

Silver Moments

RIVERSIDE CHAPTER 237 AARP NEWSLETTER

August/September, 2022

CHAPTER MEETINGS/PROGRAMS

We meet on the first Saturday of every month (except January when we are dark) at the Goeske Center at 9:30 am for fellowship and then our program at 10 a.m.

AUGUST 6 PROGRAM

Just before publication of this newsletter, the speaker set for the August 6th meeting let us know that a conflict arose at the last minute and she would be unable to appear as planned. But we are now searching for a replacement that will be well worth your time to come for a great time and to hear Jim Montgomery's slice of humor.

In addition, we will be entertained by a group new to us, the Biscuits and Gravy. Not sure if they will have a southern drawl but will bring delights to your ear.

SEPTEMBER 3 PROGRAM

Cancelled from the June program, the Chief of Police for the City of Riverside will be our speaker at our September meeting. Police Chief Larry Gonzalez is a 28-year veteran of the Riverside Police Department joining in 1993. He went up the promotion ladder to

Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain serving various roles during that time. In 2017, he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police and in January 2020 was named the 22nd Chief of Police of the Riverside Police Department over 400 sworn Police Officers.

We will also be welcoming back award-winning family performing artist Karen Rae Kraut. She is a storyteller, variety entertainer, comedienne, singer, teaching artist and workshop presenter. Her storytelling/variety shows include adaptations of world folktales, music, songs, movement and her own special brand of audience participation. Since 1990 she has been performing her whimsical, high-energy solo shows in schools, libraries and community settings from California to East Tennessee.

Barbara Purvis, Program Chair

MEMBERSHIP

The following people joined our chapter this Summer. WELCOME!

Cynthia Bowens	Cynthia Davis	Daniel Davis	Debra Gomez
Cecilia Gonzales	Marie Gordon	Russell Gordon	Shirley King
Linda Knapik	Bob Monsanto	Doris Randolph	Lois Rolletta
Katherine Vargas			

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

First of all, I want to **Thank** all of you members for being so flexible and supportive during the first half of the year as we try to get meetings and tours back to a normal routine. But as you have seen, it's nothing close to normal! We had such a good "come back" meeting in May, but then were surprised when Goeske center had to close down just 3 days before our June meeting because of a Covid exposure. I truly apologize to anyone who drove in expecting our meeting. We just did not have time to contact everyone.

We also had to cancel several tours these past couple months, as we are not getting enough members/guests signing up (early) to cover the cost of the bus! We will reschedule these great trips later in the year as many of us were disappointed in not getting to go! You can help us keep our scheduled trips by being sure to sign up early and bring your friends!

Hopefully we are on track now...we had a great tour in June to Valley View Casino. It was nice to be together and enjoy each other's company! We so appreciate Goeske for letting us use their parking lot to meet our bus! For future tours, please remember to park at the far end, near the wall (and houses), so that we don't obstruct Goeske's normal parking usage.

I enjoyed seeing all your smiling faces and patriotic attire at our July meeting. It was Hot... HOT... **HOT!** Yes, both the meeting and the weather! We learned of the importance of blood donations. And enjoyed a great variety of patriotic songs! Barbara does such a great job of finding speakers and entertainment for us. If you have any ideas for us, please let Barbara or me know.

Our Donation for August will be school supplies again. I'm wanting to fill at least 5 boxes for our teachers! The September Donation will be canned goods and non-perishables for the Goeske Pantry. Please be generous for both these important needs.

Stay cool! See you soon!

Michelle Nichols, President

DONATIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST and SEPTEMBER

FOR AUGUST: We will be collecting School Supplies. Some of these suggestions are brand specific, as the teachers have learned they are worth the money and are more "kid proof." Ideas are

- Clorox wipes
- Ticonderoga pencils,
- Kleenex in boxes (not small packages)
- Crayola crayons
- white board markers,
- colored paper
- construction paper
- glue sticks
- Scissors
- Gift cards to Target, Walmart or Staples are al-

FOR SEPTEMBER: We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishables for the Janet Goeske Pantry. Be sure they have good 'use by' dates and are not expired



Members who attended the July 2 general meeting in their patriotic attire.

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER



- Peggy Ballard
- Nancy L. Cleveland
- Paula Conley
- Claudette Earl
- Carrie Garrett
- Rick Hill
- Selma Kardos
- Dolores Lambert
- Michael V. Maez
- Jan McPike
- Peggy H. Ritter
- Sadie Rodriguez
- Jerry Saks
- Vangie Steinwand
- Sherril Stewart
- Nancy E. Stimmel
- Larry Summers
- Yolanda Vargas
- Mary Welding
- Mildred White

- Karen Anadio
- Marjorie Barr
- Susan Bond
- Barbara J. Butts
- Patty Call
- Sharon DeSilva
- Nadine Evans
- Robert Gall
- Marie Gonzales
- Dorothy Harkness
- Nancy Hart
- Catherine Himpelmann
- Loraine Hoffman
- Pat Marlow
- Michelle Nichols
- Shirley Pederson
- Virginia L. Perez
- Sally Quay
- Joy Summers
- Karen Sutton
- Barbara Ybarra
- Cynthia Zdilor

DAY TOURS

NEW PARKING PLACE FOR OUR DAY TRIPS

Arrangements have been made with Goeske's to park our cars in their lot for our day trips. So when you come to take a trip, please park in Goeske's FAR LOT — next to the wall and houses -- 3rd driveway from Streeter on the left side of the street

MEDIEVAL TIMES

Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Cost: \$115 per person
Time 5 pm – 10:30 pm
Escort Thora



Take a step back into the past. Join us for a four-course meal fit for royalty. Enjoy an exciting tournament. Watch the gallant knights battle and joust. Cheer for your favorite knight. Enjoy beautiful costumes and majestic horses and unique meal.

