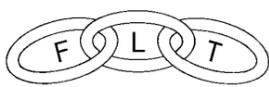


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Spunky Christmas cards

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club members show the Christmas cards they made for nursing home residents. In the front row, from left, are Megan Roth, Breanna Hyde and Kaitlin Yates. In the back row are Ceara Dempsey, Jennifer Vargo, Maranda Mellot, Florence Frogge' and Lea Daniels.

Arthritis Committee report

Let's make the world a better place

Making the world a better place in which to live is a principle of Odd Fellowship through the practice of Friendship, Love and Truth.

This is a good reason to join with our members to accept the challenge to make a difference in the lives of the millions of people afflicted with arthritis. It is also another good reason to make a donation to the Arthritis Research Fund. Most all of us can tell when the weather is changing by the aches and pains brought on by our buddy "Arthur." He can be cured only with donations to the Arthritis Research Fund.

Remember, it is your aches and pains that buddy "Arthur" keeps sending you. Most of us are members of his group. It can be cured by research funded with your donations.

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

Thanks to all my Brothers & Sisters

Thank you all my Odd Fellow and Rebekah Brothers and Sisters for the prayers sent after my triple by-pass heart surgery on February 3. I am improving (much too slowly for my liking) daily. I miss going to lodge and also will miss the Planning Board meeting. Ernie will be there. However, I will see all of you in June at our Grand Sessions in Kelso.

See you then. Take care and may God bless you all.

— In F, L. & T, Mavis House

Postage going up on supplies

Because of the increase in the price of postage, effective March 1, 2006, a \$1 postage charge will be added to all Rebekah Assembly supply orders. It had been hoped to avoid this, but after being charged \$2.85 for a \$2 item, it is apparent that this increase is necessary. When supplies are ordered please include \$1 for postage.

Betty Weldon,
PP, Secretary,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

PP Helen Slaybaugh passes away at age 91

Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington Helen Pauline Slaybaugh, 91 of Clinton Street in Walla Walla died Jan. 31, 2006 at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland. She served as Rebekah Assembly President in 1967-68.

Private internment will be at a later date in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR.

Memorials may be made to the Washington Odd Fellows Home, 534 Boyer Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Sister Slaybaugh was born May 17, 1914, in Madoc, Montana to James and Florence Morrison Robbins. She moved to Longview, WA and graduated from high school there. She also attended Lower Columbia Junior College in Longview.

She joined the U.S. Navy on June 24, 1944 and served during World War II. She was discharged on October 20, 1945.

She married Cecil Burns in Longview in 1934. He died in 1967. She worked in a Longview dress shop and became involved in Rebekah Lodges as a jurisdictional officer.

In 1969 she and Isaac "Ike" Slaybaugh married in Longview. They lived in Seattle for a few years, in Longbeach, WA for about 20 years and then moved to Walla Walla in the early 1990s. They enjoyed ball-room dancing and traveled to attend conventions with Odd Fellows and Elks. Mr. Slaybaugh died in 1997.

She was a member of the Ocean Beach and Longview Rebekah Lodges, Pacific Chapter of the Eastern Star in Ilwaco and the Lady Elks in Long Beach. She was an ardent reader.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Greg Lewelling of Battleground, WA; granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Patty and Dale Holt of Castle Rock, WA; grandson Robert Burns of Longview; and two great-grandsons, Christopher and Zachery Holt of Castle Rock. She was preceded in death by son Don Burns; and four brothers and two sisters.



HELEN SLAYBAUGH

Four Odd Fellow and three Rebekah Lodges installed!!

Four Odd Fellow Lodges and three Rebekah Lodges installed their officers at the IOOF Park on Camano Island on January 28. IOOF Lodges included Mt. Vernon #23, Edmonds #96, Pilgrim #187 and Oak Harbor #291. Rebekah Lodges involved were Skagit #82, Plymouth #142 and Peace #336.

John Crispin, Grand Warden, and Linda Dodge, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, along with Grand Secretary Ed Reitan, performed the ceremony.

Dinner was prepared by Sister Blossom Phillips. Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 in Oak Harbor helped with the set-up, serving and clean-up. There were 41 people in attendance. We served roast pork loin with carrots, peas, fried and baked potatoes, and salads from those in attendance. Cake was served for dessert.

Everyone had an enjoyable time and re-established friendships. All on the team did a very good job.

In F, L. & T.,
Larry Phillips, DDGM for District #6

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

“TAKE ME” ITEMS NEEDED VERY SOON

The Advance Reports — “Take Me” — will be put together in the near future, so all Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairman need to submit their reports and budgets in time for this publication. Note: For those committees needing financial information for their reports and budgets, the financial data will not be available until after the closing of the Grand Lodge books on March 31. The text of your report could be completed now and forwarded to this office.

If you or a Lodge Representative wish to propose legislation for consideration at this Grand Lodge Session, it also must be presented in time for printing in the “Take Me.”

I would also remind those Lodges that have an even number that elected a representative this year, you must submit a Representative’s Certificate if you have not done so already. We need those certificates as soon as possible to allow the Grand Master to make appointments to Standing Committees before the Annual Sessions convene.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code page changes from the 2005 Sessions were mailed to all Odd Fellow Lodge Secretaries. Thank you to the Lodges that have sent in the \$6 already. The cover letter sent with the changes was to be considered the billing. To those Lodges that have not done so yet, please tend to this item soon.

The Annual Sessions of all Units of the Order will be held at the Red Lion Inn in Kelso. The dates for this year are June 24 through June 30. Registration forms, including meals, will appear in the next issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. The Sessions this year are being handled by Alimus IOOF Lodge #15 and Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 under the Chairmanship of Ernest and Mavis House.

