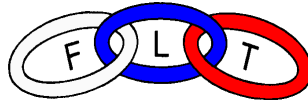


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Building A Better World Through Community Partners

A chilly evening breeze blows a few stragglers into the Mountain View lodge through the Castro Street door. Two dozen people made the trek here on a Tuesday to be trained as Rapid Responders. **Carol** from Sacred Heart has already put her presentation on-screen and bowls of fruit and nuts on the table for hungry volunteers coming straight from work.

Between Carol and an experienced volunteer, we learn how ICE performs regular raids in Mountain View, such as in the apartment buildings just north of the tracks, often late at night or early in the morning, without a warrant, with little regard for whom they arrest, masquerading as local law enforcement. Civilians observers such as us are meant come, record and so ensure the fourth and fifth amendment of the constitution are upheld when a raid happens.

After the presentation, Carol starts a roleplay exercise. She knocks hard, demanding to be let in. Some point a phone at her. I pull out a notebook and struggle to write down what she's doing and saying. Others point their phones at their fellow observers, for cover. When she comes at one of the trainees, one brave soul goes up to her, bubbling with nosy-neighbor questions. The exercise at an end, she congratulates us on a job well done.

While we clean up, she thanks me heartily for hosting the training. Just as other leaders of events we've hosted, she says that the lodge is a unique community space in Mountain View, open to initiatives such as the Rapid Responder Network, meant to relieve the distress of those marginalized by society. One that feels welcoming in its lack of religious or political affiliation.

The Outreach Committee works to host events with community partners in Mountain View Lodge #244 that help the Odd Fellows in fulfilling their self-appointed duty to build a better world. Please fill out the Google Form linked at the top of our Facebook page if you are interested in organizing such an event.

By Arike van de Water

Initiatory Degree March 30

March has 5 Mondays, which means it is time to hold our fifth Monday District Initiatory degree, held at the Cupertino Lodge. So if you have any candidates, let the Cupertino secretary know and bring them over there so they can receive the degree. If you never seen the Initiatory degree being conferred by them, you should go and see it, it is really impressive. Candidates should be there at 7:30 PM, the degree starts at 8:00 PM. Refreshments and drinks are served afterwards.

You Are Invited: First Degree Team

Mountain View lodge will be performing the first degree on one of the Thursday's in April. If you would like to visit or help, you are hereby very welcome. On March 19 at 6:30 we will have a rehearsal for the full cast. Every 2nd and 4th Thursdays we have regular rehearsals with the new core team, with a delicious dinner and discussion afterwards. If you'd like to be kept informed, you can also sign up for the newsletter. Please RSVP to 244degreeteam@gmail.com.

By Arike van de Water



Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Cinco de Mayo

This year Cupertino Lodge will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo on Saturday, May 2nd. We will have a social event starting at 12 noon. **Ted Wong**, a member of Cupertino, will cook a Mexican cuisine lunch and we will have some Folkloric Dancers who will perform at 12:45pm. Thank you, to **Linda Roy**, also a member of Cupertino for getting them. It so happens that at this year's Rebekah Children's Services "Festival of Trees," Linda bid on one of their Silent Auctions items and won. So the Rebekah Children Services Folkloric Dance Troupe "Son de Nuestro Corazon" will do their dance for us. The full plan for the social is not complete now, so you will have to wait until the next Triple Links to get all the information. But please save that date.

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Pancake Breakfast

Our 13 Annual **Herman DeVille** Memorial Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, March 14th, 2020, from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the Cupertino lodge. It will include all the pancakes you can eat, 2 scrambled eggs ((or 2 eggs to order, (Sunnyside up, over hard or scrambled)), Hash Browns, 2 Sausages, Orange Juice and Coffee. The donation cost is \$10. All donations will go to the City of Hope, Cancer Research. We hope to see you there. Brother **Ted Wong** is head chef in the kitchen. Children under 18 can eat free.



Board Game Night

On Monday, March 16, we will hold our third Monday social, which will be a Video & Board Game Night. The one we held in February was successful and the people who went had fun and enjoyed themselves. This time, **Ted Wong** will make some home made dough and will have all the toppings so you can make your own pizza, which should add to the fun. You can see by the picture, there is still some room at the tables for some more players. So come on down.



Pat at Disneyworld

Pat Aanenson has missed a few local events lately. Her off-spring flew her to Florida and took her to Disneyworld. The trip was going to let her meet her great-grandchildren.

