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Representing the Past, Present & Future

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President's Message

Sometimes if you don't know what to do, BE STILL.

It seems as if this is one of those sayings that holds true for these last four months. I am not sure what to do in most instances as it relates to our current situation, so I have been sitting still (somewhat) and waiting to see how our local and federal leaders are suggesting we move forward.

Our CCCREA Board continues to cover our business at hand via emails and phone calls. Last month we attempted a Zoom meeting with limited attendance. As this appears to be the way of our future for an unknown period of time, the technology still leaves most with uncertainty. I have been on Zoom meetings where people are apologetic for their homes backgrounds, or the sounds of children and pets in the background.

We just are exposing ourselves in ways that make me think "The Emperor has no wardrobe". We are in a manner disrobed. We have no one to blame. We are at odds over whether this is a tragedy or a blessing. We have an opportunity to redefine how we are utilizing our time, talents and gifts!

For some, this has been a blessing in disguise. Folks with extra space have created eating outside; others have to use the God given talent to redirect their entire lives. Neighbors who seldom speak to each other are now becoming community. Knowing that an exchange of hellos, lemons, tomatoes or just a bouquet of flowers has made someone's day better!

I find myself watching the news and becoming numb to the fact that the information being shared is contradictory and depressing. The protesters have reminded me of times I should not have been silent. I found it perplexing to mention Black Lives Matter, because of the controversies surrounding the topic. I can only hope for dialogue to continue where we all realize we need to be good to each other and everyone deserves the same opportunities.

It was very therapeutic for me to watch the memorial services of Congressman John Lewis. His life works were a great example of the many affirmations and confirmations that you can be the catalyst for leading by example and causing "Good Trouble".

I have also used the definition of Serenity to help me to remain calm, peaceful and untroubled about what we all have to face.

Our progress today, and certainly our serenity, is enhanced by our willingness to accept all that we are blessed with today. Not only to accept, but to celebrate, trusting that these events are moving us toward our special destiny.

Flowing with the twists and turns in our lives, rather than resisting them, guarantees smooth sailing, helps us to maximize our opportunities and increases our serenity. Accepting our powerlessness over all but our own attitude is the first step we need to take toward finding serenity.

Resistance, whether it is against a person or a situation in our lives, will compound the problem as we perceive it. We can believe in the advantages for growth that all experiences offer. We can sail with our experiences. We can be open to them so they can carry us to our destination. We can trust, simply trust, that all is well and in our favor, every moment.

My serenity is in my control today. I will look to each day with trust and thanksgiving, and my Spirit will soar.

"The secret of seeing is to sail on solar wind. Hone and spread your spirit till you yourself are a sail, whetted, translucent, broadside to the merest puff."—Annie Dillard.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Are You Turning 65 Soon? In the latest edition of the Retiree Support Group (RSG) of Contra Costa County's latest newsletter, there was an article that is of great importance if you are in this age group. This information is also important if you have a dependent who may be turning 65 soon.

We are reprinting the entire article which be found on Page 5 of this newsletter.

2021 Scholarship Application Process: It is not too soon for your recommended applicant to begin the application process. With the COVID-19 pandemic and the school closures, it will take much more time to process any transcript requests. Plus, you will need extra time to obtain the necessary recommendation letters.

Remember, the transcripts must be official, sealed, and on school letterhead. Also, it might be easier and safer to have the transcripts mailed directly to the CCCREA Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 2973 Martinez, CA 94553 Attention: Pam Collinshill. This could reduce the chance of them being misplaced at home before they are sent out.

As a reminder, we have had to disqualify a one or two applications every year because the rules were not followed, or the application and documentation were incomplete. A copy of the rules and required documentation is available online at www.CCCREA.info.

The opening application period is not until January 1st, 2021, and we will remind you again of the scholarship program in the December newsletter, but it is not too soon to begin your preparations.

Long Term Care Insurance Lawsuit: Refer to the complete article on Page 4.

