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There was plenty of action on the tennis courts at the Adaptive Sports Jamboree on Saturday, April 22. See additional photos on page 10.

## Adaptive Sports Jamboree another great success in '06

Saturday, April 22 was our annual Sports Jamboree for the handicapped. Our newly-named "Adaptive Sports Jamboree of Washington" was the most successful yet. I don't have the actual total number of participants, but I would estimate that we had more than a hundred. That included amputees this year.

Along with our normal clinics and activities, we added clinics for Amputee Soccer put on by the American Amputee Soccer Association, Amputee Golf by the National and Western Amputee Golf Association, and a swimming event by Northwest Adaptive Sports.

The emcee was Tammy Wilber, Ms. Wheelchair Washington for 2006. We had a raffle and drawings for prizes for the participants. We provided lunch, coffee and water throughout the day, and, of course, beautiful medals to all of the participants. The colors were presented by Scout Troop 406 and these great young men stayed the entire day helping with all of the events, as well as moving chairs and tables, setting up tents for the exhibitors, running after tennis balls and just about anything else we asked.

Members of Unity IOOF Lodge #18 included NG Don Thiem, PG Dean Baumgartner, PVG Jim Hermanson, Warden Dennis Schnell and myself.

There were many special moments of which I will only mention two: I watched as one member presented a new soccer ball to a special 10-year-old who managed to score a goal on her special crutches. She lit up all of Washington with her smile. I was also on hand to witness real courage when I saw a young lady with no legs put on a swimming suit and enter the pool for the first time. She was noticeably afraid — but she did it anyway. Of course, as soon as she was in the pool with her instructor, her smile was back and she had a great time.

Our special thanks to all of you who sent donations for this special event. Thanks to all of you and the following donors, we have collected \$9,000 so far for this and other activities under "Sponsored Youth of Washington." Corporate sponsors are Frontier Bank, Montoure Real estate and Venture Bank with donations of \$1,500 each. Other donors include a group of dentists (\$1,500), C & S Enterprises, Smith Brothers Dairy, Judge Glenn Phillips, Gary Wagner Real Estate, First Savings Bank, Bill LeBlanc and Howard Montoure.

Here are the fantastic Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges which have donated (so far) for this year:

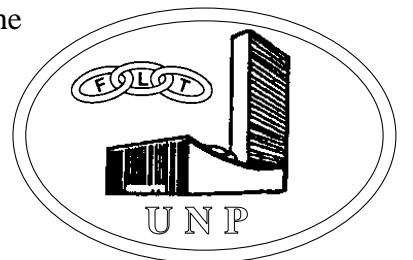
### REBEKAH LODGES

Yelm Rebekahs # 296, Warren Rebekahs #308, Trinity Rebekahs #179, Leah Rebekahs #22, Narcissa Rebekahs #2, Faith Rebekahs #16, Fern Rebekahs #26, Clover Leaf Rebekahs #54, Lone Star Rebekahs #141, Ramona Rebekahs #238, Grand Coulee Rebekahs #315, Mystic Rebekahs #168, Golden Rule Rebekahs #242, Schuyler Rebekahs #18, All States Rebekahs #319, Salmon Bay Rebekahs #217, Lorraine Rebekahs #289, Bucoda Rebekahs #144, Gilman Rebekahs #59, Isabella Rebekahs #23, and South Tacoma Rebekahs #160.

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## Male leader needed for 2006 UN tour!!!

Washington's United Nations Pilgrimage delegates will be winging their way east on Friday, July 7 and will return on July 21. But an additional person is needed — a male tour leader. If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact the Grand Lodge office in Buckley as soon as possible. Washington and Oregon students travel together as a group and each Jurisdiction provides a tour leader — a man and a woman. And this is Washington's year to provide the male.



If you are up to leading an energetic group of teenagers on this trip, please get in touch with the Grand Lodge by calling 1-800-345-1766 or by sending an e-mail to: grandsec@tx3.net. A lot of walking is involved and you won't get much sleep. But you will have the trip of a lifetime. Your expenses will be paid and you will receive some funds for "extras." Time is of the essence. We need to hear from you immediately.

## '06 scholarship winners named

Marijane Koenig, a member of Pasco Theta Rho #14 and Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242, won the 2006 L.J. Jones \$8,000 scholarship. The 12-year member of Theta Rho, first in Milwaukie, OR and then in Pasco, will graduate from Hermiston, OR High School. She plans to pursue nursing at Blue Mountain Community College. Jennifer Vargo, member of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho in Tacoma, is the alternate.

The \$2,500 scholarships for boys were awarded to Travis Klicker, Walla Walla and Keenan Johns, Port Townsend. Nominated by Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Travis plans to study business and health sciences. Keenan, who will seek a business degree, was recommended by Mt. Baker Odd Fellow Lodge #9. Alternate is Brian Scoggin from

Pomeroy who plans to major in agriculture business.

Winners of the girls' \$2,500 L.J. Jones Scholarships are Patricia Stackpole and Heather Holt. Monroe Odd Fellow Lodge # 156 nominated Patricia who will study medical technology. Heather, a Kent High School senior, was nominated by Oak Odd Fellow Lodge #291. Her major will be biological science/zoology. Alternate is Brooke Helpenstell, a Port Angeles senior who plans to major in education.

Jim Boyd and Jody Morris, co-chairman of the L.J. Jones Scholarship Committee, noted that the caliber of the 18 applicants submitting completed applications was very high. They thank the 28 Odd Fellow, Rebekah and Theta Rho Lodges for submitting 29 names of graduating seniors.

## Crowder's Chowder on tap in Des Moines on May 16th

Brothers and Sisters, please come and help us continue a Des Moines IOOF Lodge tradition: our annual Chowder Feed. We are using Past Grand Master Harvey Crowder's recipe and will be serving it up by the bowlful.

The Chowder Feed will be on Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. in the Des Moines IOOF Hall, 728 S. 225th Ave.

Please RSVP to (206) 870-6333 or P.O. Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198. You also may e-mail your RSVP to johncrispin@hotmail.com.

Come and join us for a steaming bowl of "Crowder Chowder" and a heaping helping of Odd Fellowship.

— In F., L. & T., John Crispin, Noble Grand



## From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

### LODGE SECRETARIES, PLEASE HELP!

Please keep this office current with the address changes for our members so their Washington OddFellow newspaper is not interrupted. Keeping the Grand Lodge and *The Washington OddFellow* informed of members' address changes and corrections will help us control costs. Each newspaper item returned to us by the US Postal Service now costs 75 cents. Any Secretaries in need of some report forms may contact the Grand Lodge office.

### UNP TOUR LEADER

This is the year a *male* United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour leader is to come from the Jurisdiction of Washington. The time frame for the tour this year will be July 8-21, 2006. Interested candidates may obtain application forms by contacting the Grand Lodge office at 1-800-345-1766.

### ADVANCE REPORTS COMING WITH THE "TAKE ME"

The Advance Reports will be mailed in preparation of the Annual Session of Grand Lodge. They were sent to the Lodge Representative. Representatives, please take them to lodge and review them with your lodge members. For Lodges without an elected Representative, the copy will be sent to the Lodge.

The Committee Reports that did not arrive in time to be printed must now be submitted to the Grand Secretary to be read and referred to the appropriate Grand Lodge Standing Committee for review.

