

\$5,000 raised

March's National Junior Wheelchair Basketball tourney a huge success!!

Sixteen top-qualifying teams of youth wheelchair basketball players arrived at the final event of the season, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) Junior National Championships, March 29-31 at Renton High School. This year's host, Northwest Adaptive Sports and their youth team, the Seattle Junior Wheelchair Sonics, had two goals for the event: to bring a quality event to these youth equal to that of their peers' championship events, and to bring awareness to these amazing athletes. More than 300 youth, coaches, team staff, parents and college coaches were astonished by the weekend event, as were the spectators from the surrounding area. It was reported by many that from opening ceremonies to the championship games, the weekend was the "greatest!"



This plaque was presented to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in Washington which donated \$5,000 to help fund the championships.

One particular thank you received from a coach stated, "...this was the best tournament I have attended in 18 years."

Thanks go out to the hard work of dozens of volunteers, those who attended weekly and daily planning meetings, and the many sponsors who contributed to the huge success of this event. A special thanks goes to Tami English, of Northwest Adaptive Sports, and Roxanne Hanson, of the Renton Kiwanis Club, for their efforts in coordinating the event. They both had the vision that these youth deserved the best.

Thank you to members of Unity IOOF Lodge #18 in Puyallup who were on hand, along with members of the area Kiwanis Clubs, high school Key Clubs and Boy Scout Troop #406. These groups also sponsored by our Sponsored Youth Program, kept score at 32 games, helped feed 300 people each day, delivered water to each game, made posters and signs, greeted spectators and cheered on a team from the sidelines.

You would not know that these youth all have physical disabilities that brought them to wheelchair basketball. They play with the heart and hard work of the best players in any league. Many of these athletes were recruited for college wheelchair basketball teams from this event. One such experience happened to Malcolm from the Seattle Junior Wheelchair Sonic team. Malcolm, a high school junior, for his first time was able to apply to the NWBA All Academic Team, because he had worked hard to bring up his grade point average. Malcolm was honored with a plaque for being on the First All-Academic Team. His team was seeded eighth coming into the event and finished fifth with hard work from the entire team. Now Malcolm has even better reasons to succeed next year in basketball and school. He was recruited by many of the college coaches to come play basketball for them.

"It was a lot of work, but very rewarding," reports Unity #18 Brother Bill LeBlanc. "I wish that you could have all been on hand to see your donations at work. I can assure everyone that you would have been proud to be a part of this great event."

Bill had the pleasure of accepting a beautiful plaque on behalf of all the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from across the state who gave generously to help with the cost of putting on this event. Together we raised \$5,000 towards the overall cost and we were honored as a "Gold Sponsor." Come by to see the plaque that will be on display at the Grand Lodge and at the Grand Sessions in June.

Thank you again for your generous contributions that made this championship event the *best event ever!*

— Bill LeBlanc, Unity IOOF Lodge #18



Here's some of the action at the National Wheelchair Basketball Junior National Championships which were sponsored in part by Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in Washington. The event was held in Renton on March 29-31.

Sessions

June is the month all Units of our Order meet in Kelso

The annual conclave of all Units of our Order for the Jurisdiction of Washington is set for June 20 through 27 at the Red Lion Hotel in Kelso. If you have not made your hotel reservations or registered for the Sessions yet, you had better hurry. This is the fifth and last year the Sessions will be held at the Kelso location.

Sessions will be held for the Grand Lodge of Washington; Rebekah Assembly of Washington; Theta Rho Assembly of Washington; Grand Encampment of Washington; Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington; Washington Regiment of the Pacific Northwest Department, Patriarchs Militant; and the Department Association of Washington, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant.

Officers of all Units of the Order will be elected and installed during the Sessions. The All Unit Grand Banquet will be on Monday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. This year's banquet features a Western theme, so come decked out in your western duds!

Planning Board Secretary Jennie Reed reminds everyone of the day's schedule for Sunday, June 22. Assembly practice is at 9 a.m., followed by Theta Rho Installation of Officers at 11 a.m. A reception for all officers will be at 2 p.m. This is your chance to meet your Grand Officers. The officers of each grand body will be introduced. The reception is open to everyone. A Past Presidents Meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Past Presidents Banquet at 5:30 p.m. Finally, the day wraps up with a Memorial Service at 7 p.m.

See you all at the 2008 Sessions!

Rebekah Lodges: Please bring your yearbooks to the Sessions

If your Rebekah Lodge has a yearbook, the Fraternal Newspaper Committee requests that your Representative or someone from your lodge bring it to Assembly this year. A member of the committee could look it over and check the names. This will help with the newspaper mailing list. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

From your 2007-2008 Grand Master



JOHN CRISPIN

A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE

Early this May, Sister Marcia Presley and I participated in the 75th Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Virginia. When I visit Arlington National Cemetery I am struck by the level of contributions made by those who have gone before us. Each marker there stands for a man or woman who risked, and in many cases made the ultimate sacrifice for their Brothers and Sisters, fellow Americans and the world. The Tomb stands in remembrance of all those who made that ultimate sacrifice and are now known only to God. Any visit to Arlington and the Tomb is both humbling and inspiring and I am grateful to have been able to participate in an event honoring these men and women.

TAKING THE HIGH ROAD

In 1962 John F. Kennedy made an address at a college commencement in Houston, Texas. This was the height of the cold war, and the beginning of the space race. He announced to the people of the United States and the world our intention to put a man on the moon — not as an act of aggression but in peace for the benefit of all mankind. He also announced that the tax burden on every American would be increased as we invested in this endeavor. He reminded us of the words of William Bradford when speaking in 1630 of the founding of the Plymouth Bay Colony. Bradford said, “All great and honorable actions are accompanied with great difficulties, and both must be enterprised and overcome with answerable courage.” And Kennedy stated, “We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.”

