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Happy Holidays!

President Dee spent many years active in our Order

Dee June Hanson, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, passed away quietly in her sleep Sunday October 29, 2006 after a courageous fight with kidney failure and cancer. Jesus came and took her home.

Dee was born on July 3, 1950 in Portland, OR and grew up on her family's ancestral farm, the Robinson homestead land grant.

Dee attended McKay elementary and graduated from Beaverton High School in 1968, both in Beaverton, OR. She married Ronald Dean Hanson August 25, 1979 and lived in Kennewick for 28 years. She has worked as a cook for Kennewick School District for 23 years and as head kitchen manager for the last 12 years at Kennewick High School.

Dee was an active member of 4-H throughout her school years and after moving to Kennewick became involved with 4-H again first as a club leader and then as a resource leader and 4-H cooking judge. She was active in the Benton Franklin County Fair for 25 years. She was a 4-H department superintendent and then became the 4-H, FFA, and Open Class Goat Superintendent. If you visited the Goat and Sheep Barn you probably met her.

She was also involved with Theta Rho Girls' Club, first as a member during her childhood and later as an Adviser to Pasco Theta Rho Girls Club #14. She was a member of Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge # 242 of Pasco, and Kennewick Odd Fellows Lodge # 222. She was serving as the Noble Grand of her Odd Fellows Lodge, and was the current President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. She had previously served as the Rebekah Assembly President in 1997.

Dee's husband Ron said that when they moved Kennewick in 1978, Dee started attending lodge in the Tri-Cities area, but remained active in Rebekah activities in Oregon.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Zeta Robinson of Tigard, OR. Survivors include her husband Ron; step-children Regina Paxton of Burbank, WA; Shelly Hanson of Pullman, WA; Tammy Hanson of Denver, Colorado; Lacey Mallory of Denver, Colorado; and Mitchell Hanson of Fort Wainwright Army Base in Fairbanks; her father, Chester Lane Robinson of Beaverton, OR; brother and sister-in-law Lynn and Georgia Robinson of Beaverton, OR, and their 4 children living in Southern California; sisters Kay M. Bell of Portland, OR; and Thea N. Wood of Tualatin, OR. She is also survived by four aunts, an uncle and numerous cousins and grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dee's name to the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice House, 2108 W. Entiat Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 4 at Mueller's Tri-Cities Funeral Home. Members of the Grand Lodge of Washington Executive Committee served as honorary pall bearers.



DEE HANSON

Notice to all members

It is the duty of the Grand Master to exercise a general supervision of the work of the Order throughout this jurisdiction.

Therefore it is with considerable regret that on the 15th day of November, 2006, I have issued an order to arrest the Charter of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. This action is being taken due to several irregularities in their operation.

I have appointed a Special Deputy Grand Master to supervise the operation of the Rebekah Assembly, the Rebekah Assembly Executive Committee, and the Office of the Rebekah Assembly Secretary.

This action will allow the subordinate Rebekah Lodges to continue to operate and function and allow the Rebekah Assembly to conduct day-to-day business. Any official actions, directives or notices issued by the Rebekah Assembly of Washington or the Executive Committee of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington will have to be pre-approved by the supervising Special Deputy Grand Master assigned while the Charter of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington is under arrest

During this period the Grand Lodge recognizes that Marcia Presley was the last elected and installed Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly and as such the duties of the President devolve on her and she is responsible for the actions of the Rebekah Assembly and the Rebekah Assembly Executive Committee and Officers.

*Ronald D. Hanson, Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington, Independent Order of Odd fellows*

Deadline for L.J. Jones Scholarship is Dec. 31st

Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodge Secretaries are reminded that all names of seniors graduating from high school or a GED program this June who are interested in applying for the L.J. Jones Memorial scholarships are due December 31, 2006. Forms were sent to lodges from the Grand Lodge in October. Students applying must be planning to attend an accredited two- or four-year college/university, or trade school.

Scholarships include \$2,500 to be awarded to two males and \$2,500 given to two females. Applicants for these four must be a daughter, son, granddaughter or grandson of a member in good standing. Also qualifying are legally adopted children and children of deceased members who were in good standing at time of death. An \$8,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is a member in good standing in any unit of the order. In addition, a \$3,000 scholarship is available for a member, son, grandson, daughter or granddaughter over the age of 21.

Completed lists for the \$2,500 scholarships and the \$8,000 one should be sent to: Jody Morris, Co-chairman, L.J. Jones Memorial Scholarship, 32101 N. Eagle Crest Dr., Ridgefield, WA 98642-9156. Applications and instructions then will be mailed in January from the co-chairman only.

May You All Enjoy The Most Blessed Christmas Ever
And Enjoy A Happy And Prosperous New Year
From Your Unit Leaders In The Jurisdiction of Washington

From your 2006-2007 Grand Master



RONALD D. HANSON

A BIG HOLE IN OUR LIVES

I am not certain where to start this letter. I guess the thing to do is first thank all of the Odd Fellows, Odd Fellow Lodges, Rebekahs, and Rebekah Lodges, as well as the many members who have sent cards to Dee during her illness and cards of condolences to her family following her passing.

Dee and I were together for almost 30 years and we were married for a little over 27 of those years. After that long you become very in tune to each other — and we were very much in tune to each other. I have to tell you that there is a very large hole in my heart and my life that will never be filled.

I want to tell you about some of the little things that she did for the Order. For instance did you know that she made sure all of the girls in her Theta Rho Club were able to attend Assembly? By that I mean if they did not have the money to attend she took care of it. If they did not have a formal or other proper attire she took care of it out of our pocket with no concern for reimbursement — as that is what a good Rebekah does. Ask a lot of people in the Order who made sure there were table decorations for banquets and ideas to think about, they will tell you Dee did it. I think you will find that there is a big hole in your life too as she is not there to do it anymore.

There were more than 250 people in attendance for her funeral services, many of them from her work as a school cook, many from her involvement in the 4-H program, many that knew her through my work as a Union Ironworker, and many Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, as well as a number of Past Presidents, and a great many people that Dee had touched in some way during her life along with our many friends that do not belong to any of these groups.

I want to thank all of those that attended for taking the time to come. There were flowers from individuals and organizations starting with a PSGM all the way to a single rose from the staff and patients of the Tri Cities Kidney Center where she was a patient. Dee's family and I deeply appreciate the outpouring of sympathy and support during our loss. I am saddened by the fact that only one of her officers was in attendance. I want to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for serving as honorary pallbearers for her.

