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NEXT ZOOM MEETING –

Wednesday, December 01st, 2021 at 12:30 PM

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join us for our Holiday Program! This year we will again gather from the warmth and comfort of our homes to meet & greet, and to share some holiday cheer. Be sure to show up for some special surprises!

IN MEMORIAM: Our deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of Alan Dahlin, Thelma Pevarnick, and Denise Wong.

They will truly be missed.

**THERE WERE NO MEMBERS ADDED
SINCE THE LAST PUBLICATION OF
THE NEWSLETTER**

A MESSAGE FROM CHAPTER PRESIDENT KATHY MILLER

Do you have Santa Clara County retiree medical coverage? Are you receiving marketing materials via snail mail or email about Medicare Plans? If yes to both, you should ignore those marketing materials and throw them out. **Do not enroll in any of those plans. Doing so may result in losing your County retiree medical coverage.**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Would you like to see someone nominated as our Volunteer of the Year? Let us know about a member or non-member who has supported our Chapter and is deserving of recognition. We have a nomination form on our website and attached to the e-mailed newsletter. If you receive the mailed newsletter, please check our website. You can also request a hardcopy by mail by contacting our newsletter editor Mary Mitchell. We are soliciting nominations from now through January. Thank you!



JENNIFER MILLER, OUR SECOND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!

We are
pleased to
announce

our second Volunteer of the Year! Due to our continued pandemic precautions, we presented the awards via surprise appearances during lunch dates that the recipients were attending with friends. Charlie Mendoza was honored last month. This time, on October 21, another lunch date was crashed! Again, two board members dropped in as Jennifer was dining out with her mother (our President, Kathy Miller) and some friends. Both Jennifer and Kathy were truly surprised.

Jennifer was recognized for her unflagging support of her mother's presidential duties and her help to the rest of us during Chapter activities. At our annual picnic (during pre-Covid times), she was there to help unload and set up our picnic area. She helps organize and get supplies to and from our storage unit, including prizes when we were having our in-person meetings. Lately, she has helped with Zoom meetings.

Jennifer is an independent used book seller. Used books are her passion! Several years ago, she had an opportunity to start her own business and began selling books full-time after doing it part-time for a few years. When I remarked to her how easily she was handling our bulky picnic supply boxes, she replied, "Oh, this is nothing, I do this every day with heavier boxes!"

Jennifer stated that this last year has been hard, and that our acknowledgement of her help has lifted her spirits. The Volunteer of the Year Award Committee decided that this year two non-members deserved to be recognized. We are all thankful for Jennifer and Charlie's support on behalf of our Chapter. Congratulations, Jennifer!

SEE'S CANDY CERTIFICATES

Now that our Halloween candy has been eaten or given away or saved in the freezer, it is time to think of Holiday Candy!!! RPEA Headquarters sells See's Candy Certificates all year long, but their busiest time is from now into the New Year. Each certificate is for the equivalent of a 1-pound box. The current price is \$18.50 each. The current in-store price is \$25.50. This is quite a savings! I order for friends and family every year, and really appreciate the certificates. A November reminder always helps! Our RPEA makes ordering easy, as you can do so by mail, phone, or online.

- ❖ **By mail:** Send a note explaining your order, along with your check for the number of certificates you want (note on the check how many) to: RPEA, 300 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.
- ❖ **By phone:** Call the Office at 800-443-7732 and use your Visa or Mastercard.
- ❖ **Online:** From www.rpea.com, go to the RPEA Store and order, using your Visa or Mastercard.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A FUN COMMITTEE!

Calling All Members! Every January an ad hoc committee is formed to decide on who will be honored as Volunteer of the Year. It consists of at least three members, ideally a general member, a board member and the prior recipient. The committee meets, decides on the recipient(s), and disbands once the award has been presented (usually at our June picnic). If you are interested, please let our newsletter editor Mary Mitchell know by January 15th.



NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD

Your Board of Directors met the morning of October 27, 2021 prior to the general membership meeting. Some of the highlights of the meeting:

- We heard the last treasurer's report given by Sue Farr, and we thanked her for her years of dedicated work as our treasurer. We welcomed our new treasurer, Brian Mark, who developed and presented the proposed budget for next year.
- Sue Farr, who has just retired as our treasurer, has agreed to assume the duties of Sunshine Chair. In this role, she will send out condolence cards to families of deceased members, and will send out get-well cards to members who are ill or who have been in hospital. If you know of a member who would appreciate a get-well card from our chapter, Sue asks that you let her know via her email at sue.farr@sbcglobal.net We thanked Josie Rice for her time as Sunshine Chair. And we thanked Mary Chaboya for her years of service as Sunshine Chair prior to Josie; Mary is now vice-president!
- We have 2,159 members. There have been no new members for the past three to four months. New retirees are given information about RPEA, but it is not the same as when our president was able to attend the in-person retirement meetings.
- We approved a procedure to approve the board and general meeting minutes via email so they can be posted timelier than waiting for our

next meetings, which are now three months apart.

- We approved the guidelines for the annual formation of the Volunteer of the Year Award Committee and for the selection of award recipients. We thanked the ad hoc committee that took on this task.
- 2021 Planning: We will hold our meetings via Zoom in January and April. In January, Kathy will book our picnic spot at Vasona for a June picnic; we can always cancel if needed. Hopefully, we can meet in person for our lunch meetings in July and October, but we will reserve Zoom dates just in case.
- **Urgent Plea:** We are in need of a person (or a team of persons) to find speakers for our meetings. Since we will be meeting quarterly, and one of those meetings is always for County Benefits, there are only three other speakers per year. Can you help? Do you have a friend you could team up with? If we don't have a Program Chair, we will not have speakers for our general meetings next year.

BAO ACTIVITIES

Bay Area Older Adults has some end of the year activities planned. Wed. Dec. 8 is an in-person Senior Living Community Tour, with lunch included. Dec. 9 from 11-12:30 is a live lecture, Understanding Dementia. There is a library of videos available to view at any time, including Water Conservation, Origami Classes, Virtual Park Tours, Advance Care Planning Workshop, Prepare for Emergencies, and Stretch & Strength Exercises. Visit their site at [Bay Area Older Adults - Expand Your World](#)

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