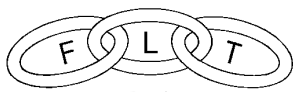


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PGM Alfred Diset passes away July 1

Past Grand Master Alfred "Al" L. Diset, age 93, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2008 after having a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Jan. 22, 1915 in Malta, Montana to Didrick and Clara Diset. He was the oldest of three sons. He was married to Barbara J.



AL DISET

Wolfington for 58 years until her death in 1993. They moved from Los Angeles, Calif. to Oroville in 1942. Al raised apples from 1943 to 1975 when he retired.

During his 66 years of making his home in Oroville, he was involved with many local projects and community activities. He was a Boy Scout leader for many years. His children during their school years could always count on Dad to be at all of their activities. He was a member of the Senior Center and Methodist Church. Al was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) for more than 60 years. Brother Al served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1984-85. He was actively involved with the IOOF Home located in Walla Walla, Wash. He became a Past Grand of Orville IOOF Lodge #255 on June 10, 1946.

In 2005 he was Grand Marshal of the Oroville May Day Parade. He was pleased

to receive this honor and with his sense of humor stated, "I enjoyed practicing the parade wave."

He and his wife enjoyed traveling. One of the highlights was their trip to Norway, the home of his ancestry. While his grandchildren were growing up, during their visits he always enjoyed taking them fishing, which was one of his favorite hobbies. He was also an avid stamp collector.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Where does East meet West?

At the East-West picnic, of course! It's for all Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and Theta Rho Girls. Plan to be at Lake Easton Park on Sunday, September 14. Bring a dish for the pot luck lunch which will be at 1 p.m. Plates, cups and eating utensils will be provided.

Family and friends are welcome. Let's get together for an afternoon of relaxation. The park is centrally located just off Interstate 90 at Easton.

— Karen Hoylman, East-West Picnic Secretary

Museum of Flight

Theta Rhos invited to a 'Challenge'

Theta Rho Girls from Washington are invited to the Challenger Center at the Museum of Flight in Seattle on Saturday, October 18. Theta Rho members get first priority on the simulator mission which will begin at 2 p.m. The cost is free to the first 30 girls and their prospective members. The regular admission is \$10.

If we do not fill up all 30 spots and the eight chaperone/advisor slots, then we will cover the admission of the supervisory parents who attend as space is available.

Please e-mail Allan Reitan at: careitan2000@yahoo.com. If you do not have access to e-mail, then call him at: (253) 653-4590 and leave a message. The cut off date is Wednesday, October 15.

— In F. L. & T., C. Allan Reitan



The Three B's

Over the past year, the Grand Lodge Officers above have become known as "The Three B's" by the Administrative Assistant to the Grand Secretary. "B," of course, relates to **bald!** "B" number one is Marshall Miller, Grand Treasurer. "B" number two is Edmond L. "Butch" Reitan, Jr., Grand Secretary. And "B" number three is Frank Wilson, Grand Master. At the Grand Lodge Sessions in June, it was decided that these three officers should match the other three members of the Executive Committee, Ron Hanson, John Crispin and Mark Querio. As you can see above, the trio was presented with equipment so all six members of the Executive Committee could match each other. I thank all three of you for being such good sports. It was a lot of fun. Those attending Grand Lodge enjoyed all the antics.

— Loletta McCormick, Administrative Assistant

Passing the hat raises \$800 for Theta Rho!!

Let me share something that happened at Grand Sessions with you. On Wednesday morning, C. Allan Reitan made a wonderful presentation to the Grand Lodge about the Theta Rho trip to the Boeing Museum of Flight. He told us what they had done, including meeting a woman NASA astronaut who works for Boeing and learning complex team-building exercises.

Allan defined the costs and proposed that we help fund next year's trip to the tune of \$400, asking us to send in money to defray the costs. It dawned on me that we had an opportunity to get it done right then. I requested permission from the Grand Master to pass the basket. We raised \$241 on the first go around. Allan and I then went to the Rebekah Assembly where he gave the ladies the same report. We made the same request for funding. I asked our Sisters if they would outdo their Brothers in this endeavor. Past Assembly President Judy Diekman helped me to collect money, while I gathered contributions and passed out candy to the ladies. The Sisters donated more than \$350! We surpassed our goal in 20 minutes! I told the Ladies that any excess funds from this project would go to the Theta Rho bus project.

However, I decided to push the envelope and went back to the Grand Lodge to inform the Brothers that I was embarrassed to report that the Sisters had out-given us and could we manage one more go around to keep up. The Brothers came through in grand style, giving another \$159. Past Grand Master Ron Hansen donated the cash in his wallet and the coins in his pockets. Pulling out his pants pockets saying, "Rich, you got it all!"

I replied "Thank you, boss; who's the next victim?"

Then Sister Genie Coston came over and whispered that she would match the Brothers donations to keep the Rebekahs even at \$400 from each branch. At the end of 45 minutes, we had raised \$800. Sister Loletta McCormick took charge of the funds, so everyone knows they are safe.

Everyone had a good time and I got to clown around a bit raising funds for our Theta Rho girls. Many Sisters and Brothers dug deep for this project.

I have never been prouder to be an Odd Fellow. I thank everyone who participated. **We done good!**

— In Friendship, Love & Truth, Rich Osborne, Ballard/Alki #170

From your 2008-2009 Grand Master



FRANK WILSON

A PRIVILEGED YEAR BEGINS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I consider it an honor and privilege to serve you as Grand Master. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me to lead this jurisdiction. The project I have chosen is Visual Aid and to that end all proceeds from the sale of my pins will go towards that endeavor.

Rarely do I find myself at a loss for words. However, I found myself in that position when presented The Sovereign Grand Lodge, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, General Military Council, International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant Medallion Award. Then I received a certificate from the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies for efforts in promoting Friendship, Love and Truth. Both honors were truly a surprise during our Grand Lodge Session.

I find Grand Sessions to be inspirational, educational and fraternal good. Meeting new friends together with those I have met before have contributed to the enjoyment of my Odd Fellow journey.

