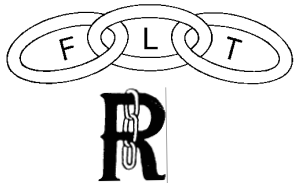


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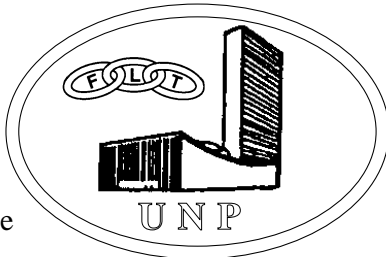
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## U.N. Pilgrimage report

## Its time to start preparing for the 2004 UN Pilgrimage

My Brothers and Sisters, I wish to thank you all for your support this last year when you sponsored 10 students in the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth program. I also wish to thank the Lodges that sent money to feed these wonderful kids. I cannot express enough how much we appreciate all that you do.

I wish to tell you about my new UN Co-Chairperson with whom I am working with this year — Kerry Yanasak. I had the honor of being the tour leader in 2001 when his daughter went and then in 2002, Kerry was the tour leader. Then this year, 2003, I had the honor of going when his son was part of the Washington delegation. He has great kids and a wonderful wife. I look forward to working with Kerry. To those of you who have access to the internet, you may look up his contact information on the Washington Odd Fellows web site, as well as mine. My information was wrong last year, but we got it right now!! The web site address is: [www.ioofwa.org](http://www.ioofwa.org).



October was United Nations Youth Month and I usually have my packets out by now. Unfortunately, the Sovereign Grand Lodge is running behind in the paper supply category, so we did not receive them when we requested them. I am letting you know that I am sending out my letters and that when you get these, I should have supplies shortly. To all of you great people who are sending students, just get in touch with me and I shall send you the supplies that you need. I apologize for this and I hope that it doesn't affect the number of students that we end up sending.

Here is the schedule of the 2004 program. In October, November and December, contact your local high schools with information and select your students. The \$200 deposit per student is due to the Grand Lodge office by December 31, 2003.

Send the applications, the student's 500 word essay, physicians exam and proof of medical insurance to Mary Dunivan by the end of February.

In March and April, you and the students will be sent information regarding flights schedules, itineraries, etc. as soon as they are received from headquarters. Send the balance of your money to Bill Ostlund at the Grand Lodge office by April 15. That is a very important deadline.

We don't know the final cost per student yet as that depends on air fare, but it should be no more than \$1,600.

Again, I am sorry about the delays in getting information out to the Lodges this year, but you should be receiving letters in the next week or so. I shall get you the information you need as soon as you request it from me.

Also, I wish to thank our Grand Master David Morris for the challenge that he made regarding the number of students to send on the UN Pilgrimage next year. I wish to make this program grow and grow. We are a great Jurisdiction of Washington and we are tops with our youth. Let's keep up the good work.

In F., L. & T.,

Mary A. Dunivan, UN Pilgrimage Co-Chairperson

## Take a look at our web site and get your paper on line

Have you visited the Grand Lodge of Washington's new web site yet? If not, just type in [www.ioofwa.org](http://www.ioofwa.org) into your browser and you will see a wealth of information about Odd Fellowship in the Jurisdiction of Washington. Brother Bill Wulff has worked hard on this project and he continues to add new material.

Also, *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper is now on line. It is linked to the Washington web site. Just open the Washington web site and click on *The Washington OddFellow* link.



## Scholarship winner

Kelly Gunderson, a 2003 graduate of Ephrata High School, received a \$2,500 scholarship from the L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund. Presenting the scholarship to Kelly is her grandmother Helen Ruth, along with Grayce Christian and Sally Oie, all members of Ephrata Rebekah Lodge #223. Kelly is attending Washington State University in Pullman this fall.

## Calling all DDGMs, NGs, VGs, Secretaries and Treasurers!!!

The Eastside District Deputy Grand Masters, Noble Grands, Vice Grands, Secretaries and Treasurers are requested to attend a DDGM meeting on Saturday, November 15 at Yakima IOOF Lodge #22. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with classes beginning at 10 a.m. sharp. Please RSVP the number of attendees from your Lodge by November 7 to Jim Boyd, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22, 206 W. Walnut, Yakima, WA 98902-3445.

The Westside meeting will be on November 22 at Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 with registration at 9:30 a.m. and classes at 10 a.m. Please RSVP the number of people attending from your Lodge by November 14 to the Grand Lodge at 1-800-345-1766.



## Having fun in Halifax

Most of the Washington delegation gathered for a group photo on August 19 during The Sovereign Grand Lodge and IARA Sessions in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

*From your Deputy Grand Master*

# The rules on Ritual and Social Meetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to talk about two issues, first the Rituals and second Social Meetings.

• **Chapter 1, Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Article 1 General Provision, Section 3:**

“The Rituals are the Supreme law of Odd Fellowship. The Constitution and Code of General Laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge are secondary. Constitutions and by-laws of component units are next in precedence.”

What does that mean? All Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges must open and closed their Lodges as written in the Rituals. This does not say short cut, leave out or skip any part of the Ritual.

• **Section 5.**

“The Sovereign Grand Lodge is the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship and possesses final and supervisory power over the Order, however the Independent Jurisdictions chartered by The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be the source of all true and legitimate Odd Fellowship within the regions in which they operate and shall individual possess final and supervisory powers over the Order within those regions, as defined in the Charters granted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.”

• **Social Meetings. Chapter IV Odd Fellows Lodges, Section 1, D. Powers**

(1) “Meetings... One meeting could be conducted as a social type meeting if the Grand Lodge so provides...”

• **Code of General Laws, The Grand Lodge of Washington (Digest) Chapter 3, Section 3.9, Meetings, 3.9.1A Social Meeting, Page 40**

“A Lodge is authorized to hold one (1), but no more than one (1), Social Meeting each month in accordance with the provisions stated herein, provided their By-Laws reflect the same.”

*Here is what you can do and what is not allowed!* “No Social Meeting shall be held on the evening of an Official Visitation by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden or a District Deputy Grand Master unless that officer has specifically approved the same. During a Social Meeting all Ritualistic Work is suspended and the meeting may be opened to the public. Social Meetings may consist of, or include: Dinner, forums, invited guest, invited speakers, entertainment, educational presentations and/or recreational activities. No formal records or minutes are kept of social meetings; however, at the next regular meeting it should be noted of the time and date of the Social Meeting.” This means that we do not vote on new members, or pay any bills. Also we cannot nominate or elect.

Okay, that’s great for the Odd Fellows, but what about us Rebekahs. I have you covered.

• **Article X, Rebekah Lodges, Section 2.0, Page 26**

“Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah shall be, in all respects, subject and liable to the provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Article VIII of this Constitution and further, shall in all respects, be liable and subject to all other provisions of the Grand Lodge Constitution where they apply and to all of the provisions of the Constitutions, Rules and Regulations of Odd Fellow Lodges so far as the same be applicable,”

— *In F., L. & T.,*

*Michael P. Billups, Deputy Grand Master*

*Grand Chaplain’s Corner*

## Do something different

Our religious teacher told me that our little group needed to grow. What we were doing wasn’t working. We must do something different.

Someone said, “Expecting different results from repetitive actions is the functional description of insanity.” We may be OddFellows, but we are not insane.

If we treat each other as though we are in the presence of someone we have great respect and love for, we will find that the people we have this respect and love for are right here, in our Lodges.

— *Rich Osborne, Grand Chaplain*

### Jacket found at Mary’s reception

A black leather jacket was found in the Olympia IOOF hall following Grand Matriarch Mary Robinson’s reception on October 19. If you are missing a jacket, please call Mary at (253) 856-0419.



ARTHUR A. CRAIG

## From the desk of the Grand Secretary

**WORKING FOR A FUTURE**

As Louis L ’Amour said, “I fear there will no future for those who do not change.” As this year ends and a new Lodge year begins let’s work together to make sure the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have a future.

Since change is inevitable, what we as individual members do within our Lodges and our communities is what will ensure that we will be successful. Let’s open the line of communication between members, Lodge officers, District Deputies and the Grand Lodge Officers to ensure that we are all working for the same goal.

**LET’S SHOOT FOR 200**

Let’s talk for a minute about *membership*. We currently are once again at the top of the list for new and reenrolled members for 2003. We have reported 163 new members, so why not aim for a total of 200? Remember the count ends on December 31, so let’s not forget to report those new members to this office or to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Office. I know we can do it.

**HEALTH UPDATE**

Yes it is true that I have been diagnosed with cancer of the liver. At my age it is incurable without a liver transplant, however it is treatable. I have had a chemo implant and am getting adjusted to it. I get a little tired and sometimes a bit crabby, but all I can say is bear with me.

Let me relate to you something that happened when I was on the way to surgery. Being somewhat sedated I was not totally aware of what was happening, but I became aware that someone was leaning over me who took my hand and said, “My friend, when you checked in, you gave no religious preference, but all of your Brothers and Sisters called upon me to come and walk you through this procedure. For that I thank each and every one of you around the world for you support, your prayers and your many cards. I am convinced I will get around this bump in the road. *Thank you!*”

— *Fraternally, Arthur A. Craig, PSGM and Grand Secretary*

*Arthritis Committee report*

## We need donations now!

Do you really know about arthritis and the pain that it causes — not only to us older persons, but to younger people like school kids and middle age folks? I did not know how many people of all ages are affected by arthritis until I got involved with this committee. Yes, persons of all ages are affected by this painful problem.

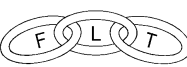

This is one more reason that all Lodges should help raise funds for arthritis research. Most of the members in our Order that I know suffer from arthritis in one form or another. It may be little bites of pain blamed on the weather.

Again, this is another reason you need to make a good donation to the Arthritis Fund as a civic duty for your Lodge. Remember, the Lodge with the largest donation by March of next year will get a plaque for their hall.

