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Wisdom from Dolly Parton...

Celebrating 50 years with the Grand Ole' Opry.

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!"

"I tried every diet in the book. I tried some that weren't in the book. I tried eating the book. It tasted better than most of the diets."

"If you talk bad about country music, it's like saying bad things about my momma. Them's fightin' words"

"Storms make trees take deeper roots."

"It costs a lot of money to look this cheap"



From the President/Legislative Chair's Desk by Evelyn Naake



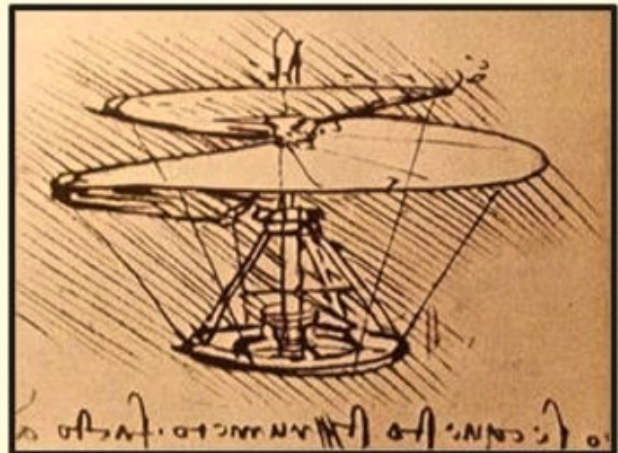
Hello fellow RPEA Members. I hope everyone is well and enjoying the summer heat, smoke and all. It looks like WHEN we can return to our in-person meetings, they will be at The Wild Eye Pub on Mill Street in Grass Valley. Unfortunately, the Delta Variant of COVID-19 is running wild in our county. I am hoping we can have an in-person meeting in October. We will also be changing the day of the month to the first Thursday at 12:00 noon. Lunch price will also increase from \$15 to \$17 per member. The Wild Eye Pub has a very good varied menu and we will be offered three items to choose from with one being a Vegan meal. Beverage and dessert is also included. You will be contacted just like before, by email or telephone call for your order.

I know of several people that have been vaccinated and have still contacted the virus. So we need to stay safe, wear our mask and social distance as much as possible.

I hope everyone that has Anthem Blue Cross medical insurance is relieved to hear the contract was settled with Dignity Health system.

If you have CALPers Long Term Care Insurance, we are in another dilemma - Another big increase in payment or change in years of coverage. Now there is a class action suit with possible settlement and another decision to be made. Go with another insurance company who may or may not insure us, depending on how many take this option, get complete refund of all monies paid in or stay with the CALPers Long Term Care. I have had my policy since 1996, so it is a big decision to make.

Word from our Area Director, Ken Brown, is telling us to contact members that are behind in dues or did not renew memberships in time. There needs to be a membership application completed along with renewal payment. If you need membership applications, please contact RPEA headquarters at (916) 441-7732 or Toll Free: 1 (800) 443-7732 and they will be glad to get them sent out to you.



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Nevada County is a Very High Risk area for wildfire. Are you prepared?

Plan ahead. Over time we can become complacent about taking steps to prepare for disaster. Right now is a good time to put together a plan for your own property. Evaluate your landscape for removal of flammable vegetation. Help your neighbors if necessary. Their neglect can affect you.

During fire season be diligent about cleaning up your property. Identify flammable vegetation, e.g., pine needles, wood bark, dead trees or branches, dry grass, brush, leaves, most conifers, from your yard. Remove obstacles that could prevent firefighters from accessing your home.

Pre-Fire Planning. Identify what you need to take with you in the event of fire, e.g. a 'Go-Bag', a kit that you store in an accessible location, that is easy to grab and carry, packed with food and water supplies, kept ready for use in case of an emergency that requires rapid evacuation. Similarly, keep your vehicle ready to go.

Have a legible, non-combustible address sign to direct firefighters to a fire site.