Hamburger Fry Dates in 2020

Please come to the first Hamburger Fry of 2020 at the Santa Clara Odd Fellows Temple, 1035 Emory St, San Jose on Wednesday, March 25.

There will be homemade desserts as well as the usual hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and chili.

Doors open at 5:45 pm. Serving from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

\$2.75 - Hamburger with all the trimmings

\$3.00 - Cheeseburger with all the trimmings

Chips, Coffee, Soda, and Dessert Available

Hamburger Fries are sponsored by True Fellowship Odd Fellows #52 and benefit Sigma Tau Theta Rho Girls Club #92 and the potential new Junior Odd Fellows Lodge.

Other Hamburger Fry Dates are

April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 23, and October 28.

What's Happening at Philotesian?

March 4 ----- **Kites**

Ted Wong is bringing Lemon Meringue Pie because that is what Birthday Girl Debra LaVergne asked for!

March 18 ----- **Spring**

Debra LaVergne

April 1 ----- **April Fool's Day**

Pat Aanenson

April 15 ----- **Springtime**

Pat Aanenson

May 6 ----- **Mother's Day**

Don Lang

May 20 ----- **Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly**

No meeting

What's Happening at Around the District and State?

March 7 ----- **March Meeting**

Special session of Rebekah Assembly in Redondo Beach

March 8 ----- **Helping Homeless**

Sigma Tau Theta Rho will have a speaker from Mountain View Community Services. All are welcome, especially if they bring a potential youth member (ages 8 to 18).

2pm at 1035 Emory Street, San Jose

March 11 ----- **Corned Beef Dinner**

True Fellowship #52 annual event at 1035 Emory Street, San Jose

March 14 ----- **Pancake Breakfast**

Cupertino #70 Annual Breakfast for Cancer

March 25 ----- **Hamburger Fry**

Benefitting Sigma Tau Theta Rho and Kingsmen Junior Odd Fellows at 1035 Emory Street, San Jose

March 30 ----- **Initiation**

Cupertino #70

Phyllis Jones Passes

Phyllis Jones was a 58 year member of Philotesian Rebekah Lodge. She was a Past Noble Grand. Phyllis was born on January 9, 1924 and died on February 15, 2020. She will be surely missed. She also joined the Red Hat Society and enjoyed going out to eat with them. Our Lodge was honored to preform the Rebekah Funeral Ceremony at her gravesite last week in Palo Alto. **Debra LaVergne, Don & Mary Lou Lang and Ted Wong** were present to perform our beautiful ceremony.

Jane Reed's Service

Jane Reed's memorial service will be held on Sat., March 28th, at 11:00 AM at the Cupertino De Ora Club House at 20441 Homestead Road. Jane was a beloved member of Philotesian Rebekah Lodge for 27 years and a Past Noble Grand. She passed away on October 27, 2019. She was also a member of the Cupertino De Ora Club as well as a member of the Cupertino and Mountain View Federated Women's Club and served as a Loma Prieta District President. She was also a member and Past President of the Zeta Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians. She had a phonemical memory and never needed to take notes as she served as Secretary for all of her clubs at one time or another. She also had a beautiful singing voice and her favorite singer was Kate Smith and was one of the founders of the Cordette Singing Group who entertained at Many Senior Centers and Retirement Homes. A very dear sister to all of us, Jane will be missed.

Another New Canton!

On Wednesday, February 26, Canton Knights Ferry #2 was instituted in Knights Ferry, California by Department Commander **Richard Alaskin** assisted by Deputy Department Commander **Rodney Metoyer** and Department Chaplain **Imogene Alaskin**.

Seven new Chevaliers were mustered in as part of the ceremony. They have three more candidates waiting.

The officers for the new canton are Captain **Fred Dolling**, Lieutenant **Ernie Albice**, Ensign **Wendell Watson**, Clerk Tom **Kopping**, Accountant **Shirley Watson**, Guard **Pilar Kopping**, Pickett **Barry Prock** and Banner Bearer **Brian Kopping**. In addition, they have Chevaliers **Kurt Bryant** and **Scott Robinson**. **Glenn** and **Pam Powell** are also members and officers, although they could not be present at the Institution and Installation due to a car accident (They are unhurt, but their car was totaled.)

By Debra LaVergne

