



Photo by Robert Remus

Dee's vision comes true

Past Rebekah President Dee Hanson had a big vision for the residents of the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. Her vision was that residents would be encouraged to remain connected to family and loved ones across the miles. After exploring video conferencing, it was determined that the best route to accomplish her goal was to create a "computer center" in the Home's Library. The "computer center" is host to two new computers, 19-inch monitors and a network printer all connected to the world through a highspeed internet hookup. Residents send and receive e-mails, pictures and also maintain e-mail accounts. In addition, they can play games, browse the Web and participate in computer classes. We're grateful for Dee's vision and dedicate this center in her memory. To all of the Rebekahs, a heartfelt, "thank you" for your continued support of our programs here at the Home! Alice Davidson and Margaret Walters test their skills in the "computer center."

In Des Moines

Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 launches 'Game Day' in March

Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 in Des Moines began "Game Day" in March. New lodge member Laura Foster suggested that Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289 start a "Game Day" when Rebekahs and Odd Fellows could come together for a fun afternoon of card and board games when no lodge business was at hand. The lodge gladly jumped at the idea and felt that it would help us get back to the days of additional time together to laugh, get to know each other better, and just have a good time. The days of card parties and board games had seemed to have gone the way of slide shows and typewriters.

Our first "Game Day" was on Sunday, March 2. It was such a success that the lodge has decided to make it a monthly affair. We encourage all Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodge members and prospective members to join us in our next "Game Day" which will be on Sunday, April 20 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Des Moines Odd Fellows Hall located at 728 South 225th Street in Des Moines.

If you have some games you'd like to bring with you, please do so. If you want to bring a sack lunch with you, too, that's fine. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Lorraine Rebekah Laura Foster at (206) 878-6195. We hope to see you at "Game Day!"

Pasco Odd Fellows invite you to their 100th Anniversary!!!

Pasco Odd Fellows Lodge #257 cordially invites you to an open house celebrating our 100 years on Saturday April 19 at 1 p.m. The centennial celebration will be in the Richland IOOF Hall, 706 Williams Blvd. in Richland.

Deadline is near for Arthritis donations

Dear Lodge Secretaries,

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges worked hard last year to raise funds for the Arthritis Foundation and the Arthritis Society. The fund-raisers were many and varied last year and they all worked, and the committee hopes you will do the same this year. Our goal is to raise more than 1/2 million dollars.

In order to properly account for all the funds, please send all donations to your Grand Secretary or Assembly Secretary by May 1 in order for the funds to be forwarded and reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Winnipeg at the August Session.

Please make checks out to the Grand Lodge of Washington or the Rebekah Assembly of Washington and send them to your Grand Secretary or Assembly Secretary. Your Jurisdictional Secretary will consolidate the donations and forward the checks with a list of Lodges making donations to: Mavis Paull, Sovereign Lodge, 422 Trade Street, Winston Salem, NC 27101.

*In Friendship, Love, and Truth,
James Sanders, Arthritis Committee Chairperson*



Jesse Ramirez, membership chairman of the Chinook District of the Boy Scouts of America, gave members of Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66 information regarding procedure to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop.

Cowlitz Lodge sponsors a new Boy Scout Troop!

Members of Cowlitz Odd Fellow Lodge #66 in Kelso met with Jesse Ramirez, Membership Chairman of the Chinook District of the Boy Scouts of America regarding sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop. The lodge currently allows a Cub Scout group to meet in the building. The meeting was on March 13.

Ramirez explained what was entailed in sponsoring a group, the safety measures taken, responsibilities of the sponsor and other details. At a regular meeting, following his presentation, the members voted to sponsor the group. Noble Grand John Bonsey will be the Lodge Representative on the Board supervising the troop.

Al West, a long-time member who now resides in an adult care home, came to the meeting via a Cubs Handivan which shows that nothing keeps a good Odd Fellow down if he wants to attend lodge.

*— Betty Weldon,
Lodge Secretary*



Puyallup's Unity #18 Installs!!

In the upper photo, members of Unity IOOF Lodge #18 in Puyallup gathered with Grand Master John Crispin, Deputy Grand Master Frank Wilson and Grand Secretary Edmond L. Reitan, Jr. following Unity's Installation of officers on January 9. In the lower photo, Bill LeBlanc, right, longtime Lodge Secretary, passes the books to new Secretary John Herrick. Taking the pictures was Grand Guardian Loletta McCormick.

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

February newspaper printed an "oops." I moved Ina Mathews. She does live in Enumclaw and her daughter lives in Buckley.

We received word of the passing of two more members in February. On February 3, Lorraine Brundage passed away. She had a three-year break in membership, making it 63 years. On February 19, Jean Mattson passed away. She was a resident for 27 years at the Retsil Veterans Home when she transferred from Progress Rebekah Lodge #84. Francis MacPherson's widow, Lorraine, is in our prayers as she faces her last days. Our sympathies go to the families of each.

For the last two months, as Secretary of the Bremerton Odd Fellow Temple Corporation, I have been researching the percentage of the Rebekah Lodge's contributions. It was quite a trip down memory lane. Mystic and Aurilla share was almost two-thirds. Research gives an eye-opening to the full and consistent records.

March was another busy month as

we jointly hosted our District Association Meetings. We had Secretary duties again. We were honored to have President Marcia Presley and Assembly IG Lois Clark of Wenatchee with us.

We have two more potential members to initiate this spring. Age and health confirms our need for renewal.

April 6 is our lodge's 103rd anniversary and reobligation ceremony, along with the 189th anniversary of our American Order.

In our file we found a program from Seattle dated April 25, 1927. For the Rebekahs, the first legislation in reference to women in Odd Fellow was 1845 and merely permitted Odd Fellows to grant an identification card to wives and widows of Odd Fellows. The demand and necessity for a separate organization led to the 1851 writing of the Rebekah Degree, an inspiration for better and nobler acts in our lives.

*Fraternally,
Don & Florence Cowdery,
Reporters*

Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 - Pomeroy

In January, old man winter kicked up his heels and told us whoa!