*Fraternally,  
Edmond L. "Butch" Reitan Jr.,  
PGM, Grand Secretary*

## From your 2005-2006 Grand Master



CARSON INMAN

### SPRING IS A BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May flowers are here and what a busy month this will be. We have a trip to Washington, D.C. for the laying of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns, and then back for Sessions in British Columbia and Oregon.

On May 13 we will have our meeting in Buckley to set up a budget for 2006-07, and a couple of other meetings, in getting prepared for our Grand Sessions next month.

April was an interesting month with many things happening. We had our trip to British Columbia for our Northwest meeting, our bi-monthly Park Board Meeting, and a lot of visits.

On April 9, my wife had a bad stomach disorder that had her hospitalized for four days, causing me to cancel a couple of visits which I hope to make up before we go to Sessions next month.

We also had three women who were members of our Jurisdictional Joint Youth Committee resign. This is what troubles me most. We have our newspaper and our personal computers, plus all the other junction boxes for spreading the word, for talking to friends, and putting into print our thoughts and ideas without thought about what ramifications they might stir. This has been a tough year for these types of actions. These types of actions attack our lodges, Brothers and Sisters, our youth, our community, and our projects of the Order. These are not good deeds for Friendship, Love and Truth. We were told how bad the condition of the Order was in and the wayward problems of some Brothers and Sisters who were left behind. Some fences had gaping holes, others needed a stitch or two to correct the problem, but whatever, we are still working on the tradition on which this great Order was founded. We have survived for 186 years by doing our very best, and my friends we are coming back.

People forget that all actions taken and performed within the walls of our Lodges and outside of them are made by many hours of contribution by volunteers. We call ourselves a "Fraternity," but every time I have visited a lodge, whether there were three members or 30 members, we broke bread, got our business taken care of and had some dessert or good communication afterwards. It's very rewarding to see smiling faces and hear the words, "It was nice to see you." So the resignation of these three Sisters is tough to swallow because they were trying hard to do their part in keeping this puzzle together.

With all the May flowers in bloom, I do hope all you Brothers give a rose or your favorite bouquet to your loved one on Mothers' Day. Stay healthy, or get well. Summer is only 52 days away. May warmth bring you a glorious time of enjoyment.

Next month is Grand Sessions. I do hope all of the lodges are sending Representatives. If not, your voice is missing. Have fun and enjoy.

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

## 25 years of thanks from Mary Ann Applebee!!!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with heartfelt and deep appreciation I offer *thanks* to all of you who have crossed my path during these past 25 years. Your donations have enhanced the lives of many residents of the IOOF Home in Walla Walla. Personally, I have enjoyed having the chance to meet many of you through District Meetings and as members of the Home Board, etc.

It has been a true pleasure having had the opportunity to spend this time working in *your Home*. Our lodges have the hardest working and most caring people I have ever been associated with. It will be a wrenching departure on June 2, for I have grown to love "my residents" dearly. May God keep his loving eye on each of you. Have a fun day with lots of hugs!

*In F.,L.&T, Mary Ann Applebee, ADC  
Activity Director at the IOOF Home*

## Adaptive Sports Jamboree another great success in '06

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### ODD FELLOW LODGES


Silvia IOOF Lodge #38, Samaritan IOOF Lodge #52 Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Titusville IOOF Lodge #34, Alimus IOOF Lodge #15, Mt. Vernon IOOF Lodge #23, Pilgrim IOOF Lodge #187, Samaritan IOOF Lodge #2, Monroe IOOF Lodge #156, Harmony IOOF Lodge #16, Pasco IOOF Lodge #267, Unity IOOF Lodge #18, Pilgrim IOOF Lodge #187, Edmonds IOOF Lodge #96, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, Bremerton Friendship IOOF Lodge #145, Yakima IOOF Lodge #22, Bothell IOOF Lodge #124, Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222, Fall City IOOF Lodge #59, and Vancouver IOOF Lodge # 3.

*— Bill LeBlanc,  
PG, Unity IOOF Lodge #18 of Puyallup,  
Co-Chairman, Adaptive Sports Jamboree of Washington*

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# From the Department Association President

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring has sprung here on the dry side of the state. I say dry with a snicker. We have had more rain than usual — no drought this year. Irises are coming up. That is the only flower our wild bunnies won't eat. So Iris is the only flower I have growing in my garden. I do have a beautiful array of flowers, though. I buy them at Wal-Mart for 86 cents. They bloom all year long even in the snow. (smile)

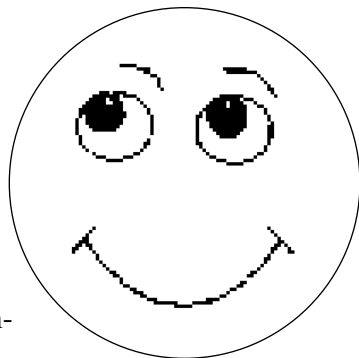


Well our annual Department Association Meeting is fast approaching. It is going to be hard to fill the program with enough things to make the meeting interesting. I would like each Auxiliary to have some little entertainment ready. It can be a joke, skit or a song. We will have time for some fun.

Barbara German has sent to each Auxiliary a proposed set of By-Laws for the new consolidated group. If you have any additions or other ideas that maybe should be addressed, please submit them in writing to her and the committee will look over your comments.

I will be making my last two visits in May. I will be in Olympia May 13 and Camano Island May 15. I hope to see a lot of smiling faces at that time.

The smile on your face is the light in the window that tells people that you are at home. Keep smiling!



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

## Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Letter time comes around again. We are having a beautiful sunny spring day here in Central Washington. We've had a few good rains which were needed after little snow for three months. The fruit trees are starting to blossom, so for the next couple of months the valley will be beautiful. Snow is leaving the higher elevations, so the wheat fields are beautiful green.

Lodge-wise, we have been preparing for our District Association #17 Meeting in Wenatchee which was held on April 8. With only two lodges left in the district, it really is hard to plan. We hope surrounding lodges come to visit.

Now I have sad, sad news which is extremely hard to report. Our Sister Grace Hoffman suffered a brain aneurism on March 10. After three and one-half weeks and two surgeries, she passed away on April 4. An active Rebekah, she was a member for 54 years. She served as Noble Grand four times and was Treasurer 18 years between 1961 and the present. She served in several offices in the off years. Grace was Representative to

Rebekah Assembly several terms, held Assembly appointments and was assigned to committees. While in Ketchikan, Alaska, she was an Associate member of Revilla Rebekah Lodge. We will all miss her tremendously. Her memorial services were held April 10 in Waterville.

Our District Meeting was not very well-attended. Seven Sisters from Waterville and 14 Sisters from Tempest attended. There were no visitors. We are looking to a 2007 trial "Spring Instructional" gathering with a luncheon at noon. Waterville #77 will be the host lodge. We will not have officers. The host lodge will prepare the program for the afternoon. President Barbara Pittman had a good meeting. Everyone in attendance did a lot of visiting.

Here it is May already, time to remember our mothers on the second Sunday. Then remember all our deceased members and family on Memorial Day.

Until June and summer. . .

*Fraternal Love,  
Fay Bowers-Holland,  
PP and Reporter*

## Unity IOOF Lodge #18 - Puyallup

April 5 marked the official visit from Grand Master Carson Inman, his lovely wife and Loletta McCormick, our distinguished District Deputy. Our new Noble Grand Don Thiem was in good form and we were happy to receive an update as to what is going on in and around the various lodges in the state. We also shared our focus on various community activities including the Adaptive Sports Jamboree and the United Nations Pilgrimage that we plan to sponsor again next year. Our candidate was unable to attend this year, but will be a junior next year and she is most anxious for another opportunity.

