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## Glendale, Salmon Bay consolidate on April 23

On April 23., a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon, Glendale Rebekah Lodge #312 met with Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217 for the ceremony of Consolidation of Lodges. President Linda Dodge and Warden Marcia Presley, assisted by Sister Genie Coston and Brother Jean Coston, performed the ceremony as we became one lodge. Thank you Sisters of Salmon Bay #217 for accepting us into your fold.

At our first meeting on April 4 together, we had 10 members out. It was a fun day as we had a baby shower for our member Tasya who is due any moment. Everyone is very excited for her. And look at all the grandmas she will have around her for support.

*In F.,L.&T., Judy Sansom, Reporter*



## Welcome aboard!

Hillyard and Hope Rebekah Lodges of Spokane welcomed three new members recently. At left is Margaret Cote, Hillyard #145's newest Sister. In the middle and at right are Delores McReynolds and Debra Koertgen who were initiated into Hope Rebekah Lodge #38.

## UN tour leader chosen

Ron Hawkins of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 has been chosen as tour leader for this summer's United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. Kerry Yanasak of Unity IOOF Lodge #18 in Puyallup is the alternate.

The students and their tour leader from the jurisdiction of Washington will meet their counterparts in Portland, OR on Friday, July 7 and will return two weeks later on July 21. They will tour the northeastern United States and spend several days at the United Nations in New York City.

## A few words from Flo

To my many friends who have wished me a speedy recovery, I would like to report on my current condition following my fall. I was released from Lynden Grove on May 1 to go home. I was doing my own cooking, taking care of my cat and doing very nicely.

On Thursday May 5, Dorothy Ray, NG of Nisqually #233, called to ask if I would like to attend their Friendship Night. I responded with a "yes" if I could go dressed casually. She picked me up in the "van" (front seat this time) at 5 p.m. to set up bazaar items before lodge opened. By the time our 31 guests arrived, I think I had talked personally to at least 25 from Eola, Rainbow, Kapowsin, Yelm, South Tacoma, Bremerton and Nisqually. The Noble Grand had planned a program for opening the meeting that proved a great deal of fun. There were gifts for everyone. After meeting we indulged in sandwiches, salads and other selections. I had a lovely Friends Night.

Dorothy took me home and I was eager to get to bed. Friday was a slow day and I went to bed early. On Saturday morning I could not get out of bed. I called a nurse and it was determined I should go by ambulance to the hospital. After two MRI's it was determined I have edema and blood clots in both legs. I'm looking at five days stay here at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup with a possible release on Mothers' Day. Please do not send any e-mail to me until June.

I hope to see many of you at our Assembly Sessions. Thank you all for being so thoughtful and kind to me during these past weeks.

— Florine Roehl

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## 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.

Kennewick I.O.O.F. Lodge #222,  
Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242,  
Peace Rebekah Lodge #338,  
Tri City Encampment #66,  
Tri City L.E.A. #66



~ and ~

Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14

**Cordially Invite You To  
A Reception In Honor Of**

**Ronald D. Hanson**

**Grand Master**

**Grand Lodge of Washington**

~ and ~

**Dee J. Hanson**

**President**

**Rebekah Assembly of Washington**

**Saturday, September 23, 2006**

**At 2 PM In The Afternoon**

**Kennewick**

**First United Methodist Church**

*Corner of Kennewick Avenue & Dayton Street*

## From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMUND L. REITAN, JR.

### ANOTHER GRAND SESSION IS UPON US

As we come to the end of another Odd Fellow year, my wish for all is to have a happy and harmonious Session. I have enjoyed serving this Jurisdiction as Grand Secretary. In addition to fulfilling the routine duties of this office, it has been a pleasure to share our history with members and non-members.

Here's an example. We assisted Sandy Strehlou the Historic Preservation Coordinator for Friday Harbor with information on Mt. Dallas IOOF Lodge #95 that was instituted April 18, 1891. This lodge met every Saturday and existed for 69 years and 10 months prior to consolidating with Mt. Constitution Lodge #88 on February 17, 1961. The Mt. Dallas Lodge #95 hall building is now home to the Whale Museum in Friday Harbor.

Also, we assisted Robin Adams of Seattle who was seeking information on McCool family members and a connection to Comet Lodge #139 in Seattle. We were not able connect her great-great-grandfather David McCool to this lodge. It is possible he attended this lodge as a visitor and was a member in Kansas. We were able to share that her uncle David S. McCool was admitted by card on October 22, 1903 with the rank of third degree. Our file card did not reflect when or where he joined the Odd Fellows.

We also gave assistance to Diana Porter of Valencia, CA who was seeking information on Frank J. Kimball, her grandfather. We were able to share with her that her grandfather joined Odd Fellows with Peru Lodge #539 in Indiana on February 17, 1903 and took a withdrawal card on July 21, 1908 and deposited it with East Tacoma Lodge #89 on August 7, 1908 where he became a Past Grand on December 31, 1915. It's worth noting that this lodge was 379 members strong in 1915.

We answered an e-mail inquiry from Susan Dun of Les Chalets du Cacholet, France, seeking family information on her great, great, great, great-grandfather's brother Alex Cameron of Walla Walla who passed away on August 17, 1923. With this date were able to locate a record for Alex Cameron as being initiated into Enterprise Lodge #2 on October 31, 1877 after which he attained the rank of third degree.

### REPRESENTATIVES

Be sure you bring your lodge's copy of the Advance Reports ("Take-Me") with you to Grand Lodge.

### MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

Remember, this is a serious working meeting and an atmosphere of decorum is required. Our representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge this year will be Robert J. Robbins, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master, who hails from the Jurisdiction of Colorado. Let's all make him welcome. I look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones in Kelso.

*Fraternally,*

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

## Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233

*Veterans, Brothers and Fathers' Day*

*This June shall have their day!*

*Flag Day, too, will wave this June*

*As memories weave*

*each special tune.*

*Our summer recess through*

*July and August*

*Prepares us for September*

*reunions at its best.*

*Happy days to one and all.*

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

*Norma Roberts, PNG and Reporter*

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## From your 2005-2006 Grand Master



CARSON INMAN

### GRAND SESSIONS ARE HERE!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is June. The children are about through with school for another year and we are ending another year of Odd Fellowship in the great jurisdiction of Washington. Yes, on the 27th of this month we will install another set of officers for the year 2006-07. My how time flies!

The month of May was a memorable one for a small number of us. Those were the ones who were able to attend the laying of the Wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns and visited the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University. We witnessed history in the making and also toured our nation's capital. I said history. Yes the Independent Order of Odd Fellows made history when they signed a new contract with the Wilmer Eye Institute, increasing our endowment to \$2 million. We witnessed the signing by Mike Dutton, Sovereign Grand Master, and for the first time by a woman, Judy Geer, President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. This was the first time a woman had signed along with the Sovereign Grand Master a contract of this significance.

