



The Messenger

Published for the Residents
Masonic Homes of California at Union City

“The 17th Annual Tree Lighting”

Written by Ranshu Malini, Community Relations & Event Manager



Home team members will be serving refreshments at the Auditorium Patio between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm in the spirit of giving, along with some good old fashioned caroling and tasty Christmas treats made for a joyous celebration.

Here at the Home, we are committed to spreading joy and cheer during the holiday season and beyond. We invite you to celebrate a life well lived every day of the year! Whether you enjoy the lights on your holiday tree, your house, or on a blinking Christmas sweater, we wish you a bright and happy holiday season! **Happy Holidays!**

Nothing lights up the holiday season more majestically... Come and join us as we light up the spirit of the festive season at the Masonic Homes 17th Annual Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 7th starting from 5:00 pm.

The event will have various festivities such as singing from local schools at the Sedam Auditorium, Band and Festive Treats at the Auditorium Patio, Ornament & Card Making at the Ice Cream Parlor and of course Santa's Workshop at the Head Library. The Masonic



Please join us in support of Toys for Tots, and their efforts to present toys to local children! Drop off an unwrapped toy today!



December 2017



Santa is coming to the Auditorium— Written by JoAnne Wright



The trees at the Home will all be decorated and Santa will be on his way. The East Bay Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting their annual Christmas party for ALL residents at the Masonic Home. It will take place in the Auditorium on Monday, December 4. The tables will be decorated with holiday items and there will be lots of homemade goodies - cookies, brownies, nut breads, and candy. The doors will open in the Auditorium at 1:15 pm. Santa will be available to have his picture taken with you, if you wish. Come and enjoy the good time. Wear red or

green to add to the Christmas spirit. There will be over 100 prizes for the Bingo card game. Don't be square... Be there!

A First Christmas, 1943—Submitted by Resident, Barbara Brown



Excerpt from a letter written by my father, Truman Richards Young to his mother describing my brother's, Truman Jr. ("Toonie"), first Christmas at 1½:

"Jackie, Toonie and I had a grand Christmas. After we put Toonie to bed on Christmas Eve, Jackie and I brought the tree up from the basement, nailed it down as a precaution against our little fellow's enthusiasm, and trimmed it. Lots of lights, tinsel, ornaments, and strings of paper dolls Jackie cut out of brightly colored paper. Then we piled all the packages around the base, filled with odds and ends, a huge stocking for Toonie and hung it on the fireplace and went to bed. We got up at six o'clock in the morning, had our breakfast, and then dressed Toonie. We placed the tree where it could be seen from halfway down the stairs.

We turned out all the lights except those on the tree, and I carried him slowly down the steps. His reaction was something to see. He was perfectly awed and amazed. He caught sight of the tree halfway down; his eyes, still sleepy, became as big as saucers and he pointed to it, calling our attention to the wonderful thing that had happened during the night. I put him down and he just stood there for a minute or so looking at it. Then he moved around and looked at it from every angle, jabbering in excitement; then he finally got up courage to touch a few of the things. He was very gentle with it and we had very little trouble with him during the day. When he had overcome his curiosity about the tree, we let him work on his stocking and opening his packages, the plenitude of which was a little confusing to him. In the meantime, the radio was on playing Christmas music, and it was all and all one of the sweetest Christmases ever."

"Make a Difference Day"

In November, students from Chabot College, Hayward, volunteered in Lorber for "Make a Difference Day". They assisted and lead an afternoon Casino Social for Lorber Residents in games such as Black Jack, Roulette, Poker, and Horse Race game.





The Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain Joel Ingram

"New Year's Resolutions..."

Pretty much every New Year, I write something incredibly insightful and philosophical about the year ahead. In that I know most of you skip that and go to the cartoons page (we do have cartoons page, don't we?). I decided to keep things short and simple. Here are some amazingly bad New Year's resolutions made by someone other than myself:

1. New Year's Resolution: To be more assertive if that's OK with everyone else.
2. New Year's Resolution: EXERCISE (my right to eat) MORE (tacos).
3. New Year's Resolution: To remember... if I need to burn 2000 calories, I should leave the brownies in the oven a bit longer.
4. New Year's Resolution: To not get up early on days that end in "y".
5. 2017: Stand up to Boss 2018: Find a job.
6. 2017: Lose 10 pounds 2018: Lose 20 pounds
7. New Year's Resolution: I resolve to make better bad decisions.
8. New Year's Resolution: I've decided to let go of the past. So, if I owe you some money, I'm sorry.
9. New Year's Resolution: 1920 x 1080. Same as last year.
10. New Year's Resolution: Day 1 completed: I removed all the bad food from the house. It was delicious!
11. New Year's Resolution: To remember to write 2018 instead of 2017.
12. New Year's Resolution: (1) Stop making lists (2) Be more consistent (3) Learn to count.



