

Howdy JRC Members,

December 2021 – Joslyn Center Update

There's a lot to talk about this month. First off, hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are deep in the planning process for winter holiday fun!

Change of Office Manager and Hours

Our previous Office Manager, Peg, has left the Cambria area and thus the Joslyn Center. Her efforts to get us back up and running this year were greatly appreciated and we wish her well in her new locale. Fortunately, we were able to find someone to step in and help right away. Please welcome Karren McKnight as our new Office Manager starting in December. Note that she pronounces her name like the words “car” (the thing you drive) + “wren” (the bird). Once she is fully up to speed, she'll be in the office Monday through Thursday from 10am to 2pm every week.

Stop in and say hello to our new Office Manager, Karren (“car” + “wren”)



Annual Membership Meeting Recap

Thanks to all those who attended our annual meeting (remotely and mostly in person) a couple of weeks ago. The unofficial meeting minutes will go up on our website soon, but here are the highlights (from my biased point of view):

- The slate of elected officers from 2021 was approved to serve again in 2022
- Our annual membership dues of \$50 per person will not change and is expected to provide about a third of the budgeted 2022 income; the full budget (including all anticipated income and expenses) for next year was approved by the membership
- There was some discussion about how to encourage more donations to the JRC (for example a legacy program) which will be reviewed in the coming months

The topic of Covid protocols and what we might do as an organization also came up. This continues to be a challenging subject. We have very limited resources to do much more than encourage members and guests to follow current state and county guidelines (which we do by way of reminders and posting signs). Even some of the current mandates can be difficult to understand given the nuances of language and (in my opinion) not very clear wording. For example, in SLO County, there is a provision for performing arts that allows presenters and performers to unmask in certain situations (distance from others, vaccination status, etc.). I had seen the [county update from October](#) and thought it applied to things that might take place in our building such as our annual membership meeting. We continue to trust each club to review information like this and decide how they want to interpret and implement the guidance for their activities. With Covid news coming out non-stop, there will be fits and starts to resuming life close to normal (pre-Covid). Some participants and activities will be slow to resume which is unfortunate, but not insurmountable for the Joslyn as an organization. We just have to remain open minded, patient and positive for the future.

Around the Building

Julie, our Facilities VP, is heading up the effort to decorate the main hall for the holidays this year. If you can help, stop in Wednesday, Dec 1 around 10:45am to lend a hand.

Well, we are one for two on the new men's urinals lol. The one that originally broke has been replaced while the one that was functional was found to have infrastructure problems upon removal. Soon that will be rectified and the other waterless version will go in. For the time being, we're still at 1, just a different one than we were last month 😊.

Club Updates

From **Chorale**: We are planning to reconvene as of January 11. We will be masked unless we are singing.

From **Poker Club**: We will have our monthly Poker Tournament on Saturday, December 11th, and the game will be decided by those who show up to play! Meet in the Main Hall at 6:15P, cards in-the-air at 6:30P for the usual \$20 Buy-In. Looking forward to seeing you at our final tournament of 2021. Happy Holidays to all, may 2022 be filled with good health and lots of good poker hands!

From **Spirit Dance and Drum** (via Francesca at 805-927-5528): will be meeting every Monday night at 7:30, as usual, for Ecstatic Dance. Attendees are required to be vaccinated and to also wear a face mask properly (covering nose and mouth) as long as

the county requires this practice. Drum Circles have been temporarily suspended until such time as an adequate number of people feel safe to participate.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays,

2021 President Mark K