

*Happy
 Thanksgiving!*



These members of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club posed after participating in a rain-soaked Pierce County Hunger Walk on October 7. From left are Ceara Dempsey, Joanna Boschce, Amber Bailey, Teresa Bailey (Amber's mom), Sierra Bennett, Aliyah Gordon, Lea Daniels, Shamanice Gordon and Advisor Kendra Frogge'.

South Tacoma's Spunky Bluebirds tackle hunger as they take a walk

We would like to thank everyone in the Order who pledged donations to our club for the Hunger Walk on October 7. We really appreciate the fact that we can always count on you all to support us in our causes. We collected a good amount of money for the food bank. Unfortunately we got rained on, but it was a good turnout for the walk anyway.

We are planning on baking items for Eola Rebekah Lodges charity bazaar and having a bake sale of our own in December to help our own club funds. So, we will be busy baking the next couple months. We are also planning some other fund-raisers which we let you know about later on.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and takes the time to do something for others. Remember to count your blessings along the way. *In Happiness Through Service, The members of Spunky Bluebirds TRC #93*

Special committee to review Assembly books and papers

Brothers and Sisters, as you are aware there has been considerable tension between the executives of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly. Despite considerable efforts by numerous officers and individuals, to date no effective resolution has been achieved for the issues that generate these difficulties to the detriment of this Jurisdiction and the Order as a whole. In May of last year a committee, consisting of a Past Grand Master, a Past President of the Rebekah Assembly, and a Past President of the Theta Rho Assembly, was empowered to investigate certain actions of the Assembly executive with the hope that solutions could be found to settle the issues at the heart of this tension. These members were selected because of their knowledge, experience and history of activity in both branches of our Order.

Due to a lack of cooperation the committee was unable to report any progress at Sessions last June. The committee has made some progress since then, but the pace has been particularly slow and we were faced with the approach of another Session with no understanding or resolution in sight.

At the request of the committee I have ordered all of the books, papers, and computers of the Assembly collected for review by this committee. This action should in no way affect the activities of any Rebekah Lodge and will affect the Assembly only in the sense that the absence of these items will present some difficulties. The committee will conduct a thorough review in as expeditious manner as possible, but please bear with Sister Marcia and the rest of the Assembly Officers and be patient as their responses may not be as punctual as they have been in the past.

It is my hope that these actions will help lead us to a better understanding and resolution of the issues facing this jurisdiction so that we can turn our attention to growth and better service in our communities.

In F, L. & T., John Crispin, Grand Master

PGP Tony Tamburello passes away October 2

Past Grand Patriarch Antonio J. (Tony) Tamburello, 89, passed away October 2 in the Auburn Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was a longtime resident of Auburn.

Tony was born September 11, 1918 in Yakima. He attended schools there and graduated from Yakima High School in 1936. After a few years working in Yakima, Tony went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad in Camas. He then came to Auburn to work. He retired after 35 years. By then it was the Burlington Northern Railroad.

He joined Valley IOOF Lodge #60 in October of 1945. Because of his job, Tony was not active until about 25 years ago, first in Sumner and then back to Valley Lodge #60. He always helped set up the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges and helped clean up. He helped whenever he could. Tony was Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington in 1996-97. He presided over the Spokane Sessions with Grand Matriarch Dorothy Boede. He was a member of Kent Encampment #15. He became Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment in 2003.

Tony received the Decoration of Chivalry Meritorious Award and other recognitions. He served as Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge in 2000 and 2001. Tony also was a member of the IOOF Park Board for many years.

Tony was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, White Shrine and a 50-plus year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He volunteered for a number of years for the White River Historical Museum.

Tony is survived by his daughter, Vivian Carnrite, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his longtime dear friend and companion, Nancy Vriezema.



ANTONIO TAMBURELLO

Let's blast off to the Museum of Flight!!

Attention all Theta Rho Girls! We have reserved the Challenger Station at the Museum of Flight on Seattle's Boeing Field for an opportunity to be together for friendship and fun on Saturday, November 17 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Along with the event the girls get free admission to the Museum of Flight for the entire day. Exhibits include the Space Exploration exhibit, the Concorde and Air Force One on display, and the personal courage wing. Please visit www.museumofflight.org for updated list of events scheduled for the weekend.

We have secured 30 spots for the girls and up to eight chaperones. If you are interested, please send a list of the girls names to Allan Reitan at careitan@qwest.net or leave a voice mail at cell #: (253) 653-4590. Allan will be down at the museum lobby by 10 a.m. on November 17 to hand out the admission bracelets. Call on his cell phone when you arrive at the museum.

Let's come out and have fun learning about problem solving and team building the NASA way!

From your 2007-2008 Grand Master



JOHN CRISPIN

LET'S BE TRUE BROTHERS & SISTERS

Welcome to November and soon my favorite holiday — Thanksgiving, this is a time to join together with family and friends and celebrate fellowship and the many good things in our lives and to accentuate the positive.

Often programs to strengthen the Order focus on getting others to join, sharing the word about our projects and principles and putting new members in offices so that they feel included. These are all important, but how are we treating one another in Lodge and are we conducting our meetings according to the Ritual and recognized standards of civility? Our Lodges are made up of two kinds of individuals: Those who have long experience in the Order and those that are newer to it. As Brothers and Sisters, we join together in the Lodge room for support and mutual counsel. Each of us has our own strengths and knowledge to share. Those with long experience have their knowledge of the workings of the Order and of the traditions of our individual Lodges. Newer members bring a fresh perspective, hopefully enthusiasm, and their life experiences. They would not have been admitted to Lodge had the more experienced members not recognized that they had something to contribute to our family of Brothers and Sisters.

Our Rituals serve to give our unique Lodges, with their differing focuses and interests, unity and reinforce the teachings of the Order. Traditions give each Lodge character and a tie to their history. Our laws provide necessary structure to pursue the work of the Order while protecting the rights of others and allow us to build on rather than squander the works of our predecessors. These three are important to the foundation of any healthy organization and without them we struggle without purpose or direction. They exist and are maintained to support and facilitate our work, not to prevent it.

