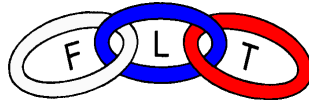


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Planting trees, growing friendships

Last month we planted 32 trees at the south San José community garden where many of the Mountain View Lodge's members volunteer. Mountain View Odd Fellows lodge members Bev Manzano, Jun-Mayer Alcid, Arike van de Water, Vanessa O'Conner, David O'Conner, and I dug holes, planted trees, and watered them in. All of the trees were California Native Trees paid for by a grant I won from St Andrews' Episcopal Church in Saratoga and the trees were sourced from Linda Vista Natives in San José. We also planted hundreds of seedlings that I have been growing in my backyard, which will help the campus provide food and shelter for a wide range of animals, from native bees to lizards and hummingbirds. Anyone interested in coming by to help is welcome to join the weekly 9am - 12pm socially distanced Saturday morning work parties; for those who cannot attend on Saturdays, feel free to contact me to set-up a different time 650-804-9044.

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Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

First Degree

This was the first fifth Monday of the month where the COVID 19 Pandemic was good enough to be able to hold an Odd Fellow degree at the Cupertino lodge. So we decided to do it. Of course we followed all health proto calls, masks and at lease 6 feet social distancing.

Ron Myres was Noble Grand for the opening the meeting, **Annie Cronin** was Noble Grand for the Degree meeting, **Don Lang** was Warden and worked with the candidates, who were **Mark St. John**, **Marvin Carter** and **Richard Bartholomew**.

We opened the meeting in the lodge meeting room and then recessed to the Dining Room where we showed the First Degree video. We were disappointed because we had trouble to show the video on the large screen, we had to use a lap top computer to display it, which was poor on vision and volume. We than went back to the meeting room to close the meeting. The Candidates did well and were glad to have the degree conferred on them.

By **Don Lang**

Cupertino April Social

Great news - Santa Clara County has moved into the Orange Tier effective March 24th. This is wonderful, which will allow us to have a personal gathering at the lodge. On April 17th from 11:30AM to 3PM, Cupertino Lodge #70 and Philotesian Rebekah Lodge #145 members and their family's, will be having an outdoor social distancing Hawaiian lunch (seating is limited). We are also expecting, assuming the weather permitting, that we will have **Les Wong** and his Hawaiian Kanikapilapila group, play some nice Hawaiian music outside. We expect to have several sun tents set up in the parking lot to be able to sit and eat out of the sun.. Please RSVP with your reservation count before 9AM April 15th (**seating is limited**) so appropriate planning can be arranged to: events@cupertinooddfellows.org

Ted will be cooking this delicious menu of: Hawaiian Chicken skewers, vegetable teriyaki skewers, white rice with furikake and Hawaiian shaved ice.

By **Ted Wong**

Note from the Editor:

Lets all try and take advantage of this opportunity and come and eat a delicious meal, plus be able to socialize with our members and family's after not being able to do so for over a year.

Wally Patapoff's Phone Number

I wanted to report that **Wally Patapoff's** phone number in the Districts Directory was the wrong number, it was the one he had removed. The number he is now using is **650 272-1960**. Wally has been fighting a battle with stomach cancer for just about a year now. He is very week and tired now ever since around last July. He tries to keep up his exercises by walking around his house as if he was outside. He is currently very low on iron and gets B12 injections every month. His health shows that his hemoglobin is good that he does not need another blood infusion right now.

He was at the time of my call, cooking some bacon for a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich. He wanted to pass on a new method he uses to cook the bacon, and that was wrapping the bacon in several paper towels and putting it in a Microwave oven for one minute. **Mary Lou** discovered that method about 6 months ago. We use it all the time. He also wanted me to know that he is eating well, since **CJ** (the head chief from Apple Co, who is a good friends with Wally's son, **Philip**) brings him left over dishes from apple every day, around 2:00 PM. They are always different and very tasty

By **Don Lang**



Need for State Wide Food Drives

Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are over, but families are still in need of food. All Santa Clara County Food Banks are still accepting donations of food and funds. There is even some talk from some of our Cupertino Lodge members of having another food drive in the next coming months. But until then the West Valley Community Services will always accept your canned and boxed food and your spare fruit from your trees.



Laurie Prescott Zoom Memorial

A memorial service for **Sister Laurie Prescott** was held via Zoom on March 26. **Brother Alan Thomas**, who had played the piano for Laurie's receptions and installations, played the piano while people arrived in the Zoom meeting.

Because Lady Laurie was the current Vice President of the Department Association LAPM, the charter of the Department Association was draped at the beginning of the service. Because pandemic rules made it impossible to gather everyone together, each participant spoke while a PowerPoint presentation showed the emblem laid on the altar. Participants were **Lady President Denise Cater**, **Lady Secretary Debra LaVergne**, **Lady Treasurer Ruth Schuyler** acting as **Lady Chaplain**, **Lady Dorothy Brouse**, **Lady Roberta Prosk**, **Lady June Gennaria** and **Lady Debbie Shuler**.

Sister President Marilyn Nichols led a presentation of the Rebekah funeral service, assisted by **Sister Sharon Burgess**, **Sister Phoebe Astill**, **Sister Vice President Mary Sellers** and **Sister Linda Hoelscher**. Sister Phoebe had technical difficulties getting into the Zoom meeting, but a cell phone connection let her speak her part.

Because Laurie was also a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star, Golden Gate Chapter and Santa Clara Chapter performed their funeral service, followed by **May Seto** and **Patrick Burke** of Golden Gate Chapter sharing memories of Laurie.

People from several other organizations spoke, including DAR, stamp-collecting, Daughters of the Nile and Immanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Sister Debra LaVergne gave a eulogy with a PowerPoint presentation. **Steven Koury** of Bayview Odd Fellows #109 had collected photos and statements from several people, which were used in the presentation. **General Commanding Jack Roberts** had met Laurie when he attended the California Grand Cantonment session in 2018, and he praised her.

Laurie's niece commented that she and her sister had worried about Laurie being sick and alone so far from her only relatives, but the memorial service had assured her that Laurie had plenty of people around who cared about her.

The service closed with the drape being removed from the Department Association charter.

At peak, there were 65 active connections, some of which represented two or more people. Attendees participated from as far as Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina.

By **Lady Debra LaVergne**

St Patrick's Day Social

Cupertino Lodge's second social was a great success in all ways, delicious meal, plenty to eat and many members showed up to take part, even **Eddie Carmona** and his wife **Victoria** were there. It was good to see them again and his health was back to normal again. **Annie Cronin** was in charge and did the cooking in the kitchen with **Annie Chin** and **Simona Benjamin** was in the dining room filling the take home bags with all the goodies. Which included the best tasting corned beef this side of Ireland, with cabbage, carrots & potatoes, Irish Soda Bread & Irish Cream Chocolate Cake. Simona baked the home made Soda Bread and green topping icing Chocolate Cake in their own containers. We even were given several tangerines in our take home bag.