Our installation was held on February 5. DDP Hazel Crawford did a wonderful job installing us.

We have donated to the Wheelchair Jamboree — a worthy cause.

Lois Tippett turned a young 90 in February. An open house was held in Asotin to honor Lois. Phil and Hazel Crawford, along with Donna Miller, were able to attend from our lodge. Lois is a longtime lodge Sister and a dear friend to all of us.

Nancy Smith returned recently from a Hawaiian vacation. The vacation was wonderful, but the climate change welcoming Nancy home was not. Stepping off the bus, Nancy fell on the ice. Ouch! She has some bruises here and there. Nancy heals very well.

Margaret Tueth, a Faith #16 mem-

ber and Chaplain, had a heart attack on January 17. She was in her home doing well when she had another attack on February 28. She was in Deaconess Hospital in Spokane for several days. She is now home. Our prayers go out to Margaret for a full and speedy recovery.

I have had trouble walking for several months. On February 11, I had major back surgery in Lewiston, ID. Now, two and one-half weeks later, I am up and doing better. Four titanium screws are holding my lower back in place.

Thank you Faith #16 members for keeping the lodge moving along. A special thank you to VG Doris Perry for a job well done.

Hopefully April showers will bring May flowers — *not* May blizzards.

*Until next time in F. L. & T.,
Janet Scoggin, Reporter*

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

2008 GRAND SESSIONS

The 2008 Grand Lodge Sessions will be upon us very soon. We thank the lodges that have sent in their Representative Certificates already. To those lodges that have not done so yet, please do it now. The Grand Master needs them in order that he may make committee assignments for the Grand Lodge Sessions.

REMEMBER

The continued support of the projects and programs of our Order is needed and they are valued. These include Living Legacy, SOS Children's Village, the Arthritis Foundation and the UN Pilgrimage for Youth. In our own Jurisdiction we have Visual Aid and several Youth Funds to support. To all, please consider them for your support. All are fine programs.

REMINDER

To all Grand Lodge Elective Officers and Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen, your reports are due now to allow printing in the "Take Me" Advance Reports for Grand Lodge.

TO ALL UNITS OF THE ORDER

Annual Grand Lodge Sessions registration information is in this issue of *The Washington OddFellow*. Please note that registrations are being handled by Ernest House, PGM of Alimus Lodge # 15, and Mavis House, PP of Leah Rebekah Lodge # 22. Again this year all forms and payments are to be sent to them.

Fraternally,

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

Fern Rebekahs #26 - Montesano

On February 11 we had Installation of Officers. It was preceded with a potluck. We had a joint installation with Elma Friendship #44. The Installing Officers were DDP Maggie Truttman and Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly Of Washington, Jennie Reed. It was a very enjoyable evening.

We had to cancel our January 28 installation because of snow and ice. We also canceled our biggest fundraiser that we have every year during the Festival Of Lights before Christmas. The December 2 and 3 storm caused a long power outage and flooding, resulting in so much damage that it was impossible for our lodge to do anything. So we are hoping to have another fund-raiser in the summer.

Our lodge has lost four Sisters this last year. They will be missed. They are Sisters Florence Abrahamson, Grace Izzi, Gertrude Paull and Edith Watters. Sister Gertrude Paull was the

daughter of Sister Robbie Lee White, a Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington.

Our sister Jean Briscoe is now living at the Beehive Assisted Living Community, 401 W. Maple St., McCleary, WA 98557 Some of our Sisters have been to visit her and she likes living there.

Sister Donna Tonn was elected Representative for our lodge. She is also our Theta Rho Advisor and has done a wonderful job with the girls.

Our officers for 2008 are: NG Winona Hammonds, VG Janell Mullins, Rec. Sec. Frances Jonason, Treas., Bob Peterson, and three-year Trustee Mary Peterson.

It looks like spring is not too far away. My tulips and daffodils are coming up and the last few days we had some beautiful weather.

That's all for now.

*In F. L. & T.,
Frances Jonason, Reporter*

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From your 2007 - 2008 Assembly President



MARCIA PRESLEY

CELEBRATE THE 189TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ORDER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Spring is here, the birds are singing, the grass (and weeds) are growing and the sun is showing itself more often. April is a busy time for me and for your lodges as you hold your Spring District Meetings and I continue my visitations. My calendar seems to be filling up and I hope to meet and greet all the lodges I can schedule, before Assembly in June.



April 26 is the anniversary of the founding of our Order in North America. I have had the opportunity to do a little reading about the history of Odd Fellows. The first lodge of the Odd Fellows was founded in Baltimore, Maryland in 1819. Throughout the next 40 years many changes to the by laws, constitution, charges, degrees, etc. took place at the Sovereign Grand Lodge meetings held in North America. We were then given a wonderful heritage to share with the future generations in our Order. We are the ones who hold the power to preserve this gift we received many years ago from the SGL. Odd Fellowship in the beginning was a great and universal brotherhood, bound by the chain of the Triple Links — Friendship, Love and Truth. No matter if you are a member of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs or the other Units of the Order, the principles we hope to live by are the foundation of our society. The Rebekahs started out as an Honorary Degree that was conferred on the wives and daughters of Scarlet Degree Members of the Odd Fellows. After many resolutions and long and heated discussions, the membership in Rebekahs was opened to all unmarried white women, over 18 years of age of good moral character. Our membership in Odd Fellows and Rebekahs now is a person of good moral character, at least 16 years of age, and believes in a supreme being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe. I hope that you will take a few minutes at one of your meetings and read your Charter. I think you will find it very interesting.

I am very happy to hear that there are initiations taking place throughout the jurisdiction. New Membership is our goal. I am also sad to say that we have lost some lodges in the last year. They held on as long as they could, but in the end they had to give in to the times. Consolidations have also occurred this last year, but I hope our Rebekahs will continue to initiate new members as we alone hold to power to exist.

As I have traveled these last months for my visitations, I have found what Rebekahs stands for. The gracious greetings, honors extended to me and the beautiful exemplifications I have witnessed of our Order have made me feel that the Rebekahs are alive and well.