LET'S SHARE AND LEARN

We have a tremendous opportunity to share and learn. We have a responsibility to share openly our thoughts and knowledge in Lodge. In Lodge we are all both students and teachers. We are students of the Order (there is always more to learn) and teachers of one another. We teach from experience, study and observation. A new member may have picked up some detail missed by others. Just because we have "always" done it some way doesn't make it right and not understanding the purpose doesn't make it wrong. None of us are perfect teachers or students and as Brothers and Sisters we must have patience with the limitations of our fellows and help them overcome their shortcomings.

Part of the Sovereign Grand Lodge's membership program developed under Sovereign Grand Master Rob Robbins includes manuals of instruction for both Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges that include details on conducting meetings and a brief review of parliamentary procedure for lodge meetings. I would encourage everyone to avail themselves of these resources as they could improve both the quality and productivity of our meetings.

TONY WAS A TRUE ODD FELLOW

When I joined my Lodge I was fortunate to gain a number of Brothers willing to share their knowledge with me, among them was our Brother Tony Tamburello. Tony spent many hours with me in Lodge meetings not only explaining the hows and whys of various jobs, but demonstrating the true spirit of Odd Fellowship. He was often there with a wry grin and a jaunty tip to his cap, ready to greet each Brother and Sister with sincere affection. He taught not just by example, but also with quiet words and gentle prods always with respect and affection. I am thankful for the time I was given with Tony. He was a true student of the teachings of our Order.

This Thanksgiving may we all give thanks for family and friends, Brothers and Sisters, and the opportunities the Order gives us to elevate our own characters. May we all seek to recognize the Tony in ourselves and be true Brothers and Sisters.

In F, L. & T., John Crispin, Grand Master

Heartfelt thanks from Nancy

Thanks for all the support, cards and calls after Antonio (Tony) Tamburello's passing.

— In F,L.&T. and F,H.&C., Nancy Vriezema

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

THANKSGIVING TIME

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The harvest is in and now is the time for giving thanks. When we sit down for Thanksgiving dinner this year with family and friends, let us remember and be thankful for our many blessings. Give a thankful prayer to and for those who are at extreme risk protecting us and our freedoms, as well as a prayer for those less fortunate and disadvantaged that they may also be blessed and relieved.

IN THE LODGE ROOM

November is the month when lodges elect officers for 2008. Congratulations to the officers-elect as you plan for the work ahead of you in the new year. **Membership, membership, membership** is the paramount issue for all lodges that needs to be attended to. Please report all of your new and reinstated members.

Secretaries, please review your records for all new members since January 1, 2007. If you are in doubt, send them in again. We will be happy to check to see if these members were previously reported. The **IOOF News** of September-October, 2007 on page 23 is crediting the Jurisdiction of Washington with a total of 53 this year. Last year at this time we were credited with a total of 90 members.

PROJECT REMINDERS

Thank you to the lodges that sent in "Orphan Week" donations in October. Your donations were sent on to Sovereign Grand Lodge on October 31.

UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE

For those who are considering sending delegates this year, a \$600 deposit needs to be sent to the Grand Lodge office for each delegate by December 31, 2007. Also, please signal your intentions to Mary Dunivan, Chairperson of our UNP Committee. Her contact information was in this column last month. To those who are not able to support a delegate, please look to the Sovereign Grand Lodge UNP Committee letter your lodge received in October for other levels that your lodge might be able to support.

L.J. JONES SCHOLARSHIP

Remember all nominations are due by December 31, 2007. For any additional information on this project, please contact Jody Morris, Committee Chairperson, at (360) 263-8134 or (360) 903-7712. To all lodges, please consider the L.J.Jones Scholarship Fund for possible donations.

ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS VISUAL AID PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

The Washington Visual Aid Handbook with the 05/15/07 revision is available by contacting a Visual Aid Committee member. Refer to the www.ioofwa.org website and check committees for members names or by calling the Grand Lodge office. This program regularly approves numerous cases for payment a year at \$100 per case. This fund could also use some donation support from lodges and individuals.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR THE GOOD THINGS

Happy turkey day to all. When this day comes I hope you look back over the year and think of all the good things that have happened this year, all your good friends, and how much better off you are than so many other unfortunate people. After all, it is the day of Thanksgiving which, to me, means being thankful for the good things and forgetting the bad.

As you know, State Lodge Eureka S-1 is handled through this office. Many times when a Lodge gives up its Charter, the members who do not transfer or take a withdrawal become State Lodge members. I had a letter from a Sister, including her dues, who joined our Order in 1965. That's 42 years of being a faithful Rebekah and paying her dues each year. In her letter she says she has not attended Lodge for 35 years and says people ask her, "What benefits are there in being a Rebekah?" That is a question I hear from so many people and I believe we need to look at the big picture.



The basic concept of the Order is "Friendship, Love and Truth." It is not "What can I get out of the organization?" We are based on the premise of helping others. When you pay your dues it keeps your Lodge and the organization going. Your lodge, through these dues and your other projects, helps other organizations in the community, as well as our own Visual Aid, scholarships, Odd Fellows Home, UN Pilgrimage, etc.

Why do we need to pay dues to Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Assembly? For any organization you need leadership. While it is easy to be a criticizer, and we all get annoyed at times with what we think is wrong, the leaders are doing the best they can and spending a great deal of their own money in doing so. This in addition to the time away from their family and exhausting travel to promote the work of the Order.

So in answer to the question "What benefits are there in being a Rebekah?" My response would be in knowing that you are filling a moral obligation of our society to help our fellow man as well as the satisfaction of doing something worthwhile. All this for less than the cost of a one-half year's subscription to a newspaper; one and a quarter dinners at Northwest; a tank of gas and many, many more common expenditures. Your Per Capita plus SGL dues now amount to approximately \$33. To pay this and support your Lodge your Lodge dues should be at least \$35.

To paraphrase a former President: "Ask not what your Lodge can do for you but ask 'What can I do for my Lodge?'" That is where you will find your benefits.

Now, join me as I sit down with a cup of tea and, with me, think happy thoughts.

