



**A Message from our President,  
Sue Du Brin  
West Valley Medical Partners**

**When Linda emailed me today requesting that I write the monthly “Presidents Message” for the Envoy this morning, my first reaction was what do I say. It feels like “Ground Hog Day” every day, nothing seems to improve, the pandemic lingers on and on. So, in an attempt to not appear hopeless, I googled Inspirational quotes in the time of coronavirus and I found a lot of positive thoughts, and silver linings in an otherwise gloomy time.**

**So, some thoughts to ponder on:**

**“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten we belong to each other.” —[Mother Teresa](#)**

**“What you are looking for is already in you... You already are everything you are seeking.” —Thich Nhat Hanh, Vietnamese Buddhist monk, spiritual leader**

**“You may not always have a comfortable life. And you will not always be able to solve all the world’s problems all at once. But don’t ever underestimate the impact you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own.” —Michelle Obama**

**“We spend precious hours fearing the inevitable. It would be wise to use that time adoring our families, cherishing our friends and living our lives.” —Maya Angelou, poet**

**“That best portion of a man’s life, his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.” —William Wordsworth, poet**

**And last this poem by an Irish Poet....**

**“This is the time to be slow, Lie low to the wall Until the bitter weather passes.**

**Try, as best you can, not to let the wire brush of doubt Scrape from your heart all sense of yourself and your hesitant light.**

**If you remain generous, time will come good; and you will find your feet again on fresh pastures of promise, Where the air will be kind and blushed with beginning.” –John O’Donohue, *Benedictus Book Of Blessings***

As many of us are forced to slow down, while other life’s have been forced into hyper speed, keep in mind that the Chamber is here to provide assistance where needed. Linda has done an excellent job updating our Business Recovery & Revitalization Resource guide on our webpage, be sure to check it out.

In July we had an informative Lunchtime Zoom meeting with City Controller Ron Galperin. And a fun July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration Zoom party.

We look forward to hearing from Dale Surowitz, CEO, Providence Cedars Sinai Tarzana Medical Center at our upcoming August 18<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime via Zoom meeting. I hope you can join us.

We have an upcoming mixer with the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and we are planning another Encino Chamber Zoom party event in August, so stay tuned for further information.

Stay well and take this time to reflect on what is important... family, friends, and health... and be inspired by all the good that is occurring in our community as we gather together to help each other.

**Stay Well**

**Sue Du Brin**