



Orange Peal
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ORANGE EMPIRE CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTION

Election of officers for 2023-2024 is coming up and the more the merrier. Competition adds an exciting flavor to the process so we encourage each of you to consider running for an office or nominating one of our members. Submit candidate names by June 6. Serving on the Board is not just rewarding and fun, it is a strong addition to your resume. You have an opportunity to demonstrate and develop leadership skill as well as personally meet and work with influential leaders.

SUMMARY OF LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICER DUTIES

Local Chapter President

Schedules and presides at monthly Zoom Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings. Attends all State Chapter CWC Zoom or in person Board of Director Meetings or appoints a proxy. Any necessary travel expenses are paid plus \$75 for the number of hotel nights voted on by the Directors. Submits quarterly sub-chapter activity report Summary and Score Sheet electronically. Local Chapter Presidents have a vote on California Board. Past chapter officers are mentors and advisors. You are not expected to do it alone!

First Vice President

Acts as President when president is unable to attend a meeting. May act as Education Chair for local chapter and arrange training sessions.

Second Vice President

Assumes duties of President or first vice in their absence. May act as Membership Chair for local chapter.

Treasurer

Maintain records of income and expenditures. Pays the bills, deposits checks, and reconciles the account. Prepare and submit quarterly reports to California Chapter treasurer. Must be computer literate and able to use Quicken.

The Secretary is appointed by the president and attends local meetings to record minutes. The Secretary also assists with preparation of the quarterly report and may be editor of Orange Peal News.

President will appoint chairs for office representatives, legislation, retiree, veterans, and awards.

Submit nominations to Nanette Bowman by text to 714-269-0612 or email nanettebowman@cox.net

Orange Empire Chapter

EXECUTIVE BOARD ZOOM MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

REQUEST ZOOM LOG IN FROM

NANETTE BOWMAN, SECRETARY

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CALENDAR 2023

JUNE 2023

June 12 Local Board Meeting on Zoom

June 27 SOQ Training on Zoom

JULY 2023

July 10 Local Meeting on Zoom

July 29 State Board meeting on Zoom

AUGUST 2023

August 14 Local Board Meeting on Zoom

SEPTEMBER 2023

September 11 Local Board Meeting

OCTOBER 2023

October 9 Local Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 2023

November 13 Local Board Meeting



Carol Kolesar Receives CWC Life Membership

At the state chapter CWC Board Meeting on May 4, 2023, the Board of Directors voted to grant a Life Membership in the association to Carol Kolesar. Nominated by the Orange Empire Chapter, Carol more than meets the criteria for this honor. She has been a member since she started working for EDD in 1993. Shortly after, she recalls attending a chapter meeting where she met and visited with agency executives, one of whom was Mark Sanders. She was hooked and became the Office Rep for Mission Viejo. By 1998 she was elected Orange Empire treasurer and still holds that position. Her resume also includes serving one term as Orange Empire president, one term as District IV Director, and two terms on Bybee Board. Carol has served on convention committees, awards committees, and as a convention delegate. She has received membership recruitment awards and was Retiree of the Year for 2011. Her financial reports are always timely and exemplary. Congratulations to Carol. May this Life Membership gift serve as our appreciation for your dedication.



Orange Empire Chapter

Presents

*HOW TO PREPARE YOUR
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS*



TRAINING PROVIDED BY
VAL MOELLER, RETIRED EPM III

Date/Location

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

6:30 to 7:30 pm

Via ZOOM

Zoom connection provided upon receipt of RSVP

Members: Free

Non-Members: \$5 or free with completed member application

RSVP by 6-22-23 to

nanettebowman@cox.net

714-269-0612



ORANGE EMPIRE CHAPTER NOMINATIONS

WSB 042 SANTA ANA INDIVIDUAL NOMINEES

Francisco Avita	Renee Gonzalez
Magdalena Brooks	Justin Jennell
Alicia Brown	Porscha Singh
Henry Cabrera	Michael Sir
Maria Cannon	Jean Stringer
Maria Cerda	Thuy Tran
Alberto Cruz	Andrew Tsai
AnaPatricia Curiel	Rhonda Wooten-Savino