*In F., L. & T.,*

*Lady Elizabeth Morgan, Chairperson, (360) 459-5964*

*Hugh A. Smith, PGM and Co-Chairperson, (360) 671-0810*


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# From your 2003-2004 Grand Master



DAVID L. MORRIS

## LET'S START WORKING ON ENGAGING PROJECTS

Congratulations to all the newly-elected officers in all Washington Odd Fellow Lodges! Now is the time for new and returning officers to plan engaging programs and projects for the ensuing year that officially begins with installations in January.

To help with that transition for both new and returning officers, your Grand Lodge officers have planned Eastside and Westside District Deputy Grand Masters' meetings for Noble Grands, Vice Grands, Secretaries and Treasurers. I look forward to seeing many of you at one of the meetings. (See related article on page 1 for more details.)

With youth being the focus of my year, remember that names for the L.J. Jones Memorial Scholarships are due to Scholarship Chairman James P. Boyd at Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 no later than December 29. Washington Odd Fellows commit \$21,000 to winning applicants annually. Members, members' sons, daughters, grandchildren, step-children or legally adopted children may apply.

Speaking of seeing many of you, we really enjoy traveling the state to make my official visits. We are thankful for your immediate acceptance in hosting us. Then, meeting each and every one of you is a pleasure. Thanks one and all for your hospitality and generous contributions to my projects. Let's keep working together to accentuate the positive!

Happy Trails,

*In F., L. & T., David L. Morris, Grand Master*

## NOVEMBER VISITATION SCHEDULE

- November 4 Ballard IOOF Lodge #124, 7:30 p.m.
- November 5 Unity IOOF Lodge #18, Puyallup, 6 p.m.
- November 6 Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla, 7:30 p.m.
- November 7-8 Home Board Meeting, Walla Walla
- November 12 South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211, 6 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. meeting
- November 13 World Kindness Day
- November 13 Pilgrim IOOF Lodge #187, Everett, 11:15 a.m. lunch at King's Table, 1 p.m. meeting
- November 13 Titusville IOOF Lodge #34, Kent. 7 p.m.
- November 15 Eastside DDGM meeting, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22, 9:30 a.m. registration
- November 17 Valley IOOF Lodge #60, Auburn, 7:30 p.m.
- November 18 Bremerton/Friendship IOOF Lodge #145, 8 p.m.
- November 19 Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207, Napavine. Dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m.
- November 22 Westside DDGM Meeting, Buckley IOOF Lodge #75, 9:30 a.m. registration

## Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

Are you wondering, as I am, of when our summer will be gone and where the days ahead will lead us? We have had a very busy summer with our garage sale giving our kitty a hefty sum. We had our Friendship Picnic at the Roy Town Park on July 6 with a potluck dinner and bingo. Everyone had a great time. Sisters from Nisqually, Yelm, Warren, Olympia and South Tacoma participated. Do we want another picnic? The answer was *yes, yes, yes!*



BETTY HAGUE

At our meeting on September 15, we honored our Assembly President Karen Hoylman. Our crafty carpenters presented her with an addendum, building her a birdhouse.

Sister Betty Hague celebrated her 93rd birthday on August 9. Lodge Sisters visited her with a birthday cake.

Our "Seed Money" funds, plus a donation, was given to the Elk Plain Junior Grange. The Junior Grange was just recently formed.

On October 18, Sister Lena Swetz served as President of the District #3 Meeting.

Get well wishes are extended to Sisters Betty Hague and Joann Bergeron. To all, here's our wish for a blessed Thanksgiving.

*In F., L. & T., Dorothy Nelson, Reporter*

## From your Grand Warden

# Here's some wise words from our Grand Warden

Hi Brothers and Sisters:

I hope everyone has gotten over Halloween and all the children are happy.

First of all, I would like to remind all our Lodges of a couple of important By-Laws while conducting a meeting:

### • Chapter 3, Section 3.9, item 3.9.2 — Special Meetings

Special meetings may be held on the call of the Noble Grand, and the Noble Grand is authorized and required to make such call when requested in writing by five members. Such request shall state the object of said meeting and no other business shall be transacted than that for which it was called. **No** appropriation of **money** shall be made at any special meeting. A special meeting may be scheduled on Sunday, provided that there shall be nothing permitted that shall in any manner offend the religious nature of the Sabbath Day, and there shall be nothing done or attempted that will desecrate the day. No Sunday meeting shall be scheduled to start before 1 p.m., and it must be completed by 7 p.m. If the meeting does not include a religious period, then such a Sunday meeting must be opened and closed with suitable religious exercises.

Here's a couple of excerpts from the following:

### • Standing Resolution No. 9. Protocol and Customs for Line Officers of The Grand Lodge of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Prior to making an official visit to any Lodge, advise the Lodge (at least 30 days in advance) of your intention and inquire if your visit is convenient for the Lodge.

You're expected to make a detailed study of the Code of Laws and the Washington Digest of Laws so that you can, if called upon, render intelligent and correct interpretations from these publications.

It is suggested that you plan to attend, if at all possible, at least one of the Grand Lodge Sessions of each of the adjoining Jurisdictions during your tour through the chairs of the Grand Lodge.

When more than one Grand Officer is present at any meeting, it is the custom that the Senior Officer speaks last.

Here's a suggestion for all of the Lodges supporting our Visual Aid Program. We recommend that all Lodges within each District visit their schools and talk about our program and what we can do to help the children who cannot afford glasses. Offer the proper forms and help them receive the information needed for students to get glasses. You might have to do a little inquiring. At some schools, the nurses help. At others it's the counselors, so ask your school officials who has the most impact in getting this information out.

Also, we recommend that each Lodge sponsor an ice cream and cake social for around the May 1, 2004 for the class that turns in the most pair of glasses or glass cases. Remember, they have to be complete — no broken frames or lenses. For a student who turns in 100 pairs or more of these items, the Grand Lodge will give a \$50 Savings Bond. A couple of Lodges also have donated \$25 bonds along with the Grand Lodge Bond.

In November we will be having our annual seminars for the DDGMs, Noble Grands, Vice Grands and Secretaries in Yakima on November 15 for the East Side and in Buckley on November 22 for the West Side. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and the meetings start at 10 a.m.

This is also the month for Thanksgiving. Let's remember the people who are not as fortunate as we are.

*In Friendship, Love And Truth,  
Carson Inman, Grand Warden*

## Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Thanksgiving is upon us. This is the time for us to reflect over the past year and to give thanks for the many blessings that have been ours. I hope each of you has a chance to spend some time with your family and share this special time.

We are busy with plans for Rebekah Assembly President Karen's visit to our Lodge on November 5. We will have a no-host dinner at Mitzel's at 5 p.m. followed by our regular meeting at 7 p.m. Coffee and cookies will follow the meeting.

Then that weekend on Saturday November 8, we will have our Rent-A-Table Holiday Craft Sale and Bazaar. Sister Nita Sherwood is the chairperson and she has rented more than 25 tables for the day, so there

should be a nice selection of items if any of you care to do some early Christmas shopping. We will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are in our area, drop by and see us.

Most of our members are back on the mend from their illnesses, but we are saddened by the death of one of our longtime members, Sister Pansy Taylor. Pansy was a 45-year member of our Lodge. She will be remembered for many things, but especially for all her beautiful flower arrangements. Sister Pansy will be missed by us all.

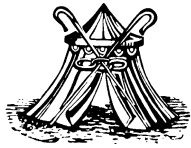
Until next month, try to take some time to do something nice for yourself.

*In Rebekah Love,  
Judy Diekman, Reporter*

## From your Grand Patriarch

# Shouts & whispers from the big 'Tent'

**Shout #1** comes to you from your Grand Patriarch and it is a resounding *thank you* to one and all for your prayers and concerns on behalf of Carolyn and me as we flex our voices and muscles as we start a new phase of our lives. The lovely cards, visits and phone calls all had a part



in bringing about our recoveries from surgery for Carolyn and my relief from multiple myeloma and the extra jolt of my heart attack. God is great, mighty and good.

**Whisper #1** — Due to the closeness of my release from the hospital and the scheduled date for the Grand Patriarch's reception, I am asking your indulgences in changing the date to April 17, 2004 and holding it at H.P. Downs Unified Encampment at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island following the installation of officers for H.P. Downs. This request is made trying to consider the weather, road conditions and any extra trips.

**Shout #2** — Members of the Encampment, we know that the avenue for new members to our Units can only be found in our Lodges. I implore you to be constantly looking for new members for our Lodges. Please remember that a story partially told is not as fulfilling as knowing "The Rest of the Story." This is not a task to think of once a month, but for every day. Interest may come rapidly, but yet early and repeated invitations are more likely to get the results we need.

**Whisper #2** — My initial problem comes from a blood disease which itself is not curable, but is treatable. My treatment to date has the combined use of radiation and chemotherapy. It has been successful to this point and has given me a turn about in my overall health concerning this disease.

This position of Grand Patriarch is time-demanding and sometimes a bit stressful, but very rewarding when you find the love and support which comes from so many different directions. Many thank yous to Grand Senior Warden Ward Martin for being my back-up and to Grand Scribe Harry Coulter for providing the glue that has held us together during this trying, but rewarding time.

We must set our tents in order and bring a new vitality to everything we do. As the salesmen of our Order, it is easy to see the work before us and shout our message for all to hear.

May God fill you with the energy and constant good will so that our Grand Encampment can stand tall at all avenues of approach.

*In Faith, Hope and Charity,  
George Carlile, Grand Patriarch,  
Grand Encampment of Washington*

## In Walla Walla

# Unified Encampment #3

Grand Matriarch Mary Robinson's official visit on October 27 began with a no-host luncheon catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken. Our regular meeting followed at 1:30 p.m.

We are extremely sorry that Grand Patriarch George Carlile was unable to attend. We wish Patriarch Carlile God's speed in his recovery.

The Patriarchs and Matriarchs have voted not to have refreshments at our regular meetings as they are scheduled too soon after lunch and too close to supper. We will be scheduling social times throughout the year when we will chow down.

