Tahoe North Ward 2022 Ward History



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<u>January</u>

Caymen Webster received the Aaronic Priesthood and was ordained a deacon on January 22, 2022. Sam Page was ordained a Priest on January 2, 2022. Nancy Vargas and Italia Lopez joined Young Women.

A new Young Women's Presidency was called and sustained on January 30, 2022. Judy Carter was called as President with Kendall Scott as 1st Counselor, Kendall Scott as 2nd Counselor and Janet Orgill as Secretary.

February

A Funeral ceremony was held for Barbara Jo Tyler, "Barbie" who passed away on January 27, 2022. She was a 63-year-old.

<u>April</u>

Had a youth Temple baptism trip on April 26, 2022.

Dell Rowley's funeral service was held on April 30, 2022. Dell had passed away suddenly in October of 2021. Bishop Barton officiated at the service.

<u>June</u>

Carol de la Rosa received her endowment in the Reno Temple on June 22, 2022.

Aaron Vargas, Sam Page, Alicia Soto and Lucia Camacho Lopez attended the stake Trek event, June 22-25, 2022.

<u>July</u>

Rafael Tenorio was baptized on July 10, 2022 as a convert. He is the husband of Jocelyn Vargas Tenorio.

Ashley Esperanza Reyes-Manriquez was baptized on July 8, 2022 as a convert.

We started an English Connect class at the church, open to people who want to learn English. The Richards and the missionaries taught it and attendance ranged from 1-6 people. On July 22, 2022, the ward held their summer picnic at Preston Field in Incline Village.









<u>August</u>

YM and YW Camps were held on August 15-18 at Mt. Madonna. 3 YW and 6 YW attended the camp, which included several activities, including a combined beach day at Manresa Beach.

<u>October</u>

A funeral service was held on October 7, 2022 for Ofelia Ruelas. Ofelia had two children that were members of the church and she was investigating and looking forward to being baptized. John Rogers officiated at the funeral service. Her husband and son were later baptized.

On October 30, 2022. Pascual and Moises Rojas were baptized into the church as converts. Pascual received the Aaronic Priesthood and was ordained a Priest later in November.

A new Elders Quorum presidency was sustained and set apart on October 23, 2022. Dave Orgill is President with Allan Crosbie as 1st Counselor, Ricado Rico as 2nd Counselor and Michael Corbridge as Secretary. Allan Crosbie was released as President and had served for more than 6 years.

The ward Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat was held on Friday, Oct 28, 2022.



December

The ward Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 2, 2022.

Relief Society Highlights

In February Robin Barnett was called to be President of the Relief Society with Phyllis Rogers as her 1st Counselor, Judy Lamphere as 2nd Counselor and Alejandra Arellano as Secretary.

Our first activity of the year was to celebrate the Relief Society's birthday in March with a light dinner, cupcakes, and get-to-know each other activities.









For two years we were unable to have our annual beach BBQ because of COVID and smoke from nearby forest fires, so we were so happy this year when we finally had our annual beach BBQ in August in Kings Beach.

In September we had our first monthly Lunch Bunch at Stefani Barton's house. In October we got together at Judy Carter's house.



We also celebrated couple of birthdays through the year at the Truckee Airport and Truckee Smokey's Kitchen.



The Relief Society was in charge of the Ward Christmas party in December, also. We had a wonderful dinner, sang Christmas carols, and played games.

Primary

In 2022 Tahoe North ward Primary was busy!

The Primary children earned their "reverent roll" pizza party. Each week the primary kids got a fruit roll up hung under their name... if they were irreverent part of their fruit roll up was torn off and added to a jar; contrarily if they were reverent a cotton ball was added to an opposing jar... the objective was to fill ip the cotton call jar before the torn off fruit roll up jar was filled and by so doing they would Earn a pizza Party... they did it!

The Primary had the opportunity to learn the Articles of Faith, (1 each month). The Children were motivated by the Article of Faith Apron: an apron with pockets full of prizes; once a child had memorized and recited an article of faith they earned a prize.

Several children got prizes with the easier and shorter Articles of Faith, as the months progressed and the Articles of Faith we worked on became more difficult only one or two children could recite them... but everyone sure loved trying.

We had a very exciting aid in learning about the prophets and stories from the Old Testament; a Time Machine! Members of our ward would dress up as the prophets we were learning about each month and visit our Primary and share their story! Our primary Children loved fast Sundays, because that is when the time Machine would work.

We had Saturday "pajama-party- practices" through November to prepare for our Primary Program. We had a lit of fun with various games, activities, and breakfasts... and it was a success the children did wonderful in the program and we even had a solo a 2 group numbers!

Most importantly this year we had 3 baptisms! Moises Rojas, Ashley Reyes and Olivia Soto.





Young Women

We have had a busy and fun year starting off with going to see the BYU dance team "The Legends" in Reno. We invited our Moms and many came. It was a great performance.

One of our first activity was a manicuring party, a facial make over by an esthetician who taught us how to apply make up and take care of our skin.