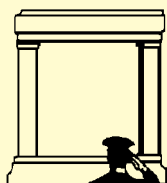
Our nation and Order exist today because our predecessors chose to stand up and take the high road, the hard road, not because it was easy but because it was the right thing to do — and it benefited their families, the communities and mankind. In a recent discussion I had, a Sister explained to me that I cannot expect lodges to engage in activities or projects that would raise even several hundred dollars over the course of a year for any cause. That those of us who proposed new projects and encouraged contributions in their support were out of touch and part of a “Country Club Set.” She was relaying her belief that the members of our Order are either incapable or unwilling to make any effort on its behalf. I believe that she is incorrect. My Brothers and Sisters, you are capable and have the skills and knowledge to make a difference, and a valuable contribution in your lodges and communities. Each one of us inherits a proud tradition as Americans and Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of working together to stand up, be counted, and take the actions that will improve our communities and our world. We must *chose* to do so.

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



Ceremony at the Tomb

Rebekah Assembly President Marcia Presley and Grand Master John Crispin hold the wreath they presented at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in early May.



From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

GRAND SESSIONS THIS MONTH

As we come to the end of another Odd Fellow year, my wish for all is to have a happy and harmonious Session. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington as your Grand Secretary this year.

In addition to fulfilling the routine duties of this office, it has been a pleasure to share our history with members and non-members with information of a relative's past Odd Fellow connection. While there were not as many looking for an Odd Fellow connection this year, I was happy to do the research and respond with my findings.

REPRESENTATIVES

Just as a reminder, be sure you bring your lodge's copy of the Advance Reports “Take Me” and your Representative's Certificate with you to Grand Lodge.

MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

To all, remember, Grand Lodge is a serious working meeting and an atmosphere of decorum is required. The Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge this year will be Brother Kenneth D. Higgins, Sovereign Grand Chaplain, who hails from the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri. Let's all meet and greet him and welcome him to the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington.

To all, I hope to see you in Kelso. I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

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

East/West Picnic

Take a look ahead and plan to be in Easton!!!

East-West picnic time is nearing. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14, 2008 and make plans to be there for fun, food and fellowship.

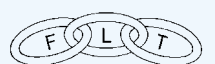
The picnic will again be held at Lake Easton State Park. The location is one mile west of the town of Easton. The park covers 516 acres and has 24,000 feet of shoreline on the Easton Reservoir and 2,000 feet on the Yakima River. There are 37 miles of hiking trails and nearly 135 campsites. Overnight camping is available in addition to the daytime picnic area. Bring your family members and friends for a day of sharing time.

We will have a pot luck lunch around noon. Drinks, plates and eating utensils will be provided. This event is for all members of the Order in our jurisdiction, not just one or two units. Let's get together for visiting, games and fun.

— Karen Hoylman, East-West Picnic Secretary



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From your 2007 - 2008 Assembly President



MARCIA PRESLEY

LET'S HOPE SUMMER IS ON THE WAY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write my last article for the *Washington Odd Fellow* newspaper, I realize that June is here and our Rebekah Assembly is nearly upon us. I can't believe that my year as your Assembly President will soon be over. These last three years have passed unbelievably fast. It seems like just yesterday I was elected Warden.



My years as a Rebekah have been some of my most enjoyable years of my life. I was initiated into Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #31 on March 16, 1965 (43 year ago) as a third generation member. I have enjoyed being Noble Grand numerous times over the years and have been my Lodge Secretary for 20 years or so. The Orting Odd Fellows Lodge #63 consolidated with Unity #18 Odd Fellows of Puyallup in the late 1960s. The Odd Fellows Hall in Orting, built in 1906, is the Orting Eagles Aerie #3480 Hall. My Rebekah Lodge has been meeting in the Orting Masonic Lodge Hall since 1969. We have just received word from the Masonic Temple Association that the Temple has been sold and we have to move out before June 1, 2008. Going through the papers and books, sorting out the things we no longer have to keep, have my memories of the years past on overdrive. One thing about memories, we will always have them with us. No one can take them away.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Brother and Sister of this Jurisdiction for all of their work for our great Order. I am very proud to have been able to represent this Jurisdiction these last three years, at IARA, other Jurisdictional Assemblies, District Meetings throughout the State and my official visits. Thank you isn't sufficient, but I truly will never forget the memories you have helped add to my memory bank.

I would like to thank my family for their support. My husband Dave always supported me in anything I wished to do until his passing on February 14, 2003. My son Dan, who passed away on April 24, 2002, always was interested in my lodge and community work. My twin sister Marie Wilkins (initiated the same time as I was) has always been behind me 100 per cent. My Sister Joy and her husband Bernard Rakes have always been supportive and interested in what I have done throughout my life. My two daughters, Karman and Kim, have always been there for me, getting me to the airport, feeding my cat Butch in my absence and keeping track of my travels. Without family and friends, these last three years would not have been possible. Thank you one and all. **Thanks for the memories!!**

Your lodge donations to my projects and to me personally are greatly appreciated. The wonderful dinners, lunches, special tours of your lodge halls and community historical buildings, your personal gifts to me and just being able to sit and visit with the members of Rebekahs will never be forgotten.

- T** is for your Thoughtfulness
- H** is for your Hospitality
- A** is for the new Acquaintances I have made
- N** is for Never giving up
- K** is for your Kindness
- Y** is for You just being You
- O** is for your Outstanding work for Our Order
- U** is for your Understanding and Undying faith

I hope to see as many of you, as possibly can attend the Assembly Session in Kelso. We have lots of work to do for our Rebekahs in this Jurisdiction and we will be able to say that this last year was a big success.

I leave you with one of my mottos: **"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."**

*As always in Friendship, Love and Truth,
Marcia Presley, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

~ In Memoriam ~

- **George Wale**, Enterprise IOOF Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Helen Dillon**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Pearl Shepard**, 81 year member, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22, Goldendale.
- **Inez Lamperti**, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.
- **Dorothy Catlow**, Ephrata Rebekah Lodge #223.
- **Bertha Little**, 65 year member, PNG, Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246, Grand View.