With Rebekah Love,
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
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Let Betty know if you have e-mail

Rebekah Secretaries: Please let the Assembly Secretary know your e-mail address if you have one. It makes communication much easier. My e-mail address is:
bweldon4@msn.com

— Betty Weldon, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

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

Faith # 16 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

We were glad to have Margaret Tueth back after she had cancer surgery. She is our Chaplain and a faithful member and friend.

We have discussed the Rose Parade Float, the United Nations Tour and the Assembly report given by Hazel Crawford.

The District Association #5 Meeting was held October 20 at the

Walla Walla Odd Fellow Home. Sunshine #56 was the hostess lodge. It was a fun and informative day. Faith #16's Hazel Crawford was the President and Faith #16 had the Flag Tribute. Its always great seeing our friends.

If the ghosts and goblins didn't get you, will see you next month.

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

From your Rebekah Assembly President

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have been busy these last weeks with my visitations to individual Lodges and District Meetings. I would like to thank each and every Sister and Brother for their work that is being done in this jurisdiction for the betterment of our great Order. It makes me proud to be a Rebekah and I hope that you will all stop for a moment and pat yourself on the back for all of your work.



The months pass by so quickly these days, as our fall turns into winter and November will bring the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope that Thanksgiving will bring you and yours together and you can take this occasion to give thanks for all that you have and look forward to what you can do for your God, Family, Friends and your community in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone that took the time to join Brother John Crispin, Grand Master, and me at our reception in October. I hope it was enjoyed by all those Sisters and Brothers who attended. We had a wonderful day, thanks to all of you.

There were some changes in the Code of General Laws by the IARA and SGL at the Sessions in Denver in August that will affect the Rebekahs. There were amendments to the Code relating to Non-Contributing Membership, Consolidation of Lodges and the removal of the Interfraternal Sign by Sisters and the Answer to the Sign from the Unwritten Work. The updated information will be sent to the Lodges, as soon as it is available from SGL. An addition to the Code for Non-Contributing Members under A. How Acquired will now read, "A member who has been a contributing member of a Lodge for forty (40) consecutive years, or a minimum age of seventy-five (75) with at least ten (10) years of consecutive service." The deletion of the sentence, "However, if a minority of five (5) or more members of either Lodge object, the consolidation shall not occur." Also deleted, "If the transferring lodge is re-chartered all assets and liabilities shall be returned." Both of these were deleted from the instructions for Consolidation. The removal of the Interfraternal Sign and Answer from the Unwritten Work will go into effect as of January 1, 2008.

My tentative schedule for visitations for November are: Nov. 2, 3 and 4, Northwest Association, Olympia; Nov. 5, Unity #53, Auburn; Nov. 6, Pine Burr #300, Onalaska; Ocean Beach #300 and Fraternity #78; Nov. 9 and 10, Home Board, Walla Walla; Nov. 13, Eola #63, Buckley; Nov. 14, Warren #308, Roy; and Nov. 17, Longview #305, Kelso.

I will sign off for now and leave you with this thought, *The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Marcia Presley, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington

74-year Rebekah passes away

Sister Elaine Lucy Reed, a 74-year Rebekah, passed away in Wenatchee on September 15. She was 92.

She was initiated into Juanita Rebekah Lodge #18 in Condo, ND in 1933 and transferred her membership into Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114 in Wenatchee on May 13, 1955. She was a Past Noble Grand, served as Representative to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and was Flag Bearer in 1957.

She served as Secretary for Tempest Lodge for 28 years, off an on, between 1955 and 1993. Over a span of 40 years, she served in numerous offices before being elected Vice Grand in 1973 and Noble Grand in 1974.

In 1984, she was President of District Association #17. She was a member of the LEA of Washington which met in Entiat. Sister Elaine also enjoyed the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant and served the jurisdiction as Treasurer during the early 1970s. She and Harold presented the flags at many Lodge ceremonies.

Elaine was a true Rebekah Sister in every way and loved the work of Odd Fellowship. To list and acknowledge all her services would take a book. We all miss her presence.

— Fay Bowers-Holland, PP

~ In Memoriam ~

- Antonio J. Tamburello, PGP, PG, Valley IOOF Lodge #60, Auburn.
- Gene Marelleus, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1.
- Elsie Estell, Hope Rebekah Lodge #38, Spokane.
- Clara Morrow, Sunshine Rebekah Lodge #56, Dixie.
- Elaine L. Reed, PG, 74-year member, Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114, Wenatchee.
- Gladys Schill, Ephrata Rebekah Lodge #223.
- Violet Krause, Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315, Electric City.

From your 2007-2008 Theta Rho President



LEA DANIELS

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION & TURKEY!

It is now November. This month is Thanksgiving. Have a great time with the pie and turkey. Time with friends and family are precious. Enjoy it to the fullest. It is so much fun to look back and know that you had a great time.



Thanks to all of you who donated to my project at my reception and for all the gifts I received there.

Along with Thanksgiving, I turned 18 this month. That day I got this feeling that the rest of my life started. I am no longer a kid and now have a life to run on my own. I have to thank God for putting me here where I am in life right now. Having this office and being a part of the

Spunky Bluebirds has given me so much. Thank you all for everything that you have done.

For club events, my club participated in the Tacoma Hunger Walk. It was a day filled with walking, fun, food and socializing with fellow walkers. It was for a great cause and I enjoyed it fully.

Many receptions and installations are coming around. I am looking forward to attending as many as possible.

Keep up with the community service and getting new members. Several member have asked for my email so here it is:

blueyedredhead16@msn.com

If you have any questions, comments or simple hellos, please feel free to email me at any time.

Be safe and have a *gobble, gobble* blast with the people you love most. "Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

— Unknown

*In Happiness Through Service,
Lea Daniels, Theta Rho Assembly President*



Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club has four Theta Rho Assembly Officers this year. they are, from left, Guardian Jessica Steinwand, Warden Brooklynn Davies, page Jasmine Hanson and RSW Destiny Davies.

Pasco Theta Rho #14

What a pretty time of the year

It's that time of the year when the trees start changing colors. It is so pretty.