We also organized cooking classes such as making pizza night, learning how to create churros taught by Alicia, cookies class, candy and popcorn balls for Christmas to take home to our families or give as gifts to friends.

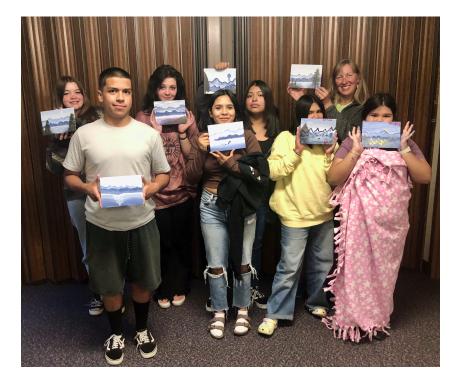
Our other activities with the Young Men included playing games, learning how to play pickle ball which ended up playing Volleyball, a pumpkin carving contest and going twice to the Temple in Reno for baptisms for the dead. We also went to a Stake clothes exchange in Reno which was fun and traded clothes we were tired of. The youth also enjoyed jet skiing in the summer, learned how to paint pictures by Ian Scott who is a beautiful professional painter and we repainted our Young Women's room at the church.

We also enjoyed bowling, birthday parties for the girls, rock climbing and nature hike with Kendal Scott.

For other activities we had service projects, painting of rocks, making friendship bracelets, learned yoga, organized a fun Tea Party at Sister Carter's, learned how to make jewelry with Emme who taught us, learned how to make homemade cards for Mother's Day, and helped decorate for the Ward Christmas Party.

We had a special treat going to Mt. Madonna close to the ocean for camp for 4 days and camped in Yurts which were really fun. The Young men went to a camp close by and we joined them one day at the beach and spent a fun day surfing, fishing, and swimming. The boys prepared us a dinner back at their camp and we had a fireside together. On the way down to camp we had a picnic lunch at the Sacramento Temple grounds and got to see the Temple. On the way home we stopped at the Oakland Temple and went to the visitor's center and watched a film and had sister missionaries tell us what they did and showed us around. It was a fun year and we have lots of plans for 2023 that we are anxious to start in on.



















Elders Quorum

After 6.5 years of diligent and faithful service, Allan Crosbie was released as Elders Quorum President as well as his counselors Tim Taggart and Jack Napton.

At the end of October 2022, David Orgill was sustained and set apart as Elders Quorum President with Allan Crosbie and Ricardo Rico as counselors. Allan is focused on Temple and Family History while Ricardo also serves as our Ward Mission Leader, working closely with our Elders, especially ensuring that there is good coordination for our Spanish-speaking investigators.

The Elders Quorum sponsored our annual ward picnic in July. Once again, barbeques were banned because of fire danger. There were no Elders Quorumsponsored move-outs during the year but there was one move-in we were called to assist with early in the year.

In Loving Memory

Barbara Jo Tyler, "Barbie" to all of us, passed away on January 27, 2022. She was a 63-year-old with cerebral palsy, non-verbal, unable to control her body, who spent her entire life in a wheelchair, cared for by family and nursing facilities. She was the sweetheart of Tahoe North ward.

Although unable to speak, sing, or take the sacrament, Barbie loved coming to church. Her wheelchair required special transportation, and Tahoe Area Regional Transit had a special program to get Barbie to her church. That bus schedule required Barbie to arrive over an hour early each week, but Barbie wanted to go so much that she willingly chose to go and wait it out, arriving when the only people there were the bishopric members in their weekly meeting. Barbie always got to join bishopric meeting while waiting for people to arrive.

She loved the hymns, and also, the primary children. She loved to attend primary singing time. The only way she could communicate was to look up for "yes" and down for "no." This made it hard to know the depth of her spirit. But she was able to "bear" her testimony a month before she passed away, by indicating verses from hymns that expressed what she wanted to say.

The hymn she chose to conclude her testimony touched us all, "There is Sunshine in my Soul Today," she insisted on all four verses:

 There is sunshine in my soul today, More glorious and bright Than glows in any earthly sky, For Jesus is my light.

> 2. There is music in my soul today, A carol to my King, And Jesus listening can hear The songs I cannot sing.

3. There is springtime in my soul today, For when the Lord is near, The dove of peace sings in my heart, The flow'rs of grace appear.

4. There is gladness in my soul today, And hope and praise and love, For blessings which he gives me now, For joys "laid up" above.



For her funeral, ward members remembered such things about Barbie as her "contagious happiness," her sense of humor, and her great love for her family. The story that memorialized her best happened in primary one day, in the words of the primary leader:

"I was doing a game with the kids in Primary and at the end everyone got a helium filled balloon. I asked Barbie to choose a balloon too. I was a little worried I would have a hard time figuring out which balloon she wanted, out of the dozen or so I still had. But she was able to communicate VERY clearly which balloon she wanted (or didn't want.) She chose a pink and white balloon in the shape of a crown that said "I am a princess.""

At the funeral, primary child Aria Webster from Tahoe North ward sang Barbie's favorite song, "I am a Child of God."



Carol De La Rosa's Endowment at the Reno Nevada Temple