— Art Schreiber, Scribe

## Walla Walla LAPM #1

# Lady LeRose makes her visit to Walla Walla on October 13

We enjoyed our visit with Lady LeRose Coulter when she made her official visit and inspection on October 13. Lady LeRose is the vice President of the Department Association of Washington, LAPM.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 10 with refreshments provided by Lady Jeannette Oswald and Lady Anna Martien. They are both Past Presidents of the Department Association, LAPM.

— Chivalrously, Henrietta "Penny" Everson,  
President, Walla Walla LAPM #1

*"No one hears the doors that open  
When they pass beyond our call;  
Soft as the dropping petals of a rose,  
One by one our loved ones fall.  
But the memory of each loved one,  
Like the fragrance of a rose,  
God sends to linger with us  
Till our own life's door shall close."*

**The International Association of Rebekah Assemblies  
Regrets to advise you of the passing of**

**Past President of the International  
Association of Rebekah Assemblies**

**Bernice Wood**

**On September 14, 2003**

*Sister Bernice served as International President in 1983-1984.*

Her theme for her year was:

**"Believe - Begin - Build - Our golden Opportunity Is Now"**

*We request the Charters of all Rebekah Lodges be draped  
and that this Memorial be read at your next Assembly in memory  
of Sister Bernice Wood.*

Vivian Pursell  
Secretary

Sharon Magden  
President

## On Camano Island

# H.P. Downs Unified Encampment

Happy Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving to all of you.

We enjoyed our official visit from Brother George Carlile, Grand Patriarch, and Sister Mary Robinson, Grand Matriarch, at our Halloween meeting. They were greeted by two clowns whose identity shall remain a secret. We then had a delicious ham dinner. We were so happy that Brother George was feeling well enough to join us. We continue to wish for him a speedy recovery. We were also glad that Sister Carolyn Carlile was there and wish her the best as she continues her treatments.

This month at our meeting we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a turkey dinner. Sister Liz Pettit will provide a turkey roast and the remainder of the members are to bring the rest of the dinner. This is the meeting that we usually bring non-perishable food items to donate to the food bank. Though we didn't officially decide that at our last meeting, I think it would be nice if we each member could remember to bring something to the November meeting.

Last month I did get some Campbell soup labels, "Box Tops for Education" and pull tabs from pop cans from some of our members and those always help with our community service. I turn the soup labels and box tops in at the school where I used to teach. They can use them to get supplies for the school. The pull tabs go for kidney dialysis. Also, remember to save those pennies for Visual Aid for Sister Mary's project. Let's have a good donation to make to her at the end of her year.

We hope to see some of the members who have not been able to be with us at our next meeting.

— Judy Diekman, Jr. PCM and Reporter

# Beacon Rebekahs #91 - Mead

We were looking forward to seeing the little ghosts and goblins at our doors. We hope you were well prepared with all the goodies to fill their bags for another year.

We entertained our Sisters at our annual Harvest Dinner luncheon and celebrated our Halloween early. Everyone had a great time. We have a bunch of really great cooks.

Earlier in October, the fourth to be exact, our Lodge was the hostess Lodge for our District Association #2 Meeting. Our President Sherry Pond had a very fun and informative meeting. All of the officers wore t-shirts with either sayings or pictures on them. It was fun and President Sherry gave prizes to some of ladies with unique t-shirts. These were "Happy Face" wind favors, so we found out who were the biggest blowhards.

We had our first nomination of officers. When the election is completed,

we will announce our new officers.

Assembly VP Sandra Moon, myself and Sherry Pond all attended Regimental in Walla Walla on October 5. VP Sandy and I attended the District Meeting in Walla Walla on October 19. VP Sandy and Sherry attended Grand Matriarch Mary Robinson's reception in Olympia. We all attended the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association meeting in Kelso. And last but not least, five of us attended Friendship Day at Grand Coulee and Coulee Dam combined day on October 21.

As you can see, we do lots of traveling over here and enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones. We also enjoy seeing how other things are done.

We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

*In F., L. & T.,  
Blanche Berry, Sec. & Reporter*

## *Karen's Korner*

# From Your Assembly President



KAREN HOYLMAN

### THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH!

*Thank you, thank you, thank you* to everyone who attended and contributed in any way to making my reception such a wonderful day and now a cherished memory!



In addition to the fun birdhouse emblem, I have the emblems of the Rebekah Degree in my program. The first one is the Beehive. The bees are united in their work as we should be. Their labors are well directed and ours in our lodges will be productive and successful if they are also. If we imitate the bees in the hive, we will gather opportunities to do good, provide for the future and do good works now. May our Lodges be as the Beehive.

### PLEASE NOTE

A request from me — When you phone me and my machine answers for me, please leave a message and most importantly, speak loudly, clearly and slowly, especially when giving your name and phone number. Also include your area code with the number. There are many area codes in Washington and I do not know all of them. If you do not give it, I have to search for it. Thank you in advance. I will appreciate it.

About my song, "I Hope You Dance," it is not just about dancing. If you listen to the words, it says "I hope you never lose your sense of wonder, and when one door closes, I hope one more opens." So it is also about taking chances in life and I hope that all of you never lose your sense of wonder.

My visits are in full swing, and have been great. Thanks to all for your hospitality.

Please remember two things this month of November — vote and give thanks.

*In Rebekah Love,*

*Karen Hoylman, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

### VISITATION SCHEDULE

- November 03 — Glendale Rebekah Lodge #312, Seattle (re-scheduled)
- November 04 — Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, Longview
- November 05 — Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor
- November 7-8 — Home Board Meeting and Homecoming, Walla Walla
- November 11 — Fraternity Rebekah Lodge #78, Ilwaco
- November 12 — Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge #326, Winlock
- November 15 — JJYC Meeting, Olympia
- November 18 — Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, Kelso
- November 19 — Gilman Rebekah Lodge #59, Issaquah
- November 20 — Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, Ballard
- November 25 — Harmony Rebekah Lodge #335, Vader
- December 01 — Unity Rebekah Lodge #53, Auburn
- December 02 — Fir Rebekah Lodge #149, Sultan
- December 03 — Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21, Centralia

## Rebekah Secretaries: Make sure your books are up to date

Could you please check your Code of General Laws, Constitution, and make sure they are up to date. Before long it will be time for your Representatives to do their test and they will need to know the answers from these publications and also the Ritual. This year there will be some questions from the Washington Digest.

I realize that there are some changes, so wait until the changes come out or order them now as they will be sent after the changes are made. Make sure that the books you use are updated. If they are not up-to-date, you will have the wrong information. I have seen some copies of the Code of Laws and the front didn't have where the pages had been updated. This is necessary so that others will know the changes have been put in the book.

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Sandra Moon, Assembly Vice President*

# From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

### THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS BEGINNING

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Best wishes to all at the beginning of our holiday season. I wish the very best for you and your families.

Some of you are trying to reach this office using our old toll free number. You will only get a busy signal. The new number, changed last March, is 1-866-725-3508. Please make a note for future reference.



Our rules and regulations state that a member cannot be dropped for NPD until their dues are one year in arrears or when added fines and/or penalties add up to a year's dues. If you have your dues payable on January 1 and some members are in arrears, your Lodge is required to include these members in the annual count and pay another year's dues. I would suggest if you are having this problem to make your dues payable December 1. That gives you leeway to drop them before the new fiscal year begins. With money tight, most Lodges cannot afford to pay dues for delinquent members. Of course, members must receive notification from your secretary of the intended action.

I sincerely hope every effort is put forth to keep these members and have them active.

Thank you, Secretaries, for letting me know the date your Lodge was instituted. I have now compiled a list of all the Lodges from #1 and what has happened to them. I don't think I'll ever have time to go through the 17 file cabinets of records to get all the dates of institution, but I am happy to have the ones still active.

A rough draft of the updated Rebekah Assembly Constitution, Rebekah Lodge Constitution, Book of Instructions and Theta Rho Assembly Constitution is now in the hands of the printing committee. This will be published in a 6" x 8-1/2" size notebook. There also will be updates for your current Lodge Constitution and Book of Instructions. These should be published about December.

I have a couple of sets of chain regalia on hand. If you are still using the old rope regalia and would like a set, these are available for the cost of postage. This will be on a first come, first served basis.

Regarding the SGL Membership Certificates I mentioned in last month's column, these are for 60, 70 and 80 year members.

In this month of Thanksgiving, let us take time to think of all the things we have to be thankful for and the many friends we have in this great organization. Don't forget to remember those who are ill in your prayers and with cards. I know they will appreciate it and, if you know someone who has no family near, invite them to join you for your Thanksgiving dinner. Remember, "Today, well-lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness."

*With Rebekah Love,*

*Betty Weldon, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

*E-Mail: bweldon@crpud.net*

## Here's some membership ideas

The Assembly President asked the Membership Committee to put a few remarks in our newspaper, so here are mine.

We have talked about rebuilding our membership for many years now. Still many lodges are turning in their Charters. What is the problem? Is it the way we describe the Order? When you are talking to someone, do you point out the many community projects you participate in? Does your Lodge get together to work on projects for the benefit of the community. Two ideas are hats and mittens for kids, head coverings for cancer victims, or items for an assisted living home.

Too many times we are free with the dollars, when if the members came together to work on things as a group, the friendships would deepen. If you have these work sessions, invite a friend to join you for the day. Maybe your friend would decide that the friendship and activity is just what she or he needs.

*— Carol Hare*

## From your 2003-2004 Theta Rho President

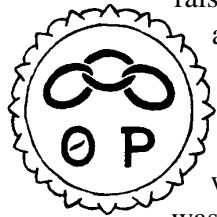


KENDALL SHUPE

### IT HAS BEEN A BUSY FALL

Hi again. I just want to say hi to everyone. I have been having a great time. I really enjoyed attending my first receptions and representing the Jurisdictions of Washington and Oregon.