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Cost: \$72 per person
Time 9 am – 5 pm
Escort Thora



The Griffith Observatory has a fantastic view from the wall of the Valley and Los Angeles. There are daily shows you can sign up to attend. Lunch is on your own with several places to eat.

BATES NUT FARM

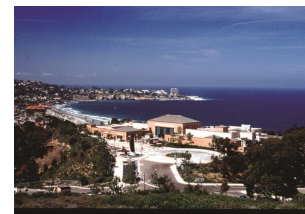
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Cost: \$99 per person
Time 9 am – 5:30 pm
Escort Beth

We will tour the farm for a terrific day. This farm started in 1921 and we will see it today 5 generations later. We start off with a tour telling and showing the history of worldwide nuts that they feature. We will go through the Roast Room where they roast the nuts. The Cold Room about 65 de-

grees where the nuts are preserved. We will take a Hayride around the farm and see the small animals: goats, sheep, chickens and others. We even get to feed them. We will be able to shop their many candies, nuts, homemade fudge, gift packs, chocolate and sugar free candy. Shop also at the Farmers Daughter Boutique for so many items. A great place to purchase your snacks, ingredients for your holiday baking and gifts. The grounds are fairly level for walkers & wheel chairs and our bus has LOTS of room for all your goodies.

We will have an included Bar-B-Q lunch with beef, cold slaw, beans & a cookie dessert.

WHAT a wonderful day for a change of pace. Come join me!!!!



CAPTION INFORMATION: The Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California.
PHOTO CREDIT: Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography

BIRCH AQUARIUM

LaJolla, California

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Cost: \$80 per person
Time 8 am – 5 pm
Escort Thora

The birch Aquarium is part of the Scripps institute in La jolla. the Aquarium also does a lot of conservation work . After the aquarium we will go into LaJolla for lunch . There are many places you can choose to eat where you can enjoy the ocean during your meal.

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LA FARMER’S MARKET

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022
Cost: \$58 per person
Time: 9 am – 3 pm
Escort: Thora

If you've never been to the Farmer's Market, you are in for a lot of fun. There are many food and gift booths. You will have a multitude of choices for lunch. The surrounding area also has many shops you can enjoy.

EXTENDED TOURS

FALL COLORS MYSTERY VACATION

Date: October 23-27, 2022
Cost: Double \$2,099.00 — Single \$2,549.00
Escort: Beth

Well, let’s go and have fun on another Mystery tour.

On a MYSTERY tour, we **DO NOT** know where we’re going, **how** we’re going to get there, **what** we will see or do, or the hotel we will stay at. We pay our money for five (5) days of fun and we receive our **Paid Receipt** for now. Prior to the tour we will receive papers showing what time the **limo** will pick you up and a **weather report** for you to know what to pack. So, for now you still do not know where you are going.

When the limo picks you up at your home and takes you to Ontario Airport, and **THEN** when you check in — you find out the name of the city/cities to which you will be flying. You will then be met by your **Manager** and taken to your hotel and told what will be happening the next day —but **NOT** what you will be doing.

You will enjoy this tour. There are soooo many people that **ONLY** go on these Mystery tours because they are so much fun. I think this is the 3rd one I have set up so far. Remember we will be seeing Fall Colors and they should be beautiful with all the snow the country has had this year. Come go with me & be surprised and pleased that you did.

SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS

Date: November 6-11, 2022
Cost: Double \$2,075.00 — Single \$2,625
Escort: Beth

This is a wonderful tour to experience sights of today – and – sights created at the times of the dinosaurs! After our Limo pickup taking us to the airport to fly to Las Vegas for two nights, to enjoy the many sights of the Casino’s restaurants, shows and shopping. Let’s start by going to the Grand Canyon West for wonderful views. The Native Americans (their land) built an awesome glass bridge for you to walk out on and look down at the many colors of the canyon. We will travel into Utah to visit Bryce Canyon formations and colors (my favorite). The elevation here is 8,000-9,000 feet. Next, we visit one of the oldest & most scenic in the U.S. – Zion National Park. We take their Tram to view the Valley of Fire State Park in Nevada. Red sandstone formations and ancient trees, petrified wood and Native American Petroglyphs are many here. **WHAT** a great tour and we only unpack twice!!! Come and experience these sights with me!

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Office hours: Monday – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
 Thursday – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Board of Directors Meetings for 2022 (held via ZOOM):
 September 12, November 14
Meetings begin at 12:45 pm

General Meetings:
 When: 1st Saturday of the Month
 except January.
 Where: Goeske Senior Center
 Address: 5257 Sierra Street
 (Corner of Streeter & Sierra)

NATIONAL AARP ASSISTANCE

Automobile Insurance	1-866-227-7466
Dental Insurance	1-866-583-2085
Health Insurance	1-800-523-5800
Legal Services	1-866-330-0753
Life Insurance	1-800-795-9990
Membership	1-888-687-2277
Pharmacy	1-877-422-7719

NUMBERS OF INTEREST IN RIVERSIDE

Blindness Support Service	(951) 341-9244
City of Riverside Information	(951) 826-5311
Community Connect	211
CTAP (CA Telephone Access Prog.)	1-800-806-1191
Elder Fraud	1-800-476-7506
HELpline, Riverside County	(951) 686-HELP
Janet Goeske Center	(951) 351-8801
Meals on Wheels	(951) 683-7151
Office on Aging	(951) 867-3800
Senior Legal Hotline	1-800-222-1753
Senior Transportation Services	(951) 687-8080
Y.A.N.A. Program	(951) 826-523

IMPORTANT DATES

August 6.....General Meeting
 September 2.....General Meeting
 September 5, Labor Day.....Office Closed

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