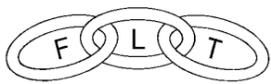


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Sessions

June is the month all Units of our Order meet in Kelso

The annual conclave of all Units of our Order for the Jurisdiction of Washington is set for June 17 through 23 at the Red Lion Hotel in Kelso. If you have not made your hotel reservations or registered for the Sessions yet, you had better hurry. This is the second year the Sessions have been held at the Kelso location.

Sessions will be held for the Grand Lodge of Washington; Rebekah Assembly of Washington; Theta Rho Assembly of Washington; Grand Encampment of Washington; Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington; Department Council of Washington, Patriarchs Militant; and the Department Association of Washington, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

Officers of all Units of the Order will be elected and installed during the Sessions. The All Unit Grand Banquet will be on Monday, June 20.

Camano Pork Chop Barbecue scheduled for Sunday, July 10

HP Downs Unified Encampment and Mt. Vernon IOOF Lodge will be sponsoring the annual Pork Chop Barbecue at the IOOF Park on Camano Island Sunday, July 10 starting at noon. The menu will be similar to last year's which included pork chop, potato, corn-on-the-cob, green beans, roll, dessert and beverage.

We have not determined a cost, but I'm sure it will be similar to last year's price of \$8.00. Everyone is invited to attend, so save the date.

There will be a regular Park Board meeting following the barbecue with both old and new board members.

— Judy Diekman, Reporter

Lodges!

Newspaper is on summer vacation, but let us know if you change address

Most of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will be on summer recess in July and August and we at *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper will do the same.

There will be no newspaper published during the next two months. Our next deadline is August 10 for the September, 2005 edition.

One of the problems we always encounter in September is a very high number of newspapers being returned because of change of addresses. Just because you are on vacation, don't forget to let us know if you move or change your address during the summer.

Last September we had more than 100 newspapers returned because members moved or secretaries failed to let us know if a member had passed away. In addition to a lot of work, this cost the newspaper more than \$200.

In addition, we remind all reporters to keep their stories short. We are asking that Lodge reports and District reports be limited to 200 words and officers' letters be limited to 300 words.

Thanks and have a great summer.

We wish you a happy and prosperous summer and we will be back in touch this fall.

— Your Editor



Crowder's chowder

"Bubbles" Crowder, John Crispin and Grand Secretary Edmund L. Reitan, Jr. were on hand for the "Crowder Chowder" feed in Des Moines last month. John is holding a photo of PGM Harvey Crowder. His recipe is used for the popular chowder. Ed Reitan, who served as Grand Warden for then Grand Master Harvey, was presented with his 50-year jewel. There were around 50 people in attendance for the event.

Retention!

What does membership include?

We hear so much about membership. We are encouraged to get someone to take our place, to get new members so we can be number one in the country. We all know we need new members to keep our Order going, but there is more to membership than getting new members. We must try to keep the members we have.

We lose many to death, but we lose more to being dropped for nonpayment of dues and withdrawal and resignation. A lodge should have a membership committee, and it should be their duty, in addition to promoting the acquisition of new members, to attempt to keep the members on the rolls. They should contact members whose dues become due who do not pay them. This can be by phone, email, regular mail, or a personal visit. It should be determined why the member has not paid, and then try to work out the problem so these members will stay with us.

If the lodge is large enough, a separate committee could be appointed as "Membership Retention." If a lodge takes in 10 new members in a year, that's great, but if they lose 12 for various reasons, they have less at the end of the year that they did at the beginning. This is what is happening.

Let's work on keeping our members on the rolls, as well as getting new ones. Let's have membership retention!

*See You In Kelso!
Grand Sessions This Month*

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

A BREACH OF SECURITY

- **Good News** — Nothing seems to be missing.
- **Bad News** — We were vulnerable from 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7, to 9 a.m. Monday, May 9.

Maybe this is a good time to do a review of what is Grand Lodge Office space. The Grand Lodge rents a storefront facing Main Street which consists of two rooms. The front room is used for office activities and hosts associated equipment. The rear room houses the postage meter, copy machine, newspaper labeling machine and supporting computer, office supplies and a rest room. The rear door from this room gives us access to a loft where our archives are stored. This is over space occupied by our editor, an independent businessman for running his publishing business.

We in the Grand Lodge Office enjoy a good rapport with Brother Bill and have some daily contact with him which I find beneficial to conducting Grand Lodge business — and I hope that it is reciprocal.

On May 7, 2005, three different meetings by and for members of the Order were held in the Grand Lodge Office. The Grand Lodge office staff was unaware that at sometime during the day a guest must have exited through the 120 Cedar Street door rendering it unlocked.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I apologize to Brother Bill for compromising his possessions and business.

Since we share a common interior door, the Grand Lodge was also left vulnerable at the same time. It is my belief that the department when visiting the Grand Lodge should be the same as if you were visiting a friend.

REPRESENTATIVES

Be sure you bring your lodges copy of the Advance Reports (“Take-Me”) with you to Grand Lodge.

ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

Remember, this is a serious working meeting and an atmosphere of decorum is required.

Our Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative this year will be Michael W. Dutton, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master, who hails from the Jurisdiction of Tennessee. Let’s all make him welcome. I look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones in Kelso.

— In F, L. & T,

“Butch” Edmond L. Reitan, Jr.,
PGM and Grand Secretary

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Harold Macklin**, Past Grand Patriarch, 50+ year member, Titusville IOOF Lodge #34, Kent.
- **Dave Trosky**, Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20.
- **Ronald Calkins**, NG, 4 year member Red Apple IOOF Lodge #276, Grandview.
- **Kennard Rasmussen**, Richland IOOF Lodge #338.
- **Charlotte Farrow**, PNG, Unity Rebekah Lodge #53, Auburn.
- **Vivian Linklater**, 62 year member, Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56, Dixie.
- **Ethylee Maylor**, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor.
- **Ruth Greer**, 49 year member, Gold North Rebekah Lodge #4A, Fairbanks.