On September 20, my home club — Beta Omicron — had a car wash to raise money for our club. It went pretty well. It was a fun afternoon spent with friends.



September 27 was Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Karen Hoylman's reception in Buckley. It was a beautiful afternoon and the reception went well. Many people were there to support Karen and I was very glad to be one of them. I was really pleased to see many of the Theta Rho girls attend. All of the Theta Rho Assembly elective officers were there, along with many other girls. I want to thank everyone who attended and their advisors for getting them to all of the functions.

My home club, Beta Omicron, helped in the clean-up after the reception. It was quite late by the time we were all finished, so Kendra Frogge', advisor for the Spunky Bluebirds #93, offered her home for us to stay that night. There were three girls from Beta Omicron and two girls from Spunky Bluebirds. We made it a slumber party. It was great. Kendra and her family were awesome. We left for home the next day.

I want to apologize for not attending Marjorie Schaaf's reception on October 4. I did not have a chaperone for the trip. My Aunt Tonie, Teola Parsell, and my mother and are in Kansas visiting family and Terri Smith was out of town. I am grateful to MaryJane Koenig, a Theta Rho Assembly appointive officer, for representing me and the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington

On October 6, my home Rebekah Lodge, Shamrock #113, held a meeting and during the meeting we draped our Charter in loving memory of Bernice Woods, Past IARA President in 1983-84. I was asked to assist in the ceremony. I was very honored. This was my first Charter draping ceremony.

On October 7, I visited Columbia Rebekah Lodge #3 for their meeting while Rhoda Davis, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, made her official visit. After Rhoda was escorted to the front to sit to left of the Noble Grand, I was asked to sit to the left of Rhoda Davis and the Noble Grand. It was a great honor.

Happy Halloween and happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I hope everyone has a great holiday season. Warm wishes.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
Kendall Shupe,*

*President, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington*

## In Walla Walla

### Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We initiated three new members on October 7. Elizabeth Bingham and Marie Wallace joined Narcissa Lodge #2 and Jackie Howard joined Sunshine Lodge #56. We were pleased to have five visitors from Sunshine Lodge to share in our initiation. Serving refreshments for the evening were Winnie Graham and Robertta Hunt.

Thank yous were read for the two scholarships we provided for second year students at Walla Walla Community College. Amber West was awarded a scholarship for \$500 and Tefna Litzenberger, a nursing student, was the recipient of the \$250 scholarship. We also received a thank you from the IOOF Home for gift certificates given to our adopted Sisters, Maybelle Craber and Alice Beckel.

A condolence was read in memory

of Katherine White who joined Narcissa on September 17, 2002.

Two of our Sisters had surgery. We wish Dorothy Clark, who has been hospitalized for surgery on her esophagus, and Beth Entze, who had an operation of her foot, complete recoveries.

Narcissa Lodge received a "Certificate of Achievement" award for outstanding accomplishments and contribution in raising \$500 for the "Seed Money" project. Our Representative, Elsie Wells, presented the framed certificate to Barbara Lechner, who was the chairperson of our project and arranged for the funds to be given to a needy family.

Cash prizes for the last two meetings were won by Beth Entze and Clemie Schwarz.

*Nancy Klicker, Reporter*

## Pasco Theta Rho #14

### It's been a busy summer for Pasco Theta Rho girls

Pasco Theta Rho Girls have been busy since school was out in June. Eight members were able to attend Theta Rho Assembly and everyone had a great time renewing old friendship and making new ones. Special thanks to Grays Harbor Advisor Donna Tonn for looking after our girls when Advisor Dee Hanson wasn't up to it. Club members with Assembly offices are Jessica Peters, Conductor; Ashley Peters, Left Supporter to the President; Kim Koenig, Inside Guardian; Lisha DeMille, Outside Guardian; and Marijane Koenig, 3rd Herald. We can't wait for Assembly next year!

In Early July, Ashley and Jessica helped members of Kennewick Odd Fellows Lodge #222 plant a new tree in front of the Kennewick School District Administration Building. The tree is a replacement for one lost in a wind storm last summer. The school district appreciated the new flowering cherry tree.

On July 23 we installed new officers with the help of Rebekah Sisters from surrounding Lodges. Kim Campbell started her term in the heat of the summer — one of the hottest days this summer. Her community service project is collecting clothes for the Hermiston Clothing Bank. Donations were delivered in October.

Jessica Peters, Rosie Miller, Advisor Dee Hanson and her husband Ron attended the Theta Rho retreat and TRA President Kendall's reception in early August in Milwaukie, OR. We gathered on Friday and talked and played well into the night. After breakfast Saturday morning, we were off to the Oregon Odd Fellows Home complex. We had tours of the campus, played bingo with residents and even painted some of the ladies' fingernails! Some members made new friends and other renewed old ones. What a great time we had.!

Then it was back to the hall for lunch for more fellowship and a late afternoon of bowling before dinner and Kendall's reception. A good crowd was on hand as we celebrated Kendall's presidency. She sure has a good start on a cat collection.

On Sunday morning there was more good food and a JYC meeting before we hit the road home. We stopped by Multnomah Falls as none of us had ever climbed the trail. The next stop was the Bonneville fish hatchery and then on to the dam for a self guided tour — an real education for us.

Watch for more of our travels in the next issue of *The Washington OddFellow*.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
Jessica Peters*

## In Oak Harbor

### Acorn Theta Rho #79

November is a time for giving thanks. We thought about what our community service projects for November could be that would remind us of the two special holidays that are this month and of the many blessings that we have.

First is Veterans' Day and everyone should say a special thanks to the men and women of our armed forces for defending the freedoms that we so readily enjoy. So with this in mind, we made a donation to the Hospitalized Vets to purchase Craft Kits for Christmas.

Then there is Thanksgiving and we are thankful for the good food and fun times with our families. We wanted others to be able to have this same feeling. We had two projects related to this. The first one was in conjunction with our Halloween party that we had the end of October. We met at our advisor's house and after a pizza party, we went on a scavenger hunt for items for our local food bank. This provided us with a fun way of helping in our community. Then we reached out a little further and made a donation to purchase 100 pounds of food for the "Feed the Children" program. We consider ourselves lucky that we have enough food ourselves and can help provide for those who don't.

On Saturday, November 8, we will have a table at our Rebekah Lodge's Rent-A-Table Craft Fair. Along with selling craft items to add to our treasury, we will sell tickets for our annual turkey raffle with the proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We have been doing this for several years now and it has always been a very successful project. We are hoping that it will be again this year.

Remember at Thanksgiving, while you are sharing time with your family, to give thanks to our Creator for the many blessings that are yours.



Theta Rho girls from several clubs gathered for an initiation ceremony on October 11. In the front row, from left, are Jenny Vargo, Florence Frogge' and Tabethia Nelson, all from the Spunky Bluebirds TRC #93. Standing are Sabrina Bramhall (TRC #93), Amber Bailey (new candidate for TRC #93), Tressa Hammell, Joleena Fletcher (new candidates for Grays Harbor #92), Annie Tjelde (TRC #93), Cindy Ashe and Cassidy Feist, both from Grays Harbor #92.

### *In South Tacoma*

## Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

We have been busy this past month. On October 11, we initiated one of our three new candidates. The other two will be initiated at one of our meetings very soon. Donna Tonn of Grays Harbor TRC #92 also brought two candidates to be initiated. We served lunch at noon and initiated at 1 p.m.

We also started back working at "My Sister's Pantry" food bank. We stock shelves with donated food once a month. We are also looking for other community service ideas that we can do. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

We have a couple fund raisers planned, too. One is a raffle with the first prize being a dinner for two at The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant. Tickets are \$1 each. we will draw the first part of December.

We are having a food drive and any donations will be appreciated.

We are still learning as a new club and want to once again thank all the Rebekah Sisters for all their experience and help at our meetings and activities.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
Kendra Frogge', Advisor*

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Arthur Bickle**, PG, State IOOF Lodge.
- **Emory Wellons**, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22, Yakima.
- **Dorothy Becinski**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Ruth Funge**, Schuyler Rebekah Lodge #18, Dayton.
- **Edith Smith**, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, Spokane.
- **Ethel MacMaster**, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, Spokane.
- **Marie Nelson**, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, Spokane.
- **Viola Rymal**, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.
- **Pansy Taylor**, 45 year member, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor.
- **Marie Arbuckle**, Deborah Rebekah Lodge #321, Blaine.

## *Support Your Favorite Odd Fellow Charity*

Kelly Hughes, PG of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129, has a special offer. He has started a program at Lincoln, Mercury & Mazda of Olympia in the Capitol Auto Mall. Any IOOF member in good standing will receive a **\$300 discount** on any new or used car purchased through him.

**The best part is for EVERY car sold, \$100 will be donated to the Odd Fellow program of your choice!**

You must show a current dues card to receive the discount and donation.

*This offer expires December 1, 2003.*

## District Association #2 planning fun activities

Hello Everyone,

I would like to have some fun get-togethers so everyone can get better acquainted from each of our Lodges in District Association #2. You are welcomed to bring friends, family and potential members, too. I have planned two different activities you can attend. Please be thinking of other get-togethers you would be interested in doing or hosting.

The first event is a Stamp Party — five projects for \$5. This will be on Saturday, November 8 at 2 p.m. in the Spokane Odd Fellows Temple, 1420 N. Washington. So that there are enough supplies, please call me at (509) 924-6892 and let me know how many will be attending. Snacks will be provided.

The second event is a winter decoration day also to be held at the Spokane Odd Fellows Temple. You can make a centerpiece, wreath, garland or whatever. Let your imagination run wild. I will supply the greens. You should bring your own trinkets, bobbles, candles, lights, etc. you would like on your creation. I will try to have some extra supplies for sale if you need extras. Also, you may want to bring a glue gun, glue, wire cutters, pruning shears, floral wire, tape, cording or whatever you need to hold your projects together or attach to the project. Remember to bring a bowl, wreath frame or those type of supplies for the project you want to have. This is planned for Saturday, December 13 at 1 p.m. Please let me know by December 10 if you plan to attend. I need to be able to get the greens. Please call (509) 924-6892 for this project, too.