The Northwest Odd Fellow /Rebekah Association meeting will be held in Victoria, B.C. on April 4-5-6. I am sure that the meetings will be very interesting with Brother Gary Hahn of Oregon at the helm. I hope that all of you who can will attend this meeting. Northwest is very informative and also a lot of fun, too.

I will be on the desert side of the state attending a visitation to Wenatchee and Waterville on Saturday, April 12; Park Board Meeting on April 13; District #38 Meeting on Wednesday, April 16; District #8 meeting in Walla Walla on Saturday, April 19; the Home Board Meeting on April 25-26. I have scheduled other visitations for April, but the dates are not confirmed as I write this article.

I hope that the next two months slow down a little as the time flies by so fast these days.

I will leave you with this: *Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*

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

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Mary Curtiss**, PNG, 50+ year member, Unity Rebekah Lodge #53, Auburn.
- **Freda Cummins**, PNG, 70 year member, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.
- **Jean Mattson**, 27 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.
- **Muriel Yahn**, Trinity Rebekah Lodge #179, Napavine.
- **Mabel Eleanor Niedert**, 50+ year member, Skamania Rebekah Lodge #211, Stevenson.
- **Effie Wright**, PNG, Longview Rebekah Lodge #305.

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

HOLD YOUR HEADS UP HIGH AND CONTINUE

I hope everyone had a happy Easter and I hope you are all having sunny days after the rough winter we had. The daffodils are blooming and it looks like it is going to be a lovely summer. Enjoy the sun.

As this year has passed I have had the confidence of so many of you sharing with me the personal tragedies in your lives. I cannot tell you how my heart goes out to you and how proud I am of you being able to hold your head up high and continue with your lives. Thank you for sharing with me, as your friend, your heartbreaks during this time. Remember, I am always here for you if you need someone to talk to.



A reminder to all who have reports to turn in to be published in the "Take Me." While I know some of you must wait until the last meeting of your group, which would probably be in March, it is urgent that you get these reports in no later than April 6 if they are to be published and mailed out before Assembly. By the time you get this newspaper, it will probably be too late, but I hope you remembered. The "Take Me" will be worked on this month with the Printing Committee meeting to review it the last weekend in April so it can be printed and sent to you in May. When you do get the "Take Me," Secretaries, please read all the legislation and the budget at your lodge meeting. This affects your lodge and your Representative will be voting on this at Assembly.

Which brings up another subject on reports. This is the first year there have been several Annual Reports very late. I urge you, next year, immediately after your last meeting in December to sit down and make out your Annual Report. An extra special thank you to those who did this. If someone who needs to sign the Annual Report is out of town, on vacation, ill or whatever, call and find out what procedure to follow. If you have difficulty in understanding how to do the report call this office and the Secretary will assist you. It is imperative that these reports be in early so this office can complete the SGL billing and get the SGL Report and dues to Sovereign on time. Your help is really needed on this and deeply appreciated.

Even though many of us have been Rebekahs for some time, we occasionally need to be reminded of some basic directions which apply to all. One is Parliamentary Procedure for Presiding Officers. Parliamentary Law originated in England and came to America with the early settlers. Henry M. Robert published his manual on Parliamentary Law in 1876 and the rules remain the same today with up-dating to fit our time. Primarily this means: One thing at a time; courtesy to all; justice and equality to all; the will of the majority and the right of the minority to be heard. It can be adapted to fit the needs of your Rebekah Lodge. Every new Noble Grand should have a copy of Parliamentary Procedure for Presiding Officers and pass it on to the incoming Noble Grand. We all need to be reminded sometimes on how to run an enjoyable and interesting meeting.

The second thing we need to consider is Protocol and Customs for Rebekah Lodges. This includes introduction of visitors, correct order, etc. This has changed somewhat over the years, but the President, on her official visit, is introduced last and by herself unless certain other dignitaries are also present (lodge preference, of course). This is listed under Protocol and Customs for Rebekah Lodges.

I have sent for new copies of the above and will be happy to supply them to you if requested, but please help us out and pay the postage. It is greatly appreciated.

On the matter of your report to the IRS. *This is required of all lodges*, regardless of income. You go to IRS E-Postcard on the web and, using your annual report, fill in the answers. However, as usual, there has been a flaw in the operation. You cannot file this until after March 31st as the IRS has the Lodges Fiscal Year ending on that date, the same as the Assembly and Grand Lodge. The SGL Secretary advises that we have until May to file, so just wait until after March 31 and fill it out. If you don't have a computer or want help, please call me.

I hope this column has been helpful to you. Sit back, think good thoughts and you know the routine by now — count your blessings.

*With Rebekah Love,
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
New e-mail address: bweldon4@msn.com
Toll Free: 1-866-725-3508*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

With spring officially here and Daylight Savings Time, we hope you are getting a chance to be out enjoying the warmer weather.

Our garage sale was a success and we added a nice sum to our treasury.

At one of our meetings in March, the Easter Bunny paid us a visit and we had an Easter egg hunt and a little party afterwards.

This month we will be participating in the "Holland Happening Parade" on the last weekend and then our members and family members go to lunch together.

We are also starting to work on our Mothers' Day projects as time just seems to go by so quickly. We will report more on these next month. Our Rebekahs have a craft night scheduled for April 30 and we have been invited to join them for the evening and are looking forward to doing that.

We do manage to keep busy and we invite any of you who are up in our area to drop by for a visit. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Until next month. . .

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

In Goldendale

**Alimus IOOF Lodge #15,
Leah Rebekah Lodge #22**

Happy April Fools Day! Did you get any jokes pulled on anyone? A friend of mine was born on April 1 and I keep reminding her that she is the biggest joke of all.

On March 22, Alimus held the First Degree for our five new members. We have another prospective member who will be initiated before too long. There is no definite date yet.

On April 29, we will hold our fifth Tuesday potluck. This is for both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. We always have a lot to eat and the food is very good. Isn't it a requirement that you must be a good cook to join? It surely seems that way.