From your 2004-2005 Grand Master



ERNEST HOUSE

THIS IS MY LAST TIME - AND I MEAN IT!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well, my year is almost over. This June I will be out of office again and this will be my *last* time! I know I have said that before, but this time it is over — no more — my very last time!

I will say that I have enjoyed this past year very much and I hope that I have accomplished something this year. I believe the past Grand Master did a good job. I will say to the upcoming Grand Master, read the book, ask questions and then do what your heart says to do. All the help in the world sometimes will not give you the correct answers.

To all incoming officers, study the book. Good luck in the coming year. You will make mistakes and when you do, admit it, correct it and go on about your work. Don’t spend a lot of time trying to explain what happened. Again, I say, “Good luck to all incoming officers.”

By now, you should have made your motel reservations for Grand Sessions. If not, you may find it hard to find a room.

To all my officers, I want to say here and now, I believe that you did an outstanding job and I am very proud to have had you on my team! Again, thank you all for the honor of being your Grand Master.

May God bless each and every one of you. Here’s wishing you all God’s speed.

In F, L. & T.,

Ernest L. House, Grand Master

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings from Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77. Where has this year gone so far? Here it is June already. **June** means Fathers’ Day and we all must honor our fathers, for without them, we wouldn’t be here. Happy Fathers’ Day to all our beloved fathers. We also observe Flag Day on June 14. And, of course, June means the Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, with the other Units meeting in conjunction. Personally, I always look forward to the annual gathering. It is the only time many get the chance to fraternalize and socialize together.

As predicted, the District Association #17 Meeting in Waterville April 16 was a real success. We had 43 District members and guests present. The presentation by John Brigham and John Paulson of the Home was greatly informative and well-received. Many thanks to both for the enlightening information. To all who attended from out of our District, *thanks* for making this a special day. Assembly Officers present were Warden Dee Hanson and Treasurer Yvonne Haugeto, along with three Past Presidents.

On April 21, our Sister PP Irene Kossow fell in her yard. She ended up with a broken left hip and left wrist. After surgery and four days in the hospital, she was transferred to a physical rehabilitation center where she is as of this writing. I just talked with her and she figures she may be

another week before going home. Irene is most appreciative of all the cards, calls and visits.

Our Sister PNG Eva Payne, 92-years-young, was with us for our All Members Birthday Celebration on May 2. It was good to have her out whenever she is able. The turnout was low, but all present enjoyed cake and ice cream, along with visiting following the meeting.

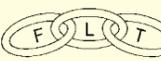
Weather permitting, we are planning a picnic in the park during our first meeting in June. A short meeting will take place as the attendance at our second June meeting is always iffy. Three of our members will be attending Rebekah Assembly.

Then we will be adjourned until the third Monday in September as our first autumn meeting always falls on Labor Day. Lots of planning and preparing for our 101st Anniversary observance on October 17 will happen during vacation time. I will give you more information in the September newspaper.

We hope everyone has a good summer doing whatever they can with families and friends. If traveling, may your travels be safe. This reporter will spend most of the summer recuperating from hip replacement surgery on June 28.

Have a good vacation. Good health to all.

Fraternal Love,
Fay Bowers-Holland,
PP and Reporter

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From your 2004-05 Assembly President



SANDI MOON

SEND THOSE PICTURES IN NOW

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Another term for Assembly officers draws to a close and soon Linda Dodge will be your Assembly President. My hope is that you will welcome her and extend the warm welcomes that you have given to me.

Thank you so very much. I have enjoyed myself and thank you for extending the warm welcomes to Jack, my best half and chauffeur.



If any of you have pictures of my visits — and that includes the funny ones, silly ones and candid ones — send them with a sticky note on the back of the picture.

Do not write on the picture as it will cause problems in the final finish of the picture. Include in the information when the picture was taken and where and who is in the picture. Thank you for doing this. If it is done now, you will be able to see your pictures in the President's book at Assembly. Mail pictures to: Tamara Drapeau, P.O. Box 1643, Mead, WA 99021.

Another item to complete is the reports from the District Deputy Presidents about their visits to their Lodges and how the Lodges are doing.

I am also selecting chairpersons for the last of the committees.

Here's a special invitation to all Past Presidents, DDP's and Officers to attend the President's breakfast at Assembly. Then after breakfast the officers are asked to attend the practice for the officers.

Until Assembly, may you have some summer of warm sunny weather and my wishes for you to attend and enjoy your Assembly session.

My visit for June is to Ephrata on Tuesday, June 14.

*In F., L. & T., Sandi Moon, President
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

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

Ron "Fuzz Head" Calkins, Noble Grand of Red Apple IOOF Lodge #276, passed away on April 27 on his 52nd birthday. Cause of death was a heart attack. Ron was a true Odd Fellow and is greatly missed by all his Brother Odd Fellows, Harley Club members, co-workers, friends and family. Memorial services were held at his home with the VFW, Bikers and Odd Fellows taking part. A dinner was served after the services at the Odd Fellows Hall by the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and VFW.

The Rebekahs served a ham dinner in May and made a clear profit as everything was donated by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. This was the first joint project held by the two lodges.

The Odd Fellow breakfast on Mothers' Day was a great success. George DeVall, Vice Grand of Red Apple, made the ultimate sacrifice. His two-foot long pony tail was donated to "Lock of Love" through his daughters who have a beauty salon. Ramona Niccolson, Secretary of the Grandview Rebekahs, is now at home and coming to lodge since she fell and broke her ankle. Roger and Berverley Bird are still having health problems. NG Valma DeVall sold her home and moved into a daylight apartment with her daughter and son-

in-law in Kennewick. She has some heart problems and her family doesn't want her living alone and she isn't giving up her freedom. (As long as all my chores are done I'm free to go!)

The Odd Fellows are sponsoring a T-ball team with the littlest ones getting t-shirts and trophies. The Rebekahs will donate food for their barbecue at the end of the season.