At this point, we have one new

member prospect who has been approved by our membership committee. We hope to get him started towards his three degrees.

In his visit, the Grand Master emphasized the need for all members to complete all three degrees in order to be able to participate in all the activities of the lodge and the Order. We agree as all of our current members have completed all three degrees.

After a good productive meeting, we adjourned to attend an enjoyable dinner with our special guests. A good time was had by all.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Bill LeBlanc,  
Financial & Acting Secretary*

## From your 2005-2006 Department Commander



BRIG. GEN. CLAUS SCHEER

As Pacific Northwest Department Council Commander, I am looking forward to seeing all of the Oregon Chevaliers at the Grand Lodge Session at the Airport-Holiday Inn this month. The Oregon Regiment will meet on Monday, May 15. The Washington Regiment will meet at the Red Lion Hotel in Kelso on June 30. I will see you there. I hope that everyone has been practicing their sword drill movements so that they will do good in the competition. I hope that all will take part in the competition.

I have been working with the Necrology Committee for this year. We hope that it will meet with your approval. We need the names of all those that have passed away since May 1, 2005 through May 1, 2006. We wish to honor all of these Chevaliers from our regiments as well as those from the General Military Council. I feel that they have served and should be recognized and honored. Please send me their names and rank so we can include them in the ceremonies. you may write me at 3330 Park Dr., Columbia City, OR 97018 or e-mail me at: cnjscheer@yahoo.com

The Chevalier that comes to the meeting is as important as the Captain or the Commander of the Department.

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

## Park BBQ set for July 9

HP Downs Unified Encampment will sponsor the annual Pork Chop/Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, July 9 at the IOOF Park on Camano Island at noon. The menu will include pork chops, chicken breasts, baked potatoes, green beans, corn on the cob, salad, rolls, dessert and either pop or coffee.

Due to the raising costs, we are having to raise the price to \$10 this year. We hope many of you will join us and see what is being done at the park.

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

As I start this letter the sun is shining and yet the rain wants to come down in buckets. My car fills up with rain drops that slosh in the wheel well of the fenders. I feel I need an oar to travel from point A to B. But since I am not a good sailor, I will just have to drain the water out and get on with life.

May flowers are poking their heads out of the ground and peeking to see if its time to appear. I am sure many of us are the same when it comes to going out to lodge; it could be fine staying home and letting someone else do it. But since we are all Rebekahs, we should get out and support our lodge the best we can. Just being there can make a difference if the lodge has a meeting or not. So many Lodges are low in attendance and sometimes we can not hold a nice meeting to get things done. Think about why you joined the lodge in the first place and then think how many of the members are thinking, "Oh, so and so will be there. We don't need to be there." But you are needed. **Think, think!** You are needed, so come out to support your lodge.

Three Rebekahs were asked, "What are you doing?" The first one

answered, "Asking people to join Lodge." The second one answered, "Oh nothing, waiting for someone else to do the asking." The third one answered, "I am building the membership by going out and just asking someone to join our Lodge." So just go out and ask someone to join today!!

I am looking forward to seeing the faithful members who attend Assembly year after year. These are the ones who are keeping the Lodges going in their home towns. Good for you!

Remember Mothers' Day and Memorial Day. Mothers are the best friends for all of us. My Mother is gone now, but she is still my best friend ever. I go out to remember her with flowers on Memorial Day and I am sure many of you do the same as well as remembering all your loved ones gone on before you. Please don't forget the military members who have helped keep our wonderful country **free!**

Until next time, may God bless you all.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Joyce Miller,  
PNG, Reporter & Secretary*

## From the Grand Matriarch



SHARLEEN DAVIES

### HERE'S A QUESTION FOR YOU

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

Why does the letter "A" look like a flower? I'll let you think about the answer.

As I travel, I see that spring is here. Everything is turning green and the early flowers are blooming. This is the month that we honor our mothers. Honor their memories with love and affection. Do something special for someone.



As you read this, I will have all the installations finished. It was great seeing all of the Matriarchs and Patriarchs, visiting with them and making new friends this year.

Sessions are just around the corner. It will only be a one-day meeting. Plan to come. We need your help.

On our sick list is Val Devall. She fell and broke her hip. Her address is 5304 W. Skagit, Kennewick, WA 99336. She is doing well. I hear that Mavis House's recovery is progressing.

This month I will be getting all my turtles in line for the big race in June.

### ANSWER

Because a "B" always comes after it.

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

## Arthritis Committee report

### Spring is a great time to contribute

With the weather getting better and warmer, maybe some of the aches and pains of arthritis will become less noticeable. Did you know that there are more than 100 forms of arthritis, so almost all of us get to know old "Arthur" in some way or another, be it winter or summer.

This is a very good reason to have the Arthritis Fund as a project. The Arthritis Foundation is doing research to find a cure to help all of us.

All members of our Order can make donations to the Arthritis Committee along with other lodge projects. Someday we might beat "Arthur" with research and donations.

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

## In Pe Ell

### Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

We have all kinds of news this month. Sister Leona Treznoski went to the Assembly Finance Committee meeting. She came home with a copy of our approved bylaws. **Thank you so much,** Assembly Secretary Betty Weldon. It only took 19 months to finally get them.

We will have a table at the Fourth of July Centennial Celebration. Special bags of candy and IOOF brochures will be passed out. We are hoping it will mean new members for us.

Our first lunch was served by Nina McCalden and Louise Lusk. On the menu was spaghetti, salad and a scrumptious gooey dessert. Hostess gifts were won by Luellyn Ainsworth and Carolyn Miller. NG Norline Burton provided table favors of Easter bunnies and Easter cards.

We have decided to cook and serve dinner for a VFW meeting on Sunday, May 21. We like money-makers.

Carolyn read "I'm not Old — Just Mature."

Our sympathies go out to the family of Rosalie Fojt of Chehalis. Also, we extend our sympathies to former member Joy Pharris following the loss of her father.

Our Noble Grand is keeping busy.

### THOUGHT

*"The best bridge between hope and despair is often a good night's sleep."*

*"Never live in hope and expectation with your arms folded."*

With best wishes and happy Mothers' Day to all!

*In F, L. & T.,  
Luellyn Ainsworth,  
Past Noble Grand,  
Chaplain & Reporter*

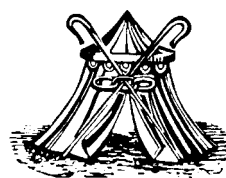
## From the Grand Patriarch



JEREMY EDWARDS

### GRAND ENCAMPMENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Please join me for breakfast! I would like to see you on Thursday, June 29, before the start of our Encampment Session at breakfast. Mark it on your registration paper. Everyone is invited. If you aren't in Encampment or LEA, come anyway and join us. If you are leaving that day, eat with us first.



The installations are over, and I managed to attend some of them. I send my apologies to those I was unable to get to because of my work. Thanks to everyone who was so kind to fill in for me and for other absent officers.

Thanks especially to Don Hepp for "being me." My best wishes to all the new and recycled officers for this coming term.

This month, I will be contacting many of you Encampment members to be on the various committees during the Session. Your help is needed and it is not hard to do. So, if you will be there, please agree to serve on one. I will appreciate it. I hope to see a good attendance at our Grand Encampment.



