



PGM Benny Meyers passes away on July 4

Bernard "Benny" LeRoy Meyers of Yakima, Past Grand Master, passed away, Monday, July 4, 2005 at the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla.

Benny was born on October 6, 1921 in Neligh, Nebraska to Glenn and Lucy Meyers. He married Celestine "Peggy" Roberts on May 15, 1945 in Vancouver, WA and had two sons, Dennis and David, after residing in Yakima. Benny served in the U.S. Navy for 19 years, serving in World War II and the Korean Wars. He later worked at NAPA Auto Parts and retired in 1985. Benny was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for more than 40 years and served as the Grand Master for the Jurisdiction of Washington in 1984.



BENNY MEYERS

Benny enjoyed camping and fishing. He coached various Little League teams in Yakima in the 1960s.

Benny is survived by his sons, Dennis and wife Sandy Meyers of Longview, and David and wife Hong Meyers of Fountain, CO; seven grandchildren, Jeff Meyers, Jon Meyers and James Meyers, Colorado Spring, CO, Tim Meyers of Yakima, Kim Meyers-Jones of Moxee, Mackinsey and Allyson Meyers of Longview; three great-grandchildren, Brendan Meyers of Yakima, Kira Meyers of Vancouver, WA, and Gianna Meyers of Colorado Springs, CO; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Meyers, his parents, Glenn and Lucy Myers, and his brother, Lawrence Meyers.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Washington Odd Fellows Home for their wonderful care, and the members of the IOOF Lodge #22 and Rebekah Lodge #23, of Yakima for their years of friendship and loyalty.

Graveside Memorial services were held Friday, July 8 at West Hills Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to be given to the Washington Odd Fellows Home or the charity of your choice.

In Kennewick

Exciting NW Meeting planned in November

Plans are in the works for a very exciting and informative Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekahs meeting on November 4, 5 and 6 at the Clover Island Inn in Kennewick, WA. Arrangements have been made for a speaker from the SOS organization. The speaker will let us know the progress on our Village in Cambodia and answer all your questions. Talk with the members of your lodge and if they are not able to attend this meeting, please bring their questions and concerns. We want to be sure you really understand this project — a project that truly makes us a worldwide organization — there to help our fellow man.

As usual, dress is casual for the meetings which begin at 7 p.m. Friday. Flags will be presented by the Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club Saturday morning and jurisdictional Grand Masters will present their flags, too. The girls will host the coffee hour.

The banquet theme is "Hollywood Stars," so plan to come dressed as your favorite Hollywood leading lady or man. And expect plenty of fun throughout the weekend!

Make your reservations now and join all the members from British Columbia, Oregon, Idaho and Washington for a great weekend on the shores of the beautiful Columbia River! The registration form is on page 11.



United Nations bound

Mary Dunivan, far left, talks with the 2005 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth delegates at the send-off in Longview on July 8. In the inset, Mary is with Grand Master Carson Inman. Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66 and Longview Rebekah Lodge #305 sponsored the send-off event. The delegates left for Philadelphia from Portland International Airport the next day.

PGP Harold R. Macklin passes away in Colorado

Harold Ralph Macklin, Past Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington, passed away May 18, 2005. He was 91.

Harold joined the Odd Fellows Lodge while living in Delta, CO and continued his membership when he moved to Washington. He was a 60-year member; held all the offices of his local lodge, district and several at the state level. He was Past Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe for the Grand Encampment of Washington, and also received the Decoration of Chivalry. At the time of his passing, Harold was a member of Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 in Kent.

Harold was born July 3, 1913 in Maher, CO to Lydia Graham and Ralph Emerson Macklin. He grew up in Crawford, CO, graduating from Crawford High School in 1933. Harold was athletic and earned several football and baseball letters.

In March 1935 Harold married Lila Clearwater in Delta, CO. He farmed in the "high country" for several years then worked as a mechanic at the Chevrolet Garage in Delta. During World War II Harold, Lila and their daughter Peggy moved to Detroit where he was a supervisor in a plant making wings for fighter aircraft. After the war, while taking a vacation in Seattle he saw a sign "Boeing needs workers." He applied and got a job as a machinist. He retired from Boeing in 1972 after 25 years with them.

Lila passed away December 1960 while they were living in a new subdivision on Benson Hill, southeast of Renton.

Harold and Emma Stassen Taylor were married July 6, 1962 in Colorado. They lived in Renton until they sold their home in November, 2003 and moved to a retirement home. In August, 2004 they settled in an apartment at "The Fountains" in Grand Junction, CO.

Harold enjoyed many outdoor activities including hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed bowling and golfing with his neighbors Gary and Gaylord. Harold was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Renton, WA.

Memorial services were held May 28, 2005 at the Fountains of Grand Junction with the Reverend Joseph Booker conducting the services.

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

LET'S GET BEHIND OUR NEW GRAND OFFICERS

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The Grand Lodge Sessions of 2005 in Kelso are completed and new officers have been installed. It is time to get behind our Grand Lodge Officers and especially Grand Master Carson Inman and his program for the coming year. There are many worthwhile programs and projects of our Order. Your lodge may be few in numbers and not able to cover all of them, so I suggest that you might pick one or two projects and work for them in the biggest way possible.

I wish to thank the members of Grand Lodge for your vote of confidence and support in electing me to the one year remaining on the current term of Grand Secretary. Please feel free to call the the Grand Lodge office. I enjoy talking to the members and helping you with Order related questions.

Please be watchful for this year's Per Capita Dues statement for your lodge. They were mailed in late July or early August. Many lodges pay the total at this time. However your lodge may pay half now and the remainder at year's end prior to the installation of your new lodge officers.

The Annual Report forms packet should be arriving soon to give desk officers an opportunity to gather and compile data for the year-end report.

The Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of Washington are just returning from Sessions in London, Ontario, Canada. Since this article was written before Sessions, any changes coming from this years Sessions will be reported on later.

— In F., L. & T, "Butch" Edmond L. Reitan, Jr.,
PGM and Grand Secretary

From your Deputy Grand Master

Here's my laundry list for the next year

This letter will be a laundry list of things I have had time to think about since the adjournment of Grand Lodge, so Brothers and Sisters bear with me for a few moments, please.

First again I would like to thank the members for having the confidence in me to elect me to the position of Deputy Grand Master. I promise to do my best to live up to your trust and keep my earlier promise to you to be a credit to the Grand Lodge of Washington and to our great Order.

The first thing I would like to talk about is a recommendation that the Finance Committee made to the incoming Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President. That recommendation was that as they make their visitations to lodges they touch on the importance of making a true and correct report of finances to the Grand Lodge. As a part of the Finance Committee's duties, they look at the financial aspect of all reports made to Grand Lodge. These include the year-end report for the Odd Fellow Lodges and the year-end report for the Rebekah Lodges, as well as all committees that have a budget and the Theta Rho budget as the Grand Lodge finances

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Port Townsend to host two District Meetings October 1

The Rebekah District Association #21 and Odd Fellow District Association #15 meetings will be held Saturday, October 1 at 1118 Lawrence in Port Townsend. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Lunch is at noon and the meetings being at 1 p.m.

— Florence Cowdery, Secretary for District #21

From your Deputy Grand Master

them. When the Finance Committee looks at the year-end reports, we often find errors and/or omissions. The Grand Lodge does not care how much money you have in your lodge or how much your assets are worth. What they do care is that these things are reported correctly under the Federal Tax Code that we operate under which is 501-C-8. This is fraternal beneficiary societies. Our tax exempt status is gained from this section of the code. In order to maintain it we must abide by the rules contained in it which means that our assets need to be reported correctly. Some of the errors we find under these reports are no value reported for furniture and paraphernalia. All lodges have some regalia and furnishings such as degree robes, collars, books, etc. All of these things have a value and need to be reported. The next is quite often no property value is shown for real estate. In some instances we know that a lodge possesses some real estate and that needs to be reported. In some cases a lodge will show quite a bit of outgo that is more than they show as taken in and will not show any invested funds or certificates of deposit and so forth. All of these financial reports are gone over at random by our auditors and are subject to random audit by the IRS. If we do not report these things correctly and honestly, it could conceivably affect our tax status if the IRS decides that we are not living within the rules and regulations for our part of the code.