The Rebekahs also donated to the park bench fund for the East Side Park in Grandview, plus Care Packages for the US troops.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"A candle loses none of its light by lighting another candle." How many candles have you lit in others' lives?"

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH:

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting on the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. One child said, "They use him to keep crowds back." Another said, "No, he's only for good luck." A third child closed the discussion by declaring, "They use the dogs to find the fire hydrant."

Happy Fathers' Day and have a safe summer. See you in September!

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

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

YES, SESSIONS ARE THIS MONTH

I hope by the time you read this column that good weather is here and things are going smoothly. Assembly will soon be here and you will have new officers. I know you will give them the cooperation and support you have always shown past officers. Please encourage your members to attend Assembly, especially those on the west side of the state (doesn't take so much gas). It is a chance to see what is going on and to take part in the running of the Assembly.



Several things have come up this year, which should have had legal advice. Grand Lodge has a lawyer, the Assembly does not. When Odd Fellows and Rebekahs make out their application for membership, they take an oath not to resort to civil courts. However, sometimes we need to know the laws of the land. I would like to extend the idea of establishing an Assembly Legal Fund supported entirely by donations. This would be for the purpose of getting advice when needed, not only for the Assembly, but also for the Lodges. After advice is received then it would be up to the Lodge or Assembly to follow through with their own.

It is unfortunate when differences of opinion occur as to what is right and what is wrong, but that does happen in all areas of life and we, unfortunately, are no exception. This will be discussed at Assembly. Please think about it and be ready to voice your opinion.

I have received quite a few items that you can order to distribute to help advertise your Lodge. These are brochures, balloons, pencils and trash bags. Let me know if you need some to hand out at parades or other public events.

Membership is one of our most difficult areas. I find more and more Lodges barely having a quorum to hold meetings. This does not look good for our future. Have you had new members joining? Let me know what you did and I will see that it gets in the newspaper. We have a great organization which is badly needed in these troubled times.

When making out the Sovereign Grand Lodge Report, a computer disc is used in the Excel system. This system automatically adds, subtracts, etc. I recently had it called to my attention that the machine made a mistake (for once I am not guilty). All the figures entered were correct and the addition/subtraction was correct, but when it transferred to the cover page, it did not transfer correctly. As a result there is an error on page 17 of the "Take Me." If you have a copy, please make the following correction: Net Loss of membership, Dec 31, 2004

	Brothers	Sisters	
Total Members	151	2,335	
Associate Members	17	119	
Non-Contributing	11	272	
Total Deductions	28	391	
Number subject to dues	123	1,944	2,067

In closing, let us live our lives as we wish others would live theirs and always remember the blessings we have no matter how small.

*With Rebekah Love,
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
E-Mail: bweldon@crpud.net*

25 years!

Following the Exemplification at the District Association #26 Meeting in Black Diamond in April, Karen Hoylman presented a 25-year jewel to her daughter, Kendra Frogge.



From your 2004-2005 Theta Rho President



CHRISTINA BOND

LOOKING FORWARD TO SESSIONS

Wow. . . yet another month has flown by. Now Assembly is just weeks away. I hope to see all of the girls who I saw at the retreat there in formal wear.

This past month was busy with all the plans for Assembly. We held our annual Theta Rho Retreat at the Odd Fellows Park in Olympia on May 13-



15. Yet again, it was another great chance to have all of you girls together and getting to know each other better. I hope that the things that were practiced during this retreat will help all those things go smoothly at Assembly. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you girls there so we will be able to share more laughs and good times.

As my year of being your President slowly is winding down to a close, I want all the girls to know that I have truly loved being your President. You girls have been a blast and I will always remember all of the experiences from this past year. I want to thank each and everyone who has been there for me this year. Without the guidance that many Rebekahs and Odd Fellows gave me, my year wouldn't have been quite as smooth.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Carson and Judy Inman for all of their help and loving support throughout my year. Carson and Judy, you have become like family to me. To Sandra Moon, we've been able to share many laughs together throughout our year. You've been a blast to go through the chairs with.

To my club, whom without my home support, this year would have been hard to handle at times. Thank you for all of the work, sweat and fun that you girls have given me this year. I love you guys.

A great big thanks to Judy Diekman, my Advisor, without whom this would never have been possible. Without you, this year would have been really hard without the experience that you were able to give me. Thank you for all of your hard work and all the hours that you have given up for me to make this year the greatest life experience of all.

Last and most important, thanks to my family. Without you guys, I would never had enough faith, money and time to do this. You guys have been there every single step of my journey through my year. Your love and faith in me has kept me going each and every day. Thank you for being the loving family that we are.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me and touched my life over my year of being President. I have learned so much about life and myself from being your President. I am thankful that God blessed me with this great opportunity to serve you and my community. Thank you all again, with all of the love in my heart. May God bless you all and enjoy the rest of the year. I hope to see you all in Kelso for Assembly.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Christina Bond, President, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington
Love, Peace and Cookies*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Fathers' Day to all the Brothers.

Sessions are coming soon and we hope everyone else is as excited as we are.

This past month we delivered our cards and flowers to the nursing home for Mothers' Day. We also had a swimming and pizza party. It was a lot of fun. The next weekend we attended the Youth Retreat in Olympia. Six of our members and three adults were able to share in this fun-filled weekend. We thank the Odd Fellows from Olympia for sharing their facilities with the youth. On the way home we stopped and had lunch with Deputy Grand Master, Carson Inman and his wife Judy.

Our car wash was a success and we were able to make donations to both the Theta Rho President's project and to Children's Hospital in Seattle. We are going to try to get something special done to take to the men in the nursing home for Fathers' Day. Then it is off to Kelso for the Sessions. We hope to see many of you there.

