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***NEXT MEETING – August 28th at
Elks Lodge – 444 W Alma Ave., San Jose,
CA 95110***

**Pre-Paid Buffet Lunch at 11:15 – No admission
before 11:15am.** The flyer for the August lunch
was sent out in July (payment due date August
22nd). September lunch flyer is enclosed in this
newsletter. ***Admission for members attending
only the meeting will be at 12:15 pm.***
Meeting will begin at 12:30 pm.

STROKE AWARENESS FOUNDATION

NOEMI CONWAY, Executive Director

By Mary Mitchell



The Stroke Awareness Foundation is dedicated to comprehensive stroke prevention and intervention. It is the goal of the Stroke

Awareness Foundation to dramatically improve the outcome for persons who have had a stroke.

Ms. Noemi Conway assumed the position of Executive Director for the Stroke Awareness Foundation in June 2015. As a marketing and sales professional, Ms. Conway has dedicated the last 19 years helping companies and organizations become leaders in their industry. Her work in local media, Los Altos Town Crier, Silicon Valley Newspapers and most recently, Bay Area Parent Magazine encouraged her passion for community involvement and her interest in community outreach. Ms. Conway graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with a minor in Advertising. Ms. Conway was born and raised in Slovakia and currently lives in San Jose with her husband and sons.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Following are the names of new members – Gulshan Alam, Maurice Ames, Cynthia Bartolino, Robert Bennett, Keiko Boesch, Dolores Brown, Martin Caldwell, Antonio Chavez, Pilar Cox, Victoria Danell, Sharon Duvernay, Christopher Gordon, Trinidad Gutierrez, Amy Horuchi, Dorothy Hughes, William Lewis, Ingning Lin, Marlene Lopez, Maria Payne, Lenor Reyes, Luis Roa, Carmen Rodriguez, Mel Tomacde, Nam Tran, Ini Uboh, and Duong Vu.

Welcome Everyone!

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INFORMATION DESK

Thank you to the following members who staffed the Information Desk in July:
Linda Baum, Lupe Castaneda, Mary Chaboya, Gloria Courtney, Sue Farr, Kris Fisher, Judy Frey, Bob Hagele, Tom Heim, Connie Jimenez, Laura Levin, Brian Mark, Sherrill Martinez, Kathy Miller, Alan Miramon, Mary Mitchell, Janet Motha, Gerri Nedley, Thu Nguyen, John Avery Palmer, Jean Platner, and Josie Rice.

IN MEMORIAM: Our deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of Khorshed Alam, Edward Carney, Jane Feeley, Richard Harris, and Barbara Ott.

They will truly be missed.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERTA LONDON

By Marianne Damon



Roberta London recently passed away. Roberta was a long-time member of RPEA. She was a volunteer at the Information desk for about 20 years. She was also our Chapter's sunshine person for many years prior to Mary Chaboya taking over in 2014 when Roberta "retired." Roberta worked as an eligibility worker for many years for the Department of Social Services. She lived for a long time in Palo Alto and worked some of her years in the Mountain View office. Roberta moved to the Saratoga Retirement Community some years ago. Roberta has 2 grown daughters. We extend our sympathy to her family and will remember her for her dedicated efforts to our Chapter.

IN MEMORY OF LORNA NORBECK

By Marianne Damon

Lorna served for years on our Chapter's Board, first in 2002 as general meeting secretary, then from 2003 to 2010 as Second Vice-President. In this position, she assumed the duties of arranging programs and speakers. As one of our current members who remembers Lorna said, she was good at getting speakers, and she had a knack for selecting topics that were important to our lives. She spent years in Purchasing as a buyer, and was friends with Barbara Campbell, Head Librarian, who was also active in our Chapter and at State RPEA. Lorna lived in Los Gatos and had two sons. We extend our sympathy to her family and to those who remember her as a friend and colleague.

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING

By Mary Mitchell

On July 25, 2019, there was an Active Shooter Response training held for the County Information volunteers.

It was presented by Doug Feliciano, County's Director of Security. 14 volunteers attended the training including myself. He has recommended watching a video called "Run, Hide, Flight".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LO04cQBdcHM>

I am writing this article on July 29th, a day after the active shooter incident at the Gilroy Garlic Festival. Before this tragedy happened, I had already been thinking that it was sad that a group of retirees had to go get trained on what to do in case an active shooter appears during our shift. Now I am really saddened to know that it is not a remote chance for any of us to run into that kind of situation. Please take a few minutes to check out the video.

If some of our volunteers could not make it to the training that was held on the 25th, there will be more trainings scheduled by Mr. Feliciano at a future date.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR WEBSITE?

BY Mary Mitchell

I am sure that some of you have tried to get on our website and discovered that it is not functioning. It is because the website host that we had no longer is functioning. I want to thank Constance Cravalho for maintaining it for all these years.

We now have secured the domain name and found a website host that will allow non-profits to have a website for free.

I am in the middle of reconstructing the web in the new site. If anyone has experienced designing a website, I would love to have your help. Please email me. Jeanniemit@comcast.net Thank you!

THE HISTORY CORNER

Marianne Damon, RPEA Chapter 031 Historian
MEET MARY CHABOYA,
OUR 2019 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!



Our Chapter Board appoints a committee each year to select a person deserving of the Volunteer of the Year Award. This award is

presented at our annual picnic at Vasona. In addition to a framed certificate of appreciation, a check is given which covers one year's worth of RPEA dues. This year, the award was gratefully given to Mary Chaboya.

Mary Chaboya began working for the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency in 1974. She worked her way up to being a Program Manager responsible for the eligibility workers and supervisors who administered aid to children in the county's foster care program. In 2000 she had the honor of being loaned to the state for eight years to help develop the new automated computer system for eligibility and aid payments to people receiving "welfare." She served as the expert on the foster care component of the system. Notably, this required her to relocate to Sacramento for eight years.

Mary retired in 2008. She became an RPEA Chapter 031 member in March of 2009 and she began volunteering at the information desk at 70 West Hedding the very next month, in April! For the last three years she has helped to coordinate the information desk as well as the schedulers, and has been responsible for keeping the desk stocked with supplies. She is also the liaison between the information desk and the Chapter's board. She serves on the board of

Chapter 031 and began as the "Sunshine Person" at the beginning of the 2013-14 fiscal year. She sends cards to the families of deceased RPEA chapter members and sends get well cards when she becomes aware that a member is ill. She is always ready and willing to pitch in and help with any task. She even volunteered her home when Harry's Hof Brau closed and the board needed a place to meet.

Mary has a grown son and daughter. She has two granddaughters by her daughter, and her son and daughter-in-law just had their baby, Mary's third grandchild. Mary loves to travel and always looks like she's ready for a beach day! Thank you, Mary, for your dedication to our Chapter, and congratulations on your well-earned award.

BAY AREA OLDER ADULTS: ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Our wonderful partnership with BAO means you have access to hikes, events, outings, day trips and longer vacation trips. Basic membership is free; there is also a premium membership which gives discounts on some of the activities. Make a habit of checking the website for the latest news and events: <https://www.bayareaolderadults.org>

September 18: The Entomology of Calero Lake, a 3-mile moderate hike.

September 20: Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge Restoration Volunteer Event and Lunch

September 23: Solis Winery Tour, Tasting and Lunch

September 25: Santa Clara Valley Waterways, Walk and Learn along Guadalupe River Trail (easy, 2 miles).

Upcoming 8 Day Trip in October: America's Music Cities!

Other trips are available in North America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, the Far East, and the South Pacific.

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