The last thing about this is that we all know or have heard of a lodge that went out of business and did not dispose of their funds in a correct manner. That affects all of us, not just Grand Lodge. In that kind of a case it is important for Grand Lodge to know the true worth of a lodge to aid in recovery of assets rightfully belonging to the Order — and we are all members of the Order.

The next thing I would like to talk a little about is *attitude!* It seems that a great many of our members have the idea that they can do anything they want to do and as long as they are happy. It does not make a difference if it is right wrong or whatever. I have noticed that with some of our committees. If I ask for information I am met with the attitude that it is none of your business and who do you think you are anyway? I believe that I am the *Deputy Grand Master* and if I need information to do the business of my office from a committee, it should be forthcoming without a bunch of animosity. Quite often it seems that some of our members have the idea that all they need to say to justify what they are doing is that Art said it was okay. I talked with Loletta McCormick at the Theta Rho reception recently. I think if you call her she will tell you that Art is not there any more and just because he did it a certain way does not make it right. Art Craig was a valuable and wonderful asset to our Order and he cannot be replaced by any one of us as he was his own unique individual. So to go forward from here we need to do things according to our laws, rules and regulations without regard for what is in it for ourselves or how it was done before. After all, are we not members of this Order to help others? We must each help to pick up a little piece of the things that Art did to insure that things get done the way they should. I truly believe that if he were still here he would agree with the statement, "If you cannot do any good for the Order, then do not do any harm to it."

Last week as I was getting ready to leave work to come home for the day, (I am on graveyard shift for the summer as the supervisor), I received a call from Dee telling me that during the night a yard sprinkler head for our lawn had broken, flooding the basement and consequently my office. As I sit here I can't help but compare the destruction that was caused and what I need to do to get it back In order to what we need to do to get our Order back on the correct path attitude and operation wise. We must start with the basics, much as I will start with the basics of putting my office back together. I need to clean up the mess, get rid of what has been destroyed and is not salvable, decide the correct course to put things in order, and move on. These are the things we need to do for our Order starting with, "If you can not do any good for the Order do not do any harm."

By the time you read this we will have been to SGL in London, Ontario, Canada and our lodges that go dark will be back in session. Start thinking about your officers for the coming year and the new members you brought in just before recess last summer who may not have all of their degrees yet. There will be a degree day coming up in Olympia. Look forward to what you can do for your fellow man and community. In the near future.

All of my visitations will be unannounced so I can get a better idea of the true state of our lodges. I look forward to seeing you down the road during a visitation.

— Fraternally, Ronald D. Hanson, Deputy Grand Master

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From your 2005-2006 Grand Master



CARSON INMAN

LET'S BE POSITIVE AND SUCCESSFUL

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's been an exciting and also a stressful summer, but time moves forward and now it's September and all Lodges should be getting back to the order of meetings and making plans for a successful year. The summer has been stressful in the fact that my wife suffered a major, major heart attack July 23, but now I thank God, for giving me the chance to enjoy her company for many more glorious years.

I thank all of our members who gave their vote of confidence that I will do a good job. I hope all of our endeavors prove fruitful and we have a successful year. All of the committee's should be at work providing the lodges with the necessary materials and ideas to provide the lodges with the knowledge needed to help them have an easier and more positive approach at their meetings.

I plan on visiting all the Lodges in the state during this year and some maybe two or three times. I like to visit and talk Odd Fellowship. I've always enjoyed traveling all the roads around this wonderful state and I never get tired of seeing some of the same things, because even those, change from season to season and time to time. The drive is not always the same, something always changes the pattern.

In Friendship, Love and Truth — these words provide us with the three links to success. It is the way we approach these three words and the way we interpret them that makes a difference in whether we have a successful lodge or one that struggles. So let's be positive and make all our Lodges a fun palace for fellowship, projects and the betterment of our community.

My visitations for September are:

- September 6 Vancouver #3, 7:30 p.m.
- September 7 Ilwaco #118, 7:00 p.m.
- September 8 Fall City #59, 1:00 p.m.
- September 8 Ballard Alki #170, 8:00 p.m.
- September 10 Grand Master's and Rebekah Assembly President's Reception, Silverdale Red Lion Inn, 1:00 p.m.
- September 11 East-West Picnic, Lake Easton State Park, Interstate 90, Exits 70 or 71
- September 13 Washougal #194, 7:00 p.m.
- September 14 Montesano, Sylvia #38, 7:00 p.m.
- September 15 Everett, Pilgrim #187, 1:00 p.m.
- September 17 Grand Patriarch Jeremy Edwards' Reception, Enumclaw, 1:00 p.m.
- September 19 Colfax #14, 8:00 p.m.
- September 20 Kennewick #222, 8:00 p.m.
- September 21 Wilford #269, 2:30 p.m.
- September 22 Grandview, Red Apple #276, 7:00 p.m.
- September 24 Grand Matriarch Sharleen Davies' Reception, Kennewick, 1:00 p.m.
- October 1 Olympia #1 All Degree Day, 9:00 a.m.
- October 4 Ellensburg #20, 7:30 p.m.
- October 5 Chimacum #343, 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy and have fun, remember, only we, as *members*, can make our meetings fun and enjoyable. *In F., L. & T., Carson Inman, Grand Master*

Arthritis Committee report

Remember the Arthritis Fund

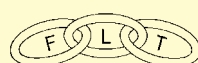
We hope all members of the Order had a good summer without many attacks from our buddy, "Arthur." When the weather starts to change and the dampness shows up, we all will start to remember our buddy, "Arthur." This is a very good reason to make donations toward the research of this problem. Arthritis shows no respect to anyone.

Your donations all stay in Washington State for research in this area. The Arthritis Fund can be your civic project from your lodge.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and fall.

— Lady Elizabeth Morgan, Chairperson
Hugh A. Smith, PGM and Co-Chairperson

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend A Reception for Carson Inman



Grand Master



~ And ~

Linda Dodge Rebekah Assembly President

Saturday, September 10, 2005

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Red Lion Inn

3073 NW Bucklin Hill Road ! Silverdale, WA

~ Host & Hostess Lodges ~

- Mt. Baker IOOF Lodge #9
- Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168
- Celesta Rebekah Lodge #333
- Bremerton Friendship IOOF Lodge #145
- Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #11
- Mt. View Rebekah Lodge #34
- South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211
- Sequim IOOF Lodge #299
- District Association #21

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Bernard "Benny" Leroy Meyers**, PGM, 40+ year member, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22.
- **Harold Macklin**, Past Grand Patriarch, 60+ year member, Titusville IOOF Lodge #34, Kent.
- **Anna A. Scarborough**, 33 year member Faith Rebekah Lodge #16, Pomeroy.
- **Evelyn Watson**, 64 year member Faith Rebekah Lodge #16, Pomeroy.
- **Kenneth Peake**, Mt. Vernon IOOF Lodge #23.
- **Michael Richardson**, Mt. Vernon IOOF Lodge #23.
- **Dorothy Pendley**, Mt. View Rebekah Lodge #34, Port Angeles.
- **Anne Obergh**, PNG, 61-year member Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77.
- **Dorothy Sly**, 58 year member, 40 year Secretary, PNG, Cloverleaf Rebekah Lodge #54, Bothell.
- **Helen Kellogg**, PNG, 71 year member, Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91, Mead.
- **Helen Merkel**, PNG, Ferndale Rebekah Lodge #224.
- **Llewelyn B. (Scotty) Green**, Pasco IOOF Lodge #257.
- **John W. Pettigrew, Jr.**, Pasco IOOF Lodge #257.
- **Ruth Mary Elder**, PNG, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305.

