pandemic is Zoom video conferencing. It has changed the way business is conducted. I think there will be a lot fewer cross-country business flights and it will reduce company costs.

Have you become proficient using Zoom? One nice thing about Zoom is that you do not need to get fully dressed, unless you want to. Also, you do not have to fight traffic and pay for parking. I have watched a lot of things on Zoom that I would not have attended in person. Sometimes there are two Zoom presentations on at the same time. My college had some Zoom sessions and I saw classmates I had not seen in close to sixty years. I have heard of families having Zoom get-togethers, since they could not get together in person. My wife has participated in Zoom bible study classes and our church board met using Zoom. A lot of churches used Zoom or YouTube, so that church members could continue to worship and stay in touch.

I manage a softball team and we had a Zoom meeting every couple of weeks to keep in touch with each other. We conducted all of our manager's meetings, where we discussed rules and schedules, on Zoom. We finally started to play actual games again this past summer.