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### A Grateful Heart Knows Many Blessings

By MT

I count more blessings every day, especially on Thanksgiving  
Family, friends, health, home, the secure life we are living.

These are the blessings I must recognize  
These are the blessings I'll never compromise.

I'll find more ways to share each day  
I'll treasure each chance to smooth the way.

I have been blessed in so many ways  
Thanks be for the blessings that brighten each day.





# The "PIP"



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Back home now in Santa Cruz after a relaxing trip to Hawaii on the Zaandam. No, our ship was not the one that was without power. We had so much power I was able to complete 12 stack 'n whack quilt squares and a baby blanket quilt top. (Yes, I took my sewing machine with me!) But I digress. Since I was away for about three weeks, it's again time to put out a new PIP.

When I first came back to Paradise Park, I naturally wandered over to Ray & Charlotte's house to have a cup of tea and a chat. While there, Ray suddenly grabbed his pocket and pulled out a beeper...then he reached for a hand-held radio. A 911 call was coming in. Ray glanced at the readout and said "St. Ambrose" which is the street my daughter, Julie, lives on. The first person to respond was Karen who said "The Kellers." Then I believe Todd checked in and maybe Rich. I don't know for sure, but I can tell you that it was the first time I had been around when a 911 call came in and I was mighty impressed at how quickly the team came together.

The call was made by Shari Keller because Ted had fallen off of a ladder inside the house. As it



turned out, he broke his left leg. He's planning to recuperate at a care facility until he feels able to do things on his own.

Ted and leg.

Ted had two breaks in his left leg, from the fall off of the ladder, and the hospital discovered another break in his leg which they think happened when the temporary cast was put on. Not only that, while he was being monitored, it was discovered he had a slight heart attack.

Visited Ted today (11/16) at the Dominican Care Facility on Frederick Street. The third break in his leg is "vertical" not horizontal. His doctor wants that portion of his leg to heal properly before he operates and inserts a rod. Ted has no idea how long he will be in there but he added that his knee bone (under the knee cap) was shattered (*Note: Ted is now **home** recuperating.*)

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When I started the PIP, my intention was to only put it out via e-mail. I do have some hard copy requests, but I believe that by the end of the first year, with the May 2011 issue, no more hard copies will be printed. I have received a lot of donations which have paid for the printing and mailing. You might have noticed the last few issues required two stamps to mail and the printing is roughly \$1.50 a copy....that makes the cost about \$2.30 each issue. The yearly subscription rate is \$8.00 for printed and \$12.00 for a mailed copy. You can cipher for yourself that the rates do not add up. Either I raise the price by doubling the rates, or I completely eliminate printed copies. I haven't firmly decided what I'm going to do. I'm just giving everyone a heads up. Comments?

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# Masonic Family Information



## Youth Groups

*DeMolay* – Dec 9 & 23 at 7:00 p.m.  
*Job's Daughters* – Dec 11 & 22 at 7:00 p.m.  
*Rainbow for Girls* – Dec 16 at 7:00 p.m.

## Masonic Lodges

*Confidence* Dec 6 7:30 stated meeting  
*Paideia* Dec 6 & 20 – 6 pm.  
*SCSLV* Nov 30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
 Derek Huckobey  
 Dec 7 – Dinner 6:30

## Eastern Star:

*SC Redwoods* 7:30 meetings  
 Dec 11 – Sock & Slipper Night  
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## MASONIC CORNER, PART 2

**What's in a Masonic name?** Most every Lodge takes its name from

- identifying some aspect of Masonry,
- expressing a Masonic ideal,
- honoring a departed Brother, or
- identifying itself geographically.

Examples of those four themes are: Mt. Moriah Lodge (the location of Solomon's Temple), Friendship Lodge (friendship being a Masonic ideal), John Jarman Lodge (for a well respected Brother), and Los Gatos Lodge (being a geographical location). Well, that is certainly clear enough, but what in the world is **Paideia**?