Ernie, our son Mike, and I will be off to Texas on April 4 and will spend a week visiting my nephew and family who live there. We still have snow on the ground here, but it is melting very slowly, so we are looking for-

ward to the warm weather we will enjoy in Texas.

I am going to change hats for a little bit. Grand Sessions is coming up in June. If you want to have any ads in the book, please get them to us as soon as possible. Remember, the price is a lot lower now than it was previously. There was a story in the newspaper in February regarding the Sessions book.. This is the last year we will be in Kelso. For Sessions next year, we will be in Yakima at the same hotel we were in before.

News is rather scarce, so I'll close for this time. By the way, did you hear there's a wonderful new baby food on the market? It is half orange juice and half garlic. It not only makes the baby healthier, but easier to find in the dark. With that, I will stop. See you next month.

In F, L. & T., Mavis House, Reporter



These members of Spunky Bluebirds gathered following their Installation of Officers on February 24. From left are: Madi Martin, Shamanice Gordon, Jubilee Mande, Sierra Bennett, Aliyah Gordon, TRA President Lea Daniels, Club President Ceara Dempsey, Joanna Boshee, Jr. Past TRA President Florence Frogge' and Amber Bailey.

In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

Happy spring, everyone! We Bluebirds have been busy these past few months. We had a nice turnout at our Installation of Officers in February. We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us. Ten of our members were there which made it nice to have the officers to fill the chairs. We were happy to have Grand Master John Crispin, Rebekah Assembly President Marcia Presley, Grand Matriarch Elizabeth Morgan and other members of our Order who are just as important attend. It is nice to see all of you come out and support us. It means a lot to us. We had a delicious lunch which was provided by our two sponsoring lodges, South Tacoma #160 and Eola #63. Thank you ladies very much! They also served as our escorts for the installation.

We will be busy the next few months getting ready for Sessions and with our community service projects. We are planning on helping out with a city wide clean-up next month for one of our projects. This is great way to let the community know we exist. Our sale had to be canceled again due to the Planning Board and JJYC Meetings, but we plan on having it in the next month or two so we will let you all know.

We also have had requests for five applications, so we hope those will be turned in and we can initiate very soon. We are happy to say that we are now getting more of our members back out to our meetings, so our attendance at the meetings has gone back up. We hold formal meetings and dress is casual for now. We want everyone to be comfortable and hope that more of you will come and visit us at our meetings. Everyone is always welcome.

It is important to us to show everyone in the Order kindness and respect, and hope more of you will do the same. If there is anything our club can do for anyone, please contact us. We are always looking for projects and community service that would help or benefit the members of our Order along with our community.

We would like to dedicate this quote to everyone in the order:

"Today I stopped and thought, what a special friend I have in you."

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

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

At the February 19 meeting of Odd Fellows, NG Bruce Kenyon was surprised (along with everyone else) when he was presented with his jewel. VG Zoe Whitman ordered jewels last December, but kept it a secret from every-



Zoe Whitman, Vice Grand of Bothell IOOF Lodge #124, pins the 50-Year Jewel on NG Bruce Kenyon.

one. Also greatly surprised to receive jewels were Doug Graesser, a member for 65 years, and Paul Bergren for a 60-year membership. Congratulations to these loyal and outstanding members. Everyone agreed that surprises are always great fun.

Mary Durbin has been collecting bags and bags of cans for "Dogs for the Deaf." Fund raising is so necessary in order for these dogs to be trained for such valuable service.

Nancy Graesser arranged for new flooring which was placed in the dining room of the lodge on February 29. She also arranged the purchase of a new stove for the lodge kitchen. We are looking forward to our future social hours in the new and updated surroundings.

In F, L. & T., Betty Hugg, Reporter

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LADY BLANCHE BERRY

From the Washington Regimental President

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

It's April and the snow is all gone from the yards here on the east side. I hope it's gone from your yards too and the flowers of spring are in bloom.

If you have read the Grand Master's letter and the President's letter and you look at our dwindling numbers, it is really very scary to see this happening. Then we go to our meetings and we talk about how if we don't do something we won't have a Unit or an Auxiliary or a Lodge. Well Ladies, it is in your court. If you don't ask a friend to join your Rebekah Lodge, you won't have a friend to invite to join your Auxiliary or your Unit.

I realize that we need to come into the 21st Century, but if we just keep saying we can't get anyone to join and they aren't interested. Then offer some ideas as to what will make the new members or even the old members want to come and see what you're going to do at that next meeting. We all need to come into the 21st Century and do something in the community in your LAPM uniform. We used to attend church as a group on a Sunday. Do we do that any more or are we too busy? Think about it. Maybe we should try it. Go in uniform and as a group, then explain who we are and what we do. You might think about something like this to let people see that we are still around if we are needed. Think about it and try to think of a way to get others interested. Think about visitations in uniform, and offer to present the colors.

I hope you will give some of these ideas a thought and maybe try one of them. You can make a report on it at our meeting in June.

I will be making two visits in April. I will be at Spokane #2 on Monday, April 7 and at Olympia #20 on Saturday, April 12.

Have a great month. I hope that all of your spring flowers bloom and present God's beautiful colors for all to see and enjoy.

*Chivalrously yours, Blanche Berry,
President, Washington Department LAPM*

District #18 meeting on April 5

The Spring District #18 Meeting will be held in PeEll on Saturday, April 5. The meeting will open at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served. The meeting will be hosted by Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184.

— Sue Johnson, District #18 Secretary

Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 - Buckley

As I write this, we are planning to have initiation of one candidate at our next meeting which will be held before this issue comes out. She is Layla Avila, and her mom has recently reinstated in our lodge. We are happy to welcome these two in our group.

We have elected Kathy Pierce as our new Representative and look forward to her attendance at Assembly.

The District Association #26 Meeting will be held in Auburn on Monday, April 21 and we will be participating. Our lodge member, Doris Wigglesworth, is the President this year. She has a good program planned

for us. We are down to only three lodges in the district now, so attendance has been low. We hope it will be better than the last few. Guests are welcome.

Our second "This & That" sale will be on July 18 in the community room at our local Frontier Bank here in Buckley. We hope to build up our finances with this sale as they are down, mostly because of the Sovereign Grand Lodge dues imposed upon us. If you are in our area at that time, stop by and see us.