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WSB 042 GARDEN GROVE RESEA TEAM

Jannatara Alam	Joleen Le	Huy Pham	Linda Taylor
Amy Che	Tommy Le	Gurjeet Rehal	Glory Turcios
Maria Crespo	Vanessa Murcia	Isabel Rojas	Katie Vu
Faviola Hernandez	Audrian Nguyen	Chhaya Samtani	Minh Triet Vu
Steven Knight	Ha Nguyen	Stephanie Santamaria	Jenny Wang

WSB 042 MANAGEMENT TEAM

Thach Dinh	Abraham Saucedo
Jessica Linares	Kendall Tidwell
Julio Martin	Jeremy Tom

UI 019 GROUP APPEALS TEAM

Peter Diep	Juan Martinez
Jessica Gallardo	Jamie Pinasco
Long Ha	Lesley Sediva
Elisa Hughes	Karina Sierra

UI 019 GROUP DETERMINATIONS MENTORS TEAM

Lilia Abrantes	Genina Hipolito	Marissa Panerio
Thomas Canal	Elisa Hughes	Kyong Park
Vincent Chang	William Hur	Molly Pham
Cynthia Chapman	Michelle Loayza-Alcala	Sandra Romine
Dereck Do	Julie Nim	Margarita Urzua

UI 019 GROUP CLAIM FILING MENTORS TEAM

Lilia Akopyan	Leonardo Sierra
Hye Chung	Hsiu Sun
Kathy Le	Brian Tam
Beatriz Orozco	Jonathan Toek

UI 019 INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS

Chieu-Anh Nguyen

Yasmin Silvestri

UI 017 GROUP APPEALS MANAGEMENT TEAM

Robert Garcia

Maria Parra

Michelle Zalazar

UI 017 GROUP ATTENDANCE CLERK TEAM

Jennifer Garcia

Wendy Manzon

UI 017 GROUP OVERPAYMENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Jonathan Celio

Paul Vu

Enrique Duenas

Michelle Zalazar

Van-Quynh Nguyen

DI 219 GROUP FRAUD DETECTION TEAM

Dennis D'Arminio

Salvador Castaneda

Michael Toscano

Leann Graessley

Andrew Gomez

DI 219 INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS

Susana Gonzalez

DI 309 INDIVIDUAL NOMINATION

Hoi-Ki (Rosa) Tsui

DI 222 INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS

Gloria Cabral, Ariel Garcia, Alyssa Lopez, and Heather Maples

PARTNER NOMINATION

Jaime Casarin

The following awards were presented at the Luncheon in Ontario on May 5, 2023

1. Rosa Tsui, DI 309, Customer Service Award
2. Gloria Cabral, DI 222, Individual Employee Performance
3. Annie Nguyen, UI 017 Individual Employee Performance
4. Rhonda Wooten-Savino, WS EPM II, Individual Employee Performance
5. Maria Cannon, WS Customer Service Award
6. Porscha Singh, WS Customer Service Award
7. Henry Cabrera, Enhancing Partner Relationships Award
8. DI 219 Fraud Detection Unit, Group Customer Service
9. Garden Grove AJCC, Group Customer Service
10. UI 017 Appeals Management Team, Group Employee Performance
11. WS 042 Cluster Management Team, Group Employee Performance
12. Chapter Activities Large Chapter
13. Overall Best Chapter
14. Orange Peal Newsletter
15. March Flyer of the month
16. May Flyer of the month

CWC President James Thomas with the Workforce Staff



James with DI Staff



UI 017



Abraham with Chapter Awards



(Forgive me for any spelling errors)

CHAPTER NEWS

Orange Empire Chapter recognized all of our nominees with a trophy or certificate delivered to respective offices. We received amazing nominations. The nominators deserve so much appreciation. We hope to have a team ready to host our own awards function next year. It's not too soon to start writing nominations for 2023. There will be award writing workshops presented later in the year to help with any compilation.