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

PNG’s Association

We need the support of all PNGs

Have you thought about all the recent requests you have received from various organizations seeking your support? Then there’s us, the F.L.&T. Association, which needs the support of PNG’s. Surely a short part of a day, out of a month is not asking to much. We have lunch at noon that is prepared by Sisters from our various lodges and a 1 p.m. business meeting conducted by President DoRis Klotzner.

The program she has scheduled for this month is to give first-hand information on a kite flying experience, or something memorable about a ball game (oh my, the tales that can be told on this one!) or how you celebrated a St Patrick’s Day. If you cannot come up with a true story in relation to one of these subjects, bring along an interesting article to read about one.

Do join us on Thursday, March 16 for lunch and our business meeting at the Collins Grange Hall, 3404 120th St. E in Tacoma.

By the way, one other thing to think about. If your lodge has a new member to be initiated and you would like the F.L.&T. Drill Team to do this for your lodge, it would be appreciated if you would call the teams Negotiator, Guyida White, for information at (253) 845-6903.

— Flo Roehl, Reporter

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From your 2005-2006 Grand Master



CARSON INMAN

LET’S SPREAD THE GOOD WORD OF FRIENDSHIP, LOVE & TRUTH

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is one of the Grand Lodge’s busiest months, if not the busiest. This is the month that the groundwork for our annual Session really gets into high gear.

January and February are gone and all of the newly-installed officers shall have a meeting or two under their belts. I want to congratulate all of these officers for accepting this challenge and wish you the best of luck during this term of your year in office.

I want to issue this challenge: I want to see the new members column for membership, filled with numbers, not zeroes, in our next year-end report. With a little work from all of us, we can make a difference and start making our lodge halls places to come and enjoy. Let’s have fun and see what we can accomplish. Let’s buy the shirts or hats needed to wear when we are out in the public. Let’s make people ask what the three links stand for and what are the meanings of the letters “F.L.&T.” Let’s spread the good word of Friendship, Love and Truth!

On March 4, we will be in Kelso for our spring Planning Board meeting. All committees should have a meeting as March 31 is our reporting deadline. All our donations need to be made and reported for publication in the “Take Me” for our June Grand Sessions. I hope we overflow our baskets with much giving. The annual reports from all committee chairmen need to be finalized and sent in to the Grand Lodge office. This is our Grand Secretary’s busiest month, so let’s be prompt and not wait until the last minute to get our donations and reports in to him. We, as Lodge Secretaries and committee chairs, need to get busy and do our part.

I thoroughly enjoyed participating in our lodge installations. Being asked to form the necessary installing teams, putting them together, and having our Grand Lodge officers and Past Grands respond the way they did, was very heartwarming. I thank all members who participated and made this a fun and fulfilling experience. It could not have happened if the participating lodges and their members didn’t put forth the effort and planning needed to fulfill this obligation. Thanks to those who made the necessary preparations, of fixing dinner prior to, or preparing the snacks and drinks following the installations. These ventures were very successful. We all hope you had fun and enjoyed them as much as we did in performing them, I hope to see you all again next year.

All of these months prior to Grand Sessions will be busy, so here is my March visitation schedule:

MY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

- Monday, March 6 — Valley Lodge #60, 7:30 p.m., Auburn
 - Tuesday, March 7 — Red Apple Lodge #276, 8:00 p.m., Grandview
 - Wednesday, March 8 — Kalama Lodge #101, 6:00 p.m., Kalama
 - Friday, March 10 — Cowlitz Lodge #66, 7:00 p.m., Kelso
 - Tuesday, March 14 — Silvia Lodge #38, 7:00 p.m., Montesano
 - Tuesday, March 21 — Des Moines Lodge #305, Des Moines
 - Friday, March 24 — Skookumchuck Lodge #129, 7:00 p.m., Bucoda
 - Tuesday, March 28 — Alimus Lodge #15, 8:00 p.m., Goldendale
 - Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 31, April 1-2 — Northwest Odd Fellows / Rebekah Association meeting, New Westminster, B.C.
 - Monday, April 3 — Olympia Lodge #1, 7:00 p.m., Olympia
 - Tuesday, April 4 — Bothell Lodge #124, 7:30 p.m., Bothell
 - Wednesday, April 5 — Unity Lodge #88, 6:00 p.m., Puyallup
 - Thursday, April 6 — Enterprise Lodge #2, 7:30 p.m., Walla Walla
- Let’s have fun and enjoy.

In F., L. & T., Carson Inman, Grand Master

Newspaper meeting March 26

The next meeting of the Fraternal Newspaper Committee will be on Sunday, March 26, 2006 in the Grand Lodge Office in Buckley at 1 p.m. Committee members, please plan to attend.

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters. We are having fairly nice weather for this time of the year.

We started the new year and we have the same officers that we did last year with the exception of the Vice Grand who is Sister Irene Trosky.

At our last meeting, we initiated one new member, Lori Douglas. We still have two candidates who wish to join our lodge.

Our NG, Sister Diane Bullock Gauron, presented an award of excellence for a perfect Annual Report to our Secretary, Sister Lorene

Swedberg. Lorene does a great job!

The Rodeo City Radio Club has invited the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to a pizza party at the Pizza Hut on February 15. They do this every year in appreciation for allowing them to use the facilities which are located at the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Everyone always has a good time at these parties.

Have a happy St. Patrick's Day. Take care and may God bless.

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

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

LET'S HOPE SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Dear Sister and Brother Rebekahs,

I hope by the time you read this letter that the weather is clearing up and your flowers are starting to bloom. Spring flowers always remind me that no matter how lifeless something seems it can spring to life with sunshine and care.

Two questions came up this year which seem to be repeated every spring. One is "If the same officers are staying in office, do they have to be installed?" The answer is "yes." The obligation you take to go into office says, "until the end of the term for which I have been elected." A person is elected to office each year, not for an indefinite period. The other question is "When does the lodge receive the new password?" The answer is, "at installation the new Noble Grand receives the password from the installing officer. At the first meeting of the Lodge, after installation, the Noble Grand conveys the password to the members."



