

### Ukrainian Sunflower Festival

The Cupertino Odd Fellow Lodge #70, will be helping and supporting the Ukrainian people in their fight against Russia. You can read more on this by looking at the flyer on the third page of the Triple Links. Lets all get behind this and help out Cupertino lodge and lets all come to the dinner and if the price is a little high just donate what you are able to donate. Go on line, it is very easy to do.

Ukrainian Sunflower Festival & Fundraiser is on July 30th, from 4 to 7pm at the Cupertino Odd Fellows Hall, at 20589 Homestead Road, in Cupertino.

Sunflowers (or “soniashnyk”) are spectacular, highly productive and a major agricultural export of Ukraine. They are also the national flower of Ukraine and are a powerful symbol of the resistance of the Ukrainian people to the invasion by Russia.

The Northern California Peace Corps Association and Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge 70, are co-sponsoring this fundraising event for Ukraine.

Come, bring some friends and make some new friends; chat, drink, listen to Ukrainian music and maybe learn Ukrainian words of greeting and friendship, enjoy a traditional Ukrainian dinner and maybe sing a song or two.

Purchase Tickets or Donate to support this cause at [www.cupertinooddfellows.org](http://www.cupertinooddfellows.org).

If you wish to donate an amount other than the amounts shown, to volunteer in anyway, to help publicize the even, or to ask questions please contact our lead for this event: Antonia Gale <[antoniagale88@gmail.com](mailto:antoniagale88@gmail.com)>. Antonia is the Treasurer for NorCalPCA.

By *Don Lang & Jim Kabage*

### *Happy 4th of July*

The four Golfers from Cupertino lodge were **Ted Guerrero, Les Wong, Jim Kabage** and **Noble Grand Ron Myres**. I heard that they did not embarrass us and their score was reasonable.

By *Don Lang, Editor*

### Initiation to be held on June 27th

The Initiation scheduled for Monday, June 27th, had to be cancelled due to an emergency in the candidate's family. **Bob Souza**, was all set to become an Odd Fellow and the degree team for the evening, was all set to confer the degree, but it will now have to be rescheduled. **Mark Flider**, from Mountain View Lodge was also ready to receive the initiation too, but he was recently in contact with some people that might of had Covid, so he was hoping to receive the degree via zoom. But only the live degree could be conferred on Monday. So we will have to wait and see what is decided. All indications are, that it will take place on the 5th Monday of August, August 29th.

By *Don Lang, Editor*

### Lions Club Golf Tournament

Four of our Cupertino lodge members decided to play in the DeAnza Lions Golf Tournament at Spring Valley Golf Course. The fees were a little steep for a non golfer, so the lodge decided to help out and pay half of the fee. This is one of the big fund raiser the Lions hold each year, so the money went to a good cause.

This is the first time I was at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas, way on top of a hill. The course was well kept up. I am a DeAnza Lion member so I was there helping out. I happened to be at the table that was selling special tickets which helped to bring your sore down. There were mulligans which allowed you to throw away a lost ball or take off a stoke, or other ways to improve your putting. Anything to make it fun playing golf, if you were not a regular in playing all the time.

The one thing all the golfers raved about was the BBQ 12 oz. steak dinner at the end of their game. Many said it was the best they have ever had, but that may be going to far. All the golfers seemed to have a good time and the Lions were able to make some money for their charity donations.

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# Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

## Discontinue CA Youth Programs

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly recently discontinued their state supported youth programs. But did however, authorized the individual lodge or groups of Lodges to have a Youth Program, but they must run it under the Sovereign Grand Lodge United Youth Program.

I would like to say a few words about the SGL United Youth Program. When this program first came out, **Paul Kramer** and **I** had a Junior Lodge Boys Club and we were against the new United Youth Program. At that time, the state had over 5 Junior Boys Clubs and over 5 Theta Rho Girls Clubs. And in case you didn't know, these Clubs run every much like our Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges. The clubs need to hold regular meetings with a minimum of 5 members attending. You have like a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer using different names. Everything very formal and you have a state session like Grand Lodge session. Now it takes a lot of Odd Fellows and Rebekah's to oversee their Grand Lodge session and they have a committee overseeing this, plus they also want many of us Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to attend to help out. Over the past 15 or so years we have been struggling with this. The youth kept on getting fewer, than the clubs started to get fewer and finally below the magic number of 5. So what do you do? You tried hard to make it work, but you are up against rules which prevent you from being successful. Now in the meantime, SGL had some success with their United Youth Program. The rules were much looser, not as much formal stuff and both boys and girls could join the same club. For instance, take Debra LaVergne's Theta Rho girls club. They were struggling to have 5 girls as members. But some of the girls also had brothers and the boys helped out at some of the True Fellowship's Hamburger Fry's. So if they were able to have a United Youth Group, the boy or boy's would have joined. Also, there is no Youth Grand Lodge session to worry about and all the work that goes with it. So I think you can see why Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly made that decision. I hope you can see some positive possibilities with this action.

By **Don Lang, Editor**

## New Windows in the Lodge

The Cupertino Lodge building recently had a face lift done on it, with a new set of windows installed. This was headed up by **Ron Myres**, our Noble Grand and who also happens to be a general contractor. Ron got most of his building committee together, including several other member helpers and were able to replace all of the windows in one day. I must say. they really look nice.

By **Don Lang, Editor**

## Cupertino Lodge Renters

Our Cupertino Lodge renting has really picked up since starting to come out of Covid in January. This is good, because we have many plans to improve our lodge building and make it more pleasant and friendly to be in it. Of course this does take spending money. We also want to continue our community charity donations. We had several weekday renters for the early part of the summer and our weekends are fast filling up. One renter was their until 7:30 PM on Mondays and Wednesday, which effected us and caused us to delay when we were able to start our Lodge meeting.

The increased activity also seemed to bring in some negative activity. The back right hand corner of the fencing, looking out from the back door, was painted on with some graffiti . This was painted over fast, before it became a continuous game.

By **Don Lang, Editor**

## No Cupertino Lodge BBQ in July

Due to the amount of work which is involved in taking part in the July 30th Ukrainian diner Program & fund raiser, there will be no July 4th social or a July BBQ on the 3rd Monday. The July 4th scheduled Roll Call Dinner, which was in the District Directory Book will have to be rescheduled, probably to September. So have fun and attend you family or friends July 4th Party and watch the Cupertino fire works.

By **Don Lang, Editor**





# *Our Ukrainian Sunflower Festival*

## *A Fundraiser in Support of the Ukrainian People*

Fundraiser co-sponsored by Odd Fellows Lodge 70 and the NorCal Peace Corps Association

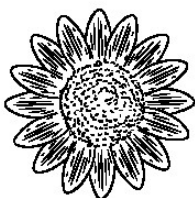
Date: July 30th, 2022  
Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM PDT  
Cost: \$50 per ticket  
Place: The Odd Fellows Lodge, 20589 Homestead Road, Cupertino, CA 95014

Visit the NorCal Events Calendar, <https://www.norcalpca.org/events/ourukrainian-sunflower-festival-fundraiser>

Dine on delicious Ukrainian food, enjoy drinks, make new friends, hear from RPCVs who served there. We'll listen to the people's music, learn their words of greeting, thanks, and friendship. We can join in singing songs from this beautiful country.

The money raised will go directly to help internally displaced refugees in the town where NorCalPCA's treasurer, Toni Gale, served from 2017 to 2019. All funds will be distributed by a well-established non-profit which Toni worked with while she was serving in the country.

Odd Fellows Lodge 70 is donating its lodge at no cost and is helping promote this fundraiser.



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and/or donate!



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