



Orange Peal News

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Inventing Your Life

“Reset Button” By Rob Claudio

As the kids are finally out of school for the summer and a designated break is now in session, many families are planning for a trip of some type which will create new memories that everyone can look back upon. Never mind that we are just emerging from a pandemic, which changed the world for all of us and in the midst of it, we were given the opportunity to re-evaluate our priorities. I noticed among my own inner circle of folks that as much as everyone wants to get out and do something away from home, there are plans among many of them to re-connect with family and friends, some of which they have not seen for well over a year. One of the things I do appreciate most about social media is that I can go on a journey with someone on their trip and feel the emotions through pictures of the places or people they are connecting with. I have also been able to keep up with the growing number of family members as I see what used to be little nieces and nephews, who are now becoming adults and coming into their own as grown-ups from a distance. Whether we are able to witness things in person or from afar, it is something to be thankful for that we are still alive and able to have these new experiences. I have also not lost sight of the fact that during the worst part of the pandemic, we either lost people in our own families or knew of others who did, which caused much grief that still lingers today. From being on lockdown, so to speak, I also came to appreciate some of the simple items related to catching up with someone face-to-face. There are so many instances these days where people seem to have the least amount of time, which contributes to less family dinners and even less direct human connection. As a result, we can all now appreciate being able to hug someone and look at them straight in the eye, while having a conversation which may have been interrupted over the course of a year and half or so. Just recently, I had pictures from friends traveling in Mexico City as they explored the majestic pyramids and family members on an adventure in Lake Tahoe. In addition, I had the privilege of catching up for a fun dinner with two very close friends, which brought some much-needed laughter and hugs at the end. I thought about the new appreciation that I now have for things like this, which I previously took for granted. Our reset buttons have all been pressed, whether we liked it or not and we all can approach things differently as a result. I know that many of us hope to not go through anything else like this in the rest of our lifetimes, however, I hope we all learn to appreciate the gift of what this button has done. As many of you plan for a family get away somewhere soon, I hope that you are thoughtful and calculated in enjoying the luxury of having the ability to do so, especially when others are still not able to. Therefore, plan with great ambition and experience new sights and sounds, as you add to the collection of wonderful memories which may have been on hold. Remember that the opportunity to re-engage in many of life's great experiences are all a gift which we should all continue to be grateful for, as many of us re-acclimate to a different world now with a new regenerated perspective.

“Change your thoughts and you can change your world.”
— Norman Vincent Peale

Remember to follow the blog at: inventingyourlife.blogspot.com

CHAPTER NEWS AND TCHOTCHKE

Orange Empire Chapter Awards from State CWC Chapter

We were honored to receive First Place for Chapter Activities Large Chapter and Best Overall, Flyer of the month for August and September and Newsletter Award for the Orange Peel News. Trophies are on display by Abraham Saucedo in his assigned office.

Group Awards were presented to **UI Buena Park Appeals Unit** Nominated by Joyce Tsui and **DI 309 Field Office Division Staff** Nominated by Cecilia Youn. A description of accomplishments with names are available in the last Orange Peel.

It's not too early to start writing nominations for 2021.

State CWC Conventions

Recordings of speaker presentations given at the virtual convention are available on the website members-only section: www.californiaworkforceconnection.org.

CWC is working on the in-person convention planned for May 13, 2022 at the Ayres Hotel in Costa Mesa. The Save the Date Flyer is on the next page. Now is the time to ask for approved leave. The local chapter is expected to provide assistance on such committees as registration and technical support. **Contact me to volunteer by offering your time and talent.**

Orange Empire Chapter will pay the registration fee for our chapter members who meet a specific criteria that will be announced with the release of the final conference flyer.

Education

Let us know what topics you would like to see as a Zoom presentation. The Statement of Qualifications is very popular and that will be offered soon. How about retirement planning or savings plus?

Retirements

Please let me know of any upcoming retirements so we can offer congratulations and share the news. If I have your personal email, I can keep you in the loop with chapter news. Privacy is always protected.