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

CAN IT BE TRUE? ASSEMBLY TIME IS HERE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Can you believe a year can fly by so fast? Here we are at Assembly Session time again. Do you have someone lined up to nominate for an Assembly Office? I hope you do and, if so, please do let one of the Executive Officers know. Perhaps we can assist in some way.



Mia culpa to all regarding the booklets Parliamentary Procedure for Presiding Officers and Manual of instruction for Rebekah Lodges. These were received from Sovereign Grand Lodge and I must apologize for not reading them thoroughly. Some of the statements do not apply to our Jurisdiction. For Example:

MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS	WASHINGTON CONSTITUTION OF REBEKAH LODGES
All elective officers shall be nominated at the first regular meeting in September and elected immediately after each one has been nominated.	Elective Officers shall be nominated at the last two (2) regular meetings held in October. . . .who shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in November. (pg. 20)
Closing: There is no mention of the Vice President leading the members in repeating the words "I am a Rebekah" before final closing.	Page 22 of your Charge Book
Installation: Officers shall be installed at the first regular meeting in October, following the annual session of the Rebekah Assembly, or as soon thereafter as possible.	All officers shall be installed into their respective officers during the month of January (Pg. 22)

I am sure there are other errors in these books. Please let me know if you find them and I will pass the word along. It is wonderful to know we have members who actually read this material and use it. This keeps the Secretary on her toes. These books should be in the Noble Grand's case or your Lodge locker and available to any lodge member for reference. This is good material for District Meetings.

After extensive contacts with the IRS, they have now put the lodges on a yearly return (year ending December 31). They have informed me that the lodges can file their returns after June 1. After this year the returns will be due the same as your regular income tax returns in May. It is my hope that they will see how ridiculous this is and cancel it in a few years.

I hope to see you all at Assembly. Take care and may your blessings be many and often.

*With Rebekah Love,
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
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Toll Free: 1-866-725-3508*

TaNaMaKa to meet June 23 at Grand Sessions in Kelso!!

The Order of TaNaMaKa will meet in the Longhouse on Monday night, June 23 at the Red Lion in Kelso following the banquet. All members need to be on the lookout for "Bear Meat."

We also will have a sales table this year, so bring any "treasures" you would like to donate. We will need volunteers to help set up the table and also work at the table.

If you are willing to help please contact Margaret Truttman, Secretary for TaNaMaKa, at maggie@olynet.com

We hope to see many of you Princesses and Princes at our annual meeting.

— Donna Tonn, President



Attending the Pasco Theta Rho #14 Installation of Officers are, front row from left, Lilly Gridley, Destiny Davies and Ashley Herrin. In the back row, from left, are Sherry Pond, Blanche Berry, Edmund L. Reitan, Jr., Frank Wilson, John Crispin, Brooklynn Davies and Phil Crawford.

Pasco Theta Rho #14 installs new officers!!

Sherry Pond was the Installing Officer as new leaders for Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club were installed recently. New officers include President Destiny Davies and Vice President Jessica Steinwand.

We have been working on our community service projects and getting ready for Theta Rho Sessions this month in Kelso.

We helped Pasco IOOF Lodge #257 with their 100 year celebration on April 19 by taking part in the program. Ashley Herrin did the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language. We also put on a skit. Sherry Pond led the Odd Fellows in a dance. We saw a sight we never thought we would see and rather hoped that we wouldn't, but we witnessed Grand Master John Crispin dancing with a yellow feather boa!!

We look forward to seeing you all in June.

— *In Happiness Through Service,*
Brooklynn Davies, Secretary, Pasco Theta Rho #14



LADY BLANCHE BERRY

From the Washington Regimental President

I THINK SPRING HAS FINALLY SPRUNG

This is my last letter to all of my Ladies and friends. I have enjoyed my year as your President.

I'm sorry that I wasn't able to get up to visit Skagit or Goldendale, but with the bad weather and the cost of gas, it seems a lot of things had to be changed.



I hope that we will be able to keep our Auxiliaries going for a long time, but it seems that we are fighting a losing battle.

Everyone is so busy and the younger members who work can't make daytime meetings. The older Ladies can't or don't want to be out after sundown because of surroundings or traffic. But Ladies, let us keep the purpose for our Auxiliaries in mind and do all that is possible to keep doing what we can.

If you hear of a needy person or a lady who needs assistance with anything, be the person she or they can count on to help in anyway we can.

If we have to join with Oregon like the men have done, I only hope that we be able to remain a strong unit and work with them to keep strong. We will know in August if we will be our own unit or if we will be the "Pacific Northwest Unit."

As I said previously, this is my last letter and with it goes all my heartfelt love for all of my Sisters, Matriarchs and the Ladies of this great Order. I have been a member for 55 years and I have tried to live by the teachings of our Order in all three branches. I want to thank everyone for their support and help during this past year and to my Auxiliary #2 for all the support they have given me. Thanks to Ruth Berglund for her teachings and advice when asked.

Chivalrously yours, Blanche Berry,
President, Washington Department LAPM

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Hopefully by the time the June newspaper comes out we will really be having June weather. We had the only really warm sunny day this spring on the day of the Holland Happening Parade and that was great! After the parade we all went to Wendy's to have lunch together.

We had a nice time visiting with some of the residents when we delivered the Mothers' Day cards and carnations.

We had to change the date of our party, but we did have it and invited our families and friends who might be interested in joining. We had a sock hop and the Noble Grand of our sponsoring lodge came down and set up her Karaoke machine for us. That was a lot of fun, too. We had pizza and other finger foods that our members provided. We hope that we will get some more members from this.

We are busy trying to get things ready for Assembly in June, so we have not made any other plans for this month. We hope to see many of you at Sessions in Kelso.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend A Reception for



Judy Inman
Grand Matriarch



Grand Ladies Encampment of Washington

Saturday, September 6, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Chimacum IOOF Hall #343

11323 Rhody Drive, Port Hadlock, Washington

~ **Host & Hostess Lodges** ~

Mt. Angeles LEA #88

Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #11

Celesta Rebekah Lodge #333

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168

Mt. View Rebekah Lodge #34

Mt Baker IOOF Lodge #9

Friendship IOOF Lodge #145

On Camano Island

H.P. Downs Unified Encampment to host Pork Chop feed on July 13

H.P. Down Unified Encampment #61 will once again host the Pork Chop barbecue at the Camano Island Park on Sunday, July 13 starting at noon. We hope to see many of you there and that you will bring your friends. Maybe they might get interested in joining our Order.

