

*Happy
 Thanksgiving!*



Top awards for Acorn

Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club took home two prestigious awards this summer. The girls were awarded the Club Community Service Award at the Washington Grand Sessions in Kelso last June. Then in August, they received the Irene Meigs Community Service award at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Front row, from left, are Savannah Lomelli and Olivia Thrailkill. In the back are Allison Stewart, Amanda Fry and Bethany Bond.

Mt. Constitution IOOF Lodge #88

Brother Bill Wulff needs our prayers

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to give you a short report and a very big request.

FIRST THE SHORT REPORT

Mount Constitution IOOF Lodge #88 is doing quite well. Our lodge building is getting some great use and the Brothers are serving the community and our lodge in wonderful ways. We remain very active.

AND NOW THE VERY BIG REQUEST

Bill Wulff, one of our lodge Brothers, has been back in his home on Orcas Island for the past two weeks recovering from seven weeks of chemo and radiation therapy for a quarter sized cancer tumor in his throat. This is heavy duty, aggressive medical treatment. He is now feeling the worst of the procedure. His full recovery will take time and will be slow at first.

Bill is one of my best friends. He's a hard-working, successful business owner, major figure in our own lodge, worked for four years with the Grand Lodge to create a website for the Grand Lodge — and I've barely scratched the surface as to what this great man has given to so many people.

My request is really simple. I'm not asking you to reach for your checkbooks. What I want for Bill is for you to put him in your prayers. A simple, loving, healing prayer.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

In F., L. & T., Fred Enge, PGM, Mount Constitution Lodge #88



BILL WULFF

*A Blessed Thanksgiving
 To All Our Brothers & Sisters!*

Former TRA President Geri Young Mech dies

Geraldine "Geri" (Young) Mech, 71, passed away at home in Palm Desert, CA on September 18, 2008 after a valiant six month battle with cancer. Her family was at her side. Geri Young was President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington in 1957.



GERI IN 1957

Janie Kuja, a former Theta Rho Assembly President herself, said, "My first Theta Rho Assembly in Vancouver, Washington, June 25-26, 1957, was presided over by Geraldine Young of Columbia Theta Rho Girls' Club #23 of Vancouver. As a wide-eyed 14-year-old, I drank in all the splendor of this elegantly dressed, supremely confident young woman. I'd been impressed with Geri at Theta

Rho District Meetings and she became my role model for all that a TRA President should be."

Geri presided over two days of Sessions, a drill team competition, the Theta Rho and Junior Odd Fellow Semi-Formal Banquet, Scholarship Presentation Ceremony, Theta Rho Assembly and Grand Junior Lodge Installation and Annual Grand Ball with music by Van Armitage and his Orchestra.

Geri's Theta Rho Assembly in 1957 boasted 42 Clubs with 1,258 girls as members. (There were 228 Rebekah Lodges and 13 Junior Lodges at that time.) Clubs in White Salmon and Kennewick were instituted during her year. Hortense Doneen was Geri's Rebekah Assembly President and Roy Draper was her Grand Master.

Geri was born March 28, 1937 in Vancouver, WA to Audrey and Charles Young. She graduated from Vancouver High School in 1955 and attended Clark College. She then worked as a flight attendant for United Airlines until her marriage in 1959. She retired from Pacific Telephone in 1985 as Assistant Employment Manager in the Los Angeles area. When her husband, Chuck, retired, they made Palm Desert their permanent home.

Geri was past president of "Dusty Wings" of the Desert, (a local group of past flight attendants who supported various charities of the Desert). She also was a member of the United "Clipped Wings" and the Living Desert. Geri enjoyed art and worked in various mediums.

Geri and Chuck traveled the world and 49 of the 50 states and found the U.S. most rewarding.

Geri will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all those whose lives she touched.

Geri is survived by her husband of 49 years, Charles "Chuck" Mech; sisters, Lois (Phil) Bergerud, and Donna Eldredge; a brother, Frank (Linda) Young; along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

At her request, there were no services. In lieu of flowers, donations in may be made in Geri's name to VNAIC Hospice of Palm Desert, 42-600 Cook, Suite 202, Palm Desert, CA 92211 or the American Lung Cancer Foundation.



GERI MECH

Thank you from Florence

Thank you to everyone in the Order who sent all the nice cards and get well wishes to me after my accident. I am doing much better. I am back at college and able to drive again. It was so nice to receive all the love from all of you.