LET'S INCREASE OUR NUMBERS

By the time you receive your fraternal newspaper, I will have returned from the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session and am ready to report in the next issue of any changes made in our Order. With most, if not all lodges meeting after their summer break, this is a time to ask someone to join your lodge and get busy with lodge projects.

There are members of our Order who have faithfully given their time and talent for decades. Now we are those people who must build upon that heritage of Odd Fellowship left to us if we are to survive. We need the lessons of Odd Fellowship, we need sociability on a high level and we need the working togetherness of individuals who want to keep what we have.

I would like to congratulate Brother Marshall Miller and Sister Loletta McCormick as these two members of our Order received the Meritorious Service Award from the Grand Lodge of Washington for their dedicated service to Odd Fellowship.

Please join me when I say, "Act Humbly, Love Completely and Live Differently." See you down the road.

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Frank L. Wilson, Grand Master*

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

GRAND LODGE SESSIONS WERE VERY PRODUCTIVE

Grand Lodge Sessions were very productive and many good things were the results. We hope that your Lodge Representative to Grand Lodge is reporting back and sharing with the lodge the happenings of this year's Session.

Since the other three Jurisdictions of the Northwest Odd Fellow & Rebekah Association did not choose to opt-in with the Jurisdiction of Washington to build a House in the IOOF SOS Children's Village, the Grand Lodge of Washington voted to complete this house alone and it is to be known as "Washington House."

While our newspaper assessment had to be increased significantly because of our continued membership census decrease and the printing and mailing costs continuing to rise, I believe that we publish a quality newspaper when you consider content as compared to other jurisdictional publications. It is well worth the cost and one of the best publications around and should be recognized as such by the International Press Association.

ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?

Immediately after the Grand Lodge Sessions, the Grand Lodge Office received copies of documents which indicated violations of the "Washington Digest" Code of General Laws had taken place.

First by the Ione Temple Association in October of 2005 and second in April of 2008 by officers representing Pine Forest Rebekah Lodge #271. The Grand Lodge Executive judged that several violations of our laws had taken place. Grand Lodge Executive then engaged an Attorney for a second opinion and to review our Order related Laws and take the necessary action to reverse the defective Quitclaim Deed given to the Town of Ione.

The July 14, 2008 report and findings of the Grand Lodge attorney appears below.

To all Building Corporations or Hall Associations and stand alone Lodges, Odd Fellow and Rebekah alike, I suggest that all review **Chapter 3, Section 3.25.9 Incorporation** of the Washington Digest found on page 63, then check your units files for records of compliance.

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

An opinion from the Grand Lodge lawyer

The following letter is from Grand Lodge of Washington Attorney Hal Geiersbach dated July 14, 2008. Grand Master Frank Wilson requested that the letter be printed in The Washington OddFellow for your information.

Re: Ownership and Disposition of Property Vested in the Odd Fellows Lodges
Dear Sirs:

I have been asked to provide a detailed opinion regarding the proper disposition of real property vested in the Grand Lodge of Washington and its subordinate organs. This request arises from an incident occurring in April of this year in which two members of the Temple Association of Ione, Washington — without prior approval from the Supreme Grand Lodge — executed in favor of the city a quitclaim deed for the Temple's real property therein. Any such a transfer directly contravenes the Code of General Laws for the IOOF and the Constitution for the Grand Lodge of Washington. While my office has notified the municipal clerk of Ione that said quitclaim deed is defective, in order to avoid future similar incidents I would stress to the lodges the importance of strictly adhering to the clear rule of law set forth in the Constitution for the Government of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

When read as a whole, the IOOF's Constitution and Code of General Laws provide a clear organizational structure in which assets and other property vest, ultimately, in the Grand Lodge. That is to say, subordinate organs are not legally competent to transfer, alienate, or otherwise dispose of assets without prior approval of the Grand Lodge. Section 3.19.1 of the Constitution for the Grand Lodge of Washington reads in relevant part: "No Odd Fellow Lodge of the Order shall have the power or authority to dispose of its real or personal property. . . nor shall an Odd Fellow Lodge have power or authority to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of its real or personal property except for applying the proceeds thereof to the uses and purposes of the Order. Odd Fellow Lodges shall be required to obtain the consent of the Grand Lodge. . . prior to the sale and/or disposition of the real

property of the Lodge."

It appears, after reviewing the Articles of Incorporation for the Ione Temple Association, that some confusion may have arisen due to an Amendment to said Articles on October 11, 2005, which purports to require that, upon corporate dissolution, all real property vest in the city of Ione. This Amendment directly violates Section 3.25.9 of the Constitution for the Grand Lodge of Washington. Said section provides that all lodges shall incorporate under the laws of the State of Washington and, more specifically: "The Articles of Incorporation must be approved by the Grand Lodge and shall contain a statement that the Grand Lodge has a vested interest in property owned by its local lodges and must approve transfers."

Here, nothing in the Articles of Incorporation or in the Amendment thereto contains any acknowledgment of the Grand Lodge's ultimate authority over lodge property. In our opinion, the Amendment is accordingly void, does not supercede the Code of General Laws, and is therefore not enforceable. We still await an answer from the city of Ione as to their position with regard to the quitclaim deed and the property it purports to convey. In the meantime, I suggest that the Grand Lodge record a letter contesting this transfer with the Pend Oreille County Recorder. If you should so desire, our office would gladly assist in the preparation and recording of such a document. If the city chooses to litigate the issue, we are confident that the Superior Court for Pend Oreille County will set aside the transfer, in that the grantors attempted to convey that which they did not have. In such a case, we would be happy to assist in suggesting competent counsel in the area.

Because this incident has the potential to cost the Grand Lodge significant legal fees and costs, and given the clarity of the relevant law, all lodges should take this opportunity to review the Code of General Laws and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge so as to avoid any future similar issues

Very Truly Yours, /s/ Hal J. Geiersbach, Attorney at Law

From your 2008 - 2009 Assembly President



JENNIE REED

LEARNING FROM OUR PAST, GIVING TO OUR FUTURE

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I cannot find any words to properly describe my excitement and appreciation as I begin my term as your Assembly President. It seems like it was just yesterday that I was elected Warden and began planning for this day.