In the early Christian era, the Greek paideia (called humanitas in Latin) served as a model for Christian institutions of higher learning, such as the Christian school of Alexandria in Egypt, which offered theology as the culminating science of their curricula. The term was combined with enkyklios (complete system) to identify a large compendium of [general education](#), hence "encyclopaedia."

To the [ancient Greeks](#), Paideia is "the process of educating man into his true form, the real and genuine human nature." It also means culture, and expresses the ideals in which the Hellenes formed the world around them and their youth. Since self-government was important to the Greeks, Paideia combined with ethos (habits) made a man good and made him capable as a citizen or a king. This education was not about learning a trade, or an art which the Greeks called [vanavsos](#) (mechanical) but was about training for liberty and nobility. To the Greeks Paideia is the cultural heritage that is continued through the generations.

Expressed in a different way, the word **paideia** means child-rearing, or education. It was a system of instruction in [Classical Athens](#)

in which students were given a well-rounded cultural education. Subjects included rhetoric, grammar, mathematics, music, philosophy, geography, natural history, and gymnastics. To the ancients, therefore, *Paideia* was the process of educating humans into their true form, the real and genuine human nature.

So, why did the Brothers name their Lodge Paideia? I think it was because it fit two specific categories: it identifies an aspect of Traditional Observance Masonry (education), and, it expresses a Masonic ideal, being that of educating humans into their true form.

Bob Morgan, Inspector  
Division III, District #349

SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL -- A group of scientists on the lookout for steelhead in the San Lorenzo River has made a surprising discovery: more young fish than they've ever seen.

At one point the group, which uses a 150-foot net lowered from a canoe to collect and examine fish before releasing them, caught so many juvenile steelhead it couldn't count them all before they ran out of breath.

"We had to let them go because we had so many we were afraid of what might happen by holding them," said Chris Berry, water resources manager for the city of Santa Cruz.

Berry is part of an interdisciplinary team of fishery experts that has been counting smolts, the young steelhead that are making their way to sea, for almost a decade. Though this time frame is too short to denote a trend, Berry says this year's numbers bode well for a steelhead population that once boomed along the Central Coast but in 1997 was listed as threatened.

"The results this year are so startling that it's obvious things are way better," said Berry.

During just two days on the river this month, Berry and his colleagues netted almost 400 smolts. The fish, which are coming from the San Lorenzo's higher reaches where they were born, are waiting for the river mouth to breach so they can swim into the ocean for the first time.

The October numbers follow a similarly high count in July and mimic higher juvenile steelhead counts reported at 20 other sites along different waterways in the county.

"I haven't seen the final numbers, but the numbers of fish generally have been up this

year," said county Water Resources Division Director John Ricker.

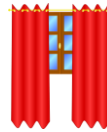
Fishery experts can't say for sure why there's a spike. But many speculate that significant and steady rainfall this past winter, and the easy passage it provided fish in the creeks, had a lot to do with it. Local efforts to reduce urban runoff and restore natural fish habitat also may have been a factor.

Steelhead, like salmon, spends most of their adult life at sea but spawn and rear in freshwater rivers and creeks. Unlike most salmon, steelhead can reproduce multiple times and are more flexible when and where they do it, which has allowed them to out-survive their counterparts like coho.

"Their range isn't expanding, but they're holding their own," Kit Crump, a restoration ecologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said of the Central Coast steelhead.

Crump said any increase in the juvenile population, like the one seen along the Monterey Bay this year, will help increase long-term numbers.

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## The Saga of Mr. Pig

(Letter written by Darlene Stumpf several years ago)

We had a real adventure on our camping trip last weekend. Before dinner we decided to take a little hike. We got a ways from camp when Ottie heard wild turkey's calling. I have never seen one so we went to investigate. When we were standing on the crest of a hill waiting to hear them again I spotted some cows walking single file. Unusual. I said to Ottie.

"Look at those cows, they are walking single file, I have never seen cows do that before". He said "Where"? Guess what? They weren't cows at all. It was 9 wild pigs. So the chase was on Ottie has actively hunted those things for years and never seen one. We got within 50 to 60 yards of them twice. He kept working his way around to get out of their range of scent. Finally I stayed on a knoll and he circled and I watched the whole process. It was so quiet that I could even hear the grass being torn up when they were feeding. He got within 45 paces of them and finally I heard a shot. It was a clean shot right through the heart that dropped Mr. Pig right in his tracks. The other pigs were not frightened by the shot. Then one spotted Ottie and headed in his direction to investigate.