I would like to thank the Lodge Secretaries and Financial Secretaries for their prompt handling of the Annual Reports. I know this is not an easy job, especially for someone who has not done it before, but believe me, if accurate records are kept it becomes less difficult. I cannot emphasize strongly enough that good records need to be kept regarding membership. The "Register of Reports" book is an excellent way to keep track of what happens to members during the year. By simply noting when a member transfers, passes away, joins, or otherwise, you have a reference for the Annual Report. As I have said before, your Secretary's Cash Book and a large Treasurer's Cash Book makes your money easy to follow and total out.

Members who have been appointed to committees, please remember that a report for the fiscal year ending March 31 must be in the Assembly Office by April 5 so we can get them in the "Take Me." If you are not chairperson of your committee, please see that they are reminded of the due date. If the report is not received, then you, as an Assembly appointee, must read it at Assembly.

Everyday I count my fraternal friends as a special blessing. Do you?

With Rebekah Love,

Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Hi, ho, my Sisters and Brothers. May the Ides of March be good to one and all. May the history of St. Patrick bring good luck to everyone, especially us Irishmen.

To all who have been and are ill, our prayers are with you. Sister Vivione Donley has been quite ill and her MRI's have shown neck and lower back problems. She is on the verge of moving to Arizona to be with her daughter and family.

The Double D's PNG's are still meeting on the second Monday of the month. February's meeting was at Sister Elsie Paterson's home in Dixie. A really nice time was had by all of us old-timers. On March 14, our hostesses will be Sisters Frances Randolph and Dorothy McGuire. We hope you all can come.

FRIENDSHIP MENDING

By Frank V. Morley

"A man, sir (and Sister) should keep his (her) friendship in constant repair."

— Dr. Samuel Johnson

You can't take friendship for granted. It always needs repair. Friendship is something you can't buy or command, but you can lose. So it must be refreshed, at all times, and before it's too late, it need refreshment. Nothing on earth is more important, for, just as it has been said that "to lose a friend is to die a little," so the reverse is also true, and when you keep a friend you add something to the richness and worth of life.

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

On January 25, installation was held with DDP Mary Robinson serving as the installing officer with the help of DoRis Klotzner and Emma Rae Hepp. Elected officers installed were: NG Norline Burton, VG Louise Lusk, Sec. Leona Treznoski and Treas. Corky Walker. Other officers installed included: IG Minnie Epling, Ward. Nina McCalden, Cond. Marian Moon, RSVG Beulah Crocker and LSNG Carolyn Miller.

Lunch was served on February 8 by Norline and Leona. Many Valentines were passed out. Valentine cookies were furnished by the Noble Grand. Hostess gifts were won by Beulah and Louise.

THOUGHT

"You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely."

— Ogden Nash

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing."

— Michael Pritchard

Carolyn Miller was finally able to come out to a meeting. Now she has a foot problem, but it is improving.

Our Charter was draped for Edna Kindell, a long-time member. She was our Musician for years. A donation was made to the ambulance fund in Edna's memory.

We have been checking on how long our Sisters have been members. Irene Machovich leads with 65 years. Others include Louise Lusk, 58 years; Minnie Epling, 56 years; and Luellyn Ainsworth, 52 years. Doesn't that add up nice?

Sister Leona Treznoski reported that her brother Albert Rector passed away. Her other brother, Les Rector, was the one who was ill, but he's much better now.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all. With love and good health to all. . .

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

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Our installation of officers was held on Thursday afternoon, January 19. A big thank you to Jean Parnel and LouAnn Hoffman, along with their installing team. It was a job well done.

Officers for the year 2006 are: NG Rosalie Davis, VG Noma Clark, Sec. Hilma Bowen and Treas. Laura Lee Bowen.

The ceremony was shared with Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge #326 of Winlock. Maple Leaf's new officers are: NG Bernice Martin, VG Kay Pratt, Sec. Betty Allen and Treas.

Shirley Jones.

Our Charter was draped for our member Gladys Downing and the Past President of the IARA, Lucy Compton. They will be remembered with love and respect.

The pretty new Year Books were passed out. New names were drawn for "Secret Sisters" and a thank you was extended to Rosalie Davis for the hand towel each of her members received.

*In F, L. & T,
Cookie Music, PNG & Reporter*

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Helen Slaybaugh**, PNG, PPRA, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Alice Beckel**, PNG, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Nova "Patty" Bliss**, Mountain View Rebekah Lodge #34, Port Angeles.
- **Elinor "Jody" Soar**, Mountain View Rebekah Lodge #34, Port Angeles.
- **Edna Tuttle**, 20 year member, Mountain View Rebekah Lodge #34, Port Angeles.
- **Gladys Downing**, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46, Toledo.
- **Loretta Lewis**, Gilman Rebekah Lodge #59, Issaquah.
- **Vera Paulsen**, PNG, 33 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.
- **Edna Kindell**, Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184, Pe Ell.
- **LaRetta Schlapper**, PNG, Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, Ballard in Seattle.
- **Helen Thiel**, PNG, Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246.

Heartfelt thanks from Barb

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who conveyed your sympathies to me following the death of my sister, Marcelle Woody. Marcelle was not only my family sister, but my Rebekah Sister as well, as we were initiated on the same night. Thanks so much for remembering me at this time.

— Barb German

From your 2005-2006 Theta Rho President



JEAN SMITH

OUR TRA PRESIDENT IS A NEW AUNT

Hello every one. I have exciting news. A new member has arrived in my family. My sister Lynn had her baby. He was born on February 8. His name is Xavyer and he is the sweetest little boy. I'm really having a good time being a new aunt, and it's really nice getting to know him!



Other than my sister having her baby, I have been busy with school. I was recently in a solo competition and really hope to go to state. I hope everything is doing okay with everyone else and I hope to see you all soon!