Bothell Odd Fellow Lodge #124 Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54

Just before the break for summer, we had done some improvements in our lodge hall. There was a fresh coat of paint for the walls and carpeting installed in the main room. It looks nice.

The rummage sale had a good turnout and we were able to get rid of some of our stuff for some dollars. It went quite well, and a good time was had by all — those who found the bargains and those who sold them.

The Odd Fellow Lodge #124 has welcomed two new members, Dale Swenson, and Steve Wilson.

On September 10, "Cinderella's Trunk" will hold a tea at the lodge hall. For more information, please contact Jackie at (425) 806-7429.

Two of our Sisters have left our beautiful state of Washington. Linda Lingren and Sharon Vitola have

moved to the state of Alaska. Linda's husband's employer made him a great offer for them to move to Ketchikan, Alaska! And, Sharon Vitola (Linda's mother) moved there with them. We are happy for them, but sad to see them leave. They are very much missed already.

And the last bit of news is that I am on vacation from August 13 through September 11. I will be in Wisconsin visiting one of my sons and his family, enjoying my 3-year-old granddaughter and her 1-year-old brother! I will need a vacation after that to recoup!

Well, I hope that everyone enjoyed the wonderful summer that we have had.

*In F., L. & T.,
Jean Oja,
Reporter*

From the Grand Matriarch



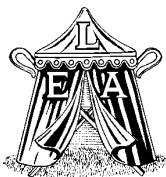
SHARLEEN DAVIES

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY SUMMER

Hello Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

It's that time again to start our meetings and think about our projects.

In July, I attended the Planning Board Meeting and attended the Theta Rho Assembly President's Reception in Oregon. Then August started off by making my first official visit to Mt. Angeles #88 in Port Hadlock. Then my traveling partner Sherry Pond and I went to Altoona, PA for the Supreme Cootlette Meeting on August 13. By the time you receive this, I will have made another two official visits, one to Unique #32 and to Kent # 9. It's great meeting with old friends and making new friends. The meetings and courtesies have been educational. Thank you for electing me. I will perform the duties entrusted to me.



MY PROGRAM

- **Motto:** Stepping stones of love
- **Emblem:** The Turtle
- **Flower:** The Yellow Rose
- **Colors:** Purple, Yellow and White
- **Songs:** "Jesus Loves Me" and "It's A Small World"
- **Project:** SOS Childrens Village
- **Scripture:** 1 John 3:18 — "Little Children, let us love, not in words or Speech, but in truth and action."

MY AUTUMN VISITATION SCHEDULE

- September 4 Unique #32, Spokane
- September 9 Kent #15, Kent
- September 10 Grand Master's & Assembly President's Reception
- September 11 East-West Picnic at Lake Easton
- September 17 Grand Patriarch's Reception
- September 21 Snohomish #25, Monroe
- September 24 Grand Matriarch's Reception
- October 2 District Association #2, Spokane
- October 4 Alpha #1, Olympia
- October 9 District Association #15, Richland
- October 12 Buckley #40, Buckley
- October 15 Department Association President's Reception, Spokane
- October 20 Goldendale #99, Goldendale
- October 24 Walla Walla #3, Walla Walla
- October 27 Tri-City #66, Kennewick
- November 4-6 Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association Meeting, Kennewick
- November 19 H.P. Downs #61, Camano Island

In closing, I wish you all a successful year. Have fun.
 "A merry heart doth good like medicine." — *Proverbs 17:22*
 I will be seeing you soon.

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
 Sharleen Davies, Grand Matriarch*

PNG's Association

'Has Beens' needed!!

Yes you, an active Past Noble Grand who still has some get up and go left. You are invited to our noon F.,L.&T. luncheon and the 1 p.m. business meeting on Thursday, September 15 at the Collins Grange Hall. President DoRis Klotzner has asked that everyone be prepared to tell something outstanding or impressive that happened during the earliest days of becoming a Rebekah. An agenda planned for future trips down memory lane is most interesting.

Yearbooks will be available to members whose dues are paid. The yearbooks will have a clue for receiving the monthly surprise. Future meetings will be on the third Thursday of every month except June. The meetings are at 3404 - 120th St. E. in Tacoma.

— Flo Roehl, Reporter

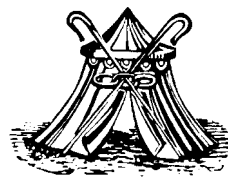
From the Grand Patriarch



JEREMY EDWARDS

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

As this is my first letter, the first thing I want to say is "Thank You" to the Grand Encampment for entrusting me to hold this office. I appreciate it and will try my best to serve well for you.



Also, thank you to all the installing officers for the nice ceremony.

For those of you who might not know, my program is as follows:

- **Motto** — "Have Hope For the Encampment."
- **Symbol** — Two flags of the Civil War, one of the

North and one of the South.

- **Project** — Civil War Preservation Trust and the Theta Rho Travel Fund.


- **Color** — Orange.
- **Song** — "The Trooper" by Iron Maiden.

As we return to our Encampments after summer recess, please try to have your meetings, some activities, community service, and try to get new members. I look forward to visiting all the Encampments this fall. I will be making my visits at the same time as the Grand Matriarch in most cases. I will have pocket/purse calendars, mouse pad calendars and magnet calendars for 2006 to sell as I visit, to raise funds for my project.


VISITATION SCHEDULE

- September 9 Kent Encampment #15
- September 10 Grand Master-Rebekah Assembly President Reception
- September 11 East/West picnic, Lake Easton
- September 17 Grand Patriarch's Reception, Enumclaw VFW Hall
- September 21 Snohomish Unified Encampment #25, Monroe
- September 24 Grand Matriarch's reception, Kennewick
- September 27 Ballard Encampment #76 (Grand Patriarch only)
- October 9 Park Board meeting

In Faith Hope and Charity, Jeremy Edwards, Grand Patriarch



*Buckley Unified Encampment #40
 Mt. Si (Kent) Canton #36
 ~ and ~
 Buckley IOOF Lodge #75*



Cordially Invite You To A Reception In Honor Of Jeremy Edwards Grand Patriarch

Saturday, September 17, 2005

1:00 p.m.

Enumclaw VFW Hall

*From the south and west, from Tacoma, go to Puyallup. Get on Highway 410 to Buckley. Go through Buckley on Highway 410, over two bridges and up a small hill. Turn left at second road which is 244th, go a couple miles to hall on the right.
 From the north, go south on I-5 to Hwy. 18. Go east to Auburn and get off at Enumclaw exit onto 164. Follow to first stop light just before Enumclaw, turn right onto 244th and go 1/2 mile.
 From the east, go over Snoqualmie pass to the Auburn exit onto Highway 18, then go through Maple Valley and Black Diamond on to Enumclaw. A couple miles before town, at a grocery store on the left, turn onto 416th. Go a mile or so to 244th, turn left and go a couple miles.
 To everyone — there will be signs to follow.*

Thanks from Sister DoRis

Thank you to my many friends who phoned, sent cards, came to see me and brought plants or flowers when I was nursing a broken arm following a fall on May 21. Special thanks to Mary Robinson who took good care of me during my "laid up" days.

My arm has healed nicely, but it is still a bit tender. I am back to riding my lawn mower.

I can't thank Mary Ann Dunivan, her husband and grandson enough for the mowing and tall grass cutting they did. Special thanks, too, to Rick Garcia who has come to my assistance several times. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

— DoRis Klotzner

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

WE CAN ALWAYS DO SOMETHING

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Well, here I am again for another year. It was so nice to see so many friendly faces at Assembly and meet new people. Thank you for all your kind comments and assistance. One Sister who was using a walker even helped me when I had too big a load to carry (thank you, Sister) which shows that no matter what our physical condition we can do something.

Remember, I am here to serve you and will do all I can to help you with your problems. Sometimes I am not able to do anything, but I will try.

