



Rebekah Assembly of California
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To all Rebekah Lodges,

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Itinerary corrections: Grand Senior Warden Harry Gayle is moving to Oklahoma, so he will not be advancing to Grand Patriarch. Grand Encampment is shifting their annual session to the days immediately before Grand Lodge in May. Either Grand Patriarch Debbie Shuler will stay in office the extra months, or a Past Grand Patriarch will be installed in October for the short term to May.

In either case, there will not be a Grand Patriarch reception on November 2. Instead, there will be a reception for Rebekah Assembly Color Bearer Denise Cater, Inside Guardian Barbara Reynolds and Conductor Heather Reynolds, with Grand Chaplain Maila Murchison-Hall in Sacramento. This releases the dates of Sunday, October 6 and Saturday, October 12. Have fun on these free days!

We wish to thank Sister Veva Stone for her service on the California Odd Fellows Foundation (COFF) Board. She has resigned for health reasons. Sister Joyce Link had been serving on the COFF Board as a member at large, and I have appointed her to complete Sister Veva's term, which ends in May, 2025.

Now we need a new member at large to replace Sister Joyce. The at-large member of the COFF Board does not have to be a PNG, or even a member of the Order. The COFF Board is looking for someone who is a qualified Licensed Business Manager or qualified Licensed Realty Manager, who is available to attend meetings at Fellowship Plaza in Saratoga on the last Sunday of the month. If you know of a candidate, please contact the Chairman of the COFF Board, Tony Pruitt, 2555 Reiner Way, Sacramento CA 95833-2306, (916) 207-0068, tonyp Pruitt72@mycci.net.

One of the committees I appointed in May is a Redistricting Committee. They are looking at the current district organization of the Rebekah lodges in California and will propose improvements. If you have ideas or strong opinions about this subject, please send them to the Rebekah Assembly office, so that Assembly Secretary Donna can forward them to all the committee members. Mail to Rebekah Assembly, PO Box 637, Gilroy CA 95021 or email to rasec.assembly1891@gmail.com

Please remember that I have created a web site at <http://www.burwur.net/IOOF/> to help with communications. I will post invitations, flyers, my letters and other communications that may interest us. You can also reach that page by clicking on the "President's Letters" button on the California Grand Lodge home page, www.caioof.org.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

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