*In Happiness Through Service,
Jean Smith, President, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington*

From your 2005-2006 Department Commander



BRIG. GEN. CLAUS SCHEER

New officers should by now have had at least one meeting under their belts. Even if you have been in that office before, there is always something that you are not sure of or someone claims you are doing something wrong. Each Captain and other officers should ask one person to be their coach. You should direct all questions to that person only. Your coach should be the only one that gives you advice. If you have others giving comments or advice, call the meeting to order. One way to do this is call the Chevaliers to attention. Be sure to read all the instructions in the Ritual before you ask questions and before the meeting this will answer most of your questions.



I would like five Chevaliers from each regiment to take part in the memorial service at each of the Grand Lodge Sessions. Please send your names and rank to me (Claus D. Scheer 3330 Park Dr., Columbia City, OR 97018) It would be nice if you were all from the same Canton so you could practice together.

*Fraternally,
Brigadier General Claus D. Scheer,
Pacific Northwest Department Commander*

In Montesano

Grays Harbor Theta Rho #92

Grays Harbor Theta Rho girls held their installation on January 22 at the Montesano Odd Fellows Hall. Fern Rebekah Lodge Sisters provided the installing team. Frances Jonason was the Installing Officer. Her staff included Janell Mullins, Donna Hamilton and Leona Wright of Fern; and Elizabeth Morgan and Jennie Cole from Ruth Rebekah Lodge in Olympia. Also, Judy Inman did a great job. Donna Tonn was the Installing Marshall.

Grand Master Carson Inman was in attendance watching two of his granddaughters being installed.

Elizabeth Bodenhamer was installed as President. Brittany Miller is the new Vice President and Cassidy Feist is the Secretary. Other officers are Treasurer Cynthia Ashe, Chaplain Melissa Johnson, Warden Annette Johnson, Inside Guardian April Hudson and Outside Guardian Kyla Lybert. Family members and friends were invited to share cake and punch following the installation.

At our next meeting, we made Valentine cards for the nursing home.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Donna Tonn,
Advisor*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you. We had our installation and there was a nice turnout. Bethany Bond was installed as President by her mother Robin Bond, PNG. She was assisted by Carson Inman, Grand Master, as Marshal: Kristyna McCloskey, PP Acorn; Cindy McCloskey, PNG; Judy Inman, PNG; Doral Shelton, PNG; and Christina Bond PPTRA.

Last month we voted to send a second donation to the "Feed The Children" program. We also sent donations to the Memorial for Vietnam Veterans and the Memorial for Disabled Veterans. These brave men and women who have put their lives on the line for us need to be remembered. We have the freedoms we have today because they were willing to serve.

We delivered our Valentines to the nursing home and they were well received. We also fulfilled our obligation of serving for Hilda Sprague's 100th Birthday. We are so glad we were able to help her celebrate this monumental day.

We are out scouting for some new members again. We hope to have some to report on soon.

Don't forget to wear green!

*In Happiness Through Service,
The members of Acorn #79*

From the Department Association President

WE WILL WEATHER THE STORM

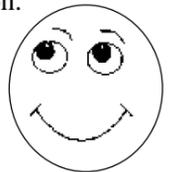
Dear Friends,

Oh, the joy of spring! Let me tell you things will be getting warmer and warmer — I hope. It always seems that here in this part of the country, winter always has its last *hoorah!!* I can hardly wait to see how bad it is. I have been asking for the weather to get warmer, then I will be asking for cooler temperatures in the summer. I can never be satisfied. Oh well, such is life.



I got to go to Walla Walla for their installation.

I was the Installing Officer and all went fairly well. They have such a nice group of Ladies and Chevaliers there. They treat you really nice and feed you very well when you are their guest. Thank you for the courtesies you have shown to me and my traveling companions. You are greatly appreciated.



Even though Barb German and Mavis House have had some personal problem and illnesses, they have managed to work on some parts of the consolidation process. They have sent their ideas to the Oregon committee and are awaiting their reply. What they have done seemed to be okay and we will present it to each of the Auxiliaries by mail with a final draft to be presented at our June meeting in Kelso. I can tell you this. . . there will be no election of officers in June. I will remain your leader until November when a new President of the newly-formed Department Association will be elected and installed. We will wish her well and stand united with her 100 percent.

I was able to visit with my grandson Jordan. He had lost one finger in a sawing accident. Now the doctor is going to have to take off another finger as it did not take after being sewn back. The doctor was hopeful for the rest of his fingers. Jordan is a little upset, but I told him he can make it through this and he said he has a healthy respect for a saw now. We both laughed. He is a brave young man.

Well I have talked about the weather, the Order and my grandson. It is hard to talk about politics, so I won't. But here is a little known fact about me. I would never be chosen for jury duty as I am too opinionated. I could never be President of the USA because I would make the free-loaders go to work. I could never be governor because I wouldn't demand a recount three times and I would put the National Guard around the graveyards so the residents couldn't get out to vote. (Got that one from my husband. Even he has a funny bone.)

I hope I haven't offended anyone, but I must keep every situation on the light side. Remember, I love you all. Take care until next time. Smile!

*Lady Sherry Pond, President
Department Association LAPM of Washington*

Pasco Theta Rho Club #14

Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14 had a fabulous month. We had a great Valentine's Day party on February 8. We invited members of the Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge to the party.

We are working on a project for the animal shelter. It is a spaghetti feed and we will be doing it around May.

As you can see, we have been very busy.

— In Happiness Through Service, Brooklynn Davies, President

From the Grand Matriarch



SHARLEEN DAVIES

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

My spring bulbs are coming up. I do believe that spring is around the corner, but the weather here in the Tri-Cities has been cold. We've recorded a low of 13 degrees and that's just too cold for me.



In legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge this last Session, Bills 14 through 17 were the only ones dealing with Unified Encampments. All were adopted.