Orange Empire Chapter was well represented at the annual state conference in Ontario with 23 members in attendance. The presentations and more pictures will soon be available to view on the website at californiaworkforceconnection.org. The atmosphere at the conference was electric with enthusiasm by those reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. What a pleasure to meet in-person again! Speaker summaries are written in the Cal-Liope.

The CWC state board of directors meeting was held the day before convention from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the same hotel. The voting members of the board consists of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Secretary, Directors from District I, II, III, & IV, and the president or proxy from each of the 12 local chapters. There are 12 additional committee chairs. Each one is expected to submit a written report to keep oral presentations at a minimum and stay within the timeframe of the agenda. This has become only in-person meeting since Covid. Now other meetings are via zoom.

Respectfully reported by Nanette Bowman

Inventing Your Life **“Your Dreams and Reality”** **By Rob Claudio**

Several weeks ago, I saw a great story about the first black female journalist in the Western United States and her name is Belva Davis. She is an extraordinary example of persevering to achieve your dreams and while she overcame so much as the first in her profession and geographic area of the country, her quote stood out like a beacon of light when I heard it. "Don't be afraid of the space between your dreams and reality. If you can dream it, you can make it so". Although her story is fascinating having to overcome so much in the world of television broadcasting that has been dominated by men, she blazed a trail for other women who would come after her.

That quote made me think about so many other things that I wanted to focus on as part of my column for this edition. Just the thought that your dreams can become reality makes for some great thought-provoking conversation, even if you are by yourself. When I first think about dreams, I go back to my childhood and remember wanting to live in a big house with a swimming pool and having all of the great amenities that could be afforded due to some form of wealth. I think many of us can relate to having similar dreams.

Then as an adult the imaginative thoughts evolved to many other types of different things which included; peace, tranquility, serenity and health. I know for a fact that my 10-year-old self would have never listed these things which I now cherish so much more. Then when I heard Ms. Davis's quote, I was reminded about how many of our dreams do come true, however, the way they manifest themselves sometimes appear in different forms. Think about the great dream of winning the lottery along with the items you have imagined you would buy with all of that new money.

I used to joke with a co-worker of mine many years ago, that buying a \$1.00 lottery ticket was way better than going to therapy. With that one ticket, we could talk about all of our hopes and dreams along with what a better life we would have as a result. I also recall during my college days and I would watch the TV show "Cribs" on MTV. You would peek into these mansions of famous people with so many extravagant things inside along with a garage of luxury vehicles. My college roommates and I would talk about how we too would have something like that once we graduated and moved on to our adult chapters.

Now I just smile at the many thoughts that ran through our underdeveloped minds and how things are much different now. Yet, this quote from Ms. Davis resonates strongly, in that speaking something into the universe that you really want does come from a powerful place. I also realized some time ago, that in order to make dreams turn into reality one should be very specific. I had many dreams that came true in my life, however, in looking back over the years, I realized that I lacked specificity for many of the things which did occur. What has not changed is that you do have control over what you want to achieve in your life. Much of what we want does eventually come to us, although usually it is a result of lots of hard work and dedication. Other items take longer periods of time while utilizing habitual practice before one finally sees an outcome.

What cannot be lost in all of this is that one must continue to have dreams as life is not over, until we finally get to leave this earth and if you believe in it, you can look forward to the great beyond. I hope that many of you remember the dreams that you had as a child, teen and adult. Take inventory of the many items that you did manifest as a result and continue to keep your new dreams alive as well. Always maintain bold dreams and your higher power, the universe, God or whomever it is that you put your greater level of faith in, will put things in motion for you. Just understand that those items that are for your personal good are usually what comes to fruition. Being thankful for the dreams that did not come true can also be another column all by itself, as many of us don't realize until much time has passed, that not all things end up adding value to our lives and some things just do not bring you anticipated happiness either.

Finally, I hope you spend some time thinking about Ms. Davis's words and how you can benefit from being bold in your dreams and then making them so.

"Dreams are never just dreams; they are reality waiting to happen." - **Sarah Burton**

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