To witness and be a part of the ceremonies at Arlington Nation Cemetery was one that instills great pride and disbelief that you are doing something that very few Americans get to do, and that is presenting the wreath from their home state on the grave sites for three Americans. There are actually two, one each from World War I and World War II and an empty one for the Vietnam War. Empty, yes, because upon a challenge by the parents of the body encased in the one from Vietnam, DNA proved it was their son. With the modern technologies available, there will be no further bodies that cannot be identified, so this casket will remain empty and no other caskets will be entombed. This was a beautiful, beautiful ceremony, one which I wish each and everyone of you could be a part of. The four of us marching up there were doing it for you.

This has been a very rewarding and sometimes unhappy year in not being able to do some things I wanted to do. Yet I was able to travel the four corners of this state and visit all lodges with the exception of one.

I hope the issues that caused the unhappiness will be resolved at the Grand Session June 26-28. The Grand Encampment Session is on the 29th and the Military Council is on the 30th of this month. I hope all of you Lodges make sure you have a Representative in Kelso to vote.

Odd Fellow membership, I believe, has turned the corner. We have a lot of new young men and women coming through our lodge doors and we need to take advantage of this. We need to continue to improve on the projects we have going, and make sure we stay strong and march forward with keen minds and much strength.

I want to thank all of you for your faith and strong support these past three years. If not for you, this could have been intolerable, on some grounds, but we were able to overcome the malcontents. I think I leave the lodge atmosphere in strong hands and with the tools to continue their growth. It has been a very rewarding and eventful year during my visits to you, and again I say *thank you!*

The one downside to the year was the mass resignation of some JJYC committee members and also their resignation from some of our other committees. These are sharp minds which have contributed tirelessly in their beliefs and assistance to their programs, but unfortunately personalities get involved and they then become a large stone that cannot be overturned. Words can fester and instead of letting go, some people let them infest their minds in all workings with one another. Some of these issues go back many years. Yet we listen to them year in and year out.

There are about three areas in this state that have problems, and with a small number of people, these items will always have an open sore. These we cannot heal and only with open minds can we forget, work and look forward to our future and keep our strong belief in Friendship, Love and Truth.

A final thank you is in order for the many gifts, cards and the contributions made to my projects and for the outpouring of funds for the Katrina disaster. This fund collected more than \$9,000 in this jurisdiction alone. A hearty thank you to all you great Brothers and Sisters for your tireless effort to make Odd Fellowship what it is. The many hours you contribute is what makes this organization work in achieving the high standard of excellence within in this Order.

Remember to have fun and enjoy. We have some ruts, but none that cannot be repaired.

See you all at Grand Sessions in Kelso with the Theta Rho Girls' Club, getting it started on June 23.

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

## A few words from VP Dee

To all Rebekahs,

I hope many of you are planning to attend Rebekah Assembly this year. I am looking forward to greeting you in Kelso!

Representatives, have you returned your questionnaires and are you practicing your Unwritten Work? Did you sign up for the Representatives' Breakfast? I hope so as I have a lot of information for you that morning to take back to your lodge.

See you soon!

— In Friendship, Love & Truth, Dee Hanson, VP RA

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- **Byron Copenhaver**, Alimus IOOF Lodge #15, Goldendale.
- **Michael Stanley**, Skookum-chuck IOOF Lodge #129, Bucoda.
- **Margaret Van Etten**, PNG, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Violet Casteel**, 48 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **S. Jean Osborne**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Elsie Estell**, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, Spokane.
- **Sylvia Hapala**, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46, Toledo.
- **Ruth Pollman**, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46, Toledo.
- **Mae Wilcox**, 69 year member, PNG, Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56, Dixie.
- **Lowene Keiski**, Fraternity Rebekah Lodge #78, Ilwaco.
- **Amanda Lenz**, Chewelah Rebekah Lodge #162
- **Ruth Gabriel**, 78 year member, PNG, Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220, Washougal.

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

Red Apple IOOF Lodge has a new member. Jim Macomber has reinstated and was immediately elected to the Hall Association. Now we need some of the members who have become inactive to become active again. Remember, the meetings are the first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. with vacation in July and August. We need you.

The Rebekahs cleared a nice sum on their tables at the Senior Center's Flea Market. Thank you to all who helped with donations and working their shifts at the Flea Market.

On June 16 we will eat out for

lunch and have a social time. Invite a friend to join us and share our fellowship.

On September 7 we will come back to lodge by eating out, followed by our regular meeting at the hall.

To all our under-the-weather members, may you all regain your health and each of you have a great summer filled with fun, visiting relatives and friends and just relaxing. See you in September.

Don't forget Fathers' Day! Happy Dad's Day!

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

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

April just about "done" us in! Almost everyone of us has had a bout with the "bug!"

Sister Lillian Davis, our Chaplain, just lost her husband, Brother John, and then she ended up in the hospital twice and then went into a nursing facility. But after six weeks of "incarceration," she is back home — healthy and happy.

Sister Maxine Gregory, our Treasurer, is still coughing after a sick month. Sister Donna was sick for the first time since the winter of '92 and then she broke her arm! We haven't even been able to see Sister Shirley Gardner at Wilford's business lunches.

Sister Polly and Brother Al Komarek are quite remarkable. Neither one has let ill health stand in the way of their volunteering and travel.

Socially, Ramona hosted a lovely "Easter Bonnet" meeting. Everyone from District #2 looked quite fetching

in their creative "chapeaux." Lots of food, prizes and Bingo completed the day.

It should be noted that the Spokane Temple's new manager and maintenance man, Tim Moon, is a gem. He found a complete Bingo/Beano set that must have come over on the ark. It even has cards with the Samaritan Lodge's name embossed on them.

Ramona also hosted the District #2 Officers with a salad luncheon.

Wilford's and Ramona's Representatives to Grand Lodge and Assembly really had to do a "quick step" to rearrange their vacation times to meet the new June dates. The membership breathed a sign of relief that they could work it out.

Have a good summer. If you plan to be in Spokane, call our Noble Grand or Secretary and find out when Al and Polly will have our summer picnic at their home. The more, the merrier!

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

## From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

### IT IS TIME FOR ASSEMBLY

June is here and with it our Assembly Session. Please remember that Assembly is you. Your Representative is the one who must vote on matters that come up which affects your lodge and other lodges in our organization. I urge you to try to attend even though you are not a Representative. That is the only way you will know what is going on. You no longer need to be a Past Noble Grand to attend. The Session is open to all Rebekahs.