Do you know your new evacuation zone? Find and know your zone by going to:

<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/3223/Evacuation-Zones>

To understand whether your area is under an evacuation warning or order, you need to know your Zone Name. It is important to remember your zone name. Authorities will use Zone Names in emergency alerts, media releases, and on social media to notify residents which areas are under an evacuation warning or order. Follow the 3 steps to find and remember your zone.

1. Go to community.zonehaven.com
2. Enter your address into the search bar
3. Find your zone in the pop-up window and write it down.

Obtain your Know Your Zone refrigerator magnet at the ERAC or any Library. Look up your Zone and write it down for display in your kitchen. You won't forget it.

I'm prepared.

KNOW YOUR ZONE community.zonehaven.com

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KNCO live at 830am or on their website www.knco.com
North San Juan recorded emergency service information: 530-470-9713

Stephanie Wagner

Even More Fire Safety News...

As a corollary to the previous article, here are some more recent events that come to us in the world of fire safety:

Yuba Bear Burn Cooperative

Fire has a function for any forest. It clears the dead and undesirable underbrush and starts dormant seeds germinating. Before the Europeans came, the Nisenan used to set fire to the forests in the fall, go down to the Valley to harvest rice, and return later to harvest acorns. Since fire is a natural occurrence for forest maintenance, the Yuba-Bear Burn Cooperative formed as a grassroots group of landowners, fire practitioners, nonprofits, and community members is dedicated to restoring beneficial fire to private lands in the Yuba and Bear River watersheds. CalFIRE has a dedicated professional who works with public and private lands and landowners in the interest of applying this natural method of maintaining forest lands. They all work together to help make prescribed fire a safe and accessible tool for private landowners in our region by volunteering on each other's properties, sharing equipment, providing training opportunities, and helping design and plan prescribed burns. Contact them if you would like to learn more about using prescribed fire on your land. It is recommended that you attend a prescribed burn before you plan for your own property. Currently, grants are available through the Cooperative. Contact: Jamie Ervin, Fire Restoration Advocate, Sierra Forest Legacy, jamie@sierraforestlegacy.org (828) 403-0418.

AB38 Chaptered into Law

You may not have heard this yet but starting January 1, 2021 you cannot close on a house unless the property is certified for Defensible Space. The wording of the law is as follows: State Bill AB 38 states on or after January 1, 2021, sellers are required of any real property located in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to provide a prescribed disclosure notice to the buyer, if the home was constructed before January 1, 2020, of information relating to fire hardening improvements on the property and a list of specified features that may make the home vulnerable to wildfire and flying embers and which features, if any, that exist on the home of which the seller is aware. If you are planning to sell your home, check with a real estate agent about how to meet this requirement.

CodeRed Confusion

Recently, there has been confusion with residents receiving CodeRED alerts that direct them to evacuate when evacuation is not necessary. There is a difference between the County's CodeRED Emergency Alert System and a smartphone app called "CodeRED Mobile Alert" that many have subscribed to. CodeRED Mobile Alert runs on a distance perimeter in miles from your home location. That could include alerts from other counties and that was the case with the bogus evacuation alerts received. These two systems are entirely different and separate. What you need to know is that the mobile app is not enough. It is NOT Nevada County's OES system. You need to be registered for the County's CodeRED system and that can be found at <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/2713/Emergency-Alerts> in order to receive emergency alerts tied to your residential address and evacuation zones talked about in the preceding page's article.

Kitty Vaars



I was born Kitty Marie Abreu on Friday the 13th in August 1948 in Hayward, California. The youngest child with two older sisters. My father held the strong belief that if you wanted something from this life, you had to work hard for it.

I graduated early having applied myself in school. That was a good thing because I married at sixteen years old. I had a son at eighteen and a daughter at twenty. I worked at KTVU Channel 2 in Jack London Square in Oakland, Ca. I divorced at twenty-two and relocated to Grass Valley, California.

I began work through the CETA program March 16th 1978 as a clerk in Social

Services. I saw what providing services to help out could do, and started taking classes at Sierra College to enable me to move forward. I became an Eligibility Worker first in the food stamp program, then in the Medi-Cal program, then AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent children).