I dedicate my term to our predecessors and the youth of our Order. We must learn from our past so that we may teach the younger members of today or we will not have a future.

My Motto: "Plant a seed and watch it grow." When asking a prospective member to join our Order, provide information on our projects, place the new member on committees and listen to their ideas. I guarantee that member will grow and our Order will grow.

My Songs: "Sentimental Journey" remembering those whose beliefs established this Order. "Tomorrow." Tomorrow is just a day away and if we don't grow, there will be no tomorrow.

My Emblem: A watering can with three red Carnations. The watering can depicts the encouragement that needs to be given to all members, not just new members. The red Carnation is my favorite flower and I chose one for my husband Dave and one for each of our sons.

My Colors: Red of the Carnation, Green of the earth, and Lavender of peacefulness.

My Hymn: "In the Garden"

My Scriptures: Psalm 133:1: A Song of Degrees of David, Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Joel 2:1: Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my Holy Mountain; let all inhabitants of the land tremble for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand.

My Projects: Install a ventilating system in the ceramics room and the Activities Department at the IOOF Home in Walla Walla and The Theta Rho Bus Fund.

In the Representatives envelope, I enclosed a sheet of entry forms. One is for any new member initiated before Assembly of 2009 and an entry for those persons who asked the new member to join. I will put the new member form in a one watering can and the sponsor form in another. One name from each can will be drawn at the 2009 All Branch Banquet and each person will receive a gift card. Please fill my watering cans with names.

It is my hope to visit as many lodges as possible and in doing so I may ask several lodges to meet together. As I travel around the state, I look forward to meeting with my Sisters and Brothers.

I invite all of you to my reception in McCleary on Sunday, September 7 at noon at the McCleary VFW, 158 North Summit Road. Directions: take exit 104 from I-5, continue west for approximately 22 miles to McCleary. Turn right at the stop sign at the end of the off ramp. Turn left at the next stop sign and follow that street (3rd Street) down the hill to the stop sign and the VFW is in the next block.

Just for thought, gardeners believe in the future.

*As always in Friendship, Love and Truth,
Jennie Reed, President, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

Thanks from George's family

The family of George Weldon would like to thank everyone for the cards, donations and flowers sent in his memory. He was an outstanding Odd Fellow, serving quietly. He was kind to all with never a bad word about anyone. The Order has lost an outstanding Odd Fellow. He is sorely missed.

District #3 to meet in Roy Oct. 18

The 213th Semi-Annual Session of Rebekah District Association #3 will meet on October 18 at the Roy Grange Hall, 102 Water St. in Roy. Warren Rebekah Lodge #308 will be the Hostess Lodge for the day. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. with President Holly Houser presiding. Come and see what is planned. This will be a fun day of fellowship and sharing information. New officers will be installed.

All Rebekahs are welcome. Please come and enjoy.

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

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

A LITTLE LESS WIND BENEATH MY WINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me by once again electing me your Assembly Secretary. However, I must tell you that the "wind beneath my wings" is gone. I will do the best I can, but bear with me if I'm not up to par.



A BIT OF HISTORY

As you know, our Odd Fellow Home in Walla Walla was opened in December, 1897 and dedicated in June of 1898. In cleaning out the Assembly files, I ran across the some interesting papers. In 1908 at the Assembly Session held in Walla Walla, a resolution was put forth by Past President Rose M. McCroskey to establish a Rebekah Orphans' Home with ten cents per member to be appropriated for this Home. This was approved by Grand Lodge. In June of 1912, the Rebekah Assembly incorporated a group called "The Rebekah Orphans' Home of Washington." The corporation papers were signed by ten women on June 14, 1912, with five of them being Trustees. Their lawyer, Frank Oakley of Tacoma, donated \$50 when he sent the papers to the women. In her letter of thanks, the Secretary, Nellie M. Knoff, addresses him as "My Dear Friend and Brother" and writes, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees and members of the Assembly, I wish to thank you for this generous donation and also for your kindly interest and advice. The Trustees have just loaned \$2,000 on some Blaine property, with most excellent securities. We have about \$8,000 in the fund at this time, besides \$5,000 invested in Everett Bonds."

Their group, known as the Association of the Rebekah Orphans' Home of Washington, held its first meeting at the Odd Fellows Temple in Seattle on June 4, 1912 for the purpose of electing officers, trustees, adopting By-Laws and doing of all such other business as may be necessary. Their by-laws state: "The legislative membership of the Rebekah Assembly IOOF of Washington, shall constitute the membership of this organization." The trustees were to be elected at Assembly (elections staggered, i.e. one year, two years, etc. and then each elected for a five year term). The Assembly President had supervision of the Home.

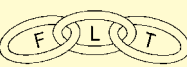

Time went on with funds being raised for the Orphans Home. In 1917 a report of the Special Grand Lodge Committee and Orphans' Home Board was read recommending that the Odd Fellows Home and the Orphans' Home be combined. It also stated that \$10,000 was to be placed in a permanent endowment fund, making a permanent irreducible endowment fund of \$20,000 and \$40,000 be used only for the purpose of erecting a new building. At that time the Rebekah Orphans' Home had \$30,748 in funds.

It is interesting that the Assembly had an amendment to the resolution that stated "Hereafter no law affecting the Home question in this Jurisdiction shall have any effect unless passed by Grand Lodge and the Rebekah Assembly." This amendment was changed by Grand Lodge to read, "Hereafter all matters pertaining to the Home shall be submitted to, and be approved by the Board of Home Trustees before becoming a law, rule or regulation." This resolution also increased members on the Board of Trustees to four Sisters and five Brothers. The resolution was approved by the Assembly.

Sometimes it is difficult to count our blessings, but among friends, kindness, friendship and many other things we should include memories of the love of those who are no longer here and which we will never forget.

