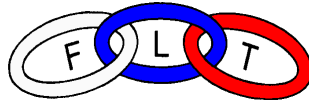


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### Initiation Held on February 25

Cupertino Lodge 70 conferred the degree of Initiation at their regular meeting on February 25. There were four candidates there, they were **Theodore Guerrero** (Cupertino), **Rick Giraud** (Saratoga), **Anthony Cacao** (True Fellowship) and **Amy Bellantuono** (True Fellowship). There was a practice on Sunday, February 24 the day before at 3pm. The District degree team conferred a very profession degree even though several of our regulars could not make the degree. I counted 33 members present form 4 different lodges in the district. We congratulate the new members and wish them well.



New Members, from Left to Right: Theodore Guerrero (Cupertino), Rick Giraud (Saratoga), Anthony Cacao (True Fellowship) and Amy Bellantuono (True Fellowship)

### 1st & 2nd Degree

The first Degree will be conferred at True Fellowship Lodge at 1035 Emery St., in San Jose on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 PM, be there at 7:15. Then at the following Monday, March 11, at 7:00 we will confer the second degree at the Cupertino Lodge. For the second degree, you either have to be one of the candidates for the second degree or already have the second degree in order to attend that degree. Right after the degree, at 8:00, Cupertino will then hold their regular meeting.

### Initiatory Degree April 29

The District 107 Initiation team will next confer the initiatory degree at Cupertino on Monday, April 29. There will be a practice on Sunday, April 28 at 3pm. If you already have a part, please come to make the practice go more smoothly. If you are interested in taking part, please come! We always need more people involved! The district degree team confers the Initiatory degree on the 5th Monday of the month, which will be in April 29, July 29, September 30 and December 30 this year.

### DeAnza Lions Speaker Contest

The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club held their High school speaker contest at the Cupertino Lodge on January 31. The speakers were excellent. Of course our lodge gave them free use of the lodge. And the winner was **Helen Hu**, from Lynbrook High. The 3 girls in the picture below are **Jade Son** from Cupertino High, **Helen Hu** from Lynbrook High and **Rominna Sharifi** from Homestead High



# Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

## Betty Learn Passes

**Betty Jean Learn**, 85, passed peacefully on Jan. 20, 2019 while in hospice care at her home with her devoted husband **Arthur** by her side. The third of four children, Betty was born to Jerome and Gladys Peak on Aug. 26, 1933 in West Point, Indiana. She grew up on her family's dairy farm in nearby Michigan City, milking cows before daybreak, driving the tractor, and communing with the barn cats.

Betty graduated from Indiana State University in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree, participating in many extracurricular activities and becoming a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority for life. She taught in elementary school in Indiana for several years, then moved with a friend in 1958 to San Bernardino, Calif., to continue teaching elementary school. There she met Arthur, a physicist at Space Technology Laboratories, on a blind date, the beginning of their 60-year relationship. They married in 1959 and settled in Cupertino in 1970, where they raised their daughter, Karen, and their son, Scott. She continued to substitute teach for several years and later managed a medical office in San Jose and worked helping job-seekers at a NOVA Job Center. After their retirement, Betty and Arthur had a pleasant experience working together administering testing for state engineering and contractor licenses.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. March 16 at St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, 10110 North De Anza Boulevard, with a reception to follow at the church's community center. If desired, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society or your favorite charity in her memory. Art is a member of Cupertino Odd Fellow Lodge 70.

## Waipuna Hawaiian Music Concert

The Waipuna Hawaiian concert on February 16<sup>th</sup>, played to a full house. Thanks to Patrick Landeza's House of Hawaiian Music, we were able to open up the lodge to those interested in Hawaiian music in our community. Combined with an optional dinner, there was a group of 80+ sharing aloha and learning about our lodge. We do have three more events scheduled in the coming months.

Our next event is March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 PM, will be a lu'au that will combine dinner and a show for \$20 per person for the public and Odd Fellows guests. Odd Fellows members are free. The discounted, combination show and dinner price is targeted towards Odd Fellows members as a thank you from **Patrick Landeza** and the House of Hawaiian Music for allowing them to rent the space. Lu'au ticket prices usually start at \$35 and up. Part of the Aloha Spirit is giving back. Come and enjoy some great food, music and probably hula! Get your tickets at the URL below. To make reservations for Odd Fellow members and guests, please call contact **Les Wong** or **Annie Cronin**.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we'll have **Weldon Kekauoha** with an optional dinner. Finally, on May 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll have **Bobby Moderow** with an optional dinner. Tickets to be announced at the URL below. These are all top notch and multi-award-winning musicians. If you missed Waipuna, try to make one or more of the other shows. Tickets and information please visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/houseofhawaiianmusic>.

