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***NEXT MEETING – December 4th at
Three Flames Restaurant – 1547 Meridian,
San Jose, CA 95125***

Pre-Paid Buffet Lunch at 11:15 – No admission before 11:15am. The flyer for the December lunch was sent out in October (payment due date November 22nd). January 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.

LYRIC VICTORIAN CAROLERS



The Lyric Victorian Carolers is a part of the Lyric Theatre/The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of San Jose which is a registered 501(c)(3) organization serving the Santa Clara County area for over 48 years. They are a volunteer-driven organization and all profits from their

caroling fees go directly to sustaining their programs.

The Lyric Victorian Carolers have been around since 2008 and sing a Capella. The group usually has 30-35 singers each season which cover all 4 voice parts. From this group of singers, they put together several quartets and octets making sure that carolers have a good voice blending for the event.

The Lyric Victorian Carolers are all experienced performers chosen from the regular season's actors and singers. They arrive in costume with nearly 50 songs of both classic and modern arrangements. They provide any size caroling group from quartets to full ensemble to satisfy the specific needs of those hiring them.

If you would like to hear a sample of their music, please go to Lyric Theatre's website and click on the Lyric Carolers tab. There are 3 mp3 samples that you can listen to. Web: <http://www.lyrictheatre.org>

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Following are the names of new members – Ismael Aguilar, Lois Berliner, Agnes Feebles, Anthony Ho, Marian Hocson, Sofia Manning, Carmen Mata, Alfonso Mitchell, Bernadette Mitchell, Maria Moitoso, Alma Ninffert, Anita Perez, Vivian Pham-Nguyen, and William Ulmer.

Welcome Everyone!



SANTA CLARA COUNTY INFORMATION DESK

Thank you to the following members who staffed the Information Desk in October: Linda Baum, Mary Chaboya, Gloria Courtney, Sara De Leon, 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, Geri Nedley, Thu Nguyen, John Avery Palmer, and Cathy Weisbrich.

IN MEMORIAM: Our deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of Grant Bennett, Lawrence Bold, Corzon Cabico, Walter Corbella, Ruth Dawkins, Marian Goodman, Amy Horiuchi, Carol Lamarre, Mary Ortiz, Olga Sawtelle.

They will truly be missed.

SEE'S CANDY CERTIFICATES

Now is the time to order your discount certificates in time for the Holidays! Visit the RPEA website and obtain however many you wish, each at \$17.50 for a one-pound box selling for \$21. Here is the direct link to the order page:
<https://store.rpea.com/collections/member-exclusives/products/sees-certificate>

BAY AREA OLDER ADULT ACTIVITIES

November and December are slow months for BAO activities. There are a few to check out, including a showing of the documentary RBG (Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg) on December 5th. More lectures, hikes, and day trips will soon be scheduled for January and February in the new year.

<https://www.bayareaolderadults.org/>

RPEA Chapter 031 MEETING DATES FOR 2020

01/29/20, 02/26/20, 03/25/20, 04/29/20,
05/27/20, 06/24/20 (**Picnic**), 07/29/20,
08/26/20, 09/30/20, 10/28/20, and 12/02/20
(**No meeting in November**).

TIPS FROM DEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO HELP US AVOID RUNNING AFOUL OF INTEREST SCAMMERS.

Here are tips from DHS:

- ❑ Use caution when browsing the internet, shopping online and using email.
- ❑ Avoid clicking on links or opening attachments in unsolicited emails. <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-0...>
- ❑ Be wary of fraudulent social media pleas, calls, texts, websites and door-to-door solicitations for donations to charities. This is especially valuable now with so many wanting to donate to victims of the Camp Fire. <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/ho...>

If you believe you are a victim of a scam or malware campaign, consider the following:

- ❑ Contact your financial institution immediately, and close any accounts possibly compromised. Watch for any unexplained charges to accounts. <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST05-0...>
- ❑ Immediately change any passwords you might have revealed, and avoid reusing previous passwords. <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-0...>
- ❑ Report the attack to the police, and file reports with the Federal Trade Commission and the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

**Have a safe and
happy holiday season!**



THE 37TH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

By Marianne Damon

Every weekday of every week of the year, our Chapter volunteers staff the Information Desk at 70 West Hedding for our County. Currently, 31 of our members give two half-days a month to help answer people's questions and guide them to the right services and locations. Once a year, the Board of Supervisors honors these volunteers at a luncheon in their honor. This year, on May 8th, the theme was "green" -- Thank You for Your Thyme-- featuring little herb centerpieces to take home, and bushel baskets of fruit and vegetables to pick and take.

Clerk of the Board Megan Doyle welcomed everyone. Lunch featured a variety of healthy, delicious foods, including a vegetarian "chicken" selection. The first guest speaker, Thomas Ngo Aquino from Employee Wellness, had everyone do some simple stretching

exercises. The next guest speaker, Laura Westley from Master Gardeners, gave a good presentation on Top Ten Habits of a Successful Gardener, and gave advice on how to compost and how to garden without using pesticides. Our Board of Supervisors came down from a meeting and each said a few words to the group: District 1, Mike Wasserman; District 2, Vice-President Cindy Chavez; District 3, Dave Cortese; District 4, Susan Ellenberg, and District 5, President Joseph Simitian. Remarks by the two women supervisors were especially appreciated. County Executive Jeff Smith also expressed his thanks.

Everyone enjoyed a very delicious cake, and received goodie bags which included a growing kit for thyme and a stainless-steel bottle and cup. Closing remarks ended with a resounding, **"Thank you all for your dedication and service!"**



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