



Dear Chapter Presidents,

I hope this email finds you well and off to a great start in 2024. January has just flown by. We are getting ready to welcome our first group in 2024 next week. We are pleased to welcome back our local Rotary District 7450 for their annual RYLA conference. This is their first return to campus since COVID. Immediately following RYLA, La Canada Elementary School will be arriving with over 100 fifth graders. We are excited to get things started.

The first chapter sponsored Spirit of America will arrive on campus March 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of you who are submitting your student and chaperone names. Registrations are coming in nicely. Please remember to submit to us your names once your students are selected. Also make sure to let us know if you need any assistance booking extra tours at the beginning or end of the program. The sooner we can make reservations at The Museum of the American Revolution or National Constitution Center the better.

Please note that this year we are once again asking all chaperones to take 3 online courses on child abuse prevention through Praesidium. Chaperones will receive an email from me and an invitation link from Praesidium to complete the courses. If you have a returning chaperone from last year, they will NOT have to take the courses again. Course certificates are good for 3 years. If your chaperones have any questions, please refer them directly to me.

A reminder that the annual financials are due on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their reports. Along with the financials we need your current roster and president's report. You can find the president's report by [clicking here](#). Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete these essential tasks.

Finally, we know that there are some changes ahead of us. To help navigate that process, we will be hosting an informational Zoom meeting on the new organization with the team that is leading the efforts on the branding of the new organization. The meeting will be on **Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm ET**. The team at *Slice* will give you some guidance and tips on things to come when we officially launch the new organization on February 12<sup>th</sup> and start the transition period. Please note that this meeting is for **chapter presidents only**. There will be another meeting after February 12<sup>th</sup> that will be open to more members.

At this meeting, we will also have a brief discussion on the next steps in the legal process regarding the Freedoms Foundation LLC that will allow you to continue to use your EIN and conduct business as usual.

At the bottom of this email is a link to the meeting. We will send a reminder to you prior to the meeting with the same information. I hope many of you will be able to join us.

If you were not part of the meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>, you may wonder why there was no

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normal follow up with notes. The reason is we discussed sensitive information that we wish to share with all presidents as soon as possible. If we have been unable to connect since then, please reach out to me so we can arrange a time to talk prior to the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thank you to each of you and your chapter members for all you do. We can't say it enough and already in 2024 you have made a great impact with the increased number of students you are sending to Spirit of America. You are all making a difference.

Take care and be well.  
Carolyn

**Zoom Information – Monday, February 5, 2024, at 2pm ET.**

Carolyn Santangelo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Chapter Informational Meeting with Slice Communication  
Time: Feb 5, 2024, 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87871918660?pwd=cWZCdG5DWkdWd09vekx4SXQ0QzNndz09>

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