My agenda for this month includes: Planning Board on March 4, H.P. Downs on March 18, Unique #32 on March 25 and Mt. Angeles #88 on April 3.

My prayers and get well wishes go to all who are under the weather. You never stand so tall as when you bend down to help a child.

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

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

It is time to write a bit to keep in contact. We made it through January and our installation of officers. PP Irene Kossow was the Installing Officer and PGM Frank Holland assisted as Grand Marshall.

On January 14, PP Fay Bowers-Holland installed the officers of Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114 and Prosperity Rebekah Lodge #310 with the assistance of PNG Grace Burton as Marshall and PNG Nadra Rivers of Waterville #77 at the piano.

NG Lois Clark presided at her first meeting. She has a good program for the year. At the meeting, it was decided to postpone the election of our Representative until the second meeting. Valentine's Day was the theme for the day. Cards were signed by all present to be sent with the year book to members unable to attend.

The "Dollars for Scholars" committee contacted Secretary Kay Smith about our participation again this year. A decision was made to follow the same policy as in the past and a committee was appointed.

PP Irene reported on the death of Helen Slaybaugh, 1968 Assembly President. A Charter draping ceremony will be done at the next meeting. Our Charter was draped in memory of Lucy Compton, Past President of the

IARA.

Our two Past Presidents still seem to be having their share of health problems. Sister Irene is doing much better. PP Fay is being a problem patient and is keeping the doctors and hospital busy. She spent four and a half days in the hospital at the end of January, came home, and was back in two days. Hopefully after two more days, they have their fingers on this and the medications will help. Everyone else is staying well.

We have been lucky to have had beautiful weather most of February. We've had sunny days and the cool, clear nights have given us very little snow. Of course, the groundhog saw his shadow on his special day, so we need not get in too big of a hurry to rush into spring work.

Now that it is March, we should be seeing spring flowers soon. Be sure to wear lots of green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style.

Once again, our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members for good health.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Until next month. . .

*In F., L. & T. and
Fraternal Love,
Fay Bowers-Holland,
PP and Reporter*

Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

Members of Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271 in Ione held their installation of officers on the evening of January 24 with Sisters Barbara Garza, DDP, and Nancy Davis, as the installing officer, officiating.

New officers for 2006 are: NG Cheryl Eckhart, VG Patricia Woelfe, Sec. Betty Stevenson, Treas. Nancy Davis, Fin. Sec. Wanda Koontz, Ward. Irene McCoy, Cond. Marcia Hirsch, Chap. Pat Mendenhall, PNG Anne Williams, Mus. Marvel Smith, IG Milly Schock, OG John Stevenson, Color Bearer Kim McNaughton, RSNB Esther Breeden, LSNG Fleta Baker, RSVG Lila Middleton, LSVG Marge Young,

RS Chap. Ruthe Spears, LS Chap. Patty Cool, RSPNG Barbara Garza, and LSPNG Gerry Rumerfield. Congratulations to all the new officers.

Sister Marcia Hirsch presented a lovely picture frame to Wanda Koontz for her years of perfect attendance and Sister Anne Williams was given a beautiful crystal vase from the Past Grands Club by PNGP VP Lila Middleton.

Pine Forest is gearing up for another busy year **and** we all are looking forward to spring.

*In F., L. & T.,
Lila Middleton, Reporter*

From the Grand Patriarch



JEREMY EDWARDS

LET'S ALL GO FLY A KITE

Greetings,

March is here, the month we celebrate the birthday of the Irish Saint Patrick. This is usually the best time for good wind to fly kites. My family likes to go to the beach for this activity. Each of us has their own kite. It is fun to see who can get their kite up first, which one will go highest, and who can keep theirs up the longest. It isn't always the highest-priced ones that do the best. But, you don't have to go to the beach — any large area will do. It's a great activity.

I was pleased to be able to go the last Park Board meeting, but sorry I had to leave a few minutes early, so I was unable to visit much with everyone there. I had to go to be at work on time. I hope to make a couple of visits in March.

Installations of Encampments and LEA's are coming up very soon. I will try my best to be in attendance at them. To the Grand Encampment officers and Past Chief Patriarchs who will be participating, I would like you to wear a black suit or tux for the ceremony, if at all possible.

Reminder — Grand Encampment Session will be on Thursday following the Grand Lodge meetings. Please make your hotel reservations accordingly, and plan to stay a day longer to be there. I am hoping for a good crowd. I will have more on our Session next time after the Planning Board meeting.

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
Jeremy Edwards, Grand Patriarch*



Alkaziah Rebekahs #325 - Coulee Dam

The sun is shining beautifully today. Surely spring is on its way. I never could understand why sunshine in February means six more weeks of winter.

We had a great meeting in February. Installation was ably conducted by our re-installed Noble Grand, Nancy Meyers. Not present was Vice Grand Maxine Williams. Our Secretary is Debbie Toulou and Treasurer is Ruth Walberg. Appointed officers are Warden Maxine Butts and Chaplain David Straus.

Alkaziah's youngest member is Jennifer Sedillo. PFC Jennifer completed her boot camp and graduated from special training for military police on January 18 in Fort Leonard Wood, MO. She is now stationed in the Army National Guard Reserve in Yakima. She plans to transfer to San Diego, CA in August and start college in September. Jennifer is a 2005 graduate of Lake Roosevelt High School and an 18-year resident of the Grand Coulee Dam area.



JENNIFER
SEDILLO

Our Charter was draped for Sister Dorothy Dailey who passed away in January. Her memorial service was held in the Coulee Dam Community Church.

Plans are being made to go over our initiation ceremony. We all need to be reminded of our obligations and, I'm sure, our newer members will enjoy going through it again. We are waiting anxiously to see that changes that are to be made.

Our Sunshine Chairman has been pretty much housebound this winter, but she does a good job from home. This is Sister Ethel Bennett. If you receive a birthday card, get well card, etc. from Alkaziah, she is the one to thank.