I joined the “negotiations team” and for several years negotiated with Paul Lastufka (Fraud Investigator) and Carolyn Pollock (Eligibility Worker) and worked with Bruce Tepper from Probation to negotiate with Gene Albaugh and Dennis Cassella who represented the County.

In 1993 I became the Foster Care Eligibility Worker and was introduced to Child Protective Services. That’s when I realized children were my priority, so again, back to night classes to get my degree to qualify as a Social Worker. That took 5 years!!!! I worked closely with Sandy Boyd and Daniel Bach who taught me that my organizational skills would be a life-saver. And they were. I became the Court worker, carrying cases from the beginning through Disposition (about six months) setting up all placements, services, and visitations. Very hectic but very rewarding as well.

I retired in August 2006, moved away briefly, and returned to California May 2012. Elsie Durgin brought me to my first RPEA meeting at Trolley Junction in July 2012. There I was reunited with folks I’d worked with at Nevada County, as well as other Public Service workers. Being welcomed as a kindred spirit was a wonderful feeling and I’ve enjoyed getting together with RPEA groups over the past many years.

Suzanne Nobles

Suzanne Nobles joined RPEA in 2015 after retiring from public service at the end of 2013. A long-time resident of Nevada County, Suzanne began her career in 1974 when she was hired as an eligibility worker in the Nevada County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). At the time she was hired, DPSS was located in the HEW (Health, Education & Welfare) building on Willow Valley Road. The old building had its charm and seemed to attract a lot of characters; both clients and workers. When Nevada County decided to upgrade its facilities the Eric Rood Administrative Building was constructed in 1987 and DPSS was one of the first departments to move in and occupy the western portion of the first floor. In those days the line for food stamps at the first of the month often snaked around the front of the building, much to the displeasure of other occupants.

The department continued to grow exponentially over the next two decades. Suzanne's career path also changed when she was promoted in 1989 to program manager of the Services Division which included GAIN (later CalWORKs), Adult Services, and Child Welfare Services. She thoroughly enjoyed her multifaceted job and working to improve client services. In 1998, during the early phases of Welfare-to-Work (WTW) implementation, she was given an opportunity to work for the California Department of Social Services as the Employment Services Bureau Chief, to develop policies and procedures for California's implementation of welfare reform. As a long-term county employee, her prior experience was often relied on by upper management and other state departments when making WTW policy decisions. It was a challenging and fulfilling position, only marred by the long daily commute from Nevada City to downtown Sacramento.

After four years in Sacramento Suzanne decided she wanted to return to "county-land." She was hired as the Yuba County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Director in early 2003, a position she held until retirement. The commute was much shorter and she enjoyed seeing red tail hawks and other wildlife on the drive to work each morning. Also, watching U2s land and takeoff at Beale Air Force Base never lost its thrill. One of the major accomplishments during her directorship was the new construction of a health and human services building in Linda, which became home to HHSD, Child Support, Veteran's Services, and Peach Tree Clinic—a one-stop shop for many client services. The building was designed and built to efficiently serve clients' needs in a welcoming and safe environment. It also served as a community meeting and training center when needed.

Since retiring Suzanne has enjoyed volunteering as an Auxiliary member at Dignity Health Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, serving as a lay counselor at Anew Day, and being a member of the Nevada County Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Board. She's a watercolor artist and has displayed her work at the hospital. She enjoys traveling - especially to Montana and Hawaii - with her husband. Most importantly she loves spending time with her two adult children and teenage grandchildren.



My Pet the Airedale Terrier by Louise Jones

For many issues of the RPEA Chapter 078 newsletter, we have been calling for members to give us their pet stories. Until now this has not yielded a result. Today this void is filled with an article about my pet of many years, the Airedale Terrier, known as the “King of Terriers”.

The Airedale Terrier originated in Airedale, a geographic area in Yorkshire, England. Bred from the ancestor to the Welsh Terrier and an Otter Hound, it was bred originally to hunt otters in and around the valleys of the River Aire which runs through Airedale. In the United Kingdom this breed has also been used as a police dog. Bred to be independent hunters, the dog is very intelligent, independent, strong-minded, stoic and can sometimes be stubborn. The one I have now has all of the characteristics listed.

