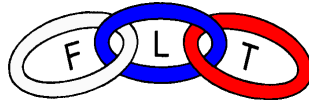


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Octoberfest Food Drive

Many of our party goers remembered to bring food for our Cupertino Food Drive. **Wally Patapoff & Don Lang** dropped off the food on Tuesday after several members brought their food to the Monday meeting after the Octoberfest. We collected over 140 pounds of food. The Cupertino Lodge also added a \$500 check to make the donation more generous. Thank you to all those who contributed to the drive.



From Left to Right: **Wally Patapoff, Kohinoor Chakravarty** from WVCS and **Don Lang**

Hermenia Craft Fair

Hermenia Rebekah Lodge #49 members are busy again making crafts and will be having a fundraising craft fair, November 22, 23 and 24 from 10 AM until 4:30 PM each day. This will take place at the Mountain View IOOF Hall, 206 Castro Street, Mountain View. Think Christmas and come buy your gifts from us.

By **Jackie Brown**

Veterans Day Parade

We are trying to get Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and all branches of the Order, to march in this years San Jose's Veterans Day Parade. So if you could please pass this message on to other members of your lodge that we can get the word out. It is held on Monday, Nov 11. It is only 1 mile long down Santa Clara St and Market St. We gather at True Fellowship Lodge and car pool to the spot where we start in the parade. We normally leave about 10:00 AM, from True Fellowship. The parade starts at 12 but our section may only start at say 1:00. We never know until we get our paper work around the 1st week of November. This year, **Gerald Poarch**, from Costa Mesa, near LA, is coming all the way up here with a truck, hauling a trailer with his small one seater Red Fire engine. He will be leading our section. Right after the parade, he has to head back home, in order that he is able to board a airplane 9:00 AM the next morning for Hawaii. If he can do that for us, I think we can get enough Odd Fellows and Rebekahs that we look respectable marching in the parade. If you are a member of the Cantons, wear your Military uniform, if you belong to the Encampment or AMOS wear you Fess, if you are a Veteran, wear your uniform if it still fits, or just your hat, but anything will work. We will decorate my Odyssey Honda Van, which will follow in the back of marchers. The van will carry the **Grand Master Jamie Jepsen** and anyone else who needs a ride.

Send me an e-mail and let me know you plan on coming and I will send you the latest information and answer any questions you have. donlang@sbcglobal.net

I just got the information, we will be in section 67 out of 95 sections. We will assemble on the west side of Delmas Ave.

By **Don Lang**

Clara Rebekah Lodge # 34

Our lodge will be hosting an Omelet Breakfast on November 9, 2019 at the Emory St. Hall in San Jose from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Come create your custom made Omelet or Crepe with beverages and sides included in the price. Our Omelet Breakfast is \$7.00, crepes for \$5.00, or you may purchase both in one order for \$11.00. We also make "take-out" orders when requested. Please join us for this delicious gathering of members, family, and friends. Hoping to see you there!

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Octoberfest / Halloween Party

Cupertino's Octoberfest / Halloween party of 2019 was a big success, thank you everyone for attending. RSVP started out slow, but the end result was 80 people attending. The kitchen crew lead by **Ted Wong, (Ron Myres, Richard Sanico, Karen Sanico, Norma Floresca and Malcolm Hopkins)**, did an excellent job in preparing and cooking a delicious meal: Pork and Pork/Beef German bratwurst, German Chicken, Sauerkraut and Red Cabbage, German potato salad, Fruit cocktail salad, German chocolate cake and German Black forest cake, ice cream and of course beer and soda.



The Lodge was decorated very nice in Halloween spirit. A new touch was added this year by **Simona Benjamin** which included live fall flowers, plus a tray of grapes and oranges with pumpkin faces marked on them. Other setup crew included **Don Lang, Wally Patapoff** and **Noble Grand Annie Cronin**. The door prize Gift Table was over flowing with nice gifts.

This year is Cupertino #70's 31st annual Octoberfest / Halloween party. As can be seen by the pictures, many attendees wore very nice costumes. The winners of the costume contest were **Gayle Joslin** and her escort **Lenard Pierce**, **Linda Roy** and her partner **Peter Pursley** and **Pat Aanenson**. They got to pick from the gift table first. Later on the door prize tickets were called out with just about everyone winning something. Again **Frank La-Ducca** played live German music with a variety of instruments as well as singing. Many joined in and danced to the German music. We also had **Donna Frankel**, a Line Dance caller, do her special Monster Line Dance, where many joined her with the fun dance. Many donated to our food drive which can be seen in another article. We gave away a total of \$145 to 4 winners in our 50 / 50 drawing. Fun was had by all. Many stayed and helped clean up and we didn't have to come back the next day.

Written by **Ted Wong & Don Lang**.