The cost will be the same as last year — \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. The menu will be Barbecued Pork Chop and Chicken, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, green beans, salad, rolls and butter, dessert and a drink. Last year we had a problem, so this year each person will receive one meat item with the meal and if you choose to have more, you will be charged a nominal fee for the second piece of meat.

The meal will be followed by the Park Board Meeting and any member of the Order is eligible to sit in on the meeting. We're looking forward to seeing you in July

— *Judy Diekman, PCM and Reporter*

Photo gallery now on Washington's website

The Grand Lodge of Washington's website has the photo gallery up and running. If you would like to have pictures of your event posted, please e-mail your photos and all pertinent information to webmaster@ioofwa.org

If you would like to view the photo gallery or just browse the Grand Lodge's website, go to ioofwa.org and click on "Photo Gallery."



CFO Terry Nix, far right, receives a check for \$20,000 from the estate of William Bond. From left, John Brigham, Odd Fellows Home Administrator and John Paulson, Director of Development, are thrilled with William's generous gift!

Thanks, William

Brother Bond leaves \$20,000 to Home

In the fall of 2005, I received a telephone call from William Bond. He asked if I would meet with him at his Walla Walla apartment. I scheduled an appointment and once the introductions were over, William posed the big question, "would I take care of his estate upon his death?" Before I had an opportunity to answer, he handed me a hand-written obituary. I sat back in my chair and listened as William proceeded to lay out the details of his life.

William's life was a life of service. He served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the U S Air Force. After his discharge, he worked as a machinist for the Union Pacific Railroad and eventually found employment as a guard at the Washington State Prison in Walla Walla. Retiring after 30 years of service, he remained in the Walla Walla area and became friends with Bill Kelly, Sr. One would often find them walking around town, chatting with friends and stopping by the Odd Fellows Home to see Terry Nyman.

During William's visits to the Odd Fellows Home, he had an opportunity to observe, firsthand, the daily activities of a retirement community. As a result, his love and appreciation for the Home grew over the years. An Odd Fellow since 1945, William strongly believed that the organization was worthy of his support.

William Bond passed away on December 12, 2007 at the age of 95. In his "Last Will and Testament," he left the majority of his estate to the Odd Fellows Home Endowment Fund. Thank you, William, for your trust and faith in our mission. We will not disappoint you! One solitary man made a huge difference —how about you?

— John Paulson, Director of Development, Odd Fellows Home



Fern Rebekah Lodge #26

Friendship Rebekah Lodge #44



Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147

Cordially Invite You To A Reception Honoring Jennie Reed

President of the Rebekah
Assembly of Washington

Sunday, September 7 at Noon
McCleary VFW Hall

158 North Summit Road, McCleary, Washington

Wanted: Female roommate for
Rebekah Assembly Session in Kelso
Contact: Neita Stearns, (509) 629-2029

Dates to Remember!

- **Saturday, September 6 at 1 p.m.** — Reception for Grand Matriarch Judy Inman, Chimacum IOOF Hall, Port Hadlock.
- **Sunday, September 7 at 1 p.m.** — Reception for Assembly President Jennie Reed, McCleary VFW Hall.
- **Sunday, September 14 at Noon** — East-West Picnic at Easton State Park.
- **Saturday, September 27 at 1 p.m.** — Reception for Grand Patriarch Gene Coston, Des Moines IOOF Hall.
- **Saturday, October 18 at Noon** — Reception for LAPM President Sandra Moon, Spokane IOOF Temple.
- **Saturday, October 25, 1 p.m.** — Reception for Grand Master Frank Wilson, Olympic Baptist Church.

It was an enjoyable Day for District #26

Our Spring Meeting of District Association #26 was hosted by Unity Rebekah Lodge #53 of Auburn with 15 of our members present, plus our special guest Betty Young who is the Grand Scribe of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington.

During the meeting, Betty gave an informative talk on the Adult Visual Aid program. This program gives assistance to adults who need it for eye exams and glasses. Applications can be obtained from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment, Harry Coulter.

Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #31 of Orting entertained us with some thought provoking questions which we all enjoyed. The elected officers were seated by members of Unity Lodge who also welcomed us. Karen Hoylman, PP and Past Grand Matriarch, gave a talk of explanation of the Encampment and it's Auxiliary. Eola lodge #63 of Buckley introduced the Past Presidents of District #26 by naming each a flower which they then explained. Each one received a pansy from Eola. There were 11 of our 21 past presidents in attendance.

Two of our members have passed away since our last meeting. They are Mary Curtiss and Marie Mars.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 1 p.m., hosted by Eola Rebekah Lodge in Buckley. Guests will be welcome.

— In F, L. & T., Karen Hoylman

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

We have some more good news. Last night we initiated a new Rebekah. We welcome Cyndy Hawk to our membership. Work will permit her to come to our first meeting each month.

We also have some not-so-good news. We had to send out several friendly reminders to members. We hope those whose dues expire at the end of June will send them in and save us some reminder postage.

Get well wishes go out to Larry Norman, a member of both lodges.

After his third hospitalization, he now has an at-home visiting nurse. We miss you at lodge, Larry.

For some of our members, we pray for comfortable days.

Our joint lodge potluck picnic is scheduled for July 27. We will eat at 1 p.m. We hope the weather will be dry and warm this year.

Happy Fathers' Day to all of our Brothers. To all, remain well and have a wonderful summer.