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

## Pine Burr plans Spaghetti feed

Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300 will hold a Spaghetti Luncheon on Saturday, May 6 from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

To get to the Spaghetti Luncheon, take Exit 68 off of Interstate 5 (Morton/Mossyrock) and go east on Highway 12 to Fuller Road, about 12 miles. Turn right on Fuller Road which ends at Spencer Road (1.8 miles). Turn left on Spencer Road and travel to the driveway with the lion head decorations. That's it!

## Pine Burr Rebekahs #300 - Onalaska

Members of Pine Burr attended the District Meeting hosted by Monterose Rebekah Lodge in Toledo on Saturday, April 1. They announced that the Fall District Meeting will be hosted by Pine Burr Rebekah #300 on Saturday October 7, 2006.

Our members were saddened by

the sudden death of our Sister B. J. Brashear on her way home from the meeting. B.J. was our Lodge Recording Secretary for many years. She was a truly valued and loved member of our Lodge. Our hearts are with her large family and we miss her.

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

## Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

April is upon us and spring is in the air. Our District #18 Meeting was a big success. We were pleased with the good turnout and friendly atmosphere. It was good to see Sisters we hadn't seen in months. In spite of the heavy rain that hit our Toledo area, members still found their way to Lone Yew Grange.

Our April 6 meeting was called to order by NG Rosalie Davis. Following the meeting, members enjoyed refreshments served by Fannie Blair and Evelyn Woody. The tables were decorated with a cute Easter theme. Cake also was on hand for a surprise birthday party for Rosalie Davis. She received presents and a card signed by everyone.

We have lost another longtime friend and Sister, Ruth Pollman. She was 84 years young. Memorial services were on April 8 at the Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel in Toledo. The Rebekahs took part in the services.

Ruth was our PNG and Past District #18 President. She also received the Decoration of Chivalry in Olympia for her many years of volunteer work to her community. This is quite an honor. Our prayers go to her family.

Fannie Blair tells us she is leaving for a vacation. Beautiful Hawaii is her destination. Have a good time, Fannie.

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



## Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 Eola Rebekah Lodge #63

Brrrrr! The weather was cold. Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 and Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 joined forces for a highway clean up on March 12. The two lodges have been cleaning a portion of a road in King County for more than 12 years and have received special recognition from the State of Washington for being the only group in the state for doing this service consistently for such a long time.

Members participating were

Loletta McCormick, Steve Schmidt, Steve Van Dusen, Tim Van Dusen, Ed Cassidy, Karen Hoylman, Kendra Frogge', Doris Wigglesworth, Lea Daniels and Dixie Friese.

Following the hard work in the cold weather, the group socialized with hot chocolate and zucchini bread.

*In F, L. & T,  
Loletta McCormick, PG  
Reporter for Buckley Lodge #75*

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

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters on this nice sunshiny day! It is a little breezy, of course, but we wouldn't know how to act if the wind wasn't blowing.

We finally got our last two candidates in. We welcomed three new Sisters into our lodge this year. They are Sister Laura Douglas, Sister Shelly Gay and Sister Elaine Parish-Bliss.

Our condolences are extended to our Sister Anna Sullivan following the loss of her husband, Brother Ed

Sullivan. He belonged to Ellensburg Odd Fellows Lodge #20. He will be greatly missed.

We made plans to go to our District Meeting. It was planned to be held in Bickleton on April 29.

We sent a donation to the Sponsored Youth for Adaptive Sports Jamboree of Washington.

I hope everyone has a nice Mothers' Day.

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

### *In Electric City*

## Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

May is here already and Mothers' Day is arriving. Let's remember our mothers or adopt one if you are without.

Are your spring flowers coming through? They do bring happiness to all. A bouquet is a thankful thought to everyone.

During March we honored Schuyler Colfax and in April we remembered Thomas Wildey. It is always great when we give honor to these gentlemen of our Order.

This month we are packing and filling Baggies at our first meeting and we will deliver them to the Hope Center in Moses Lake the following day, May 3. We must thank Sister Carla Brown for making all these colorful bags to brighten up the children who receive them.

At our meeting in April, NG Jeannette Kelley had an Easter game and Sister Helen Scheibner was the lucky winner.

Sisters Carla Brown and Wanda Hirst won the guessing games at the lunch table fixed up by Sec. Betty Roller.

It was so nice to see the hall all fixed up for the Easter holiday. Thanks Sister Elsie Byam for your expertise and work.

Our Sister Gladys Morris recently was honored on her 90th birthday at her home with family, friends and neighbors. How nice she was able to attain this great age.

It is good to hear our Sister Marlene Oening is improving and also has lost some weight. This should be a good incentive for her well-being.

We once again have three veteran members to honor. Receiving honors are Marge Wyborney with 55 years, Lela Mason with 60 years and Oline Wyborney with 65 years. Isn't this great when a member can be honored in this way? They are in a nursing home and can't attend meetings, but we like to remember them in their own ways.

I will close until next month and hope this finds you all well had happy to see warmer weather upon us.

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

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Ed Sullivan**, Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20.
- **Grace Hoffman**, 54 year member, PNG, Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77.
- **Ina Belle Syring**, 59 year member, PNG, Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145, Spokane.
- **Rosalie Fojt**, 30 year member, PNG, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179.

- **Florence Quade**, PNG, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor.
- **Mary Blanton**, Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor.
- **Betty Brashear**, Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300, Onalaska.
- **Lucille Parrish**, Revilla Rebekah Lodge #9A, Ketchikan, Alaska.

## From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

### HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

Happy Mothers' Day to all you mothers. I hope everyone has a beautiful day, either in being a mother or acknowledging one.

One of the requirements of our Order is that we know and understand the rules and regulations regarding Sovereign Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge, the Rebekah Assembly and the Lodge. Members of the Order, realizing what works and what doesn't, have formed these rules and reg-



ulations over the years. Changes to the rules and regulations are brought about by members, such as yourself, who find out whether they are practical or not. To understand these rules and regulations, one must have the documents in the Lodge Hall. These documents are the Code of General Laws, the Grand Lodge Digest and the Rebekah Assembly Digest. Each Lodge has received, from this office, the Code of General Laws and the Rebekah Assembly Digest. (The Lodge can obtain the Grand Lodge Digest from Grand Lodge). As changes are made to the Code of General Laws and the Rebekah Assembly Digest, updates are automatically sent to the Lodges and need to be put in Lodge copies. It is mandatory that each Lodge have these books. They should be as important to the Lodge as rituals, regalia and other lodge paraphernalia. I realize it is irritating for some lodges to keep getting these updates, but they are a requirement and need to be treated with utmost seriousness.

The Spring Per Capita Dues Statement was recently mailed out. Your prompt response to this statement is greatly appreciated. It seems to me that it would be much more convenient for the Lodges to get billed once a year for their Jurisdictional dues rather than twice a year. It seems like bills are constantly being sent out which makes it seem that all the Assembly is interested in is money. If the billing were done once a year, and added to the SGL dues, you could clearly see if your dues are high enough to cover your expenses. Please think about this and, if you think this is a good idea, have your Representative bring it up at Assembly.

I cannot thank the secretaries and lodges enough for all the assistance and cooperation they have given me this year. This office could not survive without your help. Your comments, positive or negative, are greatly appreciated as it makes my job much easier.

Assembly will soon be here and election of officers. If you are interested in one of the offices please make your wishes known, either to me or your Representative. I will be happy to help you with anything you want to know about an office.

As I watch our wild birds come back each day I think of my many friends in the Order and how faithful they are. I had a phone call the other day where a friend called and said, "I'm sending you a hug over the phone." It was the first phone hug I ever received and it was deeply appreciated. George MacDonald said, "If, instead of a gem or even a flower, we could cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give."