The Airedale was extensively used in World War I to carry messages to soldiers behind enemy lines and transport mail. The Germans preferred them for battlefield work to their own German Shepherd. They were used by the Red Cross to find wounded soldiers on the battlefield. There are numerous tales of Airedales delivering their messages despite terrible injury. One of them was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery. It is because of the Airedale's heroism in World War I the breed became the most popular dog in 1920's in Europe and America. Teddy Roosevelt was an admirer. He did not really have one as a pet but did take them on his hunting trips to Africa. Woodrow Wilson had an Airedale named Davie who little is known about. Calvin Coolidge had one named Paul Pry or Laddie Buck, the half-

brother to the Airedale that Warren G. Harding had.

Warren G. Harding's Airedale was named Laddie Boy, and he is likely the most famous Presidential Pet in history. Laddie Boy had star power. During their time in the White House, the Harding's included their dog in almost every aspect of their daily lives. When Harding golfed with friends, Laddie Boy tagged along. During cabinet meetings, the dog sat in, perched on his own chair. At fundraising events, Florence Harding frequently had Laddie Boy make appearances. The dog was such a prominent White House personality that the Washington Star and the New York Times ran stories about him almost daily in the months after Harding took office.



Clockwise from upper left: Warren G. Harding and Laddie Boy, Grace Coolidge with Laddie Boy and one of her white collies, Laddie Boy in his chair, Florence Harding with Laddie Boy.

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My Pet the Airedale Terrier by Louise Jones CONTINUED

In a 39-day period in the spring of 1921, these are just some of the headlines that appeared in the Times: "Gets Airedale as Mascot", "Laddie Boy a Newsboy", "Trees White House Cat" and "Laddie Boy Gets Playmate". In 1923 President Harding died, possibly from heart disease, in San Francisco when he became ill on his 'Voyage of Understanding' to the western states. Laddie Boy had reportedly howled for three days before Harding passed away, probably sensing that something was wrong.

The other famous real-life Airedale was known as Paddy the Wanderer. Paddy roamed the streets of Wellington, New Zealand, during the Great Depression. He was a friend of cabbies, workers, and seamen alike. Paddy was known for greeting sailors in the Wellington harbor and accompanying them as a stowaway on their coastal steamers.

Paddy the Wanderer had been given to the daughter of Mrs. R. Gardner of Wellington. After the child died, the dog ran away. He wandered the Wellington harbor. He had crossed the Tasman Sea many times and, had flown in a Gypsy Moth. He was rumored to have made it to San Francisco and back. The Wellington Harbor Board adopted him under the formal title of Assistant Night Watchman, whose job it was to keep guard for "pirates, smugglers and rodents." Paddy had almost fallen victim to a dognapping scheme perpetrated by jealous citizens of Auckland. He died on 17 July 1939, apparently after a cold snap, and was taken to his funeral in a parade of twelve taxicabs and a traffic officer. The city was brought to a standstill for the ceremony. The Ladies' auxiliary of the local SPCA took up donations in his name for a memorial. There is a monument to Paddy on Queens Wharf, opposite the Wellington Museum, including his bronze likeness, a drinking fountain and drinking bowls below for dogs. Erected in 1945, it was paid for by Paddy's many friends and includes stones from London's Waterloo Bridge, bombed during World War II. Paddy is for

sure the inspiration of choosing the Airedale for Walt Disney's "Hector the Stowaway Dog".



Clockwise from the top: Paddy the Wanderer - or Dash, his original name - with original owners, Elsie Glasgow and her father in 1927, Paddy's memorial in Wellington Harbor.