With Rebekah Love,

*Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
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From your 2008-2009 Theta Rho President

BACK TO SCHOOL AND MEETINGS

Hey everyone! Summer is finally over and school has started. I hope you all had a fun summer, I know I did. Not only did school start, Theta Rho meetings are back on.



Sessions this year went great. Our President Pro-Tem, Florence Frogge', did such a great job on everything. She worked super hard and it all paid off. On behalf of Theta Rho Clubs, I wish to extend my gratitude to her for filling in as President. I can only hope Sessions will go as smoothly in 2009 year as in the years before. In the next few years we are in Yakima for Sessions. *Yay!* It should be fun.

My reception went great. I want to thank everyone who attended and everyone who is there for our Theta Rho Girls' Clubs. You are awesome! I don't think we'd be where we are now with out you.

I'll be planning visitations with all clubs pretty soon, so I'll get to see you all at your home clubs. I can't wait to see you all.

If you have any questions you need answered or anything you would like to know, I have an e-mail that I check regularly. My email is:

Cassidy_eugine@hotmail.com

Don't hesitate to e-mail me anytime.

Well, I'll write a letter regularly so you'll hear from me every month.

*In Happiness Through Service,
Cassidy Feist, Theta Rho Assembly President*

PP Ellamae Rupp dies in car accident

Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, Ellamae Virginia Liebel Rupp died on July 11, 2008 in a car accident north of Spokane. Born on April 9, 1918, she was 90 years old.

Ellamae was born in Kennewick to Henry and Alta Liebel. She was a kindergarten aide until she married Ward Odom Rupp, on October 20, 1940. Ellamae and Ward (who was a policeman with the Kennewick Police Department at the time) managed a cream station during WW II. In 1950, they moved to Republic with their first five children, Myrna, Ward Jr., George, Jim and Glenna. The last four children, Alta, Virginia, Dorothy and Dawn, were born in Republic. Ellamae also has 20 grandchildren, 43 great-grand children, six great-great grandchildren, and two on the way.



ELLAMAE RUPP

Ellamae's career outside of the home started at Lindsey's Food Center. She worked at Wisener Insurance and then for the Ferry County Prosecutor's Office until 1974 when she retired at the same time as Ward so they could travel. After Ward's death in 1980, she returned to work for the

Prosecutor's office as the Child Support Enforcement Officer until age 76, retiring for the second time.

Ellamae has been on the Ferry County Public Hospital District Board for more than 20 years, as well as acting Hospital Administrator for 6 weeks. She was a Rebekah for 70 years including serving as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington in 1988-89. At the time of her death, she was a member of Eureka State Lodge S-1.

She was a member of the Legion Auxiliary where she received the Life Time Achievement Award in November of 2007. She was also a member of the Bunco Club, Club 13, Food Bank, Red Hat Society, Golden Age Club and the Jane Cody Democratic Club. She was the second woman to serve on the school board in the Republic School District, serving at least five years. Ellamae was Mother Advisor for many years for the Rainbow Girls.

Memorials may be made to Ferry County Public Hospital District, Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, Republic Cemetery or a charity of your choice.

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

Vacation time is over and it is time to be active again.

We lost another Sister, Dorothy Christian. She was a Past Noble Grand and a 60-year member. She was born in Bickleton so we gave a donation to their museum in her memory.

We helped with a bereavement dinner for our Sister Faye Weathers and family. Her son passed away unexpectedly with a heart attack.

We hope to have a table at the Grandview Senior Center's Annual Fall Bazaar, so everyone start collect-

ing and making items for our table.

We made a donation to the Bleyhl Library in Grandview and we need money for our annual holiday dinners for the Grandview Salvation Army and Sunnyside Crisis Center.

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

The man of the hour is the man whose wife asked him to wait a minute.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Peace is a sunset and knowing whom to thank.

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

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145



We hope everyone had a wonderful summer of outdoor activities. Now it is time to return to our lodge meetings. The first is on Tuesday, September 2 with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our meetings will follow with the Representatives' reports. We hope to have good attendance.

In July, Ramona Young and son Claude drove up for the monthly breakfast. She and Art were Port Orchard members. Also, former Port Orchard Odd Fellow Wally Martin, his wife Betty and widow Dot came to the picnic on July 14. There were nine in all.

September brings us the Rebekah Degree birthday, along with the birthdays of Ramona who turns 90 and Don who turns 80. Happy birthday to all!

We will have our District Meetings in Port Angeles on October 2. If you are planning to attend, go through town on Main Street past the truck route to Forks and take the next left up the hill to bypass the missing bridges on 8th Street. The Grange hall is on 7th Street. See you there.

*Fraternally,
Don & Florence Cowdery,
Reporters*

 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

PNG's Association

First fall meeting on Sept. 18

The Past Noble Grands' Association will meet on Thursday, September 18 at the Warren Rebekah Hall in Roy. A luncheon will be served at noon with the meeting to follow at 1 p.m. President Mary Robinson will preside.

All Rebekahs are welcome. Come and see what President Mary has prepared for us.

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

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Lodge will again take up after a pleasant summer recess. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9. This will be at the Odd Fellows Hall with a potluck at 6 p.m. The meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend as fall plans will be discussed. Representative Karen Schultz will give her Assembly report.

Thank you to the members of Narcissa Rebekah Lodge for their invitation to join them for their June

picnic. We enjoyed meeting with them and the Enterprise Odd Fellows. This was held in the Home's Clinton Street Apartment courtyard.

Our lodge was saddened during the summer by the passing of Sister Ann Shaw. We will miss her sweet smile. She was a Past Grand Matriarch in the LEA and a hard worker in whatever lodge she was in. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

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

From the Grand Patriarch



JEAN F. COSTON

A SLOW & EASY START

Greetings to the Patriarchs of Washington.

This year is starting out slow and easy. The first event I attended was the Pork Chop Barbecue on July 13 on Camano Island. The food was great and the service by the Oak Harbor Theta Rho club was the best.



