

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER...

BARSTOW – Vice Grand of Barstow Lodge #91, Zephyr R. Riley is shown presenting the \$200 scholarship award to Candice Woods, who also happens to be the new Miss Barstow!



This is the third year that this award has been presented. Half of the money for the scholarship is donated through the generosity of Norman and Lucile Smith, both long time members of IOOF and Rebekah in the Barstow area, with the other half coming from Lodge activities. Applicants are chosen from a written statement explaining their goals, including plans for future education and their current community involvement. Congratulations Candice!

COOKING UP A STORM!



GILROY – It was a very impressive crew flipping pancakes and firing up the barbecues at the Gilroy Children's Home this past April.

On the pancake crew for the 4th year, we have Gordon Faster, Ted Heier and Pete Sellars. Also helping out, but not photographed, was Gene Razor.

Later in the day, Past Grand Master Don Lang oversaw the barbecue, while Grand Master Ted Parker directed the rest of the crew including George Downey, Barry Prock, and Russell Weaver.



Presenting the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns

ARLINGTON - A lone tomb guard takes 21 steps as he walks back and forth on a mat in front of the tomb. He stops at each end, turns around and faces nearby Washington for 21 seconds, before he turns again. The 21 steps and seconds stand for the 21-gun salute, the highest U.S. salute. Three unidentified servicemen, one each from World War I, World War II and Korea, are buried there.

This is a privilege that we have as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs; to go to Washington DC on the First Sunday in May to Honor the Unknowns buried in Arlington Cemetery. The Tomb of the Unknowns, or the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is a tribute to many Americans who lost their life for our freedom. This year, a large delegation of Brothers and Sisters of California visited the Tomb of the Unknowns on the first Sunday in May. Don Lang, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Betty Jean Reasoner, Past President of Rebekah Assembly were very honored to be able to present the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery. Liz Barnes, President of Theta Rho Assembly and Glenn Bailey, Grand Color Bearer of Grand Lodge accompanied them.

YOUTH CAMP A SUCCESS!

MI-WUK VILLAGE –

The 45th annual Three Links Youth Camp was held July 6th through the 26th in Sierra Village with 110 youths attending throughout the weeks of camp. Many of these campers were returnees from previous years. The 98 degree weather did not affect the campers who all had a glorious time!



Camp Director Betty Stevens would like to thank the many volunteers who made the camp possible including the staff of high school and college graduates who acted as counselors, junior counselors and of course the people who in many cases have come, year after year! This year, Grand Patriarch of the GE of California Ralph Stevens, Doris and Richard Henderson, PGP, Ray Biagi Occidental Encampment #2, Sacramento, Jim Guthridge, DDGP District 12, of Shasta Encampment #14 of Redding, Marcy Harper of Elk Grove #136, Elk Grove and Hans Schneider of Petaluma were there to help out. Lorna Hemphill hosted three International Odd Fellow exchange students from Switzerland who visited and spent a night. Mr. John Buckley, head of the Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center, presented impressive programs for the campers. The youth participated in many daily activities including swimming, sports, crafts, nature, hikes, archery, games, photography and computer games (a big hit) supervised by Glenn Soto and Rhianon Vaughn.

