

President of Construction and Start-up, Grand Lodge Secretary Gerald Poarch, and Bob Schlick from Barry Swenson Builders carefully opened the capsule, which contained a variety of IOOF artifacts. Unfortunately, most of the items had been badly damaged by condensation in the capsule over the past 92 years. Nevertheless, it was an exciting discovery for everyone on campus.

By the third week of June, demolition and excavation continued on the main building site, lead paint was safely removed, cracks in the concrete walls were repaired, and waterproofing below ground level was installed. Construction of the walls of the basement garage structure of Residential Apartment Building #2 was completed in record time. The contractor used a new technique, called "Shot Crete" whereby the concrete is blown against the form wall and reinforcing steel under high pressure. The area where Residential Apartment Building #1 will be is now at finish grade and the concrete "footings" in the basement garage are in place for the walls and strategic support points.

But remember, by the time this article appears in print, even more progress will have taken place on campus. Saratoga Retirement Community Phase II is now just a little over a year away from being completed!

A Warm Welcome to Visitors

The dedicated staff at Saratoga Retirement Community continues to reach out to the community with a warm welcome. In July, SRC hosted an Open House with a "beach party" theme. There were delicious refreshments and an authentic steel band to entertain the crowd. Continuing in that vein, in August, the campus hosted its first Social Saturday for prospective residents, community members, and medical professionals. The event was intended to introduce people to the wonderful retirement lifestyle SRC offers and to familiarize them with the many services and amenities the campus offers. Many more special events are planned for the upcoming season. If you'd like to be included, please be sure to call SRC's Marketing Office at 408-741-7700.

New IOOF Officers Tour SRC Campus

On Saturday, June 7, the IOOF held an orientation for its newly installed officers. After the event, Michelle White, SRC's Marketing Associate for Phase I, gave the officers and several members of the Order a tour of the beautiful new Assisted Living and Health Care Centers. The officers were duly impressed with the new facilities, and commented on how "nice and bright" the Assisted Living accommodations were. They also pronounced the new Health Care Center "absolutely beautiful" and they greatly admired the view from the outdoor patio.

If you, or someone you know would like to start enjoying a unique retirement lifestyle, call either the Meadows of Napa Valley at 707-307-4904 or the Saratoga Retirement Community at 408-741-7700 today to set up an appointment.

IOOF Residents Meetings Set for Napa and Saratoga

In an effort to keep Odd Fellow and Rebekah residents at Saratoga Retirement Community and The Meadows of Napa Valley informed of developments at the two retirement facilities, meetings for members that are residents will be held on both campuses in Saratoga and Napa.

Grand Master Ted Parker, R.A. President Rowena Whitney and Odd Fellows Home of California board members are planning to attend the meetings to answer questions about the operations of the two retirement homes, and share with the members some of the matters facing the board of directors. Board Resident Relations Committee Chairman Don Smith, reported such a meeting was held in Saratoga last spring and it enabled the residents to address some of their concerns with the board. "It was a very beneficial meeting," said Brother Smith, "and the Odd Fellow/Rebekah residents indicated they appreciated the opportunity of meeting with the leaders of Odd Fellowship in California and board members."

Executive directors at both facilities, Ira Kurtz and Wayne Panchession, indicated their support of the meetings and are making arrangements for them to be held on both campuses.

The Saratoga meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 10, at 10:30 a.m. in Friendship Hall at Saratoga Retirement Community. The Napa meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 7 at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at The Meadows of Napa Valley. These meetings will be limited to Odd Fellow and Rebekah residents, the grand master, R.A. president, other elective GL and RA officers, and board members. A letter will be sent to each resident inviting them to attend the meeting at their facility.