Boy oh boy can he move when he has to. He was yelling at me to get into a tree and I was having a hard time finding one low enough to get into but I finally did. My first thought upon perching in this tree was "Do I have to spend the night here"? I yelled that to him. He told me afterwards that the thought also crossed his mind.

He finally fired one shot into the ground in front of the pig to frighten her off and that worked. . We got down from our trees and went to check out Mr. Pig. I was amazed. He was very big.

We went to get the truck by marking our trail with strips of his blue handkerchief. When we got back it was too dark to see and after wandering around we gave up because every oak tree looks the same in the dark.

We weren't concerned about him spoiling because it gets very cold down there at night. It was 35 degrees at 5 a.m. the next morning. We hit the road then and found him right away even though something had completely covered over his carcass with grasses and leaves. That was unusual but I guess whatever had a snack off of

his Rocky Mountain Oysters and hind leg wanted to save the rest for later.

Ottie began to clean him and everything else seemed fine. I went to see if there was a way we could get the GMC down to him. We weren't looking forward to the prospect of dragging his carcass out of there.

I found an extension of the road we had driven in on just over the rise and walked right to the GMC so I brought it back to the end of the road. We had to cut him in half just below the rib cage in order to get him into the truck. We used the top of the portable picnic table as a ramp. Even then it was a tussle.

We drove the 20 miles down to Fort Hunter Liggett's Wildlife Check Station. A young gal helped us get him on the scales to weigh him. Front half was 150 and rear 75 plus; they said to add 30 percent for waste. That made him right near 300 pounds. Boy, were the men around there like bees to honey and sure impressed by Ottie's fantastic shooting abilities. When you are good you're good!!!

Took the pig over to the skinning rack and skinned him out and then drove into King City to a butcher shop that processes game. He will be ready to pick up this weekend. He will be cut into steaks, chops and roasts. I think we will have a big bar-b-que soon. Ottie thought about going for a smaller pig as they are better eating but he had to get this "Big Game Hunter's Trophy" out of the way. He is having a taxidermist friend do the head for him.

Shirley Radder

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## **Narrative Minutes of 20 November Board Meeting**

By Shirley Radder

After the invocation by Sharon Simas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, late additions and changes were made to the agenda.

The meeting was called to order at 9:40.

### **Manager Report**

--Updating drains....plans are to get all drains on one map as there are several maps of different drain systems right now.

--Park was meant as a recreational area, not a full-time residential area. She and her crew are doing the best they can within the limitations of the budget. They are constantly trying to manage situations as best they can. We must all have patience.

--County cancelled free yard waste dump.....seasonal yard waste pickup will terminate at the end of November

--Please, PLEASE....PLEASE use your green waste cans....please!

--a tree stump was ground out on St. Ambrose...had some bays cut and small redwood trees at the social hall

--Met with the fire brigade and Cal Fire Cal Fire said there probably wasn't any house in the park that didn't have some infractions

--Will ask people to file their numbers with reverse 911....this information will be published in the Bulletin. NETCOM will call and notify you if there is a fire or flood in this area. To receive this service will be each member's responsibility.

--Met with water dept...last week our water pressure dropped....water line coming down highway 9 was installed in 1935 and is a 6" cast iron line. On behalf of the county, apologized for lack of notice of water pressure drop.

--Requesting members to fill out a form for: where water shut off is located; gas is located; septic tank is located as well as the name of your gas company. This information will be placed in your allotment file.

--Streambed committee, instead of the Manager, needs to work with the county regarding the large water debris. It was suggested a letter be written to Fish and Game as outlined in the September 10, 2010 letter from John Ricker, Water Resources Division Director for the County.

--Water leak at house in section 6

--Dumped pigeons at the back exit road ....malnourished, had parasites....called animal control

--Covered bridge on hold because we need 5 straight days of no rain

--Bulletin has been delayed. The volunteer resigned.