With that I want to wish you all a happy holiday season

In F., L. & T., Ronald D. Hanson, Grand Master

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

We share in sorrow and sympathy with our Sisters across the state in our loss of Dee Hanson, our Assembly President. Our love and prayers go out to her family. May God take care of her in His Heavenly home.

The year is coming to a close and we have elected new officers for the coming year. They are: NG Vivian Currie, VG Sandy Thissell, Sec. Betty Pierce, Fin. Sec. Frances O'Neil, Treas. Cathy Kary, and Three Year Trustee Lucy Aydelott.

At our meeting on November 7, we also celebrated the 80th birthday of Frances O'Neil. Linda Zuern and Betty Pierce decorated and served apple crisp after the meeting.

Betty Worthington celebrated a birthday in November, too. She was 80-plus. Betty has been a Rebekah since the 1940s. How great is that! Our oldest active member is Bessie Braschuk. She's only 95!! Bessie recently had cataract surgery and found new eyesight.

Our Wednesday night (last Wednesday of the month) Bunco group is still going strong. The money helps pay the rent. Our treasury will donate money for the Crisis Support Network in our county and several Sisters are donating items. Cathy Kary, Frances and Olney Patch are the committee members.

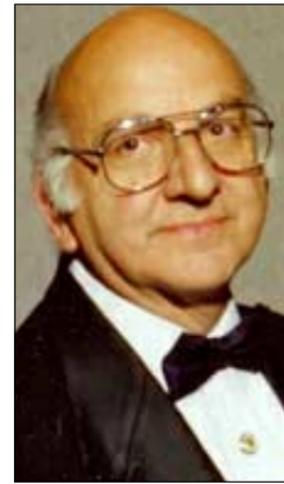
PNG's was hosted by Bessie Braschuk, Donna Merrill and Lucy Aydelott in November. Bette Snyder is hosting in December. More on that later.

The winter season is upon us with all this rain and wind we've had. I hope you are all "high and dry" and staying warm. The season came upon us rather quickly this year, or so it seems.

To each and everyone of you, with you a blessed Christmas and a bright and happy New Year.

*With Rebekah Love,
Sue Johnson,
Reporter*

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS!

Congratulations to all of the officers-elect for accepting the reins of leadership as you prepare for the installation of officers season. In this season of caring and sharing, please consider those less fortunate in the world by supporting the projects and programs of the Order, as we seek "to improve and elevate the character of mankind."

DO YOU NEED SUPPLIES?

Do you have a Past Grand Jewel for your retiring Noble Grand? Do you have any veteran members with 25 years or more of service and jewels for presentation on the night of installation or another special night? Order soon to avoid any delay in receiving needed items in time for your special event.

REMINDERS

L.J. Jones scholarship nominations deadline for lodges is December 31, 2006. Nominations of graduating seniors are made on Form #1 or Form #2 and sent to Jody Morris, 32101 NW Eagle Crest Drive, Ridgefield, WA 98642-9156. Nominations for the adult over 21 years of age scholarship are made on Form #3 and sent to Edmond L. Reitan Jr., P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321.

United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for youth tour deposits (\$500 each) must be in the Grand Lodge Office by December 31, 2006 to reserve a seat. Contact Mary Dunivan, Chairman, at (360) 295-3681 with your lodge's or district's intention to send a student delegate(s). She is the source of all details that will have to be met.

ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Passwords for the year 2006 will be mailed to the Grand Lodge line officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and Lodge Secretaries for our new officers to pass on to members in good standing. Did you locate your Lodge Annual Report forms? Remember the the Lodge Annual Reports are due in the Grand Lodge office on or before January 31, 2007.

I wish for each and everyone a very happy holiday season.

Faternally,

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

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

We draped our Charter for Sister Dee Hansen We donated to her two projects in her memory. Dee was a special lodge Sister, a caring person in the Order and outside our Order. She will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

We also donated to the Rose Parade float for 2007 and to the Conveyance Sunshine Fund at the Walla Walla Home.

Information on the United Nations tour has been taken to our local high school. We'll soon know if there are

any interested students.

Our 2007 officers are: NG Janet Scoggin, VG Doris Perry, Sec. Hazel Crawford, Fin. Sec. Phil Crawford, Chap. Margaret Tueth, Ward. Eula Hastings, Cond. Donna Miller, and Mus. Marlane Schilling

Gobble, gobble — I ate to much turkey — how about you? We are so thankful for our family, friends, lodge Sisters and Brothers and our church family.

In F. L. & T.,

Janet Scoggin, Reporter

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Merry Christmas to one and all. May the holiday season bring you joy and love.

Many, many thanks to the wonderful lodge secretaries who sent me so many personal letters. I cannot stress enough how much they mean to me and how happy they made me feel. They will all go in my scrapbook and be read again and again. You are really top notch and it has been a pleasure to work with you over the years.



How wonderful to have generous Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges who have donated money to the Home Conveyance Sunshine Fund. More than \$1,000 has been donated so far. If you are confused as to how this money is to be distributed or have any other questions, please contact John Brigham at the Home, (509) 525-6463. Of course, donations may be made directly to the Home. Sorry I left that out.

With this season of peace, love and joy, it is important to remember just what this means. Do the members of your lodge practice this? In every organization and lodge, from time to time, differences of opinion arise. How is this taken care of? Do we keep spreading rumors, cause disagreements with other members, criticize actions (because of jealousy, etc.), or do we sit down and intelligently talk it over. Please Noble Grands, next time there is a disagreement in your lodge take each individual member involved aside, see what the trouble is, and try to mend fences.

Correspondence from members of a recent lodge which gave up its Charter indicate that this was not done. We cannot allow petty differences, imagined offenses, ego trips, etc. to break up what is a great Order. No one who is a member of this Order deserves to be treated badly. Just because you do not like someone is no reason to treat them with disrespect. Is this conduct becoming a Rebekah or Odd Fellow? I think not. Remember, individual Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are people first and members second. See that they are treated at all times as if they are someone you just met and want to join your lodge as well as be your friend. Show them what Friendship, Love and Truth really mean. Mahatma Gandhi said, "You may never know what results come from your actions, but if you do nothing there will be no result." Enough of that.

May all your Christmas stockings be filled, your dreams and wishes come true, your house filled with love and you be blessed with all the joys of the season.

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

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Boy, how the time has flown! So much has happened I don't know where to start.

