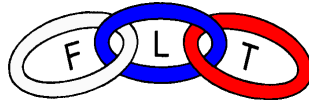


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Update on Covid 19

One Very Good News is that the Assisted Living at the Saratoga Home has had no Residents that have become infected. They are closed down since the first of March when all outside visitors and gatherings were cancelled. We did not meet for Freja 284 to make Easter Favors. Carol K had to close the Country Store. Social Distancing has been practiced so well that the virus was not allowed to enter the Residence. Our seniors at the Home as well as the staff knew just what to do as in the last couple of years, they closed the facility during each Flue season.

Members of Cupertino dropped off TP and tissues, fresh fruit and have even been shopping for us older members, which is so appreciated. The Lodge hall's new floor has had plenty of time to cure and different members are going and checking on the Building and watering the plants. Mountain View has also had members picking up mail, paying bills and checking on the Hall: always using PPE and social distancing.

This is a great time to be Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, helping one another is second nature for us.

I hope all our members are well as can be expected. Do not be afraid to ask for anything you need.

Cicero's Pizza and Mandarin Gourmet are easy pick-ups. Trader Joe's has the best Social Distancing Practices from day one.

By Mary Lou Lang

Clara Rebekah Lodge # 34

Hello to all! Our Lodge decided that we will hold, **"NO Omelet Breakfast the rest of 2020."** This has been decided for many reasons. Please mark your calendars that the June and October dates for the Omelet Breakfast have been CANCELLED. This is held at the Emory Street Hall in San Jose 3x a year from 8:00-11:00 am. *We plan to start up again in February 2021.* Our Members are anxious to get back to normal, as we all are! I hope this message finds each of you in good health.

By Trudy Wilson, Noble Grand

STEAC Fund helping Lodge members

Leslie Butlar, member of Saratoga IOOF Lodge, 428 was successfully given money from the STEAC Fund last week. The CA Grand Lodge moved quickly to set up this new fund to help its members under going financial need. This is called the Short Term Emergency Action Committee or (STEAC) and its purpose is to help Odd Fellow and Rebekah members who are experiencing significant financial hardship due to the Covid - 19 Epidemic.

Leslie experienced significant losses in her Estate business, "Moving Green Today, LLC" from temporary closure due to the Covid - 19 Epidemic. Over 1 1/2 years ago, Leslie had a serious accident with multiple fractures and after multiple surgeries, had been making a determined recovery when her business was hit by closure due to the restrictions caused by the Covid - 19 Virus.

Leslie is extremely thankful for the support of Saratoga IOOF Lodge members during her recovery from her July 2018 accident, and now for the financial support of the STEAC Funds from the CA Grand Lodge.

By Connie Bloch

No Calendar This Month

There will be no **Triple Links calendar** this month since all Lodges have cancelled all their activities because of Covid 19

By Mary Lou Lang



By Linda Roy

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Communications possibilities for our lodge

It's interesting how communication between lodge members has changed and all the great possibilities for more communication between business meetings.

In our lodge, we can go to a bimonthly business meeting or wait for the minutes to be emailed out by the secretary. That is the extent of the basic communication between many of the lodge members.

How we communicate is different today than it was when the lodges originally opened and even different from 10 years ago. In 10 years from now there will be even more changes that we can't see coming but they will come.

Ten years or more ago there were lodge business meetings with the minutes added to the lodge book of minutes and then read back at the next meeting with a possible few corrections and then forever archived in the lodge files.

Today, minutes are taken on someone's laptop during the meeting, then emailed to the lodge membership and finally read at the next meeting for any changes to be done followed by printing and archived in the lodge files. Members not attending meetings can stay current on the activities of the business meetings without even attending. Thanks seems better for all.

What about communication between meetings? An email gets sent out by one person and cc's 52 or more people and there are a few replies to all and the subject migrates over the string of emails.

There are a lot of new tools out there for group communication that are used by companies. Are any or all of the perfect? No. Do they work? yes.

Previous to this Shelter in Place order, the company where I work set things up so that most of our computer communications and documents are now 'cloud based'. This means that there is no longer a 'server room' at our building where all our data is stored. Companies pay to have all the information stored off site where it is easier to access from anywhere. So, when the shelter in place order came out, it was easier for our company to have the employees all head home and access the same information seamlessly. There was a transition of getting settled into our homes but the work progress continued without too many hiccups.

One of the tools we use is a website called 'Slack' and it's a place for people to cover a bunch of subjects in different 'threads' and it's easy to stay on subject and also see the history.

I started a Cupertino 70 Slack 'channel' in 2018 and we have had a few users but not much action there. (It's free) I'd like to share this with the membership as a place to go to communicate with other lodge members while we're home and sheltered in place and even after we return to the 'new' normal. Go to www.slack.com and create yourself a user name and password. (free) Then sign into the slack channel for the Cupertino 70 lodge which is - IOOFcupertino70.slack.com A few members are already there and we have done some communication but now would be a great time for more to jump in and try it.