CRCEA Legislative Update: The legislative report has been posted on CRCEA's website (www.crcea.org) for those who may be interested. However, we are providing Art Goulet's (CRCEA's Legislative Chair) summary of his report below.

"The Legislature was originally scheduled to return from its brief summer recess on July 13. However, several Assembly members were confirmed to have COVID-19, one of whom was hospitalized. In addition, a few Assembly staff have contracted the virus. Consequently, the Senate and Assembly were forced to delay their work for the second time this year. As of now, they plan to return to session on July 27.

Even if the Legislature is not further prevented from returning by a rising rate of infection across the state, they will have very little time left to consider the roughly 700 bills that have been moving through the Houses. Most of these bills must still be

heard in their "second house" policy committees. Then to fiscal committees, on the floor of that house, and must finally return to their "house of origin" for concurrence in any amendments. This is a process which usually plays out over several months, but the Legislature will only have five weeks for this before the August 31 constitutional deadline to adjourn session. This will be more challenging given the limited number of hearings that can be conducted every day given social distancing requirements.

All of this will necessitate a revisiting of the Legislative Schedule, and will likely require almost daily hearings, including weekends, from the date of the Legislature's return up until August 31. It may ultimately require the Legislature to pare down the number of bills it considers, and some 2-year bills may die as a result.

CRCEA Conference News: In the last newsletter, it was reported that CRCEA had to cancel their Fall 2019 conference in Sonoma County due to fires raging there at that time. Then due to the COVID-19 shelter in place order, the Spring 2020 conference scheduled to be held in Tulare County was also cancelled.

Fast forward to the Fall 2020 conference scheduled to be hosted by Merced and Stanislaus counties, and that conference had to be cancelled as well. Again, due to coronavirus concerns.

We had high hopes for the Spring 2021 conference scheduled to be hosted by Los Angeles County in Long Beach in March. However, since the coronavirus has persisted, that conference has been cancelled, and the new date has been changed to November 7-11, 2021.

Lord help us if this virus is still going strong then.

Pacific Group Agencies (PGA): As most of you are aware, this is the company that underwrites our annual supplement insurance offerings. These special policies are offered in addition to your benefits provided by the County. Purchase of any of these policies will not affect your current benefits in any way.

If you decide to purchase any of these policies, the premiums will be deducted directly from your benefit check each month.

This service is offered by CCCREA as a member benefit, and to attract new membership. All county retirees receive this mailing, but you must be a member to qualify for this benefit.

Please be assured that no one's address is given to this company for these solicitations. The booklets are given to the retirement office, they put the address labels on them and put them in the mail. Unless you send an application to PGA, they will not have your contact information. Please refer to PGA's short article on Page 8.

Dates and things to Remember Before Our Next Newsletter:

- Labor Day will be celebrated on Monday, September 7th
- October 1st is International Older Persons Day
- Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st.
- Be sure you are registered to vote, and vote on or before November 3th.
- Veteran's Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 11th.
- Thanksgiving will be on Thursday, November 26th.
- Black Friday – Always the Friday following Thanksgiving (November 27th)
- Saturday, November 28th – National Buy Nothing Day

ACTIVITIES CORNER:

Stay connected thru our Newsletter or Website where we will soon find ways to offer gift cards to those who refer a recently retired applicant or share fresh ideas on remaining connected during COVID-19 and social distancing times.



I personally know I just need to dance!

ATTENTION ALL RETIREES - ADDRESS CHANGE REMINDER



If you are moving, and have changed your address with the retirement office in Concord, that will not automatically change your address with our Association. The retirement office guards your address closely, and will not share it with us. Please send us a note as well with your new address so you don't miss any editions of the newsletter or any important notices.

Also, as a reminder, if you are the surviving spouse of a Contra Costa County retiree, you are also qualified to be a member of CCCREA. If you, or someone you know, qualifies for this status, please send us a note at: mesloan1@aol.com or www.cccrea.info, and we will reinstate your membership immediately.

