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**President
Joan Gates**

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE!

Anyone getting "Cabin Fever" yet? I have been out and about a couple of times recently and only because Stillman and I have had Dr.'s appointments, and I had eye surgery.

I vaguely remember, as a child, standing with my mother in line, with her coupon book, to get some grocery items that were in short supply. Many of our chapter membership can identify with this memory, I'm sure! Although these times are not the same, it's still very disconcerting to see the empty shelves and see, on TV, people in panic mode. At this time, we need to, especially at our age, stay calm. Follow those preventive medical instructions. Therefore, I will not repeat them again here.

TO REAFIRM, THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS CANCELED FOR APRIL 2020.

We hopefully will be able to have the MAY board meeting and the JUNE membership meeting.

In conclusion, please follow instructions and take care of yourselves.

Joan Gates,
President
AUBURN Chapter 030



NOTICE!

Due to the Governor's notice that there shall be no large meetings and that older people should not gather in one location, the board has decided to cancel the **APRIL** meeting at **AWFUL ANNIE'S**. We are hoping that there will be a **JUNE** meeting. Everyone stay well.

ATTENTION! APRIL MEETING IS CANCELED!

**ANY QUESTIONS?
CALL A MEMBER OF YOUR
BOARD.**

For the JUNE meeting, remember to bring items for the INTERFAITH FOOD CLOSET. Non-parishable food items only, please.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Cans of Tuna – Canned Fruit – Canned Mixed Vegetables – Diced Tomatoes – Peanut Butter – Canned soup (not Top Ramen They have many cases of them already)

ALSO

Items for the HOMELESS SHELTER are also needed. Socks, personal items, toiletries.

About the RPEA

RPEA is a non profit organization of retirees and active employees who are members of **California Public Retirement System (CalPERS)** Our mission is important

- * **RPEA** represents all public employees – classified schools, public agencies, and state.
- * **RPEA** is a liaison between retirees and CalPERS.
- * **RPEA** is a mutual protective association for all beneficiaries of CalPERS.
- * **RPEA** fights to maintain our current pension and health care benefits and improve these benefits every year.
- * **RPEA** has local chapters in your area – attend meeting to stay informed and hear interesting speakers.
- * While we encourage participation in one of our 75 chapters, most of our members participate by reading our bi-monthly newsletter, giving us feed back on their needs and enrolling in one of our “Members Only” supplemental insurance programs.

At \$5.00 per month, RPEA is a bargain that is hard to resist. You need us to fight to protect your earned pensions and benefits. We need you and you to support our fight to protect our pensions and benefits.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

What is everyone doing when you have to stay home? Me? I do a lot of reading- always have. I have a **Kindle** reader and right now I have about 2,500 books saved on my computer. I only keep maybe a dozen in the **Kindle** and when I want another I download it.

I have found several places where I can get **free books**. Sometimes they cost me \$.99 cents. If it’s something I want to read, I’ll pay \$1.99. If I find a book for \$2.99, that I **REALLY** want to read, I’ll pay the price. But I have to really want to read it!

What else do I do? I like to write. I have written several books and some short stories. It keeps me out of trouble. This is something that any of you can do.

No, you won’t find my books in the book store. I write just for the pleasure of it and when I’m done I print them and stack them in the closet, in a box.

What else do I do? I bake bread and Custard Pies!

Bob

**STAY SAFE
AND
HEALTHY**

OUR TRIP TO GREECE

Shirley and I got back from Greece on March 18th. We will complete our mandatory 14 day quarantine on April 1st. I was a very interesting and exciting trip. Due to Covid 19, it was shortened, but we saw some great scenery and archaeological sites: the Acropolis in Athens, St. Stephens Monastery in Meteora and Scrocorinth Greece. These are some of the sites you can pull up on your computer, to see where we were. There were some beautiful areas, and the people were very friendly.

We were with our church group, which made it more fun, as we knew our fellow travelers. Greece is an ancient country, with much of thousands of years old. That includes things like the plumbing. To see building and other structures that are over a thousand years old, still standing, is truly awe inspiring. We are excited if our roof lasts 25 years!

We will continue our shelter at home strategy, except for trips for for groceries, until things settle down. Hope to see everyone when our RPEA meeting resume.

Tom and Shirley Klasey

QUOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

Some people might say, "Who would want to be 90?" I say "Anyone who is 89."

Phyllis Diller

Looking fifty is great - if you are sixty.

Joan Rivers

The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.

Lucille Ball

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work it's way through Congress.

Will Rogers

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

General Assembly 2020 will be held at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West. 2200 Harvard St. Sacramento, CA. From September 21 – 24, 2020.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

____ **Registration** (September 21st)

____ **Greeters** (September 21st)

____ **Surplus Inventory Sale** (September 22nd)

Please contact your President, Joan Gates for more information, if needed. Also contact Norma Rose via e-mail at nrose610@yahoo.com or by phone at 925-292-9017 to sign up no later than **August 1, 2020**

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YOU COULD SEE THIS NEWSLETTER IN BRIGHT, LIVING, COLOR, IF YOU WOULD SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. THE NEWSLETTERS WILL NOW BE PRINTED IN BLACK AND WHITE, TO CUT THE COST. THE EMAIL VERSION WILL STILL BE IN COLOR.

INVITATION TO YOU OUT OF STATE AND OUT OF COUNTY MEMBERS!

We would like to invite any of our members, who live out of state or out of county, to join us. If you happen to be in town during our meeting, come by and say hi and maybe tell us about some of your adventures.

This invitation also includes any of you from other chapters if you would like to stop by, introduce yourself and tell us about your chapter.

Bob
 Chapter 030 Vice-President

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