Is it time we asked our Representatives to SGL and IARA to introduce the (unthinkable) idea of changing some of our rules? In 1959 we had 18,000 Rebekahs in Washington. Today we have 2,230. Changes have been made over the years in all other segments of our society, but we still hang on to the customs that have been here for hundreds of years. Think back. When we started the main transportation was the horse and buggy. Very, very few women worked and there was no TV — none of the things that are prevalent today. The idea of getting together and working for the good of all, for Friendship, Love and Truth is still as strong as it was in the beginning and is the strong core of our organization. In these days of uncertainty people are drawn to these principles.

No one loves the Order and its traditions more than I do, but unless we are ready to throw in the towel, there have to be changes. Many lodges do not follow the rules, simply because they are not practical. I recently read an article in the newspaper about an Elks Lodge which has attracted a very large number of young people and their families and I thought, "Why not us?" In this time of wives having to work to maintain the home, is it likely they are going to hire a baby sitter to take care of the children to come to a lodge for 45 minutes or so to discuss whether or not to pay a bill or donate to a project? How many lodges have a room for children to have fun while their parents attend lodge? How many have family get-togethers, possibly a meal, family picnics, bowling or other events? The possibility is endless. People want to have some fun and laughter, as well as companionship. Are we doing this? If you feel you are too old to take part you can, at least, stand on the sidelines and cheer.

Having an afternoon meeting on any day, except Saturday, kills attracting any working people to many lodges, yet our older members do not want to drive at night. How about changing the meeting date to Saturday, during the day. It is my feeling that things need to change and be updated if we are to remain the wonderful, caring organization we are. You need to make your thoughts, personally and as a Lodge, known to your Sovereign Grand Lodge and IARA Representatives. Perhaps you can start a ground roots movement to save our organization while there is still time. If you have ideas, let them be known, no matter how outlandish they may seem. This is how our organization was started, with an idea, and that is the only way we will keep it going.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ACTIVE IN ASSEMBLY?

At the June (this month) Session, there will be four positions open. They are Warden, Secretary, Treasurer and Home Board Member (Rosalie Davis). (The secretary and Treasurer positions require computer knowledge). If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me or Yvonne Hauge, Treasurer at (509) 487-3807, for more information. It is a great opportunity to serve in the Order and to help your fellow Rebekahs.

### NOTE

The Board of Instructors and Credentials Committees will be working from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Will these members please phone me?

### A REMINDER

Supply items for Rebekah Lodges/Assembly and Theta Rho Clubs/Assembly must be ordered through the Assembly. Grand Lodge can only order items for Odd Fellow Lodges/Grand Lodge.

On this, my final column of the year, I thank all the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows who have been so kind and helped me. Your notes and words of encouragement have been priceless. I must not forget thanks to my "Honey Do" who works just as hard as I do for this organization. I, and the Assembly especially, want to thank Sun Lakes Rebekah Lodge #329 which, in great thoughtfulness and kindness to their fellow Rebekahs, deeded their Rebekah Lodge to the Assembly before giving up its Charter. This truly shows their belief in the Rebekah Creed regarding "My main concern is my God, my family and my friends." When a Lodge gives up its Charter then other members must make up the loss. Sun Lakes did not want to leave this burden on their friends.

May you all enjoy the blessings of having friends, as I have, and remember that they are truly blessings in these uncertain times. See you at Assembly!

Rebekah Love,

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

## Freda is looking for a roomie

Freda Church needs a Sister to share a two bed room reserved for Assembly in Kelso. Phone Freda at (509) 382-2289.

## From your 2005-2006 Theta Rho President



JEAN SMITH

### A GREAT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Hello everyone. I believe this will be my last article I write to you, so I guess I'll make it my best one!

Many of you know I had the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. where I had the privilege to walk with Oregon delegation in the placing a wreath at the Tomb of The Unknowns. It was one of the most amazing things I have ever done! Being so close to such a great historic monument was a great honor and privilege. I had a wonderful time. I saw many people including Michael Dutton, Judy Geer, Carson Inman, Linda Dodge, Judy Johnson, Lloyd Stienwig, and many, many more. I had an awesome time! To anyone else who went, I hope you had as fun as me.

I would also like to mention my Sessions. I really hope you see you all in Kelso. I really can't wait! I have had a great year and hope you can be there to see how my Session goes!

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

### In Oak Harbor

## Acorn Theta Rho #79

By the time you read this school will almost be out and Sessions will be arriving shortly. Last month we made our visit to the nursing home for Mothers' Day with cards and flowers and visited with the residents. They served us ice cream. Afterwards we went to the local pool for a swim party.

At our second meeting in May we held initiation for new members and then had a "Greek Toga" party to celebrate Kristyna McCloskey's 21st birthday. She has been a real asset to our club and we hope she will continue to attend as a Rebekah Sister. We also had a movie night at our Advisor's house and later a pizza party which we were supposed to have after swimming, but our Advisor was sick with the flu.

We are having fun working on our scrapbook and enjoying the memories of the past year. We hope you are, too.

We are sorry that the Youth Retreat had to be cancelled, but we are looking forward to the time with the other clubs at Sessions. See you all soon and have a great summer. *In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79*

## Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Our Charter was draped for our dear Sister Rosalie Fojt at our April 13 meeting. Our sympathies go to her family.

For the moment, PNG Alberta Luurs is filling in as our Noble Grand. We are all wearing our PNG jewels to every meeting to continue with Rosalie's last wishes.

The Spring Bazaar was a little slow, but with good cooking we did okay in the kitchen. Our bake sale table also went over big — especially

the sugar-free items.

At our raffle, Marilyn Williams won the case of oil and Jackie Crabb won the bowl of potted pansies. Our most wanted grand prize, garden supplies, went to our neighbor at Ace Hardware, Laura Sweeney. Thank you to all who helped support our raffle.

"Happy Birthday" was sang to Vanita Malone, our faithful Sister we can always count on.

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

## Honored Advisors!!

On May 2, when Advisor Kendra Frogge' and her assistant Karen Hoylman arrived, they were greeted with a decorated dining room for a surprise party for them in appreciation of all they have done for the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93. There were about 10 girls present and Senior Sisters, Tawnya Shorb and Carol Robertson. The honorees were presented with plaques and gifts from the girls who had planned the party. Then, of course, there was pizza!



### In Montesano

## Grays Harbor Theta Rho #92

On April 24, we served dinner at the District #14 Rebekah Meeting held in Montesano with Fern Rebekah Lodge #26 acting as the hostess lodge. Also attending were members of Friendship #44 of Elma and Sunbeam #147 of Satsop. For entertainment, our club President Elizabeth Bodenhamer played her flute. Brittney Miller, Cassidy Feist and Cindy Ashe presented the flags and led in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

For their appreciation, the District voted to give us \$50 for an on-going project we are working on for the lodge and the City of Montesano.