— The members of Acorn #79

From your Grand Warden

We have some problems, but do not repeat gossip

This is the month that we go to Grand Lodge, which is open to all members who have taken the Third Degree. After we open in the Grand Lodge Degree, we will step down to the Third Degree and admit Third Degree members who wish to come and see what takes place at Grand Lodge. If you have not attended I would urge you to do so. It is educational and informative to see the workings of your Order and will also give you a chance to meet some people from other jurisdictions as well as some Sovereign Grand Lodge officers.

As I write this letter, I am troubled by some of the things that are taking place in our Order. When you first signed an application to become a member, there was a statement at the beginning of the form which stated that you agree to abide by the rules, regulations and teachings of the Order and that you understand that your rights as a member are protected by the laws of the Order, and you agreed not to resort to the civil courts for their enforcement. What part of that is hard to understand?

In the back of the Washington Digest there is a set of forms to be used by members to address their grievances in a proper manner. If you feel that you have been wronged by a member to the extent that something needs to be done to correct the problem, you have only to fill out the proper form and follow the correct steps to seek redress. If the lodge you give this to does not handle it correctly, the next step is to contact your District Deputy Grand Master, then the Grand Master and so on until the problem is corrected.

It is rightly the Grand Master's business to address problems that can not be settled in your lodge or solved like we are all "grown up adults." It is not the civil court's or some other member's right to stick their nose into a lodge's problems and suggest that they have an attorney that will make it all right for them; nor is it the lodge members right to badger and threaten other members over lodge matters when there are difficulties between lodges.

If you have a member who has the attitude that lodge is what they say it is and it does not matter what the rules, laws, regulations and so forth that are passed down to us from our Grand Bodies and Sovereign Grand Bodies are, then you probably do not have a true nor good Odd Fellow or Rebekah member. I have been married to my wife for 26 years and it took about 16 of those years for her to convince me to join the Order. The reason for that is that I witnessed a lot of the things that are going on now, going on then and did not want to be a part of something where the members could not get along with each other. It seems as if we have a certain number of members in some areas who want only to destroy Odd Fellowship and their lodges if they can not be in charge and bully the other members. This needs to stop and we need to practice what we preach, or we will not be in business very long.

You will hear me make the statement that "it is not always easy to do the right thing and sometimes it is the hardest thing you will have to do in your life." Several people have heard that more than once from me when asked what I think on some subject or another. I will tell you that there is nothing that will hurt a lodge more than *gossip*. If you do not know it for a fact, do not have it written in spades, and do not have it in your hand as gospel from the involved parties, **do not repeat it!**

Well that is my soap box for the month. I look forward to seeing each of you at Grand Lodge or down the road sometime at a visitation or other function.

*In Friendship, Love And Truth,
Ronald D. Hanson, Grand Warden*

Mansfield Rebekah Lodge #281

Hello once again to all our Rebekah Sisters.

It's been a long time since my last article and I'm really sorry. I will try to do better. We are still active, even though there are so few of us. It is hard to do much.

We made donations to the Arthritis Fund and for community service projects: Donation to the Mansfield Fire Department Ambulance Fund and a donation to the Mansfield Cemetery Association.

We are still waiting to receive back from Assembly Vice President Linda our By-Laws change. This was sent to her last year. We wonder what the hold up is?

We received and placed new pages

in our General Code Of Laws book.

We heard a nice report on the District #17 meeting which was held April 16 in Waterville. Several of our Sisters served as officers and they reported a great meeting.

Many of our Sisters have been ill with the flu. We pray they are well on the road to recovery now.

Our social meeting was held in the home of Helen Kemp. Everyone had a good time.

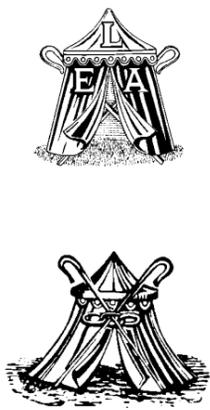
I send greetings to all our Sisters who are unable to attend our meetings. We do think of you and miss you.

Until next time. . .

*In F., L. & T.,
Helen Kemp, Reporter*



WARD W. MARTIN



DORIS WIGGLESWORTH

From The Grand Patriarch And The Grand Matriarch

LET'S LEARN HOW TO SOCIALIZE

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

Our year is rapidly coming to an end and we haven't accomplished nearly as much as we had hoped. Ward and I decided to have a joint letter the last three months, but his back had different ideas. As of this writing, he had the cement injection into his spine to help stabilize it and ease the pain.

We want to thank each Unit and each individual who has supported our project. We will decide and finalize our plans for the landscaping sometime in July and will have a report in the September newspaper.

Your courtesies and welcomes were greatly appreciated and we thoroughly enjoyed the meals and homes that were provided for us during our visits. We both enjoyed the traveling and visiting and wish this could continue.

In fact, we should all be doing more visiting. Let another Unit know that you are coming and ask if they could put you up for the night. You might be amazed at what a wonderful feeling this can inspire in our Order. In fact, it just might get you a few new members when they see how much fun you are having. Breakfast can be toast and fruit with milk, tea or coffee. Or you can go to a local restaurant for a bite to eat — no host. We need to re-learn how to socialize and be Good Brothers and Sisters all over again.

The vests will be at Sessions and I will hand them out Thursday evening. The cost will be \$20 each, payable at the Sessions.

Thank you again for having elected us to serve as your Grand Matriarch and Grand Patriarch this past year. You have all been wonderful. We wish the incoming offices our very best. Thank you!

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
Ward Martin, Grand Patriarch and
Doris Wigglesworth, Grand Matriarch*

Alder Rebekahs #80 - Bickleton

Alder Rebekahs welcomed Ruth Hanauer, our newest member, at our last meeting. Welcome Sister Ruth!

NG Valma DeVall and Chap. Helen Thiel of Grandview Lodge #246, attended our last meeting. We had a great visit during the coffee hour after the meeting.

We are concerned that some

Washington Lodges are giving up their Charters. We are grateful that we are continuing in our mission as Rebekahs. It is a blessing to care for and to serve our neighbors in Faith, Love and Truth.