Did you know Alkaziah is an Indian word meaning friendship? If I could write one little word upon the hearts of men, I'd dip into the font of love and write with golden pen, "Friendship." The angel throng would sing a song, the sweetest ever heard, if they could read in human hearts that precious little word — Friendship.

In F., L. & T., Ruth Walberg, Reporter

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The man on the left is Ron Hanson's nephew Andy Almuiti. Ron's son Mitchell is in the middle and the man on the right is Command Sergeant Major Uliberry who is the man my son is tasked to be his personal bodyguard when they are in the field on operations.

From your Deputy Grand Master

Christmas letter tells another Iraqi story!

I would like to share with you what one Junior Odd Fellow is doing to help his fellow man.

This story is from my son who was a Junior Odd Fellow in Yakima. He is now a career soldier assigned to the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, which is currently deployed in Iraq. What made me decide to share his Christmas letter to family and friends is that when we pick up the newspaper, all we get are negative stories about our young men and women who are deployed in defense of our country and our way of life.

Merry Christmas,

It is hard to find time to write each and every person a Christmas card as things are very busy this year and time is going so fast. I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their support. Things here are going pretty well. We just finished our second election process here on December 15 and it was a success! In October we finished the election for the national referendum and it went well, also. Now we look forward to one more election process this spring.

Until then we will continue to roam the streets and look for terrorists in the Northern areas of Iraq. However, we are not alone in our search. The Iraqi Army has been very helpful the last couple months and our bond with them is getting stronger every day. Plus, they are becoming more confident with every patrol they lead for us. Our partnership with them is a very big step in letting the citizens of Iraq choose how their country will grow.

I do believe that if we were to leave the people of this country they would become oppressed once again and their Army would dissolve. The Iraqi Police in the northern section of Iraq have stepped up to the plate as well and are helping to keep each neighborhood in the city of Mosul as safe as possible. They are very helpful at every intersection in stopping traffic for us making movements by our vehicles unhindered. In short, between us, the Iraqi Army, and the Iraqi Police, we have laid the smack down to the northern half of Iraq and are working very hard to keep it that way! I am thankful this holiday season to have such a great family backing us, and look forward to every call, letter, and care package that you have taken the time out of your busy schedules as well to send. Even though I know that this card is late I hope it finds you well and safe, and having a wonderful holiday season.

— *With love, Mitchell Hanson*

As you can see from his letter some of the things we hear in the news do not portray an accurate picture of the way things are in Iraq for the people who live there. The sentiments in his letter are shared by almost all of the members of his unit and the majority of the U.S. Service members currently serving in Iraq. One interesting thing to note in the accompanying photo of the change of command ceremony from the Stryker Brigade that was in Mosul to my son's unit, is that he is standing with his cousin who he is replacing. They both do the same job in their respective units.

— *Fraternally, Ronald D. Hanson,*
Deputy Grand Master

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

Spring must be just around the corner in our area because I saw a bevy of robins yesterday and this morning as I walked to the car to go for breakfast with some friends. I also saw lots of snow drops in full bloom in my neighbor's yard. Of course, we might have a little more winter, but I'm glad for a little bit of sunshine.

Our dear Sister, Mavis House, PPRA, had triple by-pass surgery at the Yakima Regional Hospital on February 3. She has gotten along very well. It was reported at lodge on February 7 that she might come home the next day.

We initiated two ladies, Tamara and Meghan Tyler, on February 7. Sister Mary Gosney took Sister Mavis House's place. With a smaller group than usual, the members did a really great job. It just takes cooperation.

We also received two new applications from Lucinda Letson and Davis Barns, so another initiation is on our agenda. Amanda House is also a holdover candidate.

A generous donation was sent to the S.O.S. Village fund.

Brother Dale Bowdish had surgery on February 6. Sister Glenda reported that he was at home and feeling pretty well, but had a very sore and stiff neck. Sister Agnes Ritzschke has a bad case of the flu. Our thoughts and

prayers are with all these members. We hope all of them recover rapidly.

Sister Joan Darland was given a certificate of award for 50 years of membership from the lodge. She thanked the lodge and invited members to stop by and see her many awards. Joan would love company any time. She inherited her mother's 50 year jewel.

Sister Emily Randall had the program and she gave everyone heart Valentines and Angels. She finished with a poem on love.

On March 7, we will celebrate Schuyler Colfax's birthday. Brother Ernie House has the program and Sister Mavis House will provide the refreshments. This might not be right, but it is in the year book. On March 21, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a program by Sister Pat Benjamin and refreshments by Sister Darlene Adler. April 4 brings along Leah Rebekah Lodge's birthday. Sister Agnes Ritzschke has the program and Sister Chris Sweetin will provide the refreshments. It sounds like some very interesting programs.

We look for everyone to get well again and back to lodge. Love and God's blessings to everyone.

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



Buckley's leaders

The installation ceremony in Buckley saw Jim Devlet, left, installed as Noble Grand of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75, and Robert Harding Noble Grand of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63. Installing officers were Rebekah Assembly President Linda Dodge and Grand Master Carson Inman.

In Spokane

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

The robins have shown up and the primroses and crocus are blooming — and Ramona and Wilford had the largest turnout at meetings in months. We must have more in common with the groundhog than we thought.

Selma Lindor, Secretary for both lodges, gave the year-end report. Selma did a tremendous job. Well done!

Sister Polly and Brother Al Komarek have weathered a bad health patch, but Al is nearing the end of his radiation treatments.

Sister Shirley Gardner and Brother John Cook came to Wilford's business

luncheon and were looking good.

Ramona is planning an "Easter Bonnet Blowout" on April 12. They hope all Sisters and Brothers will come for food and fun.

Sisters Maxine Gregory and Donna Flatt helped Hope #38 initiate a new member. Hope has another new member application. Right on, Sisters!