Membership Recruitment Contest

Page 6 is a Fact Sheet for marketing to new members. Please share this newsletter with your peers and invite them to join. Someone once said "you can't sell a secret", so we depend on the current members to share the benefits and membership application.

Education Grants

After one year of membership, grants are available up to \$500 for qualifying educational classes. Since the fund does not award grants for matriculation, it might support specific courses that are related to the individual's current assignment. More information and applications are on the CWC website.



Save The Date!

**The California Workforce Connection
Annual Education Conference**

“Creating Connections”

May 13, 2022

8 am to 5 pm

A
AYRES HOTEL

COSTA MESA / NEWPORT BEACH

325 Bristol Street

Room reservations are \$120 plus taxes or prevailing government rate for single/double Call 1-800-322-9992 before 4-26-2022 and ask for California Workforce Connection Free shuttle from Orange County Airport and free self-parking.

ORANGE EMPIRE CHAPTER



SAVE POP TABS FOR



The income from recycling the aluminum pop tabs supports the House where families stay while their infants or children are receiving medical treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses at area medical facilities.

They can also be delivered or mailed to the Ronald McDonald House, 383 South Batavia Street, Orange, CA. For more information refer to www.rmhc.org.

Orange Empire Collects Labels for Education



As easy as downloading the APP and scanning receipts or clip and mail to:

Diamond Elementary School
1450 S. Center St., Santa Ana, CA 92704
www.boxtops4education.com



Orange Empire Chapter

Requests that you please SEND (front only) of your recycled cards (except for Hallmark, American Greetings or Disney) to: Sunrise Children's Foundation, 2795 East Desert Inn Rd., Ste 100, Las Vegas, NV 89121 to help children fulfill their potential to lead healthy and educational lives

See www.sunrisechildren.org for more information.



Supports the OC Food Bank through



Donate to our 2021 Virtual Food Drive here:

<http://www.justgiving.com/CWC-Orangeempire>

For more information:

<https://www.capoc.org/oc-food-bank>

Orange Empire Calendar 2021-2022 subject to change

August		September		October	
23	Local Zoom Meeting	6	Labor Day	7	Book Club
26	Book Club	9	Book Club	18	Local Zoom Meeting
29	Zoom Conference	20	Local Zoom Meeting	20	Orange Peal Articles Due
	Planning Meeting	23	Book Club	21	Book Club
	Publish Orange Peal			23	State CWC Meeting
November		December		January 2022	
12	HOLIDAY	13	Zoom Board Meeting	17	Zoom Board Meeting
15	Local Zoom Meeting			17	HOLIDAY
20	NAMI Walks				
25/26	HOLIDAYS				
	Publish Orange Peal News				

Send articles and comments to the Editor Nanette Bowman: nanettebowman@cox.net

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UI 180	Available
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Orange Empire Chapter
EXECUTIVE BOARD ZOOM MEETING
Monday, September 20, 2021
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
 REQUEST ZOOM LOG IN FROM
NANETTE BOWMAN, SECRETARY
714-269-0612
nanettebowman@cox.net

Orange Empire Membership Recruitment Contest



*\$20 for recruiting 3 new members**

**BEGINS August 1, 2021
ENDS MAY 1, 2022**

- *Only Orange Empire members are eligible to win
- *New member must join Orange Empire Chapter
- *Transfers do not count

Completed application must be mailed to:

*Nanette Bowman
2006 Port Albans Circle
Newport Beach, CA 92660*

Membership forms are available at
<https://www.californiaworkforceconnection.org/join-now/>



Questions?
Call, text, or email
Nanette Bowman
714-269-0612

nanettebowman@cox.net

The California Workforce Connection (CWC) is a 501(c) 6 mutual benefit membership organization recognized as a bona fide association by the State of California to provide training and education to develop the careers of the members.