In April we initiated Cierra Stenback from Elma.

We have been busy making Mothers' Day gifts and getting ready for Assembly. *In Happiness Through Service, Donna Tonn, Advisor*



Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho  
Girls' Club #93,  
Eola Rebekah Lodge #63



~ and ~

South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

Cordially Invite You To  
A Reception In Honor Of

## Florence Frogge'

### President

Theta Rho Assembly Of Washington  
Saturday, September 30, 2006  
At 1:00 p.m.

South Tacoma I.O.O.F Hall  
5424 South Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington

## Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

We have been very busy this past month trying to get everything done before Sessions and our summer break. Our bird houses for Breast Cancer turned out pretty good. We raffled them off at our first meeting in June. I hope you were all lucky enough to win one or got to purchase a ticket. We are still making key chains for Breast Cancer in the pink ribbon symbol, too, so don't worry if we haven't gotten around to selling you one yet. We will. We tried to get around as best we could to the members in the Order.

We are so excited to be hosting Fun Night with our member Florence Frogge'. We hope a lot of you will come Saturday night and have a hootin' good time with us. Don't forget your western outfit! We are very proud of the fact that Florence will be installed into the office of Theta Rho Assembly President on Sunday, June 25. She will be the first Spunky BlueBird to hold the office of Assembly President. She started her journey when she was 8 when she joined the Grays Harbor Theta Rho Girls' Club. She has been very active and dedicated to Theta Rho ever since then. We all stand behind her and support her in this great honor and hope more Spunky BlueBirds will run for President in the future.

At one of our work parties in May we held a surprise party for our Advisor Kendra Frogge' and her assistant Karen Hoylman. We wanted to show them how much we appreciate their time and effort they put into the club and all that they do for us. One of our sponsoring lodges, South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160, also supported this. We thank you very much. Kendra and Karen were given gifts and certificates of appreciation. They were both very grateful to be acknowledged by us girls.

Once again, we hope you will all come join us for our Fun Night. If you can, join us at our Assembly meeting and banquet. We would love to have you! Thank you again to everyone in the Order who supports our club and our causes.

Our quote for the day: "Be careful what you say about others. They may be saying the same about you."

*In Happiness Through Service, The members of Spunky Bluebirds TRC #93*

## Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

We cooked dinner for a VFW District Meeting at the end of May. We may be small, but we are mighty.

Pe Ell is getting new sidewalks and the old jail will be spruced up in preparation for the 100th Anniversary Celebration on the Fourth of July weekend. Everyone is welcome. Our lodge will have a table where we will pass out free candy along with Odd Fellow and Rebekah information.

Our sympathies are extended to Sisters Beulah Crocker and Marian

Moon following the loss of their oldest brother, Marvin Turner.

Leona Treznoski visited her brother and his wife. The two girls had a very good time shopping around.

Spring is beautiful with all the flowers and shrubs in bloom. Help to make it more so. Plant flowers, shrubs or trees all over.

Have a wonderful vacation. Love and good health to all.

*Luellen Ainsworth,  
PNG, Chaplain & Reporter*

## From the Grand Matriarch



SHARLEEN DAVIES

### THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

This year was one of the highlights of my life and I enjoyed every bit of it. I tried very hard to make it a success. The Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Matriarchs were wonderful and cooperative. The Past Grand Matriarchs were all very helpful, offering their friendship and encouragement all along the way and guiding me down the right path. The officers of other branches of our Order were cordial and cooperative. My own Auxiliary, Tri-City #66, stood behind me with their full support. My family was compassionate and supported me all the way giving love, encouragement and loyalty.

My thanks for all the addendums, flowers, meals and housing. I appreciate it so much along with the donations for my project.

I have enjoyed visiting with you all. I wish the incoming officers my best. See you at Sessions!

### THE MIRACLE OF FRIENDSHIP

*There is a miracle of friendship  
That dwells within the heart  
And you don't know how it happens  
Or when it even starts.*

*But the happiness it brings  
Always gives a special lift  
And you realize the Friendship  
Is God's most perfect gift.*

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

## From the Department Association President

### ALMOST TIME TO BID FAREWELL

This will be my last letter before we meet in Kelso. It seems to me that this year has gone by rapidly. I have enjoyed seeing all of you and visiting with you. You all do some part of the meeting very well. By watching you, I have learned a lot. I want to thank you for all the kindness and loving thoughts you have sent my way. You and your efforts to make your LAPM special, works.

Now when we meet in Kelso, I want you to please remember we are there to learn and have a good time. We have many Past Presidents who will be glad to help us if we need instructions. We must not be afraid to ask questions or ask for help. I do ask a lot of questions and am always asking for help. I am so blessed to have Ruth Berglund and Barb German to answer those questions and offer **help**. I don't always do things right, but they are teaching me and hopefully what I learn I can pass on to someone else.



I want to remind you that my project is the Craft Room at the Home in Walla Walla. I will be selling raffle tickets at the meeting. The drawing will be held after lunch. The reason I chose this project is that it is in memory of my grandmother. When she was in a retirement home, craft time was important to her and, of course, the other ladies. There always seems to be a need for supplies.

Now for some things about me — I am proud to belong to this great organization. I belong to Samaritan Lodge, Unique Unified Encampment, Spokane LAPM, Hope Rebekah Lodge, Hillyard Rebekah Lodge and Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club. I enjoy each and everyone of the members. I do sometime forget the passwords and have to be reminded which meeting I am at(smile), but my car knows how to find the lodge hall just fine. Even when I am not going there it seems that the car always turns that way. Many times I have to fight the wheel and tell it **no!** I am not going there today.

A smile is a wrinkle that should not be removed. . . so keep smiling

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

### Smiles in Goldendale

Grand Matriarch Sharleen Davies and Grand Patriarch Jeremy Edwards enjoyed installing the new officers of Goldendale Encampment and Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #99 recently.



## From the Grand Patriarch



JEREMY EDWARDS

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT

This is my last letter as Grand Patriarch. The time has come so fast. It is hard to know what to say. I do thank the Grand Encampment for allowing me to hold this high office. Also, thanks to all the Encampments and LEA's for the courtesies shown me, your friendships and support. It has been a wonderful time for me.

Unfortunately, our numbers continue to decrease. We have seen one Encampment surrender it's Charter and another will soon. Most of the others are struggling to go on. I have faith in this unit of our Order. I hope they will be successful. Let's continue with Charity. And don't forget to have fun!

I will keep on being as active as I can. I am happy to help whenever and wherever I can, with initiations, installations or whatever the need may be. Please feel free to ask me to participate and I will make every effort to do so. Making your requests at least a couple weeks in advance will help me to accommodate you.