After the lunch, the board meeting was run smoothly by board President Carson Inman. The restoration of the rotting fire pit supports and a new information board out in front are some of the projects to be worked on by the members of the Park Board. Brother Greg Powers offered to be the representative to the Park Board when I can not attend. After the meeting Greg took me on a tour of the property to see other parts of the park that need to be worked on.

The year will start to move beginning with Judy Inman's reception on September 6 in Chimmicum. Then comes the reception of the Rebekah Assembly President, Jennie Reed in McCleary on September 7.

In September it's back to regular Odd Fellow, Rebekah and Encampment meetings. If you would like to invite me to one of your Encampment meeting, I will work with you to attend. If it's okay with your Encampment, I will drop in when September has passed.

*In Faith, Hope and Charity, Jean F. Coston, Grand Patriarch,
2312 S. 128th, Seattle, WA 98168 E-mail: geniejean@msn.com*

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend A Reception for Jean Coston

Grand Patriarch

Grand Encampment of Washington

Saturday, September 27, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Des Moines IOOF Hall

728 South 225th St., Des Moines, Washington

*(A two story white building on the corner
of 7th Avenue and South 225th Street)*

~ **Host & Hostess Lodges** ~

Kent Encampment #15

Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15

Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305

Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289

Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300

Mt. Si Canton #36



From the Grand Matriarch

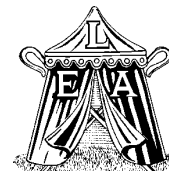


JUDY INMAN

HAVE SOME FUN AT YOUR MEETINGS

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

If you had the summer off, it's time to get reacquainted with your fellow members and start having some fun with your meetings. But first of all, I would like to thank each and everyone for electing me to this office. I hope, with all my will and integrity, to do my best, with the job you have entrusted upon me.



By the time you read this, I will have attended the Planning Board meeting in Yakima, and also Theta Rho President Cassidy Feist's Reception in Montesano. In September I will be having my reception on Saturday, the 6th, 1 p.m. in Port Hadlock. The next day I will travel to McCleary to attend Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed's reception, followed up by Grand Patriarch Jean Coston's Reception in Des Moines on Saturday, September 27.

I will be sending out letters for my visitations. I hope to visit each lodge within this jurisdiction.

MY PROGRAM

- Emblem: Pixies & Bells
- Motto: "Each day is a new life. Seize it. Live it."
- Flower: Gardenia
- Color: All Pastels
- Song: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
- Project: Van Der Linden-Shepherd Fund and Fire Pit at the IOOF Park

I would like you to think about making up a basket, which represents your lodge, for a silent auction at the 2009 Grand Sessions for my projects. I would like it to be a project that everyone gets involved in and have fun doing it. You will also have to think of a name for your basket and include a list of what it contains.

Until next time, hugs!

In Faith Hope and Charity, Judy Inman, Grand Matriarch

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

Mt. Angeles Encampment #88

Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #11

Celesta Rebekah Lodge #333

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168

Mt. View Rebekah Lodge #34

Chimmicum IOOF Lodge #343

Mt Baker IOOF Lodge #9

Friendship IOOF Lodge #145

Thanks for the glasses!

The Washington Odd Fellow and Rebekah Visual Aid Committee wishes to thank everyone of you who have donated glasses and cases. Recently, 382 pairs of glasses, 74 pair of sunglasses and 150 cases were delivered to Dr. Brakke in Tacoma from the Jurisdiction of Washington, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

A special thank you to Bothell IOOF Lodge #124 and Cloverleaf Rebekah Lodge #54 for all their donations.

— Margaret Truttman, Chairperson, Visual Aid Committee

See You In Lodge!

Past Grand Matriarch Ann Shaw passes away

Ann Shaw, 96, died June 29, 2008 at the Washington Odd Fellows Home, in Walla Walla. She was Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment of Washington in 1977-78.

Ann was born January 26, 1912, in Phoenix, Arizona, to Albert J. and Antonia Dvorcek Kuban as one of 11 children. She attended Arizona Academy and Jerome High School. In 1929 she married Llewellyn C. Kelley and they had one daughter, Pauline. After their divorce, Ann and Pauline moved to the Yakima area in 1937, where she worked in the apple industry. On June 1, 1940, she married Clarence S. Shaw. She and Clarence lived in Camas, for 39 years, where he worked in the Crown Zellerbach paper mill. After Clarence's retirement, they moved to Ocean Shores where they lived for 15 years. They moved to the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla in May, 1994.



ANN SHAW

She was a member of the Florence Rebekah Lodge #19 in Camas, the Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 of Washougal, Hebron Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #17 of Vancouver, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70 of Walla Walla, the Tri-City Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #66 in Kennewick, and the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She was interested in youth activities serving on the Odd Fellows Joint Youth Committee for many years and as Advisor of the To-We-Ha Theta Rho Girls Club of Camas. She was Past Noble Grand of the Florence Rebekah Lodge in Camas, and served as Grand Matriarch of the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary in 1977.

Ann was initiated into Hebron LEA #17 on March 24, 1964 and held several offices, including Chief Matriarch in 1972-73. As Grand Matriarch, she presided at the Grand LEA Sessions on June 23-24, 1978 in Richland. Her emblems were the Hour Glass and the Scales of Justice.

She and her husband did some traveling throughout the United States as well as to Germany. Ann also enjoyed crocheting and reading. Her husband Clarence preceded her in death in 1999.

A "Celebration of Her Life" was held on August 2 at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. Memorial contributions may be made to the Odd Fellows Home.

On Camano Island

H.P. Downs Unified Encampment thanks you for a great July feed!!

We would like to thank all of those who came to the Pork Chop Barbecue in July and helped to make it a success. We appreciated the Theta Rho Girls from Oak Harbor for once again coming over to help with this project. They are a big help in running back and forth and in helping to serve the meal. We hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the great food.

This is a fun time to visit the IOOF Park on Camano Island and get together with the other Brothers and Sisters of the Order. We hope to be able to continue to do this activity, but will have to see how the health of our members holds up.