CALPERS LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE LAWSUIT

Note: This report covers update activity over the past four months, so some dates noted may have already passed.

In June, Mike Sloan, and several others from CRCEA, who have actively been monitoring the court proceedings, joined the lead counsel in this lawsuit, Michael Bidart, in a 90-minute teleconference to discuss several pending issues.

One of the newest, and most concerning issues, was that CalPERS recently disclosed at one of their recent board meetings that they were considering imposing new “significant premium increases” for the Long-Term Care Insurance program. Their reasoning was they needed this increase to offset the recent dismal returns of their fixed income investments.

Bidart proposed that we challenge the decision in court to block CalPERS’ from any future premium increases while this case is being litigated. The issue was discussed with the judge handling our case, but since CalPERS has not implemented any premium increase, and we do not know any of the details of any future premium increase, there was not much the court could do. The court cannot take any action regarding something that has not happened.

On the brighter side, the judge assigned to our lawsuit, the Hon. William F. Highberger, assigned a “Special Settlement Master” to oversee all settlement negotiations. These negotiations have been ongoing since the first of the year, however, the COVID-19 pandemic has made any negotiations extremely difficult.

Also, our attorneys have asked to amend the original complaint to specifically name the State of California as a party in the suit. Of course, the State is opposing this motion, and contends that the State is not liable for any damages suffered by class members. Judge Highberger is of the opinion that the State of California is ultimately responsible for any judgment since CalPERS is a State Agency.

Following the Court’s (partial) reopening, on July 27, 2020, the Hon. William F. Highberger granted our amendment of the complaint to list the State of California as a party to this suit. This decision is probably one of the most important victories by our attorney. Without declaring that the State is responsible for any claims emerging from a victory in this suit, CalPERS Long Term Care Insurance could have filed for bankruptcy. That would have ended any likelihood of the class members receiving any redress from the suit. It could also have ended the CalPERS insurance program, and we would have lost any coverage we now have as well.

Finally, the Court set March 29, 2021 as the date for the jury trial. In the trial, the jury will be asked to determine whether CalPERS breached the LTC insurance contract. The jury must also determine if the breach was caused by raising rates “as a result” of policyholders who purchased inflation protection benefits and, if so, the amount of damages to be awarded to the class.

While this suit has benefited from Judge Highberger’s numerous judgments against CalPERS to date, the case will be argued in front of a jury, and juries can be a fickle lot.

If you would like to keep up with the proceedings on a regular basis, and stay informed of the most recent updates, here is the website address that will allow you to do that: <https://www.calpersclassactionlawsuit.com/litigation-update.html>

ARE YOU OR A DEPENDENT TURNING 65? HERE IS NEEDED INFORMATION ABOUT UPDATING YOUR MEDICARE STATUS.

- Our appreciation to the Retiree Support Group (RSG) of Contra Costa County for providing this information -

In order to smoothly adjust your county sponsored health insurance coverage and premiums, these are some steps a County retiree needs to take when either you, as the retiree, or your dependent goes on Medicare.

(1) If you are not already receiving Social Security, you will need to notify Medicare six months before becoming age 65.

(2) If you are already receiving Social Security, Medicare will likely have been notified already and will send you a Medicare card automatically.

(3) Your Medicare card should arrive in the mail between 3 and 3 1/2 months prior to the month you turn age 65. Make a copy of your Medicare Card and keep it in a safe place.

(4) You will need to send a letter to the county health benefits office regarding your change to Medicare. Include your name, your Employee Number, and your date of birth. If the person turning age 65 is a dependent, provide the name and date of birth of your dependent. Also include a copy of your Medicare card with your letter.

Send or fax the information to the County Employee Benefits Unit, 651 Pine Street, 5th Floor, Martinez, CA 94553. FAX number – (925) 335-1798

(5) Request County Benefits confirm receipt of your letter and Medicare Card copy by either sending you an e-mail message or calling on the phone. Include your e-mail address and phone number in your letter.