In the spirit of the season please, bring a canned good for Second Harvest and a finger food snack to share.

*— Linda Bradley, District Association #2 President*

## Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

October's bright blue weather is upon us, but the weatherman says we are in for rain and cooler weather the next few days. It has been so beautiful for more than a week, but the rain will be welcome because it is so dry.

On September 30, instead of our usual fifth Tuesday potluck, Sisters Mary Gosney and Glenda Bowdish prepared spaghetti and others brought salads and desserts to honor and thank the people who took care of the five coffee stops we had at the rest area out of Yakima near Selah. It is a long way to travel, a lot of work and it does take time. We thank each and everyone of them. Of course, the people who made all the cookies are thanked very much, too. Bingo was played after dinner and everyone had a good time.

Sisters Loleta Zumwalt and Mavis House, along with Brother Ernie House, attended the reception for DALAPM President Marge Schaaf in Walla Walla on October 4. It was a beautiful day and we visited with many old friends and met some new ones. The following day we took part in the Regimental meeting which was a great practice day. I'm sure we all learned a little something. The Walla Walla ladies certainly served us some delicious food and showed us Rebekah hospitality. Thanks, ladies.

On October 6, Leah Rebekah Lodge members with NG Mavis House, presided over our Fall Festival

Friendship Day. Sisters from Hazel Rebekah Lodge in Odell, OR; Grass Valley, OR; Grandview; Yakima; Skamania; and several from our Lodge were in attendance. The count was 34, which we were happy with. Eighteen junior high school students, led by their teacher Barbara Stout, gave us a very nice musical program. Everyone enjoyed it very much. Salad, sandwiches and dessert were served. It was a very nice party.

On October 25, we hosted the District Meeting in the new Grange Hall. There were no stairs to climb.

At our October meetings, we had nominations of officers. The election will be held during the first meeting in November.

We hope everyone will enjoy a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. We really can't tell what the weather is going to be like because it changes so drastically all at once.

I reported lots of sickness last month, but I think most of our members are on the mend. However, we have heard of several of our Grand Officers being ill. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. We care and are concerned.

I just can't believe that 2003 is almost over and the holidays with all their festivities are upon us.

*In F, L. & T.,  
Loleta Zumwalt,  
PNG and Reporter*

## Thanks from Judy and Mae

Mom and I would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who sent cards to her during the past few months while she has been having health problems. They were really enjoyed and gave her a "pick me up."

I also would like to let people know that we have moved her again (I hope for the last time) as things were not working out very well at the facility where she was living. Her new assisted living facility offers much more help, which not only makes it easier for her, but takes a lot of stress off of me. Her new address is:

**MAE BLEVINS**

**165 SW 6TH AVE. APT. 312, OAK HARBOR, WA 98277**

*— Judy Diekman*



Everyone was having fun at South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160's Halloween party.

## South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Happy Thanksgiving!

A big hello goes out to our adopted Sister Mary Dobson and to all of our other members on the books who can't make our meetings. We hope you are all well.

Our Lodge had its Halloween party and everyone dressed up. There were nice gifts given out and good food was served after the meeting. Everyone had a great time as you can see by the picture.

Once again our Lodge went down

to the Pantry and served up lunch on the fourth Saturday of October. For November we are having our food drive with the food going to "My Sister's Pantry." The food drive will run from November 10-21. If you are interested in donating, you'll find my phone number on our Lodge Card. Every little bit helps. Let's all do our part.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Laurel Delony,  
Reporter*

## Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

As the bright leaves flutter from their summer anchors, we also shift into new modes.

Nancy Davis led us through another season of train ride reservations, marked by a crisis resulting from our first computer crash which destroyed three weeks worth of entries which could only partially be restored.

Marvel Smith guided us through the feeding of the large crowds who participated in the last two weekends of train rides.

Lila Middleton, with the assistance of her husband, John, took hold of providing the pumpkins for the third grade pumpkin project — a scientific approach to measuring and otherwise understanding the pumpkin. The pumpkins were a bargain this year as Pat Mendenhall's son Dave, who drives a truck and hauls fruit and vegetables, has a friend in the pumpkin business who was willing to donate them.

Some folks find autumn to be a sad season and there were tears aplenty at Pine Forest when we learned that Loita Musgrove would be leaving the area at the end of October. We had been hoping that a job at the mine would become available and allow her to stay, but this did not happen. We put on a show during the "Good of the Order," drenching hankies with tears

as we sang "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To" We provided Loita with a "hankie" large enough to suit an elephant, but though we made a joke of it, the sad feelings were real as Loita has been a stellar contributor in her short time with us.

Most jobs at the mine have been filled now and the contractors are done with their work. This means our hall will be quieter since it will no longer be needed for mine safety classes.

We have started planning and gathering goodies for the construction of our gingerbread houses and have begun preparations for the Christmas Bazaar and the filling of the Christmas boxes for local families in need.

The growth of bingo crowds has not been rapid, but it has been satisfactory and we continue to schedule the games month by month. Cheryl Eckhart will be taking over as bingo manager, but current manager Janet (Sam) Crandall has promised to help.

*Though good may come of practice,  
This primal truth endures;  
The first time anything is done,  
It's done by amateurs.*

— Art Buck  
*In F., L. & T.,  
Anne Williams, Reporter*

## In Soap Lake

### Sun Lakes Rebekah Lodge #329

The last meeting of the month was canceled for lack of a quorum. Members were sick, at doctors' appointments or out of town.

At present, our members are all reasonably well. We have a few aches, but hey, thank God.

The rest stop on September 19-21 turned out to be a good weekend. We felt our time was well spent. We desperately need another money-raiser. We know we are in good company in this dilemma.

We were looking forward to the little ghosts and goblins. I love Halloween. The kids are so cute and the mothers are so inventive with the costumes.

It is officer election time for the year. We will be busy at this first meeting. Will it be joy or woe? Where do we get the bodies?

*Oh, woe is me!  
Oh, woe is me!  
It's truly an agony  
Few able participants*

*Makes this not a shoo-in event!*  
It seems as if fall is really here. It is cool enough to nip your nose, but it is oh so beautiful. I love this time of the year.

Until we meet again, may the road be smooth and troubles few.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Opal Stoops,  
Reporter*

## Concrete Rebekah Lodge #226

What a delight it was to have Karen Hoylman, Rebekah Assembly President, as our guest for lunch and for our meeting. We welcomed her with the Honors of the Degree and pinned her with a lovely corsage made by Betty Hendrickson with flowers from her own garden. Karen presented Concrete Lodge with three awards: The Spirit of Higher Education Award, the Community Service Spirit Award and the Rainbows of Promise Award for our contribution to the Arthritis Foundation. We signed her quilt and bought raffle tickets, too. We all enjoyed our visit with Karen. She is a warm, caring and positive person.

Sorry Oak Leaf! We took the attendance cup away from you at the District #10 Meeting. We hoped you enjoyed it for the short time we let another Lodge borrow it!!

Again we shall highlight a Rebekah Sister from our Lodge. This November Sister Jewell Falconer will have a birthday. Jewell was born in 1920 in Oklahoma and married Gordon Falconer in 1941. During the

war years, she worked at Convair Aircraft Company in San Diego, CA. After the war, Jewell and her husband opened a dry cleaning business, also located in San Diego.

When they retired in 1977, they moved to be closer to their son in the Concrete area. Jewell has two very nice sons and their lovely wives, and three grandchildren. Two of the granddaughters live next door and Jewell is always there for them.

Jewell loves to read a lot, go to lunch and never misses a Rebekah Lodge or a District meeting if she is feeling well enough. She has had some down times with ill health, but has always sprung back to come to Lodge. Quite often she has a cute poem or a good joke to read to make us all laugh. Jewell is a 22-year Rebekah member and will celebrate her 83rd birthday this November. We all love you, Jewell!

We hope every one has a blessed Thanksgiving.

*Betty Hendrickson  
Chaplain & Reporter*

## Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings!! Your reporter's problem is that we almost always meet after our report has to be in, so once more there was an erroneous statement in October's report. We were fortunate to have Narcissa #2 members initiate our candidate, Jackie Howard, in a beautiful ceremony. Thanks, Narcissa Sisters.

At our first meeting in October, we were honored by the presence of our DDP Frieda Church. Sister Artie Fulton of Schuyler #18 accompanied friends from Dayton. Frieda is an associate member of Sunshine #54.

Sister Elsie Patterson's son Don had surgery for a tumor on both sides of his brain. He is paralyzed on the right side and is getting therapy for that. Those ill or just too tired to come to Lodge were Sisters Ellen Want, Elsie Patterson, Vivian Linklater and Helen Campbell.

Sister Agnes Butterfield, 103 years young, of the Home in Walla Walla, is gotten up every day, dressed and is sometimes taken to the dining room for her meals or has a tray taken to her room.

It was reported that Brother Art

Craig had surgery, but is getting along as well as can be expected. To all those needing our prayers for good health and well being, we hope they are up and going very soon.

It was reported that Sister Helen Campbell has a new grand baby, but no particulars were forthcoming.

First nominations of officers were held during the first meeting in October. We were to have a pajama party at the last meeting. It will be over by the time you read this. I'm sure everyone had a great deal of fun. We always do.

*Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.*

— Amiel

*Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.*

— Waitley

Have a very happy and thankful Thanksgiving.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Mary Lou Bostrup, Reporter*

## Chaplain's Corner

### November: a lovely month

Here it is November. Our year is almost over after a lovely summer. Yes, it was dry and we all wished for some rain, but it certainly created a lovely autumn with the crisp air and changing of the colors. The drive between Mt. Vernon and Bellingham and over Stevens Pass was lovely.

November also is the month for elections "Don't forget to vote." It is also time to remember our Veterans — those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom — and all the men and women who are now in our military protecting our values.