Fraternally,
Don & Florence Cowdery, Reporters

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

This year there is a change of plans for June. In previous years following one of our June meetings, we would go to the Dairy Queen for a social time and ice cream. This year at our June 10 meeting at the Odd Fellows Home, we will have a "Build Your Own Sundae" social time following the regular meeting. All members are to bring a dollar to cover expenses. Karen Schultz, Noble Grand, will see that the ice cream and toppings get there.

Our members enjoyed attending the 100th anniversary of Integrity

Rebekah Lodge in Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

Many of our members have been on the ill list this spring. Jeannette Oswald, Mary Denton and Anna Martien still couldn't make our last meeting, but reports say they are doing much better.

Our Sister Inez Lamperti passed away in April. Our sympathies are with her family.

May you all have an enjoyable summer.

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

In Kennewick

Althea Rebekah Lodge #182

Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 in Kennewick and Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242 in Pasco honored Assembly President Marcia Presley at a luncheon during her official visitation. President Marcia told us about her project for the Home in Walla Walla and for Theta Rho. It was a very interesting and informative meeting. We enjoyed hearing about her visits to other lodges and attending many functions. She also told us what we, as Rebekahs, stand for and what we should continue to do.



Assembly President Marcia Presley, center, is flanked by Barbara German, left, and Winona Sleater, right, who presented Marcia with personal and project gifts.

Barbara German and other Sisters exemplified the emblem of the Rebekah Degree, which Barbara did by memory. Community Service awards were presented to both Althea and Golden Rule Lodges. President Marcia presented other awards to Mina Betts, June Phillips, Barbara German and Sharleen Davies.

Juanita McElveny, who hasn't been able to come to lodge, surprised us with her presence. It was so nice to see her. Sisters, remember all the other shut-ins who can't get to lodge. We miss them all.

— In F., L. & T., Elsie Brand, Secretary

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

Our "Bakeless Bake Sale" brought in a tidy sum. Next we will save our small change drive during July and August. We still need ideas for unusual ways to raise money as we want to continue our Community Service projects, as well as the ones our Order has.

Jenene Munson, our Treasurer, is recuperating from a fractured bone in her upper leg. While recuperating and doing rehabilitation, she made May Day baskets for the residents at the rehabilitation center and for our lodge members.

Beverly Bird's husband is home after going to the hospital with food

poisoning.

We lost another Sister, Bertha Little, a PNG and a member for 65 years.

Ruth File has Plantar Fasciitis in one foot. No cure just keep exercising.

Sorry I couldn't attend the Rebekah Assembly President's visit at Alder #80, but my kids gave me a trip to Hawaii for Mothers' Day.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Offering advice may be noble and grand, but it's not the same as a helping hand."

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

Miriam Rebekahs #25 and Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Greetings to all of our Sisters and Brothers. It has been a while since I have sent in a report.

At our last meeting, we were honored with a visit from Marcia Presley, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. It was good to see her. She presented two awards to our Noble Grand, Sister Donna Miller. They were from the Arthritis Foundation and Visual Research. She gave us an interesting talk and she had her quilt with her that will be raffled off at Rebekah Assembly in Kelso this

June. Several members bought tickets. The money from the ticket sales goes toward her project. Our NG Donna Miller presented a check to Sister Marcia for her project.

We also sent a donation to the "Sponsored Youth of Washington." We still donate food to our local food bank.

This is all for now. Take care and may God bless!

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

We are busy making plans for our Friendship Night Luau on Wednesday, June 4 and hope to have a good turnout from the other lodges in our District.

We had 25 applications for our scholarship and the committee of Allyce Lane, Mary Stewart and Judy Diekman screened them down to three finalists which were presented in lodge. We chose Alyssa Sexton as the recipient of our \$500 scholarship. She is a pre-med student.

The Brothers entertained us for Mothers' Day and presented each of us with two lovely plants to brighten up our yards. Maybe this will help bring on some warmer weather.

At our second meeting in June, we

will honor our Brothers for Fathers' Day. Then we will be on break until September. However, we have a garage sale planned for this summer and another craft night where our Noble Grand will be teaching us scrapbooking techniques.

We are enjoying our new members and they have gotten right in and become working members.

It was so nice to have Sister Doral Shelton back at our meeting as her music adds so much to our meetings. Welcome back, Doral!

We wish for all of you a safe and fun summer.

In Rebekah Love,
Judy Diekman,
PPRA & Reporter

Pasco #257 marks 100 years

Pasco Odd Fellows Lodge #257 enjoyed a very successful and memorable day for everyone who attended our 100th Anniversary celebration on April 19. Pasco Odd Fellows thank everyone for attending and participating in our program. Special thanks to the members of Richland IOOF Lodge #338 for their assistance before and after the celebration.

Many past and present officers of the various units of the order were welcomed and introduced. They included Grand Master John Crispin, Deputy Grand Master Frank Wilson, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Edmund L. Reitan, Jr., DDGM for District #16 Phil Crawford, Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment Sherry Pond, LAPM President Blanche Berry and Theta Rho Assembly Warden Brooklynn Davies of Pasco.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Sherry Pond with Pasco Theta Rho #14 member Ashley Herrin assisting in the Pledge by signing.

Following the program, a buffet dinner was served in the dining room. Everyone had a good time enjoying the fellowship and renewing of past acquaintances.

— In F., L. & T., Wanda Boggess, Recording Secretary

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Greetings from Olympia,

Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 will be holding its annual garage sale fundraiser on Saturday, June 7. They need good serviceable items donated to the cause. Please contact Chairperson Earlene Carlson at (360) 943 1976 for details and time.

The park is looking great, as always, this time of year. It has been mowed, weeded and ready for use by our Brothers and Sisters. The Park Board feels that because of high gas prices, the park will be well-utilized this summer. The new bathroom has been roughed in for plumbing and the sheet rock is partially up. By the time you read this, the remodel to accommodate those who need wheelchair access should be completed. Walt and I hauled three pallets of old wood out to the park for fire wood. The wood is old and full of nails, so be careful.

The Park Board has installed a collection box for campground use payments. The box is in the kitchen and it

is locked. Please utilize this feature as it will assist the Park Board in the collection of campground usage fees.