Take a moment, go have a cup of tea and count your blessings of having friends.

*Rebekah Love,  
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington  
New e-mail address: bweldon@opusnet.com  
Toll Free: 1-866-725-3508*

## Rebekahs, did you know?

The Rebekah Assembly Constitution no longer states that the person being nominated for the office of Assembly Warden must alternate from the east to the west side of our jurisdiction. So, if you want to run for this office, it doesn't matter which side you are on, you can go ahead and do it.

*See You At Assembly!*



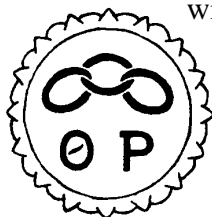
# From your 2005-2006 Theta Rho President



JEAN SMITH

### MAY WILL BE VERY BUSY

Hello everyone. By the time you read this I will be getting ready for Oregon Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions. After that I will be attending the Receptions for the new leaders of our Grand Bodies. I will just have gone to Solo State competition in Salem, OR, so next month I will tell you how it went.



My club recently had installation of officers. I am no longer the President of the club, so I welcome all of the new officers. I hope you have a great year.

As many of you know, I am a senior in high school and am getting ready to graduate, so I'm very excited for that. I hope to see many of the Theta Rho Girls at the retreat in the middle of May. I will hopefully see many of you at later events!

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

## Beacon Rebekahs #91 - Mead

We have been very busy entertaining our District Association #2 Officers with a Spaghetti Luncheon and some games, etc.

We had our Spring Bazaar the first weekend of April with lots of craft things and baked goodies. We also had a baked goods table at Hope's spring rummage sale.

We will be taking in two new members sometime soon. We are very excited to be able to have new members as our numbers were shrinking

like all of our lodges seem to be doing.

We helped Hope and Hillyard Lodges initiate new members into their lodges in March. So they will help us when we have our initiation as we help each other with all kinds of projects.

We hope everyone has a good spring and we will see you at Assembly in Kelso in June.

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

## Don't miss Theta Rho Fun Night

I am going to try something different for our Theta Rho Assembly Fun Night this year at Sessions. There will be only three categories in the talent competition with three prizes in each one — a first, second and third. The first category will be for girls age 11 and under with any talent they wish to do except skits. The second category will be for girls age 12 and over with any talent they wish to do except skits. The third category will be group skits. The skits can be any group of girls with two or more participating, including club ones. I hope that this will be a more successful way of recognizing all the talents for a good fun night.

The Fun Night theme this year is "Country Western."

I would like to see all the girls take part. If there is a Theta Rho girl in your club or family, please let them know of this information. Thank you.

*In Happiness Through Service,  
Florence Frogge' Vice President,  
Theta Rho Assembly of Washington*

### In Oak Harbor

## Acorn Theta Rho #79

April was a busy month for us. We held our second annual open house and we had three girls who expressed interest in joining the club, so we are planning an initiation in the near future.

After the open house we made Easter baskets for the retirement center and had refreshments.

Our members had a good time in the Holland Happening parade. We had hoped that President Jean Smith would be able to be in it with us, but she had another commitment for that weekend.

We are once again making picture frames for our local hospital to present to new mothers for their first Mothers' Day. We will be making Mothers' Day cards and tissue carnations for the nursing home at our first meeting in May.

Assembly is fast approaching so we are also working on our entry for Fun Night as well as the items that President Jean has asked us to do as part of her program. We hope to see many of you in Kelso.

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

*See You In Kelso!*



### Welcome aboard!

Members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club gather with the two new members taken in during February and March. Front row, from left, are Ceara Dempsey, Amber Bailey, Megan Roth, new member Jubilee Mande and Breanna Hyde. In the back row are new member Joanna Boschee', Lea Daniels, Florence Frogge', Jennifer Vargo and Maranda Mellor.

*See You At Sessions!*

## Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

Nisqually Rebekahs #233 thanks everyone who joined in our fun Friendship Night.

Happy Mothers' Day to all of our mothers, to all who are moms and to those who "wanna be." This special time reminds us of special times with moms here and gone.

May Day wishes to all.

NG Dorothy is holding work parties creating bazaar items. The gatherings are in her home and are enjoyed by workers one and all!

We shall all share special memories this Memorial Day of friends passed by.

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

## 2006

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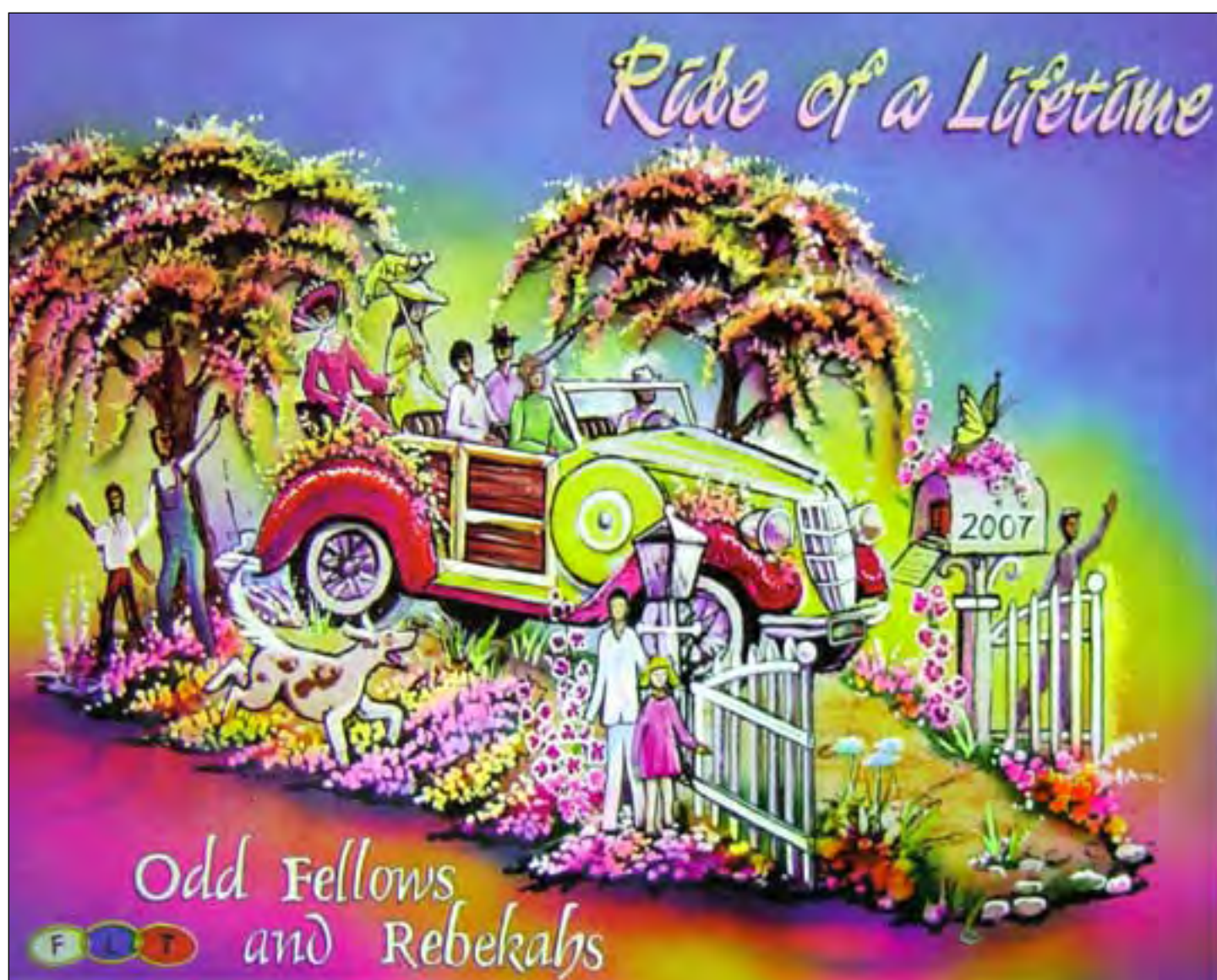
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## Sunshine Rebekahs #56 - Dixie

Greetings! April showers bring May flowers. That's better than nice as Mothers' Day this month needs flowers. The Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla gives out orchid corsages to each woman living there for Mothers' Day. How nice of the Home!

