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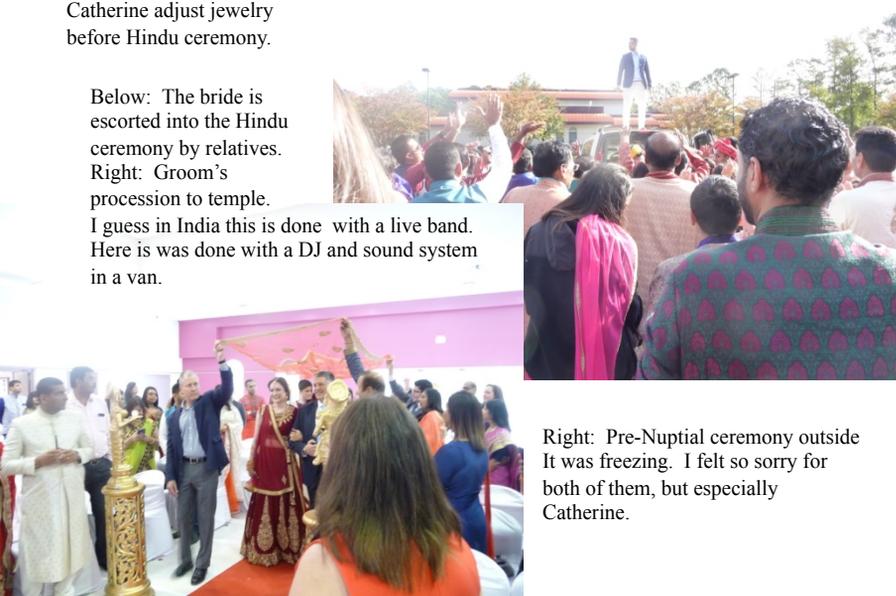
News: I did not receive any news this month. The only thing we have done is the normal stuff of saving lives: Ho Hum. The only newsworthy story I know of is the marriage of one of our members. Alice and I went to Virginia Beach for the two day ceremony. On Friday there was a Catholic ceremony and on Saturday a Hindu ceremony which lasted all day. Alice had duty the next day, so we left after lunch. Both were very beautiful ceremonies and I will place photos below. The strangest thing I saw was the use of a drone to take video of the outside portion of the Hindu ceremony.



Left to right above: Alice Catherine and Chris after Catholic ceremony. Catherine and Chris share cake. Catherine adjust jewelry before Hindu ceremony.

Below: The bride is escorted into the Hindu ceremony by relatives. Right: Groom's procession to temple.

I guess in India this is done with a live band. Here it was done with a DJ and sound system in a van.



Right: Pre-Nuptial ceremony outside. It was freezing. I felt so sorry for both of them, but especially Catherine.



Excellence in Service: For the next few months I will feature one or two members who have been members for a long time. Many are life members and most are very active either on the Board or as part of the Auxiliary. For that reason, some of our newer runners may not know them.

For this month I would like to introduce you to Lin and Judy Mathews.

First of all, Judy: Judy Mathews is our Comptroller. Most of you will know her because she is the one who signs your meal reimbursement checks every month. Judy joined Forest View Auxiliary in 1968 to help with fund raising and dinners for the senior squad. She has been President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian, and served on numerous committees. As Historian, she won many awards for scrapbooks in the AVAVRS at convention. She put together the 50th anniversary celebration with husband Lin and created a booklet of the history of Forest View. Judy purchased furniture and decorated all three stations over the years. Judy says "Station 3 was the most exciting because I worked on the project from the ground up. She also served the Southeastern District VAVARS as Vice President, Asst. Vice President, and Historian. As District Historian, she also won awards for Scrapbook Competition. Over the years, Judy served as the Convention Chair, Co-chair, and on numerous committees. She served on the VAVARS registration committee for 20 years. After her children were grown she started running calls and found it to be a very rewarding experience. Currently, as Comptroller, she makes sure the bills are paid so we can continue our daily operations and serve the community. Judy is a Life Member of the Forest View Auxiliary, Life Member of the senior squad, and a Life Member of the AVAVRS. She has been married to Lin for 51 years (for that alone she should get a special award, editor). She and Lin met just before he joined Forest View. They have 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters.

Second we will introduce you to Lin: (I first met Lin when he was a Chesterfield County Police Lt. and I was the Plans Review Technician for Chesterfield Fire Department, editor) Lin joined Forest View after a friend from high school invited him to come by and check it out. That was in 1964. Now, 53 years later, he is currently the oldest active member with the most years service. Lin has been President, Vice President, Secretary, Deputy Chief, Finance Chief and chaired many committees. He has refurbished all four stations, including when station 1 was re-built and most recently station 5. He served as equipment chair for many years, designing crash trucks and ambulances. He also fixed a majority of items that were broken. He was a Junior Squad advisor for many years and worked with the junior teams training for VAVARS rescue competition. He has taught CPR, vehicle extrication, and vertical rescue. He taught Classes at VAVARS Rescue College in basic and vertical rescue. Lin served as Training Officer and Rescue Officer of the VAVARS. He competed at VAVRS conventions in vehicle extrication and rescue, and helped Forest View win many of the trophies that now occupy Station 3. For 29 plus years he has co-chaired the rescue competition at VAVAVRS Convention, organizing a simulated problem and judging the contest. He is a life member of the senior squad and of the VAVARS. Lin is also an inductee of the VAVAVRS Rescue Hall of Fame. He has been married to Judy for the same number of years she has been married to him with the same 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters. One daughter is also a Life Member of FVRS.

From our Chief: I can't believe the year is coming to a close. My year as chief has been so rewarding and I have learned so much. It has been a pleasure working side by side with each and everyone of you providing care to the citizens of Chesterfield County. A big thank you to all! Don't forget our annual meeting, December 14, Station 3. There will be a chance for you to meet our newest OMD, Dr. Jerome Diskin. Enjoy the holidays with your family. See you in the coming year.