Rick Garcia, reporting for the cemetery, states all is well. They are looking into purchasing a wood chipper. The office looks great with a new roof. The Cemetery Board will be recruiting help in cleaning up the cemetery shop. Contact Rick for times of the clean-up.

The new roof for lodge should be laid sometime in May. It is a big and expensive job. Joe and George and others have been up on the roof many times patching leaks.

The summer food program is ready to go. Jeff Johnson and his company donated a very generous \$1,500 to the program. Our lodge and the families that the program assists thank you sincerely, Jeff. Contact Mary Kitsch if you would like to assist in passing out food stuffs at Wal-Mart.

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Good news! Cora Walker is feeling much better. She had pneumonia, plus other ills. Beulah Crocker had E.Coli infection, but she has improved a lot. Minnie Epling's son Bob is still being treated. Luellyn Ainsworth's son Bill had more surgery. Hopefully he can come to Pe Ell soon. He's been in Missouri since December with his son Neil. Carolyn Miller is feeling much better. Her high blood pressure has finally stabilized.

Our spring has finally started and the flowers are starting to bloom. During one week we had snow or hail every day. It is so nice to see sunshine and flowers blooming.

We are giving a scholarship, but we will have to tell you who in the September newspaper.

The city has bought the VFW Hall and is doing some remodeling to make it a community center. Our best wishes to them. We will continue to

meet in the same building.

It is so nice to have the highway open from Pe Ell to Raymond. It was closed from December 3 to March 16 when it was finally opened full-time.

"Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are."

"Happiness is an inside job."

— From "Smile"

Beulah Crocker and her sister Marian Moon just returned from a cruise in Mexico and other parts.

Luellyn Ainsworth walked in the "Survivor's Lap" on May 16 for the American Cancer Society. That is really a joy. This was the third year for her.

"The best thing about spring is that it comes when it is most needed."

— From "Smile"

We wish everyone a pleasant summer. With love and good health to all.

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



From left, PG Laurel Delony, Jr. PG John Nelson, VG Holly Houser and NG Joanne Balmer hold a check for Fisher House in the amount of \$243.

South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211

Finally! Updates for South Tacoma!

Our lodge held a garage sale along with the South Tacoma Rebekahs to make money to donate to a charity of each lodge's choice. We decided to donate our share to the Grand Master's project, Fisher House. A check for \$243 and change was handed over to our District Deputy Grand Master Loletta McCormick to hand deliver to the Grand Lodge. Thanks go to Brothers John Nelson, Steve Tjelde, Rod Wilson, Sisters NG Joanne Balmert, VG Holly Houser and Laurel Delony for all the time and hand work that went into making the garage sale a success.

The week following the garage sale, we had a work party at the hall. The following people were instrumental in a successful cleanup: Steve Tjelde pressured washed the front of our building; John Nelson replumbed the sink and we no longer have a leak; NG Joanne scraped the ceiling and patched in the dining room; and Holly and Laurel took apart a lot of old stuff making the hall lighter and brighter. We also found an old bathroom. Don't ask! Just know that it's cleaned up and it works. We did a lot of basic house cleaning, too!

A big hello to Glenn Morgan who is now living at Patriots Landing in Dupont and to Richard Swanson who is having heart problems. We miss you both.

Our lodge is planning on another money-maker, but that's a secret for now. We will let you know what it is once we have it up and running.

— In F, L. & T., Laurel Delony, Secretary

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Greetings, Sisters! Here it is June and we are now enjoying warmer weather. We did have a cold spring in April and the beginning of May, but we finally had a nice ending for May. My husband is happy now. He has been able to get his garden planted.

We packed our Baggies during the May 6 meeting and they were all delivered to the Hope Center in Moses Lake. The rest of the items were counted and put away for our fall packing and delivering. Sisters, feel free to purchase any needed items for our fall packing. Consult someone to see what is needed. You can donate at any time.

We enjoyed a taco lunch hosted by NG Wanda Hirst. It was more fun than a sack lunch.

We hope that the Rebekah Assembly will have a profitable meeting this month on the coast.

Thank you Sisters for all the things

you save for me. I will be busy cataloging and getting them mailed to the proper places. Just keep saving them for me.

We are planning a birthday party for our member Katie Eckhart who lives in a home in Davenport. She will be 99 on June 7, but we are having cake and ice cream on Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. We hope to have about six Sisters or so there to enjoy the day with her.

Our hostess for the May 20 meeting was Sister Dot Kelly.

Oh, what a lovely surprise. Sister Betty Roller gave each of us colored wooden flower ornaments for our yards. They were beautiful Mothers' Day gifts. Thanks ever so much!

May each and every one of you have a wonderful summer.

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

Bothell Odd Fellow Lodge #124

Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge #54

On April 16, the Gilman Rebekahs hosted our District Meeting in Fall City with President Zoe Whitman presiding.

The lodges voted unanimously to accept all of the impending changes in the bylaws. The lodges also recommended changing the District Meeting schedule to an early lunch and afternoon meeting due to extreme traffic conditions in the area.

Following the morning session, a delicious lunch was served. The afternoon session opened with a memorial service for our members who had passed away during the year. Following all new business, honors

and awards, the meeting was turned over to Nancy Graesser who presented a lovely hat and purse display which had belonged to her mother. Nancy also gave a brief history of hats and their importance in keeping folks protected and how hats also used to be a display of respect for people earning high honors.

In closing, President Zoe Whitman gave very nice "goody bags" to all who assisted at the meeting.

We wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer and we will be happy to welcome all of you back in September.

Betty Hugg, Reporter

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Noble Grand Flossie Morey has been keeping us busy this year. We had a "backwards night." We wore all of our clothes backwards. There is nothing funnier than looking like your head is on backwards. . . :-) Loletta McCormick joined us for the meeting and since her undergarments were also backwards (at least that's what she said), she won the prize for wearing the most backwards clothes.

