



**General Information**

General Meetings are held at the Brentwood Public Library, 2nd Avenue & Third Street, at 10 a.m. on the first **Friday** of the month.

**Calendar**

**April 3rd, 2009** - Library 10 a.m. in the lower level.

**May 1st, 2009** - Library 10 a.m. in the lower level, presentation of the **History Video**.

**June 12th, 2009** - TBA End of the Year Luncheon **Please note this is a change in date.**

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**President's Message**

Happy New Year to All. By now, all of the membership should have received their Directory for 2009-2010. We hope that this information is helpful to everyone. Please let me know if there are any changes or corrections to be made.

In this fiscal year of "gloom and doom", ROBS has had a very difficult time. With the rising costs of printing and postage, and lower membership numbers, we have found it necessary to increase our dues by \$5 as of July 1, 2009. Last year I made reference to the membership fees of the local chapters of RC21. Our organization had the second lowest dues structure, with other locals paying as much as \$75-100. At our May 1st General Meeting, a motion will be put forth to the membership to raise our dues. We hope that you will make an effort to put this date on your calendar and attend the meeting.

On a more pleasant note, Congress has passed the following bill on 12/11/08, and it was signed into law on 12/23/08, also known as H.R.7327, or the "Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008." The Required Minimum Distribution will not be required for calendar 2009. In other words, RMDs which are based on 12/31/08 plan balances and are normally required

to be made by 12/31/09 (or by 4/1/10 for those attaining age 70 1/2 in 2009) will not have to be made.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our last two newsletters. We hope that more of you will find time to put your thoughts to paper and send them to Carmela. We will have one more newsletter going out in June. Given the talent and intellect of this group, we should be able to put Newsday to shame.

Project Hope was a very successful venture this year. We adopted 15 people and had a considerable amount left over. Continuing the trend to supplement the lives of children, the ROBS Executive Board will donate money to the After School Tutoring Program for Suburban Children. Peter Vercillo has agreed to meet with the Director to establish the needs of the program. Thank you so much for your kind generosity. A special thanks to shoppers Kris Dougherty and Lynn Tiscione and wrappers Kay Dillon, Charleen Keely and Frank Roessner.

As much as I love snow, I am ready for Spring. How about you? The fact that Daylight Savings Time has started makes that much more anticipatory.

In Harmony

Phyllis Goodwin