A few things to note:

1) If you are enrolled in Kaiser or Health Net, additional forms may be required to coordinate your health plan with Medicare. You'll want to contact County benefits to obtain these forms to complete the Medicare enrollment.

2) If you are enrolled in the Kaiser teamsters plan, you'll want to keep in mind that the health plan will terminate upon the effective date of Medicare part B, due to ineligibility for the plan. You will need to contact Employee Benefits to elect a new plan.

3) Not all plans will give you a reduction in cost, there may be an adjustment to the health plan rate. If you have questions please contact employee benefits to inquire about new premiums.

4) If you want the plan change to take effect on the date of your Medicare part B effective date, the employee benefits services unit will need to receive your Medicare card showing enrollment in Medicare parts A & B, as well as any needed enrollment forms well in advance of the effective date of Medicare part B.

5) Members who have safety retirement in CalPERS, and are eligible for Medicare, should also contact CalPERS and advise them.

6) Safety retirement members who are not eligible for Medicare will need to get a letter from Social Security stating that they are ineligible for Medicare. That letter must be sent to the Benefit's office, so you are not cancelled.

*For questions or assistance, please call
Craig Taylor, Health Benefits Supervisor,
at (925) 335-1746.*



CCCREA MEMBERS NEWSLETTER 2020 SEPTEMBER

by Louie Kroll, Retiree Representative

Greetings,

I hope this message finds everyone staying safe and healthy.

With great sadness I would like pass along that long time AFSCME Union Activist, and CCCERA Trustee, Richard Cabral, passed away on July 20, 2020. Richard was one of the general elected members on the retirement board from July 1978 to January 2014.

In the 35+ years Richard was on the board, he served in all positions on the Retirement Board, (Chair, Vice - Chair, Secretary). Richard also chaired and participated on numerous committees while on the board. Richard was also involved in the creation of the General Tier 2 and Tier 3 retirement tier benefits and participated in the creation of the Dollar Power Benefit.

I had the privilege to serve and learn from Richard on the CCCERA board for several years. His knowledge and history of CCCERA was phenomenal. I am going to greatly miss having his knowledge to draw from whenever I have a question. Richard was a friend, colleague and decent human being. He will be missed by many. Richard, my friend, may you rest in peace.

By the time you read this you should have received the 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report. The goal of this report is to give you the member a summary of CCCERA's annual financial report, and it allows you to review the funds fiscal information and demographics. I will like to commend the staff at CCCERA for doing an outstanding job on this report, and to congratulate them for receiving awards for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, and a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers Association.

The retirement office is still temporarily closed. The retirement office staff will continue to conduct essential business functions from home. If you need to take care of any retirement business there are several ways that this can be done. You can call the office on Tuesday through Thursday, 9AM to 2PM (closed for lunch 12:00 -12:30), or you leave a message at other times. You can also e-mail your request or send your request by mail to the office. All telephone and written correspondence received by the office is being handled promptly.

I want you know that CCCERA's investment staff and investment consultant continue to monitor the markets very closely. The market is working its way back from the lows it hit when the pandemic started. As of July 24, 2020, the S&P was only down -0.5% from its 2019 year end high.

It is important for you to know that your pensions are safe. CCCERA is a defined benefit plan. Meaning payment to you as beneficiaries will continue despite any decline in the plan's market value.

Remember shelter in place, wear a mask or some sort of face covering if you have to go outside to do errands. We are all in this together, and will come out of this stronger. Stay safe and healthy.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (925)383-1272, or you can text me at that number. Louie Kroll, CCCERA Retiree Representative Contra Costa County Retirement Board.

*Louie Kroll, CCCERA Retiree Representative
Contra Costa County Retirement Board*

COMMON ONLINE SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS – TIPS TO PROTECT YOU FROM ONLINE SCAMS

Millions of the senior citizens fall for online swindles each year. According to some reports, over **thirty six billion dollars** is lost every year to online con artists.