Pay it Forward—By Richard Cummings

Resident Council Treasurer & E. A. F. Liaison

Though the time has now passed for contributions to the 2017 Employee Appreciation Fund (E. A. F.), it is important to continue supporting this very worthy effort during the upcoming year. Residents are not allowed to provide, nor employees to accept, direct gratuities during the year. The month-by-month tally, shown graphically by the large "thermometer" on the wall across from the Mail Room, serves as our reminder to employees of how much we appreciate their dedicated service.

Interestingly, there is less pressure to contribute to our Employee Appreciation Fund than is encountered in restaurants, taxis, or hotels, etc. where tips are "expected" on the spot, regardless of the quality of service. Instead, the success of this fund is dependent upon the proven generosity

of Masons and their spouses and the appreciation we feel toward our friendly and caring staff. It is a wonderful thing for employees and residents together to watch this fund grow throughout the year. The services we receive are second to none, and we can show our gratitude both verbally, and through our contributions.

We come into this world without our permission and leave it against our will. But it is what we do with the time we have allotted to us that makes the living worthwhile. We can approach each day expecting the worst and find it. Or, we can put on a happy face, pull ourselves up by our attitudes, and live life to the fullest. A part of that fullness is laughter. It is one of the most wonderful therapeutic tools known to mankind. It is one of the most wonderful drugs on the market and it is totally free to all those who embrace it. It is completely safe and there is no possibility of harmful after effects from an overdose. So get high on life and the next time you see someone who appears to have no happiness in him, not even a smile to share, give him one of yours because there is none who need it so much as those who have none left to give.—*Written by Mary Deskovich and submitted by Harold Scott*

Marriage —Submitted by Zelma Campbell

Marriage is easy; marriage is hard.

Marriage takes time (and a big credit card!)

Marriage is cuddling when each day is done.



Marriage is challenging; marriage is fun!

Marriage takes patience, practice and trust.

Marriage takes two who knew laughter is a must.

Marriage is magic; marriage is dreams and

“Let’s get-away-for the weekend” type of schemes.

Marriage is simple; marriage is tough.

Marriage takes guts when the going gets rough.

For marriage demands all the best you can give.

And gives you life’s best every day that you live.

December Guess Who:



**Do you
know who
this
Sleeping
Beauty
is?**

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The November Guess Who:



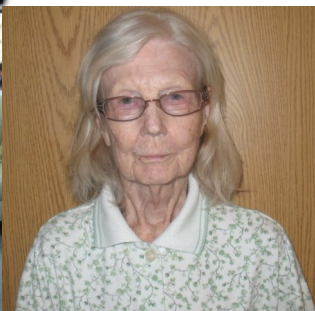
**If you
thought**

**Jerry
Chamberlain,**

**you
were
right!**



New Residents



James & Flora Putler
Sponsoring Lodge: Alameda
No. 167
City: Fremont
Moved in: October 25, 2017



Dorothea
Morris
Sponsoring
Lodge: Channel
Island No. 214
City: Ventura
Moved in:
November 1,
2017



William Young
Sponsoring Lodge: Central
Coast
No. 237
City: Arroyo Grande
Moved in: November 9,

Basil Brooks
Sponsoring Lodge: Santa
Barbara
No. 192
City: Santa Barbara
Moved in: November 14,
2017



Robert Schwartz
Sponsoring Lodge: Home
No. 721
City: Van Nuys
Moved in: November 20,
2017



Georgia Brown
Sponsoring Lodge:
Glendora
No. 404
City: Glendora
Moved in: November 20,
2017



Byron & Beatriz Corley
Sponsoring Lodge: Siminoff Daylight
No. 850
City: Union City
Moved in: November 21, 2017

*Editor's Note:
Correction on November's
Newsletter: Barbara Raney's
sponsoring Lodge is Woodland
No. 81*

Appreciation Letter—Submitted by John Marshall, Director of Dining Services

Hi John,

I am writing to thank you and congratulate you on the fine crop of peppers you provided this year. I enjoy the tasty ones, hot or not, and bravely accept the challenge of the real “burners.” I consume Jalapenos daily as a matter of course. The Habaneras were my previous benchmark of hot and though it used to take me a couple of meals to get through one, of late I could handle these too at one setting.