--Met with fire brigade regarding safety and home issues....fire brigade is taking over

--Authority of mail room has shifted to the office staff as being in charge of the mail room. (Note: When I talked to Annie, she told me she is taking names of people who would like to volunteer in the mail room. I told her I would be willing to do it, but I did not want to be assigned a certain day of the week. She is looking for volunteers.)

--5- year census - Will be following up on this. Need information for emergency purposes and bookkeeper needs to report to county who is living here.

--Guest privileges...people are not registering their guests....please do so....

--Fema funding for raising houses along the river

--Water project recap is moving forward thanks to Diana Cook and Tim Heer

--Hope to do house inspections and safety issues next month.....

--There are still plans in the works to continue working on the social hall

### **Treasurer**

--Diana reported the following overages: general 54.7% over; Clerical part time 220% over, repairs for social hall 19.1%; general Repairs 300+ over; Legal 40.3%. There were a number of questions regarding these figures. It was a little difficult for me to comprehend...so that's why this is a little vague.

--Water accounting - Thanked Tim Heer for his methodical perusal of the invoices and other paperwork

--Legal expenses – Some members have asked questions about legal fees. The Board is not allowed to give access to other people's information....cannot give information as to member's names. Board and attorney conversations are privileged.

The requested report was given to the member, but the member was not satisfied.

--Tim has been asked to do some research on legal fees and he presented two graphs showing

fees spent for these expenses from the years 2002 – 2010. Some years we were 1.5% over budget and some years 37% over budget. Some years 230% over budget on legal....some 117% over budget and we were under budget in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Bob spoke about board involvement in disputes between parties. He strongly urged the Board to get out of the affairs of private parties. This received a well- deserved round of applause. Board emphasized that their man focus is to protect the corporation.

Director report by Sharon Simas Director's Spotlight Award given to Jim Clark and Jim Wilson for an extremely successful Labor Day event . Jim Clark presented the Board with a check for \$8,000. Fred Dunn-Ruiz also received the Director's Spotlight Award for raising close to \$4,000 at the Labor Day Auction. It was announced that the picnic grounds renovation committee has about \$16,000.

**Staking** lasted about 45 minutes. John Densem asked Ray to give his definition of what the Staking Committee should do: Measure with a micrometer, cut with an axe, with a tolerance of plus or minus six feet!

**Recreation** – The Halloween party was a great success with a wonderful turnout and lots of fun. There were at least 30 people of 3 generations carving pumpkins. Don't forget the potluck tonight.

**Bylaws** – Tim Heer asked the Board to approve the rules and procedures as written in the current published version. Any changes made would incur a cost to the membership. There was a lively discussion about the word “may” and I was sorta lost during it all.....

**ERT** – Ray Hoffman reported on a 911 call and it was the first call ever where there was no “go” bag on the scene.

Scheduled training for AED CPR and Oxygen is 15 & 16 January. Ray requested the Board subsidize the cost of the training which is \$35 for single and \$55 for a couple.

***I had to leave to get ready for Santa Cruz Redwood Installation. The following comments are from Myron Coleman:***

--Next was a marathon discussion of the word “may”. Not the month of May but as in maybe. It was to do with each July after the new Board of Directors takes over. The Bylaws say that the Board of Directors “may” dismiss all committees or reform all committees. I paraphrased it. The

point was whether or not to change this one word, “may” to something else or another word. It all boils down to that some look at words differently than others, and we form our opinions, or feelings on what that word means, and how strongly it is meant. Sometimes there were three conversations going on at the same time. Well, maybe it was just two but there were two board members involved in one conversation and a board member, and an audience member would be involved at the same time. I think it “may” be a gender thing.

Jim Clark gave a report on our picnic grounds. We can't use commercial stoves but we will have two residential stoves. If we had commercial stoves sprinklers would be required to have sprinklers. We will build a ramp for folks using a walker or wheelchair. Jim went on to say that when we are done it won't be much different than it looks right now but it will be better and all up to code.