Senior citizens represent a unique demographic that is both trustful and compassionate. The scammers are aware of these characteristics and they are trying to exploit them.

The marketplace has become very complex, and most senior citizens do not have an interest in keeping up with the latest technology coming out almost daily.

Due to this, they are more likely to miss important things like latest security upgrades, or the latest technology trends and even new fraud schemes. This makes them susceptible to these frauds and scams.

Tips To Protect You From Online Scams:

Do not share any sensitive personal information online. Ensure that the website you submit sensitive information to, like credit card numbers, is trustworthy.

Not everyone who knows a few things about you is trustworthy. Just because someone knows where you stay, and your full name, does not mean you have to trust him or her. Carry out due diligence, and where there are doubts, seek help from authorities.

Avoid opening emails from unknown sources, especially if they have attachments

Before donating to charities, confirm if they are legitimate. You can check their validity and tax status at www.charitywatch.org.

If you meet a stranger online, let him or her remain a stranger. If it is about social networking do it without involving any financial information.

When using your computer, do not click on pop up advertisements.

Set up your computer to install security updates automatically, so if someone tells you need an upgrade; you know it is a fraud.

Why Do Online Scams Happen To Senior Citizens?

According to their official website, 60% of people who call the National Fraud Information Center are senior citizens. The Department of Homeland Security further adds that, senior citizen are two times more likely to be defrauded as compared to the rest of the population.

Why Are Senior Citizens More Likely To Be Victims Of Internet Fraud?

In recent online survey by consumer insights in America, it was reported that households headed by citizens 60 years or older, save up to 70% of their income. Fraudsters, therefore, know that senior citizens are more likely to have cash lying around somewhere, and they use the Internet frequently.

A research done by the Pew Research Center showed that over 50% of senior citizens use the Internet. That was a few years ago and the numbers are steadily rising.

Scammers are also aware of the fact that seniors spend more time online during the day than any other demographics. This makes them a target since they also tend to be online when most scammers are active.

They are least likely to report the crime

When a senior citizen is scammed, he or she is less likely to report the crime to authorities. This is due to a combination of factors. Most senior citizens do not know where to report fraud cases or how to handle these situations.

They may also feel too embarrassed to report the crime. For this reason, many scammers go unpunished, hence they are more likely to scam other people.

According to the FBI, the senior generation trust strangers easily. This can be attributed to the community environment they grew up in where you knew everyone in the town. They often believe that the scammers are their neighbors, or someone close who is more likely to help them than steal from them.

(CCCREA Informational Links Continued from Page 7)

How Senior Citizens Can Avoid Being Scam Victims?

There are several ways senior citizens can avoid being scammed. Online scams are getting more complicated by day. The con artists are becoming smarter and using sophisticated methods.

Firstly, before making any purchases online, consult a caregiver or trusted family members. They will know if the product is genuine or if it is just a scam.

Never give out any personal information unless you are sure it is to trusted people like your doctor or legitimate companies you have dealt with before.

When making purchases or payments use your credit card. This way, you can dispute the payment when you discover it is a scam and have the money refunded. Do not use a debit card. This is like using cash.

Avoid deals that pop up on your computer when you are online. According to the Consumer Insight of America, you are more likely to get scammed during impulse buying.

When someone contacts you about having won a lottery you have never participated in, ignore the message. The odds of you winning a lottery are 1 in 175 million. Before you get too excited think about that. The odds are even higher if you have not even bought a ticket.

When someone contacts you about a relative being in trouble, confirm with other family members or close friends. Develop a code word that you can ask your family, especially grandchildren, to give you to verify their identity.

Make a point of reporting any suspected fraud cases. You are better off safe than sorry. Report any suspicious cases to the police department, and they can then refer you to the agency who can best help you with your situation.

When using your computer, all your software upgrades should come from the company itself and not from a browser pop up window. Set your computer to carry out the upgrades automatically.