Last year, I enjoyed what you grew, but was disappointed to find that the supposed “hottest” variety wasn’t all that hot. I thought that maybe this was just the wrong climate. All this being said, I approached this year’s supreme flame-out with some degree of skepticism.

Here is a blow by blow description of the occasion of my introduction to this pepper. The pepper arrived with my at-home dinner as just one of the many John Marshall peppers that I have been enjoying fresh from the garden. I took a bite of food and also a moderate chunk of the pepper. Since this time, I have redefined the word moderate. As my mouth turned into something resembling Hiroshima after the bomb, I realized that this, in fact, must be the legendary pepper that you warned me of.

I quickly added more food and waited until my stomach stopped convulsing. Unlike other hot peppers, this one renewed its attack on the tissues of my mouth as soon as the food was swallowed. As I marveled at this, the fumes from my breath got under my glasses and my eyes started burning. I was impressed.

Of course, I wiped my watering eyes with the very hand that had been holding the pepper. Mistake! I went and washed my hands and used a tissue to dry my eyes. That did it...until later when I touched my eye with the offending hand again. I went and washed it again and scrubbed it good. As a side note, my eye started burning again later on its own, I guess from some residual material left when I touched it earlier.

John, this pepper did not “break” me, but it did “bend” me a bit. I climbed back onto the horse and consumed this pepper over the course of three more meals. Subsequently, I have eaten another one over the course of four meals. Today (Wednesday), I mounted another attack on your pepper garden and among the hostages captured are 3 more of these monsters. I stand a humbled, but resolute pepper eater.

So no complaints this year. If you discover a hotter pepper, please don’t tell me about it and grow it out of sight somewhere.

Thank you for all that you do and the wonderful and expertly crafted meals that you provide.

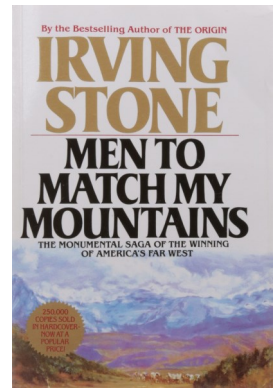
Regards,

Richard Cummings



This is the gripping story of the opening of a new land and the building of a new civilization, from the pen of America’s foremost literary figure and its greatest story teller, Irving Stone. The story is told in terms of the people who opened that land and built that civilization. Each life story an integral part of the mosaic. The Far West is the hero.

The land consists of the present-day states of California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado. The area was designated by geographers as the Far West. This was the vast empire inherited by Mexico when it won its independence from Spain in 1821. Except for a handful of hunters and trappers in the Colorado Rockies, scattered Indian tribes, and a few hundred settlers on the California coast, the region was totally unsettled and uninhabited. The land has a common cast of characters. What happens in any one region is of tremendous consequence to the others. Call extension 26291 if you need to borrow the book.



A Heartwarming Gift—Written by Carole Silva

December is the month of gifts and so many are looking for “something different.” Some weddings ask for no gifts because your presence is a “present.” There is one gift that warms my heart and that is the gift of an invitation, especially when extended to a person new to a group. Our community works with the Welcoming Committee and Special Friends.

Small invitations like “Won’t you join us for coffee when you get settled?” or “Join us on this trip and sit with us on the bus” goes a long way. The following poem explains how some feel being new...