*In Happiness Through Service,
 Florence Frogge', PP, Theta Rho Assembly of Washington*

2008-2009 Grand Master's Meanderings



FRANK WILSON

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

As we approach the holiday season, I take this opportunity to wish all Brothers and Sisters a happy Thanksgiving. Although the world is in a great deal of turmoil, I recognize that I have much to be thankful for and I trust that you do as well. This generally is a time for family fellowship, to come together and feast, but let us not forget those who struggle during the holidays by keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. Thanksgiving means more than turkey and cranberries, it makes one realize more than ever that we must be thankful for our creator, our lodges and many friends who provide the support when our sprits are up or down.

VISUAL AID AND FISHER HOUSE

During my term as Grand Master, I chose Visual Aid for my project. However I am also a proponent of Fisher House and hope that those who want to continue this very worthy cause will do so knowing that I too support Fisher House. In May, 2006, Dr. Henry Jampel, M.D., M.H.S., was named the Independent Order of Odd Fellows professor of Ophthalmology at Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who wish to have serious eye problems referred to Wilmer Eye Institute for review by the Odd Fellows Professor may do so by a letter from your Lodge Secretary or Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly. All moneys for "The Washington Visual Aid Fund" will be disbursed by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of Washington as authorized by a majority of the members of the Washington Odd Fellows and Rebekah Visual Aid Committee. When the school year started in September, through one of our Sisters we became aware of a child in need of glasses. In contacting our Grand Lodge Office, we assisted financially for the purchase of glasses for the student.

DISPENSATIONS

There seems to be some confusion among some members as to who has authority to grant dispensations. Article VI, section 1.0, page 12 of The Code of General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Washington, "The Grand Master may grant dispensations on the application of a lodge to confer the Degrees upon a member within less time than prescribed by law, if, in their opinion, good reason therefore be assigned, and for all other lawful matters not specially provided for, speedy action may be necessary."

On page 17, "No District Deputy Grand Master shall be permitted to transcend the powers detailed in this Constitution or exercise any power not specified."

They are empowered to grant dispensations to lodges in their district, to confer Degrees to lodges in their district, in less time than is prescribed by law on any of its members, for satisfactory reasons, and, to a new lodge to confer the Degrees on any of its members, who may apply therefore during its first six months.

LET'S ALL SUPPORT OUR LODGE OFFICERS

Now that Lodge Officers have been elected, let us give them support for a harmonious and successful year. "Act humbly, love completely and live differently."

Until we meet again down the road. . .

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

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Greetings from the beach. The leaves are turning beautiful colors and the wind and rain have arrived, so we know we are in the fall season.

Nine members of our lodge attended District #18 Meeting in Kelso hosted by Longview Rebekah Lodge #305. It was a day of fellowship and knowledge as we learned from the exemplifications done by several lodges.

As you read this article we will have entertained President Jennie, co-

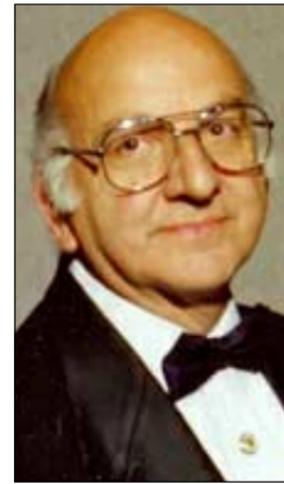
hosted with members of Fraternity Rebekah Lodge #78. It's always special to have the President visit and hear the message she brings us.

We have held our nominations and soon will elect new officers. We will look forward to a new year of Odd Fellowship.

We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month, so if you find yourself at the beach, come join us!

*In F., L. & T.,
Betty Pierce, Reporter*

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

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

IN THE LODGE ROOM

November is the month when lodges elect officers for the 2009 year. Congratulations to all those officers-elect as you plan for the work in the new year ahead of you. To those lodges that may need a Dispensation to install a non-qualified member, *only* the Grand Master can grant one for the office of *Noble Grand* or *Vice Grand* previous to installation. Refer to the Washington Digest Chapter 3, Section 3.10.5 Qualifications for Noble Grand or Vice Grand by Service, found on page 43.