Do not accept any approach from Computer Tech support over the Internet. In case of any technical issues, call the company. They will send someone over or advise you on what to do.

CCCREA BENEFIT PLANS OPEN ENROLLMENT

by Greg Margulies, Pacific Group Agencies, Inc.

All retirees should receive their 2021 CCCREA Benefits Guide during the second half of October. This guide details the benefit plans offered exclusively to CCCREA members. Plans include two high benefit dental plans (PPO & HMO), a vision plan, legal services, identity theft protection, pet care, travel protection, life insurance, personal accident coverage, and more. The Benefits Guides will be mailed to the address CCCREA (your retirement system) has on file, so if you have moved, please make sure they have your current address.

This is your once-a-year chance to change dental plans or to enroll in the vision. The Benefits Guide not only lists all the plans available, but also will show any benefit or rate changes.

If you are NOT making changes to your coverages, you do NOT need to return the Enrollment Form. Your enrolled coverages will continue for 2021. If you do plan on making changes, we need your form back no later than November 13th.

Note: Enrollment in any of these policies will not affect your current health benefits - Editor

CCCREA'S WEBSITE'S INFORMATION LINK PAGE

CCCREA continues to search for sites on the Internet that could be helpful to our membership to make decisions about various subjects. As you can see from the list, it is varied and very comprehensive.

If you have an opportunity, take a minute to go to your computer, and log on to www.cccrea.info. You can then click on Informational Links, and you can browse through all the subjects. Many of these sites will offer a multitude of information for your health needs or just ideas to make your life easier.

Should you have or know of a website that you use often and you would like to share with your fellow members, please send the link to mesloan1@aol.com and we will add it to our growing list.

So that you can get an idea of what types of information is available, we have included the list of links here:

[45 Free apps for Seniors to Promote Independence](#)

[Aging & Eyesight](#)

[Aging Made Easier with Digital Health Technology](#)

[Alcohol Rehabilitation](#)

[Alcohol Rehabilitation Information on AA Program](#)

[Assisted Living & Caregiver Support Resources](#)

[Best Medical Alert Systems](#)

[Coping with the Cost of Care Tax Deductions and More](#)

[Decluttering and Downsizing Guide](#)

[Dental Basics for Seniors](#)

[Downsizing Guide](#)

[Elderville – Local & National Resources](#)

[Getting a Mortgage in Retirement](#)

[Grants Available for Veterans who are Struggling Financially](#)

[Guide to Independent Work for Seniors](#)

[Home Modifications for Seniors](#)

[Home Modifications that Increase Senior Safety](#)

[Home Modifications to Allow Aging in Place](#)

[How to Deter Burglars / Tips for Deterring Burglars](#)

[Lung Cancer Resources](#)

[Online Scams Targeting Seniors](#)

[Medical Alert Systems \(Find the Best One\)](#)

[Nutritional Guide: Healthy Foods for Older Adults / How Diet and Mental Health are Connected](#)

[Preventing the Most Common Types of In-Home Injuries for Seniors](#)

[Preventing Accidents by Reducing Clutter & Hoarding](#)

[Recovery Village \(Drug & Alcohol Treatment Resources for Seniors\)](#)

[Relaxation Techniques to Reduce Stress and Sleep Better](#)

[Researching Financial Decisions \(Mortgage, Home Equity Lines, CDs, Personal Loans, Credit Card Debt\)](#)

[Retirement Calculator](#)

[Retirement Living](#)

[Seniors Travel Insurance](#)

[Seniors Traveling Solo: Some Great Solutions](#)

[Should You Own or Rent in Retirement?](#)

[Substance Abuse & Addiction Resources](#)

[Travelers Health: Senior Citizens](#)

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to dance. They awaken us to new understandings with the passing whisper of their wisdom. Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for a while, leave footprints in our heart, and we are never the same."

'Chicken Soup for the Soul'

These persons were reported to have passed away by the retirement board during the second and third quarters of this year. However, several names were not listed in previous newsletters. Please accept our apologies.

