

A Message from President Susanne

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Welcome 2021! 2020 was a difficult year of transitions. We've made it through year one of the pandemic, something we never thought we would live through in our lifetime. It has been for many a year filled with stress, uncertainty and for some fear. It has a year filled with loss. For many of us, the loss of family and friends complicated with the inability grieve and honor those we've lost with the usual respect.

We learned after the first few months to lower our expectations and accept our current situation, trying to do our best in this unthinkable situation. Through no fault of our own, we're limited in our physical capacity to be together and enjoy each other's company. We've Learned to accept and conquer Zoom meetings and use Face Time as our "go to" interactions and relationships.

And it has been a year of mix messages about how long we will be quarantined, when we should expect medical intervention and what precautions we should take in the meantime. We've become tired and a bit lax with basic healthcare guidance around those we consider family and close friends.

There has been some good that has transpired as our "normal" world has slowed down. We've taken notice of the natural world in ways we've neglected and taken for granted in the past. We've become more aware of those front-line workers who continue to support our communities and make our lifestyles as normal as possible. People who every day put themselves out there sacrificing, donating, and supporting us.

We in return, have tried to find ways to help others during this crisis. We've found ways to help each other and to give back to others by supporting restaurants, offer to grocery shop, check in with each other and sometimes writing a personal note. And as a Club, we have continued and excelled with our commitment to charitable contributions.

As we begin year 2 of this pandemic, we're in the midst of a quarantine that feels like it will never end. But with the development of a vaccine, there's hope. We believe we're beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We believe we will be able to meet in person again. Let's remain vigilant and connected. This season of will pass. We will return to a new "normal" with some safeguards and feeling free, safe, busy, and connected, hopefully in 2021.