September saw lodge start back up with a PJ night. We're still having our "Mission Possible" challenges and learning a lot about our ritual. All members have stepped up to the plate and have done a great job.

We'd like to welcome Flossie and Keith Morrey who transferred into our lodge in September. Welcome!

Election of officers finds the following members going into the chairs. Hazel Thompson, Noble Grand-elect; Flossie Morrey, Vice Grand-elect; Carol Robertson, Secretary-elect; Sharon Harris, Financial Secretary-elect; Clarice Roberts, Treasurer-elect; and Keith Morrey, Three Year Trustee-elect. We are looking forward to the new year with our new officers.

We continue to pick up ballots as our money maker for the lodge. To

thank all those that have helped us we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner November 16 with turkey with all the fixings. Thanks to all who made the pick-ups and our dinner a success.

Our Sister Geraldine Fordice had a fall and broke her hip and had to have it replaced. She is out of the hospital and in rehab. All our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery. Geraldine.

The lodge collected and donated food to Joanne's work's food drive. Food will be going to a local food bank. Nice job, ladies.

Our lodge is also making plans for our Christmas party this month. We are also making plans for our Installation of Officers in January.

That's it for now. A big merry Christmas to our adopted sister Mary at the Home.

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



New trees in Yakima

It was a busy summer for Yakima IOOF Lodge # 22 as we put our Tree Fund money to good use. It was asked of our lodge members if anyone knew where we could plant some trees. One of our younger and more recent members, a Wilson Middle School teacher and class advisor Chad Quesneli, asked the eighth grade class officers if they would be interested in planting the trees at their school. They were happy and eager to pick out six trees, costing more than \$380. Pictured planting one of the trees, in the courtyard at Wilson Middle School are, from left, Miranda McKinney, student; Noble Grand Duane Anderson; tree planting Chairman Chad Quesneli; and Jason Easter, student. Yakima Lodge #22 has been able to raise many hundreds of dollars to spend on various projects with money from our weekly coin drill offerings.

— Gary Bound, Secretary

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings once again from all the Sisters here in Waterville to all of you across our beautiful state. After our long, hot summer and early fall, here comes November with all this rain and wind. Temperatures dropped really fast and icy highways appeared. We hope everyone has or is weathering the storm.

Our members were all saddened by the death of our Assembly President Dee Hanson on October 29. Condolences were sent to her family and a memorial was made. Several attended the services November 4 in Kennewick. We will drape our Charter at our next meeting.

Election of 2007 officers was on the agenda at our November 6 meeting. Uncontested nominees are: NG Fay Bowers-Holland, VG Lois Clark, Sec. Kay Smith. Treas. Shirley Daling, and Trustee Edith Ogle. They were elected by acclamation.

Final plans were made for the social Thanksgiving luncheon at our November 20 meeting. We hope to report later that we had guests.

Sec. Kay Smith and hubby Jim are planning a Thanksgiving trip to Texas

to visit their daughter and family. She will miss our social luncheon. PP Irene Kossow is off to the meeting of the Arthritis Committee in Colorado.

On November 30, we will assist with the blood mobile stop in Waterville.

We sent birthday greetings to two of our Sisters. They are Leona Stauffer, 96, who lives in Arizona, and Mildred Wortman, 91, who lives in Entiat. Virginia Nelson celebrated a November birthday and Lucille Kanz will have a birthday in December.

We hope everyone had a very special Thanksgiving with family and friends. It seems like it is too far in advance to say merry Christmas, but anyway here it is: **Merry Christmas** to all Sisters and Brothers in Washington.

This is the last issue of *The Washington OddFellow* for 2006, so this is a good time to wish everyone a happy New Year. May you enjoy a prosperous year.

Until next month and a new year.
Fraternal Love,
Fay Bowers-Holland,
PP and Reporter

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Kathleen Dunham**, PNG, 75 year member, Eureka State Lodge #1.
- **Dorothy Young**, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- **Gloria Craft**, Bee Hive

- Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.
- **John Abbott**, Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88, Orcas Island.
- **Mary Chilcott**, Mt. Rainier Rebekah Lodge #106, Black Diamond.

From your 2006-2007 Theta Rho President



FLORENCE FROGGE'

LET'S REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEE

Hello everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Halloween and Thanksgiving! Time is passing so fast! I hope you made the most of Thanksgiving and spent it with people you love, appreciating everything and everyone you have.



Well I have managed to stay busy with my job, but I did have the pleasure of visiting the Acorn club. I want to thank them for making my first visit so wonderful. They even made me a corsage and had a wonderful cake with refreshments after the meeting. The meeting was really worth the trip to see how other clubs do things. They were very welcoming and friendly and I want to thank them for that.

Because of my work schedule I had to cancel my Pasco visit, but I promise to reschedule very soon. I am also planning my visit to Beta Omicron in Oregon this month.

At this time I would like for all of us to please remember the memory of our beloved Pasco leader Dee Hanson. She was a great Theta Rho leader and advocate for us girls. We will miss her very much. We were very lucky to have her in our Order. She was always there for us girls. That's what I like about our advisors — they mingle with the girls in the other clubs and take an interest in them too, not just the ones in their own club.

At this time of year please remember to give not just material things, but your time and yourself. We are about Community Service and it is very important to get out and show our communities that we exist and let them know we care.

Well I better be going. . . however I will leave you with this to think about, "Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true."

— Leon J. Suenes.

Well happy holidays everyone. Let's make them special!

Hugs and Kisses, Love and Wishes, In Happiness Through Service, Florence Frogge', Theta Rho Assembly President

PNG's Association

PNG's will meet Dec. 21

The Past Noble Grands will meet at Collins Grange Hall, 3404 E. 120th in Tacoma on Thursday, December 21. A luncheon will be served at noon by members of the Right Line of the F.,L.&T. Drill Team. The meeting will follow the luncheon.

The program for the day will be presented by members of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 of Buckley. The F.,L.&T. Drill Team will meet at 10 a.m. for practice.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year To all Sisters and Brothers of our Order.

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

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters on this very chilly morning. We even had a little bit of snow. It's that time of the year, so we can expect it.

Our lodge did something new this month. Several of our members handed out treats to the kids on Halloween night. A lot of kids were out.

At this next meeting we are going to have a fun night. We will be playing Bingo after our meeting.