Next item was the monies collected at the beach for drinks. So far, none of that has been turned in to Paradise Park. There was also talk about other money that is owed. Also, the committee running the beach event had consulted the Paradise Park Attorney for council and that they did not have Board permission. (Could this be part of the budget abuse in legal inquiries and fees? Who is in-charge??)

Next was a discussion about soliciting of funds at our social hall. Several joined in on this one. When I first read this one I questioned it. But now here we are. I believe it was Fred who said that several monies are funded when something is going on in the social hall. Something distracted me so I lost out on what the final thing was, the decision.

Gayle said our water bill is up to \$100,000 a year and that is too much. The cubic feet price is going up and the usage is going up too. We need to meter each member. Gale said the committee working on meters just stopped. We will have to get back to that.

Bob Morgan is on the committee to study professional management for Paradise Park. He asked our Board of Directors what did they want his committee to do? He needed more direction. Find the pros and cons of professional management verses a management system like we have now. Cyndy asked if professional would enforce rules & procedures and also

asked what would volunteers do if there were professional management.

At this point the discussion of "Definition of a trailer" was started. Pat McDonald read part of a letter from Paradise Park Attorney Bosso which stated, a trailer is anything towed behind a vehicle. Gayle was not happy with that. She wanted something more and spoke of "Historically" and what the board might have meant about a type of trailer. All types of trailers were discussed and then motor homes. Some thought maybe if you could sleep in a trailer that was what is being pointed to in our rules. I believe it was Pat McDonald who said to Gayle; maybe you should ask our Bylaws Committee to come up with a definition or a re-writing of the Bylaw to say what you want.

It was at this point Gayle focused on me, saying it was my Incident Report that caused all this...she had her trailer hidden behind the little shed and it could not be seen from the street. I said, "That is not true, I took that photograph from about 75 feet away, as I stood in the middle of Royal Arch. Gayle said she had hidden the trailer behind the shed? Hid the trailer? Why was there a need to hide the trailer? I will tell you, it was illegally stored as I said in my incident report, and Gayle knew it. That is why the hidden trailer was moved to somewhere else, possibly garaged as required by our rules. Gayle then referred to a wagon I have in my yard as being illegal! Now she is grasping at straws! I told her that I did tow it with my bicycle once but that doesn't make it a trailer because it has a handle to hold onto, not a "trailer hitch". The wagon thing made me wonder at the time Gayle referred to it, because it is not easy to see. How many of you have seen it in my yard? Try to see it next time you go by and see how successful you are at spotting it. Where was Gayle when she spotted my wagon? Oh well, Gayle you have a trailer, and I have a wagon. There is nothing in our rules about a wagon. At one point in the conversation above Gayle said something like "I personally want to say...." She was cut off by Sharon Simas who was saying something like, "No, lets not make it personal I want to get this done, and not get personal." I could hear Gayle say something like "Well when do I get to talk to him, he doesn't want to mediate with me?"

Now let me ask, is the inquiry to Attorney Bosso about the definition of a trailer part of

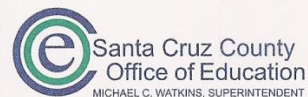
those excessive legal fees? YES! YES! AND YES! I will also add that definition can be read from a dictionary, most any dictionary! I think our Board of Directors should buy president Gale Logan-Silva a dictionary to look up definitions. It would be much more economical, and it would hold down future attorney fees. Let's see, one question has a minimum charge of 15 minutes. A one-hour charge is \$370, so I've been told, that makes it a question worth \$92.50. Gayle, would you please go out and buy a dictionary for \$92.50 or close to it and start saving money?

