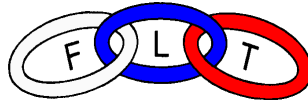


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Grand Master Greenzeiger Reception

The Cupertino Lodge Hall held a brunch followed by a reception honoring **Grand Master Michael Greenzeiger** on Sunday, March 20. The reception committee, headed by **Sister Debra LaVergne** and including **Sister Ria Toolis**, **Sibling Zoe Timmerman** and **Sister Annie Cronin**, could not have pulled off the reception without help from many others, most notably **Brother Ron Myers**, **Brother David O'Conner**, **Sister Vanessa O'Conner** and **Sibling Sinead Toolis** who set up tables and decorated the dining room on Saturday afternoon before coming into the kitchen to help put the brunch casseroles together. Ron, David, Vanessa and Annie came back Sunday morning to finish the brunch preparations. Sinead took care of checking people in while Debra stayed in the kitchen.

About 60 people enjoyed the brunch of bagel, cream cheese, smoked salmon, French Toast Casserole, Onion and Spinach Strata, and Mushroom and Gouda Strata washed down with orange juice, tomato juice, pomegranate juice and mimosas (since hiding champagne in fruit juice was absolutely called for by a Roaring 20's theme). More people came just for the reception held in the lodge room and broadcast over Zoom.

Thank you to all who participated in any way to make a memorable event honoring our Grand Master, Michael Greenzeiger.

The following recipes were the starting points for the brunch casseroles.

Caramelized Onion, and Spinach Strata with Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes

By *Debra LaVergne*



Earth Day

On Saturday, April 23, the City of Cupertino will be celebrating Earth Day, by having booths set up by the city library from 11:00 to 3:00 PM. Many of the city clubs will be there and Cupertino Lodge will also be participating in this. We will have a 10 ft by 10 ft tented booth, with a table and 2 chairs. We will have members there letting people know that the Odd Fellows cares about our environment. We will be handing out Odd Fellows Flyers, including one of our own lodge and answering questions that may be asked by the interested city public. Come on down and join us at Cupertino Library Park, 10400 Torre Ave, Cupertino

By *Don Lang, Editor*



Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Let's Make Music!

“Kanikapila” is a Hawaiian word informally meaning “a gathering to play music.” Cupertino Lodge 70 hosts a monthly kanikapila open to members and the public. The events are free for all but are asked for a nominal donation. This is a fun way to have potential new members become familiar with our Lodge. The house band, Laule’a (comprised of members Nobel Grand Ron Myers, Les Wong, & Jim Kabage), leads songs from Hawai’i sung in English and Hawaiian. Participants are encouraged to play an instrument if they have one, dance hula, sing, and have a good time! Our kanikapila has successfully transitioned to being a hybrid event (in-person and virtual via Zoom) based on safety guidelines until we can gather again. See Lodge 70’s website page www.cupertinooddfellows.org/kanikapila for the Zoom link for kanikapila on the 4th Wednesday of each month!

By *Les Wong*

Move Together in Harmony!

Aikido returned to Cupertino Lodge 70 in March, with weekly youth and adult classes on Tuesday nights, after going on hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Led by Lodge Secretary **Tom Blackburn** and other black belts, classes are open to Lodge members and the public. Aikido classes draw potential Lodge members—I (and others) joined the Lodge through Aikido—and may be considered a vehicle for membership growth. Moreover, the nominal dues paid by Aikido students support the Lodge through rental payments.

Aikido can be loosely translated as “the Way of harmony.” Aikido is a non-aggressive Japanese martial art which studies harmony through physical movements with others. Aikido practice is suitable for all ages. Just as Aikido explores reducing conflict by *fitting* with others, Aikido instruction is adapted to the abilities of each student. For example, some younger students may perform faster acrobatic movements, whereas some older students may perform softer fluid movements.

Youth classes begin at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays. Adult classes follow at 7:30PM. Student dues help defray the Lodge rental cost. Lodge members are invited to try Aikido for free. To learn more, Lodge members and their families are encouraged to visit a class and the Dojo website: <https://enbukan.org/>

By *Bruce Shem*

Cupertino’s April Social

We again will have a social this month and it will be held on the third Monday, April 18th. Our normal Roll Call Dinner, which is usually held in April, the lodge’s birthday month, will be held this year on July 4th, the first Monday of July.

This month’s social menu will be corned beef with roasted carrots and potato salad, desert and soft drinks. It will be dine in or to go boxes. It will be open to members and their family. Doors will open at 5:00 PM with dinner service from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

By *Simona Benjamin*



Photo Caption: Aikido instructor **Tom Blackburn** (left) swings into harmony with student **Bruce Shem** (right).

Happy Easter



Scholarship Committee

The Cupertino Scholarship Committee is once again accepting applications for scholarships to senior high school students entering college. Also included are students enrolled in a postsecondary certificate program at an accredited trade school. The application must be an active member or a dependent of an active member of Cupertino Lodge #70. Applications will be received throughout the year - no deadline.

A scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Information and Application Form are available at website: www.cupertinooddfellows.org

or

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Scholarship Committee Chair
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For more information please call **Ivan Fawley** { 408-741-7520 or ivanfawley@me.com

By *Ivan Fawley*

Cupertino Lodge Work Party

Cupertino Building Committee organized a work party for their lodge on Saturday April 2nd and were able to clean, weed and trim around the outside of their building. Noble Grand **Ron Myres** and **Jim Kabage** headed up this operation, with help from **De Tran**, **Allen Fox** and **Ted Guerrero**. There is a bit left and Ron will go back during the week to finish up. They filled up the empty dumpster. When Ron returns this week, he'll fill up the dumpster again. There may be a follow up work party next weekend, so watch your emails. They also recently stripped the kitchen floor and machine cleaned the one refrigerator. Here is a link to the photos of their hard workers. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/kt4no1xkdCqvafo19>.

By *Don Lang*



Pancakes for Breakfast!

Cupertino Lodge 70 held its 13th Annual Herman DeVille Memorial Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for cancer research on Saturday, March 12. Chefs Nobel Grand **Ron Myres**, Vice Grand **Simona Benjamin** and their kitchen crew whipped up a tasty breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, country potatoes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee for over 100 diners. The turn-out was so great that DDGM **Annie Cronin** made a super-market run for more eggs and juice! Several guests even performed a few impromptu hula dances to express their appreciation for this event. It was wonderful to have the support of so many friends for a worthy cause in honor of an esteemed past member of Lodge 70 who was the chief chef and pancake flipper in his time. All proceeds go to the City of Hope Cancer Center.

By *Karen Sanico*



I would just like to add to **Karen's** article that indeed the Breakfast fund raiser was an all around success, from the crowds attending, (mainly of Cupertino Members, Kanikapila Hawaiian members and DeAnza Lions,) to all the help in the kitchen and help in the dining room, to the delicious food, that was served, (the Country Potatoes was a big hit), as well as the large portions of the food given. We collected donations of \$1485, which the lodge will add to that, before sending it off to the City Of Hope.

By *Don Lang*