ANNUAL REPORTS

We are planning to mail out the Annual Report form packages early this month. If you are an officer with a part to complete, please start now gathering and compiling the necessary information needed for completing this report. When the report forms are received and you start your work, do not alter the "Cash on Hand Last Report" amount appearing on Line 1.

For reporting requirements and deadlines, refer to the Washington Digest, Chapter 3, Section 3.20.1, Section 3.20.2, Section 3.20.3 and Section 3.20.4 found on page 55. If there is anything confusing or you are in doubt as to how to complete your forms, please call the Grand Lodge office at 1-800-345-1766 for assistance.

UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE

To those lodges that are considering sending student delegates this year, a non refundable \$650 deposit to reserve a seat on the tour needs to be sent and is due in the Grand Lodge office by December 31, 2008. The balance is due by April 1, 2009. The total cost of sending a delegate is up in the air right now as the base cost will be \$1,300 plus an airline ticket at tour time. Please signal your intentions of sending any students to Mary Dunivan, Chairperson for the UNP Committee. She will be able to give the additional sponsors requirements. Her contact information can be found on the Grand Lodge website, www.ioofwa.org or elsewhere in our publications.

A happy Thanksgiving to all.

Fraternally,

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

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

October was a busy month. District Association #5 met here in Walla Walla at the Odd Fellow Home on October 18.

We had to change the date of the Homecoming Dinner. It was held on October 30. We had two members who, at that time, received their 50 year Veteran Jewels. They were Betty Mason and Jesse Harbors. Betty Mason came to us when Sunshine Rebekah Lodge of Dixie consolidated with Bee Hive. Both Sisters have been faithful and hard workers for the Order.

We plan on holding our annual spaghetti dinner Saturday, November 1 at the Odd Fellow Home. It will be in the Fireside Room at the Merriam

Street Apartments.

We are again meeting at the Odd Fellow Home. All Rebekahs are welcome. We meet at 7:30 p.m. and will be glad to see you.

Mary Dobson fell and broke two bones in her foot, but it doesn't stop her from getting around here at the Home. Myrtle Milliman spent a week in the hospital with a bacterial infection. She is home, but still weak and wobbly. Betty Tinker had surgery several months ago on her leg, but she is out and going again. It is our hope these Sisters and others who may be ill will continue to improve.

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

From your 2008 - 2009 Assembly President



JENNIE REED

YES, BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN IS HERE

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this article the air is crisp, the temperature is dropping, and the leaves are falling. Fall is colorful time of the year with the trees turning red, orange and yellow, the many shades of mums, and the fields of pumpkins and corn.



Fall also brings District meetings. Assembly Chaplain Margaret Truttman and I attended the District #18 Meeting in Kelso on October 4. It was such a pleasure to pin a 50-year Veteran Jewel on Adrienne Galvez of Ivy Rebekah Lodge #21. Congratulations, Adrienne.

Sister Margaret is also the Chairman of the Visual Aid Committee and she gave a very informative presentation on this program. There is aid for all children, as well as for adults. This help includes magnifiers, reading lamps and other devices that make seeing more comfortable. This committee also collects used glasses and their cases all year which are then shipped to third world countries. The lenses are reground to help others in those countries. Contributions are always accepted, but please contact the Grand Lodge office before sending a check because each fund is separate.

We have many projects available to us such as Arthritis, LJ Jones Scholarships, and our Home in Walla Walla, just name a few. To get more information on any of these programs, you can contact the Grand Lodge office. I urge every member to become acquainted with all our programs. In my next article I will focus on another project of our Order.

My family and I wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving. Scheduled visits for November:

NOVEMBER VISITATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 5	Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289, Des Moines
Wednesday, November 12	Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge #326, Winlock
Wednesday, November 19	Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, Oak Harbor
Thursday, November 20	South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160, Tacoma
Tuesday, November 25	Eola Rebekah Lodge #63, Buckley And Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #31, Orting. Visitation will be in Buckley

JUST FOR THOUGHT

"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."

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

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings from the Waterville Rebekahs after a long, hot summer. We can't complain now that fall is with us. Much needed rain is helping the farmers and winter is approaching.

We got back into regular sessions September 15 with six present. NG Nadra Rivers was home after cancer surgery and rehab, but she was unable to be with us. She will see the doctor soon and set up chemo treatments.

