

President's Message

May 2020



Dear Members,

The Joslyn is still here and it will be when this is all over and we can come out of our homes and get back to the business of life. Our hopes, here at the Joslyn, are that you are healthy, safe and have the necessities. Although many of us are alone in our homes as we shelter, we have found creative ways of reaching out and keeping contact. Rusty and I have been locked down in the Bay Area, in our second home, where we found ourselves when the orders to shelter were enacted. We've busied ourselves painting, gardening and fixing up this elderly mobile home and by staying in touch with our friends and family "remotely". The internet has been a true blessing to us all. I hear from friends that they have cleaned out and spruced up their homes and are finding ways to reach out to help others in need. It's important that we do what we can to keep busy and help where and when we can.

The Joslyn is keeping busy too. Carole comes in several times a week and answers phone messages, checks the mail, pays the bills, monitors the building, keeps the books up to date, responds to future rental enquiries, lets me know what's up and keeps check on the kitchen renters (yes, our Soup Lady Stephanie is still providing vegan soups to Cambria, thank you Stephanie!). Our income isn't much but our output continues. Thank goodness that we have been conservative financially in the past and we have the reserve that people have asked and argued about since forever. We will survive on that and then we will come up with creative ways to restore it once we can all leave our houses and get back to the world. Meanwhile, many thanks to the clubs (Bridge, Table Tennis and Spirit Dance) and the individuals who have sent in checks. We appreciate your generosity. For the rest of us, some struggling to meet our own bills at this time, use your money wisely. If you have a little extra, remember there are people in our town who are in need - that's where we should direct our help now. The Joslyn will survive. Believe me, I'll "hit you up" later.

Thanks to Mark Kantor (and Yvonne), our wonderful First Vice. for being our JRC handyman these past weeks. We have some new paint on the kitchen walls and new doorstops where needed. He also monitors the video cameras and keeps them on track. Thanks to Judy Butler, our resident gardener, for keeping our front yard gorgeous, even when there are few around to admire it. She says it's lonely out there now. Not a lot of "passing by to stop and chat" people nowadays. And thanks to you for staying home, wearing your masks, helping out friends and strangers in oh so many ways. You are keeping our little community safe. I know it's been said a million times, but - together we really can get through this.

One more thought. I play online Mah Jongg with my JRC Mah Jongg buddies several times a week. Keeps us in touch, mentally sharp (maybe) and we can bark at each other just as well over the net as we do in person. Rusty plays in online poker tournaments with our poker group as well. And yes, I hear him muttering too. They also use Zoom to glare at each other. Can you find a way to stay in touch with your Joslyn club members? Let me know and I'll put it in the next message. Just send in ideas to the JRC and Carole will forward to me.

Till then, stay safe. Miss you all - even you crabby ones!

Sharon

Happy
Mothers
Day to all
our Moms !



Celebrating
our wonderful
Joslyn Center
&
All our
wonderful
clubs !

What a great
place to come
and have fun!