At Theta Rho Assembly in June, Brooklynn Davies received the Community Service Award. We donated to the animal control. We are busy making Halloween place mats and then in November we will make turkey center pieces for the Senior Retirement Center. We went to the East/West Picnic and had lots of fun. We also went to Blanche Berry's Reception.

The Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club would like to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving Day!

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Pasco TRC #14

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

There are two special holidays this month, Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving. Keeping those in mind, our club made its annual donation to "Feed The Children" and to "Craft Kits for Hospitalized Vets."

We need to be mindful of the many blessings that we have as Americans that we can give thanks for. Many of those blessings are due to our men and women serving in the armed forces.

Our own member Stacey McCloskey has finished her training and will be heading for her new station in Japan. We are hoping to spend a little time with her while she is home.

We also are having our annual turkey raffle to raise money for The Make-A-Wish Foundation. Hopefully we will do as well as we have in the past.

Our Halloween party was a lot of fun and we collected quite a lot of food on our scavenger hunt. The food bank was very glad to receive our donation. We invited prospective members and hope to get a few more new members for our club.

We had some of our members attend the reception for Grand Master John Crispin and Rebekah Assembly President Marcia Presley. We enjoy the time we spend with the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows.

We hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and get to spend time with your families and friends.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79



Bringing home the hardware

Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 of Oak Harbor received the Irene Meigs Community Service Award at Sovereign Grand Lodge Youth Days in Denver last August. They were selected from all of the Theta Rho Clubs on the North American continent. In the front row are Emily Brown, Jennifer Turnek and Savannah Lomeli. In the back row are Advisor Judy Diekman, Allison Stewart, Amanda Fry and Bethany bond.

President Florence's project flourished for the animals!!!

The 2006-2007 Theta Rho Assembly President, Florence Frogge, recently sent off a check to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the amount of \$1,382. This is the project she selected for her year and the total she raised for it.

Florence thanks everyone who donated to the project making it a great success. She and the animals appreciate it!

Happy Thanksgiving Theta Rho Friends!

From your 2007-08 Grand Patriarch

PLEASE DRAPE YOUR CHARTERS FOR PGP TONY

Greetings, Patriarchs!

I am starting out this message on a somber note. Past Grand Patriarch Antonio (Tony) J. Tamburello passed on Tuesday, October 2 after a lengthy illness. He was 89 years young. He was active in Odd Fellowship for 65 years. His service was well-attended on Saturday, October 6 in Auburn. He was Grand Patriarch in 1996-97 and was Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Please remember to drape your Charters in Tony's memory at your next meeting.



I made my first visit to H.P. Downs Encampment on September 1. I attended informally, listening to what they do for income and charity projects. As I stated, the visit was informal as I wanted to get acquainted and enjoy good fellowship. One of my goals this year is to attend a meeting of each Encampment and Unified Encampment prior to my official visits. My projects this year are the Theta Rho Travel Fund and the VanderLinden Sheppard Fund.

My official visits will be during the month of January as noted below unless otherwise notified.

- Alpha #1 at 8 p.m., Olympia, Thursday, January 3
- Yakima #7 at 8 p.m., Yakima, Wednesday, January 9
- Kent #15 at 7:30 p.m., Des Moines, Friday, January 11
- Snohomish Unified #25 at 1 p.m., Monroe, Wednesday, January 23
- Unique Unified #32, Spokane, Date and Time to be announced
- H.P. Downs Unified #61 at 1 p.m., Camano Island, Saturday, January 5
- Tri-Cities #66 at 8 p.m., Kennewick, Saturday, January 12
- Ballard #76 at 7:30 p.m., Seattle, Tuesday, January 22
- Mt. Angeles #88 at 7 p.m., Port Hadlock, Monday, January 14
- Goldendale #99 at 7 p.m., Goldendale, Thursday, January 17

*In Friendship, Love and Truth, enhanced by Faith Hope and Charity,
Don Eddy, Grand Patriarch*

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. It looks from the way the leaves are changing and our weather changes that fall is definitely here.

We enjoyed hosting the meeting for Rebekah Association #10 and had a good meeting. Our Vice Grand Diane Hammond outdid herself with decorating for Halloween. We always enjoy her talents.

We were sorry that our Association President Diane Wilkerson was ill, but Vice President Blossom Phillips filled in and did a great job on short notice. We were happy to have Sister Marcia Presley, Rebekah Assembly President, with us and missed the five that got left sitting on the ferry dock in Port Townsend because of the fog. Carson, Judy, Phyllis, Linda and Walt, we did miss you and were thinking of you.

Our Theta Rhos came and did the seating of the officers and it was nice to have the girls participate.

Our second rummage sale was a success and increased our coffers a little more. Thanks to all the Sisters and

Brothers who donated and came to work. It takes everyone pulling together to make something a success.

We are having our annual Rent-A-Table Bazaar on Saturday, November 3, so any of you who are not at Northwest and are in our area, stop by for some early Christmas shopping.

Sister Nita Sherwood is improving some and is saying a few words. We wish her well and continued progress. Sister Elizabeth Steinsiek fell and broke her hip and has been in the nursing home recovering but she is now home.

Sister Maxine Hansen continues to progress from her hip surgery. I think the rest of us are still hanging in there, though some with a few more aches and pains than others. Take care and count the many blessings that you have.

Be thankful for each day that God gives you and do the best that you can with it.

*In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman, PPRA & Reporter*

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

We held our yearly spaghetti dinner. It was in the Merriam Street Apartments at the Odd Fellow Home. A "thank you" to Brother Craig Schultz for again serving as chef. He also sold frozen packages of his famous sauce.

We will confer the Degree on Dorothy A. VanStone at our first meeting in October. Narcissa Rebekah Lodge will also have a candidate for us to initiate.

We voted to hold our meetings at the Odd Fellow Home starting in November and running through February. The steps at the hall tend to be slippery during the winter months.

Also, the Rebekahs living at the Home will be able to attend. Many do not care to go out evenings.

Bee Hive will be hosting the Homecoming Dinner for the Walla Walla Lodges. It will be held November 9 at the Elks Club.

