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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Tickets are selling fast for our Role Models '18 Inaugural Benefit.
Pre-registration is required for this event so purchase your tickets in advance today!
Payment needs to be received in our office (not postmarked)
by Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

Role Models '18

We cordially invite you to
CELEBRATE & HONOR

many of our leading Bay Area Role Models
featuring a unique modeling show, live jazz trio & auctions.
Keynote Speakers: T Jack Foster, Jr, "Creating Foster City"
Ambassador Jeffrey D Levine (ret), "Role Model Salute"

*Sunday
September 16th*

2PM TO 5PM
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
1221 CHESS DRIVE FOSTER CITY CA
"COCKTAIL DRESS TO IMPRESS"

The Benefit provides opportunities to celebrate & honor

Your Chosen Role Model

such as a parent, professional colleague, mentor, or friend.
Benefit Role Models
walk the "runway" wearing their choice of attire
as a commentary is shared by HOST, Gary Shaw.

2018 Community Service Award

is given annually to an community individual, family, or organization
that exemplifies living a life of community service & making significant
contributions through their time, actions & talents.
The Honoree is a ROLE MODEL for compassion & service.
T Jack Foster, Jr.

2018 Elaine Pitts Community Service Award

is given annually to a Foster City Village Member(s), Volunteer(s), or
Sponsor for their support & outstanding contributions to the
Foster City Village & is a ROLE MODEL for compassion & service.
Audrey Guerin & Gil Guerin

To be an active part of the Benefit, call 650.378.8541 or fcvillage94404@gmail.com

WELCOME Andrea Pond to the Foster City Village office working alongside Sophia as our Administrative Services Coordinator!



Andrea Pond is the Co-Founder and Leadership Coordinator of Teacher Master Champion California, LLC, a transformational self-development enterprise providing multiple cutting edge workshops: The Journey, The ALPS (Advanced Living Principles Seminar), and Leadership in Action!

Andrea also serves as an Executive Assistant in her husband, Stan's law firm, where her medical acumen and organizational skills are essential. Andrea is a Board Certified Gerontological Nurse, a Certified Family Team Coach, a Certified Instructor of Creating Cooperative and Responsible Children, a Certified Life Coach, and a California Notary Public!

In her spare time, Andrea finds herself body surfing, jumping out of perfectly good airplanes and walking on fire. Andrea and her husband, Stan, live in Foster City. Both are Rotarians with Andrea serving as the current President of the Rotary Club of Foster City.

Welcome Our New Member!

Marcia Cohn-Lyle lived in Foster City since 1968. She earned her Masters of Arts in English as a Second Language (ESL) from San Francisco State University. Marcia retired from 25 years of teaching ESL for adults for the San Mateo Union High School District. Her list of Community Service Leadership roles include: Foster City Rotary President 2004, SMUHSD Board of Trustees for 12 years, State Delegate for California School Board Association San Mateo Chamber of Commerce Leadership Team, and inducted into the Community Wall of Fame 2002.



September

9/5/26 Maurice McNamara
9/12/34 Theresa Brown
9/17/21 Elizabeth Stevenson
9/22/25 Helen Shaw
9/24/47 Joan Biederman
9/30/51 Kathy McKibben

October

10/2/32 Evelyn Lee
10/4/32 Peggy Nahinu
10/5/60 Cindy Garcia
10/7/37 Myrna Martinson
10/12/48 Marcia Bianchini
10/16/30 Shirley Helget
10/16/37 Jannette Greer
10/19/26 Lila Olson
10/21/25 Bette Garcia
10/28/32 Olga Hawit
10/28/48 Tom Berens
10/29/34 Sofia Yofin





July Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Corey Helfand of the Peninsula Sinai Congregation



Why is Asking 'Why' Important in Life?

'Why' is the ultimate clarifying question. Ask yourself if your decisions are based on what you know or what you think you know.

Here are a few reasons asking 'Why' is so important to your life:

1. It is essential to your happiness

Have you asked yourself if you are where you want to be? Are you going through the same routine every day on automatic pilot? Questioning the status quo is critical for your happiness and to check in with your 'happiness gage'.

2. It is important for your growth

Asking why regularly can move you in a new direction and get you thinking about your core values and beliefs. It can make you reassess and help you sort out what is important to you.

