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Dear Members:

GREETINGS!

I hope this Newsletter finds you and your family well/

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, we are welcoming the new fiscal year remotely.

In the face of the current situation, we anticipate being able to connect with you online. Beginning in September, our meetings will take place through Zoom. A special thank you goes to our 1st VP Katey Ho for spending a great deal of time and energy in arranging the Zoom programs for us. Also thanks to our Board members for participating in our Zoom board meetings and giving us their valuable opinions.

Katey has provided the following update on our program schedule:

Per California state mandate, we are unable to gather in person for our monthly meetings, which challenged us to consider other ways to stay connected. We've decided to use Zoom communication technology to virtually hold our monthly meetings starting in September. It will be an unprecedented program. The programs selected will include video demonstrations by LOCAL and NATIONAL ikebana masters from various ikebana schools. Most of the ikebana video demonstrations were produced professionally. The Zoom monthly program with the LOG-IN information will be published each month in our Newsletter. Stay tuned!

In keeping with the Chapter's tradition, the first meeting of the fiscal year in September will showcase MINI demonstrations (10 minutes each) by our local ikebana masters from Ikenobo, Ohara, Sangetsu, and Sogetsu San Fernando Valley respectively. Representing Ikenobo - Jessica Tang, Ohara - Noriko Naruishi, Sangetsu - Valeria Brinkers, and Sogetsu San Fernando Valley - Cindy Utzinger.

Please join us to be inspired and stay connected!

Until we can meet again in person, I look forward to seeing you at our Zoom meetings, and thank you for supporting our Chapter.

As always, should you need any assistance or have any concerns about membership and benefits, please feel free to contact me at **626-625-2220** or email me at jessicatang5858@gmail.com.

Stay safe and healthy

Let us have friendship through flowers,

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