

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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Dear Members:

It has been a challenging week, indeed, and I just want to assure you we will continue to monitor everything over the weekend and advise you of any significant change. Meanwhile, in California we are under stay at home orders (**corona-virus.la/faq**) and in New York, we are being told to limit outdoor activity and non-essential businesses are ordered to keep their employees home. This is more difficult for some; working from home, if you are lucky enough to be doing so, can take an adjustment period. We wish you all the best with finding ways to have your time at home be meaningful and a source of renewal.

If you have some spare time, here are two ways you can pitch in. The IA Theatre Wardrobe Locals and the Hollywood Costumers Local and Costume Designers Guild have ignited a campaign for members to utilize their skills to sew protective masks for health care facilities. If any of you sew or want to volunteer to deliver the masks (without violating the social distancing guidelines), please let us know and we will put you in touch with those coordinating. Another option is working with the MPTF residents. They are isolated in their rooms without any group activities or meals. See message below from MPTF:

"We want your help as well since our residents would love to know you are thinking of them. You can send a video (spoken, sung, whatever!) for our residents by email to **jennifer.clymer@mptf.com**. Watch our web page (**mptf.com/channel22**) for new updates and highlights; just seeing a friendly face can make a huge difference as we give out prizes to enjoy, some smiles and laughs, and an opportunity to be together in new ways as we allow this time to pass. Please know we are deeply grateful for your support."

We collectively have the resilience to persevere and to come out on the other end of this. It may take some time to heal, but if we constantly look toward ways of helping one another, rather than with single-mindedness, the healing process will be much quicker. We are social beings by nature (some more than others), so we must make efforts to maintain a sense of community in the midst of social separation.

Let's all be the best of who we are. All of the feedback and interaction with our members has been very positive and supportive. It continues to be a a true pleasure to assist you.

With best wishes and in solidarity,

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