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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Remembering Dorothy Lueking

I remember attending my first CRCEA Conference as just a member. I knew few people, but was almost immediately welcomed by a lady who introduced herself as Dorothy Lueking, the CRCEA Secretary.

Dorothy welcomed me as a "new face" and was genuinely pleased that some new members were coming to the conference and becoming involved in CRCEA. At that point, I didn't know that I was going to "become involved" with CRCEA.

At the urging of George Shoemaker and Jim Feeley, I periodically attended meetings of the Executive Committee in Los Angeles. Once again, the first one to welcome me was Dorothy. She

made me feel welcome and encouraged me to fully participate in all aspects.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee following the death of CRCEA President Bill Kirkwood, it was Dorothy who made a motion to nominate me to fill the position of Vice-President since Bill DeLaGarza had vacated that position to fill the President role. Although somewhat surprised, I accepted.

It was then that I realized where the glue that held the organization together was – it was the history, the compassion, and the drive of Dorothy Lueking!

Dorothy was the one I leaned on. She knew nearly everything about the organization, and all the people who could be contacted in order to accomplish the tasks and goals of the organization. And, standing right beside her, was her loving husband, Ted, who not only fully supported her, but also supported CRCEA even though not a direct member. You could tell instantly that they were a team.

Since that time I have been saddened by two things relative to Dorothy.

First, as her health issues progressed, she had to give up the position of CRCEA Secretary. But, in the character of Dorothy, she found a perfect candidate and convinced Virginia Adams to accept the position.

Second was the fact that her health continued to deteriorate which ultimately took her from us.

Dorothy Lueking will always be a legend of this organization, and she deserves all the praise and good words that are sent in her direction.

Wanna bet that she is organizing all the CRCEA members who reside in her new neighborhood? That's the woman I know.....

Until next time...

SKIP MURPHY, President



**HAVE YOU CONFIRMED  
ATTENDING THE CRCEA  
REUNION IN LONG  
BEACH?**

Your host county association Retired Employees of Los Angeles County (RELAC) has extended the registration date for the November 7-10, 2021 CRCEA Fall Conference.

You can still confirm your attendance by pre-registering via email by October 5. The first 50 registered attendees will be eligible to participate in a special drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card. Then follow-up by mailing your registration form and check to: RELAC at 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit 15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802.

We hope to see you at the CRCEA Fall Conference in Long Beach at the Courtyard Hotel.

A great series of workshops have been scheduled, along with an early bird reception Sunday evening at the Shoreline Village, a Monday night reception at the Aquarium of the Pacific hosted by PGA, and our traditional Banquet Dinner on Tuesday evening, with a special musical tribute to the Beach Boys.

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to confirm your attendance as soon as possible, and as late as October 5, 2021.

Please see the next page for the flyer for this upcoming event.

Hope to see you there!



**Future  
CRCEA  
Conferences**

Soon we will be getting together again. In that spirit, following is the schedule for the next several conferences:

Spring 2022  
Orange (REAOC)

Fall 2022  
Sacramento (SCREA)

Spring 2023  
San Bernardino (RESBC)

Fall 2023  
San Joaquin (RPESJC)  
Spring 2024

**WE HOPE YOU WILL BE  
ABLE TO JOIN US FOR  
GREAT INFORMATION,  
NETWORKING, AND,  
OF COURSE, FUN!**

**PERFECT FOR FALL**

**Easy Tomato Soup**

2 T unsalted butter  
1/2 to 1 onion, cut and separated into large wedges (may caramelize for extra flavor)  
1 (28-oz) can tomatoes, whole peeled or diced  
1 1/2 cups water or veggie stock  
1/2 t salt, or to taste

Melt butter over medium heat in large saucepan.

Add onion wedges, water, can of tomatoes (undrained), and salt.

Bring to simmer. Cook, uncovered for approximately 40 minutes. Stir occasionally.

You may blend the soup, if desired. It is also excellent with ingredients left whole.

Also, add chopped spinach last few minutes of cooking, if desired.

Serve with grilled cheese sandwich! Enjoy!

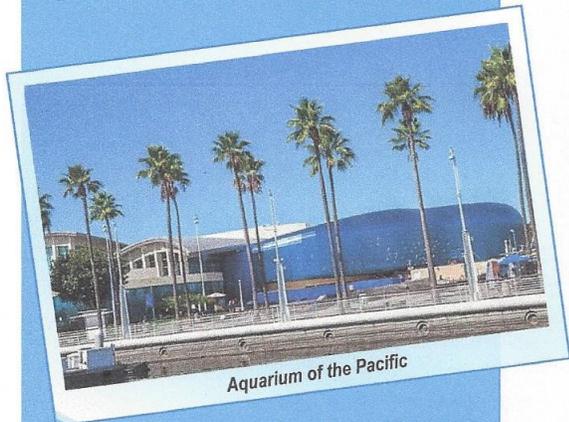
**Sunday, November 7, 2021**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



The Queen Mary



Aquarium of the Pacific



Courtyard Hotel by Marriott

# CRCEA

## 2021 Fall Conference

### *New Horizons*

### *“Navigating into the Future”*

**November 7 – 10, 2021**

**Courtyard Hotel by Marriott, Long Beach**

500 East First Street | Long Beach, CA 90802

Reservations: (800) 321-2211 or (562) 435-8511

### **Conference Workshop Topics**

Legislation, Ocean Sustainability, Senior Wellness,  
Healthy Lifestyles, and Social Connectivity

**Sunday Social Hour – Shoreline Village**

**Monday Reception – Aquarium of the Pacific**

**Tuesday Banquet Dinner – Courtyard Hotel**

Hotel and public safety requirements will be observed.

Room rates: \$169 – Single or Double + taxes

Group Rates apply 3 days prior and 3 days following Conference

### **Hosted By**

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