Our lodge had a joint garage sale with the South Tacoma Odd Fellows. Thanks go to Sisters Barb Nelson, Hazel Thompson, Holly Houser, Joanne Balmert and Laurel Delony for spending their whole Saturday working the sale. The Rebekahs share of the money was donated to a local food bank. We'd like to thank all of our members who donated sale items.

We voted to provide meals for the Odd Fellows on their work party day. VG Joanne brought sloppy Joes for lunch and donuts for breakfast. Thanks ,Sister Joanne!

We had our Friends Night on May 15. We entertained four members of Mystic Rebekah #168, Bremerton Friendship IOOF Lodge #145 and two members from Unity Rebekah #53 in Auburn. Although there weren't many people, we still had a lot of fun. We had the old "orange in the pantyhose race," flew toy airplanes, and played

our own version of lodge hall golf. Unfortunately I deleted the pictures from my camera before I wrote this article, but you can still see them on the Grand Lodge of Washington website. Just click on the "Photo Gallery" button. After the games we all retired to the dining room for homemade gumbo, panini sandwiches, and a chocolate fountain with sliced fruit and angel food cake to dip into the chocolate.

Our thanks goes to Sister Barb Nelson and her son Andy who is the winner of one of the L.J. Jones \$2,500 scholarships. He is learning to become a chef, so what better place to practice then at a Mardi Gras Friends Night?

This summer we are foregoing the annual picnic. Instead our lodge has reservations with Argosy Cruises in Seattle. We will be boarding a boat and taking a tour of Puget Sound and having a lovely brunch. We are all looking forward to the cruise.

Our Noble Grand Flossie has a project this year. We are collecting school supplies for children to be handed out in late August or early September in time for school. Any one wishing to donate can contact our Secretary Carol Robertson.

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

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Our meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 1. Members agreed to send a donation to the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla for flowers to arrive in time for Mothers' Day.

The work schedule for our rest area coffee stop was passed around for members to sign up for a shift. During the first week in June, we will be serving coffee at the northbound rest area. This is a fund-raiser we all enjoy. Talking to the travelers who stop by for a break is fun and they thank us for the coffee and cookies.

As I write this, we are busy with final plans for our Friendship Night which was held on May 15. It was a potluck. We hope everyone enjoyed good fellowship.

We have another new grandma in our lodge to join Evelyn Woody. Bonnie Hadaller showed us adorable pictures of her new grandson born recently. Babies are a blessing and they are so cute, but they grow up so fast.

Dorothy Sloan left for a vacation on May 10. She went to southern California to visit with a daughter and family. I told her to enjoy the sunshine and to have a good time.

Our lodge dinner will be held at the 49's Restaurant in Kelso on Thursday, June 19. This is our last get-together before summer break. Husbands and family are invited and we usually have a good time.

Birthday wishes for the month of May go out to Bonnie Hadaller and Evelyn Woody. We wish them both very happy birthdays.

Our meeting was adjourned and we listened to a senior citizen poem read by Hilma Bowen.

Secret Sister gifts were passed out along with a lot of thank yous were exchanged.

Mothers' Day decorations and refreshments were provided by Alice Sanford and Genie Young.

Until next time. . .

Cookie Music, PNG & Reporter

In Seattle

Ballard/Alki IOOF Lodge #170

BALLARD STRAWBERRY FEED ON JUNE 26

It's time for our annual strawberry feed on Thursday, July 26 at 7 p.m. We'll have ice cream and plenty of whipped cream to go along with the fruit. Music will be provided by the "Grand Band," a mixture of Dixie and the classics.

On April 19 we put on a Degree Day. We welcome to the Scarlet Degree Brothers Bob Gale, Max Burdick and Clark Silliman. We were a little short-handed, but everyone pitched in and did the performance portion of the degree work. Who knew our Noble Grand Katie Gray had such a gigantic voice? What a blessing it is to join together to minister the teachings of our Order to our new members.

It has been a hard year for many members in our lodge. There has been sickness and death in many of the Brothers' families. Jobs are in flux and we will be losing Brother Burdick to the Navy Band this July. Thankfully, our travails have made us closer as a lodge.

We are trying to keep our eye on our goals for the year: taking care of the physical health of the lodge building, bringing in new members and performing degree work. For fun we are talking about a weekend at the Camano Island Park, going to the zoo and starting up a monthly movie night. We also are planning on doing some visiting. Hopefully we will see many of you soon

— Yours in F, L. & T., Greg Powers, PG

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Lodges!

Newspaper is on summer vacation

Most of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will be on summer recess in July and August and we at *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper will do the same.

There will be no newspaper published during the next two months. Our next deadline is August 10 for the September, 2008 edition.

One of the problems we always encounter in September is a very high number of newspapers being

returned because of change of addresses. Just because you are on vacation, don't forget to let us know if you move or change your address during the summer.

Above is a change of address form. Please use it if you move this summer.

Thanks and have a great summer. We wish you a happy and prosperous summer and we will be back in touch this fall.

— *Your Editor*

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We continue to carry out several projects. Many trees in our area were lost during the January 4 wind storm and, as a result, our Living Legacy project this year was a monetary donation to the city to help replace trees in the IOOF section at the cemetery. We received a note of thanks, from the IOOF Home for the money we sent to our two adopted Sisters who are Home residents. Proceeds from the past two silver drills will be used to help purchase Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day flowers for the Home.

Those reported ill these during the months of April and May were Marvyl Kinzer, Elsie Wells, Arline Maxson, Aramae Buckingham, Jeannette Oswald and Polly Komarek who had shoulder surgery. Sisters Elsie Wells and Judy Zohner visited Polly while in Spokane and said that she was recuperating nicely.

Several of our Sisters have experienced the death of their loved ones recently. We extend our sympathies to Rosemary Hicks in the loss of her husband, Lee, in April, and to Elsie Wells whose long-time friend George Wale also passed away last month. Betty Sauer lost her husband Martin in May.