I hope to see many of you at our Sessions. Don't forget my breakfast on Thursday morning. It is open to everyone.

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

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

Hello everyone! It is a nice day and I for one hope it stays nice for a while.

Where has the first half of 2006 gone? Of course that means Assembly is nearing and we will all meet again in Kelso for Grand Sessions.

Make new friends and keep the old! Cherish friendship in your heart; new and old are always best when kept in your heart! God Bless you all

We all should celebrate a special day for all the fathers out there. Happy Fathers' Day to all the Odd Fellows.

Flag Day is also a great time to put

out your flag to show your support to our troops and show pride in our wonderful country.

Since we don't meet again until September, we should remember that all the activities of summer are at hand to celebrate like the Fourth of July. Have a **big bang** of a day! Go out to picnics, parades and family reunions. Make this a summer to remember! Happy summer! Until next time. . .

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

*PNG, Reporter & Secretary*



*Kent L.E.A. #15,  
Kent Encampment #15,  
Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217  
Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289*



*~ and ~  
Valley I.O.O.F. Lodge #60*

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**Judy Sansom**

**Grand Matriarch  
Grand Ladies Encampment  
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**Sunday, August 6, 2006**

**At 1:30 p.m.**

**Des Moines I.O.O.F Hall**

*728 S. 225th St., Des Moines, Washington*

## From your Deputy Grand Master

# Random act of kindness

This month I want to tell you about a “random act of kindness.” This story is about a “random act of kindness.” Our Rebekah Assembly President Sister Linda Dodge told a story to us about going to the store and running up to open the door for an elderly person and then telling them that she belonged to an Order that compelled her to perform “random acts of kindness” as part of its teachings.

I needed to be in Buckley on October 22 for a District Deputy Grand Masters’ meeting, so I left on Thursday and made a visitation to Monroe Lodge #156. Then I went on to the Grand Lodge Office on Friday morning to do some research and talk to the Grand Secretary. After the day was done, I went to the hotel where most of the officers stay when we are in Buckley. I had some work to do on by-laws for several lodges and needed some things, so I went to Office Depot and picked up what I needed and then returned to my hotel which is across from the 410 Cafe in Buckley. It was about 8:30 p.m. and deciding that I would eat dinner and then continue my work, I went to the restaurant and had dinner. As I was waiting for the waitress to bring my bill there was a young couple with a child that got up to leave. When the waitress came and asked if I was through, I said yes and asked for my check. When she returned, she had the manager with her and I was told that my meal had been paid for. I thought that maybe there was someone I knew in the restaurant that I had not noticed, so upon asking who had paid my bill I was told that the young couple at the table next to me had done it. I asked if they had left and was told they were in the parking lot. I got up and went outside and found where they were getting ready to back out. I walked up to their car and when the lady rolled down the window I asked if they had paid for my meal. She replied that they had. I next asked why they had done that, and her reply was, “From the goodness of my heart. God bless you and have a good night.” I then asked her husband if he was in the service and he replied no, but he had been during the early 90s. I thanked them for what they had done. I was so stunned by this act of kindness that I did not even think to give them a card and have them get in touch with the lodge in Buckley.

Sometimes when we look around us we are given the impression that we have a hammerlock hold on doing good for our fellow man. By this story you can see that is not true. In fact this woman who, has no connection to our Order, certainly has some of our basic tenets firmly planted in her heart.

### SEE YOU AT GRAND SESSIONS

We will be going to Grand Lodge Sessions this month and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of having served as your Deputy Grand Master for the past year. I wish each and every member a wonderful time at Grand Lodge and all of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges a very successful year. I hope you all have a great time at Grand Lodge.

— Fraternally, Ronald D. Hanson, Deputy Grand Master

## In Long Beach

### Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

We initiated a new member at our May 16 meeting. Her name is Virginia Lucas and we are very happy to welcome our new Sister into our lodge. She likes to play Bunco, too.

Longview initiated four new members on May 6 and Frances O’Neal, Cathy Kary and myself attended the meeting. A degree team from the Tacoma area did the initiation.

Mothers’ Day was celebrated with flowers. Our Entertainment Committee gave everyone a small flower start and the table decorations were flowers. Polly Reed and Barbara Emond served cake and Jello at this meeting on May 2. We also revealed our “Secret Pals.” What a surprise some of us had! We drew names for our new “Secret Pals” at our May 16 meeting.

Hostesses for the May 16 meeting were Cathy Kary and Frances O’Neal. Our theme was the Celebration of Memorial Day and the decorations reflected the traditional red, white and blue.

Beverly Gilpin is scheduled to have her knee replacement surgery on June 6. Say a prayer for her while you are reading your *Washington OddFellow*.

Our sympathies were expressed to the Sisters and family of Lowene Keiski who passed away in April. She was a member of Fraternity #78 in Ilwaco.

We have two more meetings to go

before we go on summer vacation. We will have a big summer/Fourth of July picnic at our last meeting in June. We will continue to play Bunco on the fourth Wednesdays of each month and the Friendship Club will continue to meet.

We participated in the Loyalty Day Celebration on May 6 with a table at the Kids’ Parade. We sold grab bags and baked goods. Our VG Vivian Currie headed up this committee. Vivian has been doing double duty at our meetings. She also has been filling in as our Musician when a tune is needed. We so appreciate her. And thanks to our RSVG for stepping into Vivian’s chair during these times.

Donna Merrill and Olney Patch will be attending some of the Sessions at Assembly in June. Donna is our new Representative and Olney is the Alternate.

Two months is not very long to be away from the lodge and all of the fun times and memories we create at our meetings, but we will miss each other. And we know that when we all meet again in September, we will be ready to once again share the friendship of Odd Fellowship.

We hope you all have a fun and safe summer. Remember, live well, love much and laugh often.

With Rebekah Love,  
Sue Johnson,  
Reporter



Chelsea Ratliff, great-grandma Sherry Pond and Charissa Ratliff are learning to knit after enjoying a great meal.

## Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

I am glad to say that we are still carrying on with our usual happenings. I have told you about our knitting classes. There is a picture of PNG Sherry Pond and her great-granddaughters learning to knit and sew. And, of course, if you look at the picture very closely you will see that we also do our favorite thing at this class. See the dirty plates. (smile) We do appreciate our instructor Josette Putman. We do like to visit and knit so much so that we are planning to have classes in knitting and crafts during the summer.

Our rummage sale was quite successful. We made money and got a prospective member. It is amazing how much these sales have brought us to the attention of the public.

We are trying hard to increase our membership. We have initiated two members. We finally got the pictures developed. We had initiation with Hillyard Rebekah Lodge. They got one new member. We are growing.

