

Holidays At The Saratoga Retirement Home



SARATOGA - As they have for almost eight decades, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from Sonoma County traveled down to the Odd Fellows Home in Saratoga to visit the residents for the Holidays. The visitors also included dignitaries from the Grand Lodge of California and the Rebekah Assembly of California.

The evening began with the residents settling into their seats in Fellowship Hall and visiting with their guests. As the program began, the Grand Master, Ted Parker, offered his Holiday Greetings to the residents and guests, and then introduced the various members and officers of the Grand Lodge of California and Board Members of California IOOF homes who were in attendance. Then the President of the Rebekah Assembly of California, Rowena Whitney, introduced members and officers of the Rebekah Assembly and those who had worked so hard to make the evening possible.

The program was dedicated to three common holiday songs: The Little Drummer Boy, Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and the Twelve Days of Christmas. For each, the story behind the song was told and then all were invited to listen to and sing along with a recording of the tune. At the end of the program, Santa and his helpers passed out treats.



Somehow, You're Never Too Old...

GUERNEVILLE – Every year for as far back as we remember, members of the Odd Fellows Recreation Club have gathered with their families to celebrate the upcoming holiday. Many Bay Area Lodges are represented, including members from the Rebekahs in Forestville #278 and Santa Rosa Oak Leaf #74, and Odd Fellows from Apollo Lodge #123 and California Lodge #1.

The evening is filled with lots of laughter and good friends showing off their children and grandchildren. Each year, prior to the arrival of Santa Claus, long time member, Ruth Marra sits all the children down and reads them the wonderful Christmas tale, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The children sit mesmerized as Ruth recants the story and somehow, all of us are brought back to our own childhood as we remember those words ingrained upon our memory!