3. It is required for a healthy mind

It is about being conscious, being mindful and aware of your actions on a daily basis. To question yourself will provide you with a better outlook because your mind is essential for your well being.

4. It encourages good, honest relationships

Communication is important to any relationship; however, fear stops a lot of people from asking why, mainly because they do not want to know the answer or are too afraid of the answer. Knowing that someone else is interested in what you have to say is a wonderful feeling; it breeds enthusiasm and motivation.

5. It could make a difference

If you do what you have always done, you will get what you have always got. By asking the 'Why' question, it can make all the difference for you. You are asking because it matters and the answer will shape what to do next. Are you ready to ask 'Why'?

A 200-year-old Torah scroll was returned to a village called Olomouc in the Czech Republic as a permanent loan from the Peninsula Sinai Congregation in Foster City in October 2017. Before and during World War II, Torahs and other artifacts were confiscated or destroyed by the occupying Nazis, but this Torah and hundreds of others were hidden or taken out of Nazi territory for safekeeping. In 1963, the Torahs were sold to a congregation of the Westminster Synagogue in London, which established the Memorial Scrolls Trust to preserve and restore them. The Olomouc Torah arrived in Foster City in the 1970s.

Rabbi Helfand told the *Jewish News of Northern California*: "Restoring the scroll and returning it to its home means the Holocaust is not just a memory, but that there is new life. It's like rekindling the light, in a way, to know Jewish life didn't end there."

Michael Hayat, a member of the Foster City congregation worked with San Francisco Airport and United representatives to make sure the 200-year-old Torah scroll would receive special handling on United to its final destination back to its home temple in the Czech Republic. The rabbi and cantor were provided early boarding with a secure seat for the special carry-on, which was assigned to the Torah. It even had its own boarding pass!

**August Lunch & Learn
with
Past Foster City
Councilmember
Steve Okamoto**



Steve Okamoto talked of being a child interned with his family at Tanforan Assembly Center in San Bruno during the war, along with 8,000 other Japanese-Americans. Tanforan was a racetrack and grandstand. Most of its population came from San Francisco, the East Bay, and the Peninsula including 891 from San Mateo County. Japanese Americans who were citizens had to sell their property for pennies on the dollar.

When reporting to camp, they were only allowed to bring what they could carry. Many wore multiple layers of clothing on their bodies. Detainees lived in horse stalls and make-shift shelters on the infield for months while permanent interment camps were hastily built in remote locations. Once in the barracks, there was no privacy—just sheets hung between the families. His mom never forgot the smell of manure that had become encrusted on the floor and seeped between the floorboard cracks, collecting underneath the stables.

In dealing with their status as prisoners, most of them adopted the attitude of *Shikata ga nai*, meaning, "it cannot be helped" or "nothing can be done about it" and the concept of *Gaman* is for perseverance and persevere is what they did. It embodied the Japanese cultural trait of making the best of a bad situation. In February of 1942 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066 evicting, stripping of property, and mass incarceration of approximately 120,000 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast to concentration camps in remote areas of the United States.

Why build the Tanforan Assembly Center Memorial?

The main reason is to honor the nearly 8,000 people whose civil, human and constitutional rights were taken away, but also as a reminder to display to everyone what happened in 1942 should never happen again. Over two-thirds of the Japanese ethnicity interned, almost 70,000 were American citizens. Many lived in the U.S. between 20 and 40 years, particularly the first generation (the Nisei) born in the U.S. In 1988, the U.S. government formally apologized, concluding that the incarceration of Japanese Americans had not been justified by military necessity and that the decision to incarcerate was based on race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership.



Summer Picnic





Let's Roll and See Where It Ends!

Bocce Ball is a game that is easy to play for all ages and skill levels and a great way to meet new people.

Whether you are playing with a whole squad or going head to head with a friend, playing Bocce encourages healthy social interactions and friendly competition.

Bocce lets you live the moment and hone your concentration as it requires you to rethink your strategies before tossing the ball. It also helps to improve your hand-eye coordination, to move and flex your joints, to relieve stress levels, and to burn approximately 197 calories an hour.

Wednesdays, 10am to Noon
Foster City Recreation Center Bocce Courts
(weather permitting)



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