We are having our “Hands Across the Border” luncheon June 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Spokane Hall. If you are in our beautiful city at this time, please come by and meet the folks from Idaho.

I am sad to report that Hope Rebekah Lodge has lost one of its longtime members. Ellsie Estell passed April 25 after a long illness. She will be missed by all who knew her. With this sadness we are feeling a loss. I would like to use part of the words from our Opening Ode. May they bring comfort.

*When the clouds of sin and sadness, shroud in gloom thy weary head,  
Then in peace and joy and gladness, shall the light of Love be shed.*

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



Little Katie  
D’Addario

## Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

Pine Forest Lodge #271 reported all members are well now. Thank goodness.

Sisters Marcia Hirsch, Cheryl Eckhart, Milly Shock and Barbara Garza attended and enjoyed the District Meeting in Hunters. The 2007 District President will be our own Selma Lindor! Congratulations, Selma.

The community wishes our lodge to start twice-monthly Bingo games in June.

We discussed the upcoming events of our involvement the annual Down River Days celebrations.

Nancy Davis reported that the Nancy Nicholas Memorial Scholarship application forms have been passed out at Selkirk High School.

The Cemetery Committee will take care of lodge members’ graves at the Ione Cemetery and the Metalines.

We are signed up for a thorough lodge “spring cleaning.” It is amazing

how much “stuff” we accumulate and do not need. Sounds like home!

Our lawn is being mowed by local boys this summer.

At our Rebekah birthday party in June, there will be a guest speaker, Jennifer, who was chosen to go on the United Nations trip last year. She is the daughter of our own Betty and John Stevenson.

Esther Breeden decorated our tables with a Mothers’ Day theme of her own (Danish) mother’s lovely lace centerpiece. Sitting in the center was a darling little boy wind-up doll that moved and held a tiny baby bottle. This special gift was given to Esther by her family as she is going to be a great-grandmother again. She had two beautiful deep turquoise-green vases with flowers sitting on each side of the boy doll.

Summer has arrived here and it has been hot!

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

## Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Our Charter was draped and a memorial service was held at our April 20 meeting for Sylvia Hapala and Ruth Pollman. They leave us with good memories. We will miss them.

Following our May 4 meeting, a Mothers’ Day Luncheon was held. Hostesses for the occasion were Laura Lee and Hilma Bowen. The home-made lasagna was delicious. A comic Mothers’ Day poem was read by Rosalie Davis.

Our Friendship Meeting was held on May 18. Invitations were extended to all other lodges in our Lewis County area. Salads and sandwiches were on the menu.

Happy birthday wishes are extended to Bonita Hadaller and Evelyn Woody who celebrated birthdays in May.

Until next fall. . .

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



Members of the St. Paul's Home School Handbell Choir, under the direction of Marcia Wilke, performed at the Narcissa Tea Party on April 29.

## *In Walla Walla*

# Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Narcissa Lodge members have been actively involved in several projects. Rose Ringhoffer took flowers to and visited with Sisters Allene Marti, Ruth Gibson, Jacqueline Klicker, Dorothy Clark and Mary Loue Schreiber.

Those Sisters who are recovering from accidents are Dorothy Clark who fell and broke her nose, Clemie Schwarz who broke her arm as the result of a fall, and Mary Ellen Morrison who suffered from both a vehicle accident and a stroke. It is encouraging to know that, after undergoing many tests, Mary Loue Schreiber's latest treatment is working.

Sister Margaret Van Etten, who resided in Coos Bay, OR, died on April 15. At a recent meeting condolences were read in memory of Violet Casteel who passed away on April 18 and Jean Osborn, of Arlington, WA, who died on April 25.

Violet Casteel was a 48-year member of Narcissa Lodge. At her family's request, a Rebekah Ritualistic Graveside Service was conducted on April 19 by Narcissa Lodge. Participants were Sisters Rose Ringhoffer, Marthann Hall, Elsie Wells and Nancy Klicker.

On April 29, Narcissa hosted a tea party where 60 people enjoyed tea, and a variety of delicious sandwiches and cookies. The center of each table was attractively decorated with groups of bells surrounded by colorful cellophane and confetti. Enjoyable musical entertainment was provided by the St. Paul's Home School Handbell Choir, under the direction of Marcia Wilke, who gave us a brief and interesting history on the type of bells that are used in such a choir. Both hand bells and chimes were used by this group of bell ringers who ranged in age from 8 to 17-years-old.

Our lodge was the recipient of a lovely quilt which was designed and hand crafted by Laurie Dauma who is the sister of our Secretary, Aramae Buckingham. Laurie donated this colorful quilt, featuring a variety of tea pots, to be raffled at our Tea Party. We thank Laurie for this gift which was a true "labor of love." The winner of the "Tea Pot" quilt raffle drawing was Mary Phinney. We were pleased and honored to have several members of the Home Board join us at the Tea Party after their Saturday meeting at the IOOF Home.

We are grateful to Rose Ringhoffer for planning and conducting the Rebekah Ritualistic Memorial Service for PPRA Helen Slaybaugh. It was held on Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. in the auditorium at the Odd Fellows Home with about 70 in attendance. In addition to Helens daughter, Pam, and her husband, Greg, there were other relatives present who had traveled from a distance. The service was truly personalized as we were reminded of Helen's love of family and life, her dedication to the Rebekah Order and her patriotism to our country. Helen's "WAVE" uniform was displayed on a life-sized mannequin. Those who participated in the ritualistic service were Rose Ringhoffer, Nancy Klicker, Jane Hanson, Jacqueline Klicker, Arline Maxson, Elsie Wells and Rosemary Hicks. We were especially pleased and honored to have several Grand Officers and their spouses present at the memorial for Helen. A reception was held following the service.

Silver Drill proceeds of \$60.70, collected in April, were designated to be used for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day flowers for the Home. Our last two cash winners, Norma Jean Kalal and Jeanine Griffin, donated their winnings to the Charity Fund.

A big thanks to Beth Entze, Lou Wiebe, Ken and Aramae Buckingham who have recently served refreshments at our meetings.

Travis Klicker of Walla Walla has been awarded a \$2,500 scholarship from the L.J. Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund. He is a senior at DeSales High School and will be attending the University of Idaho this fall. Bob Klicker of Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2 and Nancy Klicker of Rebekah Lodge #2 are the proud grandparents of Travis.

Narcissa Lodge has accepted the invitation from Bee Hive Lodge to have a joint initiation with them on May 23.

Have a great summer!

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

## Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 - Buckley

We hope to send a student on the United Nations Pilgrimage next year, as that is the project of our current Noble Grand.

One of our members attended the "Friends Night" at Nisqually Rebekah Lodge and two were at Warren's. They reported having an enjoyable time.