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

District #3 will meet at Collins

District Association #3 will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 19 at the Collins Grange Hall, 3404 - 120th St. E. in Tacoma. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with Holly Houser as presiding President.

Come and see what Holly has planned. It should be a fun and informative day. All Rebekahs are welcome.

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Cheery spring greetings from sunny and bright Central Washington. We have had such beautiful weather for the past few weeks, it is hard to believe spring will not come for a couple of weeks. Of course, this will be printed in April, so we can start expecting April showers, tulips, daffodils and all those other spring bloomers. It still reminds us of winter every night here in early March as the nights get quite cool.

We have been able to hold regular meetings with enough for a quorum. With only eight active members and four of those living 25 to 30 miles away, sometimes it is iffy.

In March we sent \$200 for flood disaster relief in the southwestern part of the state. Plans are being made for our yearly scholarship to a graduating senior from Waterville High School. Donations have been made to the Arthritis Fund, the L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund, Visual Aid and the Education Fund.

President Marcia Presley will be visiting Waterville #77 and Tempest #114 in Wenatchee on April 12 for a joint meeting. Plans are to work this in with our annual District Association #17 social. A 12:30 p.m. luncheon will proceed the 2 p.m. meeting. Rebekahs from surrounding active Rebekah Lodges are all invited to join with us.

Sister PP Irene Kossow and her husband went to Minnesota to visit

family and ice fish. She reports that the 40 below zero weather kept her inside, but Gordon fished every day. Would you believe that we thought he had brought back another woman? We didn't recognize the white-haired lady he came home with, but we were all relieved when we heard her voice.

Past Secretary Kay Smith's husband is back from a three-week visit with daughter and family in Laredo, TX.

Our big project facing us in the next few months is inventory of our lodge property. This hasn't been done in many years, so we have decided now is the time. This looks like a good job for summer recess.

I believe the change in Secretary may have caused a delay of the 2008 dues. To the Sisters, your new Secretary is Fay Bowers-Holland and dues may be sent to 455 - 9th St. NE, #22, Wenatchee, WA 98802.

I hope everyone had a nice Easter with your families. It was so early this year, we almost missed it. All Fools Day on April 1 is now past us, so there is not much to celebrate.

We do hope any Districts still large enough to have District Association Meetings had successful and informative ones.

Good health to everyone. Until next month. . .

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

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I don't know but I believe we've had one of the better Februarys with regard to weather in a long time and March is shaping up to continue the theme (maybe). Get out and enjoy and while you're out. Come in and give us your input at one of our meetings.

At the first meeting in March our Noble Grand briefed the lodge on a potential summer program directly assisting our local community. What's the program? "The Little red School House." If you're not familiar with the program, it provides clothing items and school supplies to children of need in our immediate area. The program assists 1,700-2,000 kids in August to the tune of about \$30,000 (all donated). I'm confident that our Noble Grand will organize labor, financial support or both later in the year. There's more to follow. Stay tuned.

At the second March meeting, the lodge discussed and approved modifying our Odd Fellow Park's bathrooms to accommodate wheelchair access. Construction begins soon and the remodeling will provide us with the original two bathrooms on the flanks, plus a new center bathroom for those who need to use wheelchairs.

Additionally, Mary Kitsch has volunteered to chair our Children's Summer Food Program. It's a super opportunity for those who can take a little time from their schedule to assist these youngsters in need.

Lastly, the lodge will administer the Initiatory and First degrees on Monday, April 21. Any lodge in need of degree work is welcome to join.

On March 15, the lodge hosted Elizabeth Morgan's Reception as the Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment of Washington. She was surrounded by a good number of long time friends and honored for her many accomplishments. Her lifelong commitment to volunteerism and reaching out to those in need was of particular

note. The ceremony concluded when everyone who attended enjoyed the many wonderful dishes brought by a good number of folks. There was plenty to eat and talk about as we enjoyed the fellowship. Congrats, Elizabeth. May you have a great year.

ODD FELLOW PARK

A fair amount of work occurred since our last report. Thanks to the efforts of some hard-working volunteers, close to three cords of wood was cut, split and stacked near the kitchen. We clearly have a great head start for next winter's use of the kitchen fireplace by our members. Improvements on the park trail, including the installation of a culvert to cross a small spring, provide greater accessibility by all. Many are unaware of the trail across from the kitchen, so next time your out, take a walk. Special thanks to Joe and Jim Seed, Joe Restoule and Neil Tombleson for their hard work.

BUILDINGS

By the time you read this, our one furnace that has given us so much trouble will either be repaired or replaced. Also, bids on a new roof over the lodge should be complete and authorization to begin work is closely behind. George Johnson, who has been fighting leaks for years, certainly is looking forward to not tarring, changing tiles or cleaning up puddles anymore.

CEMETERY

The Cemetery Committee provided it's annual financial report. They are doing well and are stronger financially than they have been in a long time. They would like to remind all that this year's Memorial Ceremony is fast approaching. Roger Bruland, who does all the coordination for the event, will ask for volunteers in a number of areas to assist. More to follow next month.

*In F., L. & T.,
Joe Picano, Stand-in Reporter*



Silvia #38's donation!!

Silvia I OOF Lodge #38 in Montesano thanks everyone for their donations to the family of Ronni Dhooghe. Thanks for being so supportive of our lodge, too. Silvia raised \$1,145. Silvia NG Duane Tonn, presented a check to Ronni's Aunt Sarah Dhooghe. The family says, "Thank you!"

— In F, L & T., Donna Tonn

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

I had the pleasure of watching Toby Hanson, PGP, and his Scandinavian band on Big Joe's Polka on RFD TV. It was real toe tapping music and helped me recall my younger days of doing the Polka. Toby has a good voice, too. He proved it when he sang Woody Guthrie's "Roll on Columbia." Way to go, Toby!

Our Rebekahs have welcomed back a former member — Sister Jerry Flett. Jerry took time out for a few years to take of businesses, etc. and now she's retired.

