

Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Urged To Plant Living Legacy Trees

CALIFORNIA – April is Odd Fellow-Rebekah Living Legacy Month, dedicated to planting trees throughout the World. Now is the time to start making plans for supporting this most worthwhile program promoted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

April is the month to begin planting trees, and all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are urged to set an example for others to help make this world a better place to live. “We are striving to stop the global warming that is affecting the environment.” said Grand Master Walter Johnson. Speaking for the Rebekahs, Rebekah Assembly President Laurie Espinoza has urged all Rebekahs to join with the Odd Fellows in planting trees in their communities.

Local lodges should appoint a committee now to start laying the groundwork for having a tree planting ceremony in April.

Odd Fellowship is in the forefront of this program, and participation by all lodges and districts can have a tremendous impact upon the environment in California and throughout the world.

Lodges are encouraged to write for The National Arbor Day Foundation’s “Trees for America” flyer to gain ideas for participating in this program. Send requests for the catalog to The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410. Take, for example, something as simple as planting a tree. You take a seed and place it properly in soil with light and water and fertilizer, and after a while you get a seedling.

To keep our families and business in good health, we have to be quick to do right by the people we live with and work with, making sure our daily tasks are accomplished. Still, April is a good time to remember that we may not see the full fruits of our work the same day that it is begun. We have to keep working, keep striving for excellence, because our rewards come at the end of long, consistent effort.

Plan a tree planting event for a park, court yard, Odd Fellows Home or at an Odd Fellows Hall. Ask local officials to participate and send a notice to your local newspaper indicating who will be participating and when the event will be held.



Living Legacy Idea

Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges unable to schedule a tree planting or that want to make donations in honor of a friend or member can have 10 trees planted in special areas by sending \$10 to Global ReLeaf Heritage Forests, American Forests, P. O. Box 2000, Washington, DC 20013. They in turn will send a Heritage Forest certificate to the person you designate.

The Conservation Service, U. S. Forest Service and many environmental agencies have much material to share and often will share in sponsoring a tree planting project.

Take advantage of the Living Legacy Program to let the world learn about Odd Fellowship and that we are a caring organization. We can and will make a difference.

Supports Home for Battered Women/Children

YUBA CITY – Martha Malone, NG of Minnehaha Rebekah Lodge #133, and Gordon Foster, secretary of Oriental Odd Fellows Lodge #45, delivered boxes of non perishables and personal items to Casa De Esperanza.

These items are furnished to the women and children as they make the transition from the home and into a place of their own. Casa De Esperanza is a safe haven for battered women and children.

Desert Gold Rebekahs’ Christmas Card

YUCCA VALLEY – Rather than having the members purchasing individual Christmas cards and mailing them, the members of Desert Gold Rebekah Lodge #124 prepare one greeting card. Messages were given to Grace Williamson who prepared the cards from many members, and they were passed out at the lodge’s Christmas party.

The Christmas party was held on Dec. 8 with a \$5 gift exchange. Desert Gold Lodge usually has an outing on the fifth Wednesday of the month. In September they made a profitable trip to Laughlin, and they had a good time. For December they talked about visiting “Living Desert for Christmas Lights” with dinner following.

On Oct. 23 the sisters visited “Guide Dogs of the Desert”, and everyone greatly enjoyed seeing the facilities and learning about guide dogs.

Rather than having rummage sales, Desert Gold Rebekah Lodge utilizes the free ads in their local newspaper to sell items given to the lodge. They sold a queen size mattress from the ads. The plan to use the free ads to sell other items including a single bed, microwave, dishwasher and stereo.

Earl H. Holloway Passes in Oakdale

OAKDALE – Earl H. Holloway, 88, an active member of Knights Ferry Odd Fellows Lodge #170 and Knights Ferry Rebekah Lodge #361, passed away on Oct. 12 at his home. He was the brother of Max Holloway, grand secretary, and Edna Schwendiman of Stockton. He was a dairyman for 60 years, and he also belonged to Farm Bureau and the Oakdale Dinner Club.

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