

## Chapter 296 September 2020

## President's Message

Welcome to your September President's message. I hope you and your families are doing well. Stay strong and we will wait out this dreaded covid 19 disease. Continue to social distance (6 feet) and wash your hands often.

I do have some Mended Hearts National news. They held an August Leadership Training seminar. A total of 8 formal sessions and a number of other meetings and activities. I attended many of the sessions and activities. Some of the topics were organizing a chapter; how to run a chapter smoothly; how to lead a chapter and how to attract new members and how our National Organizations has changed to be more open for new members. Well worth attending. I believe they will make some of the sessions for view on our National website in the new future.

I do have some chapter updates. Our Vice President, Scott McClendon has decided to step down. I want to thank him for serving on the Board. Also, Gary Szasz has decided to step down from Newsletter editor. I also want to thank him for his dedicated service to our chapter. So, we now have 2 open positions to fill on our Board. It is a great opportunity to get involved with the running of our Chapter. If interested in applying for either position, please let me or one of our two other officers, Claire Jones, and Linda Burns your desire.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to the following new chapter members, Jane Sowers, and David Hernandez. I also sent them a welcome email on behalf of the chapter.

As you might remember we have rescheduled our Anniversary Dinner to October 11. Please see attached flyer. What you may not know is that the major cost of the event is being subsidized by the Chapter to thank you for all you do and for enduring this horrible pandemic. It is my hope as well as the board that you are able to attend. All safety protocols will be followed to keep us all safe and sound. This includes wearing masks when not eating or drinking. Tables will be staggered to keep a safe distance and all employees will be wearing masks and gloves. So, you can have peace of mind while enjoying the festivities which include live music entertainment, door prizes and lots of laughs and companionship with your fellow members.

We are attempting to have a Virtual meeting on September 15. This is dependent on if we can get a guest speaker. If there will be a meeting on September 15, I will send a notice to all members.

In closing, I want to extend my good wishes that you all stay safe and healthy!

Wishing you all Peace & Love

Larry