I wasn’t Invited



I wanted to go for a ride,
Visit with interesting people
To see the sunset over the ocean
But **I wasn’t invited**

I wanted to travel up the coast
Meet new people, hear their music
To work daily with an ensemble
But **I wasn’t invited**

I wanted to listen
To the orchestra play
To the quartet in rehearsal
To the kabala in the temple
But I wasn’t invited

So I go for a drive by my self
I travel around by my self
The solitude is mine to experience
I invited me



***** The Dark Horse—Submitted by Anthony Tancredi

The Bible in Revelation 6:1-8 speaks of the four horsemen of the apocalypse. It is the third or “dark horseman” that I am referring to, and it is called Death. This creature makes his way into everyone’s life sooner or later. When you live with loved ones (in my case, my parents), it seems that they will live forever. Much to my surprise, this is never the case. One is never really prepared to face this grim day yet it sneaks upon us in the most unexpected way.

My first experience occurred on June 15, 1981, when I worked at the Post Exchange Marine Corps Recruitment Depot in San Diego. As usual, I would call home to see how everything was going. At 4:00 pm, on that fateful day, I called my mother who tearfully stated that my dad had gone to meet his Maker.

My second experience with this terrible grim reaper came on January 5, 2012, when I went to take my mother’s blood pressure. There was no response and I knew mom was gone. So you see, you have to love your loved ones as if this is their last day on earth, and not only on Fathers Day and Mothers Day. Give them a hug everyday and kiss them with all your heart.

As always, may the Great Creator of the Universe continue to guide and protect our fighting men and women. Equally important, guide the hearts and minds of our leaders so that young men and women will not come back home in gray metal caskets, but rather to the loving arms of their families.

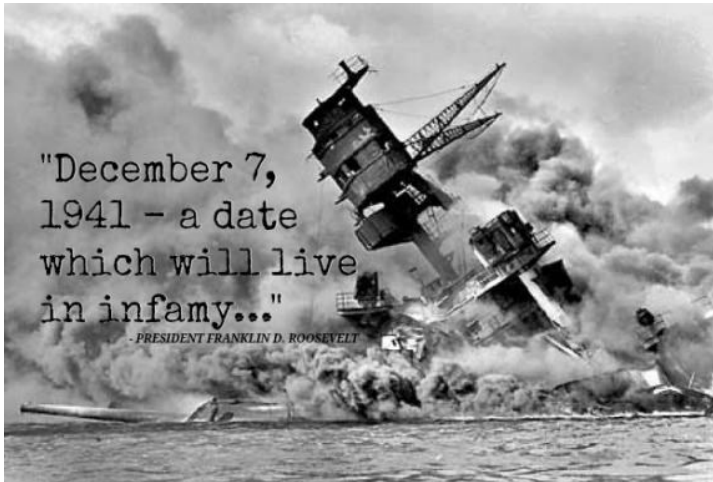


Previous Month's Activities

November Candlelight Dinner



“Let’s Remember”—Written by Carl Christenson



Seventy-six years ago, the Pearl Harbor attack on plunged us into World War II. Each year, the memory of this terrible event becomes dimmer like a light being slowly turned out. Many calendars don’t even note it anymore. Younger generations seem to be vaguely familiar with the event and how it changed the lives of so many of us.

The following article was written by Bob Pringle, a friend of mine in the NROTYC class just ahead of me at the University of Minnesota. Bob was a “fleet man” who was four to five years older than the rest of us.

The V-12/NROTYC program was offered not only to recent high school graduates, but also to those enlisted sailors in the fleet interested in acquiring a college degree and an officer’s commission. We looked up to these fleet men because they all had previous naval experience, and some of it, battle experience. Bob’s class of October 1945 was a rather cohesive group. Several of the men got together and tried to help keep it that way with a newsletter. Some years after its beginning, the editor added a “Sea Story” section. Bob responded with his Pearl Harbor article in an effort to keep the memory alive.

“Pearl Harbor 1941- My Recollections on what I remembered about Pearl Harbor”—Bob Pringle.

“I had joined the Naval Reserves in Honolulu in 1939 and was called to active duty in 1940. Along with a lot of other guys, I thought that with a war coming, the Navy would be an interesting place to be. Also, being on active duty in the Navy was a lot more exciting than working as a Clerk in the Bank of Hawaii. The Navy kept us busy. I spent my time on the waterfront, working as a bosun’s mate and was also on the swimming team.