As you step into the career field of workforce services, we invite you to join the California Workforce Connection (CWC). EDD contributes \$50 a year to CWC for BU 1 and 4 after you join so your only cost is \$4.00 a month which can be deducted from your paycheck. EDD pays 100% of manager dues so their cost is zero. Some of the benefits are:

- Volunteer officers and committee chairs organize dinner meetings, conferences, and Zoom presentations with speakers who cover motivational and educational topics.
 - Registration costs are paid in full or reduced for members
- Volunteers plan and organize one day seminars on various topics.
 - An excellent way to spend your Professional Development Days
- Dinner meetings and seminars provide the opportunity to network with peers from other branches and get to know the EDD executive staff and administrators.
- Chapter sponsored training on such topics as computer skills or assistance with the promotional exam process which can include “mock interviews”, etc. **All free to members.**
- After one year as a member, you are **eligible for scholarships** from the California Chapter
 - Up to \$500 can be reimbursed for qualifying classes.
- Award programs to recognize superior employee accomplishments.
- Volunteering as an officer or committee chair develops and demonstrates leadership skills. It looks good on your resume and Individual Development Plan (IDP).

Orange Empire Chapter is one of 12 local chapters statewide and one of the most active. **We hope you will consider becoming a member of CWC** by submitting a completed and signed membership form. It's the **best** investment you can make in your future.

The above is just a few of the benefits of being a member of CWC. Please contact me if you have any questions and I hope to meet you soon.

Sincerely,

Nanette Bowman, Secretary
Orange Empire Local Chapter
California Workforce Connection
www.californiaworkforceconnection.org
nanettebowman@cox.net
714-269-0612 (cell)

CWC Membership Application

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Date: _____
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Mail form (and any payment) to: Nanette Bowman, 2006 Port Albans Circle, Newport Beach CA 92660

Name: _____

Last name
First Name:
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Local Chapter: Orange Empire	Telephone Number: _____
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Home email: _____

Address: _____

Number and Street Address
City
State
Zip Code

Employer: _____	City: _____
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Job Title: _____	ARU: _____	Bargaining Unit: _____
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(If applicable)
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Type of Member & Association Annual Dues Amount

Partner/Non-State Employee: \$98.00
 Cash/Check Payment: I hereby agree to be sent an annual invoice for renewal of dues.

Retiree: \$36.00
 Cash/Check Payment: I hereby agree to be sent an annual invoice for renewal of dues.

EDD State Supervisor/Exempt Employee: \$0.00

I agree to provide my full social security number, which will be kept confidential. **SSN #:** _____ - _____ - _____

EDD State Employee Bargaining Unit 1 or 4: \$48.00

I agree to provide my full social security number, which will be kept confidential. **SSN #:** _____ - _____ - _____

Automatic Deduction: By checking this box, I hereby authorize the State Controller's Office (SCO) to automatically deduct **\$4.00** from my salary each month and transmit, as designated, an amount for membership dues to the CWC. I certify that I am now a member of the CWC and allow the organization to establish, change and/or cancel my deduction. This authorization will remain in effect until I submit a written request to the SCO to cancel this deduction and termination of membership will cancel all deductions made under this authorization. I understand that processing may take 2-3 pay periods.

-OR- **Cash/Check Payment:** I hereby agree to be sent an annual invoice for renewal of dues.

Other State Employee (Non-EDD): \$98.00 – Refer to your Bargaining Unit Contract for possible reimbursement.

I agree to provide my full social security number, which will be kept confidential. **SSN #:** _____ - _____ - _____

Automatic Deduction: By checking this box, I hereby authorize the State Controller's Office (SCO) to automatically deduct **\$8.17** from my salary each month and transmit, as designated, an amount for membership dues to the CWC. I certify that I am now a member of the CWC and allow the organization to establish, change and/or cancel my deduction. This authorization will remain in effect until I submit a written request to the SCO to cancel this deduction and termination of membership will cancel all deductions made under this authorization. I understand that processing may take 2-3 pay periods.

-OR- **Cash/Check Payment:** I hereby agree to be sent an annual invoice for renewal of dues.

I understand that the processing of this form/payment may take 1-3 months and that the California Workforce Connection (CWC) organization does not issue refunds.

Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Recruiter's Name: _____ **Local Chapter:** Orange Empire