Since the lodges are now meeting in the Spokane Temple, they no longer need many of their supplies. If any lodge needs dishes, silverware, etc, please contact our Secretary.

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

Beacon Rebekahs #91 - Mead

We hope your New Year is off to a good start with your new officers. Our new Noble Grand is right on the ball trying to get money-making projects started. It's really nice to have a first-time Noble Grand.

We installed our new officers with the other lodges in the Spokane area on January 14. Installed as NG was Chrystal Driver. Other officers are: VG June Loder, Sec. Blanche Berry, and Treas. Mable Pangle. Our Junior PNG was given her Past Noble Grand's jewel by the Lodge as it was

her first time as Noble Grand.

We will be having a cleaning party and start entertaining our district officers soon. Things are getting back to normal and our members are anxious to get the year off to a fast start.

We helped Hope #38 with its initiation on February 1. Hopefully we will be taking a new member in soon.

Having a good year is our wish for you. We hope you had a nice Valentine's Day.

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

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greetings from Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315. My gracious, we are into March already! Do you suppose you can catch the "green bunnies" before they get away? March 17 is the day for the Irish to make a noise — right? Enjoy a day of fun.

As February 1 was my birthday, I celebrated it twice. My sister-in-law's birthday was on February 7, so we had lunch together, then supper in the evening. How nice!

I am sorry to report that our Sister Vee Nansen had a fall in her home and made a trip to the hospital emergency room. However, with the help of friends, neighbors and her niece, she is able to stay at home.

We send our greetings to our Sisters on the coast. May they keep up their spirits and with each visit to the doctors, may they find better results.

Sister Aloha Wagner's husband is having doctor's treatments. We wish them both good news after each visit.

Have you been planting any trees to help our environment? It is always

a good thing to replace any deceased or dead trees in your area.

We all enjoyed our Valentine treats provided by Sisters Betty Roller and Jeannette Kelley who were the hostesses on February 7. Sisters Wanda Hirst and Dot Kelly were pleasantly surprised with F-L-T pins. Now they can fix up their jewels so they won't get lost. They were very happy.

Our Sister Katie Eckhart is so happy in her new apartment in Vista Manor in Wilbur. Anyone wishing can stop by and visit her. She would be so happy to see you.

Everyone, keep well, happy and, of course, busy! This is always the best medicine for anyone!

In closing, please pray for your reporter as she and her husband Bob are flying to Arizona to spend a week with her sister Bonnie on March 9-16.

See you all soon. In the meantime, keep well and happy!

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

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Happy "Belated" Valentine's Day! Yes, we are still in the Valentine mode for we are remembering the special afternoon when we treated about 50 Home residents to a Valentine's party on February 4. A hand bell choir directed by Marcia Wilke of St. Paul's Episcopal Church provided us with excellent entertainment. There were two quartets of bell ringers who played for us. One group consisted of four students and the other was made up of four adults. We are grateful that they were willing to share their musical talents with us.

An assortment of delicious cookies, ice cream, juice and coffee were served to our guests who were seated at tables dressed with white tablecloths and decorated with red paper hearts and candy kisses. Valentines were distributed to each person in attendance and those men and women who found a lucky number inside their Valentine received a prize. Everyone had a delightful time and we thank Chairperson Elsie Wells and her committee that consisted of Jacqueline Klicker, table decorations; Rose Ringhoffer, entertainment and emcee; Barbara Lechner, refreshments; and all who assisted in preparation and serving.

At our February meeting, a note was read from NG Jane Hanson thanking the lodge for the gift certificate given to her at the end of her term as Noble Grand. We appreciate you,

Jane, and thank you for serving in 2005 and again in 2006.

The winners of the cash prizes, at our last two meetings were Art Schreiber and Jane Hanson.

Those serving as refreshment hostesses in January were Jacqueline Klicker, Nancy Klicker and Jane Hanson. Jeanine Griffin and Rose Ringhoffer served in February. In addition to their delicious variety of goodies, their table was beautifully decorated with a bouquet of red and white carnations in the center, surrounded by lighted candles in small red glass heart-shaped candle holders.

Several members received primrose plants won in the door prize drawing conducted by our hostesses, Jeanine and Rose.

We mourn the recent loss of Sisters Alice Maxson, Alice Beckel, and Helen Slaybaugh. Alice Maxson had been a member for 16 years. Alice Beckel joined Narcissa Lodge in 1978 and she served as musician for 11 of her 28 years of membership. Also, she was a PNG. Helen Slaybaugh was a long-time Rebekah member and shared in Narcissa's lodge activities for the past 12 years. Prior to living in Walla Walla, she served as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. A Rebekah memorial service for Helen is being planned in the near future.

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

We have had several Sisters under the weather so we really have not done very much this past month. We did have our first meeting with new NG Cindy. At the first meeting of each month there is a committee that has to answer a question that she gave them to help new members become more acquainted with some of the things in our work. The first one was, "What is the Unwritten Work and when is it used?" The committee did a nice job of answering this.

We also had a fantastic Valentine's celebration hosted by one of our new members, Diane Hammond. It is nice to have new members so willing to get into the trenches right away.

We have had three of our main stays laid up. Doral Shelton was laid

up again and we always miss our Musician. Maxine Hansen is still under doctor's orders to stay off her leg for another month and Sister Nita Sherwood went in to have a partial knee replacement, but she had a stroke the next morning. She is now in a rehab center in Bellingham for stroke patients and is making progress. We will be glad to have all of these ladies back.

St. Patrick's Day will be upon us soon and we will be celebrating the wearing of the green at one of our meetings. We hope everyone will remember that.

Until next month. . .

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman,
Reporter*

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Our first meeting of the new year was held Thursday, January 26. The third time is the charm for our NG Rosalie Fojt. Things got off to a good start. Members are to proudly wear their PNG jewels at all meetings.