Valma DeVall has been rediscovering clearer vision since the removal of

cataracts. Laser surgery makes cataract removal so much easier.

Laura Vangstad's back has improved to where she can sleep in her bed. She is also a member of the "Cane Brigade" which is a very elite group.

We are still trying to find a project to build our treasury up. We are really digging for ideas.

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

Dual air bags — a political debate. "The naked truth is more appealing when it's dressed with a smile."

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

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greetings, everyone! Yes, March rolled around and St. Patrick's came and went — followed by Easter. Easter was so early this year that the Easter Bunny must have been confused. He couldn't remember when it was time to land at your door.

Sister Jeannette Kelley had an Easter poem to read on March 4. It was a fun reading for all to enjoy. Guess what? Shamrock day was last month and we had an appropriate reading for that day. Then a fun word game was held.

We made donations to the Arthritis Foundation and the Eye Bank. Both are very worthwhile projects.

A birthday party and luncheon was held recently for Sister Betty Roller, our dedicated Secretary. Shall we say "Sweet Sixteen?" She was a very surprised lady. Sister Carla Brown took

her out to lunch and other members and friends were there to greet her. She was presented a beautiful pants suit. She was very pleased.

Sister Helen Scheibner and Jeanette Kelly were hostesses for the March 4 meeting, while Carla Brown was hostess for the March 18 meeting.

Did you remember to wear green in March? Of course Easter has many colors to choose from.

On April 1, we must watch it! It is the day to have an April Fools joke played on someone and have some fun.

Thanks, Sisters, for saving all the things for me to distribute to all the needy projects I take care of. It is greatly appreciated.

See you all in April.

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Spring is officially here. We hope all of you are having warmer weather and are able to get out more.

We are excited as we have two candidates to be initiated at our Spring Association Meeting on April 5 when Custer will host the meeting. It is so nice that we are getting some new younger members. Our lodge will be responsible for the Chaplain's Charge.

Our new NG Diane Hammond has been doing a great job at her meetings. She is a relatively new member and is willing to listen and learn. She has planned a craft night for the members on April 30. She is very crafty and will show us how to make cards or help people who like to do scrapbooking. We are also going to try to make some items to sell at our bazaar next fall. This is a night to just come

and have fun and enjoy the social aspects of our lodge.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Doral Shelton following the loss of her husband. Also, our Vice Grand's mother fell and broke her ankle in three places, so that has kept Sister Mary Stewart quite busy. She was finally able to have surgery and we are wishing for her a speedy recovery.

To Sister Nita Sherwood, we are always thinking of you and wish you would come join us some night — if not for the meeting, at least for the social time afterwards.

That is about all the news from up this way.

In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman,
PPRA & Reporter

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Hello from Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge. We send good wishes to everyone.

We have been keeping busy at our lodge meetings.

One of the many things we do each year is an attendance contest and the losers entertain the winners with dinner and entertainment. It was held at our first meeting in March. The theme this year was a "Travelogue." Places represented were: Ireland, Mexico, China, Alaska, Hawaii and all things Disney. The tables were decorated in the theme of the evening. The losers entertained the winners in costume and gave a short talk on one of the areas and presented a winner with a gift representing that area. The Winners gave a cute response during our regular meeting, thanking the losers for the evening.

After closing, everyone enjoyed pineapple upside down cake, punch and coffee. It was a fun evening with lots of camaraderie.

Midway Friendship Club was held on February 21 and our PNG Viv served dinner. A short meeting was held and afterwards a game was played, prizes were awarded and dessert was served.

Several of our Sisters have not

been well this past winter, but all seem to be getting better now that spring is coming. Our VG Linda Zuern had shoulder surgery on March 13. We pray that she has a speedy recovery. We also pray that Mary's husband Don has a speedy recovery from his recent emergency surgery.

Sisters Betty Worthington and Bessie Braschuk have moved into assisted living homes in our area. Betty is at Long Beach Retirement and Assisted Living and Bessie is at Golden Sands in Klipsan Beach. They both would enjoy visits. All of us wish them well in there new residences.

At our April 1 meeting, we will be practicing the Chaplain's charge, as our Lodge has been asked to exemplify it at the District #18 meeting on April 5 in Pe Ell. Our theme for the evening will be **April Fool**. On April 15, it will all be about spring.

From all of us at Ocean Beach, we wish each one of you a wonderful spring. Come and visit us when you can. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month except July and August. Our meeting time is 7:30 p.m. and we meet in the Masonic Hall in Ilwaco.

In F, L. & T.,
Cathy Kary, PNG & Reporter

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

Spring is here and with each day the weather is more beautiful.

Our lodge is anticipating the visit of Assembly President Marcia Presley on April 12. We will have a potluck lunch and our Sisters from Waterville Lodge #77 will join us to welcome our special visitor.

Our collection of pop can pull tabs is growing. In May we will deliver

them to Ronald McDonald House in Spokane to be recycled. The funds will be used to help with expenses and to assist families who are unable to pay for lodging.

We invite all Rebekahs in the area to attend our April 12 meeting.

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

We are busy getting ready to host the District #18 Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 5 in the VFW Hall. It is one block east of Eveys Cafe and across the street from the Methodist Church.

Carolyn Miller and her husband Monty just made a trip to Kalispell, Montana to visit daughter Vivian and family.

Chaplain Luelllyn Ainsworth honored Thomas Wildey and Schuyler Colfax with a reading. It's fun to keep finding more information about them.

At our second meeting in February, lunch was served by Sisters Marian Moon and Beulah Crocker. We had spaghetti, salad and fancy cupcakes.

Hostess gifts were won by Minnie Epling and Norline Burton.

THOUGHT BY AESOP

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is every wasted."

QUOTE BY HELEN KELLER

"The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

I hope everyone had a happy St. Patrick's Day and a beautiful Easter. It is so nice to see early blooming flowers and the terrible winter destruction being cleaned. With love and best wishes to all. . .

