



SIERRA FOOTHILLS NEWSLETTER

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President
Joan Gates

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HO! HO! HO! It's that time of the year again when we hear everyone say, "Where did the year go?" It doesn't seem possible; in less than a month, we will welcome in year 2020.

Everyone have their New Year resolutions ready? Our Chapter should be very proud of themselves, we have reached out to the community very successfully. In addition to collecting food stuffs, clothes for the shelter, brick program (Inter-Faith Food Closet) participation in the Salvation Army bell ringing program, and finally looking forward to the completion of our Welcome sign project.

Whether you come to the meetings for social purposes (seeing old friends) guest speakers who sound interesting, or keep up on Legislation affecting our pensions, you will always go away with a smile on your face.

We are looking forward to seeing some new members from Chapter 095, who changed there membership when their chapter closed. As members of the RPEA we all have a special bond. We are a happy and friendly group. In addition, you might just win a door prize. As a board, we try to give you a chapter you will be proud of and want to be a member of.

Thanks again for all your support during the year of 2019. Looking forward to a great year in 2020!

Happy Holidays!



Joan

**MEETING DATE For 2020
February 17**

Put these dates on your calendar!

CHAPTER 030 BOARD MEETING

Next Board meeting will be on **January 20, 2020** at 11:00am at **Depoe Bay Coffee Co** 893 High St. Auburn. All members are invited to attend.

AUBURN CHAPTER 030 LUNCH MEETING

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2019

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Awful Annie's
13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA.

SPEAKER: Don Adams

SUBJECT: Holiday Story Telling. Don is a member of the
FOOTHILL STORY TELLING GUILD.

(See page 3 for details)

FOR MEETING / LUNCH RESERVATION

NOTE: MEETING will be HELD ON THE 3rd
MONDAY, December 16, 2019

CONTACT: Bob or Marilyn Baker

At oldsock39@gmail.com or call (530) 446-3122.

You can also text me at (530) 906-0765.

Reservations are needed, so that the staff will have tables set up for us.

PLEASE NOTE: Cash or check only. No credit or debit cards.

HOW TO SAVE YOUR CHAPTER MONEY !

IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS, YOU COULD SAVE YOUR CHAPTER \$1.34 FOR EACH NEWSLETTER MAILED. I MAILED OUT 104 NEWSLETTERS IN OCTOBER.

PLEASE HELP !

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.

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

PLEASE! No out of date food items.

ALSO

Items for the HOMELESS SHELTER are also needed. Socks, personal items, toiletries. IT'S GETTING THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHERE THE WEATHER IS GETTING COLD!

Autobiography of Cathy Capps

I was born in San Francisco in 1947. My childhood was pretty much unremarkable except for the fact that I attended a French national school located very near San Francisco's Chinatown. The school was nowhere close to our home and no one in our family spoke French, but I managed to survive 12 years there.

I moved on to college at UC Davis where I met my husband Bill; we married in 1969. We were somewhat carefree spirits, i.e. rode around on a motorcycle, performed in a regional theater group based in the Bay Area and, since Bill worked for Western Air Lines, we traveled whenever we got the notion. In 1977 we moved to Newcastle where we settled down *somewhat*; we built our home the next year, raised our two sons there and got involved doing volunteer work within the community. We continued to travel whenever we could, decided to take up sailing and (basically) made a pact to never completely grow-up.

In 1984 I took a part-time job with a small local company. Then in 1988 I was hired as a clerk typist, extra help at the Placer County Welfare Department. At the time I started working at Welfare it was a stand-alone department; however, in 1995 when Welfare merged with Health to become Health & Human Services, I had an opportunity to move around within a very large department. Through my 20 years employment at Placer County I worked within every division of HHS.

I officially retired in 2008 from HHS Administration, but returned for three additional years as extra help. In 2011 I officially joined my husband in retirement. As retirees we travel as much as we can, but we don't get a chance to do much sailing anymore. We have a travel trailer for short trips and when we are home we spend lots of time working on our house and getting together with our three grandchildren.



THE SALVATION ARMY

In case you have not heard, the Salvation Army has teamed up with "TOYS FOR CHILDREN." It would be nice if you would bring an unwrapped toy to our December meeting for a female or male child. We will see that they get to their office after the meeting. This program is to furnish toys to "1st Responders" for children at an accident or fires. They prefer something along the line of a "huggy toy" to help calm a child who has survived a bad trauma.

As you already know, they have closed the Salvation Army Thrift shop in Auburn and have become partners with "My Lil' Thrift Shop" at 359 Nevada Street, Suite 103, in Auburn. If you have anything for the SA Thrift Shop, take it there.

THE HOMELESS SHELTER

Also remember that we have homeless on our streets and it's getting into the winter months. Hats, stocking caps, gloves and socks would be greatly appreciated. Also, personal items such as tooth brushes and other personal items for women would also be useful.

I misspelled "SIERRA" in the last newsletter. I can't believe no one caught that!