*In F, L. & T.,
Pam Rapach,
Reporter*



Buckley installation

Grand LEA Junior Warden Judy Sansom and newly-installed Chief Matriarch Kathy Pierce look on as Grand matriarch Doris Wigglesworth and Grand Patriarch Ward Martin conclude the installation of Buckley Unified Encampment on April 13.

From the Department Association President



LADY LEROSE COULTER

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT

Well, this is my last letter as President of the Department Association.



I want to thank each one of you for your help and support. I also want to thank everyone for their prayers, good wishes, cards and phone calls while I was in the hospital and at home recovering.

I want to especially thank Barbara German and Elizabeth Morgan — and my own Auxiliary — for all of the help they have given me.

*Chivalrously,
Lady LeRose Coulter, President
Department Association LAPM of Washington*

Do you have one???

Do you have a Department uniform or an LAPM uniform, or a tuxedo that you can no longer use — or that belonged to a loved one who is no longer with you?

There are people in our jurisdiction who are in need of these items. If you have any that you would be willing to donate to someone else, or sell at a reasonable price, please let our editor know. He can then put it in the newspaper to inform those who are looking for them. Thank you.



Snohomish officers

Grand LEA Junior Warden Judy Sansom, left, is with elected officers of Snohomish Unified Encampment #25. They are, from left, Chief Matriarch Zoe Whitman, High Priestess Nancy Graesser, Scribe M. Pearl White, Treasurer Ward Martin, and Junior Warden Mary Durbin at the installation of officers held on April 20.

Tempest Rebekahs #114 - Wenatchee And Prosperity IOOF Lodge #301

Greetings from Tempest #114 and Prosperity #301 of Wenatchee. How fortunate we have been. Our attendance is holding up, there is very little sickness, we have a few projects to work on and we have a new application for membership.

Our thanks to Sister Lois Clark and her husband who washed windows, hung mini-blinds and drapes, and did some touch-up painting.

The District Meeting in Waterville was well-attended and our own Sister Barbara Pittman was elected

President for the ensuing year.

We were saddened to hear that a few days later, PPRA Irene Kossow fell and broke her hip. We pray for a speedy recovery for her.

Several of our Sisters have been traveling and we are always happy to have them return safely.

With Assembly just around the corner, we wish our President Sandra a very productive meeting full of good memories.

*In F, L. & T.,
Marjorie Farrens, Reporter*

Bremerton celebrating 100 years

Helen Walsh, Noble Grand of Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 in Bremerton, cut the cake at the 100-year celebration of the lodge. The centennial celebration included an open meeting, using parts of an old ritual, and reading of long-ago minutes by the Secretary. Many guests were present for the occasion held April 19, including Assembly President Sandra Moon.



In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We were pleased to have Cora Davis, District Deputy President of District #8, pay us a visit recently. She was introduced and given the Honors.

The District Meeting was hosted in Dixie by Sunshine Lodge #56. There were more than 40 people present with 11 Narcissa members in attendance. Narcissa Lodge seated the officers and each was given a pansy plant. An Addendum to the Rebekah Flag was presented by Rose Ringhoffer.

Proceeds from the Silver Drills in April were used for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day flowers for the Home. Recent cash prize winners have been Barbara Tvz and Jeannette Oswald who returned their winnings to Silver Drill Fund.

One of our new members, John Molzhon, was recently installed to serve as Inside Guardian for the remainder of the year.

Our Secretary Aramae shared the recognition we have received through Certificates of Award for

"Community Service," "Arthritis Foundation," "Scholarship" and "Living Legacy" programs.

After receiving and accepting a letter of resignation from Representative Jacqueline Klicker, who is unable to attend Assembly, we elected Sister Elsie Wells to be our Representative.

We thank Beth Entze and Elsie Wells who served refreshments in April. Those who hosted at our recent May meeting were Fran Putnam, Ken and Aramae Buckingham. They had a party in celebration of Aramae's birthday where everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Those planning to attend Assembly are Sisters Rose Ringhoffer, Elsie Wells and Jane Hanson, who will also attend Grand Lodge.

We wish all of you a fun and wonderful summer.

*In F., L. & T.,
Nancy Klicker,
Reporter*

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Hello everyone! Here we are into our last month before going into summer vacation. We had a good first half of the year. Let's all have a wonderful summer and come back in the fall ready to tackle any work that may arise.

We enjoyed a good month. We served a salad luncheon to the Coulee Hospital Ladies Guild and reported good attendance.

We also filled baggies the first of May and delivered more than 140 to the Hope Center in Moses Lake. We thank all who donated to this worthwhile project and to those who made the bags and did all the filling.

We also put our flower wreath and name plaque in the Wilbur Cemetery last month. We thank everyone who helped with this. The Grand Coulee Sisters fixed bouquets for the Sisters' graves. Thanks to all who helped accomplish this project.

Sisters Betty Roller and Carla Brown fixed the Mothers' Day enter-

tainment last month for Coulee Hospital patients. This is always something that is so rewarding for everyone. Thanks for all your help and preparations on this project.

Yes, June is the month to attend Rebekah Assembly and Grand Sessions in Kelso. As I have a family wedding that same weekend, I will not be able to attend. I sure hate it, but I wish everyone a happy, harmonious and prosperous time.

Our sympathies are extended to our Sister Marlene Oenning in Seattle who recently lost her husband.

May our Sister Helen Schribner's husband Ned find better days ahead.

We wish everyone a happy summer and we will see you in the fall.

I will leave you with this thought: "May happiness touch your life today as warmly as you have touched the lives of others."

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

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Loyalty Day is a big celebration in Long Beach. It is held the first Sunday of May every year. On the Saturday before, a Kids' Parade is held in Ilwaco and our lodge had a bake sale at this event. Those enticing our customers to buy our tasty treats were Frances O'Neil, Helen O'Neal, Betty Pierce, Opal Eaton and yours truly. Sam Seaman and Opal supplied the tables. Sam is always a big help. Our many lodge Sisters baked and made the goodies. We made a few dollars for our lodge treasury and we had fun doing it.