DDP Karen Schultz visited us the last two meetings and brought Sisters Janette Oswald and Marilyn Duffy with her as guests. Sister Karen will be visiting us again on May 10.

Sister Elsie Peterson's ankles are swelling very bad and turning black. Sister Ellen Want was back in the hospital again. Sister Frances Randolph does not leave her husband Gerald for too long at a time, so she is not with us very often.

On April 30, a memorial was held at the Odd Fellows Home for Past Assembly President Helen Slaybaugh. Many attended.

Memorial Day is a day of remembering those loved ones who have gone on before us. Flowers again are used to mark the graves of our loved ones.

*Happy Mothers' Day* to all who are!!

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

## Ride of a Lifetime

The 2007 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Rose Parade Float depicts an old woody automobile with a rumble seat. Twelve lucky raffle drawing winners will take their "Ride of a Lifetime" during the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA on January 1, 2007. Each lodge in the jurisdiction has received information on how to support the float and purchase raffle tickets.

## In Walla Walla

### Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We were delighted to meet at the Odd Fellows Home on March 21 and share in fellowship with those whom we do not see on a regular basis. There were 15 Home residents in attendance and six of those present were members of Bee Hive Lodge #70. We thank them for joining us. Bee Hive member Mary Dobson (PPRA and a 65-year Rebekah member) told us of her plans to place her scrap book in the Odd Fellow Museum.

Our evening at the Home was topped off with delicious refreshments served by Jeanine Griffin and Art Schreiber. As usual, they served a variety of tasty goodies from a table with an Easter theme decor. Each of us was treated to a candy-filled plastic Easter egg.

Sisters Rose Ringhoffer and Aramae Buckingham delivered more floral bouquets to 15 members. Two weeks later, Sister Rose and Sister Elsie Wells had the pleasure of making follow-up visits and gave us an inspiring report on their experience. Again, we thank Sister Judy Paul for her generous donation of flowers which have helped to make the visitations very special.

We received a note from Dorothy Clark thanking us for our cards and visits. Charlotte Hanifen also sent a thank you for the monetary gift she received at Christmastime.

We were saddened to learn of the

deaths of Jeanine Griffin's husband, Helen Korfhage's daughter and Jacqueline Klicker's mother. We extend our sympathies to those Sisters in their loss.

Narcissa members voted to send a monetary donation to the "Adaptive Sports Jamboree" which was held April 22 in Seattle. Also, we collected \$62.35 during our Silver Drills in the month of March and the proceeds will be given to the Arthritis Fund.

Ruth Gibson and Art Schreiber were the latest cash prize winners during our Silver Drill. Both donated the money to our Charity Fund.

Recent refreshment hostesses were Rose Ringhoffer and Nancy Klicker who also provided a "Mini-Easter Egg Hunt" during our time of fellowship.

Under the new District By-Laws, all future District Association #5 meetings will be held at the IOOF Home and there will be a rotation plan regarding which lodge will be the host lodge. There were more than 40 in attendance at the District Meeting on Saturday, April 8 when Narcissa Lodge #2 served as the host lodge. Noble Grand Jane Hanson of Narcissa presided over the meeting.

We are looking forward to our "Tea Party" on April 29 and will give you full report on the occasion, along with winner of the quilt raffle.

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

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

Grandview Rebekah Lodge is renting two tables at the Grandview Senior Center's Flea Market on May 12 and 13. We want good white elephants, items for goody baskets and baked goods. Remember our used clothing goes to the Crisis Center in Sunnyside. They also need toys and travel-size hygiene products.

I want to thank all my Rebekah Sisters and Brother Odd Fellows for the prayers and cards I have received since by first surgery in September, cancer surgery in November and my latest — hip ball replacement. You'd think by now I would have out grown my childhood awkwardness. Someday you'll get the true story on my hip surgery. Thanks and God's blessings to all.

#### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

*"If you can't remember what it was you wanted to forget, forget it."*

#### CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

*Harry: "I can't believe he's in the hospital. Why only yesterday, I saw him out with a blond." Larry: "So did his wife."*

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

### Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Spring is finally here. We had a great time with our Easter Hat parade. There were some real creations and prizes were given to all of those who participated.

At our second meeting we celebrated Earth Day and also entertained our Rebekah Assembly President Linda Dodge. We had delicious chicken dinner/potluck prior to the meeting and a special dessert in honor of Earth Day following the meeting.

We have good news and bad news again as far as our members are concerned. We may as well do the sad news first. We lost two more Sisters. Sister Mary Blanton and Sister

Florence Quade both passed away.

The good news is that Sister Nita Sherwood is now home and no longer needs her walker. She is still not able to talk, but is taking therapy and we hope to have her back soon. Sister Myrtle Whitehead is improving after her emergency surgery on her colon and we hope to have her back with us by the time this article appears.

To any others who have been on the shut-in list, we hope you all are on the road to recovery so that you can be out enjoying the spring weather.

*In Rebekah Love,  
Judy Diekman,  
Reporter*

*Let's All Get Prepared For Sessions In Kelso!*



## 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. If you are e-mailing, please single space your story.

- 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. 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



Members of Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129, including NG Rob Rhoads, spent an afternoon cleaning up Bucoda Volunteer Park on March 25.

### *In Bucoda*

## Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129

January, February and March have been busy and interesting months for us. January found us in Olympia for a joint installation of officers along with Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, Silvia IOOF Lodge #38 and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144. What a great way to meet and greet new and old friends.

On February 10, we had a very pleasant surprise visit from Ron Hansen, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington. This was a very informative and interesting evening.

Then on March 24, it was a visit from the main man himself. Carson Inman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, joined us for a potluck supper at 6 p.m. His escort for the evening was Judy Diekman, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly. George Johnson, PG of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, also was in attendance.

On March 25, Skookumchuck Lodge met at the Bucoda Volunteer Park where we spent most of the afternoon picking up the winter wind fall. The picture shows Noble Grand Rob Rhoads with one of the many loads of branches.

With the help of town employee Kay Hughes, PG Gerald Hoffman and his son Bill were able to get our Odd Fellow and Rebekah signs up. One at the entrance to the town of Bucoda and one on the building.

Our next project will be Mothers' Day weekend when the Lodge will be manning the Toutle South Rest Area, so if any of you are down that way be sure to stop by and say "hi."



The new sign at the entrance to Bucoda.