Bob Morgan stood and he said he had a solution to the problem and suggested that the area behind our social hall could be made into a parking lot for trailers, the motorcycle type. All that would be needed is some roadwork at the exit road. Yes Bob but what about people wanting to store just utility trailers, and then what about motor homes? Bob, you rascal, you have one of those! *Got a plan, Bob?*

Something not talked about today **No website**. It was very much like saying nothing about the Elephant in the corner of the room. And that reminds me that agendas were supplied and very interesting! I thought I would split wide open trying to keep from laughing. The agendas were three pages long. The last page contained only one line of text. Now remember one whole page, two whole sides devoted to:

## 10.0 ADJOURNMENT

*Remember, except for the comments added by Myron, these are my comments only. I may or may not have reported everything correctly. Be sure to read the Bulletin to see the recorded minutes of this meeting. For another "take" on the Board meeting, go to: [www.ourparkinfo.com](http://www.ourparkinfo.com) and click on "how do we fix it" for comments by Bob Morgan as well as the "last board meeting" button on the Our Park Info site for Myron's comments..*



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## SHARING MASONIC SECRETS

Once you stray a short distance away from our greater Monterey Bay Area the existence of Paradise Park Masonic Club is unknown, and is thus one of the greatest secrets of Masonry - - relatively few people know about it. That, of course, is rather unfortunate, as there are without doubt a number of Masons and their families who would love to be our neighbors, and share the beautiful forest setting that we are privileged to enjoy, but they just don't know we exist. As members of the Park, and having a desire to help our Sisters and Brothers who have homes to sell, we should be talking about this great secret of Masonry when we are in other areas of California. Who knows, maybe someone we talk to in our travels will become our new neighbor and our best friend.



Another great secret of Masonry, and the one for which this article has a purpose, is the Masonic club called **National Camping Travelers (NCT)**, which is an RV club for Masons and their families. There are about 130 chapters of NCT spread throughout the United States and Canada, and Carol and I belong to the Gold Panners Chapter here in California. The purpose of each club is to provide an opportunity for people who are of like minds to socialize and travel together to places of mutual interest. The dues each year are less than the cost of a dinner out, and the enjoyment is something beyond measure.

Our Gold Panners group has an outing every other month each year except the cold month of December, but in that month we all get together some place warm and

cozy for a Christmas dinner. In the recent past we have had RV campouts at such diverse locations as Betabel in Gilroy, the Fairgrounds in Sonora, Woodland, Lodi, Hanford, Grass Valley, Watsonville, and many more locations. In the coming year we will have campouts at Plymouth in the heart of the Gold Country, Casa de Fruta near Hollister, Columbia, Kingsburg, and Nevada City. Each campout lasts five days and includes just enough activities to keep everyone interested, but is structured so that anyone feeling inclined to just relax can certainly do so. To put it most succinctly, we kick back, play cards and tell lies. Seriously, though, we have numerous canasta and cribbage addicts, many of our ladies enjoy making crafts and favors for our Sisters in the Eastern Star Home, everyone finds time to sit around and chat, and some in our group are fishermen who slip away to try and catch that story-telling big one that got away. We often arrange a caravan to some point of interest close-by to the camping area, and have visited such diverse venues as wineries, model train displays, the Jelly Belly factory, Livermore Lab, a dairy farm, and numerous museums.

Most everyone owns their own RV, whether it is a motor home, fifth wheel, or trailer, but a few rent a motor home or stay in one of the rustic cabins that are offered in some of the campgrounds. Tent camping, however, has lost popularity and normally isn't permitted in the RV parks that we visit. Pets are welcome in almost all parks.

Do you have an RV - - and are you looking for a group of like-minded Masons to socialize with? If so, NCT may be for you. Carol and I have found three families here in Paradise Park who have RVs and each of them has indicated an interest in visiting one of our campouts to check out the activities and see if the group suits their tastes. Would you like to make such a visit yourself? If so, let us know and we'll make the arrangements for you. Call Bob or Carol at 831-421-9166. You can also get information online by logging onto [www.gonct.org](http://www.gonct.org).

## No Ducks Allowed in Hawaii???

Posted by John Metzger on Wed, Oct 13, 2010 on Metzger Farms Website

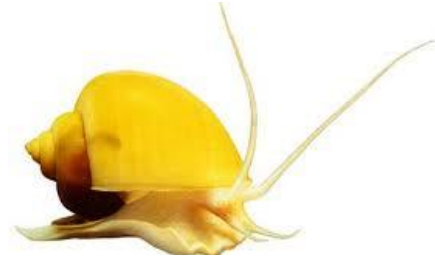
Hawaii has only one native wild duck, the Koloa and it looks much like the North American Mallard duck. In an effort to preserve the purity of the Koloa (it is listed as endangered), the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service does not allow any ducks (domestic or wild - eggs, ducklings or adults) to be imported into Hawaii. No Pekins, no Runners, no Swedish, no White Crested. No ducks.