We also send our prayers and good wishes to all our Brothers and Sisters of Odd Fellowship who are in ill health and sorrow. May

*God watch over you.*

*There are many things in life*

*That we cannot understand,*

*But we must trust in God's judgment*

*And be guided by his hand,*

*And all who have God's blessing*

*Can rest safely in His care*

*For he promises "safe passage"*

*On the "Wings of Faith and Prayer."*

— Nita Sherwood Sherwood, Chaplain, Rebekah Assembly



## In Spokane Valley

### Ramona Rebekah Lodge #238 & Wilford Odd Fellow Lodge #269

Ramona members attended a fun-filled District #2 Meeting conducted by President Sherry Pond and hosted by Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91 in Mead. Sisters and Brothers from Idaho were present and the Home in Walla Walla was represented by our own Mary Lou Bostrup.

After Rebekah Assembly VP Sandi Moon gave her official Home report, Mary Lou gave her personal one. She said she has never regretted for one moment her decision to become a resident. After recent bypass surgery, she spent two weeks in the extended care unit. She could not praise that staff more highly.

Ellen Nunn was her hostess for the three days she was here.

After the meeting, everyone was to wear an illustrated t-shirt and be ready to tell their shirt's story and have a one-line joke ready. If we weren't so old and broken down, we would have been rolling in the isles, especially when we heard some slightly naughty ones.

Sister Selma Lindor has been elect-

ed Vice President for 2004 and already is planning her 2005 Session.

It is time for a Wilford/Ramona update: The Brothers, with few exceptions, are remarkably healthy. The Sisters are on the mend.

Lillian Davis is quite remarkable. After two weeks in the hospital, she is home and able to get around with oxygen, physical therapy and Brother John's loving care.

Shirley and Joe Gardner, though not doing great, are still able to maintain their home.

Don Schmidt and Fran have been able to come to Wilford's business lunch. Sister Fran received a special award from their assisted living facility for her tireless support and comfort for other residents.

Sisters Barbara Good and Freda Hanson also were at the lunch.

Our nominations for Ramona officers has resulted in a rerun of the 2003 slate. Sorry, Sisters. Not every election can be a *California* one!

In F. L. & T.,  
Donna Flatt, Reporter

### Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 - Pomeroy

Phew — we survived the ghosts and goblins.

Narcissa Lodge #2 of Walla Walla was hostess for the District #5 Meeting held at the Odd Fellow Home. It was an enjoyable day of visiting and learning.

Hazel Crawford of Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 was in charge of the Tribute to Our Flag. All of us have seen the U.S. Flag folded and presented to a family member at funerals. Each fold has a special meaning and Hazel explained each one.

Our members come from three communities and papers were sent to all three — Asotin, Clarkston and Pomeroy — on the Visual Aid Program to help students in need of eye exams and glasses.

Doris Perry and Hazel Crawford were in charge of an addendum to honor Faye Moore. Faye received her 50-year jewel. She joined Faith #16 March 3, 1953. She was NG in 1967 and held other offices, as well. Faye was on the drill team and worked on

many dinners and other Lodge projects. Faye has three sons and one daughter.

Evelyn Watson is in our local hospital. She is having more tests and is gaining her strength back.

Bernice Fitzgerald is having treatments and is in the Clarkston Care Center.

Lois Tippett fell and broke her collar bone. Ouch!!

Our shut-ins are Madelyn Fanning, Delora Kimble and Violet Smith. Our prayers go out to these Sisters.

Our officers for 2004 will be: NG Wilma Bly, VG Donna Miller, Sec. Hazel Crawford, Fin. Sec. Doris Perry and Treas. Phil Crawford. Please support and help our Lodge officers as it takes everyone to continue the friendship and work for a Lodge to be successful.

We wish everyone a very happy and safe thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for.

In F. L. & T.,  
Janet Scoggin, Reporter

### Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

Gobble, gobble! Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

As we go into November, the weather has turned to rain. Winter is on the way. The leaves are still green as I write this news, but the colors are starting to change, the wind has started to blow and the leaves that are ready to fall are flying all over the place.

We will elect our new officers during the first meeting in November. We look forward to a new year with new ideas.

We hope to have a Thanksgiving potluck at our second meeting on November 25. That is only two days before the big turkey day, but we will just get a taste of what is to come.

#### NORTHWEST CORNER

*I like to get behind to wheel  
About this time of year  
And travel to Tacoma in  
The land of Mount Rainier  
To climb the path to Paradise  
Where flowers kiss the snow*

*And say a fond hello again  
To all the friends I know  
To cross the narrows, swim and fish  
And stroll along the bay  
Or visit in Seattle for  
The portion of a day  
The wondrous State of Washington  
Has all the atmosphere  
Of true democracy and of  
The mighty pioneer  
Where no one ever asks your name  
And no one makes demands  
But everyone is helpful and  
Believes in shaking hands.*

— By James F. Metcalfe

As we travel around we can all relate to this poem, making new friends and greeting all the our old friends with a hand shake or a big hug!!

Until next time, may God bless. Enjoy all the things you're thankful for!

Until next time in F,L.&T.,  
Joyce Miller  
Reporter



Here's the guys and gals from South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211.

### South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211

Hey everybody! We hope your Halloween was great and we wish for you a great Thanksgiving.

Our Noble Grand Steve Tjelde is going to start having protocol lessons as a program during our meetings. With so many new members, it's time to start instructing them on the proper way to bring in the flag, not to cross between the altar and the Noble Grand's station, stand when addressing the Noble Grand, etc.

Our Lodge also had it's nomina-

tions of officers. I'll let you know in December who's been elected to what.

David Morris, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, is coming to visit us on November 12. It should prove to be a good meeting.

Oh, we've included a picture just to show you our great bunch of guys and gals.

Until next month. . .

In F. L. & T.,  
Laurel Delony, Reporter

### Harmony Rebekahs #335 - Vader

I hope all of you Sisters had a great Halloween and that you attended the Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association Meeting in Kelso. We had a costume party and I shall tell the details in my next article.

Last month we had the coffee stop for a week and what an adventure that is. For those of you who do not know this, it is a great way to make money for your Lodge. If you need information on how to do this, let me know and I can supply it. My husband Charlie and our friend Jeanette Killian worked the rest stop for us and I just wish to thank them very much for their efforts.

Our NG Lila Jordan has been on vacation to her son's home in California. We hope to get a full report on the trip. She called me when she got there. She was stopping by to visit one of our other Sisters, Pat Laferty, who is not doing so well.

Our Sister Betty Hack has been ill and also has been on vacation. She went with her daughter and son-in-law to Kentucky to visit a new grand-baby and she had a ball. She brought

back pictures. The baby is so cute. They had to pry it out of Betty's pocket before she left.

We had a great District #18 Meeting and I wish to say that is was a good meeting we got a lot done. I had to leave at noon, but the lunch was great. Our new officers for District #18 are President Alberta Luurs, Vice President Francis O'Neil, Secretary Kay Pratt and Treasurer Mary Dunivan. It should be a great year in 2004. Let's have fun.

LouAnn Hoffman read us a report about a District #18 Meeting from years ago. Sorry, I forgot what date it was, but it was from the early 1900s. They met in Randle and Packwood then. The meetings lasted all day and they had lunch and dinner together. You wonder what all they did then? But the report made it sound like fun.

Well, that's all this reporter has for now. Remember, turkey day is at the end of the month. Let's celebrate in grand form and eat lots of turkey!!

In F. L. & T.,  
Mary Dunivan,  
Reporter

### Alkaziah Rebekahs #325 - Coulee Dam

Fall has arrived in Coulee Country. The leaves are changing and there's a nip in the air. Plans are being finalized for a fall potluck and local Christmas bazaars. Raffle tickets will be sold at the bazaars for a large Christmas food basket, a gourmet breakfast basket and a mystery basket. The drawing will be on December 6.

Alkaziah and Grand Coulee Lodges co-hosted a Friendship Day on October 21. We were hoping all the invited Lodges will come and enjoy a day of Friendship, Fellowship and fun.

Sister Maxine Williams took several antique items that the Lodge had accumulated over the years to the Custer show in Spokane the first week of October and raised some money for

our treasury.

Sister Mary Lee Novelli enjoyed a trip to Martha's Vineyard to attend her daughter's wedding. Sister Nancy Meyer visited family and friends in the Seattle area in early October.

Several of our members are ill. Sister Dorothy Koentropp is still in the hospital following knee surgery. Sister Connie Seaver is holding her own following a bout with cancer. Sister Evelyn Smith is recovering from a bad cold. Sister Marg Christman is in a rehab center in Spokane with a shattered ankle. Sister Jane Rollins' mother passed away in Virginia and Sister Maxine Butts' sister passed away.

In F. L. & T.,  
Connie Seaver, Reporter

## In Electric City

### Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Hello everyone! Did the spooks and goblins stop at your door? Aren't they adorable — especially the little ones!

This month we will have election of officers. Because of our party on October 21, we will finish our elections in November.

We held a Friendship Day last month with Alkaziah Rebekah Lodge co-hosting. As I write this, I am in hopes that we had a good crowd and that everyone went away after having a fun afternoon. It is so good to visit with other Lodge members. The camaraderie is the best thing for everyone.

Sick report — Frances (Sather) Thomas of Cheney had surgery on her arm. Sister Marge Wyborne is now back in the Lincoln Hospital in Davenport. Our good wishes are extended to them. Is there anyone else out there? Let's remember them in our prayers.

Our Sister Katie Eckhart was the grand marshal in the Almira Harvest Festival Parade. She is a very regal lady to represent the town.

Sister Helen Scheibner's grand-

daughter, Courtney, got married on October 26. More on that next time.

Sister Jeannette Kelley and her husband Robert visited with Sister Sybil Young at the Home in Walla Walla last month. They found her busy, happy and doing her wash!

We are getting ready to make another delivery to the Hope Center in Moses Lake. Thanks, Sisters, for all of your help.

