

Howdy Joslyn members,

March 2021 – Joslyn Center Status

With any luck, the only madness you'll experience this month is related to watching college basketball or getting your turn to be vaccinated if you want "the shot" and are able to have one (or two). Along with seeing more people get inoculated, I am encouraged by local, state and national pandemic trends as SLO County moves from the purple to red tier today. Unfortunately, that move does not yet allow community centers (that's what we are designated) statewide to reopen; for more information, see the [County Reopening Page](#). Your JRC board continues to focus on being ready to get people safely back into the center when that changes and doing what we can remotely to stay connected.

The Rest of the Newsletter in Summary (plus check out the pictures ;-)

2021 membership renewals have gone well / live presentations from the Joslyn Center have occurred with more on the way / time and \$\$'s donations continue to help the Joslyn / we could use a little assistance if a small number of you are able & willing to work a bit this month / see recent pics at the end of this note (or attached).

2021 Membership Renewal Continues

More than 220 people are now "official" 2021 Joslyn members which is a great start! Thanks to those of you who were able to get your renewal payments in. I won't bug folks about membership renewal after this newsletter until we're open and ready to have people using the building. If you haven't paid yet and are ready to support the JRC with your annual renewal, the main page of our website, <http://joslynrec.org/>, has all the details you need about paying the \$50 per person dues.]

JRC LIVE Presentation Series

We have broadcast (via Zoom) two live sessions for members from the Joslyn Kitchen in February. Chef Stephanie Nye showed soup plating techniques and Craig Wasson & Maryann Grau demonstrated making an Indian Vindaloo dish (which was delicious). Both are available to replay if you're interested.

Next up is a celebration of Saint Patrick's Day, featuring Chef Giovanni, owner of the Harmony Cafe. He will prepare "green" (of course) pasta with a nettles pesto sauce (yes, nettles, the prickly kind, but tasty and healthy when cooked.) As a main, he will cook a traditional Irish dish called Fisherman's Pie, made with white fish filets, shrimp and potatoes, served with red cabbage. Please join us on Wednesday, March 10th at 10 am. Just reply to this e-mail to get the connection details for next week.

I really appreciate Maryann arranging all of these and the presenters for giving their time to entertain and inform us!

Thanks a ton to Recent Donors and Volunteers

Some of our JRC clubs have supported the center through significant donations.

Dancercize continues to give generously month after month, and February, the Table Tennis crew collectively assembled a tremendous donation! Thanks to both of those clubs.

Larry Kelly led an effort to take care of quite a bit of wood rot around the building. The cross slats over the patio and conference room walkway were removed along with many fascia boards and the front kitchen entrance stair rails. 2nd VP Julie and I were helpers (in my case, probably got in the way and made things take longer) and are working to finish the project by completing painting touch-up. We had received bids of thousands of dollars to do all this work (when termite companies inspected us) and have taken care of it with volunteer labor for a couple of hundred bucks in supplies.

Thanks for your help and expertise, Larry!

Work Around The JRC

SLO County improvement efforts continue to be slow and now include examining places where there were leaks in the big January storm plus figuring out mitigation plans to keep the building dry in the future.

If a small number of people are willing to get together to do a little maintenance, there are two areas we could use help this month:

- A. 2 to 3 people (masked) are needed for light indoor cleaning (webs are forming in places as the facility sits idle). This is mostly dusting and vacuuming (bathroom and kitchen cleaning will be arranged professionally).
- B. 3 to 5 people (unmasked if they prefer and stay distanced) could be used for some outdoor/grounds maintenance that is normally done by different clubs each month. Items to attack include: sweeping the patio + walkways, removing sand in the parking area (assuming that it can be done on a non-Lawn Bowls day by folks with good backs!), cobweb removal from the walls/lights and possibly trimming some tree branches above the conference room walkway.

If you can pitch in (talk to your friends and fellow club members about making it a teeny-tiny party), I'll coordinate access for those who want to help but don't have keys.

Please have a look at the pics below with captions to see some of what has been going on at the JRC lately...

Talk to you soon,

2021 President Mark K

Chef Stephanie showed an easy way to make soup pretty



Chef Stephanie Nye

Craig and Maryann made Chicken Vindaloo live from the JRC



The Vindaloo masterpiece



Larry Kelly taking out wood that was rotten in places



See how rotten!



Julie Krebs painted the stair rails after Larry rebuilt them