AITCHISON, ROBERT	04/01/2020	HAGER, RUTH	06/15/2020
ALBERTSEN, INEZ	03/22/2020	HARRIS, BARBARA	04/04/2020
BOTTOMLEY, ANNE	03/22/2020	HUTCHIN, DENA	11/05/2019
BYRNE, PETER	01/29/2020	INOUE, MITSURU	01/27/2020
CABRAL, RICHARD	07/21/2020	JULIAN, DANIEL	03/08/2020
CAREY, CRYSTAL	05/21/2020	KLEMENT, GEORGE	05/20/2020
CASILLAS, SHIRLEY	11/01/2019	MOLTA, FRANK	02/13/2020
CEVASCO, SUSAN	04/10/2020	NICHOLSON, ROBERT	04/03/2020
CIUPEK-REED, PHILIP	02/28/2020	POTTS, RAY	02/09/2020
COLE, RUTH	04/05/2020	SHARP, GEORGIA	05/07/2020
D'ARCY, ANNE	06/28/2020	SPIERING, ROCHELLE	02/11/2020
DARMS, JOHN	04/13/2020	THOMPSON, JULIE	04/30/2020
DUARTE, KEITH	06/07/2020	VAN VILLET, JOHN	02/04/2020
FROST, ROGER	04/02/2020	WALLACE, DAVID	03/29/2020
GILLIAN, DONALD	03/13/2020	WASHINGTON, FLORIDA	01/21/2020
GREELMAN, WILLIAM	06/29/2020		



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2019 – 2020 LUNCHEON DATES

December 12
March 12
June 11
September 10

Remember, if you are a new member your first meeting is just to be sure to call in your reservation and let us know you're a new member. The telephone number is: (855-522-2732)

Please feel free to invite friends who have recently retired to our luncheon!

CANCELED

2019 – 2020 REGULAR MEETING DATES

October 8th
November 12th
January 14th
February 11th
April 4th
May 12th
July 14th meeting TBD
August – No Meeting,
October 13th
November 10th

CANCELED

MEETING LOCATION:

TJ's Restaurant -
3210 Pacheco Blvd.

(The old Pegg's Restaurant across from the Shell Restaurant in Martinez, CA 94553. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. We are welcome to attend and share your thoughts and suggestions.

Call to let us know you are coming.
(855-522-2732)

CLOSED

CRCEA CONFERENCE DATES

The Fall CRCEA Conference is scheduled to be hosted by Stanislaus and Merced Counties, and is to be held at the Modesto Double Tree Hotel (October 22 – 24, 2020). Additional information and/or any updated information will be posted on the CRCEA website – www.crcea.org.

CANCELED

KELLY-MOORE® PAINTS

All members of the CCRCEA will be able to access discounted paint and sundry items with the following account information.

Account # 620-CC1600

The discount is available at all Kelly Moore locations.



kellymoore.com





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See's CANDIES



SEE'S CANDY UPDATE –

Sandy Hawkins, chairperson for our See's Candy Sales, has reported that she has talked to our sales representative recently, and was told the stores were no longer selling the gift certificates.

The representative said they have replaced the certificates with \$25 gift cards, and there is no longer a bulk purchase discount. Previously, CCCREA was allotted a substantial discount for buying in bulk, and that was the reason we could offer the certificates at such a reduced rate.

See's is not currently planning to resume the sales of the certificates and did not know if that policy will change in the future. However, the current certificates do not expire and are good until they are redeemed.

While See's Candy certificates have been one of CCCREA's most useful membership benefits, they too have become a victim of the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, we have too few gift cards left to open sales to the membership since we would inevitably be unable to fill most of your orders.

Hopefully, See's will change their policy so we can offer them again for the Christmas holidays.

Some See's Candy Stores are open for pre-order sales over the phone and you then pick up the candy outside the store. You can also buy as much as you would like with a credit card online.