Craig Schutz's surgery that was to be in September is now set for mid-November. Evelyn Craver, our Treasurer suffered a heart attack, but at last report she was doing well. Our best wishes to both for a full recoveries.

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

PNG's Association

Past Noble Grands will meet at Collins Grange on Nov. 15

The F.,L.&T. Past Noble Grands will meet on Thursday, November 15 at the Collins Grange Hall, 3404 E. 120th St. in Tacoma. A luncheon will be served at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. meeting.

President Emmarae Hepp will preside. Her theme for the day is "Thanksgiving." She will ask each member to talk about their highlights of the year and their plans for Thanksgiving Day.

We are sad to report that Sister Joann and Brother Ken Rhein are leaving the area to live in New Mexico with their daughter. We wish them happiness and good health.

May you all have a bountiful Thanksgiving.

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

There are many scholarship opportunities available to you

As we finish out our 80th year of scholarships and loans the SGL/IARA Educational Foundation is looking forward to continuing to impact the students for the next 80 years.

This last year the board adopted the Flora Sheets High Achievement Award. Victoria Schaaf of Reedsport, OR was the first winner of this \$5,000 scholarship. I wish to thank all the other students from this region for their wonderful applications and encourage them to continue to apply.

Our Vocational Technology Scholarship program is off and running, too. We hope that if you have a member of your family that is in need of financial aide in attending a vocational/technology school to please fill out an application. Two students from Oregon received a scholarship this last year.

One of our newest programs is the Continuing Education Grants. This is to support members who wish to enroll in continuing education courses in job related fields or a new field to further their occupational goals. This is the only program that is awarded any time during the year.

And the Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship is receiving many scholarship requests. This year Andria Burton from Idaho Falls received \$4,000 for her continuing education at Boston College.

All scholarship forms are due May 15 and the winners are notified prior to August 1.

Congratulation to the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon for being second in Rebekah Jurisdictions for contributing \$1,650.65. This could be a challenge for other jurisdictions in the Northwest to support the Education Foundation with your contributions. We urge you to continue to make it possible for those who could not otherwise, without your help, achieve the most important destination in their lives — an education.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me. I am willing to personally present any and all of the above information if requested.

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Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

Our assembly President Marcia Presley made her official visit on October 1. Our lodge presented her with money for her project. It is always interesting to hear about her travels and visits to other jurisdictions. She presented Lena Swetz with her 50-year jewel.

To our members, please check to see if your dues are current. It's that time of year.

I don't know how many of you watch the Big Joe Polka show on RFD TV. I was really surprised to see our Grand Lodge Musician Toby Hanson and his band playing — twice in one month! Keep up the good work, Toby!

Get well wishes are sent to Dorothy Nelson, Arlene Bennett, Lorraine Cramer, Joann Bergeron, Kathy Nelson, Geraldine Fordice and Sharon Harris.

We are sorry to have our two Associate Members, Joann and Ken

Rhein, move to New Mexico. Be sure to keep in touch with us.

We hosted the District Association Meeting Saturday, October 20. The group is getting smaller. At the first District Meeting I attended, there were more than 300 members present!

To our members who are not able to attend the meetings, drop us a line and please keep in touch.

The Elk Plain Grange, where we meet, was broken into and all the lockers and kitchen cupboards were broken into. Thanks to our NG who was able to meet with the Sheriff and check our locker. Everything was thrown out on the floor. We didn't lose anything, but ended up with a mess to clean up. Thanks Dorothy!!

Elections are in November. We will keep you posted.

*In F., L. & T.,
Lena Swetz,
Secretary*



Photo by Carson Inman, Secretary Mt. Baker IOOF Lodge #9
Lonnie Inman is on the far left. Chimacum third grade teacher Mr. Rogers, center, and her students hold up their new dictionaries. Richard Murray is on the right in the back.

Mt. Baker #9 gives dictionaries & answers Visual Aid questions

To listen and answer children's questions while watching their expressions never gets old. On October 4, Members of Mt. Baker IOOF Lodge #9 passed out dictionaries to the third grade students at Chimacum Grade School. But this year we changed our addendum to also include the third graders of Quilcene and Brinnon Grade Schools. Chimacum has a pair of third grade classes and three third, fourth and fifth grade class combinations, Quilcene and Brinnon have one classroom of the combination classes. We did pass out some dictionaries to the fourth and fifth graders — the ones who are new this year to these schools due to transfers.

Answering children's questions about dictionaries is one thing, but then bring up a second subject — such as, eye glasses and our IOOF Visual Aid Program — and that is another thing. Listening to the children talk about someone they know who needs glasses, even if it is a brother or sister, really gets your attention. So we made sure the teachers, secretaries and school counselors have a couple of Visual Aid brochures with an application inside. We hope that if they know a student needs help, they will take the extra step and follow up on their own to make sure this child gets his or her glasses. We stressed this point and even offered our assistance if they feel it is needed.

The members of our Mt. Baker IOOF Lodge #9 know that if all children have optimum vision, whether natural or with glasses, along with a dictionary, it will provide each child the opportunity for a good education.

— Carson Inman, Secretary, Mt. Baker Lodge #9

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

There was no October article because of another hospital stay for IV antibiotics. In addition to me, Mystic's NG Helen Walsh, VG Beverly Pry and Chaplain Elsie Burgett were laid up with sore hips or legs. The Bothers had their problems, too. NG Gordon Cooper is on a breathing machine and needs an up grade. VG John Gaiski had repeat hand surgery, but his hand is still numb. Warden Walt Dodge had his knee surgery postponed again. Our older members are not doing very well.

To those of you who heard about the South Kitsap school bus driver who was shot in the arm with a BB, she is the granddaughter of Louise Bland Johnson. It is sad that a job protecting our children's safety is a dan-

gerous job.

On the positive side, we were honored to have President Marcia Presley make her visit. She gave a thorough report on the IARA Sessions.

Next month we will have a report on the District Meeting and new members.

We continue to support our community with monthly donations to two food banks, the historical society, the Harrison Hospital Foundation (with 37 animals), and a mini-tree at the Festival of Trees. We also support Alive Shelter.