On December 7th, I was in training at the Natatorium at Waikiki for a swimming meet to take place at the Pearl Harbor pool the following weekend. I had stopped to rest when I heard the start of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. I heard a noise; sort of a crumpling sound, which I later realized was caused by bombs dropping in the first attack. Also, anti-aircraft bursts over Pearl Harbor looked unusual. All the bursts I had seen previously were in a straight line following a target. These bursts were all over the sky. I went home, listening to the car radio, and hearing only music, and I thought that some sort of drill was going on. That day I was to cover Kailua, on the windward side of the island. The road to Kailua goes over Pali, the pass in the Koolau mountain range. When I got to the top, I could see Kaneohe Naval station in flames, and then a Japanese plane in front of me making its turn to run towards Kaneohe. The markings on the plane wings were unmistakable, a pinkish red meatball on either wing tip. I could even see the pilot. Turning around to look back, I could see a tremendous amount of black smoke from the Pearl Harbor area.

What was happening was incredulous! I simply couldn’t accept it until I saw the plane. I was stationed at the Section Base, at the entrance to Pearl Harbor, located at the foot of Hickam Field. So I got there as fast as possible. Getting there involved driving down through Hickam, which had also been attacked and lost its planes on the ground. By this time, the attack was pretty much over and was followed by high altitude bombing attack. I got down to the Section Base with no problem. On looking up, I could see only a handful of our B-17 bombers flying around in almost total confusion, having just

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Let's...

arrived from California. These apparently were the planes the radar operator thought he was seeing on the scope when he picked up the incoming Japanese attack. I believe the last Japanese attack was called off with the US defenses stiffening and with the first attack being so successful. A total of twenty-nine Japanese planes were shot down, a fact not usually mentioned.

One of the more vivid memories I had, occurred that night when two US planes from the aircraft carrier

Enterprise came in to land at Ford Island Naval Air Station. With their running lights on, the first was shot down by nervous ground forces, but the second landed successfully at Ford Island. I think the second plane was lucky, because everyone concentrated on the first poor guy. He crashed into a sugar cane field. The only light on the island of Oahu was a plane burning in the middle of the cane field. The rest of the island had already been blacked out and would stay that way until almost the end of war.

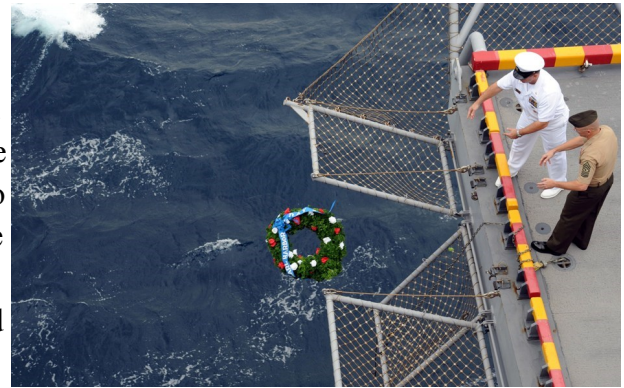
There were several tremendous explosions at Pearl Harbor. One was the Arizona blowing up. Another was the USS Shaw, a destroyer that had been up on the marine dry dock. She had her bow blown off, up to and including the bridge. The ship yard later cut away the damage and installed a temporary bow. Several weeks later, heading for overhaul on the mainland, she came steaming down the channel, being controlled from her after steering station. We at the Section Base saw her coming, and we jumped up and down, waved, threw our hats in the air, and cheered her on. I'm mentioning this because I saw the World Trade's nine-eleven disaster on television and saw a line of repair trucks roaring to the World Trade Center to help. The street was lined with spectators, waving their hats and cheering. Their reaction was eerily like that on December 7th.

The USS Missouri, where the surrender was signed by the Japanese, is now berthed at one end of the Battle Ship Row, with the Arizona at the other end. They are called the 'Bookends of the War,' the beginning and the end of World War Two for the United States."

American Landmarks

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Tidbits & Announcements from the Recreation Department

Written by Karen McVey, Recreation Guide

The Holidays are upon us and the New Year is approaching fast.
The Recreation Department would like to wish everyone
Happy Holidays and a Very Happy New Year.



January naturally marks a beginning and though we have our regular outings that we continue to enjoy, like the California Pops and the Douglas Morrisson Chorus, we would like to encourage residents to let us know:



What would you like to do again?
What new group would you like to participate in?
What creative social gathering would you like to attend?
Where would you like to go that we've never been before?



