

EAST PALO ALTO SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

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To The Membership:

The question of our club's treasury constantly surfaces. By definition, a fact is a truth. Here then, are the facts:

1. 1980 was a sad year. Death, the Grim Reaper took fourteen (14) of our finest. Our treasury was depleted.

2. We were blessed the following year: to rebuild our treasury.

A- We increased dues from \$0.50 to \$1.00 monthly.

B- Participation in potluck lunches and volunteer offerings increased. (Remember the tall, slim can?)

C- Obelia Tobin (now deceased), R. Myers, A. Eley, C. Oakes, and Dora Brandon completed three (3) quilts. Each sold at a handsome profit.

D- We had one (1) Mercury luncheon (in Mountain View).

E- The Christmas Bazaar was a huge success. Items sold were expertly crocheted wearables made by Lillie Johnson and sister; articles and ready to wear clothing donated by Lila Benjamin and Helen Harvey, as well as home-made goodies and plants offered by members.

Yes, financially and socially, 1981 was a good year.

Entered 1982, and the Nutrition Seniors.

During 1982:

A. Club dues continued at \$1.00 monthly.

B. We had one (1) luncheon at the Mercury Savings in Mt. View.

C. Abruptly and without warning potluck lunches were ended.

* An Untimely Visit Ruth Myers, a gentle, compassionate person who has (in her own words) "been traveling this way since 1900", was visited by Jo Ann Stevenson - not at Brashear Hall during a club meeting - but alone at her home. Gaining her confidence, and using a deceptive approach, Stevenson conned Mother Myers out of the club's bank signature. Later, when Mother Myers reviewed what had taken place, she called Mrs. Stevenson, who confirmed her fears. Needless to say, Mother Myers was devastated.

* BUT GOD DON'T LIKE UGLY.

You can always deposit money; withdrawing it is another matter. On 6 January 1983, the Nutrition Seniors deposited \$215.00 in our bank account, and then attempted a transaction. The bank declined this action and then proceeded to freeze our assets.

This means that Bank of America has free use of our money.

Now you know . . .

Mr. Brooks (of the Senior Center) sent us a communication, part of which we quote, "That 80% of this money go into the proposed Senior Center building fund; and that our club be allowed 20% of its own treasury. (Some nerve, eh!)"

Our reply follows:

The EPA Senior Center is a federally subsidized facility. Its budget is determined by the services it delivers to the 1200+ Seniors living within its area. The Senior Center is expected to supplement its budget by writing proposals to affluent Foundations and corporations - not lean on the backs of the indigent constituents it's mandated to serve.

Finally, after polling those members we could reach, we offer the following suggestions:

I. Our City is entering its second year. This controversial money could be donated to "Friends of East Palo Alto" a non-profit foundation.

Everyone would benefit.

- OR -

II. CHECKING ACCOUNT

- A. Return all dues to members of record 1981/1982.
- B. Return \$215.00 to Nutrition Seniors.
- C. Return \$31.00 Bernice Johnson memorial to the Nutrition Seniors.

III. SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$589.12

This account was created at St. Francis Church. Return its treasury to the surviving members of record who are still living in and about East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Mountain View, CA.

Thus, both accounts would be liquidated.

Remember D-Day April 7, 1982!!!

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