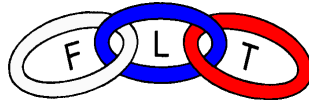


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Lodge members help community garden grow

Arike van de Water, Jessica Dickinson Goodman, Jun Alcid, and Ashley Searby of Mountain View Lodge #244; Debbie and Mason Wolf of the Emory Street Lodge; Honor and Serenity Wolf of Sigma Tau Theta Rho Girls Club #92, and their brother Logan, have been working together this month to grow a South Bay community garden. Every Saturday from 9am - 12pm, a group of dedicated, socially distanced -- and muddy -- volunteers gets together to build new beds, haul dirt and compost, and prepare spaces for new gardeners. Most of the gardeners are very low income seniors, though Arike, Ashley and Jun, and the Wolf family also have beds, so it is a multi-generational project. Beds are rented annually on a sliding scale from \$0 - \$50, depending on what a gardener says she, they, or he can pay. We will be building the wheelchair accessible beds in October, so that will soon also be an option. Likewise, if you are interested in fresh produce or California native seedlings for your own garden, reach out. If you're interested in a garden bed (5x5 or 5x10) or want to come help volunteer on a Saturday, contact Jessica at 650-804-9044 or

jessica.dickinson.goodman@gmail.com.

By *Jessica Dickinson Goodman*



No Octoberfest this Year

Cupertino #70 Lodge will **not** be holding its big Octoberfest Party this year due to Covid 19. After 31 consecutive years we will not be able to hold it. There will be many disappointed members and friends in the area who will miss it. Many dressed up in original costumes, trying to win the first pick of gifts from the gift table will have to wait. There will be no **Frank LaDucca** Band playing all that great dance music or no more See's candy door prizes, at least for this year. We hope that we will be back next year in full force, better than ever. Sorry

Keeping the Halloween Spirit with a Scavenger Hunt!

For the past three years, Mountain View Lodge #244 has gotten into the Halloween spirit by holding a spooky Haunted House! Donations went to the Community Services Agency and were matched by the lodge, and the event quickly turned into a fun way for members to celebrate Halloween and give back to the community. However, due to COVID, we've replaced the Haunted House with Halloween decorations. Members of our lodge (in keeping with the Halloween Spirit) will be coloring in Haunted Houses of their own. The Haunted Houses will have Odd Fellow symbols hidden throughout. Those who can find the most symbols and send them to the Mountain View Lodge #244 Facebook Page will win a donation of \$250 (First Place), \$150 (Second Place), and \$100 (Third Place) to a charity of their choice. The Haunted House decorations should be up by October 11th!

By *Vanessa O'Connor*

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Opal Hern Passes

Opal Hern, wife of Cupertino deceased brother **Ralph Hern**, passed a way from a short illness on August 13, 2020. Opal lived to a long active life of the age of 98. Ralph passed away on a trout fishing trip on 7/30/97. Ralph would go several times a year to a lake in the Sierras, on a boat and take several of the Cupertino Brothers. They would always come home with plenty of big trout fish. I know, I was lucky to be one of the brothers who went.

Opal lived a long life by herself after Ralph passed. She enjoyed bowling several times a week, and was pretty good at it. She was also an active Sunnyvale Rebekah Lodge #363 member and enjoyed going to meetings. That was when both Sunnyvale and Philotesian Rebekahs had many members and were very strong and active lodges. They would join with the Cupertino Lodge Brothers to have the best diners and socials in the area. Later on Sunnyvale consolidated with Stella Rebekah Lodge #22.

Buck, Opal's son, finally got Opal to move closer to him, to Mesquite, Nevada, after too many close calls was getting to much. Not to long after Opal moved, she fell and broke her hip. After the operation she went to rehab, came though that and then returned home and after a short while, she passed away. Some say she might have lost her will to live. She will always be remembered with a warm loving heart & smile.

Cards can be sent to:

Buck & Sharon Hern
1336 Springdale Lane
Mesquite, NV 89034

Another Brother in poor health

I received an e-mail from **Sheila**, informing me that **Gordon Mason** was put on Hospice a month ago. His heart and lungs are failing him. Gordon is 94 years old. Gordon was very active in his day and helped out the lodge like so many others did, using his talents. Gordon was an Electrician Contractor and spent many days by himself at the lodge repairing and fixing things.

96 Quail Hollow Dr
San Jose, CA 95126

Brother **Wally Patapoff** is hanging in there and is having a hard time with his stomach cancer plus other things, but at least the pain is holding off.

1611 Kingston Ct
Los Altos, CA 94024

Lets keep both of these brothers in our prayers.

Laurie Prescott

Laurie Prescott is now in the Skilled Nursing Facility at Saratoga Retirement Community. She has been trying to get in there for a long time. Laurie now will be close to many Rebekah sister and once her legs get better she will have one more meeting to attend. She is in isolation for 2 weeks, but can have "Window visits" by appointment.

Laurie has a bad case of sugar diabetes. She has at least one blood clot in her legs and has a sore that does not want to heal, not to mention the swollen legs. She would appreciate receiving Get Well Cards and could use your prayers.

Life Line Screening

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

- If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases
- \$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease
- Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes

The **6 for Life Health Assessment** measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment. These are separate from our vascular screenings.

Odd Fellows Cupertino Lodge 70 will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 and then again on February 3rd, 2021.

Protect your health by registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment for \$79. Call **1-888-653-6441** or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979** to schedule your appointment. Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.

There are other tests that you can schedule too, such as

** Thyroid Disorders TSH can indicate an underactive thyroid or*

** A Prostate Cancer PSA test is the most accurate method for the detection of prostate cancer*