It is now the end of summer and I hope you are getting into the swing of the fall season. Are you short on members? Is there barely a quorum at your meetings? Just a suggestion — many groups (singing, quilting, painting and others) are meeting in church basements, local homes, senior centers, etc. for lack of a place to meet. If you have a hall or good meeting place, how about contacting one of these groups and see if they would like to join forces. It wouldn't hurt to try and I would like to know if something along this line works out for you.

At the Assembly Secretary's Meeting I related an experience I had which goes to show no matter how long you have been in the Order there are things that should be known to members of our Order and are not. We had a homeless man working for us. His wife and child were staying at the local shelter and he was sleeping in his car. He was an excellent worker and did a lot of work for us including painting our house. At any rate, he broke his glasses. I called the local Lion's club with no luck, so I contacted the then Deputy Grand Master Carson Inman who put me in contact with the Grand Encampment of Washington's Vanderlinden-Sheppard Visual Aid Committee. They immediately e-mailed me a simple form which I filled out and the next day was able to take the man to WalMart to have him fitted with glasses. Now, I had vaguely heard of this visual assistance before, but frankly did not really know anything about it. It is a program of visual assistance for adults 18 years of age and older, low-income who must be recommended by an Odd Fellow or Rebekah and, with new legislation, now provides up to \$150 for glasses. All donations to this project are applied toward the fund. Sometimes it is assumed that members are aware of what we have when they aren't and that includes me. As you know 25 percent of our regular and memorial Visual Aid donations go to SGL for the Visual Research Program. All of the Vanderlinden-Sheppard fund stays here. Checks sent to this office will be credited to that account and listed in the Assembly Journal.

Due to recent experiences I cannot express strong enough the importance of communication. When one does not answer a communication concerning a problem, often a molehill turns into a mountain. So, I urge you, do not ignore problems and hope they will just go away. They won't.

THANK YOU

Thank you all for the kind phone calls and cards on the loss of my Sister. Take time to count your blessings. Mine are the many friends I have met over the years and I appreciate them more every day.

With Rebekah Love,
Betty Weldon, PP,

Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
New e-mail address: bweldon@opusnet.com.

Deborah Rebekah Lodge #321 - Blaine

As of May 13, Deborah Rebekah Lodge #321 was consolidated with Cardinal Lodge #154 in Custer. It was a sad time for some of the Charter Members who had been with the lodge from the beginning. Our Charter was given up after so many years. Sixty-one years is a long time.

It was quite a big disappointment to learn the interest payments from the sale of our original lodge hall could

not be transferred to Cardinal Lodge as were all of our other items. The local Blaine Food Bank, Senior Center, Staffholt Nursing Home, and the Boys' and Girls' Club will miss the donations, as will the other lodge charities that were donated to over the years. Cardinal Rebekah Lodge could have used these funds, too.

In F., L. & T.,
Mary Onyon, NG, PDP & Reporter

Mt. Tacoma hosts Friendship day

Mt. Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #69 is hosting a Friendship Meeting Tuesday, September 27 in the IOOF Hall, 5424 S. Puget Sound in South Tacoma. Lunch is at noon and the meeting will follow at 1 p.m.

We realize this is a busy month, but come if you can.

Bats in their belfry???

No, in their hotel room

Past Rebekah assembly Presidents Judy Diekman and Karen Hoylman went to the IARA Sessions in London, Ontario, Canada, where they stayed at the Hilton Hotel headquarters. On Monday evening, following the banquet, they returned to their room late to find an unexpected guest. There was a real live bat flying around in their room! They went to the desk and asked the man to have someone check their room as they thought there was a bird in it. The man obviously thought they were under the influence of something, but called someone anyway. A man came and verified that there was indeed a bat in the room. He proceeded to catch it while the girls waited outside. They slept with the light on that night.

Cardinal Rebekahs #154 - Custer

Summer has been a time to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather and I was forced to do so as I fell and broke my right wrist and ended up with complications.

Cardinal Rebekahs were very happy to receive the Deborah #321, of Blaine, members. Linda Dodge, then Vice President and now President of the Assembly, and her husband Walter Dodge, Grand Chaplain, conducted the consolidation ceremony on May 13. Everyone enjoyed lunch and

Linda shared her experiences as a Rebekah.

We have been missing members with illnesses and do hope they will return in the fall and hear about what is new at the Assembly as a few of the members did attend.

Cardinal Lodge will host the District #10 meeting on October 8 at 2914 Main St. in Custer.

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

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend A Reception for Sharleen Davies

Grand Matriarch

Grand Ladies Encampment of Washington

Saturday, September 24, 2005

1:00 p.m.



Kennewick IOOF Hall

17 N. Ione, Kennewick, Washington

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Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242

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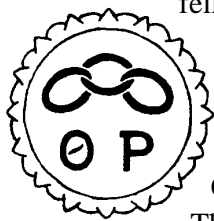
From your 2005-2006 Theta Rho President



JEAN SMITH

A NEW THETA RHO YEAR BEGINS

Hello everyone. To those of you who don't know me, my name is Jean Smith. I am your new Theta Rho President. Our Sessions were great and all of the girls had a great time, but on Saturday night I had a little accident. I fell coming out of the hot tub, so I was in a wheelchair when I was getting installed.



The following Tuesday, after I had gone to the doctors and found out that I had sprained my ankle pretty bad, I had the privilege of being an escort at Carson Inman's and Linda Dodge's installation.

Then just last month we had the Theta Rho Retreat and my reception. The girls had a wonderful time. We always had something fun and new to do. We kept the girls busy — meaning we got good sleep because we were all so tired.

My reception went very well and I really appreciate all of your support. Next month I can tell you all about my time in Canada for SGL/IARA Youth Days.

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

We hope everyone had a very nice Summer.

Beulah Crocker sold her house and will be moving to her daughter Mary Ann's home a few blocks away. Upkeep was getting too much for her.

Jerry Bierdeman is doing much better in her "Best Dang Books" store.

Luellyn Ainsworth was finally able to go on a short trip to Portland to see her sister. It had been three years since the last trip. Her son Bill drove and they played pinochle for two days. They had a lot of fun.

Louise Lusk is doing fine and is in good health now. I will have more next month after we have our first

meeting.

GEMS

"Optimism, a cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose."

"If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?"

Sisters, be thinking of items for a craft table for a fall sale. We are hoping to have one in October at the Fall Festival right across the street.

It is so nice to have *no* sickness to report. With love and good health to all.

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

Alkaziah Rebekahs #325 - Coulee Dam

(Editor's note: The following letter was received in late May, too late for the June edition.)

This spring has been rain, rain and more rain. Everything is green and the flowers are blooming.

Our most exciting news was to hear that our newest member, Jennifer Sedillo, won the L.J. Jones Scholarship for members who are seniors in high school planning to go to college. Good Luck Jennifer in your quest in life.

Sister Maxine Williams hurt her back and will be out of commission for a few weeks. Sister Dorothy Daily has had a lot of medical problems. You are always in our prayers. We all love you.

Hubby and I took a trip to Florida to see our son, daughter-in-law, 4-year-old grandson and our new grandson. We also visited with our daughter. We traveled all the way from Tampa to the end of the Keys. We had a great time.

Our lodge served a luncheon for

the Hospital Auxiliary. We served 28 people and five of our members. Maxine Williams came all the way from Spokane to help. Thank you Maxine. The luncheon was a great success.

Ethel Bennett has a new great grandson and is expecting her 20th great grand baby in July or August.

Ruth Walberg had cataract surgery on her eyes and is doing well. Sorry to hear about your house flooding. Hopefully you will be back to normal soon.

Nancy Meyer, Ethel Bennett, Linda Braunstein, Theda Rosenberg, Maxine Butts and Debbie Toulou attended lodge May 17 and refurbished our flowers for the cemetery. These were put on 28 graves on Memorial Day.