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

*LouAnn Hoffman, Secretary*

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

Hello. March was a busy month in Bremerton. On the 15th, the Initiatory Degree was held for Chris Pry and Larry Norman for #145 and for Suzanne Inman, Patricia Inman and Lon Inman for Mt. Baker #9. Leading the Degree was C. Allan Reitan as NG. He flew his plane into Bremerton National where he joined the others coming the old-fashioned way by car. Assisting were Butch and Barbara Reitan, Loletta McCormick, Don Hepp, Frank Wilson, Laurel Delony, Holly Hauser, Joanne Balmert, DDGM Ron "Pete" Inman and our own members. Thank you for your help. Grand Master Carson missed with a rescheduled visitation. His brothers Ron and Lon are twins. Sue and Pat are their wives. They have more!

On March 21 it was Mystic's turn to initiate our fourth new member Jeannine Fox — a friend of Larry Norman. We welcome you.

On March 25, our lodges hosted our District Association Meetings. Not only do our districts meet at same time, so the lodges meet in pairs. Odd Fellow District #15 elected Don Cowdery President again, Richard

Murray Vice President again, and Bill Coulter is now the Secretary-Treasurer.

Rebekah District Association #21 President LeRose Coulter is recovering from her shoulder surgeries. Sherrill Rieck was elected to conduct the fall meeting September 30 in Port Angeles. Get well wishes to PP Thelma Ringer. She is the "mother" of the district and we do miss her.

Distinguished guests present were GM Carson Inman and his officers John Gaiski and Don Cowdery. Twelve Odd Fellows attended.

Also, President Linda Dodge and her officers Dorothy Ray and Judy Diekman attended. A total of 21 Rebekahs, including our friends from Rainbow #31 and Nisqually #233, attended.

A mis-step entering the van to return home caused Florine Roehl to fall and spend several days in the hospital in Bremerton with three cracked ribs. Our love and get well prayers to her and others injured or ill. Hello to all. Have a wonderful Mothers' Day.

*Faternally,*

*Don & Florence Cowdery, Reporters*

### ADDRESS CHANGES

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There were smiles all around at Pine Forest's annual Easter Bingo. Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge hopes to start regular Bingo games.

## Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

The following members were reported sick or in distress:

Barbara Garza is recovering from knee replacement surgery and is doing well with physical therapy; Lila Middleton had surgery; Loita Musgrove is getting along quite well and has plans to do some traveling; Shirley Benson (from Kettle Falls) was reported to have had surgery; and Gerry Rumerfield was in the hospital in Spokane for some tests.

Our lodge catered the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Lions Depot and we also catered the Charter Dinner for the Lions Club. Both dinners were a success.

Our annual Easter Bingo was held at our hall. Selma and Elmer Lindor surprised us by coming up from Spokane to play! Brother Alex Garza was also able to make it and enjoyed himself! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success. We are starting (with any luck) regular Bingo again with the encouragement of the community.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Patty Cool who recently returned from spending the winter in Nevada. We would like to thank Barbara Garza for decorating our Rebekah window each month and it looks very nice. Another thank you goes out to Skip Eckhart (NG Cheryl Eckhart's husband) for cleaning our lodge (which included shampooing the carpet) so it is toxin free. Also to Marvel Smith, a **big thank you** for our new sound system. We certainly appreciate it. Finally, a thank you to Sam and Linda Nicholas for the sofa they donated to the lodge for our hallway and depositing of our old sofa.

Plans are now being made to go to the annual District School of Instruction meeting that will be held in Hunters April 29.

The snow is all gone and plenty of rain has fallen. The grass is green and starting to look like spring. We hope everyone had a nice Easter.

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

*If You  
Haven't  
Registered  
For Sessions  
Yet, Hurry!  
Time Is Wasting!*

## In Long Beach

### Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Linda Zuern and her entertainment crew provided us with a St. Patrick's Day game and gave away prizes to all at our first meeting in March. Vivian Currie played Irish tunes for us. Vivian and Sue Johnson, hostesses for the evening, served green Jello and cookies for dessert following the meeting. Also, our Associate members were honored with a small gift and words of appreciation. Bessie Braschuk has made a gavel pad for the NG's station. It seems I was rapping a little too loudly. Thanks, Bessie.

Reports have been received that Mary Lund's husband is on the mend, as is Beverly Gilpin's grandson. Beverly is awaiting word on having a knee replacement. Olney Patch's grandson has been deployed to the Middle East once again. Please help us keep all of our service people and ill friends and family in our prayers. We send our sympathies to the families and lodges of Sisters Rosalie Fojt and Betty Brashear and extend our prayers for comfort in their losses.

The non-winning side of the attendance committee served up a fine meal to the winners on March 21. The main dish was very good. Frances's salad was wonderful and Donna's cake was yummy. We were all treated to a pot of primroses and other flowers and we did some "putting on the green." This year's attendance tally is pretty close so far.

It is becoming extremely expensive to be a Rebekah Lodge. How some lodges manage to stay afloat is beyond us. We are discussing meeting by meeting how and why we are paying so much in dues to the Grand Lodge. We certainly don't want to be one of those lodges that has to give up their Charter, but you have to pay lots of money to be a Rebekah Lodge and

we don't think that "money" should be the basis for Friendship, Love and Truth. We wish all the other lodges good luck in staying alive.

The District #18 Meeting held on April 1 had a very good turnout. Sisters from our lodge attending were Frances O'Neil, Donna Merrill, Cathy Kary, Maria Johnson, Opal Eaton, Lucy Aydelott, Olney Patch and Sue Johnson. Lucy, Olney, Maria and Opal seated the new officers. The lunch was very good and the table decorations were cute. We do need to learn more from these meetings though. We will all have to put our thinking caps on and come up with some good instructional ideas.

We celebrated Easter at our first meeting in April. Bunnies were everywhere. Linda Zuern and Betty Pierce served strawberry pie and lemon pie after the meeting. We always have such good refreshments.

Spring is the beginning of a lot of fun activities for our lodge. We will be participating in festivals and celebrations and many of our Sisters will, and do, donate time to various other organizations, projects and their churches. Our Sisters do good things for our community, as well as our lodge.

Bunco is still going strong and the Friendship Club also continues to meet once a month to give support and show good will to our lodge.

We hope you all had a happy Easter. (Wishes are late because my printer wasn't working last month, therefore no article). May you all be blessed with love, good health and laughter and may you all delight in the colors and aromas of the freshness of a new spring.

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

## Hillyard Rebekahs #145 - Spokane

Greetings from Hillyard #145. Happy Mothers' Day to you all. It is a wonderful time for sharing, caring and pride from all the mothers. As many of you know, giving birth does not make you the mother, mom, mamma, ma or whatever it is that you call that special someone. The mother is the healing of the heart, the one you can always go to, and even if nothing can be done is just made better because she is there.

On March 15, we welcomed a new member, Peggy Cote. This was a joint initiation with our Sisters of Hope Rebekah Lodge. Welcome Peggy. Sister, Hillyard meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. Please come join us and meet Peggy. She will be a great asset to our Lodge.

On April 6, the District #2 Officers visited us. There were 18 ladies present. We had a slumber party. Everyone came in P.J.'s or nightgowns, slippers and robes. During our salad bar dinner we listened to the music from the '50s. Who are we kidding? There were 18 ladies, music was in the background, but no one was listening. We were all too busy talking. (You really should come to one of these. There's lots of juicy gossip).

Then we were to dance our dinner off. That didn't happen either. We did, however, watch a movie — "While You Were Sleeping" — and shared many laughs during the movie.