We had nomination of officers and the following will be elected at our next meeting: NG Irene Trosky, VG

Donna Miller, Sec. Lorene Swedberg, Treas. Willie Rentz, and Trustee Winifred Johnson. Thanks to everyone who accepted the nominations so we will be able to keep our lodge going. We have not had very many at lodge as several of our members are still unable to come.

We will have our Christmas party with a gift exchange. We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. This is all for now. Take care and may God bless.

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



Aspiring models

These "models" were photographed at the Rebekah Museum in Winston Salem, NC during International Sessions in August. From left are Kendra Frogge', advisor of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club, a robed "Rebekah," Florence Frogge', President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington, and another robed "Rebekah."

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy holidays to everyone. We are keeping busy. The first weekend in November we had a table at our Rebekah's Rent-A-Table Bazaar and started our turkey raffle for The Make-A-Wish Foundation. The next weekend we sold tickets at one of the grocery stores and are happy to report that we made \$140 for this charity.

At our first meeting, we initiated two new members as a result of our Halloween Party. We welcome Amanda Fry and Jennifer Turnek to our club. They will be an asset. After the meeting we had a surprise birthday cake for our advisor.

The next weekend we held a slumber party and hope to get some new members from that, too. It was a lot of fun. We had "Turkey Bowling" to raise some money for our treasury. Other activities we did that night were to make cards for our military members overseas, a craft project with Rebekah Sister Diane Hammond, and lots of games and food.

This month we will be attending the Christmas Family Potluck sponsored by the Rebekahs. We will also be doing Jingle Bells for Arthritis and making cards for our local nursing home. We hope to squeeze in another movie night at our advisor's house and a night of caroling.

We hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season with those you love.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and were able to spend it with those you love.

This is a busy time of year for us working on our Community Service projects. We are once again putting together shoebox greetings for needy children in our area. This is where you gather small gifts that will fit into a shoebox and then we donate them to a ministry that distributes them to the children. We did this last year, too. We are also making Christmas cards for shut-ins and nursing home residents that we will deliver ourselves. And, we are having a clothing and food drive for needy families in our area. We are still making encouragement cards for soldiers serving in Iraq, too. This is very important, we owe a lot to them for their sacrifices to keep us safe and a free country.

We hope that you will all have a happy holiday season and remember those less fortunate than us. It is far better to give than to receive.

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



*Happy Holidays
To All Our
Good Friends!*



Sherry Pond and Ruby Brendel were busy cutting out coasters for Hope's bazaar.

Hope Rebekah Lodge #38 - Spokane

It is unbelievable how time flies by so fast when you are having fun. Since we came back from our summer break we have been very busy having fun. Our Lodge members have attended and ate our way through Samaritan's "Welcome Back Dinner/Beano Party," Wilford's and Ramona's Luncheon/Bingo Party, Hillyard's "Hobo dinner" and Beacon's "Harvest Dinner." One might say we like Bingo and food.

We hosted the District Meeting at our Hall here in Spokane. Josette Putman was the President of our District. Her Project was to raise money for the Women and Children's Free Restaurant sponsored by one of our local churches. They provide two meals a week and a take home lunch for the weekend. They also, give thousands of pounds of fresh produce to women and children who need it.

We had several work parties to get things ready for our very successful bazaar. We cut and sewed everything we could, we painted, we laughed, we told stories about ourselves and we ate. We met a lot of interesting people and hope that we made a good impression on them.

We had our election of officers and the new officers elect are: NG Cathrine Bond, VG Pat Nave, Sec. Carol Hare and Treas. Josette Putman. We will be having Installation in January.

We would like to invite you to come see us anytime you are in Spokane. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays. Lunch is at noon and the meeting begins at 1 p.m.

Have a great holiday and merry Christmas.

Sherry Pond, Reporter

In Spokane Valley

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

The Rebekahs not only lost Assembly President Dee Hanson in October, they lost longtime member Sister Pauline Hacking. Pauline was originally a member of Imperial Rebekah Lodge. Yvonne Haugeto tried to get as many old Imperial members as she could to perform the funeral service for Pauline.

All District #2 lodges were represented. They included Yvonne Haugeto of Hillyard #38, Blanche Berry of Beacon #91, Laura Fiddler of Hillyard, Kathy Thompson of Hillyard, Linda Bradley of Hillyard, Donna Flatt of Ramona #238, and Ruth Berglund of Hope #38.

Ramona and Wilford's Bingo meeting was well-attended. Twenty Sisters and Brothers enjoyed Selma Lindor's famous (well, at least it is now!) meat sauce over pasta. The Komarek's brought enough hot buttered garlic bread for an army. The desserts and salads were good and plentiful.

Elmer Lindor was the "spin" man, doing double duty as some of our cards are "Beano" ones. He gave both

letters. Right on, Elmer!

Sisters and Brothers, we now have someone else's white elephants in their houses and this reporter got rid of a ton of stuffed Halloween toys.

Our Sister Shirley Gardner is still struggling with her health. We miss her and her dazzling coordinated outfits.

Sister Edna Melby lost track of Ramona (meeting places have changed three times). She wrote *The Washington OddFellow* and through their detective work, the Sisters got Edna's letter. at Wilford's business luncheon, a card was passed around, signed and sent to her in Boardman, Oregon.

Barbara Good and Donna Flatt attended Beacon's Harvest Dinner. NG Crystal Driver held a nice meeting and the Ramona Sisters got to meet Crystal's husband, Dan. He is Beacon's newest member.

We wish all our Brothers and Sisters a very merry Christmas.

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



From left are Blanche Berry, Dolores McReynolds, Josette Putman, the director of the Free Restaurant, and Joanne Phillips.

Leah Rebekah Lodge #22 - Goldendale

Hurrah! On November 7 we held our meeting in the completely renovated room and entrance in the Temple. Thank you are in order for a small group of people who made this possible. I didn't get to go to the last meeting, but I've been told that is beginning to look very nice.

The following were elected to be our officers for 2007: NG Linda Grey-Carter, VG Darlene Adler, Sec. Mary Gosney, Treas. Glenda Bowdish, and Trustee Lucky McGaughy.

The Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Parade will be held on December 9. The bazaar will be at the senior center with food, etc. The parade starts at 5 p.m. The Rebekahs will serve cookies, coffee and hot chocolate after the parade, either on the street or in the Masonic Temple.

A donation of \$25 was made for a Thanksgiving basket and an additional donation of \$25 will be made for a Christmas basket.