Who knows what the future holds for communication but this one tool might help us make some progress while the world spins around us.

Email me for an invite **Bill Boiko** gulak1@yahoo.com

By Bill Boiko

Thank You

We are so proud and thankful for all the hard work and long hours of all our health care nurses, firemen, police, grocery workers, farmers and support agency workers that they are doing and even risking their own lives. The following is an article of one of those hero's, our own Cupertino member, **Lily Liversidge**. **By Editor**

Article by one Health Worker

I hope that all the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are staying safe and healthy. Indeed this has been a harrowing time as my 247 resident facility the Sequoias of Portola Valley has been locked down on quarantine since March 11. As the Charge Nurse for Independent Living, I've put in weeks of 16-hour days, between testing residents and staff for covid19 (we've only had two sick staffers who've since recovered, and zero covid-positive residents) and facilitating on-line medical care for seniors who aren't versed in technology and have never visited their doctor by FaceTime before. At this time, my facility is in a reasonably good state of preparedness. We continue to place orders for PPE for anticipated covid19 resurgence in the fall. Although the orders are not currently being filled, we are hopeful.

It is so frustrating that I work the evening shifts and can no longer attend meetings personally. I am happy to support the great work that the Odd Fellows are doing!

BY Lily Liversidge, Certified Practitioner



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Life Line Screening

The Cupertino Lodge has been shut down since the second week of March with none of our renters coming to the lodge. Our first schedule return is now Life Line Screening on Tuesday, June 9. They are giving us 10% discount.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Odd Fellows Cupertino Lodge 70 on 6/9/2020. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.**

Cupertino Lodge Activity

I would like to say a few words about Cupertino Lodge #70. As of the second Monday of March, when Social Distancing and Stay at Home went into effect, there have been no renters using or the lodge. The very bad part of that is that all rent income has stopped. However, on the brighter side, since the dining room was not being used, the Building Committee suggested we use this time to resurface (sand & finish) the dining room floor. Which we did. It looks beautiful. Plus it had months to dry before anyone walked on it.

As far as all our socials go, they have either been cancelled or postponed. Probably the first use of the lodge will be the Life Line screening on June 9. Our Pancake Breakfast, our second Monday Socials, Cino de Mayo with the RCS Folkloric dance Troupe and our Role Call Dinner.

Now as shelter in place continued, some of our member volunteered themselves to ask some of their older members, if they needed any help with anything like going shopping for them. Several members took them up on this.

Then there was at least one member who made coronavirus masks and handed them out to other members who could use them.

I also know of several members who considered themselves lucky and wanting to help and donated money to the lodge for the less fortunate.

I will not give names of these people because there are probably others who I don't know of and their names would be left out.

By Don Lang

Stimulus Package

It is a slow day in the small Saskatchewan town of Pumphandle, and streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody is living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town, stops at the motel, and lays a \$100 bill on the desk saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs to pick one for the night. As soon as he walks upstairs, the motel owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the \$100 and runs down the street to retire his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the Co-op.

The guy at the Co-op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer her "services" on credit.

The hooker rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill with the hotel owner. The hotel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter so the traveler will not suspect anything.

At that moment the traveler comes down the stairs, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, picks up the \$100 bill and leaves. No one produced anything. No one earned anything...

However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how a Stimulus Package works.

By Ted Guerrero



Linda Roy

A Great Idea

I would love to see the May Triple Links containing articles from every member, naming what they have been doing and how their family and neighbors are. So please email **Don** soon.

By **Wally Patapoff**

I think **Wally** has a fun idea. What if we invited people to each send in one picture and a few sentences about what they've been up to and we could put that out for the newsletter for one issue?

By **Michael Greenzeizger**

I've been walking daily on neighborhood streets and also through Blackberry Farm, McClellan Ranch Park, and Ranch San Antonio. I often walk with my son's family including his 17 month old daughter and recently we met at my mountain cabin in the woods near Felton. I'm using the extra time to get more exercise, eat better and to do some home cleaning projects. I miss seeing my friends at Odd Fellows!

Here are some pictures I took on my walk of unexpected animals I came across.

By **Linda Roy**

You might wonder what is happening at the IOOF retirement community in Saratoga. We have no residents nor staff awaiting testing results and no positive cases involving the coronavirus on campus. "Shelter-in-Place" seems to be working, thanks to management's persistent attention and consistent screening of all staff and vendors. Residents recognize the quarantine (self-imposed for the most part). We are accepting no outside visitors nor are we free to leave the campus. In Independent Living, both lunch and dinners arrive in a paper sack by friendly and dedicated dining staff. Some construction work continues. Staring at four walls of an apartment can be a dull experience. We all miss the social aspects. Am I sorry I moved here? Absolutely, "No."

By **Ivan Fawley**

I have been keeping sane by spending a lot of my time working in my vegetable garden. I have 8 pots planted with snap peas at various stages and now a tomato and zucchinis.

By **Don Lang**



By **Linda Roy**



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