From Left to Right: **Lenard Pierce, Gayle Joslin, Peter Pursley, Linda Roy** and **Pat Aanenson**

Festival of Trees

The Rebekah Children's Services will hold their annual big fund raiser, the Festival of Trees, on November 16 at 6:00. It will be their 17th year. It will be held again at the Granada Theatre, on 17440 Monterey Rd, Morgan Hill. It is a holiday masquerade gala with tickets costing \$125 a piece. They auction off Christmas Trees with many expensive gifts underneath the tree. There are also many gift baskets which you are expected to buy tickets for. Cupertino Lodge has purchased a table of 10 for lucky members of their Lodge. They also will be making a nice donation of \$1,000.

Lion's Food Drive

The Cupertino Lodge donates their dining room to the DeAnza Lion's Club each Thanksgiving so the Lion's can collect and package their 330 boxes of food which they collect from 3 Lucky grocery stores. The food is dropped off at our building and is delivered Monday morning to 165 needy families. Everyone of our tables are used.



WINTER DANCE

SPONSOR: CUPERTINO ODD FELLOWS

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Samy & Judy DJs/Teachers!*

Where: Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge (Heat or Air Conditioning)
20589 Homestead Road
Cupertino, CA 95014

When: 7-7:40 ish Rumba Lesson
7:40-8:20 ish Salsa Lesson
8:20-9 pm East Coast Swing Lesson
9-Midnight Open Dancing

Cost: Only \$7 per person for the entire evening!
Includes light refreshments.

Who: Singles or couples! Bring a partner OR
come alone as partners will change often
during the beginner-friendly lessons.

Intermediate dancers are encouraged to come to the lessons to
help beginners OR arrive at 9 pm for the open dancing.

Attire: Dressy or nice casual with *very comfortable* non-
marking shoes that don't grip the hardwood floor.
(You want to be able to turn easily).

*Samy Makar and Judy Shimizu are well known for their outstanding work as dance managers, DJs and teachers at
Cubberley Ballroom Friday nights in Palo Alto. They're the best!

Please RSVP if you can; otherwise, just come! Email: Cupertinoioof@gmail.com

Philotesian Initiation

Philotesian Rebekah lodge will confer the Initiation degree on 2 candidates on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 PM. They are **Ted Wong** and **Valerie Voigt**, both are members of Cupertino Odd Fellows. The lodge is pleased they will be joining them, since it has been some time since they held an initiation.

The lodge will also hold their annual Roll Call Dinner on Wednesday, December 18, at 6:30. It will be a Pot Luck, with **Mary Lou Lang** making her famous Turkey, stuffing and gravy with the others bringing the side dishes. There should be plenty to take home. Members and guests are invited.

Winter Solstice Craft Fair

Announcing South Bay Circle's 2nd Winter Solstice Craft Faire! We had such a fun time last year that we're doing it again, but for longer and with more vendors! We've gathered wonderful Pagan crafters from around the Bay Area just in time for your holiday shopping. Come and support our community and local artisans. More information about the artisans and links are in the discussion section.

This is a fundraiser for South Bay Circles (SBC) an association of several local member groups and covens that come together for the specific purpose of presenting shared ritual celebrations of the Eight Sabbats of the year in the San Francisco South Bay Area. Celebrations are inclusive of gender diversity and in most cases, fully accessible to the physically challenged.

It will be held on Saturday, November 30th, at the Cupertino Odd Fellow's Lodge between 9AM and 5 PM.

Grand Master's Official Visits

The **Grand Master, Jamie Jepsen**, will make 2 Official Visits. The first will be to Saratoga Lodge #428 on Tuesday, November 12 at 7PM and the second one to True Fellowship #52 on Wednesday November 14 at 8:00 PM. Please try and attend at least one of these Grand Master visits. For all our new members in our lodges, this is a great opportunity to see first hand of what is happening within the Order. The Grand Master will share with you what is happening with in our state and you will get to see how other Odd Fellows and lodges get to act and run a meeting. You will be welcomed as a brother or a sister to their lodge.

Cicero's Pizza

On Monday, November 18, many of Cupertino members will meet at **Cicero's Pizza Parlor** to socialize, eat pizza and have fun. Others are also welcomed. We will meet at 6:15 PM and have our own section. We usually buy our favorite kind of pizza and then share it with others. Hope to see you there. Please call me so I have an idea of how many will show up. **Don Lang 408 252-3954**

Initiation Held September 30th

The District Degree team conferred the degree of Initiation on **Michael Yore** on Monday September 30. Michael is from Saratoga Lodge 428. He joined his other 2 brothers, **Dan & Tom** from Saratoga, to become an Odd Fellow. We did not have as many candidates as we expected. We would like to hold our next District Initiation on the first Monday of December, 2nd, instead of the listed date of the 5th Monday, which is the 30th. Too many people will be off for the Christmas Holidays.



Michael Yore from Saratoga Lodge 428