There are two ways to let us know. Stop by the Recreation Office in 2nd Adams, near the Dining Room and across from the Ceramics Room or join us at the Recreation Planning Meeting at 3 pm on the first Thursday of the month. (Please note that December's meeting is on the **first** Friday to keep Thursday, December 7th free for all the Tree Lighting preparations and excitement.)

Merry Christmas Word Search

Search for the words going up, down, left and right.



SAFETY CORNER

A monthly reminder from the MH Safety Committee: **Slow Down**



Driving fast can kill people. When you are driving fast, it gives you less amount of time to react when something crosses your path. A fraction of a second could mean the difference between life and death. It has been brought to our attention that many drivers coming up to the Masonic Home are driving too fast. We share the road with wildlife, pedestrians, cars, and trucks. Please, obey the 15 MPH speed limit and be courteous to others who share the road.





York Rite of Freemasonry

At

Siminoff Masonic Center

*'There is no higher degree in Freemasonry than that of Master Mason.
The York Rite offers an insight into the degrees of the Craft and the completion of
Ancient Craft Masonry'.*

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

Siminoff Council No. 485 Allied Masonic Degrees

Quarterly Stated Meeting 2:00 pm

'Red Branch of Eri'

Festive Board 4:00 pm (Wine and Toasts)

Members only

Saturday, December 9th, 2017

Siminoff Daylight Royal Arch Chapter No. 163

Quarterly Stated Convocation 9:30 am

Sword and Trowel Council No. 65

Quarterly Stated Assembly 11:00 am

Lunch: 12:15 pm (Reservations - sign up)

Morris Siminoff Commandery No. 80

Quarterly Stated Conclave 2:00 pm

Information: Arthur H. Walton, Sec/Rec. Tel: 510 441 3913

Email: arthurwalton@sbcglobal.net



Quotable

**"Honesty is a very expensive gift.
Do not expect it from cheap people."**

—Anonymous

Since the last update, there have been 27 Blue Box Cards Submitted to me as of November 15, 2017. There were 14 compliments! Many were for individual employees who were acknowledged for going that extra mile to make a resident's day a little better. Many were for some of the excellent meals/menu items provided by Dining Services. All were sent to the appropriate managers and supervisors so that individuals can be recognized.

There were 10 concerns (some with associated suggestions). Here are the highlights of how they have been addressed:

1. There was a concern about some areas on the 5th Head hallway carpet as well as an exit sign on that floor. Jonni Streeter reports that he's sent someone up there to address both issues.
2. There was the one about not having enough coffee pots in the Main Dining Room, and that the pots are too heavy for some people. John Marshall has asked Mario to look at it, but reminds everyone that if they need help with coffee, or anything at all, to ask their servers for assistance; they are there to help.
3. There was a concern about the patio furniture outside of 2nd Adams getting dirty due to nearby planting and watering. The furniture has been moved.
4. There was a concern about a clogged drain causing an odor in an apartment. It has been fixed by Facilities!
5. There was a concern about a dress code for residents in the Main Dining Room and a suggestion to implement one. That would need to come from the residents and the Resident Council.
6. There was a concern about some of the indoor plants not being cared for and being allowed to die. Facilities is working with the plant vendor on this issue.
7. There was a concern about Maintenance parking in a handicapped space in Lorber covered parking. This is being investigated to determine whose vehicle was parked there.
8. There were two complaints about activities billing from June to September being charged to accounts all at once in November. The Finance and Recreation Departments are looking into this. There may have been a billing system error that caused the problem. Steps are being put into place to make sure that this doesn't occur again.
9. There was a concern about the large flag out front looking tattered and worn. It has been replaced, and looks absolutely magnificent now!

There were three suggestions that were not associated with concerns or compliments. These have each been submitted to the appropriate department for follow up.

1. One suggestion that black diagonal stripes be painted on the top of each of the speed bumps to make them more visible in the sun. (They had these stripes in the past).
2. One suggestion that the person stocking the ice cream in the 2nd Head freezer to please remove the box tops as they are difficult to open/tear without scissors or a box opener.
3. One suggestion that there should be Christmas lights put on the tree near the breezeway between Head and Sedam. It didn't have lights last year, and they were missed.

