

Santa Clara Women's League PO Box 3033 - Santa Clara, CA 95055-3033





President's Message: Marti Ragone

Dear Friends, sadly, we're into another month and still unable to meet and be together in person. I sure do miss all of you wonderful ladies! Most important though is that we're all staying safe and well!

Even though we can't meet in person, we need to plan for the future of our SC Women's League, so that means we need your vote on two important items by May 23, 2020.

- 1) Our League currently has a net worth of \$79,537.00, so the Board is recommending making a \$10,000 donation to the City of Santa Clara for the Health & Wellness Program in May.
- 2) The Nominating Committee is happy to report that we have a full slate of officers and we need you to cast your vote.

Also, our 2020-2021 membership renewal is due by the end June, so please mail in your \$20.00 check made out to "SCWL" along with any address or phone changes ASAP, to our Treasurer: Nancy Velasco.

Regarding the Entertainment Raffle Prizes, we plan to have a drawing at Showtime in August (if allowed by the City) or we will do a

drawing at an upcoming meeting.

We still have a lot of tickets left, so if you would like any additional tickets to sell to family and friends, please contact Phyllis Thomas

Thank you for your continued support, and please stay safe!



Notes from the Nurses

Hello to all from the CPOD line! As you may recall, the Senior Center staff have been activated as emergency relief workers, something that we have been trained to do. We have been serving a hot Senior Nutrition Program lunch from the back parking lot at the Senior Center as a drive-through delivery system called a

Commodity (food) Point of Distribution. Before COVID19, we served about 65 meals each day; we are now up to 150.

My role, along with Jennifer Herb, Jessica Carter, and Omeed Adib, is to run the CPOD every day with the support of about 15 daily workers. I'm the Health & Safety Officer, making sure that we are safe on the line and that we don't cross-contaminate our workers and participants with something we can't see - the virus. I am always surprised at how my former experiences, this time as an ex-surgical nurse, come to play in my current responsibilities. I've pretty much got everyone trained on the proper use of gloves - YAY!

Other P&R staff, along with various City employees are also working weekly CPODs on Thursday afternoons from some school campuses and the Senior Center to distribute lunches and breakfasts to families with school age children. Those weekly numbers are getting close to 10,000 meals. The impacts of the virus are hitting Santa Clara hard. Thankfully people are patient and cooperative, and the weather is glorious and we are not delivering food to cars in the rain anymore.

If you would like to receive a daily lunch, either by car or by walk up (parking outside the Senior Center lot on the street and walking over to our pedestrian booth), and you are 60+, call the front desk to sign up the business morning before (408-615-3170). There is a requested donation of \$3 although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. The front desk staff is there 8 am - 1pm and they can give you more details. Through the SC Firefighters Foundation, the City is also giving out weekend breakfasts and lunches on Fridays, through our CPOD and also to home bound older adults via firefighter delivery teams, free of charge. You can sign up for this on Mondays, also at the Senior Center front desk.

In addition to this daily work, I have been providing limited care management services via email and phone. Larisa comes in on Wednesday for welfare checks by phone to on-going clients and to answer any voice mails received during the week. I am very appreciative of her willingness to work, since she has her 96-year-old mother and her 4 year old granddaughter in the house. On second thought, that may be why she's so willing to come!



We hope you and your families are well and coping with the disruption and stress of this pandemic. We, too, are doing our best to pace ourselves and to treat ourselves with gentleness. We don't know how much longer this will go on, but we do know things will be very different when business resumes. They have to be, since we will be dealing with this virus for some time to come. Once the CPOD is closed and we're back inside, we will most likely take time to reassess our abilities, resources, and what we can provide through our program. I had started this year of 2020 thinking that this appeared to be a very big Life Transition year, and boy I had no idea!

Please call if you need anything and please make sure you are getting out into the sunshine. All our best, *Mallory and the team*

A Note from Georgia

Hello everyone. I'm putting on my cheer-leeding hat today and

sharing some pleasant things I've observed during the last few weeks. 1)As I walk my dog each day, I've noticed that the neighborhood is so quiet. No construction noise, no planes taking off from SJC, hardly any traffic noise. I can hear all the wonderful brids chirping that the usual background noises down out. 2) the air is So clean/clear — I can see our beautiful hills and smell the

wonderful fragrance of all the blossoming trees and spring flowers. 3) I see so many homes that have made beautifully colored chalk designs in their driveways and have written inspirational messages of encouragement to the passing neighbors. Have you noticed these

things in your neighborhood? It seems that even during these difficult times, if you just look, you can find beauty all around you and you realize that people want to spread good feelings and cheer, even if it can only be done on their driveways and six feet away from one another. It would be wonderful if we could HUG our friends and loved ones, but for now, give a wave and a big smile. That will make a HUGe" difference in their day.

From Nominating Committee

Hello to everyone from your Nominating Committee. We hope this finds you all healthy and safe. These are crazy times for all of us, but the important thing is to stay in contact with friends like your SCWL members!! Thanks to the dedication of the following members who stepped up to be our leaders, we have a full slate of officers nominated for the Santa Clara Women's League 2020-21. They are:

PRESIDENT: Georgia Sutter
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Diane Jones
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: Kathy Del Pino
TREASURER: Nancy Velasco
RECORDING SECRETARY: Alma Guillot
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Carol Phillips
PARLIAMENTARIAN: Phyllis Thomas

Since we are not having a meeting in May when we usually vote for our new officers, we are asking you to vote one of two ways: email or call Emily Adorable.

Please vote by May 23. If you agree to the entire slate, just let Emily know you vote yes or if you would like to nominate someone else for a position, let her know that.

Marti Ragone, our President, has polled the 2019-20 Board members and the Board is making the following recommendation:

For the 2019-20 year, Santa Clara Women's League will donate \$10,000 to the City of Santa Clara to support the Senior Center Health & Wellness Program.

When you contact Emily about the slate of officers, please also vote yes or no on the above recommendation. Thank you to everyone for participating in the election,

Emily Adorable, Wanda Buck, Marti Ragone – 2019-20 Nominating Committee