Hello and best wishes to our shut-ins. Get well and stay well. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors and bountiful harvest. Happy Thanksgiving!

Don & Florence Cowdery,
Secretaries & Reporters

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Our meeting was called to order for Monterose members on October 4. Members voted in favor of buying a ticket for the three-wheel motorcycle that is depicted on the Rose Parade Float. It is doubtful that we will win, but it sounds like the money is going to a good cause.

Five members traveled to Napavine for the District #18 Meeting. The lunch was good and it was nice to have fellowship with other Rebekahs. The very interesting program was about the jewel display and the meaning of the jewels.

Our first nomination of officers took place and the final results will be revealed at our next meeting. It makes me wonder where did the year go?

An all-year birthday party was held for members. NG Rosalie Davis passed out dish cloths for everyone. Poems were read. Refreshments and fall decorations were brought by Edna Armstrong. She made the best homemade clam chowder served with crackers and dessert. We had a feast.

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

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Oops! Sorry about missing a letter last month. The October deadline came before we had our fall meeting and you know who just spaced out. (Senior moment.)

Now we are back in full swing after our September 17 meeting. Though few in numbers, we accomplished all that needed to be done.

Summer reports on members and families were long. Sister Shirley Daling had her husband in assisted living for some time. He is back home now. Brother Frank Holland is doing fine after therapy both in and out of the pool. Our longtime Secretary Kay Smith is going through tests and appointments which keep us all concerned. VG Lois Clark lost her mother September 15. We gave the Rebekah funeral service at the graveside along with members from Tempest #114.

At our October 1 meeting, we honored our Lodge veterans. With only one non-veteran, everyone was acknowledged. Two members were recognized with jewel numeral changes. They were Sister Gloria

Dahlke with 60 years and Sister Nadra Rivers with 55 years. Also recognized in attendance were Sister Jackie Osborne with 60 years, Associate Member Sharin Brown with 55 years, and Brother Frank Holland with 45 years. Unable to attend, but honored, were 60-year members Ann Jordan and Lucille Kanz. We are a Lodge of veterans.

First nominations of officers for 2008 went smoothly. The District Deputy Commission was read and PP Fay Bowers-Holland was extended the Honors.

Since I missed the October newspaper, I'm hoping everyone survived the Halloween trick-or-treaters. Now that it is November, remember all our military veterans on their special day. Of course, right around the corner is Thanksgiving. Enjoy your families and friends on this day set aside for yearly thanks. We're all thankful for good food and especially good family.

Until next month, enjoy each day.

Fraternal Love,
Fay Bowers-Holland,
PP and Reporter

In Spokane Valley

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

Ramona's and Wilford's October project was support of a new woman's and children's overnight shelter sponsored by the Union Gospel Mission. Selma and Elmer purchased and delivered toilet paper, coffee and cleaning supplies that were requested to the older remodeled motel on East Sprague.

Three sisters attended the District #2 Meeting. Selma Lindor, Barbara Good and Donna Flatt enjoyed seeing all the Sisters. As usual, Beacon turned out in full force and won the attendance prize.

Ramona exemplified entering and leaving meeting and Hope broke the Sisters up by showing how *not* to give the Honors. Then they did the straight stuff — not funny, but respectful and

easy.

Sister Maxine Gregory had a good visit with her lawyer son from Virginia, but he left her with a cold. Sister Fran also had pleurisy and it went into pneumonia. It is hoped that they will make it to the next meeting.

Our half-Sister, Beacon's Ellen Nunn, has given up her big house and moved into the Valley. Brother John always had a huge garden and lots of stairs. Now no garden and no stairs.

Brother Elmer picked up Sister Shirley Gardener and brought her to the third Wednesday business lunch. She is feeling so much better and it was good to see her.

In F, L. & T,
Donna Flatt, Reporter
Wishing you a wonderful day!

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

We were honored by the official visit of RA President Marcia Presley at our September 26 meeting. She was very gracious, even though she had an outdated map. A potluck luncheon was served with a special dessert made by Leona Treznoski. Our silver drill was presented to the President, along with a monetary gift and a special creamer and sugar set used in our old hall.

Sgt. Neil Ainsworth is doing better now. He had two surgeries since returning from Iraq. Louise Lusk's great nephew lost his leg in Iraq.

Corky Walker's son Tony has been having problems, but is doing better. Minnie Epling was able to be out for Lodge. Carolyn Miller had hay fever attacks and missed this meeting.

The President showed us the officers' baldricks worn at Assembly and gave a very wonderful talk about what is going on. She reminded us to notify the IARA about special donations and scholarships.

A special poem, "If I Could Make a Friend," was read by the Chaplain and dedicated to the President.

I believe the President made the remark, "Patience is the ability to count down before blasting off." How true.

Now is the time to think of all the reasons we have to be thankful. Mine is being in remission for over two years and slowly feeling better all the time. The second one is all the wonderful friends I've made over the years since I became a Rebekah in 1954.

"The key to opening friendship's door is in your hands and mine."

Monty and Carolyn Miller went to the USS Boxer reunion in late October. It was in California this year.

Our family Christmas party will be Sunday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m. Our Rebekah party will be on Wednesday, December 12. Bring a gift for the exchange to each party. Be sure to bring gifts for your guests on Sunday. Both lunches are potluck.

With love, good health and a happy Thanksgiving...

In F, L. & T,
Luellen Ainsworth,
PNG, Reporter & Chaplain



East meets West

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Theta Rho members met at the East-West Picnic in September. Kneeling in front is Brooklynn Davies. Next to Brooklynn is Doris Wigglesworth. In the third row are Jean Coston, Sherry Pond RA President Marcia Presley and Don Eddy. In the back are Sherry's husband and Rebekah Assembly Vice President Jennie Reed.

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

Fall has fallen and we are already feeling the chill winds and hear the possibility of snow in the surrounding mountains.

Our Lodge is anticipating a delicious potluck on November 8. Our members have been enjoying our meetings this late summer and fall. It is so nice to be with friends.