Thanksgiving is coming on November 27. May we enjoy our get-togethers and take time to enjoy each other.

Thanks, Sisters, for all the goodies you bring me. We are able to help so many with your generous donations of soup labels, BC coupons, school coupons, canceled stamps and old greeting cards.

Until next month, may the world treat you with harmony. Remember, if you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with a little rain! It is time for the rain to come anytime.

See you all next month. . .

*In F, L. & T.,  
Jeanette Kelley,  
Reporter*

### Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Members of Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233 enjoyed the Sisters who visited on Friendship Night. Twenty-six members attended the event on October 3. In attendance were Rebekah Assembly Warden Linda Dodge; four Sisters from the two Lodges in Bremerton (Mystic #168 and Aurilla #133); nine from South Tacoma #160; and one each from Kapowsin #241 and Warren #308. Of course, there were a faithful ten from Nisqually.

Alberta Knecht entertained with a selection on her washboard and a couple of numbers on her flute. Bingo

was played and everyone received an item or two to take home.

Now we are looking forward to nominations of officers for the coming year.

Best wishes to NG Hugga after her accident. It happened while she was parked, too!

Thanksgiving is almost upon us. Let us be thankful for our Lodges, our Sisters and our friendships.

Drop by again soon. Our Sisters would love to see you.

*In F, L. & T.,  
Norma Roberts,  
PNG and Reporter*

### Adina Rebekah Lodge #27 - Kent

Due to replacement knees, hips and broken bones, we have been meeting in the home of our Noble Grand, Gladys Hughes. Our activities are limited, but we are doing our best to contribute to the community.

On the first of July, we recognized the 113th year of being the Rebekah Lodge in Kent. We are small now, but we do what we can. Our members range from Allan Reitan's 14 years to 72 years for PNG Kathleen Dunham.

"Life is a gift and if we accept this, we must contribute in return." (Einstein) In this case it was giving a vital part of herself. Our Representative was unable to attend the 2003 Rebekah Assembly Sessions because she was living up to this prin-

ciple. Sister Dixie Dunham, PNG, was in the hospital to donate a kidney to a friend to prolong her life. We are very proud of Dixie and we believe that what she did is what heroines are made of.

We were able to find an area connection for Guide Dogs for the Blind, so we donated our birthday bank money to them.

We are looking forward to the visit of our Assembly President on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m.

"Autumn is that season when nature seems to stop growing and start glowing." Enjoy!

*In F, L. & T.,  
Gen Halstead,  
Secretary & Reporter*

### Could she be Superwoman? No, it's Florence!

Florence Frogge' Theta Rho Assembly Secretary, tried out the British phone booth at Peggy's Cove near Halifax, in Nova Scotia. There also was a lighthouse there that she visited. It is the only lighthouse that has a post office in it. Florence was part of the Theta Rho of Washington Assembly delegation that attended the International Sessions last August.



### Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Yep! We're back again. Did you miss us last month? Sorry about that. Our vacation was a long one because of no quorum on June 18, two months of summer break and then the first September meeting falling on Labor Day. We finally got back for a meeting on September 15. I had reported everything in the September letter and there just was nothing to report on except the weather.

The only thing that happened was the trip to IARA Sessions in Nova Scotia by PP Irene Kossow. Then she wasn't at the September meeting, so I haven't seen or heard from her since.

VG Sharin Brown conducted the meeting and did a very good job. She just may be elected NG for 2004.

We draped our Charter in honor of IARA Past President Pat Jones.

Representative, PP Fay Bowers-Holland, gave a report on action at Assembly, presented the program of President Karen Hoylman and gave a certificate for a "Perfect Annual Report" to Secretary Kay Smith. Fay was introduced as DDP for District #26 and received the honors.

Sec. Kay Smith read the President's letter and part of Sister Betty Weldon's letter regarding all

helping with the Annual Report preparation. Good food for thought.

I just returned from our meeting and I am glad to report that we have Sisters nominated for all officers on the first nomination. PP Irene Kossow, our NG, is finally back home and gave a report on her trip to IARA Sessions. She said getting there went well, however getting home was a different adventure. She has been traveling and entertaining visitors since being home.

Several reports were given about under-the-weather members throughout the state. Our prayers are with Grand Secretary Art Craig, PP Dee Hanson, GP George Carlile and to someone very special to us, Sister Connie Seaver at Coulee Dam. All of you, hang in there. To all others with health problems, our prayers and love to each of you.

Beings I didn't write in October, I hope everyone made it through Halloween with out any "tricks." Here is our wish for November: Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with family and friends on this special day.

Until next month. . .

*Fay Bowers-Holland,  
PP and Reporter*

### In Pe Ell

### Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

I missed the October 8 meeting, but I hope to manage the news all right. Secretary Jerry Bierdeman is still unable to come to meetings because of the steps. She read a letter and card to Luellyn over the phone from Isabella Rebekah Lodge in Yakima. A thank you will be sent when the address is received.

It was a busy weekend. Norline Hahn was late for the District #18 Meeting because she was the EMT on the emergency ambulance run to deliver Luellyn to the hospital.

NG Carolyn Miller gave the Tribute to Autumn at the District #18 Meeting.

Marian Moon is a great-great grandmother to a cute little boy. The five generation photo was in the Chronicle.

Joyce Crafton's son is stationed in Japan. He and his wife have a new baby girl.

NG Carolyn Miller had to see a specialist about her hip. VG Louise Lusk presided at the meeting. The first nominations of officers was held.

Jerry and Luellyn are both house bound, but plan to be at the next meeting.

Did anyone ever have a half-grown possum come in their house and commit suicide in the commode? It happened in Luellyn's basement.

Here's a gem from PNG Vesta Latta's Friendship Book:

**TIME**

*There's a time to work  
And a time to play,  
There's a time for everything you do,  
But the nicest time,  
I'm sure you'll find,  
Was time spent with friends,  
Both old and new.  
Time spent is sweet  
When, with friends, you meet.  
Our welcome mat's  
Always out for you.  
You don't have to wait  
For a special date  
Cause any old time will do.*

Rebekahs are wonderful people. With love and good health to all.

*In F, L. & T.,  
Luellyn Ainsworth, PNG & Reporter*

### Holgate hosts Theta Rho's!

Before Theta Rho Assembly President Kendall Shupe's reception in Milwaukie, OR August 9, Theta Rho girls from Washington and Oregon visited with residents of the Holgate Center. They had a wonderful time painting nails and visiting with the residents. The Holgate Center is Kendall's project this year. She will make a donation to the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, too.



## PNG's Association

### Kapowsin #241 to host PNGs

The F.L.&T. Association of Past Noble Grands will meet on Thursday, November 20 at Collins Grange Hall, 3404 E. 120th St. E. in Tacoma. The luncheon will be hosted by Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241 at noon and the meeting will convene at 1 p.m. The theme for the day will be "Oddity in the Thanksgiving Celebration."

Get well wishes are extended to our Sisters who have been reported ill this past summer.

We all miss Sister Dema Scalph who moved to Spokane recently.

Welcome all Past Noble Grands to our luncheon and meetings.

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

*In F., L. & T., Dorothy Nelson, Reporter*

## Red Apple IOOF Lodge #276 and Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246

Nominations of officers are completed and now we elect our new leaders. Hopefully all elected offices will be filled.

Our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner for all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their families and friends will be on Sunday, November 16 at 1 p.m. in our Lodge hall. The turkey will be supplied by the Rebekah Lodge.

Another activity is the "Start Christmas With a Song" program presented at the Grandview Senior Center on December 1. Several of our Rebekahs participate and our Vice Grand, Helen Thiel, is in charge of arranging the program. Santa will pay his annual visit and none of us are too old to not enjoy Santa.

Ramona Niccolson, Helen Thiel and Valma DeVall were presented with unofficial honorary membership certificates at a recent meeting of Alder Rebekah Lodge #80.

The tables were turned when Ramona, our District Deputy President, presented Leona Savage a certificate for more than 30 years service as Secretary of Alder Rebekah Lodge.

Our Odd Fellows are still having their breakfasts on the second Sunday

of each month with the proceeds going to community service projects and projects of Grand Lodge and Sovereign Grand Lodge.

#### CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

A man, driving on a narrow, winding mountain road met a car going the other way. As it squeezed by him, a woman yelled out the window, "Pig!" The startled man immediately leaned out his own window and yelled back at her, "Witch!" Before he turned back around, *pow!* He crashed into a pig.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Prayer of a Chippewa Indian: "O Father, whose voice I hear in the words and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I am a man before you, one of Your many children. I am small and weak. I need Your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunsets. Make my hands respect the things You have made, my ears sharp to hear your voice." (Continued next month.)

Happy Thanksgiving! Please give to your local food bank.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Val DeVall,  
Reporter*

## Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

The Brothers and Sisters had a good turnout at our District Association meetings in Port Townsend. New officers for the Rebekahs are President Judy Inman of Mizpah #11 and Vice President Helen Walsh of Mystic #168. The Secretary and Treasurer will remain in office. The Odd Fellows will elect officers in the spring. That meeting will be in Bremerton.

Now it is time to elect our Lodge officers.

The Brothers will will host Grand

Master David Morris on November 18.

Our Brothers are keeping the doctors busy. John Gaiski and Wally Martin had surgery and Mac MacPherson has a build up of fluid again. Our get well wishes are extended to them and to Brother Art Craig, as well.

Hello to all our members near and far. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Don & Florence Cowdery,  
Reporters*

## Hillyard Rebekahs #145 - Spokane

We successfully completed our District #2 Association Meeting. Our Lodge did a skit on phone solicitors from AT&T. I think everyone had a fun time. Elizabeth Beal was able to attend after her hip and wrist healed from last spring. Betty Rash also was able to attend. Our Lodge had seven people at the District Meeting.

At our last meeting, DDP of District #2, Sandi Moon, joined us. June Loder also attended with her. It was a delight to have them present. June took home the door prize.