By **Jim Kabage**

## Pancake Breakfast

Cupertino 70 will hold their 12th annual Pancake breakfast at the lodge on March 16, a day before St Patrick's Day. It is held in honor of brother **Herman DeVille** who passed away years ago from his battle with cancer. Since then, all the money donated to the pancake breakfast goes to a Cancer charity. The Breakfast is only \$7.00 and will be from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee with real cream will be served. This year we will also hold a 50/50 raffle. Please come, bring friends and support this worthy event. We would like to top last year's \$1,000 donation to the City of Hope, for cancer research.

## Cupertino's March Social

The March Cupertino Social, since it would be only 3 days after their Pancake Breakfast, was thought that it should be moved and combined with the Sunday, March 31 Waipuna Hawaiian Music Concert and Lu'au. Next month we will go back to our normal 3rd Monday Social. See that article on this page for more information on the 31st.



Membership Odd Fellow Table, from left to right: **Richard Bartholomew, Ron Myres, Les Wong and Don Lang**



## What's Happening at Philotesian?

March 6	----- Kites
	<b>Debra LaVergne</b>
March 20	----- Equinox
	<b>Debra LaVergne</b>
April 3	-----April Fool's Day
	<b>Michael Greenzeiger</b>
April 17	----- Spring
	<b>Michael Greenzeiger</b>
May 1	----- Mother's Day
	<b>Don Lang</b>

## Philotesian Dues Reminder

SGL passed a dues increase of \$5 per member. Please add \$5 to your next payment of dues for a total payment of \$60 for the next year's dues. Please send your check to Philotesian Rebekah Lodge at PO Box 76, Cupertino CA 95015-0076.

## Junior Lodge Initiation

The Joint Youth Committee and officers of the Grand Lodge of California are coming to San Jose to initiate new Junior Odd Fellows and to help organize a Provisional Junior Lodge.

Please bring potential youth members to 1035 Emory Street, San Jose on Sunday, March 17. Pizza lunch at noon.

Junior Odd Fellow Initiation at 1:00pm

Open meeting of Sigma Tau Theta Rho Girls Club at 2:00pm

Junior Lodges are open to any boy between the ages of 8 and 18. The watchwords of this degree are Honor and Fidelity. The symbolic colors of the degree are Silver and Dark Blue.

Theta Rho Girls Clubs are open to any girls between the ages of 8 and 18. The watchword of this degree is "Happiness Through Service". The symbolic colors of the degree are Yale Blue and Light Peach.

In Junior Odd Fellows Lodges and Theta Rho Girls Clubs, the boys and girls are in charge of the activities of the lodge and club, under the direction of adult advisors. The boys and girls are encouraged to accept positions of leadership and responsibility. In lodge meetings, the youth plan community service projects, and social and fun activities.

For questions, contact **Debra LaVergne**, sigmatau92@gmail.com, 650-575-4565 or **Bennett Shuler**, shulers@sbcglobal.net, 408-316-3717

## Rebekah District #3 Meeting

The annual District Meeting for District #3 was held on Wednesday, February 20 at Philotesian Rebekah Lodge. A turkey-centered potluck dinner was served with the lodges bringing their specialty sides to go with **Noble Grand Mary Lou Lang's** special turkey with her famous stuffing and gravy. We then had an enjoyable district meeting with **President of the Rebekah Assembly Ernestine Olson**. All district lodges were represented. Stella Rebekah Lodge had the biggest attendance – they counted more than the “all others” category! A total of 27 Rebekahs were present. After the meeting we served double fudge dark chocolate cake with giant scoops of vanilla ice cream.

## Hamburger Fry Dates in 2019

Sigma Tau Theta Rho girls (and members of a new Junior Lodge) are looking forward to serving you at the Santa Clara Odd Fellows Temple, 1035 Emory St, San Jose.

Doors open at 5:45 pm. Serving from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

\$2.75 - Hamburger with all the trimmings

\$3.00 - Cheeseburger with all the trimmings

Chips, Coffee, Soda, and Dessert Available

Hamburger Fries are sponsored by True Fellowship Odd Fellows #52 and benefit Sigma Tau Theta Rho Girls Club #92 and the potential new Junior Odd Fellows Lodge.

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday, May 29

Wednesday, June 26

Wednesday, July 24

Wednesday, August 28

Wednesday, September 25

Wednesday, October 30

In April, **Ben Shuler** will be unavailable to cook, so instead of a Hamburger Fry, Sigma Tau will have a spaghetti or macaroni and cheese dinner on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00pm.

Since the girls are planning to do another set of gift bags for homeless people, they would appreciate donations of travel size toiletries (such as from hotels) and dentist toothpaste and toothbrush kits. They will have a box to receive these at Hamburger Fries during the year.