Our Sister Serena Charest is fighting cancer and needs your prayers. She is quite a fighter and has gone through so much. She has had a few surgeries and still goes on. She makes it to most meetings and extra functions no matter her pain. She is truly one of the nicest persons you could ever meet. She is what a Rebekah is all about.

In February, Isabel Syring passed. She was a 59-year member, just missed 60 years by a few months. She had been a Past Noble Grand and served every office at one time or other. She was always an active caring person. She knitted many scarves, caps and mittens for our Lodge to give to the neighborhood centers. Even in her final years when her health was getting real bad, she made about 20 hats and scarves to donate. Hillyard was proud to call her a Sister and she will be greatly missed.

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





Members of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 donned all kinds of headgear at their Easter Hat Parade on April 6.

## South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Greetings to everyone. Our lodge has been busy this year. Linda Dodge, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, installed our new officers in January. Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho presented the flag at our installation then helped serve coffee, tea and cake. Then they helped with clean up. South Tacoma Rebekahs helped with the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club's installation in February.

We've started doing a "Mission Possible." The Noble Grand has members on committees. The Noble Grand gives the committees addendums to show the rest of the lodge. One committee showed how to bring in the flag, how to hold the flag, how we should stand when the flag is unfurled, etc. And that's our "Mission Possible."

Our lodge had its Easter Hat Parade on April 6. All members wore their Easter hats and sang "Easter Parade." In tune we're not, but fun we had. Everyone received a small gift for their participation. After the meeting the lodge members dyed eggs. Many of us hadn't dyed eggs in decades and one had never dyed eggs at all. We had a lot of fun! It's good to be a kid once in a while.

We are still picking up voting ballots as our money-maker.

Our "Friends Night" will be held June 15. County Fair is the theme. We hope to see you here.

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

## Another look at the Adaptive Sports Jamboree!





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Washington Odd Fellows Home .....	509-525-6463

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

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters. It is good to be well into spring. Did you enjoy your District Association meetings? I hope they were great days of fellowship, as well as a learning experience.

In March we celebrated the birthday of Patti Ellis who is a blessing to our lodge.

Tempest hosted the District Association meeting. Now, with only two lodges involved, discussion of making changes took place. We find tradition is important to us and changes are often painful, but there

are times when something new can revitalize us in our work.

Prosperity Lodge is in the process of changing its meeting time to the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. This should help us maintain our attendance as night driving has become an issue with several members.

We are looking forward to Assembly and our new format. It sounds efficient. We hope to see you at Assembly.

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

Remember Mom May 14!  
Happy Mothers' Day





# 2006 Washington Grand Sessions

~ Pre-Registration Form ~

Red Lion Hotel ~ Kelso, WA  
June 24 thru 30, 2006

*One person per registration, please. Photo copy if more are needed.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*Name and Number*

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Rebekah Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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LEA \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Canton \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Any Elected, Appointed, Past Elective or Youth Advisor of any Unit, please specify office and what Unit. If more than one, please list all of them:

**Make Checks Payable To: 2006 Grand Sessions**  
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Mavis House  
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Be sure to mention that you are with the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Convention

Rates are:

**Standard — King or 2 Full Size — \$66**

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Cut-off date for these rates is June 1, 2006

# 2006 Washington Grand Sessions

~ Meal & Banquet Reservations ~

	PRICE	Number of Persons	TOTAL
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 24</b>			
<b>5:00 p.m. — Youth Banquet</b>			
Ham Dinner	Adults \$16, Youth Free	_____	_____
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 25</b>			
<b>5:00 p.m. — Past Presidents' Banquet</b>			
Roast Turkey Dinner	\$20.50	_____	_____
Stuffed Sole with Lobster	\$21.75	_____	_____
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 26</b>			
<b>7:00 a.m. — President's - Friendship Breakfast</b>			
Stuffed Croissant	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>7:00 a.m. — Grand Master's Officers' Breakfast</b>			
Scrambled Eggs with Bacon	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>6:30 p.m. — All Branch Banquet</b>			
Apple Cranberry Pecan Chicken	\$20.50	_____	_____
Char Grilled King Salmon	\$22.75	_____	_____
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 27</b>			
<b>7:00 a.m. — TaNaMaKa Breakfast</b>			
Scrambled Eggs with Bacon	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>7:00 a.m. — IOOF Representatives' Breakfast</b>			
Scrambled Eggs with Bacon	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28</b>			
<b>7:00 a.m. — Rebekah Representatives' Breakfast</b>			
Ham and Cheese Omelet	\$12.00	_____	_____
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 29</b>			
<b>7:30 a.m. — Grand Patriarch / Grand Matriarch Breakfast</b>			
Lobster Oscar	\$15.00	_____	_____
<b>Noon — LEA / Encampment Luncheon</b>			
Salad Bar	\$16.00	_____	_____
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 30</b>			
<b>Noon — Canton / LAPM Luncheon (All members welcome)</b>			
Salad Bar	\$16.00	_____	_____
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<b>Pre Registration Prior to June 1</b>	\$12.50	_____	_____
<b>Registration AFTER June 1, 2005</b>	\$17.50	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL DUE WITH REGISTRATION</b>			_____

## Check your Sessions dates

If you have already made your reservations for our Grand Sessions in June, please double check to be sure of the dates! Theta Rho Sessions begin on Saturday, June 24. Odd Fellow and Rebekah Sessions begin on Monday, June 26. Encampment and LEA Sessions are on Thursday, June 29 and Canton and LAPM Sessions will be held on Friday, June 30.

We hope to see you all in Kelso. Please contact the hotel for all reservations.



## Perfect attendance

These Rebekah Sisters of Trinity Lodge #179 in Napavine were honored at their installation for having perfect attendance during the 2005 year. From left are Delia McNelly, Helen Petrie, Evelyn Neumann and Pat Harader.

## Deadline is nearing for the 2006 Kelso Session Program

Does your lodge need extra money? You can earn a 10 percent commission on all business ads sold for the 2006 Grand Sessions book. The cost of business ads are: Full page - \$125, 1/2 page - \$75, and 1/4 page - \$50.

If your lodge would like to place an ad, prices are: Full page - \$100, 1/2 page - \$60, and 1/4 page - \$35. No commissions will be paid on lodge ads.

Be sure to get the content of the ad so it will be correctly printed in the book. Make checks payable to Grand Sessions 2006 and send to: Mavis House, 786 Cedar Valley Road, Goldendale, WA 98620-2307.

The deadline for all ads is May 19, 2006. If you have artwork or logos, please make sure you send along a good clear copy on white paper.

## Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Our annual Friendship Night was held on March 23. Easter decorations of baskets, bunnies and flowers were provided by Muriel Yahn and Sandy Beane. They were handmade, of course.

We received visitors from Monterose and Pine Burr Lodges, along with PPRA Karen Hoylman and Doris Wigglesworth. Pictures were taken. We enjoyed having them all. Lots of door prizes were on hand when lucky numbers were called.

Eight members travelled to the Toledo Lone Yew Grange hall for the District #18 Meeting. It was a very enjoyable meeting and the food was

great. We were surprised to learn that we won the membership award for bringing in one new member.

The program honoring the 40, 45 and 50-year members was very nicely put together. We were very touched.

We are saddened by the sudden loss of our Sister Rosalie Fojt. She was also our Noble Grand. Services for Rosalie were held on April 15. Trinity helped with the service and put on a potluck luncheon for her family and friends. Rosalie will be missed by all of us. We plan to continue with her program for the year 2006.

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