We would like to wish everyone a happy summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

*In F., L. & T.,
Linda Braunstein,
Secretary*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

We have had a busy summer. Five of our members attended the Theta Rho Assembly Sessions in Kelso at which time Tina Bond from our club presided as President. We are very proud of the job she did.

Our club and members came home with many awards. Our club received the Arthritis Plaque, the Membership Award and the Community Service Award. Bethany Bond won first place in Music at Fun Night and first place in the Ritualistic Contest for members 12 and under. Christina Bond took first in the individual category at Fun Night.

After we returned home, we traveled to Camano Island to help with the Pork Chop Barbecue. Once again our members helped set up, serve and clean up. We always enjoy visiting the IOOF Park and this is also a way for us to thank the Mt. Vernon Odd Fellows for their support of our club.

Later that month we traveled to Milwaukee, Oregon for the reception for Theta Rho Assembly President Jean Smith and the Youth Retreat. What a fun weekend their JJYC planned for the girls.

On August 12 our club turned 45-years-old. To celebrate we had a picnic/birthday party for ourselves at City Beach. Special guests for the evening were Carson Inman, Grand Master, and his wife Judy.

Three of our members were chosen to participate in educational trips this summer and we are proud that these members were selected for these activities. Tina Bond was sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Odd Fellows for the United Nations trip. Stacey McCloskey participated in the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C. and Camilla Garey was selected to attend a medical leadership conference in Chicago.

We will start on regular meetings again in September. We will be seeing some of you down the road at the receptions in September.

— The members of Acorn #79

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

It will not be long before we will be engaged in our lodge activities once again. We hope you have been able to enjoy the beautiful warm (hot) days of summer.

At one of our last meetings before summer break, Elsie Wells conducted a lovely Memorial Service for our Lodge Sisters who had passed away during the year. Those remembered were: Eva Greenhalgh, Virginia Rice, Hazel Highland, Isabelle Durand, Eva Jene McCully, Elsie Collard, Clara Crockett, Peggy Lewis, Janice Edwards and Thelma Warfield.

Our Sister Jeanine Griffin was surprised when she was given special recognition by Noble Grand Jane Hanson. Jeanine was honored for her role as Musician who adds beauty to our lodge meetings and does so with dignity and diligence. She was presented a flowering plant.

We welcome two transfers from All States Lodge in Richland, Helen Wilson and Mamie Bolin. Helen joined us as an Associate Member when she moved to Walla Walla several years ago and has been faithful in her service to our lodge.

Pauline Patterson and Barbara Trvz were the recent winners of our cash prize drawing and both donated their money to our Charity Fund.

We are happy to report that Brother Don Klicker is doing well following his open heart surgery. Several of those who have been ill, including Dorothy Clarke, Ruth Gibson, and Virginia Braden, have improved. We hope it continues.

Before our summer recess, those who served as refreshment hostesses were June Cummins, Marthann Hall, Lou Wiebe and Nancy Klicker. After our last meeting in June, we followed our tradition of going to the Dairy Queen for treats and a time of fellowship.

Last, but not least, I want to remind each one of you that our first meeting this fall will be held on Tuesday, September 6 in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Lodge Hall. It will be a potluck supper and will start at 6 p.m. We hope you will make the effort to join us for both the potluck and the meeting.

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

Beacon Rebekahs #91 - Mead

We are back and guess what? It's still hot.

We have had a lot of things happen this summer. After we came home from Assembly in Kelso, Past President Sandi had the very much needed surgery on her left wrist. But while she was coming out of that, she got word that her mom had passed on. We did the Rebekah service for the family. Our District lost two more members within that next two weeks. Our sympathies go out to all the families.

On July 16 some of our members helped with our Local Second Harvest Food Bank to provide lunches for the

kids who need lunch since school is out. They had a very good turnout.

The weather has been too hot for a lot of activities. We had planned a bake sale, but with 90+ temps, we decided that we didn't want to be the baked goods.

Our members haven't done a lot of traveling this summer.

We are planning on our fall meetings with lunch out and then back to working on the new President's program.

I will let every one know what's happening in our next letter.

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

From the Department Association President

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

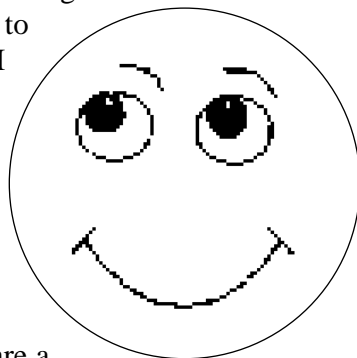
My dear friends,

I want to thank each of the members who volunteered to fill the appointed offices and committee appointments. Without your cooperation we wouldn't have an Association. I want to congratulate the newly-elected officers. You all are very important to me and the rest of the membership.



I am sure that your new Lady Vice President Jane Hanson will be making her annual inspections soon so each of you need to brush up on your duties and practice forming the lines. You don't have to have a large group to accomplish doing the duties of the inspection. I just ask that you do the best you can.

I am not sure when I will be making any visitations. I would like to know when it is best to visit you. Please let me know. When I visit you I will be asking for donations for my project. I will have a few things for a raffle with the proceeds going to the Craft Department at the Odd Fellows Home. Crafts are a very good therapy for the residents at the Home.



I have attended the Receptions of the Theta Rho President Jean Smith, Grand Master Carson Inman, Rebekah Assembly President Linda Dodge and Grand Matriarch Sharleen Davies. Also, I accompanied Sharleen on her visit to the Port Hadlock LEA meeting. It is always nice to visit with old friends and make new ones. Thanks for all the kindness and charity extended to me.

Someone asked me what are my favorite things. Well here is a list. . . My husband, grandkids, lemons, chocolate chip cookies, popcorn, Snicker bars, water and, of course, music. Someone asked me what do I collect. My answer is dust. (She said with a smile.)

My emblem is the "Happy Face." Please remember that a smile is a wonderful thing to pass on to the next person. My song is "You Light up my Life." So light up someone's life with a smile.

I hope to see you all soon,

*Chivalrously,
Lady Sherry Pond,*

Department Association LAPM of Washington

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

Hello! After two months of vacation it is time to get back to work. I didn't get to go to the Grand Sessions due to a freak illness which turned into a real strange deal. I had a little dizzy spell that made me so nauseated that I couldn't move. I called my daughter and we decided that I needed to go to the emergency room. The doctor on call put me through all the tests and when she viewed the results she determined that I had a mild heart attack and I was anemic. She said I needed to stay in the hospital at least overnight. The next morning the doctor informed me that some way my chart had been mixed up with another patient's whose name began with a Z. I went home that afternoon, but it was too late for me to get packed up and ready, so that was that. I'll try again next year because I hate to miss the Sessions.

The next Wednesday, August 10, Leah Rebekahs and Odd Fellows enjoyed a noon picnic at the home and garden of Sister Pat and Brother Glen Benjamin. NG Belinda Sweetin called the members on the phone to invite everyone. We had a good crowd.

Brother Art Winterstein has been the hospital in Yakima after having

surgery for a 95 percent blocked artery in his neck. I heard that he is recovering nicely at the home of his daughter in Selah. Sister Elnora is with him and our thoughts and prayers are with them. Sister Tammie Cook learned just recently that she has diabetes. She has had a difficult time and has been in and out of the hospital, sometimes for several days. The doctors are trying to get her medicine adjusted and take care of her allergies. Everyone is thinking of you and praying for you to get back on your feet. Sister JoAnn Darland is at home after being down for several months with a broken ankle. Sister Ann Thompson is back on her feet after her broken hip and has moved to an apartment on Columbus Avenue. Her daughter Sister Inez Freeman has moved into her house. Come to Lodge, Inez. We'd love to have you. Our first meeting on September 6 will feature the Representative's report by NG Belinda Sweetin. Brother Lloyd Sweetin has the refreshments. On September 20, Sister Loleta Zumwalt has the program and Brother Ray Gosney will handle the refreshments.