Our Charter was draped for one of our members, Sister Dorothy Young, and also for our beloved Assembly President Dee Hanson. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of these two Sisters.

Brother Lloyd and Sister Christine Sweetin's grandson in Salt Lake City passed away suddenly. Brother Dennis accompanied his parents to the

services. Our deepest sympathies are extended to this family.

Brother Ken O'Brien is still in bed recovering from a broken back. JoAnn Darland has an infected toe, but is getting better slowly. Sister Emily Randall is recovering from her sprained ankle and is able to get around without her crutches. Belinda Sweetin is recovering from her sickness, but she does have to be very cautious not to overdo. Sister Neva Riddle is in The Dalles Hospital receiving therapy on her back as she is recovering from back surgery. When she returns home, she will be with her daughter, Linda Schroeder.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these Sisters.

According to the yearbook, December 2 is the date of our Holiday Dinner. On December 5, Sister Mavis House has the program and Brother Ernie will furnish the refreshments. December 19 is our Christmas party and gift exchange. Sister Lucky McGaughy has the refreshments. We will probably fill the Christmas baskets that night.

Merry Christmas and the best of New Years to all of our members and especially our shut-ins and out-of-town members.

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

Buckley IOOF Lodge #75

Buckley Lodge #75 is happy to welcome four new members. They are Jaysen Walker, Robert Irby, Douglas Smith and Reiff Olsen. We have one more candidate to initiate. The four new Brothers received their degrees on October 21 at the Degree Day hosted by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.

We are still planning our Christmas party with Eola Rebekah Lodge #63. This will be a happy time with our members and friends.

Our election of officers is completed and our installation will be on January 21 at 2 p.m. in the Buckley IOOF hall.

New officers will be: NG Tony Ostlund, VG Tim Van Dusen, Sec. Elizabeth Morgan, and Treas. Bill Ostlund. We are looking forward to a good year under their leadership.

*In F, L. & T.,
Loletta McCormick,
Reporter*

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

With the frost on the pumpkins, we are thankful to have our garden harvested and ready for winter. Our 15 deer and a couple of rabbits are thorough, but unwelcome help.

Some of our members got to hear more United Nations experiences from Stacey and Annette in Port Townsend.

On October 21, five of our Odd Fellows took Chris Pry to Olympia for his 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Larry Norman got a review. Welcome Brothers and this year Rebekahs Chris Pry and Jeannine Fox to Mystic.

Our stoves are ready for a church dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

The Rebekah Lodge's mini tree is being fixed for the Harrison Festival of Trees on Thanksgiving weekend.

We have a long list of charities we support. Every month we give to two food banks and in December to the Newspaper Bellringer Fund that goes for holiday meals. We also give clothes for children.

We are also thankful for our new and long-term members. Reaching milestones are Lillian Callaway and Helen Walsh with 60 years; Violet Ekman and Mabel Bishop with 55 years; and Sarah Brightwater and Cheryl Eshom with 45 years. Helen, Sarah and Cheryl were members of Luana Theta Rho #30, as were several others in our Lodge.

May good health and the Christmas spirit be with each of you!

*Don & Florence Cowdery,
Secretaries & Reporters*

In Des Moines

Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289

It has been a busy fall for Lorraine Rebekahs. In August we helped host a reception for Grand Matriarch Judy Sansom. In September we served coffee and cookies to the traveling public at the Federal Way Rest Area. In November we held our annual bazaar.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas party with the Des Moines Odd Fellows on December 20. This has become an annual event for the families and friends of both groups and we all look forward to it.

Our Sister Bernice Fuller has

moved into a nursing home in the Federal Way area.

Our newly-elected leaders will be Noble Grand June Robinson and Vice Grand Jim Langston. Our joint installation is set for Sunday afternoon, January 7.

Seasons greeting to all, and especially to our members who live away or who are unable to get to meetings. We think of you all.

*In F, L. & T.,
Betty Young,
Secretary & Reporter*

Kent LEA #15 is growing

We are growing! Sadly it is because of the demise of Buckley Unified Encampment #40. Six Matriarchs have transferred into our LEA, so jurisdiction totals have not increased.

Our Grand Matriarch Judy Sansom plans her official visit to the Kent LEA on Friday, December 8. Potluck dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. At that time we will be making our annual donation to one of the area food banks.

Season's greetings to all.

In F., H. & C., Betty Young, Chief Matriarch

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

When our Sister Louise Lusk was a little girl, she used to help her Grandma Jackson card wool. Her Grandma had a spinning wheel she used for making textiles. In 1935 Grandma died. The spinning wheel changed hands many times and Louise always asked whoever had it if she could buy it. Last week a strange car drove up and here was Annie Gudyka Harris with the spinning wheel. It was home at last. We are all so happy for Louise. Annie always did many nice things for people and this didn't surprise me.

Our Charter was draped for Rebekah Assembly President Dee Hanson. Our sympathies are extended to her family. Rest in peace, dear Dee.

Noble Grand Norline Burton and Secretary Leona Treznoski served the lunch. We had a hot dish, cole slaw and a layer cake.

Our family Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 10 at 1 p.m. Leona will cook a turkey. Members will bring potluck, guests and gifts for our gift exchange Bingo.

Our Rebekah party will be on December 13. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be at 12:30 p.m.

Sisters Marian Moon and Beulah Crocker are quite the social butterflies. They take short trips often and

are having lots of fun.

We have a complete slate of officers. The only new one will be Carolyn Miller as Vice Grand.

Noble Grand Norline Burton was re-elected. She has had a very successful year and we know it will be more of the same with surprises every few meetings.

During the summer when it was so hot and dry, I prayed for rain. My prayers were finally answered. **Wow!** Be careful for what you pray for.

THOUGHT

"Say what you mean, mean what you say, but don't say it mean."

I am so thankful to be a Rebekah and thankful for all the dedicated Rebekahs I've made friends with over the years. I could fill pages of what I am thankful for.

Nina McCalden does a very nice job of sending out get well and friendship cards.

NG Norline Burton is a busy lady with a job and being a volunteer in the fire department.

THOUGHT

"Age is not lost youth, but it is a new stage of opportunity and strength."

Happy holidays and a prosperous New Year to all.

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

On Thursday evening, October 26, Trinity members called their meeting to order. Refreshments were served by Candy Koons and Marilyn Williams.