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My Pet the Airedale Terrier by Louise Jones **CONTINUED**



Many of us may have seen Hector in 1964 on Disney's *Wonderful World of Color*. Hector was the leading man in a 2-part series about a dog living on a ship. His master was the first mate. This is based on a true story in a novel written by Kenneth Dodson, a book currently out of print and titled "Hector the Stowaway Dog". The real Hector is a fox terrier and lived on a Dutch ship called the SS Simaloer. He got separated from his ship in Vancouver, elected to board another ship out of the harbor titled the SS Henley, and magically reunited with his master in Japan. Books about dogs sometimes have Hector's story as he is thought of as being the psychic dog. Disney took the story and made the Simaloer an American ship and Hector an Airedale. In this version Hector gets separated in Lisbon and travels to Majorca and Barcelona, having many adventures along the way before he is reunited with his ship in the Mediterranean Sea. The actor is Jokyl Bengal II. He came from a kennel in England and could perform any parlor trick. This film is coveted by Airedale enthusiasts around the world. Many requests have gone to Disney Studios to do a modern remake of the film. Along with the 2-part series is the theme song sung by Richard and Robert Sherman that tells the story of the Disney Hector. While thinking about this article, I procured a DVD of the film from truetvmovies.net. I will watch it many times in the future. There are some antique

copies of Dodson's book and Hector's Ballad LP available on eBay and Amazon.

Other than Hector, Airedales have been supporting actors in other movies. Dixie Belle is a shaggy, hunting Airedale and the star of the pack that appeared as the bear's nemesis in *The Bear* 1988. When I watched this I immediately turned to my Jackson and told him, "Don't you ever..." Kipper is a brave Airedale Terrier from the 1996 live-action film *101 Dalmatians*. There were Airedale appearances in several other vintage films: *Butterfield 8*, *Cheaper By The Dozen*, *Fog Over Frisco*, *The Greatest Show On Earth* and *Titanic*, to name a few.

MacKenzie, my current Airedale pet, is young, powerfully strong and loves people and other dogs too much. She is 5 years old and only 45 lbs. My Airedale males ranged from 58 to 65 lbs. She loves to counter surf. She's the only female that we ever had and more of a disciplinary challenge than any of the boys that preceded her. They don't call them "terrors" for nothing. We love our "Queen of Terriers" just the same.



Chapter 078 Notes:

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

Our local chapter has a Sunshine Committee. The purpose of this team is to respond to news of illnesses or deaths among our members. Carol Jordan is the chair. If you know of anyone that should be sent a get well card or of any family that should be sent a sympathy card, please get in touch with Carol. Carol can be reached by emailing rpea.chapter.78@gmail.com or call 530-470-0575.

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Receive this newsletter in living color. We mail fewer than we email and those with email get to see the better looking chronicle. If you would like to join this group send us your email at rpea.chapter.78@gmail.com. That way we can collect your email address and save money sending the semiannual newsletter to you. You will enjoy it a lot more that way.

Newsletter Articles! In asking individual members for articles we are finding that there is a lot of talent in Chapter 078. Surely, out there in RPEA078-land there is more to share. To get you started...

- 📧 Interesting places to visit, foreign or domestic?
- 📧 Hobbies... gardening, clock making, poetry, bird watching?
- 📧 Joining groups on MatchUp?
- 📧 Charity work during these difficult times?

Every one of us has a story to tell. Write it to us in a letter to P.O. Box 2086, Grass Valley, 95945 or email to rpea.chapter.78@gmail.com and we can publish it in a future Newsletter.

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THE MASQUE OF THE RED DEATH



EDGAR ALLAN POE

"The Masque of the Red Death" is a short story by American writer Edgar Allan Poe, first published in 1842. The story follows Prince Prospero's attempts to avoid a dangerous plague, known as the Red Death, by hiding in his abbey. He, along with many other wealthy nobles, hosts a masquerade ball in seven rooms of the abbey, each decorated with a different color. In the midst of their revelry, a mysterious figure disguised as a Red Death victim enters and makes his way through each of the rooms. Prospero dies after confronting this stranger, whose "costume" proves to contain nothing tangible inside it; the guests also die in turn.

Poe's story follows many traditions of Gothic fiction and is often analyzed as an allegory about the inevitability of death, though some critics advise against an allegorical reading. Many different interpretations have been presented, as well as attempts to identify the true nature of the eponymous disease. The story was first published in May 1842 in Graham's Magazine and has since been adapted in many different forms, including a 1964 film starring Vincent Price. Poe's short story has also been alluded to by other works in many types of media.

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