In F, L. & T.,
Luelllyn Ainsworth,
PNG, Chaplain and Reporter

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

The Monterose meeting in February was called to order by VG Dorothy Sloan. Our NG Rosalie Davis was ill at the time. She was in the hospital in Longview. Our prayers are for a speedy recovery. A card was passed around to the members to sign before it was sent to Rosalie.

Cookie Music traveled to Olympia on March 8 for a baby shower. Yes, she is going to be a grandma again. Daughter-in-law Kathy is due in May. Cookie and Jim have been busy

moving her brother John from Sargent Road to downtown Winlock. He is much happier there. It is good getting away from the busy freeway and he can walk into town if he wants.

On February 28, Rosalie Davis and Genie Young traveled to Trinity for their meeting and refreshments. They always feel welcome. They hope to make another visit soon.

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

Contributing Factors

A sense of community

“It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.”

— Irish Proverb

I grew up on the plains of North Dakota in a single parent household. We lived on public assistance and my mother made sure we attended church services, picnics, banquets and the like. Our family also attended the Sollin “family reunions” which were usually held on my Uncle Thor’s farm near Devils Lake, ND. These special occasions gave the cousins an opportunity to get to know each other. I was too young to realize it at the time that these experiences formed the foundation for my early sense of community.

During my younger years, frequent moves (we lived in at least eight different towns) made it difficult to develop friendships and find a “place” in the local community. In short, we didn’t have much contact with other families and their children. Friendships were difficult to make and harder to maintain with frequent moves. Thus, we were disconnected from much of the fabric of society. As children, we felt alone and cut off from the shelter of other family units.

It was during my adult years that I realized the importance of living and participating in a community. I found that I could create a sense of community by connecting with people where we could talk, share together the sights, sounds and smells of our local community. I grew to know people who cared about me personally as I cared for them. During the difficult times of raising a family, dealing with high prices for goods and services and making sense out of a world in perpetual conflict, I found that I could benefit from the shelter of others in the community.

The question for all of us today is “how do we personally connect with each other on a meaningful level?” The first step is to have an attitude that desires to connect with people and thus, experience the richness of life, where people know and care about each other. Here at the Odd Fellows Home, residents share stories, tiny moments of laughter and build connections with each other. Our Activity Department provides a variety of opportunities for residents to build connections with each other by participating in the following programs: Lunch Bunch, Road Gang trips, Brain Fitness activities, Tai Chi, Bocce’ Ball, swimming, impromptu card games, Bible study groups, trips to the local community theater and symphony, shopping together and countless other activities spread throughout the year.

If you’re looking for a retirement community that respects and values each individual in an atmosphere that supports a “sense of community,” then look no further than the Odd Fellows Home. If you choose to live here, you will find that your soul will blossom with joy and that pleasure and a renewed sense of self will spring up in your heart.

The Endowment Fund has played a significant role in creating a “sense of community” at the Home and will endeavor to do so in the upcoming years. Your donations are always welcomed. As Joy Harjo stated, “There is no separation. We are all from the same place.” May Easter and the arrival of spring give you a renewed sense of hope that life is good. We know it is!



BY JOHN PAULSON
Director of Development
Odd Fellows Home



Hats of all sizes, shapes and colors were the theme of the day at Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in Walla Walla on Valentine’s Day. Clockwise, from upper left, are: “Hat Lady” Maejul Gannon who brought the collections from which everyone chose a hat to wear; guitarist and singer Audrey Renaud; Barbara Lechner, Noble Grand of Narcissa Lodge; and Karen Schultz, Noble Grand of Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

What a wonderful afternoon we had as we shared in celebrating Valentine’s Day with the residents of the Home in February! There were 62 in attendance and the very festive party was sponsored by both Narcissa and Bee Hive Lodges.

Aramae Buckingham had decorated each of the 18 tables with miniature homemade cloth hats that were definitely fitting for the theme of our program, “Hats Galore.” Everyone who attended was given the opportunity to try on and wear a hat that was provided by a local hat collector, Majuel Gannon, also known as the “Hat Lady.” It was amazing how each person was able to find a hat that was just right for what he or she was wearing. There was a feeling of excitement among the guests. Someone noted that, after all had selected the hat they chose to wear and were seated at a table for the program, there was still much enthusiasm being generated. Majuel’s account and history of her hat collecting was most interesting and very well received.

Throughout the party we were delighted with the musical entertainment provided by guitarist and singer, Audrey Renaud, who sang old favorites as well as some of her own compositions.

Guests were served a variety of cookies, ice cream and delicious punch. As they enjoyed their refreshments, Valentines were given to all who were present and prizes were awarded to those who held a Valentine with a lucky number.

We are especially grateful to the members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Fraternity who were there to help serve refreshments, distribute the many prizes and clean up after the party.

At our most recent meeting, Valentine Party Chairperson Rose Ringhoffer expressed her appreciation to all committees who helped make

the occasion a success and gave special thanks to Jane Hanson who took an individual picture of each person in the hat that was chosen to be worn for the afternoon. Rose has identified and labeled each of the pictures and put them in individual folders that will be displayed at the Home and, eventually, given to those who would like to have them.

During our last meeting in February, a note was read from the Food Pantry thanking us for the total of 248 pounds of food donated by our lodge for the year. Rose Ringhoffer read a tribute to Thomas Wildey. Refreshments were served by Aramae and Ken Buckingham who decorated the serving table to honor President’s Day.

Jacqueline Klicker, who has been ill, is feeling much better and we look forward to having her back with us soon. We were sorry to learn that Wilma Kiehn’s husband passed away recently.

Our members voted to support the Living Legacy Fund by giving a donation to Walla Walla City Parks and Recreation to purchase trees for the cemetery which suffered a lot of damage during the wind storm of January 4.

Some of our Sisters were on hand to help Myrtle Clayson celebrate her 99th birthday on March 12 at Wheatland Village. Myrtle is a 78-year member of Narcissa Lodge, having joined on March 18, 1930.

Our meeting on April 1 will be a social meeting with a pot luck supper at the IOOF Lodge Hall at 6 p.m. We are hoping others will join us for an evening of fellowship. Invitations are being sent to Bee Hive Lodge, Schuyler Lodge in Dayton and Integrity Lodge in Milton Freewater, Oregon.