In F, L. & T.,

Loleta Zumwalt, PNG and Reporter

You Are Invited To Attend
A Reception for



Sherry Pond



President of the Department Association of Washington

Saturday, October 15, 2005

1:00 p.m.

IOOF Temple

~ Host & Hostess Lodges ~

*Spokane Ladies Auxiliary #6 ~ Spokane
Unique Unified Encampment #32 ~ Spokane
Hope Rebekah Lodge #328 ~ Spokane
Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145 ~ Spokane
Beacon Rebekah Lodge #91 ~ Mead
Ramona Rebekah Lodge #238 ~ Spokane
Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52 ~ Spokane
Wilford IOOF Lodge #259 ~ Spokane*

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

It certainly doesn't feel like summer is almost over as I write this in late July with temperatures each day in the high 90s. We hope everyone had a good and enjoyable summer.

By joining with the "Dollars for Scholars" program, our \$500 scholarships ended up with the recipients each receiving more than \$600. James Creal, a 2005 graduating senior, received one and Tonga Rinke, a college attendee, received the one for post-graduates.

Our lodge was saddened in June by the passing of our Sister Anne Obergh, a 61-1/2 year Rebekah. Anne was a PNG and had been very active most of her years in the Order. The lodge assisted with the meal following her services. Our Charter will be draped at our September 19 meeting.

Again this year, our lodge was well-represented during the Assembly Sessions in Kelso. PP and Rep. Fay Bowers-Holland served as Chairman of the Introduction of Guests Committee along with all PP's, and as a member of the State of the Order Committee which was advised by PP and Alt. Rep. Irene Kossow. Both Irene and Fay assisted in other parts of the events. Two of our Associate Members, Sharin Brown, PGM LEA;

and Lois Clark, PNG (new kid on the block), served on the State of the Order Committee. For any of you who knew and remember Sister Elaine Reed, PPG LAPM, Lois is her daughter.

Now that it is September and our vacation is over, we have plenty to do to finalize plans for our 110th Anniversary celebration on October 17. A luncheon is planned for 1 p.m. with other events following. There will be more next month.

Yours truly had her left hip replaced on June 28. After five weeks of touch toe walker movement and wheel chair and rehab, I could start using that leg and foot, get into aquatic therapy and slowly am almost back to normal. To each and everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards, visits and calls, I am most appreciative.

Rebekah Sisters are the best!

Sister Irene Kossow, PP, is doing very well and reports that she is about back to normal. You can't keep us 'ol PP's down.

Until next time, much fraternal love to you. To all who have suffered misfortunes or illnesses during the summer, our prayers are with you.

Fraternal Love,

Fay Bowers-Holland, PP and Rep.

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

(Editor's note: The following was written in early June.)

Hello from Tempest #114 and Prosperity #301 of Wenatchee. We hope your summer is going well and that everyone is keeping well. We are looking forward to a summer picnic at Lake Chelan as guests of our NG Barbara Pittman.

One of our Rebekah projects is saving pull tabs which are given to the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane to help them in fund-raising. Our NG Barbara took our collection to them and was given a tour of the facility. She reported it was inspirational and a wonderful facility to help others.

On Mothers' Day, our Noble Grand presented all mothers beautiful bou-

quets of flowers. At each meeting, she also gives us inspirational readings or information.

We recognized Memorial Day with a history of how it began.

The Odd Fellows sponsored a potluck in June and our invited guests were the contractors and crew who did such a wonderful repair job on our hall.

The Odd Fellows are in the process of changing their meeting time to the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. This will enable more of our members to attend.

Best wishes to all newly-elected Grand Officers. We wish you well during your term.

Marjorie Farrens, Reporter

*September Is
Back To Lodge Month*

An update on guidelines for Washington OddFellow reporters

We have printed these guidelines for reporters in *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper several times. As a result, many of your stories are now easier to read and put into type for the newspaper. However, several of you may have overlooked these guidelines. If you can, please keep these guidelines by your typewriter, computer or writing desk for future reference.

Again, here are a few suggestions which will make *The Washington OddFellow* a better newspaper for all of us:

- Be sure to include the name and number of your Lodge and the name of your town if the Lodge name is different. As a reporter, please include your name, too, so we can give you credit.
- If your story is handwritten, leave plenty of space between lines and please print any names so I can get them spelled correctly. Please double check all names. We have spent many hours researching membership rosters to make sure questionable names are spelled correctly and we have corrected the spelling on dozens of names. However, I am sure there are many more misspelled names that have slipped through.
- If your story is typed, please double space and **do not** type your entire story in all capital letters and **do not** use both sides of the paper. Please use **plain white typing paper**, not the onion skin type.
- Please include the names and pertinent information about deceased members on a **separate** piece of paper for the Memoriam column. Information should include the persons name, how long they have been a member and what elected offices they have held, also in Grand Lodge and Assembly.
- Remember, *The Washington OddFellow* is received in your home and everyone else's on or about the first of the month. Keep this in mind when you are writing about events that will already have taken place by the time the newspaper is in your mailbox. Even if an event has not yet happened when you write your story, please word your story in the "past tense" if your event takes place before the newspaper comes out.
- Try to keep your stories as concise as possible. You have probably noticed that we have many more Lodges reporting now than we had in the past. Concise stories mean we can fit in news from more Lodges.
- Finally, when you are finished, read over your story to make sure everything is spelled correctly. Then, as a final measure, read the story out loud to yourself or to someone else. This is an easy way to tell if you have left out some important word or fact.
- Remember, our deadline is the 10th of each month for the next month's edition. The next deadline is September 10 for the October, 2005 edition. You may mail your stories or fax them to: (360) 829-5339. You may e-mail your stories to: billo@tx3.com
- We have change of address forms for your convenience. If you do not have these forms, please contact the Grand Lodge of Washington office at 1-800-345-1766 and we will mail you these forms.



Thanks, Your Editor



From left are Don Smith, Betty Smith, Lois Tippet and Dorothy McGuire. They all received veteran jewels last March.

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

Welcome back to Lodge!! We hope all of you had a great summer and a safe one.

Faith # 16 lost two Sisters this summer. Anna A. Scarbrough passed away June 30. She was a 33-year member. She is survived by one son, two daughters and one step-daughter. She also leaves 15 grandchildren, many step-grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Our prayers go out to all her family.

Evelyn Watson passed away July 27. She was a 64-year member of Faith #16. She married Ralph Watson May 23, 1939 and he passed away August 30, 2001. Evelyn held many offices over the years, local and District, as well as Assembly offices. She is survived by one son, Dennis and wife Shirley of Pomeroy, a daughter Lynne Greene of Clarkston, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews and many friends. The funeral was held July 31 in Pomeroy. We will all miss her! Evelyn was the last of her family of three brothers and four girls.

Last March 15 we had another yummy potluck and then presented two 50-year jewels and two 60-year jewels. Doris Perry was in charge of the addendum, Hazel Crawford sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Memories."

Lois Tippet joined March 3, 1945 in Asotin. She has been Noble Grand and has held other offices. Asotin consolidated with Clarkston and then

Clarkston consolidated with Pomeroy. Lois is now our Chaplain. She is a very good Rebekah and a friend to all.

Violet Smith joined Faith Rebekah #16 February, 20, 1945. Violet has held every office and was our Chaplain for many years. She worked on our dinners and on many lodge projects. Violet is bedridden at home now and daughter Nancy is her caregiver. We all miss then both. Violet son Don and his wife Betty received the 60-year jewel for her.

Dorothy McGuire joined Faith #16 March 16, 1954. She was Noble Grand in 1961 and has held other offices, as well. She has worked on lodge dinners and other lodge projects. She has worked 30 years in a doctors office.

Eloise Evans joined December 22, 1954. We could not find Eloise for awhile, but she has been found and her jewel was mailed to her. She is living in Kennewick.

These four Sisters were and are active in lodge work and are truly our lodge Sisters. Thank you!