Betty Pierce, Frances O'Neil and Helen O'Neal helped sell baked goods at the Loyalty Days Kids' Parade at Long Beach. A sunny day made for a profitable day.

Linda Zuern is a grandma again and her name is Zoey Mae. Olney Patch is proud great-grandmother to Kaydence, a little girl born on April 26. There are lots of little girls in both those families.

Vivian Currie and Barbara Emond served at our April 19 meeting. Vivian chooses this time of year to serve because it's her birthday (April 22). The cake was yummy. Frances O'Neil and Cathy

Kary served fruit salad and crackers and cheese at our May 3 meeting. The decorations were patriotic and very beautiful. Carla Schmidt and I will serve on May 17.

The Friendship Club met on April 21 and Helen O'Neal served stew and corn bread. We played a *Flora* game, which is played with flowers instead of numbers. Helen gave away *lots* of prizes.

Bunco is still going strong at our lodge. It has become a great money-maker. The ladies from our lodge who participate are very much appreciated for their hard work in helping out the lodge.

Graduations, weddings, picnics and all sorts of activities will soon begin with the month of June and summer here. Many of our Sisters donate their time to various events throughout the summer and some of us continue working at our jobs, while others just enjoy. Whatever you are doing or plan to do, we hope you have an enjoyable summer. Enjoy Fathers' Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day with family and friends and know that we at Long Beach are thinking about all of you. We send our love and our prayers. You will be hearing from us again in September.

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

Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

Assembly President Sandi Moon graced our hall with her presence last month, which we very much enjoyed. After a potluck dinner, we held our regular meeting, and enjoyed Sandi's tales of the stress and excitement of moving from Theta Rho to Rebekah offices. She presented the Lodge with certificates for new members and for community service.

Luckily, warm weather kept our Lodge Hall from being a complete refrigerator during Sandi's visit. Our 50-year-old furnace has developed several problems at once. Marcia Hirsch's husband Ken has been putting in lots of hours trying to put it back in working order, but more problems keep cropping up. We're hoping we can avoid having to replace the unit.

We were saddened to hear that Shirley Benson's son Jeff has oral cancer, and that her husband Bill fell off a ladder and had serious injuries.

There are six applicants for the Nancy Nicholas Memorial Scholarship this year. The committee

that will help us make the decision on this award includes Chair Nancy Davis, Marge Young, Lila Middleton, Marcia Hirsch and Cheryl Eckhart.

Selma Lindor, who was the only Pine Forest member to be able to attend the District #16 Annual School of Instruction on April 30, was elected Vice President. It will be fun working with her again as we make our plans to host the District meeting in 2007.

The Cemetery Committee (Barbara Garza, Lila Middleton, Esther Breeden and Kim McNaughton), tended the Rebekah and Odd Fellow graves in Ione and Metaline before Memorial Day.

We're looking forward to our birthday party in June and have already begun planning for Down River Days in July.

"You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you don't trust enough."

*— Frank Crane
In F., L. & T.,
Anne Williams,
Reporter*

Isabella Rebekahs #23 - Yakima

Isabella Rebekah Lodge #23 recently initiated Emma Buck as a new member and reinstated Pat Brown. How good to be gaining a couple of members instead of draping our Charter for deaths. Thank you to Norma Johnson for the recruiting.

Another one of our members, Doris Johnson, has moved back to the mid-west so that she can be near family.

Caroline Paul has had to miss meetings to care for her ailing husband.

Cathy Carmichael, our Representative and DDP, is planning to attend Assembly where she will serve our Assembly President Sandy Moon as a Banner Bearer.

*In F., L. & T.,
Annabell Froemke,
Reporter*



Sprucing up the Park

During the week of April 1-8, members of Golden Rule IOOF Lodge of Napavine performed a lot of work at the Jesse T. Jones Odd Fellows Park in Florence, OR. The work was very much appreciated by the park staff.

In Spokane Valley

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

May was a lovely month for flowers and Rebekah fellowship. Ramona hosted the last of the District #2 officers visits. Every Lodge was represented. There were lots of good jokes and food for all.

Special thanks to Wilford's Noble Grand and Ramona Brother Elmer Lindor. He was Ramona's one-man transfer team running down and up stairs over a dozen times helping the Sisters with boxes of food and bags of stuff. He is also our every meeting coffee man.

We were overwhelmed with a stellar cast of jurisdictional officers: Sandi Moon, Assembly President; Sherry Pond, LAPM Vice President; Kathy Thompson, District #2 DDP; and Ruth Berglund, Assembly Parliamentarian.

Our last newsletter noted the passing of Brother Don Schmidt and sad to say shortly afterwards we received

word that longtime Wilford member, Joe Gardner passed away, too. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to our widowed Sisters.

Fran Schmidt is feeling better and attended District #2's officers meeting — oxygen tank and all.

Our Secretary Selma Lindor and her daughter Thresa Justice attended the District #16 meeting in Chewelah as Ione Representatives. Selma was elected Vice President of District #16 for the 2005-2006 year.

Wilford and Ramona requested meeting space at the Spokane Temple. The board met and granted us meeting time on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

A vote has been taken and members declared *no more stairs!!* Times will remain the same and we will update our Lodge Card.

Here wishing you a wonderful day
In F, L. & T., Donna Flatt,

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy Fathers' Day to all the gentlemen of our Order.

We have selected our recipient for our scholarship and Sister Maxine Hansen will be representing us at the awards ceremony to present this to her.

June 1 is our "Friends Night" and the theme is "Beach Party." It will start with a picnic dinner provided by our lodge members at 5:30 p.m. and then we will have our meeting at 6:30 p.m. so that people traveling can get

an earlier start home. Please come and join us. Dress appropriately for the occasion. We always enjoy visitors.