Our last meeting in October was

Hobo Night. This is when we had stew and rolls or corn bread for our happy hour. Each member brought a tin can to eat out of and dressed as a hobo. Modern day hobos brought glass jars because they easily could be found in a garbage can. Keep this in mind and join us next year.

We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and happy shopping for the holidays. May each of your families be blessed.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Linda Bradley,  
Reporter*

## In Long Beach

### Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Red, white and blue decorations adorned our Lodge room along with members and guests for our Friendship Night meeting on September 16. Visiting Sisters showed their patriotic fashion, too, including three Sisters from Riverside in Cathlamet, ten from Seaside, OR, three from Monterose and three from Fraternity.

Hot dogs, baked beans, salads and condiments were served prior to our meeting. Bingo was played with several prizes given. Our great crew of Donna Merrill, Opal Eaton, Frances O'Neil, Lucy Aydelott, Betty Pierce, Cathy Kary, Olney Patch, Marla Johnson and Linda Zuern made contributions in decorating, setting up, cooking and providing raffle prizes. The rest of us pitched in with full tummies and helped clean up. (Sam Seaman helped with set up.)

Longtime sister of Ocean Beach, Effie Lamon, spoke on patriotism and delighted us with a poem about our flag. Effie is 93-years-old and spry as can be.

Our Friendship Club met September 30 with Marla Johnson serving dinner. Bunco is still being played on the last Wednesday of each month. Packages to some of our servicemen in Iraq have been mailed. They are really appreciative of the items sent.

Preparations are underway for our visit from President Karen Hoylman on October 21. I'll report in the next *Washington OddFellow* as she hasn't been here yet as I write this, but when

you read this, she's been here and gone. Confusing?

Five Sisters attended the District #18 meeting in Chehalis. Donna Merrill reported on the day's program. Sister Carla Schmidt played the "Easter Bunny" and invited District #18 Lodges to attend the April spring meeting in Ilwaco, hosted by Ocean Beach #313. Sister Frances O'Neil was seated as Vice President.

Donna's attendance team is leading my team by a "few" heads. I'm thinking I better start looking through my cookbooks. We had 19 in attendance at our October 7 meeting Nominations of officers was held. Nominations will remain open until our next meeting. Olney Patch, Diane Einex and Jean Underwood served refreshments. The decorations were very nice with the fall season used as a theme.

Sister Verna Mae Carroll went home from the nursing home (she had a bad fall) and is doing much better. Our NG Cathy Kary has our prayers and warm thoughts for her mother who is not well. Our prayers continue for our boys in Iraq that they stay safe and come home soon.

Fall is in the air. It's a little cooler and a little darker in the mornings and evenings. Christmas is just around the corner — oh, did I really say that? How about we celebrate Thanksgiving first. We wish you all a happy turkey day and may your table be bountiful and your blessings be served with love and kindness.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Sue Johnson, Reporter*

## Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all of our Sisters and Brothers. Vacation is over and now it is time to have our meetings again. Our weather has been really nice. It doesn't seem to be fall weather yet, although it is a little cooler in the evenings and mornings.

At our first meeting of the fall, we met for a potluck dinner. It was a nice gathering and it was good to see everyone. There were four chrysanthemum plants on the table and four Sisters picked the right numbers and got to take them home.

We discussed the District Meeting that was coming up at the time. Brother Willie Rentz said he had the Visual Aid information to give to our local schools. We also acknowledged members who had birthdays and anniversaries in August and September.

At our second meeting, we were pleased to have Katherine Carmichael with us. She is our DDP. Lillian Lafortune from Isabella #23 in Yakima also attended our meeting. Katherine gave a good report of what

happened at Assembly last June. She also presented a certificate and medalion of appreciation to our Lodge. Then she gave a certificate to our Secretary for a perfect Annual Report.

Several members helped our Sister Adelaide Clark celebrate her 93rd birthday. The celebration was held at the Rodeo City Bar-BQ Restaurant.

Since it was the anniversary of the Rebekahs, Sister Dorothy McCullough presented a nice program. For refreshments, Sisters Diane Bullock-Gauron and Jean Lester served a beautifully decorated cake and ice cream in honor of the anniversary.

Our Sister, NG Anna Sullivan, presented gifts of appreciation for attending our meeting to Sisters Katherine Carmichael and Lillian LaFortune. NG Anna won the traveling basket which Sister Winifred Johnson had brought.

This is all for now. Take care and may God bless.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Grace Wilson, PNG and Reporter*

## Napavine lounge act

These folks were seen "lounging" around at a recent Friends' Night at Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine. From left are Genie Coston, Jean Coston and Karen Hoylman.



## Lodge Cards will return

Because of the large volume of material this month for *The Washington OddFellow*, the Lodge Cards usually printed on this page have been left out. They will return as soon as possible. Your Lodge Card will be extended for the time it was left out.

### In Walla Walla

## Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2

Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, in conjunction with Narcissa and Bee Hive Rebekah Lodges, will hold our combined Homecoming on Friday, November 7. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and then dinner will be served. All reservations for dinner were to be made prior to October 30.

Brothers to receive Veteran Jewels are: Melvin Simons, 70 years; and William Pribilsky, 50 years. Receiving 25-year Jewels are Brothers Clifton Ferguson, John Klicker, Kirk Klicker, Kraig Klicker and Ron Klicker.

Because of the high cost of publishing our "Three Links" newsletter, it will no longer be published. The newsletter will be replaced by an informational quarterly letter with the first letter to be mailed before December 1.

We have had a bylaws change affecting annual dues. Beginning in the year 2004, our dues will be \$41, payable in advance. That means you should be sending them to the secretary now.

In F., L. & T.,  
Art Schreiber, Reporter

### In Walla Walla

## Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Our theme for November is "The best we can do is our best."

We will elect our 2004 officers on November 11. Also, we will hear from Dallas Boettcher, the student Narcissa #2 and Bee Hive #70 co-sponsored to send on last summer's United Nations Pilgrimage.

On November 25, we will celebrate Thanksgiving.

#### A NEW BEGINNING

*Each day is a new beginning  
With a chance to try again  
All the memories to erase*

*That seem to bring us pain.*

*Each day is a new beginning  
When we can start anew  
To sort out our priorities  
And know what we must do.*

*Each day is a new beginning  
In which to do our best*

*If we take the first step forward  
God will help us with the rest.*

— By Olive B. Elvin

In F., L. & T.,  
Henrietta "Penny" Everson,  
Reporter

## Waiting for the storm!!

Wearing their sou'wester hats at the Fun Night lobster dinner in Halifax were (front row) Judy Diekman and Florence Frogge' In the back are Doris Wigglesworth and Rebekah Assembly President Karen Hoylman.



## Aurilla Rebekahs #133 - Bremerton

Hello to all. We are losing contact with our out-of-town members. Please keep us up-to-date. Several members still owe dues.

We have many in-town members we would love to see at our meetings. We meet at 1 p.m.

It is time to elect officers and fill the chairs.

We are delighted to have Sister Dottie Freeman back to Lodge. We

also installed our Treasurer.

Shirley Gosselin still is having trouble with her eyes. We are happy to report that Sister Winnie Vanderpool is using her piano as part of her therapy.

We do hope everyone is healthy and will have a happy Thanksgiving.

In F., L. & T.,  
Florence Cowdery,  
Secretary

*Have A Happy & Blessed  
Thanksgiving!*

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### In Richland

## All States Rebekah Lodge #319 and Richland IOOF Lodge #338

A beautiful Indian Summer is with us. Golden leaves are falling down all around. Enjoy!

DDP Barbara German came for her official visit. She always inspires us to move ahead.

November is an extra special time as it brings Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving Day. These holidays put us in the right spirit for caring and sharing.

It is time for us to make our contributions for the Lodge's charities and our community service projects. We're hoping to give extra as the need

is great.

Good wishes to Nina Hames as she moves to Tacoma. Also, good wishes to Sue Dossey on her move to Eugene, OR. Call me for their addresses and telephone numbers.

Get well wishes are extended to Glenn Delozier who tested out the hospital for several days. Our wishes are always with our sick and shut-in members.

Thinking green!

In F., L. & T.,  
Juanita McElveny,  
Reporter

## New leaders for District #26

Officers-elect of Rebekah District Association #26, Jane Kuja (right) of Unity Rebekah Lodge #53 in Auburn, and Loletta McCormick of Eola Lodge #63 in Buckley, were installed as President and Vice President for the ensuing year at the District Meeting October 1. The meeting was conducted by Marie Wilson of Rainbow #31 in Orting. Marie had a very constructive and informative meeting and everyone left having spent a day of sharing Friendship, Love and Truth. Both Loletta and Jane are Past Presidents of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington.



### In Black Diamond

## Mount Rainier Rebekah Lodge #106

We held our nominations of officers at our first meeting in October. Our new officers will be: NG Judy Hastings, VG Zoe Gonzales, Chap. Mary Chilcott, Ward. Bobbie Young, Fin. Sec. Helen Manowski, Sec. Renee' Watters, Treas. Tina Kelley, and PNG Linda Ward. Our Installation will be on January 12 at 6 p.m. at the Black Diamond Eagles Hall.

We received three award certificates from the IARA. They are for the Arthritis Foundation, Community Service Spirit and the Two Per Cent Honor Roll.

We are having a dinner on Friday, November 14. We will serve hot barbecue beef sandwiches with salad and potato chips for \$4. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and goes until we run out, so come early.

We were please to have PSGM Art Craig join us for our lasagna dinner in October. It was a sellout! If you have never been to one of our dinners, now is the time to come!

We would like to say "hi and we are thinking of you" to our Sisters, Elaine, Ester, Karen and our Sister at the Home, Thelma.

Happy Thanksgiving!

In F., L. & T., Tina Kelley, PNG and Reporter

## A banner day in Buckley!!

Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Karen Hoylman was "hung" along with the President's "Home Lodge Banner" in her Lodge during a recent meeting. Note the noose around Karen's neck. The banner is now hanging in the Buckley IOOF #75 Lodge hall, home of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63.