Our election of officers was held and those elected for 2007 were: NG Debbie Lee, VG Vaneta Malone, Sec. Pat Harader, Fin. Sec. Sandy Bean, and Treas. Candy Koons. Our installation will be sometime in January.

A card went around for Delia McNelly who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She is home again and taking it easy.

We enjoyed having visitors from

Monterose Rebekah Lodge. Rosalie Davis, Noma Clark and Genie Young were on hand for our meeting and Harvest Luncheon. It was good to see them.

Our Fall Bazaar was held on November 17-18. We had a bake sale table, raffle and lunch was served both days.

Happy birthday to Alberta Luurs. November 2 was her special day.

Until we meet again. . .

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

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

Newly-elected officers for Grandview Rebekah Lodge are: NG Jenene Munson, VG Sally Edwards, Sec. Valma DeVall, Treas. Freda Keelin, and Three Year Trustee Jenene Munson.

We extend our sympathies to Dee Hanson's family. Dee was a very special person. The youth was one of her priorities. She was also active in LEA, serving as Guide in Tri-City LEA #66 at the time of her passing.

We are busy with plans for December. We are preparing another food basket for a needy family and helping one of our members who is handicapped and not able to work

anymore. We furnished a food basket for a family for Thanksgiving.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"To add to your joy, count your blessings."

Remember our servicemen and women. Whenever you see anyone in the military, tell them thank you and how proud you are of them. They need our encouragement and love.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Let us keep Christmas in our hearts and lives all year and we all will have a happy year.

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

From the Grand Patriarch



TOBY HANSON

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Greetings, Patriarchs!

Welcome to December and the Christmas Season. Every year at this time I'm reminded of an article written by one of the Past Grand Patriarchs I admire most, John Michael Greer. I learned at least half of what I know about Odd Fellowship from PGP John Michael, particularly during his year as Grand Patriarch when I served as his driver on many occasions.



In December of his year as Grand Patriarch, he wrote an excellent article about the nature of Odd Fellowship and its tradition of religious pluralism. The majority of us, myself included, are Christians and choose Odd Fellowship one way to express our faith. Within Christianity there are many different denominations and most all of them have members in our Order. Odd Fellowship helps to show all of us that there is far more that unites us than divides us. We are all humans and we can all help each other.

In my professional travels, however, I've found that there are more religious traditions besides just Christian in our Order. When I spent a couple months in Rochester, NY in 2003, I had the opportunity to meet with several Brothers of the various lodges in the city. I did not get to meet the members of Gideon Lodge. They are a Jewish lodge and they go dark in December and January when most of their members are in Florida. I had never heard of a Jewish lodge before and wished that I could have been there to attend their meetings and experience how their faith interacted with their Odd Fellowship.

Even in my own home lodge, Ballard-Alki #170, we have Christians, Jews, Muslims and Pagans — Odd Fellows all. Whatever strife may exist between those sects in the wider world, within the lodge hall there is no strife or faction, only brotherhood. This is, I believe, one of the most compelling and beautiful teachings of our Order. In Patriarchal Odd Fellowship we emphasize that lesson in our degree work. We should all remember that, as Odd Fellows, we must only believe in a Supreme Being and be loyal to our country. We can all emulate the trust and toleration of our degrees in our everyday lives, particularly as we each celebrate the holiday of our choice this December.

May you all have a wonderful and joyous holiday season and I'll see many of you during lodge installations in January.

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
Toby Hanson, Grand Patriarch*

Pine Forest Rebekahs #271 - Ione

Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271 held elections of officers for 2007. Elected were NG Cheryl Eckhart, VG Barbara Garza, Sec. Betty Stevenson, Treas. Nancy Davis, and Fin. Sec. Marvel Smith.

On November 14 our lodge draped the Charter in memory of Assembly President Dee Hanson.

Our annual Turkey Bingo was held November 19 with a good turnout. There was a problem getting started as the Bingo machine blew up, so improvising had to be done. All went smoothly after that. Sister Cheryl Eckhart thanks all who helped getting the event organized, for the food and help in the kitchen during breaks.

The ladies are busy making gingerbread houses again to sell. Sister Marvel Smith started this year ago. It is still a fun and worthwhile project.

In December we will put together close to 70 "complete meals" Christmas baskets for area residents who otherwise wouldn't have a nice

dinner on Christmas day. The baskets include hats, gloves and toys for the children. Thank you Sisters Pat Mendenhall, Cheryl Eckhart and Kim McNaughton for the letters to send out that has to be done ahead of time and for wrapping the boxes in beautiful Christmas wrap. Thanks to Sister Marvel Smith for bringing over huge delicious apples from Tonasket, to Sister Marcia and her husband Ken Hirsch for the hats, gloves and the 300 pounds of potatoes brought over from Colville, and to everyone else who picked up the canned goods, bread and all the trimmings for this worthwhile project.

We all wish Sister Wanda Koontz a speedy recovery from her heart attack and hope she is back soon with her families. We miss you, Wanda.

Pine Forest wishes a merry Christmas to all our Rebekahs Sisters and Brothers wherever they may be.

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

From the Washington Regimental President



LADY DORIS WIGGLESWORTH

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Here it is the end of 2006 and I find that I still don't get to relax and take it easy — and I still don't enjoy writing letters. Here is the latest news.



I was able to visit the Auxiliaries in Spokane and the Tri-Cities during October. I plan on visiting Camano Island and Olympia in December, but I don't know when I will get to Goldendale.

It was very disappointing that there were only five Ladies from Washington at the of the Washington and Oregon Regiments into the Pacific Northwest Department Association. There were eight Ladies in uniform from Oregon, but nine of their officers came in black pants, socks and shoes with white blouses, so they were informed that they could attend, but not participate.

The following were elected: President Lady Geane Schaaf of Oregon, Vice President Lady Doris Wigglesworth of Washington, Secretary Sheryl Rohde of Oregon, and Treasurer Lady Marie McVay of Oregon. Representative to IALAPM will be Lady Barbara German of Washington. I will write more on this next year.

I wish for each one of you a *merry Christmas* and a *productive New Year!*

Chivalrously,

*Lady Doris Wigglesworth, Washington Regimental President
Pacific Northwest Department Association Vice President*

Happy Holidays!

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

As you receive this newsletter, you will have celebrated Thanksgiving. We hope you had a great and enjoyable feast with your loved ones as I did.

The Puget Beach Park board, under the chair of Brother Glenn and his merry band of workers, has the grass mowed for the last time. Walt, as usual, will maintain and repair our lawn cutting machinery for the next season. Way to go Park Board. In addition, if you owe for camping, the Park Board asks that we catch up with our payments.