A tool sale was held in the lodge on January 31. Ladies of the lodge served a delicious lunch and dinner of bean soup and hamburgers. In spite of the storm that day, business still went well.

A chicken dinner was held on Friday, February 10. We put out the welcome mat to a large crowd.

PNG Alberta Luurs is going to be a new grandma. Her daughter Kathy is due anytime. A baby shower was held for her on January 29. A nice variety of gifts was received to give her a good start.

*In F., L. & T.,
Cookie Music,
PNG & Reporter*



All friends!

At Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179 in Napavine, PPRA Karen Hoylman, left, installed her longtime friend Rosalie Fojt as Noble Grand in a dinner installation ceremony. At right is PPRA Doris Wigglesworth, Installing Marshall.

Lodge Cards will return

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

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

We thought the rain would never stop. We have all grown web feet and plan on paddling around the peninsula instead of driving our cars. Or we could have all jumped into boats and rowed to wherever we needed to go. But, alas, we are only a little bit wet and got a little wind blown and are doing just fine.

We are all well (as can be) and saying our prayers that you are all well, too, Help us in praying for Beverly Gilpin's grandson who was in a terrible logging accident and for Mary Lund's husband Don who was in the hospital and then came home and fell and broke his hip. Donna Merrill's husband Ron also has taken a couple falls.

Looking on the bright side. Bessie Braschuk showed up in "pictures" in the local newspaper. It was a five-generation photo, with Bessie holding her great-great grandchild.

Birthdays in February were celebrated by Olney Patch and Cathy Kary.

Our first meeting in February was a Valentine celebration with Beverly and Cathy serving red Jello and heart-shaped cookies. Yum, yum. There were 14 present who enjoyed the refreshments and also the table and lodge hall decorations of hearts and red "things." At this meeting we selected a new Representative, Donna Merrill. Olney Patch will be our Alternate. Our thanks to them for accepting this responsibility.

District #18 will hold their meeting on April 1 and several of our Sisters

plan on being there. Don't forget the date.

Our once-a-month Bunco game has become a really good money-maker for the lodge. We have met a lot of new friends and one of the ladies who has been enjoying our games has turned in her application to become a Rebekah. We are really excited to be getting a new member.

Sister Betty Pierce had her secretarial job put to the test at our February 7 meeting with lots of bills, correspondence, checks to write and an **application for membership!**

Fritz Mose and Helen O'Neal served and decorated at our second meeting in February. Fritz is the chairperson of last year's attendance side that didn't win and she will be back in the kitchen in March. Thanks, Fritz, for all your time for the lodge.

Vivian Currie was our hostess for the Friendship Club on February 16. We enjoyed dinner at a new establishment in town and then had games and refreshments at "France's Building." We are all keeping busy. It seems that there is a basketball game, a play, a dinner out, a visit from children, a visit from grandchildren or something else to occupy our days. Whatever it is, my motto for this year fits the description for it all: **Live well, love much, laugh often!**

March is the "green" month. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of you!

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

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

Congratulations to all new officers. May you have successful programs. Installations are our window to prospective members.

NG Elsie Burgett has chosen "Love" for her theme. NG Walt Dodge has picked "Friendship, Love and Truth."

Both lodges have candidates to vote upon and have received more inquiries.

Get well wishes to our Sister Shirley Gosselin and to Grand Master Carson Inman. We hope all are well by the time this is in print.

Hello to all our shut-ins and out-of-

town members. You are missed.

I will repeat this again for those who have forgotten. The dues for Mystic Rebekah Lodge are \$24 and the Bremerton Friendship IOOF Lodge dues are \$25. The cost of multiple reminders and postage add to our need to raise dues. Sovereign Grand Lodge has also raised their need, because of lesser numbers of members.

To all we saw at installations, we were sure glad to see you.

Fraternally,
Don & Florence Cowdery,
Reporters



Columbian winners!!!

Winners of the Columbian Rebekah Lodge raffle are Tina Bair of Camas and Lyda Douglass of Stevenson. The Columbian Sisters raffled off a quilt and bear. The drawing was on December 13.



Ready for installation

The elected officers of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 were presented by Acting Marshall, Assembly Warden Marcia Presley, for installation. From left are NG Laurel Delony, VG Hazel Thompson, Sec. Carol Robertson and Fin. Sec. Sharon Harris.

In Kennewick

Althea Rebekah Lodge #182

Althea's Pink and Green Club has completed its community project for 2005. Members made 120 lap robes and donated them to the local nursing home.

Miracles still happen! Our new Noble Grand, Jeannett Persinger, and Vice Grand, Alice Siegfried, are going through the chairs for the first time.

Installation of officers for the Kennewick and Pasco Odd Fellows and Rebekahs was on January 14. Bruce and Jean Lucke came from Walla Walla to help us.

We lost our adopted Brother Ray Powell from the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla.



One hundred and twenty lap robes makes quite a stack

In F, L. & T., Elsie Brand, Reporter

In Pasco

Golden Rule Rebekahs #242

Today the sun was shining, then the winds started blowing, which brought cold air.

We held a joint installation with the Kennewick Rebekahs and Odd Fellows on January 14 at 1 p.m. Our elected officers are: NG Nanci Davies, VG Margaret Young, Sec. Barb German, and Treas. Mary Weisz.

At our first meeting of the year, we draped our Charter for three members:

Mary Bozlee, Fern Coughtry and Marcelle Woody. They were long-time members.

Our Theta Rho Club helped at our installation.

We hope you had a happy Valentine's Day. To love is to place your happiness in the happiness of another.

In F, L. & T.,
Sharleen Davies



Look what I got!

Members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club eagerly opened gifts at their Christmas meeting. From left are Megan Roth, Amber Bailey, Lea Daniels, Kaitlin Yates and Maranda Mellot.

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233 welcomes you to our 7 p.m. meetings on March 2 and 16.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and

all. Observe the day by wearing your pink and green.

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