Aramae Buckingham read a condolence in memory of Helen Dillon who was a 61-year member. After leaving Walla Walla, Helen and her husband lived in Montana until her death on April 28. We extend our sympathies to her family.

We thank our recent refreshment hostesses who have been Jackie Klicker, Nancy Klicker, Elsie Wells and Jeanine Griffin.

Art Schreiber reported on District Meeting. Everyone was pleased to have both Assembly President Marcia

Presley and Vice President Jennie Reed in attendance. The speaker, representing the "Vision" Committee, gave an excellent presentation that was educational and enjoyed by all. Awards presented to Narcissa at District meeting were: "Arthritis," "Higher Education" and "Community Service."

Several of our Sisters attended the 100th anniversary celebration of Integrity Lodge in Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

We are planning an initiation of three candidates on June 3 and have invited Bee Hive Lodge to participate. Jane Hanson is in charge of the degree work.

There was a big smile on Jeanine Griffin's face as she departed early from our last meeting. She was on her way to the airport to meet her grandson who just completed serving in Iraq for eight months. We all share in her happiness and the pride she is feeling.

For some reason our Noble Grand Barbara Lechner is collecting baby pictures from our members and we are all very curious as to what she is planning to do with them. Barbara is a very creative person and her ideas have provided a positive and happy atmosphere at our meetings.

Narcissa, in conjunction with LD #2, will have a picnic on Tuesday, June 17 at 6 p.m. We hope that Bee Hive members will join us for this social time at the Clinton Street Apartment picnic shelter. We will then recess for the summer months and look forward to meeting again on Tuesday, September 2 at the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall.

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

Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 - Buckley

We are so very proud of our member Florence Frogge' who has won the L.J. Jones Scholarship. Her mother, dad, grandmother, and two aunts also belong to our lodge. Her great grandmother and great, great grandmother were members until their passing. Florence is also a Past President of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club and is presently the Junior Past President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington. Florence plans to be an elementary teacher.

This year, we have made donations to our local food bank, the Rebekah Assembly President's project, Adult Visual Aid, the Theta Rho Hotel Fund and the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club of which we are a co-sponsor.

At our last meeting, member Katie Petrovich brought some formals to

donate to our Theta Rho Club. The girls always appreciate receiving these. Their Advisor, Kendra, tries to keep a supply on hand for them.

The Franciscan Medical community held a banquet on April 30 in Tacoma, honoring all the volunteers from their several hospitals. Our member, Karen Hoylman, was honored and presented with a pin for her 16 years of volunteering at the Enumclaw Regional Hospital, mostly in the Gift Shop, plus helping with the immunization clinics and blood drives.

Our Noble Grand Tom, is hoping to get a picnic planned with the Odd Fellows this summer. We are looking forward to having this event.

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

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings from sunny and dry Central Washington. The rain still seems to go around us and leave us needing moisture. Of course the wind blows. Spring flowers are beautiful, the fruit trees are in blossom and the wheat is a brilliant green.

Our joint meeting with Tempest #114 for the visit of President Marcia Presley was a really pleasant occasion. Only 18 members were able to attend. A great luncheon was enjoyed by everyone. We had a very pleasant surprise when Phyllis Rodgers, Warden of the Rebekah Assembly, dropped in. All of Waterville's active members were in attendance.

The scholarship offered by our lodge to a Waterville High School graduating senior goes to Andrew Pickett. Sister Irene Kossow will present the scholarship at the awards ceremony.

The Memorial Day Committee will

place a memorial and flowers at the cemetery mausoleum.

A June lodge/district picnic is being discussed.

Here it is June and half the year is gone. It is time to honor our fathers on their special day.

Grand Sessions will once again be in Kelso on June 20-27. Planning to attend from our lodge are PP Irene Kossow, Parliamentarian; PNG Lois Clark, Assembly Inside Guardian; PP Fay Bowers-Holland, Representative and PGM Frank Holland.

Recess in July and August gives all time to vacation, travel (??) and be ready for fall and September.

We hope everyone has a nice summer and everyone enjoys good health. Happy vacation! See you in September.

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

If April showers bring May flowers, what do April snows bring? Late garden planting, frost covered tulips, inconvenience and that sort of thing.

My word, dear Sisters, if March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, this past April could be construed as an Australian Platypus! There was rain, hail, snow, sunshine, and everything but tornados. Oh well, our Rebekah Sisters shook off all the bad weather like water off a duck's back and got down to business.

The meetings were held on April 10, April 24 and May 8 where the Sisters had a roaring good time. Sandy Beane and Jacquje Crabbe served refreshments on April 24, and Cookie Music and Debby Lee served refreshments on May 8 with a Mothers' Day theme. We were all as happy as clams to celebrate Helen Petrie's birthday on May 8. We wish her many, many more.

The chili feeds and the card parties are going well and we Rebekah Sisters are as proud as peacocks. Feel free to attend either one. Chili feeds are on the third Friday of the month and card parties are on the first Friday of the month at 11 a.m. We would love to see you here.

The husbands of the Rebekah Sisters strutted their stuff for a May 8 fund-raiser. They directed cars for parking at a local concert. A big thank you to Buzz Williams, Lee Koontz and Jim Music, for a doing fantastic job well worth crowing about.

Spring is finally here and, as you can see, Trinity #179 is a zoo of activity. Summer will be here before we know it and we will all be busy little bees, but hopefully not too busy to savor the nectar of life. Blessings, dear Sisters. Until next month. . .

*In F., L. & T., Debbie Lee,
Reporter*

PNP's Association

It's 'Happy Days' on June 5

The Past Noble Grands' Association will meet on Thursday, June 5 at the Warren Rebekah Hall in Roy. A luncheon will be served by hostesses Elizabeth Morgan, Dorothy Ray and Dorothy Nelson at noon.

President Emmarae Hepp's theme for the day is "Happy Days, You all!" Installation of new officers will be held. Sister Mary Robinson will be installed as President.

The PNG Drill Team will have the honor of seating new Assembly Officers in in Kelso this month.

Congratulations to President Marcia Presley and her staff.

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