

Happy Spring Fellow Joslyn-ites,

[Note – I'm sending this out in the final hours of March so nobody thinks anything I say is an April Fool's prank attempt ;-)]

April 2021 – Joslyn Center Update

Ready or not, spring is upon us! The county has made more people eligible for vaccines and our Covid related numbers look to be staying “better than purple.” We have done some cleaning in the building (read on), the county is slowly getting to the projects on their list (see below), and we remain ready to “spring” back to action when community centers are permitted to operate.

The Rest of the Newsletter in Summary (and check out pics for the month ;-)

A few clubs continue their efforts successfully during the pandemic / live presentations from the Joslyn Center are bringing people together (remotely) / volunteers keep the JRC in good shape / we still need some assistance for outdoor maintenance / there are a few more pictures at the end of this note (or attached).

Clubs that keep going

Several JRC clubs have managed to thrive through the pandemic. Rough Writers, the Investment Club and Dance/Aerobics + Strength training are meeting remotely to do what they used to do in person, and Lawn Bowls had the advantage of being an outdoor activity allowing them to keep on playing.

One recent Rough Writers accomplishment is the publication of a novel by member Kerry K. Cox. *MONEY BEAR: A Nick Tanner Crime Thriller*, published by Level Best Books, is now available in print and online. Kerry mentioned to me that, “the Rough Writers group has been super helpful in honing this and other manuscripts.” It's great to see Joslyn members and clubs persevering in these Covid times! If you want more info on his new book, visit Kerry's web site, kerrykcox.com.

JRC LIVE Presentation Series

We have had four cooking related presentations for JRC members in the last couple of months. In the latest, Chef Giovanni of the Harmony Café, showed off some St Patty's Day recipes and member Kristine Fox gave some great guidance and demonstration on gluten free baking. All four sessions brought JRC members together remotely and are available for replay – just ask for the details.

VP Maryann is doing a great job arranging the presenters and we really appreciate the guest chefs making the time and effort to benefit our members! More are on the way.

Work Done and Needed Around The JRC

We had our kitchen and restrooms professionally cleaned recently and several Mahjong members came in to spruce up the conference room, office and main hall (a year of sitting idle leaves floors and walls less than optimal); thanks so much to Joy, Judy, Celeste, Karen, Wendy and Nancy for their help.

SLO County is slowly making their way through the project list they started mid last year. You may have seen the conference room windows replaced by plywood temporarily while new, custom, triangle replacements are being fabricated. They have created the forms for additional concrete on the Pinedorado side of the building and have a plan for some roof maintenance which presumably will lead to the installation of the new restroom floors (finally – they don't want to put in vinyl flooring until they are confident it won't be leaked on). Stay tuned for more on these items as they come to fruition.

We are in need of 3 to 5 people for some outdoor/grounds maintenance that is normally done by clubs every month. It would include sweeping the patio + walkways, removing sand in the parking area, and general wall/light cleaning. Who's ready to sweat a little for an hour some morning before people park in the spots out front??

I am including a few pictures again this month with captions to show you what you may be missing at the JRC from March – let me know if these are of interest to you...

Take care,

2021 President Mark K

Chef Giovanni makes green pasta and fisherman's pie from the Harmony Cafe



Kristine Fox demonstrates gluten free baking (corn bread and German chocolate cookies) in the Joslyn kitchen



Judy Butler caught in action gardening under the temporary conference room window inserts