Our cemetery is going great guns. There is lots of business and it looks like the board will be getting our tractors back soon. PJ and his band painted the ceiling of the mausoleum. The cemetery continues to look great. Our next project is to enhance the community vault — more to come.

As of October, we have rented all of our Thurston Building property. George has worked his magic and negotiated the best rental deal for us. Go George! We recently had new downspouts installed and the lodge exterior painted. We also had anti-seagull wire installed along the ledges. Maybe now we can keep those dirty birds from nesting on our roof. The next job for George and his crew will be to reinstall our hot water heater.

During our last lodge meeting, Stuart Carlson addressed the lodge and asked for new or used DVD movies for the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. He will collect them at lodge then forward them to American Veterans Post #2. The local VFW will ship them to Ohio, then on to our troops. Please help if you can.

Our high point in October was our annual

Degree Day. We had the following Grand Lodge Officers in attendance: Grand Master Ron Hanson; Deputy Grand Master John Crispin; Grand Warden our own Frank Wilson; PPR Linda Dodge; Grand Secretary Ed Reitan, Jr; Grand Marshall Loletta McCormick; and former Deputy Grand Master Don Hepp. They were very helpful in coming down to visit and giving our new Brothers help and encouragement. Our sincere apologies if we failed to mention anyone. Don Hepp gave me the list and we all know how Don is. It was an honor to meet and talk with all our visitors. We hope to see them again in the near future.

With George Johnson as our Degree Captain, all degrees were conducted in high fashion. We are always amazed how he presents those long charges by memory. Not bad for an old person. Way to go, George.

Brothers Bob Brunetti (head cook), Paul Fluetsch and Tom Day, with some questionable help from other Lodge members, served a spaghetti and meatball lunch to about 45 people. The meal was well prepared and appreciated. Thanks to all who also helped with clean up.

We had four candidates from Buckley and one from Snohomish Lodge accepting degrees. Warm congratulations to all members. We know your respective lodges will enjoy seeing you at their next meeting

After the degrees were over Noble Grand Joe Picanco thanked all for their participation and attendance. Grand Master Ron Hanson gave a most emotional speech that absolutely touched us all. We wish him and his family our very best. We also received from the Grand Master a Certificate of Appreciation for our donation and

support of the Fisher House. We consider ourselves fortunate to be able help in this worthy project.

The lodge is looking for a delegate for the United Nations Pilgrimage. If interested, contact Tom Day for details.

On the first Wednesday of each month, the lodge has a no-host breakfast at 8 a.m. at the IHOP Restaurant on Martin Way and Lilly. This is open to all lodge members. Come and socialize with your Brothers and Sisters.

The lodge has completed its nominations and election of officers for 2007. They are: NG Joe Picanco, VG PJ Fluetsch, Sec. Tom Day, Fin. Sec. Bob Brunetti, and Treas. Ryan Collins. Phil Price was reappointed to the Park Board, Doug Eklund to the Thurston Building Board, and Don Hepp to the Cemetery Board.

If you are interested in possibly saving five to ten percent on your auto insurance, you may be interested in the following. AARP provides a driver education program for drivers age 55 and over. It is an eight-hour class at a cost of \$10 per person. The lodge can make our facility available for training if there are sufficient numbers of members interested. Please contact Assistant State Coordinator, Carolyn Augustine, at (360) 280-1116 for more information and times.

The Rebekahs continue to collect foodstuffs for the Thurston Food Bank. Come to lodge and bring your canned goods. Many appreciate it, particularly this time of year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dues by December 31.
- Christmas Party December 16 at the lodge.

*In F., L. & T.,
Stuart Carlson, Reporter*

From your Department Commander



BRIG. GEN. ERNEST HOUSE

To All Chevaliers and Ladies,

First, I want to thank all who put me into this position. I will do my best to promote our Order and to bring peace and harmony to our group.

Please, Ladies, I hope you understand that you are still individual groups in your own state! The only difference is that your group is now called a "Regimental," not an "Association." You still have your own officers, too. The Association met in November at the Northwest Odd Fellows/Rebekah meetings where the

Association officers from the states were chosen to serve until the following November. This year, the President is from Oregon and the Vice President is from Washington. Next year it will be reversed. It is the same with the men, only the name has been changed.

I know that there will be times that things will not go the way we wish, but if we keep cool heads and talk to each other, we can and will work it out to everyone's satisfaction.

I hope to be able to visit each and every Canton in the Pacific Northwest Department Council and, if possible, to visit some of the Ladies, too. I will not be doing this to step on any toes, but I feel that the Department Council should visit with the Ladies as well.

I am aware that Oregon and Washington Cantons are having problems with retaining and recruiting new members. Believe me, I feel Washington may be ahead of the race in that way. If anyone has any ideas on how to get and keep members, *please* let me know.

If you don't know what you are talking about — *don't!* See you down the road some place and time.

Chivalrously,

*Brigadier General Ernest House,
Pacific Northwest Department Commander*



Jewel and Special Award recipients are, front row from left, Geneva Smeltzer, Bee Hive (50 year); Craig Schultz, Bee Hive (25 year and Enterprise Odd Fellow of the Year); Dorothy Duff, Narcissa (65 year); Donna Lindberg, Narcissa (25 year); Barbara Lechner, Narcissa (25 year); Sharon Kespohl, Narcissa (25 year); Donna Wantland, Bee Hive (60 year); and Marilyn Duffy, Bee Hive (Rebekah of the Year). Back row, from left, are Ken Buckingham, Narcissa (Rebekah of the Year); Verl Duff, Enterprise (60 year); and Ben Wantland, Enterprise, (60 year).

Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56 - Dixie

Greetings. It was a sad day when we heard of the passing of our Assembly President Dee Hanson. She was a lovely friend and good to know. May her family know we all feel the same following her passing.

Sister Margaret Presson will have her hip operated on and replaced. We wish her well.

Sister Neva Cook resigned from lodge and we are all so sorry. We miss her terribly.

Elections were held at our first November meeting with these Sisters being elected: NG Nancy Free, VG Gail Frankie, Sec. Cora Davis, Treas. Betty Mason, and Three Year Trustee

Cora Davis. We wish these Sisters a good year of success.