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

Thanks from Hilda Sprague

I would like to thank all my Brothers and Sisters for the gifts and cards I received for my 102nd birthday. You made it a very special day for me.

I also hope that everyone has enjoyed the book of my life story. If there is anyone that I missed sending it to, it is available online at www.lulu.com. I inadvertently lost my list of names to whom I sent it. No one of my Brothers or Sisters is less important to me than another as I love you all equally.

I hope it has motivated some of you to write your own life history, because I received a great deal of pleasure going through the experience with Kit Bakke.

— In F. L. & T., Hilda Sprague

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Members of Trinity are saddened following the loss of one of our most dear members. Muriel Yahn passed away in her sleep on February 28. A memorial service was held in Auburn on March 5. Her goodness and always doing for others was an inspiration to all of us. As for myself, I always looked up to her with respect.

Lunch was enjoyed on February 29

to celebrate Leap Year. This only happens once in a great while.

We had a chili feed on March 21. This Friday evening event is greatly enjoyed by local Napavine citizens.

Happy birthday wishes for March go out to Cookie Music and Delia McNelly.

In F. L. & T., Debbie Lee,
Jr. PNG and Reporter

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SATURDAY, JUNE 21			
5:30 p.m. — Youth Banquet			
Chicken Lasagna	Adults \$20.00	_____	_____
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Cheddar Chive Chicken	\$25.00	_____	_____
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MONDAY, JUNE 23			
7:00 a.m. — President's Friendship Breakfast			
Plated Denver Omelet	\$15.00	_____	_____
7:00 a.m. — Grand Master's Breakfast			
Traditional Breakfast w/Bacon	\$15.00	_____	_____
6:30 p.m. — All Branch Banquet			
Roast Turkey Breast	\$25.00	_____	_____
Prime Rosemary Roasted Beef	\$25.00	_____	_____
TUESDAY, JUNE 24			
7:00 a.m. — TaNaMaKa Breakfast			
Continental Breakfast Buffet	\$15.00	_____	_____
7:00 a.m. — IOOF Representatives' Breakfast			
Traditional Breakfast w/ Sausage	\$15.00	_____	_____
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25			
7:00 a.m. — Rebekah Representatives' Breakfast			
Traditional Breakfast w/ Bacon	\$15.00	_____	_____
THURSDAY, JUNE 26			
7:00 a.m. — Grand Patriarch / Grand Matriarch Breakfast			
Three Cheese Quiche	\$15.50	_____	_____
Noon — Encampment / LEA Luncheon			
TBLT Croissant Sandwich	\$18.00	_____	_____
FRIDAY, JUNE 27			
Noon — Canton / LAPM Luncheon (All members welcome)			
Southwest Chicken Sandwich	\$18.00	_____	_____
TBLT Croissant Sandwich	\$18.00	_____	_____
Pre Registration Prior to June 1	\$15.00	_____	_____
Registration AFTER June 1, 2008	\$20.00	_____	_____
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In Spokane Valley

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

District #2 is back in business. Spring in the air and the District officers are on the "prowl" for good visits, for good entertainment and in Hope #38 base, their marvelous Musician is "tickling the ivories." It was a joy to listen to Sister Elsie Cogswell play the old American Irish tunes. The only thing that would have made the meeting better is Sherry Pond's dulcet tones. Ramona expects the District officers in April.

March did come in with a storm of meetings. During the first week, we had LAPM on Monday, LEA on Tuesday, Hope Rebekahs on Wednesday and initiation on Thursday.

At this time we need to thank all the Sisters who drive at night for picking up the "lily livered" ones for night meetings during the winter.

Ramona's and Wilford's project for March was to get good washable blankets for the Union Gospel Mission. Our "power-buying team" of Brother Elmer and Sister Selma found a good buy and had the blankets bought and delivered by our last meeting in

February! They never saw a sale they could resist!

At the last Temple Board Meeting, President Elmer Lindor's group passed a motion to build bookshelves in the old folding chair storage room to start a book exchange program. Great idea, Elmer! Our "multi purpose" man Tim Moon will get them in place and also put a shelf on the back porch railing for the summer barbecues. Tim is also making a raised platform for the Noble Grand's chair so he or she can see what's going on.

It was good to see Sister Fran out for our business lunch. Now all we have to do is charm Sister Shirley Gardner out of her cozy nook.

We were sorry to hear that Pine Forest #271 is closing its doors. Ione will surely miss those few active Sisters, but the clue is *few*. We all know the strain of building upkeep and dwindling membership.

Nothing like having a windy reporter. . .

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

At the Kelso Sessions

PP's to host sale table

The Rebekah Assembly Past Presidents will again be having a sale table at Assembly this year. Bring along a little extra cash and come shop with us. We will also be selling formals and tuxedos.

If anyone would like to contribute to our sale, please contact Karen Hoylman, chairman, at 360-825-3554 or e-mail at:

Karenskastle@aol.com. Please bring only small items for the table sale and formals in good condition. Proceeds from our sale are used to entertain our out-of-jurisdiction guests and a few other little expenses we have. Your support in any way will be appreciated.

— *In F. L. & T., Karen Hoylman*

Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

It's time to catch up!

On December 17, Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233 consolidated with Kapowsin #241. We welcome our new members and have already put some of them to work. That is the American way, right?

Again this year, we had a joint Installation of Officers with Yelm Rebekah #296. We look forward to this event. Their meeting days are the same as ours, so we are able to spend this day enjoying the company and to catch up with all the news.

Our Sister Nancy (Elliot) Elkins now lives in Montana and has transferred her membership to the Fort

Benton Rebekah Lodge. We are glad she found a lodge close and we wish her well.

Plans are being made for our District Meeting on April 19 at Collins Grange. Our Sister Lorraine Kramer is serving as Vice President.

To our members who are not able to come to lodge, drop us a line so we can keep in touch.

To our members who have been reported not "up to par," we wish you well. With spring arriving and hopefully a change in the weather, we hope you will be out and about soon.

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