Our Lodge has been saddened by the passing of our longtime member Sister Elaine Lucy Reed who passed away September 15. She was initiated into Juanita Lodge #18 in Condo, ND in 1933 and was a loyal Rebekah for 74 years.

She served our Lodge as Secretary for 28 years. Over a span of 40 years, Sister Elaine held numerous offices and became Noble Grand in 1974.

She was a true Rebekah in every way and loved the work of our Order.

Our Lodge members Fay Bowers-Holland, NG of Waterville Rebekah Lodge, and Sisters Grace Burton, NG of Tempest Lodge and Sister Sharin Brown of Tempest performed the Rebekah service at her graveside commemoration on September 20.

A delicious lunch was served by our Rebekah Sisters for family and friends at the Tempest Lodge following the service.

As we move into the holiday season, we wish our Sisters and Brothers of Tempest Rebekah Lodge and Prosperity IOOF Lodge the best of health and happiness.

*In F., L. & T.,
Barbara Pittman, Reporter*

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Once again Narcissa Lodge had a successful "Famjestic" Raffle project. The drawing took place at our lodge meeting on September 18. Winner of the \$50 cash prize was Dorothy Gehrke and Esther Duff received the \$100 prize. Congratulations, ladies! We thank all who contributed to this special money-raising project.

We extend our deep sympathy to Sister Patricia Teske in the recent loss of her husband, Steve. Steve was a member of Enterprise Lodge #2.

A note was read from Linda Hardy, representing the Walla Walla Community College Foundation, to inform us that Brittney Wood, a nursing student, is the recipient of one of the scholarships that we provide. We continue to receive thanks and appreciation for our part in their program.

We accepted the invitation from Bee Hive Lodge #70 to participate in their initiation ceremony. On Tuesday, October 9, about ten of our members had the pleasure of joining with our Bee Hive Sisters to initiate Joy Selby. It was a privilege to help.

The District Association #5 Meeting was held on Saturday, October 20 at the Odd Fellows Home with Sunshine Lodge #56 serving as Host Lodge. Our members provided some of the salads for the salad bar luncheon.

Be certain to mark Friday, November 9 on your calendars when our Annual Homecoming Dinner will be held at the Elk's Club at 6 p.m. We hope to see many of you there when we will enjoy a good meal, special entertainment and honor those who will be receiving jewels.

We thank Ruth Gibson and Rosemary Hicks who provided refreshments at our last meeting in September and Barbara Trz and Pauline Patterson for serving as hostesses at our meeting of October 2.

Our next meeting will be at the Odd Fellows Home on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. Officers are to wear formals.

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

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

The Olympia Lodge has been busy, busy, and busy.

On September 29 we held our annual Degree Day. We did the Initiatory, First, Second and Third Degrees. We had a total of 16 new Brothers and Sisters. There were four candidates from Ellensburg Lodge #20, one Brother from Valley Lodge #60 and 11 from Olympia Lodge #1. We applaud those who made the effort to join us. For some it was a long drive.

Olympia Lodge #1 wishes to congratulate our newest Brother and Sisters. Congratulations to Rick Nielson, Matt Bennington, Jim Gallagher, Mary Kitsch, Gary and Debra Couch. Brian and Kris Parth, Marilyn Thorsness, and Stan Meek. Welcome!

We had the honor of welcoming Washington Grand Lodge officers including Frank Wilson, who is Deputy Grand Master; Don Eddy, who is Grand Patriarch; Ed Reitan, who is Grand Secretary; and C. Allen Reitan, Parliamentarian. Past Grand Master Don Hepp made introductions and led the Honors of the Order.

Ruth Rebekah Lodge, under the leadership of NG Cathy Garcia, served a wonderful hot lunch. Thanks ladies for the effort and wonderful food.

Our kitchen is looking fantastic with new tile floor, painted cabinets and trim. It is cleaned up and looking bright, fresh and attractive. This reporter has to congratulate George Johnson, Joe Picanco, Leonard Payne, Jim Hickman, Dan Lerch and my small contribution. These Brothers did an outstanding job. I must not forget the Rebekahs for cleaning the inside of the cabinets. It was a hard job.

It is my sad duty to report of our Charter draping ceremony for our

departed Brother Gene Marelieus, Jr. Gene left the Lodge this past week. He will be missed.

Nominations for elected officers and committeeman for 2008 were started in October. Voting will occur on November 19. Make sure you attend and support your favorite candidate.

NG Joe asked again for written nominations for the "Odd Fellow of the Year." The lucky winner will receive recognition from the Lodge plus the Merit Medal. Send your nominations to the Vice Grand or our Chaplain.

Our food donation project is in full swing for the upcoming holiday season. We are looking for canned protein items such as chili with meat, beef stew, tuna and other meat products. Not needed are Top Ramen, macaroni and cheese, and cereal. Of course cash is always welcome. All items are donated to the food bank in the name of the Olympia Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17. When you come to Lodge, please bring canned foods. There are people out there who need our help.

The Lodge will not be assisting the Union Gospel Mission on their Christmas giveaway this year. They have a new program. Details will follow in later newspaper.

There are five meetings left for the year. Come and see the Financial Secretary and pay your dues for 2008. He'll be happy to see you. Remember your dues help pay our per-capita-tax.

Lastly, we are considering installing a wireless PA system in the lodge's main hall. If you can assist with a recommendation or installing such a system, please see the Noble Grand. Essentially we are looking for those who have the expertise.

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

District #18 Meeting a success in Napavine on Sat. October 6

The District #18 Meeting on Saturday, October 6 took place at Napavine with Trinity #179 members hosting. Introduction of special guests was done by Trinity. Special guests were Grand Junior Warden of the GLEA Joyce Miller, RA Secretary Betty Weldon and RA President Marcia Presley. It was a pleasure to have them with us.

Seating of the District #18 officers was done by Trinity with Pat Harader in charge. Ocean Beach put together an interesting program. They brought in a jewel display and told the meaning of each jewel.

The morning session wrapped up on time and members took a lunch break. A delicious lunch and dessert were served by Sandy Beane and Candy Koons.