Violet Smith fell and spent one day in our local hospital. Hazel Crawford is doing well after her hip replacement surgery. Our prayers go out to all these people.

It was really nice getting back to lodge and seeing our lodge Sisters and friends.

May God be with you all

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

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Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21 - Centralia

This month I have some good news and some bad news.

First, the good news. Our summer hiatus is now over and we are girding up for fall and winter activities. We at Ivy #21 of Centralia are hosting the upcoming District #18 meeting set for October 1. Registration will begin about 9 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10 a.m. There will, of course, be coffee and refreshments before the meeting. Our luncheon menu includes a hot chicken casserole, salad, veggies, rolls and dessert. The cost will be \$5. To accommodate all of us, we have secured the Moose Hall at 1400 Grand Ave. Take the KMart exit, go east, then north at the fork. Keep on that road until you come to the Moose lodge on your left.

I would like to refrain from ever mentioning the next bit of news but,

alas, it can't be done. When we said our goodbyes for the summer in June, little did we know that the next time we would meet, it would be without a very valuable Sister. Wanda Garrett, a member of Bucoda #144 and an Associate Member of Ivy #21, passed away. She was diagnosed with cancer and it took her very swiftly. Her family was at her bedside all the time and she went peaceably. Wanda was our Financial Secretary and Treasurer for many years and she could be counted on attending darn near all our meetings. I think she made the best desserts for refreshments. Wanda will be missed sorely for her lovely sense of humor and all the hard work she put into making Lodge successful.

'Til next time.

F., L. & T.,
Jerry Bierdeman, Reporter



Pine Forest winner

Pine Forest's Down River Days Parade float won the first place trophy on July 30. Mother Goose is Milly Schock. The two little boys belong to Pine Forest Color Bearer Kim McNaughton. Jennifer Cousineau (our UN winner) is seated beside them.

Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

Recent months have been a mixture of good things and bad things at Pine Forest. Good things included the initiation of two new members, including our first Brother initiated under the new rules that allow men to become Rebekahs without first being Odd Fellows. We welcomed Betty and John Stevenson as new members on May 25. Their daughter, Jennifer Cousineau, was the winner of our UN Pilgrimage competition this year.

We also enjoyed awarding our \$500 Nancy Nicholas Memorial Scholarship to Jessica Pichette at the Selkirk graduation ceremonies in June.

Our final meeting in June found us saying a sad farewell to Bernice Emrick, whose son Allan was killed in a horseback riding accident earlier that month. The Lodge made a \$100 donation to the Selkirk School District in Allan's memory. Bernice has moved to Sunnyside and will be living there with her daughter Deena. We hope she visits us often. Already we're missing her, wondering who will take care of choosing and wrapping the boxes we prepare for families in need during the Christmas holidays. And several voices could be heard saying, "I sure miss Bernice," as we worked at the Food Booth in the park during the Down River Days festivities in July.

Overall, however, Down River Days went extremely well. The weather was perfect. The Pine Forest float, designed by Betty Stevenson, brought home a first prize trophy. The theme was "Mother Goose at Work." Mildred Schock played the starring role. John Stevenson was really hoping as he had volunteered to deal with getting the pop down to the food booth, and was, of course, pressed, into service to drive the truck that

pulled the float. Then he wound up cooking hamburgers because Irene McCoy had broken her ankle. John did very well on Saturday afternoon, taking over after Nancy Davis handled the noon rush, and then amazed us all by keeping up with the lunchtime crowd on Sunday, resulting in our most successful Down River Days ever. Other workers were Marvel Smith, Marcia Hirsch, Betty Stevenson, Jennifer Cousineau, Cheryl Eckhart, Lila Middleton, Patricia Woelfel, Anne Williams and Esther Breeden. Once again, John Nauditt generously provided us with ice, and the Lions were most helpful in leaving us set up with working grills and a refrigerated trailer as we moved in following their pancake breakfasts.

We've also been busy taking train ride reservations at the Lions' Depot, having worked the two weeks before the Down River Days and Affair on Main Street (Labor Day Weekend) rides, and for a week before the poorly-planned Lavender Festival Ride in early July which had to be cancelled.

Marvel Smith also organized a lunch and dinner for a class reunion in early August, helped out by Pat Mendenhall, Esther Breeden, Marge Young and Anne Williams.

Now we're looking forward to a presentation by the Border Patrol at our first meeting in October, arranged by Lila Middleton and the Past Grands. Border Patrol activities have increased significantly here in recent years, including the establishing of a base in Metaline. It will be interesting to learn more about their activities.

"The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well."

— Joe Ancis

In F., L. & T.,

Anne Williams, Reporter

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

Hello again. We hope everyone had a good summer.

Our lodges wish to congratulate our new Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Officers.

On behalf of our District Lodges, we wish to thank everyone who sent their RSVP for the reception for Grand Master Carson Inman and Assembly President Linda Dodge. We look forward to seeing each of you at the reception hosted by the lodges. A number was needed by August 30 for hotel set-up.

Congratulations also to President Linda and Brother Walt on their 25th wedding anniversary in August. Thank you to all who remembered them. Also, congratulations to Mac and Lorraine MacPherson who celebrated their 60th anniversary.

The weather was perfect for our

annual potluck picnic in July. All of our active members attended.

Our lodge meetings resume September 6 with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. The meetings follow at 8 p.m.

Rebekah District Association #21 and Odd Fellow District #15 meetings will be on October 1 at the Port Townsend Lodge Hall, 1118 Lawrence St. Registration is at 11 a.m. The luncheon is at noon and the meetings begin at 1 p.m. To get to the hall, go down the hill into Port Townsend past Safeway on left. The marina is on the right. Turn left up the second hill, then right on Lawrence. The hall is above the business district on waterfront. See you there.

In F., L. & T.,

Don & Florence Cowdery,

Reporters



Marking 150 years

Past Grand Roger Bruland presented a framed certificate to Noble Grand Scot Turner of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 that was received from the Thurston County Commissioners for Olympia Lodge #1's 150th birthday. The certificate was received from the Commissioners by Past Grand Roger Bruland during the 2005 Thurston County Birthday Party. Olympia Lodge also had an information booth about Odd Fellowship and the Olympia Lodge history that was manned by Brothers Dan Childress and Darrell Holt.

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Hello, everyone! Have you all enjoyed your summer vacation? It hardly seems possible that summer is about over.

Our Grand Coulee Sisters have had a busy time. We represented the Rebekah Sisters on August 6-7 at the Telford Rest Area near Creston. The Sisters dispensed coffee, cold drinks and assorted cookies to the many travelers who stopped in. It is always a fun time visiting with everyone. Thanks to my workers who helped with this project: Betty Roller, Wanda Hirst, Helen Scheibner and, of course, my husband Robert. Again I thank everyone who gave donations or made cookies for this cause. It was deeply appreciated.

Sister Aloha Wagner had knee surgery. There were a few complications, but she is doing fine now. Both Sisters Lorraine Bahr and Marlene Oenning had sick spells. Is there anyone else? May each soon be on the road to recovery.

We will start our fall activities on Tuesday, September 6. May each of you be ready for some fun, work and play.

One of our Sisters, Elsie Byam and her husband, took a summer trip back east, visiting family and friends and doing some sight seeing.

Hostess for the September 6 meeting will be Katie Eckhart. On September 20, Helen Scheibner will be the hostess.

Don't forget, we will have a work party in November to help with our donations to the Hope Center in Moses Lake. Call to see what is needed.

Remember, in October there will be nominations of officers for the coming year. May everyone be able and willing to take an office to represent our Lodges.

Until next month. . .

In F., L. & T.,

Jeanette Kelley,

Reporter

*See You Back In
Lodge This Month!*



Sherry Pond, Elsie Cogswell and Ruth Berglund enjoy their lunch at Hope's "high tea."