Thank you very much for continuing to use this communication tool. Please keep the cards coming! But also please remember that the fastest way to get a response is to speak directly to the manager/director of the department associated with an issue. They would love to hear from you. Thanks again!

MEETINGS

Monthly

<u>Friday, December 1</u> 3:00 p.m.— Recreation Planning Meeting —2nd Adams Dining Room
<u>Monday, December 4</u> 9:00 a.m. Tour Guide - Host & Hostess Meeting / 2nd Adams Crafts Room
<u>Tuesday, December 5</u> 9:30 a.m.— Low Vision Support Group —2nd Adams Living Room (happens 1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise stated).
<u>Wednesday, December 20</u> 9:45 a.m. — Chapel Committee — Meditation Chapel 10:00 a.m.— Resident Food Advisory Committee —2nd Adams Living Room
<u>Wednesday, December 27</u> 2:00 p.m.— Resident Council Meeting —Auditorium 2:30 pm.— Town Hall Meeting —Auditorium



- ♦ East Bay PM & PP Christmas Party: December 4, 1:30 pm at 4:00 pm in the Auditorium
- ♦ Tree Trimming: December 5, 2:00 pm in the Auditorium
- ♦ Christmas Tree Lighting: December 7, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm, outside of the Main Building
- ♦ Grand Master Cocktail Reception: December 11, at 4:00 pm in the Auditorium
- ♦ Grand Master's Dinner: December 11, from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Main Dining Room
- ♦ Candlelight Dinner: December 19, at 4:00 pm in the Auditorium
- ♦ New Year New Action: January 19, at 2:00 pm in Acacia Creek

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Weekly or Semi-Weekly

Sunday Worship Sundays, 10:00 a.m., Siminoff
Ceramics Group Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 2nd Adams Ceramics Room
Bible Study Mondays, 10:30 a.m., 4th Lorber Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., 2nd Adams Crafts room.
Choir Practice Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Siminoff Chapel Wednesday, 3:10 p.m., Siminoff Chapel
Song & Prayer Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., 3rd Lorber Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., 4th Lorber Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m., Traditions

FYI

The official “**Lost and Found**” for the Home is located at **Front Desk** in the Head building. If you’ve lost something— check there first. If you’ve found something—take it there first. If you have further questions, you can find answers at . . . **Front Desk**. Please report losses as soon as possible.

**For
ARTS & CRAFTS
PROGRAMMING
Consult your
RECREATION EVENT
CALENDAR.**

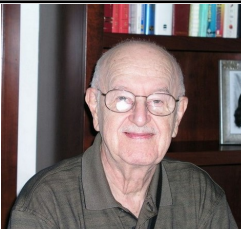


Resident Birthdays	
Peggy McCain	12/2
Rodrigo Baldovino Aileen Hoff Jo Scott	12/5
Mike Kilbury Veronica Pamplin	12/7
Charles Allee	12/8
John Bull	12/13
Sheri Purington	12/15
James Helton Jim Jee	12/16
Hugh Noble	12/17
Joyce Fiechtner	12/18
Betty Caria Ray Hoffman	12/19
Betty Newman	12/20
Ruby Rush	12/21
Ed Clarke Rose Monroe	12/22
Willa Rae Gordon	12/28
Beverly Petterson	12/29
Ruth Roberts	12/30




Resident Anniversaries		
Residents	Ann. Date	Years
Ray & Carole Boyes	12/4	58
Ron & Carole Hein	12/13	49
Jim & Marilyn Waste	12/14	67
Zack & Jody Taylor	12/22	68
Mike & Marion Papay	12/30	59

In Memoriam



John Obsniuk
October 25, 2017
Mason of: San Jose #10

In Memoriam



Allan Davidson
November 4, 2017
Mason of: Diablo Valley
#448



Jean Durkee
November 14, 2017
Sponsoring Lodge: Trinity
#27



Al Rice
November 18, 2017
Mason of: Harding San Juan
#579



George Fisher
November 26, 2017
Mason of: Palmdale
#769

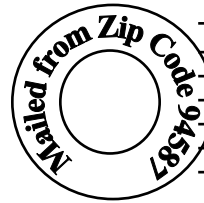
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