Hopefully we will see you all again next summer and thanks again for your support.

— Judy Diekman, PCM and Reporter

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings from sunny Waterville. Here summer vacation is about over and lodge meetings will begin in September. Did all of you have a good summer?

Four of our members attended the June Grand Sessions in Kelso. PP Irene Kossov was the Parliamentarian. Associate Member Lois Clark served as Inside Guardian; PGM Frank Holland was Representative to Grand Lodge from the Colfax Lodge; and PP Fay Bowers-Holland was Representative for Waterville #77.

Shortly after returning home, we received word of the passing of Brother George Weldon, husband of our Assembly Secretary. A week later, we learned of the tragic death of PP Ella Mae Rupp and the passing of PGM Al Diset. Our sympathies and thoughts are with each family.

On a personal note, Brother PGM Frank Holland was honored by his five daughters and families at an 80th birthday celebration on July 5. Thirty-eight family members were in attendance.

On August 9, the family and very close friends gathered for the interment of Sister Kay Smith at the Waterville Cemetery.

We just received word that NG Nadra Rivers was diagnosed with cancer. She will go to the Cancer Center in Seattle for surgery and treatment. Include her in your prayers. They will be needed and appreciated.

We will hold our first fall meeting on Monday, September 15. Hopefully not much else can happen between now and then.

Until later, everyone stay well.

Fraternal Love,
PP Fay Bowers-Holland, Reporter



On track!

After election, officers at Grand Sessions in June, Grand Treasurer Marshall Miller, right, presented Grand Secretary Edmond L. "Butch" Reitan with a special train car in recognition of Butch's efforts to keep our train on track and running during the past four years. Everyone in attendance agreed that Butch has done an excellent job of being the Conductor and keeping our train a runnin'.

Ballard-Alki's 'Oddfest' benefits S.O.S. Village!

On Saturday, August 23, the Ballard-Alki Odd Fellows hosted the First Annual "Oddfest" to benefit the S.O.S. Children's Fund. The lodge presented two of the area's top polka bands, "The Smilin' Scandinavians" and "The Bavarian Village Band." Donations were \$5 at the door and benefited the S.O.S. Children's Village in Cambodia for AIDS-affected youth.

S.O.S. Children's Villages was founded in 1949 in response to the needs of the many children left orphaned and abandoned after World War II. The original concept is still working today, more than 55 years later, to provide children who have lost their parents or who are no longer able to give them a loving home and a stable environment in which they can thrive. We have joined with International Odd Fellows in supporting this project. Please visit www.sos-usa.org for more information.

"The Smilin' Scandinavians," widely regarded as Seattle's number one Polka band, have been around since May 17, 1995 when bandleader Toby Hansen got a group of his friends at Cornish College of the Arts to form a Polka band. Since that time they've built a reputation as one of the Northwest's most fun and entertaining Polka bands. They have completed two tours which took them back to the midwest, released three albums on the Lutefisk Records Label and traveled widely around the Pacific Northwest spreading their own irreverent brand of Polka fun.

The "Bavarian Village Band" is in its 40th year of performing German and Austrian folk music for audiences all over the Pacific Northwest (including British Columbia). One of the highlights of the band's history was an appearance at the Munich Ocktoberfest in 1985, followed by performances in the Austrian Tirol. Their goal is to preserve the tradition of the village bands ("Blaskapelle" in German) of rural Germany and Austria.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

We are back from summer break. We had seven of our members attend the Theta Rho Assembly in Kelso and were proud to once again be awarded the Club Community Service Award. We also received the Membership Award for the most new members. Bethany Bond was elected the new TRA Warden and Allison Stewart the new Treasurer. Girls from Acorn receiving appointed officers were Olivia Thrailkill, Jennifer Turnek and Emily Brown. Girls attending, but not receiving offices, were Ynonne McKie and Savannah Lomelli. We also received a trophy for our skit.

In July we held our family picnic at City Beach and enjoyed the time with the parents and siblings of our members. The weather was great and the food was, too.

Then later that month we helped with the Pork Chop Barbecue at the IOOF Park on Camano Island. Once again the Encampment asked us to help set up and serve. We are always happy to do this. It is always fun to visit the IOOF Park.

In August we had a swim party and some of our members attended the Reception for Theta Rho Assembly President Cassidy Feist in Montesano and stayed for the Youth Retreat.

Some exciting things have happened for two of our club's Past Presidents. Christina Bond, Past President of Theta Rho Assembly, has a new baby boy and Assembly Past President Carrie Diekman got married and is now in Italy where she will be teaching for the next two years. Our best wishes to both of these members.

We are anxious to get back to our regular meetings and our fall activities. We will keep you posted each month as to what we are doing.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

District Meeting info needed

Please send us the dates and details of your fall District Meetings to we can publish a comprehensive list in the October edition of *The Washington Oddfellow*. Please include the date, time, location and any other details concerning your meeting. Thank you very much.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

We welcome Narcissa's newest Sisters, Sharon Sousa and Lula Belle Washington. They were initiated on June 3. A big thanks to the Bee Hive Lodge members who helped with the Initiatory Degree. Following the meeting, we all enjoyed a time of fellowship over refreshments, served by Beth Entze and Marthann Hall.

There were about 40 in attendance on June 17 when Narcissa Lodge, in conjunction with LD 2, hosted a picnic at the Clinton Street Apartment Shelter. We were happy to have members of Enterprise and Bee Hive Lodges join us for the evening.

Noble Grand Barbara Lechner, finally revealed her plan for our baby pictures that she collected last spring. She made copies of them, mounted them and put them on display where they were numbered, but not identified. Every one at our picnic was given clues to help identify the pictures and answer questions. Prizes were given to those who identified the most baby pictures.

Through the Charity Fund and personal contributions, Narcissa members were able to donate a total of \$1,122 to the fund for Stephanie Matheny Reynolds who had eye surgery for a detached retina.

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Hall. Noble Grand Barb has declared it a "Fun" night and she will be providing refreshments. Be sure to mark your calendars and we hope to see you then.