Here it is October already and at our October 6 meeting we nominated officers for 2009. Time is running short for our lodge soon to be 113 years in existence. But with only six to eight active members, we are seeing the writing on the wall.

PNG Pat Ludeman's husband fell from the combine during harvest and broke a hip. After surgery and a short hospital stay, he is home and doing well.

NG Nadra was back at the helm for our October 6 meeting. She begins her chemo treatments soon, so she still

needs lots of prayers.

We hear that Sister Lois Hallock of Tempest #114 fell again in her apartment and needed some stitches on her forehead. She is also in our prayers. Sister Sharin Brown, PNG, is looking out for her daughter after surgery. We again send our prayers.

We are a struggling lodge due to lack of attendance. We are contemplating surrendering our Charter, but we are dragging our feet. Even though, we had first nominations of 2009 officers. All present officers were nominated to be retained. Sharin Brown was nominated as Trustee.

We hope the Halloween hobgoblins didn't get anyone. Now is the time to think of Thanksgiving and the following holidays. All of our members send wishes for a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

For this month, everyone enjoy good health. See you later.

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

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

NOVEMBER IS A TIME TO BE THANKFUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

November is a time of Thanksgiving. Let us be thankful for our friends, for those who are kind, for those who comfort us when we are sad and let us, in turn, return this friendship. Sometimes it really makes a person's day when they are depressed.

By the time you read this you should have your Annual Report form and also your membership forms. Please be sure to fill out and return your membership form as soon as possible. You should make a copy for use as a reference. I make out the Annual Report for my Lodge and I find the Membership Form very helpful in remembering who is no longer with us. It is very important to this office that this form is returned to me as I use it if I need to locate someone. A copy also goes to Sovereign Grand Lodge. I will be contacting you if I don't receive it.

With your Journal you also received updated pages for your Assembly Digest. It is essential that your Digest be kept up to date so you are aware of changes in the rules.

JOURNAL CORRECTION

On the back of the Journal, the town for Warden Jean Hartell is Chewelah. Also, Yvonne Haugeto is E 508 Kiernan. There is an explanation for these errors but it's my fault, not the Printing Committee's fault. I couldn't believe it when they jumped out and bit me as I was mailing out the Journals. I have a black and blue mark from the bite!!

I will be gone twice in November: November 7-15 on a trip with my daughter and November 24-29 to spend Thanksgiving with my other daughters. If any problems arise, please contact President Jennie Reed at (360) 495-3573.

If you know of someone who has no family close by, please do invite them to your house or a restaurant for Thanksgiving. It is the holiday season that really hits people who are alone. Don't say, "Can I help you?" or "Is there anything I can do?" The answer is always, "No." The point is, just do it. Even if it is stopping for a visit, inviting someone to lunch, to attend church or event with you, visit a shut-in or whatever. That is the Rebekah thing to do and that is what we are supposed to be about.

FROM MY E-MAIL

Most people walk in and out of your life, but *friends* leave footprints in your heart.

Be kind to others; let your troubles take a rest; Ever be thankful; Start a friendship chain with new friends; stay on an even path; investigate new ideas; never stop believing that things will be okay; greet a new day with a smile; set a new plan in motion when the occasion arises and you will see why we should remember why this is the Thanksgiving season. Have a happy day.

*With Rebekah Love,
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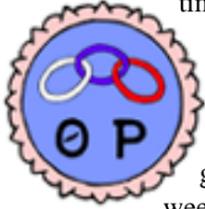
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From your 2008-2009 Theta Rho President

IT'S TIME FOR MY VISITATIONS TO BEGIN

Hello everyone! I am sincerely sorry about last month's article. I've been so busy with school, school activities and sports that I just lost track of time.



Well, I'm finished with receptions and now I have my visitations to make. To all clubs, if you could either email me or send me a list of dates that are good for me to make my visitation at your clubs, that would be great! We can decide when the best date is. I prefer weekends because of my busy schedule, but if you possibly can't do it on the weekends, we can make it on a weekday. Thank you.

Now enough about that. This month is November which means Thanksgiving is coming up. Some good things about that is you get to eat good food and there is no school or work for some of us. But don't forget the main reason for Thanksgiving — to be thankful for what you have. Plus, you get to be around the ones you love — your friends and family. All of us are so lucky for the things we have that some of us don't even recognize it. But make sure that you thank the ones who have been there for you and to be thankful for everything you have.

