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**President
Joan Gates**

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As President of Chapter 030 RPEA, because of the situation, I have been locked in like you and haven't any information that you

haven't already heard on the news. I am sure that there are many of you with interesting stories to tell during this lock down. TV seems to be our biggest source of information and some of that information is very confusing. Most of our members are senior citizens and remember gentler and kinder times. However, sometimes they seem fictional as to what we see today. I guess, no matter your ideology, we must always have faith. History has told us many times of the darkness before the dawn. I'll get off my soap box now and with much confidence, I look forward to our August meeting. As always, it is my pleasure to thank each and everyone of you for being a member of our chapter and convey our sincere hope that this message finds you and yours in good spirits.

President, Joan Gates

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 also have a drawing!** At the last meeting, **Four** members won a \$10 dollar bill! That means **FOUR** of our members got a free lunch!

Where were you?

WE MISS YOU! COME AND JOIN US!

NOTICE

**There will be no meeting
again this
Month of JUNE.**

THERE WILL BE A BOARD MEETING

**JUNE 15
AT
AWFUL ANNIE'S
10:30am**

For the NEXT meeting, that we are able to attend, 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.

What I did during the lock down!

How I spent the Ides of March to the Present

First there was the normal stuff...Straighten out the junk drawer in the kitchen, then sort the clothes closet. Eventually we got into old records (ancient ones really) that should have been shredded years ago. Next came The shopping spree...Stimulus money from the government went toward the purchase of two outdoor tables, a porch swing and plastic screens for the gazebo out back. As time wore on, I got recruited by my husband to help weed eating, wood splitting and getting the vegetable garden started. I began calling old friends and family just to check in. Our neighborhood came together...I baked muffins, my neighbors returned the favor with homemade jams. Last, but hardly least, I have had fun getting to cook those dishes that I didn't have time to cook before. Of course, this indulgence has led to many unwanted pounds. For now, I'll take the good with the bad.

Cathy Capps

My Lock Down Message

There is always one task that you continually avoid. My task is the garage. I can put my car in with no problem but the disarray drives me NUTS going in and coming home! Finally took the bull by the horns and started clearing. I still have a lot to go to the Thrift Store, but the dump was open and away I went! I was number 12 in line so I had time to reflect on future plans. Stillman sat on a chair in the garage and gave me directions; however he gave up on some of them! I can't say I was finished but we put a big dent into it! When the Thrift Store opens, much will go...

The Gates Family

I wasn't locked down!

I'm a HAM radio operator. I was on the radio, shooting the bull and building antennas. Like Gatsby, I should have been cleaning out my garage. Never happened! I did chat with several people around the US. So much for the garage!

Bob, VP & Editor

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Life didn't change much for me. I'm used to staying home. I have many, many things to do: Organizing boxes of old pictures, by families; Writing to friends and family (I try to remember birthdays;) Baking cakes and cookies. Bob bakes a couple loaves of bread a week! He wears his bakers white hat. Cute! I try and not get on the computer until after dinner. Then I Face Book my friends and relatives, all over the US. That means up until the wee hours of the morning. Sometimes I don't go to bed before 5 A.M. I saw the sun come up several times this week.

I've been looking for summer plants. Ever time the truck comes to deliver, people are waiting to grab them up!! Bob managed to get some for me yesterday. Now I can get my deck looking bright and colorful

Bob does unpack a few boxes that are still stored under the house. He did have another heart attack last month, and they put in two stents. He's doing good, so I've given him some slack on the garage. If I need a diversion, I call Jake, at State Farm just to see what he's wearing. (LOL)

Marilyn Baker

**TODAY I'M DOING NOTHING! Because I started doing it yesterday and I wasn't FINISHED,
And I'm no quitter!**

OUR ADVENTURE!

It has been a long two and half months since the stay at home orders were issued. Shirley and I were in Greece when that happened. It took almost a week for the travel company to find a plane for thirty. Once home, we were on mandatory quarantine for two weeks because we were out of the country. Since then it has been a challenge to keep busy. I painted a bedroom and the ceiling of my garage. Shirley did every closet in the house, and we replaced the bark in the back yard. It was old, and I must have pushed thirty wheel barrel loads. Shirley replaced some plants; and of course, we ate everything we could find. We recently organized some group neighbor visits, social distancing of course, and did some drive-by visits to friends that couldn't get out. We had an anniversary and two birthdays during this time as well. All in all it has been a very interesting time. Hope your adventure has been as exciting as ours.

Tom and Shirley Klassey

RPEA Bills in Legislature

"Assemblyman Jim Cooper is carrying two RPEA sponsored bills in the legislature for RPEA. AB2378 would allow CalPERS to add to the existing death benefit, an annual increase based on the California Urban Consumer Price Index (CPI). AB3359 would allow the California Urban Consumer Price Index to be used in calculating the annual Cost-Of-Living-Allowance (COLA) most of us see every May - this is a better measure of CPI in California. We will keep you apprised of the progress of these bills. We hope to interject two other matters into the legislative process this year as well. Great thanks to our Legislative Committee and Aaron Read and Pat Moran, our lobbyists, and especially Assemblyman Jim Cooper."

Al Darby

RPEA President

*****Dumb Sayings from your Editor*** (Special Set of Rules for Men)**

1. The female always makes the rules.
2. The rules are subject to change at anytime without prior notification.
3. No male can possible know all the rules.
4. If the female suspects that the male is making some sense of the rules, she will immediately change some or all of the them.
5. The female is never wrong.
6. If the female says or does something that could be interpreted as being wrong, it is because of a flagrant misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the male did or said wrong.
7. If rule 6 applies, the male must apologize immediately for causing the misunderstanding.
8. The female can change her mind at any given point in time.
9. The male must never change his mind without written consent of the female.
10. The male is expected to read the female's mind at all times for new or changed rules.
11. **SPECIAL RULE:** If the female has PMS, all rules are null and void.....

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 106 NEWSLETTERS IN JUNE.**

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.**

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, who would like to stop by, and introduce yourself and tell us about your chapter.

Bob
Chapter 030 Vice-President

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