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Dear GCREA Members,

I know you are all aware of the current concerns regarding the presence and spread of the corona virus. Penny and I have been monitoring the information from professionals as well as taking note of school systems and colleges and universities in our area that are making the decision to close in an effort to prevent the spread of this virus.

We know you are aware that this virus is most dangerous for those of us who fall in the "more mature" range (60 and above) and hence there is an even greater chance of a health issue for our group. Taking the guidance of the health professionals and responding to the concerns many of you have raised, we have decided to cancel our March meeting and our April meeting. We hate to miss these 2 opportunities to get together, but it is not worth the risk until this virus has been brought under greater control.

We will make the needed adjustments to those of us who paid for all lunches with one check. We will also continue to review and make the appropriate selections of the scholarship winners in the HS, GGC and teacher categories and will do all possible to share with the membership at large who these winners are and their reaction to these honors.

As of now we have strong hopes that by May we will be able to meet and possibly shift some of our planned agendas to that day.

Please be careful and take good care of yourselves. Remember there is no danger in phone calls and e-mails and they are a good way to stay in touch!

Let me know if you have any questions.

Jan Calkins, President GCREA