

2020 YPSW Meeting Regrets

Unfortunately unable to attend this year. Thanks. Dave Roskelley

Hi Anna- I will not be able to attend this year. I hope all is well. Best Regards, Todd Niemeier

I regret to say that Marsha and I will miss this years meeting. I am sure it will be a great one on 2020 Vision-A Look Ahead at Key IH Issues. I also want to congratulate you on your continuing service to the local section. You are an institution (I mean that is the most inspiring way possible). Hello to all of our friends and colleagues and maybe we will see you all next year. Best Regards, Zack Mansdorf,

Anna, So disappointed I can't attend the annual meeting. My daughter lives in Australia and January is the month we stay with her family. Grandkids are a priority. Any way to videotape the key sessions to share with members who can't attend? My best, Jim McGlothlin

Hello dear Anna and hope all is well with you and your family. The past few years I have had to attend to a client's audit which coincides with our Yuma Pacific meeting. Some years I have been able to make it to the banquet and will try to do so this year as well. Either way, would you please give me my best to all the colleagues. I am sure it will be another successful meeting. Thank you and board members for all your efforts. Best regards, Hamid

Hi Anna. I don't think Jess and I will make the meeting this year. As I type this we are in the British Airlines lounge at Newark Airport waiting for an overnight flight to London. After 3 nights in London, we fly to Zagreb Croatia where we meet up with our CSUSB tour group of 46 people. We are on a 12 night small ship cruise of the Adriatic Sea. When we get back on Thanksgiving we have to start packing to move to an amazing house we bought in La Quinta. Then we have to get the condo ready for sale. So much going on. Aloha. Susan Browne Rosenberg

Anna/All: I am afraid that I will NOT be able to attend the Jan. 2020 YPSW meeting. I am having a variety of health problems. It looks like old age is attacking me. Give my best wishes to all the attendees/members. I am sure that the meeting will be excellent, as always. The program looks great, as always. Regards to all. Harry Ettinger

I won't be able to make it this year. Hope you are doing well. Thanks, Carter Ficklen

Hi Anna, Sorry that I can't make it to the meeting this year. I will be hiking in Patagonia! Have a great meeting. Lisa Barnes

I am not planning to attend. Thanks again for all that you do. Marc Kolanz

Hello Anna, I hope you are well and getting into the holiday spirit. We hosted most of the family for Thanksgiving here in Palm Springs and had a grand time. For the Christmas long weekend, we will be in San Diego celebrating with family and friends. My docent work at the Palm Springs Art Museum continues to fascinate, with impressive exhibitions and the opportunity to learn from experts and in many cases the artists themselves. Best retirement choice I ever made: wonderful like-minded people to befriend and terrific life-long learning. Unfortunately, I will not be attending the YPSW annual meeting in January. The meeting always coincides with Greg's birthday, and 2020 brings a big milestone birthday. I am working with his sons to plan a special trip for all of us. Greg was born in Honolulu and with a bit more effort I should have everything squared away for an island celebration. Take care, my dear, and enjoy each and every day. Sincerely, Denise Daggett

Hi Anna, Unfortunately i won't be able to come, work has had me running like mad and have only had a bit of break for Christmas. Enjoy the camaraderie. Sean Mahar

Hello Dear Anna, I hope this note finds you in good health and recovering from a wonderful Christmas day! I write to inform you that, unfortunately, I will NOT be able to attend the YPSW annual meeting again this year. Carolyn and I are both doing somewhat better. After a number of radiation therapy treatments, including one course focused on the skull, Carolyn's current chemo treatment for metastatic breast cancer in her bones is maintaining the progression at a measured pace. She is scheduled for some further treatment and diagnostics next week and that is my first priority.

In October, I had my aortic heart valve replaced and pacemaker inserted to keep the ticker going. Was amazing as the replacement procedure is a relatively new one (TAVR) that is similar to a stent placement, except that the stent is inserted into the existing heart valve, opens the valve fully and stent contains a bio-heart valve (cow tissue in my case) within the stent, and starts working immediately upon implantation. Insertion of the stent created a complete heart block for the electrical signal needed and a miniature pacemaker was inserted the same way (through a femoral artery) and placed in the bottom right ventricle. It is a small fully self-contained pacemaker, about 1 inch long and 0.25 in diameter tube that keeps the ticker going. Apparently good for at least 12 years. (I put a tickler on my date book to make an appointment for replacement in 11 years/11 months!!!) Only one overnight in hospital and up and about next day. I am feeling much, much better now and looking forward to getting in more activity.

In approaching retirement, I joined the local Elks Lodge a couple of years ago. Last year, I was elected the president of the local Palo Alto Elks Lodge, so have been very busy leading that benevolent organization, a really good group that does great volunteer work with veterans and children in need. (I have to say the only reason I agreed was to gain the official title: In Elks Lodges, the president equivalent title is actually and officially "Exalted Ruler" so everyone has to address me as "Exalted Ruler", which is good for my ego!! Ha Ha)

I am saddened that I won't be there for your last meeting as Secretary/Treasurer, but want to thank you for your selfless service to YPSW. You, and Doug before you, have been so instrumental in the on-going success of this organization. Your participation, guidance and willingness to support YPSW all these years is something special and getting to know you as part of YPSW is one of the great joys of my association. Know that you are a dear treasure and YPSW would not be what it is today without your many years of support and excellent counsel.

Please convey my regards to the many colleagues and attendees and I hope to be able to attend and participate in a future meeting. Larry Gibbs

Dear Anna: My apologies for not getting back to you sooner. Regrettably, we will not make the meeting this year. Mary Ann's primary physician detected a change in her EKG during her annual physical in December so she will be undergoing some follow-up tests at Mayo over the next few weeks. Wishing all a happy and healthy New Year, and a successful YPSW meeting. Hank Muranko

Once again, I will be unable to make the January meeting. Wish it could be moved to the summer. Now living in Vancouver, BC (Bowen Island) and still employed by the same company: SSR Mining. Hope everyone in YPSW is well and best wishes for 2020. Regards, Tom Hethmon

Stephen Hemperly sends his regrets for not being able to attend this year's annual YPSW Section meeting. His spouse – Elaine – was diagnosed this past October with genetically-driven metastatic adenocarcinoma of the lung. Thankfully, the metastasis is limited (thus far) to just one area of a bone in her left leg, and she appears to be responding well to targeted therapies (oral medication and targeted radiation therapy). She and I are feel very fortunate that she is receiving exceptional care from the dedicated healthcare professionals at John Muir Health here in Northern California. Will keep you posted. Best regards, Stephen

Dear Anna and YPSW Members: Recently I ruptured my quadricep tendon which required surgery to re-attach it to the knee. I am in physical therapy but currently unable to fully bend my knee. Thus, under doctors advise, I will not be flying to the 45th annual meeting. I wish everyone a great 2020 and a successful meeting. I look forward to being at next year's meeting. Tom Selders