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

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Summer is almost over. We hope you had a good one.

By the time you have read this article, we would have had our annual Sea Food Picnic at the Park. I will report on this in a future newspaper.

On July 4 the Puget Beach Park was packed with lodge members and their families. I understand there were 14 RVs and several cars arrived that evening to set off the fireworks.

Brother Frank Wilson, a member of our lodge, has been elected to be the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington. Additionally, PNG Joe Picanco has been appointed as Guardian for the Grand Lodge of Washington. We in Olympia are proud of both of these Brothers.

Congratulations also to Lou Ann Hoffman and Peg Ogilvie. Peg is the Color Bearer and Lou Ann is the Outside Guardian for the Rebekah Assembly.

The annual summer food program that feeds 60+ children is up and doing quite well. Mary Kitsch is in charge and has the program well organized. We certainly thank the numerous volunteers who have showed up faithfully each Wednesday over the summer. If you could not volunteer this summer or know of an organization that would like to help, the food program could use donations of cash.

The Cemetery Board, under the Chairmanship of Rick Garcia, is doing very well. The shop area was cleaned up and the building was pressure washed by PJ, Neil and Stu. Brother Scot Turner will be painting it in the near future.

Brother George Johnson reports the new roof on our lodge hall has been applied. Just think, no more leaks!!

A handicapped assessable bathroom was installed at our park. It is complete, in use, and well built. The Park Board gives special thanks to Gerald Bailey Construction, Glenn, Walt, Neil and Stu. Also, the Rebekahs have purchased a baby changing station. It was installed by Rick Garcia. Thank you, ladies.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LODGE ACTIVITIES

- September 20: Degree Day with lunch. Begins at 9 a.m. The lodge needs for you to attend so that we may have a outstanding Degree Day.
- October 25th: Grand Master's Reception for our own Frank Wilson. It will be held at the First Baptist Church located on 9th and Washington Street in Olympia. We need a good turnout to honor our lodge Brother.

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Though our lodge hall has been dark for the summer, we have kept busy. We held a rummage sale at our hall in July to raise some funds for our General Fund. During the summer months we have been selling raffle tickets on an ice chest full of goodies for a last summer fling on Labor Day Weekend. Some lucky person will have everything they need for one last bash. The money is going towards our Scholarship Fund. We give a \$500 scholarship each year to a graduating senior.

Our wonderful Musician Doral Shelton is in the hospital for surgery at the time I am writing this and we hope she will be fully recovered and ready to be back at the piano when lodge starts. Her music adds so much to our meetings.

For better news, we have had some wonderful things to celebrate with our lodge members. First, PNG Robin Bond was selected as the "Teacher of

the Year" for the Oak Harbor Schools and also became a grandmother for the first time when daughter Tina, PPTRA, had a baby boy.

Secondly PNG Mary Stewart and our current Vice Grand was chosen as the "Outstanding Customer Service Employee" for the Oak Harbor office of DSHS and then went on to receive the Regional Award for the "Outstanding Customer Service Employee" for this region.

Our NG Diane Hammond's granddaughter got married and she also has five darling new dachshund puppies.

Finally our member Carrie Diekman, PPTRA, got married and is now in Naples, Italy where she will teach kindergarten for the next two years.

Congratulations to all of these ladies on their accomplishments.

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

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Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

This has been a busy summer. Jerry Bierdeman is back in her house and repairs are still going on. She just reopened her "Best Dang Books" in a different location. The other store was a complete loss, so she had to start over. We congratulate her.

PNB Beulah Crocker was ill for quite a while and lost her battle. There was a beautiful memorial service at the Methodist Church. She loved lilies and grew lots of them, so there were plenty of beautiful lily arrangements decorating the church. Our love and sympathies are extended to her sister Marian Moon and her daughter and son.

Carolyn Miller and husband Monty are off to another USS Boxer reunion. This time they'll take the train and go sightseeing on the way home across the southern states.

Luellen Ainsworth stayed home and had lots of beautiful flowers. Carolyn Turner made five or six trips across Washington, Oregon and California visiting family. More travel news next month.

There is flood recovery and cleaning up still going on. Things are looking much better.

Luellen had grandchildren come and visit twice and camp in her yard.

Son Bill finally came home from Missouri missing his right leg to the knee. He is doing fine with the new prosthesis.

THOUGHT

"We do not lose the ones we love. God takes them in his care."

More news next month. Love and good health to all.

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

Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 - Pomeroy

Welcome back to lodge. It was a very hot and dry summer, but we do live in the beautiful State of Washington!!

Florence Williams Patrick passed away. She joined our lodge on March 1, 1937. We draped our Charter in her memory.

Our lodge received awards for Higher Education, Community Service and the Arthritis Fund.

At Assembly in June, our lodge gave the Tribute to the Rebekah Banner. The Banner was designed and made with loving care by lodge

Sisters years ago. The Banner is escorted into the lodge room with the American flag and stands proudly at the left. Remember Sisters, it is your Banner. Treat it with respect, display it proudly and care for it with love.

We hope you all had a great and safe summer. It is great to be back at lodge seeing our friends, seeing their smiling faces and hearing what each one did this summer.

Until next time, may God bless each one of you.

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

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Here it is September and time for everyone to begin a new term of lodge work and entertainment. Yes, we can even have fun while working. Did everyone enjoyed their summer vacation?

VG Carla Brown had carpal tunnel hand surgery, but she is better now. Sister Jeannette Kelley was in the hospital during July for a couple of weeks, but she is feeling much better. Arthritis sure keeps people under his thumb.

Remember, next month is nominations of officers. Let's hope everyone

will be able to fulfill their offices.

Remember to bring in items to fill stockings and have them ready to go to Moses Lake by the first of November when we take out things to the Hope Center to be packed. This is a very worthwhile project.

Remember to get ready for our meetings. We meet at 1:30 p.m. See you there.

"So keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others."