Sister Nita Sherwood has been under the weather again and we always miss our Financial Secretary. I think everyone else is healthy.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable time at Sessions and enjoys their vacation times this summer.

With Rebekah Love (until next fall),
Judy Diekman,
Reporter

PNG's Association

Installation will be June 2

The Past Noble Grands will meet for their regular meeting on Thursday, June 2 at Collins Grange Hall, 3404 - 120th St. E. in Tacoma. A luncheon will be served at noon by Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 of Buckley.

Installation of newly-elected and appointed officers will be at 1 p.m.

We are saddened by the loss of PNG member Anna Dawson on April 30. Our sympathies are extended to her family and her Lodge, Mt. Tacoma #69.

Congratulations to all the new officers. We are in for another great year of Odd Fellowship.

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

From your Membership Chairman

History tells us plenty about our membership

I thought it would be interesting to see what we have accomplished in the past 127 years. I have on my bookshelf a book titled "Odd Fellowship Its History and Manual," by Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This book was written in 1888 and published by The M. W. Hazen Co of New York. It came into my possession courtesy of my father-in-law, Chester Robinson, and has provided some interesting reading and facts. In the back are a series of tables with statistics for the years 1878 to 1886 inclusive.

In the table for Washington we find that in 1878 there were 14 lodges in the state with 478 members. Total relief for the year was \$841 for an average of \$1.76 per member and total receipts were \$8,074, with receipts per member of \$16.98.

In 1886 we find in the same table that the number of lodges had grown to 44 with 1,808 members total relief for the year was \$7,360 for an average of \$4.08 per member and total receipts were \$40,183 with receipts per member of \$22.23.

Today we have 47 Odd Fellow Lodges in the state with a total of 1,194 members which breaks down to 1,035 Brothers and 159 Sisters, total relief paid for members is reported as \$267.04 and a total of \$91,363.52 in total relief for all categories and receipts for members of slightly over \$400,000.

In the same book the table used to compare jurisdictions shows that in 1886 we had a total of 44 lodges with a total membership of 1,808 members and an average of 41 members per Odd Fellow Lodge. With a total of 11 Encampments which had a total membership of 326 members and an average of 30 members per Encampment.

In that same year of 1886 the table used to compare jurisdictions shows that we had a total of seven Rebekah Lodges with 191 Brothers and 136 Sisters for a total of 327 Rebekah members and an average of 47 members per Rebekah Lodge.

Today we have a total of 14 Encampments with 121 Brothers and eight Sisters for a total of 129 encampment members which averages about nine members per Encampment.

Today we have a total of 78 Rebekah lodges with a total of 2,486 Rebekah members which breaks down to 2,336 Sisters 150 Brothers and an average of about 31 members per Rebekah lodge.

So what does all of this tell us? What it tells us is that we are at just ahead of our 1886 numbers for the Odd Fellows and way out front for our Rebekah numbers and we are in a similar shape within the Encampment. More importantly it tells us what we need to do in order to survive into the next century. And you ask what is that? We need to be out there selling Odd Fellowship and all of its benefits to all who want to join and can meet the requirements. You have read and heard me say the number we need to pay attention to is the members dropped for non-payment of dues not the number reported in the Sovereign Grand Lodge newsletter under membership, we finished the year with 174 members reported to Sovereign Grand Lodge and our report of Odd Fellow lodges for the year shows 93 dropped for non-payment of dues, so we have made a small gain in members if the difference between these two numbers are all brand new members.

At the beginning of my term as your Membership Chairman, I sent out a questionnaire to all of the Odd Fellow lodges asking a series of questions to help me learn more about our lodges. Twenty-two lodges took the time to respond. "Thank you." What did the membership committee learn from them? You will have to come to Grand Lodge Sessions to find out. That is when I will give the report on them and our conclusions from the answers.

— Ronald D. Hanson,

Membership Chairman 2004-2005, Grand Lodge of Washington

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

I'm writing this on Mothers' Day. I received six flats of annual, plus some new shrubs. What a wonderful gift! I am looking forward to fragrant blooms.

Some pieces of PNG Betty Toepelt's Rebekah costume jewelry were donated. They will be sold and proceeds will go into our treasury.

Corky Walker's son Ray is finally home and doing quite well.

Sister Edna Kindell is now 95. We were pleased to have her picture taken with other members of the Dryad Baptist Church. It is so nice she gets out once in a while.

Sisters, start collecting white elephant and craft items. We hope to participate in a fall festival.

How about being friendly to our environment? Plant a tree or two or three shrubs.

THOUGHT

"Of what shall a man be proud if he is not proud of his friends?"

— Stevenson

Belated Mothers' Day good wishes to all. We hope you have a wonderful summer. Keep well.

With love and friendship to all. . .

In F, L. & T.,

Luellyn Ainsworth, PNG & Reporter

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.

Chewelah Rebekah Lodge #162

Rebekah Assembly President Sandi Moon made her official visit to our lodge April 26. It began with a luncheon of many different salads and then dessert. During our meeting, President Sandi was presented with a "green" corsage (made with dollar bills). She answered questions about the "State" Lodge and qualifications to be non-contributing members. She answered other questions, too. Thanks for your help and humor, President Sandi.

On Saturday, April 30, Chewelah Rebekah Lodge #162 hosted the Rebekah District #16 School of Instruction in our hall. Attendance was down. Last year 47 came and this year 22 participated. Next year's District Meeting will be with the Sunrise Rebekahs in Hunters.

Entertainment was a skit given by Alice Hubert, Barbara Miller and Jewel Zeihen — "Coming from Radio Station C H E W." Tex, Slim and Miss

Prudence discussed some problems — down on the farm — crows and "henways" and sheep. They sang "Old Colville Valley," "Home on the Range," then signed off with a gospel song, "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

The next rummage sale will be May 20-21 in our hall. The proceeds help with our lodge finances.