Legislative Information

A couple of things to be aware in the coming months. The premium rates for health care are on the rise. This months RPEA issue has the various plans that are offered, and what the rates will be for the next year. Please review those to see what will be happening for your plan. Also, as I mentioned at the last RPEA meeting, the Calpers long Term Care court hearing is moving forward and the judge in the case has suggested that Calpers negotiate a settlement to avoid a very large financial hit to the bottom line. For those that purchased Long Term Care insurance, keep an eye on the news to see when some result will be announced. Nothing else of legislative significance is happening currently.

**Tom Klasey,
Legislative Representative
Chapter 030**

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**DON ADAMS,
STORY TELLER**

We will also hear about "The Auburn Winter Story Telling Fest" that will be on Saturday, January 25th 2020. At the **General Gomaz Arts and events center**. 808 Lincoln way, Auburn, CA.

With:
Children's Hour
Work Shop
Liar's Contest
Evening Tellers Showcase

Sounds interesting!

*Merry Christmas
One and
All!*



Dumb sayings from your editor!

1. The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.
---*Lucille Ball*
2. Some people might say "Who wants to be 90?" And I say, "Anyone who is 89."
---*Phyllis Diller*
3. Middle age is when your classmates are so grey and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.
---*Bennett Cerf*
4. If you live to the age of 100 you have it made because very few people die past the age of 100.
---*George Burns*
5. You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.
---*Bob Hope*
6. The surprising thing about young fools is how many survive to become old fools.
---*Doug Larson*
7. Don't worry about avoiding temptation. . .as you grow older, it will avoid you.
---*Winston Churchill*



Marilyn Baker, Ch 030 (l) and Deann McCall, (r)
President, North Coast Redwoods Chapter 024,
Eureka, California

(Bob was there! But someone had to take the picture!)

Deann McCall. Our President, **Joan Gates**, had connected with her at a seminar or two. **Deann** lives in a small community, east of Eureka, called **Cutten. Eureka, Humboldt County.** **Deann** went to work for the Court System, right out of high school and worked there for 37 years. Her husband is a logger and she has a daughter who lives in **Rocklin, California.** The **Crescent City** Chapter closed in **January**, and about 30 members joined **Chapter 024.** It is a 100 mile drive, down Highway 101, to **Eureka.** They have about 25 members who attend the lunch/meetings. The meetings are held at the **Samoa Cook House.** We ate there and it's good. At one time, **Deann** was the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter editor. Their membership is about like ours, 250 members.

Our trip started off a little unnerving. After driving a 100 miles on Highway 36 from **Red Bluff**, we were stopped, just past **Dinsmore.** The road was closed ahead, for bridge construction. We would have to go back and go around. Or, we could take **Forest Service Road 1**, across the mountains to Highway 299. It would be a 60 mile trip (over 3 hours) through old burned-out trees still standing, white and ghost-like. We never saw another car until we were about 10 miles or so from Highway 299. The best we could do was drive between 25 and 35 miles per hour, and still miss the many pot holes, swerving around the ones he could see. We hit one that should have blown a tire. It wasn't until we got home that he discovered the tire jack was left behind in the garage. He said he didn't want to get caught out there after dark. I kept telling him that this road had to eventually come out somewhere. We did see 4 or 5 white-faced, black steers. **Bob** said he wished they could tell him where he was. He did stop and took their picture. After a couple of hours, a pickup truck did pass us. Later, we saw another and was able to flag him down. He said we were maybe 10 or 15 miles from highway 299. The road smoothed out the closer we got to the highway; and of course, we hit the 5:00pm traffic in Eureka.

Marilyn Baker, Membership Chair
Chapter 030, Auburn, California

Bob and I took a short vacation, to Eureka, California where we lived for a few years, in the early 60's. **Bob** worked as a telegraph operator for the **Northwestern Pacific Railroad** until the flood of 1964. The railroad was completely destroyed. Our Daughter, **Klaudia** was just born and was only 5 weeks old when we left **Eureka** and headed back to **Fresno.** The damage was so bad the the railroad was not expected to ever operate again. However, **Bob** was called back in August of 1965.

Needless to say, after not seeing **Eureka** for 30 years, nothing looked familiar to us. We didn't think we had to bring addresses of our old homes there, but we should have. We couldn't recognize either one of them. So much traffic and new construction going on.

The high light of our trip was meeting the President of the **North Coast Redwoods RPEA,**



WHAT ARE YOU MISSING?

Do you know what you're missing by not attending the meetings? Well, besides a great speaker and a great meal. **We have a RAFFLE!** At the August meeting, **Becky Adams, Emile Zaroni, Lt. Jesse and Micky Vernon** won a \$10 dollar bill! That means **FOUR** of our members got a free lunch! Who say's there "ain't no free Lunch?"

Two nice people gave up their winnings because they Already won twice over the last year. Thank you **Becky!**

Where were you?

WE MISS YOU! COME AND JOIN US!

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. Stop by, and introduce yourself and tell us about your chapter.

Bob
Chapter 030 Vice-President



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