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

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Alfred "Al" Diset**, Past Grand Master, 60+ year member, State Lodge, PG, Orville.

• **Ellamae Rupp**, PP Rebekah Assembly of Washington, 70+ year member, Eureka State Lodge S-1.

• **Ann Shaw**, Past Grand Matriarch, 57 year member, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.

• **Earla A. Williams**, Eureka State Lodge S-1, Mabton.

• **Florence Williams Patrick**, 71 year member, Faith Rebekah Lodge #16, Pomeroy.

• **George C. Weldon**, PG, Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66, Kelso.

• **Lena Scales**, Success Rebekah Lodge #74, Sedro-Woolley.

• **Harrietta "Babe" Lachary**, 61 year member, Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114, Wenatchee.

• **Beulah Crocker**, PNG, Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184, Pe Ell.

• **Verna Kamp**, Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, Seattle.

• **Dorothy Christian**, PNG, 60 year member, Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246, Grandview.



The group from South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 waited to board the Argosy brunch cruise this summer.

South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

South Tacoma members had an exciting summer. We took a school bus up to Seattle and took an Argosy brunch cruise. The food was plentiful, the live trio band was great, and the friendship was even better. We sang on the bus up to and back from Seattle. The weather could have been better, but no one got seasick. There were a total of 14 members and seven friends.

Noble Grand Flossy has been collecting school supplies for those less fortunate children as her project for this year. If you would like to donate please contact Flossy or our Secretary Carol.

The lodge members have been picking up absentee ballots in August and will be picking them up again in November during the Presidential election. Picking up ballots is our money maker for the lodge.

Thursday, September 4 sees us back in lodge after the summer break. We hope to see all of our members there and you are invited, too!

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

South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211

Our lodge had a hall work party in May. A few of the members pressure washed, patched ceilings and walls, fixed electrical issues, took down ugly stuff, etc. . . :-). Some of the members volunteered their summer off time to painting not only the front of the building, but also the anteroom, hall ways, kitchen, etc. We are starting to look a lot brighter.

Memorial Day weekend saw the sewer collapse in the front of our building. We had it fixed, but **wow!** At what a cost! Now we have to repair the women's bathroom floor. Yea!

New carpets!!

Our lodge is planning our second annual camp out at the Trail Cruisers property September 19-21. A potluck will be held on Saturday the 20th for anyone that would like to participate. Cocktails are at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. For directions, please contact our Secretary Laurel Delony (253) 983-7619 or e-mail her at ldelony@comcast.net. We hope to see you there!

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Greetings Rebekah Sisters,

We had a busy summer with Sister Dorothy Music attending Assembly in June. She was delighted to see the bright shiny faces of so many friends.

The Fourth of July came and went and shortly thereafter the Sisters cooked breakfast for the STP bikers. On July 21, the Sisters again cooked breakfast for the Napavine Funtime Festival. It was a sizzling success. Later that evening, the Sisters cooked a delicious meal for a Napavine High School class reunion. To the Sisters

who so graciously donated their time and talents to these meal preparations, a very warm and heartfelt thank you to all.

We just finished August with its long and hot summer days. Trinity Sisters had a picnic in August. Our first meeting in September will have a "back-to-school" theme.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer's end. Farewell until we meet again.

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

Fall 2008 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING ~ November 7, 8 & 9, 2008 ~ Holiday Inn Wilsonville

25425 SW 95th Ave., Wilsonville, OR 97070
Ph: 503-682-2211 • Fax: 503-682-5596
Take Exit 286 From I-5

Room Rates:

Single \$79.00 ~ Doubles \$89.00

Add \$10.00 for each additional person

The Room Rates Include Breakfast Each Day.

The Military Department Meeting will be at Samaritan Lodge Hall in Milwaukie, Oregon and the registration includes a luncheon that will be provided. Please register early so that we can get an approximate head count for the luncheon.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Title _____ Jurisdiction _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

PRE-REGISTRATION:

Military Dept. Registration _____ @ \$8 each US \$ _____

Northwest Registration _____ @ \$15 each US \$ _____

SATURDAY EVENING BUFFET BANQUET

_____ @ \$32.00 US \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (US Funds) \$ _____

The cut-off date for the contracted room rate is October 25, 2008. Please register before the cut-off date as the hotel is under new management. Room registration should be made directly with the hotel. Registration for the Military Department Meeting and the Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association should be made with the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Oregon and mail them to: 3202 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland, OR 97202.

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

I can't believe our summer break is almost over. It was a busy one.

Our Rebekah dinner was held on June 21 at the 49'ers Restaurant in Castle Rock. It was open to family members. We all had good fellowship and food.

The Sessions held in June were enjoyed by a group of our Sisters. Rosalie Davis, Genie Young and Cookie Music attended the meetings. It is always nice to see Sisters from out of our District. The Rebekah breakfast was nice and the banquet was out of this world. President

Marcia Presley wrapped up a good year.

Our Monterose Lodge did very well with our coffee stop at the rest area. Thank you to all the ladies who provided homemade cookies and for putting in many hours at the coffee stop.

Sisters who enjoyed summer birthday celebrations were Sandy Holderman, Edna Armstrong and Genie Young. A very happy birthday to all of them.

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

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Members of our lodge have donated their time to community service this past summer. Many Sisters, assisted by their husbands, have kept the adopted planter at the beach arch watered and the plants growing. This project helps the City of Long Beach with its beautification plan.

During August, the Washington State International Kite Festival is held. The following Sisters helped Sister Frances O'Neil with sales in the kite booth: NG Sandy Thissell, VG Linda Zuern, Betty Pierce, Rose

Conto, Cathy Kary, Marla Johnson, Donna Merrill and Opal Eaton. It is a rewarding time as we meet many nice people.

Hello to Bessie and Betty W. who are now in assisted living. We love you both and thank you for your many years of Rebekah-Odd Fellowship.

To all our Sisters and Brothers in other lodges, have a great fall. We hope to see many of you in October at the District Meeting.

In F., L. & T., Frances O'Neil, Reporter

Lodge Cards will return

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