A sale is planned for the summer to build up our treasury. Our State of the Order report saw two new members come into our group, but two were dropped for non-payment, so our

numbers remained the same. We have one new member so far for the new year. We hope we can continue to keep the increase.

Our lodge will be one of the hostesses for the reception of the Theta Rho Assembly President in September as we are the co-sponsors of her club. We are looking forward to her installation on Sunday at sessions. Everyone is invited to attend.

*In F, L. & T.,  
Karen Hoylman,  
Secretary*

# Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings from Waterville Rebekahs on this absolutely beautiful sunny morning in May. It is hard to believe it was down in the mid 30s during the night. At least the wind is not blowing.

April was a busy month for us with the District Association meeting in Wenatchee. Most of our active members attended. The bad part was the death of our longtime Treasurer Grace Hoffman. The Rebekahs were well-represented at her services April 10. Draping our Charter in her memory was most trying for all of us.

We elected Sister Shirley Daling as our Treasurer, so she had to resign her appointed office. Now we are really having to juggle officers to have the most vital filled when anyone is unable to attend. Several Sisters now wear two hats at the meeting in order to keep a complete opening ceremony.

The committee working on the scholarships to be presented to a graduating senior or college student of Waterville High School reported they had received 11 applications from seniors and four from college attendees. This number is way down from prior years. The names of the recipients were announced. The committee recommends that rules be adopted for them to follow.

It seems like PP Irene Kossow is still having health problems which occur very suddenly. This is very

inconvenient when trying to maintain a schedule.

NG Lois Clart reported that her mother Sister Elaine Reed, PM of the LEA, has suffered heart attacks and a stroke. Elaine celebrated her 91st birthday in March. Our prayers are with Elaine and all of her family.

We hope everyone remembered "mom" on her special day. Of course, we should remember her every day.

Tributes of remembrance will be placed on Memorial Day to all of our deceased members.

Oh my, here it is June Assembly. Assembly Officers, Representatives and all are looking forward to June 26-28 in Kelso. It will be a busy time. Of course, many lodges will adjourn for July and August, so you will not be hearing from us. Have a good summer!

Fathers' Day on June 18 gives us the opportunity to honor them. Happy Fathers' Day to all you dads.

To all the elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, we send congratulations on your installation as our leaders for 2006-2007.

Until September, once again here's wishing everyone a great summer. Good health to all!

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

## Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Hello, everyone! Here we are into June and ready for summer vacation. Can you imagine that — half the year has passed us by!

It is time for Grand Lodge greetings to everyone who attends. Wow, with gas so high and no signs of higher prices letting up, it will be hard for all of us to get to attend these meetings. But we think of everyone and hope and pray all will go along perfectly.

We met early on our regular meeting day and packed more than 200 Baggies for the Hope Center in Moses Lake. Betty Roller and Jeannette and Bob Kelley delivered the Baggies, plus a lot of other things the next day to a happy group of ladies. We wish to thank everyone who helped or donated in some way to help with the project.

Sisters Carla Brown and Betty Roller made a visit to the Walla Walla Odd Fellow Home. Carla visited with her sister and Betty visited with Sybil Young. They had a fun afternoon.

Sybil sent back greetings to her Wilbur and Rebekah friends.

For occupational therapy, they were happy to receive all the goodies we had for the Sisters to use in the craft room. They said for once they would enjoy the many used greeting cards and told of the different things they made from them.

Betty and Jeanette made a visit to the Ephrata Rebekah Lodge recently and reported on a fun afternoon.

Sisters, did you remember your mothers on Mothers' Day? Great! Now this month be sure to honor your fathers. They are the backbone of our Order. I bet they like a little loving, too!

Thanks again for all the Campbell labels and the many other items you save and give us. We can use anything, so it seems.

Enjoy your summer vacation. We will see you in the fall.

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

## Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

I hope all of you have been enjoying the warm weather and flowers as I have. As I write this, it is supposed to hit near 80 degrees today. Then we will all probably be complaining that we are too hot.

We have selected our scholarship winner, Matthew Bender, who is going to be an aeronautical engineer. Our scholarship for \$500 will be presented at the Senior Award night by Sister Maxine Hansen.

Our Odd Fellows entertained us for Mothers' Day in royal style as they always do. Each of us was presented with a couple lovely geraniums for our gardens and they provided the refreshments for the evening.

Our first meeting in June will be our "Friends Night" and the theme is a "Sock Hop," so think back to those good ol' days and come dressed in style for a lot of good food, fun and fellowship. We will have a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. (our treat) and then our meeting will start at 6:30

p.m. We hope many of you will be able to come. We would appreciate an RSVP so we know how many to count on for dinner. You can call me at (360) 675-4455 or email me at queenche2000@verizon.net.

At our second meeting we will honor the men for Fathers' Day and get ready for our summer recess.

Sister Nita Sherwood was back in the hospital with the flu. Our Sister Myrtle Whitehead has not been able to get back on her feet after her surgery and now our Musician Doral Shelton had to have shoulder surgery. We are really missing all of these ladies as they play important roles in our lodge work. Our prayers are with them all for speedy and full recoveries. To all our Sisters who are unable to attend, you are in our thoughts also.

Take care and everyone have a wonderful summer.

*In Rebekah Love,  
Judy Diekman, Reporter*

## Lodge Cards will return

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

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

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters. It is time again for lodge reports. Time does go by fast!

As our first meeting, we draped the Charter in memory of our Brother Ed Sullivan. Brother Willie also presented Sister Anna Sullivan a copy of the memorial service that the Odd Fellows held for Brother Ed. He was a member of both Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20 and Miriam Rebekah Lodge #25. Ed will be greatly missed.

We did not have too many members at our meeting because of illnesses. Sister Anna read a letter from our Sister in the Home.

On Saturday, April 29, Sisters

Diane Bullock-Gauron, Anna Sullivan, Lorene Swedberg and Grace Wilson went to Bickleton for the District Meeting. It was hosted by Alder Rebekah Lodge #80. Our Sister Diane was elected Vice President.

We played Bingo at our second meeting. It was a fun time and we had nice prizes. We hope to do something fun like this at all of our second meetings.

We hope all of our Brothers have a happy Fathers' Day!

Take care and may God bless.

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

## Pine Burr Rebekahs #300 - Onalaska

Come on down and join us on June 20 and help us welcome three new Sisters. We meet at the Ethel Grange in Onalaska at the intersection of Highway 12 East and Berg Road. Our meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays at 1 p.m. with lunch at noon.

Our April and May fund-raisers were successful. The three days at the northbound Toutle River Rest Area in April went well. The weather was kind, the travelers generous and we did not run out of cookies before the last drop of coffee was served. Thanks to several of our very good cooks.