The interesting problem this creates is that domestic ducks are used in Hawaii to control the Golden Apple snail in their native Taro fields. Taro is the most culturally significant agricultural crop in Hawaii. It is a root crop that is grown in flooded fields - a perfect environment for snails. If the snails are not controlled, the crop is severely damaged. But we all know how much ducks love snails - and they are very effective in the taro fields. However, due to their inability to import ducks, the farmers are losing their battle with the snail and production has dropped drastically. The Golden Apple snail is not even native to Hawai'i, it was introduced in the 1960's as an algae cleaner in home aquariums and then escaped into the fresh waters of Hawaii.

In 2005 I was invited to speak at a round table conference in Honolulu on the best management practices for the use of ducks as Golden Apple snail control. Taro farmers and members of wildlife government agencies sat down to discuss the problem. Unfortunately nothing substantive came of the meeting and the state and national wildlife officials have refused support of

ducks for control of the Golden Apple snail. At the same time they refuse to deal with the snails as an invasive species. Other methods of snail control (copper sulfate, papaya extracts, neem extracts, ferric phosphate, hand removal) have been attempted in Hawaii but with little success. Currently the farmers are trying an organic soap to use in conjunction with ducks to control the snails.



A Snail Control Plan has been written and their recommendations might be of benefit to anyone using ducks to control snails in gardens or orchards:

1. Pekins are the preferred breed in Hawaii due to its larger size (less chance of breeding with the Koloa), easy visibility (all white), inability to fly, large appetite for snails and easy nature.
2. Females are less aggressive, and more focused, steady snail eaters than males.
3. Muscovy and Runners seem more destructive of the banks of the taro field and the taro plant itself.
4. Juvenile ducks will eat more snails than mature ducks.
5. Monitor the amount of time they spend hunting for snails. It may only take a couple hours a day to control the snails. Have a pen in which they can be put when not hunting for snails to protect the vegetation and to protect the ducks from dogs and predators.
6. If you do have predator problems release the ducks when you are in the area - even if it is only for half an hour twice a day.

It is not illegal to use ducks for snail control. It is just illegal to import ducks into Hawaii. If someone in Hawaii started their own little duck hatchery, using the ducks already there as breeders, it could probably supply Taro farmers throughout Hawaii. Unfortunately that has not yet happened.

Recipes contributed by Wilma Vinson

### **Confetti Salad Vinaigrette**

From Jay Gray  
(who danced with Fred Astaire)

2 bunches green onions sliced  
2 bell peppers, finely diced  
4 carrots, finely diced  
Celery stalks, finely diced  
¼ c. parsley chopped  
2 cans string beans  
2 10 oz pkgs tiny frozen peas  
2 12 oz cans white corn or tiny cobs  
1 4 oz jar of pimentos (drain & dice)  
Dressing  
1 cup sugar  
2 cup cider vinegar  
¼ c. water  
½ c oil  
Salt, pepper & garlic salt to taste

Combine all ingredients except dressing. Heat sugar & vinegar together in small sauce pan. Stir to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat and stir in water and oil. Pour over vegetables and mix. Let stand overnight. Will keep for a month or longer in refrigerator.

### **Oyster Cracker Appetizer**

1 t. dill weed  
½ t garlic salt  
1 cup oil  
1 pkg. hidden valley salad dressing  
1 pkg oyster crackers

Mix first four ingredients together in sauce pan. Heat enough to dissolve. Pour mix over crackers and stir well.

### **Layered Salad**

1 head iceberg lettuce – break into pieces  
1 C celery cut on an angle  
1 red onion – thinly sliced  
1 can water chestnuts – sliced  
1 pkg frozen peas (do not thaw)  
1 pt. mayonnaise  
6 oz parmesan cheese  
Bacon bits

Layer in order given. Spread mayo on top. Add cheese & bacon bits. Refrigerate 24 hours.