Chewelah's Chataqua Celebration will be July 7-10. There will be many booths in the city park with crafts of all kinds, plus lots of food. The parade is Saturday, July 9.

Chewelah Rebekah Lodge #162 will, as in years past, again be serving breakfast starting at 7 a.m., Saturday July 9 at the Chewelah Civic Center, for a nominal charge. Biscuits and sausage gravy, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, with coffee, tea, Juice or milk will be served. Come enjoy.

*In F, L. & T,
Jewel Zeihen,
Reporter*

Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

Here it is June, I am sure we are all getting ready for the 2005 Sessions in Kelso. I know that I am excited about all the activities and, of course, all the work that goes along with the Assembly duties we are assigned.

Our Men's Lodge has been good to our Rebekah Lodge, helping us through some hard times. They invited us out to dinner on May 31 and we all enjoyed good food and Fellowship. That is what it is all about — Friendship, Love & Truth. Thank you men for the great night out. Their kindness reminds me of this poem:

IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

*When someone does a kindness
It always seems to me
That's the way God up in Heaven
Would like us all to be. . .
For when we bring some pleasure
To another human heart,*

*We have followed in His footsteps
And we've had a little part
In serving him who loves us —
For I am very sure it's true
That in serving those around us
We serve and please Him, too.*

— Helen Steiner Rice

Summer break is a time for picnics, parades and all kinds of fun.

Our Member Roberta Hecker is making a quilt to sell chances on. The drawing will be in December. Someone will have a nice warm Christmas when they win. We will let you all know how things are going when we write in the September *Washington Odd Fellow* newspaper.

Happy summer. Have a safe one and may God Bless and keep you!

*Until next time in F, L. & T,
Joyce Miller,
Rep., Sec'y, PNG*

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

After several days of showery weather we are having a nice sunny day and it seems kind of nice for a change. It raises one's spirits.

The month of May is turning out to be very busy as a blood drive is scheduled and will be completed on May 24. We will take care of the coffee stop at the Selah Rest Stop from May 27-30.

A benefit dinner was held on May 1 for Lloyd and Christene Sweetin at the Methodist Church. The Sweetin's house burned the night before Easter Sunday. The Methodist Church and the Rebekah Lodge were co-sponsors of the dinner.

As far as I know the members who have been on the sick list, Brother Art and Sister Elnora Winterstein, Sister Faye Thaut and Sister JoAnn Darland, are all on the mend. This is always good news.

Brother Ernie and Sister Mavis House just returned from their trip to

Washington, D.C. where they were privileged to participate in the placing of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

On June 7 we will celebrate flag Day and Sister Kathleen Berg will have the program. Sister Avis O'Brien will have the refreshments.

On June 21 we will have Brothers night and Sister Mary Gosney will have the program and Sister Christene Sweetin will have the refreshments.

Several of our Sisters and Brothers will be attending the Grand Sessions at Kelso and then we will recess during July and August. However, we will have a picnic get together in August, but the date hasn't been set as yet.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and will be ready for our meetings come September.

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



Fun in Florence

Members of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 were out having fun at the Jesse Jones Odd Fellow Park in Florence, OR during the week of April 11. Members in attendance were Ed and Amy Cassady; Tim, Stephanie, Mitchel and Megan Van Dusen; Beau, Dawn, Tyler and Caleb Nye; Tony, Rachel, Toni Jayne and Annie Ostlund; Steve, Kimberly, Jordine and Mason Schmidt; Steven Van Dusen and guest Kevin; Candice and Madison Emery; and G'nell Ferette.

Harmony I.O.O.F. Lodge #16 and Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 - Pomeroy

Faith #16 members are planning for summer.

The District Meeting was fun and informative. Our lodge gave the Response to the Welcome and conducted the memorial service.

When Hazel and Phil Crawford returned home from the District Meeting, Hazel fell. She was taken to our hospital and then to St Joe's in Lewiston. On Monday she had hip surgery. She had a hip replacement. She also had a fracture to the femur.

As of May 6, she is in the Lewiston Care Center for therapy. We all pray she has a speedy recovery.

We are enjoying our spring rains. We've found a few morel mushrooms — yummy!

Violet Smith has not been well.

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful summer, a safe and fun one. Until next time, may God Bless you all.

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

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

It is that time to write another report. We are finally getting some good spring weather, although we still have the wind. Everyone says the wind always blows in Ellensburg.

Our lodge hosted the District Association Meeting on October 9. It was a good meeting. It was a Hawaiian theme. Everyone who attended was given a lei to wear.

We lost one of our longtime mem-

bers. Our Brother Dave Trosky passed away. He will be missed.

We have a new candidate that we hope to bring into our lodge soon.

We still are collecting food for our local food bank.

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

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

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

Vacation time is here — a time to relax, take five and have fun in the sun (or shade).

Congratulations and best wishes to our Assembly President Sandi Moon and Grand Master Ernest House for a wonderful Grand Session in Kelso.

We are saddened by the loss of Brother Kennard Rasmussen in April. Our love and sympathies go to Sister Janet and family.

Get well wishes to Betty Ralph as she recovers from pneumonia.

Have a great summer — we will check with you in September. Everyone, please take good care — we care and are counting our blessings.

*In F, L. & T,
Lighting the Way with Friendship,
Virginia Woolfolk, Noble Grand
Juanita McElveny, Reporter*

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Nisqually #233 members wish all a very happy summer — a pause for most lodges for a renewal of our efforts.

Armed Forces Day affords us the opportunity to give thanks to the veterans who gave us all we have. In

June, let's honor our flags and our fathers.

We meet at 7 p.m. on June 2 and 16. See you.

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

East-West Picnic at Lake Easton

This year's East-West Picnic will be back at Lake Easton State Park, just off Interstate 90 east of Snoqualmie Pass on September 11. You may take either Exit 70 or 71 off of I-90. There is a \$5 park fee for day use.

Please bring your own lawn chairs. We hope to see you all at Lake Easton. Plan now and mark your calendars.