The Spaghetti Luncheon in May at Rose Palermo's home had a good

turnout. Rose is PNG of Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300. It was fun listening to two gentlemen learn that they had roller skating in common in their youth. They compared the various rinks from then and now. We wish to thank Rose's sister-in-law Beverly Palermo (PNG of Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 in Des Moines) for coming down from Seattle to work with Rose making the sauce and pasta.

Other members contributed the bread, salad and the desserts. A beautiful day for the event was a extra blessing.

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

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

Greetings! Our next contact will be at Assembly. I'm looking forward to it and hope you are, too. The new format sounds interesting and well-organized.

On our sick list we have Elaine Reed who is hospitalized because of heart problems. She has been a long-time and very dedicated Rebekah. Our prayers are with her.

Our NG Barbara Pittman has invited us to a summer picnic at her Lake Chelan vacation home in July.

In May, the Sisters were invited to a Mothers' Day Tea at Barbara's home where we all enjoyed her gracious

hospitality.

Several of our Sisters assisted in the Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee by taking part in "Kids Day in the Park." Although this was sponsored by another group, special recognition goes to Sister Patti Ellis and her committee who made up more than 1,000 coloring books for the kids. What a dedicated group!

We extend our best wishes to all officers of the Assembly. May the Sessions accomplish all they they have set out to do. See you in Kelso.

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

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

We are half way through this year and continue to support most of our Order's projects. Currently we are planting trees and bushes for Living Legacy. For our community, we continue our monthly support of two food banks, the Alive Shelter and Festival of Trees.

Bring your animals to the first meeting in September when we return with a joint potluck at 6 p.m.

Both of our lodges have new members. Our Grand Master knows of 17 members needing the First, Second and Third Degrees. Therefore,

Bremerton is the place to be for staff and candidates on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. Second and Third Degrees will follow lunch.

We do wish Grand Master Carson and President Linda a successful Session to conclude their three years.

Safe travels and wonderful experiences are wished for all of our UN delegates.

May everyone find their summer healthy and pleasant.

*Fraternally,  
Don & Florence Cowdery,  
Reporters*

## Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

It is time to write the last article for the newspaper before a two-month recess or vacation.

On April 20, our most recent PNG, Belinda Sweetin, had a heart attack. She received immediate medical attention and is back on her feet. She attended our June 2 meeting and participated, which we are very happy for. However, she stated that on June 14 she was facing further surgery. Our thoughts and prayers will be with her for a complete recovery. She is needed.

On April 29, seven Sisters attended the District #15 meeting at Alder Rebekah Lodge #80 in Bickleton. The President, Ramona Nicholson of Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246, prepared programs for the day, but due to health problems she was unable to preside. Sister Dee Hanson, PP, graciously presided and we had a very good and interesting meeting. Sister Val DeVall helped a lot, too. Our next meeting will be on the first Saturday in October at Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246.

Our Sister Pauline Copenhefer's husband Byron passed away and on April 22 Leah Lodge Sisters provided a luncheon after the funeral service. Byron was a member of Alimus IOOF Lodge #15 of Goldendale. Sister Pauline appreciated this courtesy very

much as they had moved to Woodland several years ago.

At our May 2 meeting, we initiated Sister Alice Christianson. Welcome to our lodge with Friendship, Love and Truth. Sister Mary Gosney stated that the American Red Cross Blood Drive would be on May 23. Helpers, cookies and juice will be needed.

Sister Mavis House reported that she was receiving registrations for the Grand Lodge Sessions regularly. She is able to handle the situation right now, but will need help later on. Several of our Sisters and Brothers will attend Grand Lodge Sessions in June.

Since there is a fifth Tuesday in May, we will have a potluck on May 29.

On June 6, we will celebrate Flag Day and "Brothers Nite." Brother Lloyd Sweetin will have the program and Sister Loleta Zumwalt will furnish the refreshments. On June 20, Sister Ann Thompson has the program and Sister Agnes Ritzschke has the refreshments.

Leah #22 vacations in July and August, but there will be a joint IOOF/Rebekah picnic in August. No date has been selected yet.

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

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

It has been a while since I've had anything in the newspaper. Since I've sort of saved up the news, this one will be longer than one paragraph.

Both lodges had the honor of having Maxine Duffy, Eloise Eyer, Helen Ervin, Ruth Halliwell, Elizabeth Jacobus and Doug Graesser become Lifetime Members. Congratulations to all who have been such longtime members.

Our building is being painted, even though it has been easy to find because of the color. It was voted on to change the color. It is almost completely painted. It will now be a very pleasant light green with a lighter trim. I must add that it really is a nice

color and it will still be easy to find us. And, since we are doing all of this sprucing up of our lodge, we also are rewriting our lease for rental of the building for a broader variety of events.

To show off our freshly painted building, on July 4 we will be having an open house and a reading of the Declaration of Independence after the parade. So, come join us celebrate the holiday.

Don't forget to join us for the breakfast on the fourth Saturday in June. After that September will be the next one, as we take July and August off.

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

## Longview Rebekah Lodge #305

Longview had the pleasure of initiating four candidates on May 6. A noon potluck proceeded the initiation ceremony. The F.L.&T. team conducted the ceremony in an excellent manner and were greatly appreciated. There were approximately 25 members and guests in attendance.

Our new members are Shannon Edington, Michele Rilea, and Jim and Astrid Kellar.

Following initiation we had a regular meeting. As we were closing, John Bonsey, a member of Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66, stood up and said that he

would like to join by re-admittance. What a glorious day for our lodge. The new members have ideas for community service and other projects which we look forward, eagerly, to hearing.

The member responsible for bringing in the four new members is our Chaplain Kristie Kellar and she was awarded an appreciation pin at the meeting. What a blessing this young woman has been to our lodge.

We hope to see many of you at Assembly in Kelso June 26-28.

*Betty Weldon, Noble Grand*

## Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Greetings! "June is bustin' out all over." That's a well known quote and it seems like it is now real.

Sister Ellen Want got home from the hospital May 3 after a long stay.

We draped our Charter for Sister Mae Wilcox as she passed away April 14. She was buried in Walla Walla.

Sister Elsie Patterson's leg is still quite swollen. She has a great grandson named Adrian Christian, born in Jackson, Mississippi. Sister Vivione Donley is now residing in Mesa, Arizona with a daughter and husband. We'll miss her, but think of her often. The Double D's PNG's will meet in

Starbuck with Sisters Audrey Perkins and Wanda Young on Monday, June 12 at noon. It is a potluck.

I have written about Friendship and Love — now comes Truth.

"Truth is the foundation of all knowledge and the cement of all societies."

— Dryden

"Truth is beautiful and divine, now matter how humble it's origin."

— Idvorsky Pupin

"One of the sublimest things in the world is plain Truth."

— Bulwer

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