The Double D's Past Noble Grands met at Sister Neita Stearn's home in November and will meet on December 11 at Sister Elsie Patterson's home with Sister Cora Davis co-hosting a Christmas potluck. We sure hope many will come and enjoy the day.

SUCCESS

Success in life is a matter not so much of talent or opportunity as of concentration and perseverance.

— C.W. Wendle
In F., L. & T.,

Mary Lou Bostrup, Reporter

Beacon Rebekahs #91 - Mead

Happy Thanksgiving a few day's late. We hope everyone had all their families and loved ones close and enjoyed a great day and a good meal with those loved ones.

We at Beacon had our Harvest Dinner at our last meeting in October and had visitors from Hope and Ramona Lodges. We had a great dinner and enjoyed having our new member Danny Driver with us. It's sure nice to have a young man to help out.

We had good bake sale at the Hope #38 bazaar on November 10 and 11. They always have a great time and it lets us help them with goodies.

We will be having our bazaar

December 1 and 2. We are raffling off a quilt that one of our departed Sisters had pieced the blocks for. Sisters Mable Pangle and yours truly put the pieces together and finished the top, then our prospective member put the back on and tied it for us. So you see it has been a joint project.

Come and see us if you try to get out of the rain we will be really happy to see you .

We hope everyone will have a great Christmas and be ready to start with all new slate of officers and lots of projects for 2007

In F., L. & T.,

Blanche Berry, Secretary & Reporter

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Setting back our clocks an hour found me in a fit of disarray. In spite of it all, our meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on November 2. Thank you to Dorothy Sloan for the refreshments that followed the meeting.

Election of 2007 officers was held. New officers are: NG Rosalie Davis, VG Noma Clark, Sec. Dorothy Music, and Treas. Laura Lee Bowen. No date has been set for our installation.

It was good to see Genie Young back with us again. We missed her.

Rosalie had a good visit with Fannie Blair who lives in Kelso at the Crawford House. She is very alert and

feeling great. At the close of their visit, Fannie asked Rosalie to tell the Sisters hello for her.

Cookie Music, Sandy Holderman and Rosalie Davis traveled to Harmony Lodge for a Harvest Party. They were treated to good food and a musical chair game were everyone took home a prize of baked goodies.

Thelma Pratt and Alice Sanford celebrated birthdays in November.

We hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and will enjoy the holiday season. Until next time. . .

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

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Our last two meetings were at the IOOF Home. It was good to see so many Home residents in attendance. Also, we were pleased to have two Sisters from Bee Hive Lodge #70 at both meetings, as well as visitors Neita Stearns and Mary Lou Bostrup from out-of-town lodges.

Lucille Spaulding and Mayme Bolin, who has had 35 radiation treatments, are among those who are ill. Also, Jeannette Oswald has strained her back and Betty Sauer has been hospitalized. Dorothy Clark, who continues to recuperate from the fall which resulted in having 17 stitches on her head, and Allene Marti, who had surgery, are back home.

Several IOOF Sisters and Brothers from Walla Walla attended the very nice memorial service for Dee Hanson who was serving as President of Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Our prayers are with her husband, Ron, and family. Those of us who knew Dee will miss her smiling face and enthusiastic ways.

Cash prize winners during the "Good of the Order" have been Barbara Tvrz and Ruth Gibson. Both donated their winnings to the Charity Fund.



Elsie Wells of Narcissa Lodge presented Ken Buckingham with the "Rebekah of the Year" award.

A big thanks to those who prepared and served refreshments at our two recent Home meetings. Serving as hostesses were Jacqueline Klicker, Nancy Klicker, Rosemary Hicks, Ruth Gibson and Jeannette Oswald.

A condolence, in memory of Marion Glick, was read and accepted. Marion passed away on September 21. Having joined lodge on October 9, 2001, she was a 5-year member.

With heartfelt appreciation our adopted Sister, Clemie Schwarz, thanked members for the gift of cash which she has enjoyed as spending money.

On Friday, November 10, we joined Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2 and Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

in celebrating our Annual Homecoming Dinner at the Walla Walla Elk's Club. There were more than 90 in attendance and everyone enjoyed the delicious meal. Narcissa Lodge served as host lodge and Jane Hanson served as Mistress of Ceremonies. The table center pieces consisted of decorative Indian corn and small ribbon-adorned pumpkins fashioned by Jacqueline Klicker.

Entertainment was provided before, during and after the banquet meal. Music of the "Feels Like Home" band was enjoyed by all.

Noble Grand Jane introduced Grand Master Ron Hanson and Vice President of Rebekah Assembly Marcia Presley and their guests. Other visiting dignitaries, including members of the Home Board, were recognized.

Each lodge made jewel presentations and gave special recognition to individuals.

Four of the seven Narcissa recipients were present to receive their jewels. Those present to receive 25-year jewels were Sharon Kespohl (presented by Marthann Hall); Barbara Lechner (presented by her daughter, Karen Kelly); and Donna Lindberg (presented by her mother, Jacqueline Klicker). Dorothy Duff was presented her 65-year jewel by Nancy Klicker. Those not present to receive their jewels were Frances Hansen (30-year); Joan Jackson (25-year) and Lucille Spaulding (25-year).

Elsie Wells, last year's "Rebekah of the Year" for Narcissa Lodge, named Ken Buckingham as winner of the award this year. Congratulations, Ken!

We thank Jean Lucke, Barbara Tvrz, Bud Dotson and Ted Hanson who served as escorts for the evening. Also, we appreciate the great job that Jennifer Knowles did as photographer.

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

May each of you have a joyous holiday season with loved ones and friends.

Our Rent-A-Table Bazaar under the direction of Sister Diane Hammond was a huge success. We were able to add a nice sum to our treasury and appreciate her hard work to organize this event.

On December 6 we will have our Christmas Family Potluck for all Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and Theta Rhos and their families. We always have a lot of good food and play white elephant bingo afterwards. We invite the Ambulance Crew as our special guests for this event and present them with stuffed animals that we have col-

lected over the year. They are always very appreciative.

We are also looking forward to the Association Christmas Party to be held December 15 at noon at the Royal Fork in Burlington. There will be a \$5 gift exchange.

We have elected our new officers. They are NG Mary Stewart, VG Diane Hammond, Sec. Judy Diekman, Fin. Sec. Cindy McCloskey, and Treas. Myrtle Whitehead. I am sure we will have a great year under Sister Mary's leadership. We have not yet set a date for our installation, but it will be in our January article.

In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman, PPRA & 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.