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

Hope has had a busy summer. Even though we don't meet during the summer, we do have a lot of activities going. First of all, to send us off for the summer we had a very nice high tea. Pat Nave was the hostess. We all wore our finery along with our hats and gloves. Each table was set with cloth napkins and decorations had a lilac theme. Each table had it's own unique tea pot and lovely china tea cups. The two pictures accompanying this article are of Sherry Pond, Elsie Cogswell and Ruth Berglund eating the delicious cucumber sandwiches and fruit. The other picture is of Marie Putman dressed in her finery. The genuine fox fur was salvaged from her mother's belongs many years ago. The muff purse is also very old, but Marie isn't very old.

We also had our annual "Hands Across the Border Luncheon." This luncheon is hosted by Hope to increase friendship with our neighbors in the towns just across the border in Idaho. There were about 35 people present. All enjoyed the lunch and afterward we had a hat style show with some celebrities to help show off the hats. A very aging Twiggy came to show of her hat from the 60s. She had to carry her boots as she said her calves were to big to fit into them now. The Queen was here showing off her beautifully feathered hat. We had one hat that had been in storage so long that the spiders covered it in cobwebs.



Marie Putman shows off her finery.

We had a picnic in the lovely backyard at the home of Pat Nave. Her husband Al was our barbecue chef. We also got to see Sherry's husband, Larry. He was our guest.

We lost our Brother Donald Bailey July 8, 2005. His family asked that memorials be sent to Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla or to the Guilds School at 2118 W. Garland Ave. Spokane, WA 99205.

We had a yard sale the last of July and met lots of folks. As usual we handed out information about IOOF to some of our customers.

We are looking forward to September and starting up our meetings again. We miss each other and our fellow Rebekahs and Odd Fellows in the Spokane area. If you are in the area, please come see us. We meet at the Odd Fellows Temple the first and third Wednesday at noon.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Experience is a wonderful. . . It enables us to recognize a mistake every time we repeat it.

In F, L. & T, Sherry Pond, Reporter

Don't Forget!

*District Meetings
Are Coming Soon!
Please Attend*



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Washington Odd Fellows Home	509-525-6463

*September Is
Back to School
Time!
Please Drive
Carefully &
Watch For The
Little Ones!*



Our Rose Parade Float

The 2006 Odd Fellow and Rebekah Rose Parade Float is entitled "A Romantic Moment." It will be in the 2006 Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA and featured on national television. The cost of the float is not completely paid and the Float Committee is still accepting any and all donations.

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Summer is over. We hope you all had an enjoyable one and treated yourselves to family gatherings, vacations, picnics and relaxation. Our lodge Sisters kept busy doing various things. Opal Eaton spent time in Alaska; NG Olney Patch made her way to California for a short time; Linda Zuern visited family in North Dakota; Helen O'Neal, Vivian Currie and Barbara Emond attended Assembly in Kelso; and Beverly Gilpin traveled about for a few weeks.

On a sadder note, I spent four days in Alaska for a celebration of life for my son Jay who lost his two-year battle with cancer, I was at his side when he died June 14 at University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. My lodge Sisters have been so loving and kind through it all. My heartfelt thanks to them.

Way back in June, Donna Merrill, Lucy Aydelott, Linda Zuern and Betty Pierce hosted the meetings and served refreshments. Patriotic themes and Fathers' Day remembrances carried our thoughts into summer. Our weather has been very nice and our visitors (and locals) delighted in the sunny, warm weather for many activities and events held here on the Long Beach Peninsula.

Bunco has been going strong this summer. It is such a good money-maker for us and so much fun. Great job, Cathy Kary. Thanks to Frances O'Neil for the use of her building. Betty Pierce is a big help, too. Several Sisters serve refreshments throughout

the year.

Longtime Rebekah Sister, Effie Wright, was the grand marshal for the Bald Eagle Day Parade held in Cathlamet in July. I spotted her picture in the hometown newspaper and decided I should spread the news. Sister Judy Williams was seen out and about and Bessie Braschuk has been attending some of our summer activities. It's great to see her out and about as she's 90-something!!

Several Sisters are keeping our planter on the beach approach looking good. NG Olney has been in charge of this project. Frances O'Neil had the help of many sisters folding "shirts" and getting ready for the kite festival which was in August. A souvenir booth was manned during the festival by many of our Sisters. Every year they donate many hours.

Don't forget the District #18 meeting on October 1 to be held in Centralia. Ivy #21 is host for the meeting and Frances O'Neil of Ocean Beach #313 is outgoing President.

Try not to think about the fact that Christmas is only four months away. Enjoy the autumn beauty and have fun at your meetings now that summer is over.

We keep saying prayers for our men and women in the service and giving thanks for the blessings that we have every day. Keep a smile in your heart,

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

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all of our Sisters and Brothers.

At our last meeting before our summer break, our attendance was down quite a bit as several of our members were ill. We made plans for our picnic in July and our Ice Cream Social in August. It has been really hot.

One of our Sisters, Joan Stern, who is the daughter of Brother Dave and Sister Faye Christian, was privileged this summer to be one of two tour leaders of 153 delegates to the United Nations Pilgrimage which has been going on for more than 50 years. The first group left Portland, OR Saturday morning, July 9 and met the rest of the group in Philadelphia, PA which made a total of 155. All delegates had to be at least 16-years-old. They left Philadelphia for New York City where

they spent four days. All delegates had to give a speech and the winner was a boy from Oregon, Thia Nguyen, who won a \$1,000 scholarship. After leaving New York City, the group traveled north as far as Ottawa, Canada, Niagara Falls and Ontario, before heading back down to Gettysburg, PA, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and then to Philadelphia again to return home on July 22. Joan said it was a wonderful trip and children or grandchildren of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs should see that they get the chance to participate next year.

We will have a potluck at our first meeting in September.

Take care and may God bless.

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

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Our first meeting of the fall will be a welcome back potluck at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 17. We will have our spaghetti dinner, salad and garlic bread for \$7.50. We will serve dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

We will be busy in October as we are hosting our District #35 meeting

with our own Maryann Applebee as President. The meeting will be on October 15 at the IOOF Home.

Penny, we miss you! Please get back so you can be our reporter. You do such a good job.

*In F., L. & T.,
Karen Schultz, Reporter
Secretary and Reporter*

*School Bells Are Ringing!
Drive Carefully*

Fall 2005 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING

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SATURDAY LUNCH (Hotel has very small dining room)

Sandwich & Salad Buffet w/bev # _____ @ \$14.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET

Black Cherry Almond Chicken # _____ @ \$23.00 \$ _____

Pecan Pork Loin # _____ @ \$23.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (U.S. Funds) \$ _____

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Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Washougal IOOF Lodge #194

Hello everyone and welcome back to Lodge!

As our summer comes to an end we all got together for dinner on August 30. We all talked about our summer adventures. We are looking forward to getting back to Lodge and making it a great beginning with a fresh start.

As we left you in the spring, we told you all about our quilt being made with love by our own special Rebekah Roberta Hecker. She has it almost completed and we are almost ready to sell tickets. The money earned from the sales is to help rebuild our funds. We will be selling chances every chance we get.

September is like going back to school. We have to gather our supplies and talk with friends. Going back to Lodge is much the same. So gather up your new and old friends and invite them to join you in your Lodge.

September 13 will be our first meeting after the summer break. We are looking forward to getting together and having a meeting to talk over any new-found plans to help our

Lodge to build its membership. We are a small Lodge and need good and faithful members who really love the Lodge for what it stands for: **Friendship, Love & Truth!**

September 27 will be our second meeting of the month, See you all there.

OUR FRIENDSHIP

We have formed a friendship that has become invaluable to me, We have discussed our goals and plan our future. We express our fears and talk about our dreams. . . We can be very serious or we can just have fun. We understand each other's lives and try to encourage each other in all that we do. We have formed a friendship that makes our lives so much nicer.

— By Susan Polis Schutz

Until next time, may God bless you. Have a great new beginning this fall.

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

Secretary & Reporter

Meetings held in Washougal, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