Sept 25th marked one year since Om's accident. To all those who have so kindly inquired, here is a recent update...

As you may remember, a drunk driver strayed out of his lane, hit Om from behind (while walking) and kept right on going without stopping. Om was airlifted to Stanford Trauma Center. He had fractured ribs and a closed head injury.

When Om's head smashed the windshield of the car and then hit the pavement, it resulted in an mTBI (mild Traumatic Brain Injury). After one year it appears that some damage may be long lasting, perhaps even permanent.

Police apprehended the driver one hour after the accident (still very drunk & driving). He spent the night in jail, and was released on \$10,000.00 bail. The driver pleaded not guilty to charges of DUI with bodily injury and leaving the scene of a crime with bodily injury. He then failed to appear at his jury trial last July.

Just this week the driver was finally apprehended and will be held this time on \$600,000.00 bail. A criminal jury trial will probably be scheduled for sometime next month or early in the New Year.

As we approach this Holiday Season please do not drink and drive, and do not allow your friends or loved ones to drink and drive.

Happy Thanksgiving & Joyful Holidays!

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Tripura



The garage remodel continues. The header beam was installed a few weeks ago, which included the Hardy Panel on the left side opening for strength. The garage door man came out and measured to be sure I had the proper final dimensions. My inspector came out and signed off on the structural and rough electrical, and was very nice about giving me heads up on a few things to remember to get done before I proceed with the next step.

I installed vents in the eaves to let the ceiling breathe. I put the exterior siding back on after doing a few odds and ends. It's time to sheet the interior for sheer strength 5/8ths CDX is being applied now to replace the support we lost when we removed the middle wall, and that I must say is coming out excellent.

The rest of the double pane windows are in, and we have not used the heater. I think the insulation and windows are going to start paying us back this year. We'll be ready for our next inspection by Nov 20th. Come by and take a look, I also want to thank the fine Masonic neighbors and friends for their support, comments, suggestions and advice on this project. Thanks to all in the park for their patience with the refuse plies during this project. Another dump run is scheduled in the near future. Call me if you need a dump run at any time. Until next PIP, I'll see you guys soon.

from Beau's Chateau,  
Martin B Miller

During one of the stage performances on the Zaandam, the emcee listed 10 of the most bazaar questions asked of the crew. They are as follows:

Does the crew sleep aboard the ship? (remember this is 4-days at sea to and from Hawaii)

Is the water in the toilet fresh or salt water? (why does it matter?)

What religion are the people with patches behind their ears? (those are sea sick prevention patches)

What do you do with the ice carvings after they have melted?



What elevation are we at? (sea level)  
Does the elevator go to the front of the ship?

How do I know if the pictures in the photo studio are mine? (look at them!)

What time is the midnight buffet?

Will I get wet on the snorkel tours?

Do these stairs go up or down?

The Captain contributed these:

How do I get the microwave in the stateroom to work? A passenger had put a slice of pizza into the room safe!

And the best for last:

Do ships like this sink very often?

Captain: "No, just once."



## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER

Dec 3 – Quilts of Valor	2 – 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Dec 5 – Electa Circle Holiday party		Masonic Temple, SC
Dec 6 – Knittin' Kittens	11:30 – 4`	Small Social Hall
Dec 7 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Dec 7 – Mediation Committee	7 p.m.	Upstairs Apartment
Dec 9 – Tree Committee	7 p.m.	Small Social Hall
Dec 11 – Fire Brigade Training	10 a.m.	Fire House
Dec 14 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
<b>Dec 15 – Bingo</b>		<b>NO BINGO THIS MONTH</b>
Dec 17 – Quilts of Valor	2 – 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Dec 18 – Board Meeting	9:30	Small Social Hall
Dec 25 – Bylaws Committee???	Merry Christmas!!	
Dec 21 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Dec 28 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall

### JANUARY

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Jan 25 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall

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