The afternoon session began with nominations of officers for 2008. Nominations went as follows: NG LouAnn Hoffman, VG Dorothy Music, Sec. Sue Johnson, and Treas. Aileen Wideman.

LouAnn Hoffman put on a skit and had all 40-year Rebekah members stand. They were Delia McNelly, Helen Petrie, Mary Francis Peterson, Marcia Presley, Frances O'Neil, Betty Weldon, George Weldon, Cathy Kary, Donna Merrill, Jean Parnel, Naomi Dow, and Shirley Jones. They each received a gift. They were remembered for their dedication to the Lodge.

Marcia Presley gave us a warm thank you for her invitation and had awards to pass out. She also had her buttons for sale. Newly-elected officers were seated by Pine Burr #300. They did a very nice job.

The Attendance and Membership Awards went to Bucoda #144.

A motion was made and carried to send a donation to the Sunshine Fund.

An invitation to the spring meeting was done by Leona Treznoski of Sylvan Glen.

— In F.,L.&T, Cookie Music, Reporter

Remember Our Veterans!



Helping Pearl White, seated, celebrate her 100th birthday are, from left, Tolero's VG Lavette Moser, Sec. Nadine Coatney, NG Frances Poppino and Treas. Margaret Huff.

Pearl White honored on her centennial birthday!

About 80 friends were on hand to greet Pearl White at a surprise 100th birthday party at the Monore Senior Center on September 25. Pearl is a member of Tolero Rebekah Lodge #19. She served as Treasurer of the Monore Senior Center for 30 years.

Pearl is staying in a home in Bothell. She was very active in her Rebekah Lodge for many years as Chaplain.

The tables at the senior center were decorated with beautiful dahlias. A delicious chocolate cake and ice cream were served.

— In F., L. & T., Nadine Coatney and Nancy Graesser



Members of Snohomish Unified Encampment were on hand for Pearl's 100th birthday. From left are Douglas and Nancy Graesser, Zoe Whitman, Mary Durbin and Margaret Huff.

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Greetings from Trinity. Our meeting was held on September 27. We were delighted to have with us our DDP Rosalie Davis, along with Genie Young. She enjoys her visits with us.

Cookie Music brought floral arrangements to the meeting that she had entered in the Southwestern Washington Fair. She also brought her cross-stitch cat picture that earned her a red ribbon.

A rose cross-stitch picture made by Muriel Yahn was also on display, along with her first place blue ribbon. They were very pretty.

We are happy to report that Pat Harader's husband Grover has pulled through following his surgery and he is at home making a complete recovery.

Being Hostess of the District #18 Meeting called for team work. I feel the meeting went very well. A big thank you goes to Muriel Yahn for the leaf nut cup holders that she hand-made for everyone. They were cute. Candy Koons and Sandy Beane put together a delicious lunch and dessert. It was fun having our RA President Marcia Presley with us. She is such a friendly Sister. She had awards with her to pass out, along with her buttons and raffle tickets for sale. We all enjoyed talking to her.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

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

Unity IOOF Lodge #18 - Puyallup

A new slate of officers were nominated at our business meeting held on October 3. We also voted to donate \$100 to help the Inmans with their expenses from the terrible accident in which Past Grand Master Carson Inman's son Mark was seriously injured.

Unity 18 had two events during the summer that included our annual picnic with wives and family and a special fishing expedition at the Canal hosted by member David Greening. We all had a great time at both and plan on doing both again next year.

Our lodge also voted to again support the Sponsored Youth Campaign. This year the Grand Nationals for

Wheelchair Basketball will be held in the Seattle area and this event comes under the Sponsored Youth of Washington. Bill LeBlanc will be our representative and we also hope to add another Odd Fellow to the committee. Grand Master John Crispin is helping us find a person willing to attend a few planning meetings for a great event.

Finally, Member Kerry Yanasak reported that his committee has proposed the reinstatement of former member John Herrick. This was approved by 100 per cent of the members of our lodge.

More Later.

In F., L. & T., Bill LeBlanc

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Greetings from the Coast. . .

Ocean Beach members have been keeping busy since our summer break.

DDP Donna Merrill of our lodge made her official visit to Fraternity Lodge on September 10. She was accompanied by Betty Pierce, Opal Eaton and Frances O'Neil. All enjoyed the lovely dinner and visiting with the Ilwaco Sisters.

Our snowbirds will be leaving us soon. Carla Schmidt has left and Opal Eaton and Mary Lund will be leaving soon. Opal and Mary served us delicious pie and ice cream while they were here.

Our Sister Beverly Gilpin has a daughter living in Africa. Members of our lodge have been helping to send

clothing to an orphanage in Nairobi. The lodge has given Beverly money for postage. Proceeds from our active Bunco group was given, too.

Using a Halloween theme, we had an enjoyable Friendship Night on October 16. We really enjoy having visitors from other lodges share such good times. Thanks to all our Sisters who worked so hard to entertain our visitors.

Now that fall is here, we have had sunshine at the beach — you can't beat it. We hope the sun is shining for all of you, too.

May you have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

In F., L. & T.,
Donna Merrill, PNG

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

November! Can it be so? Yes, our little ones enjoyed Halloween very much. The ghosts and goblins keep us old ones on our toes. It really is a fun time for all.

Yes, we filled our Baggies during the meeting of October 16. We enjoy doing this and know we are making people happy. We all brought sack lunches. On October 17, we took all the filled Baggies and extra items to the Hope Center in Moses Lake.

Our Sister Loraine Bahr has been sick and in the hospital. It is so good to hear that all our other members are feeling much better.

We lost a Sister last month, Violet

Krause. We made a donation to the Arbor Day fund in her memory.

Yes Sisters, we save Campbell Soup labels and Betty Crocker education box tops. Please save them for us. Also, send me your canceled postage stamps. These items are put to good use. I also turn in some used batteries, used eye glasses and cases. We hope all of this is put to good use.

Sister Helen Scheibner will be serving on November 6. We hope to see all of you at our next meeting. And don't forget to **vote!**

Enjoy your Thanksgiving this fall.

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



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