

April 20, 2005

Tuolumne County Fire Services
2 South Forest Road
Sonora, CA 95370

Groveland Community Emergency Services
P.O. Box 350
Groveland, CA 95321

Dear TC Fire and Groveland Emergency Services:

Five friends from the class of '63 got together this past weekend to celebrate our year of turning 60. We decided to visit your beautiful gold country and on our way to Yosemite stopped in Groveland to have lunch. One of the "girls" in our little group fell through a heating grate propelling her through a plate glass window. She received a nasty and profusely bloody gash to her right arm.

Almost immediately, the Groveland area emergency response team arrived. This calm and efficient group decided a trip to the Tuolumne General Hospital emergency room would be necessary. Our friend rode in the ambulance and we followed them down the twisting and turning highway in a state of shock. After arrival at Tuolumne General, our friend received treatment from the equally calm and efficient hospital staff. Though it was a serious situation, the entire ensemble of emergency personnel kept our friend's spirits up, as well as ours. During the treatment and stitching process, the response team never left our friend's side. The professionalism, kindness, and nurturing we all received made a frightening event manageable. We did not make it to Yosemite that day, but we will be back!

Our deepest gratitude and thanks to everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Sharon Garner

Kathy Stein (patient)
Joy Allender
Margaret Viera
Niki Manning
Sharon Garner