I'm pretty sure I'm done here. Talk to you all soon. Happy Thanksgiving!

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



Oak Harbor's curb cleaners

Sister Mary Stewart, VG of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254, and her daughter, Allison, President of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79, have been working on cleaning and painting the curbs at Oak Harbor's IOOF Hall. They were so dirty that members were afraid that people would trip over them. They are still working on the curbs as they have the time. Thanks to these ladies, it is much easier to see the curbs so we don't fall over them.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Well another month has come and gone. This is a month for all of us to count the many blessings we have had this year. It is also a special time, with Veterans' Day, to remember those who have fought for our country so that we can enjoy those blessings. With this in mind, we made our annual donation to Help Hospitalized Veterans for Christmas craft kits. This is an exciting project as we actually get thank you cards back from some of the men and women who have received these kits that we helped to purchase. We also made a donation to the Vietnam Memorial Fund.

Most of us feel fortunate that we have families who can provide us with the things we need for our daily living. There are many families, though, that cannot and so we also made our annual donation to Feed The Children.

We will be having our Turkey Raffle once again with the proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Six of our members and three adults went to the outing at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. We thank the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who donated at Sessions to this project. It is a fun and educational experience for us. Thanks also to those responsible for setting up the trip.

Well that catches you up with what we have planned for this month. We wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving and hope that you will all be able to share good times with your families and friends.

Until next month, happy Thanksgiving!

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79



Theta Rho's donations

Past President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington Florence Frogge', left, presented a check recently to Karen and Cindy at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma. The check, in the amount of \$669.87, represented the money raised during the 2007-2008 term by the Theta Rho Assembly.

In South Tacoma

Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93

October is a busy month for us Bluebirds. We participated in our city's Hungerwalk. This is a big event that we have been doing for the last three years. All the proceeds go to the food banks that need it the most and they really needed it this year. Thank you very much to all of you who sponsored our club in the walk and donated money. We really appreciate the support!

We made Halloween decorations for a local nursing home at our second meeting and then delivered them to the home on the weekend and visited the residents there. We wish all the new officers of all branches of the Order the best this coming year. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help any of you.

On Sunday, November 2, we are hosting an open house for prospective members and their parents. We did this once before and we were able to get some new members after the open house. We showed them our scrapbooks and each girl talked about what Theta Rho has done for her and what we do and who we are. It was a success, so we decided to do it again. If any of you in the Order have any granddaughters or daughters or know of any girls between the ages of 8 and 18 who are in our area, we would love for you to bring them to our open house. It will be at our South Tacoma hall at 1p.m.

In November we are also having a rummage sale at our hall. It will be on Saturday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We hope some of you will donate some nice items for us to sell or come and shop. Our club funds are low so all proceeds will go to our club. If you have items to donate, please contact our advisor Kendra Frogge' by email at ladyfrog35@aol.com or call her at (253) 848-0441 and leave a message. We will pick items up if you are unable to get them to us.

Under sick and in distress, our member Madi Martin had a bad cold, but she is feeling much better now. Our Secretary Sierra Bennett is having some problems and we are praying for her. Our member and Theta Rho Assembly Past President Florence Frogge' was in a car accident the end of September. She suffered neck and back injuries, but Florence is doing much better now with treatments from a chiropractor three times a week. Her car was totaled, so she got a new car and is much happier now that she is back at college and able to drive again. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

We hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and remember the less fortunate who need our help. It is important for everyone to know that we care. Service is our motto.

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. We hope you have a wonderful time sharing your blessings with your family and friends.

We are excited as we will be initiating a new member at our first meeting in November. We are happy to have Paige Royek joining us.

We have started putting together our holiday basket that we will be raffling off and have made plans to sell tickets on November 1 at Walmart. We are hoping this one will be as successful as the one we did for Labor Day.

We enjoyed the meeting of District Association #10 help at the IOOF Park. It was a nice day and it is always

fun to see the Sisters and Brothers from the other lodges in our area. Our own Sister Mary Stewart was elected Vice President.

We are looking forward to our official visit from Rebekah Assembly President, Jennie Reed and have started our plans for that night. It will be on Wednesday, November 19. We are having a dinner at the hall at 6 p.m. with our meeting at 7 p.m. If you would like to join us, please do. We just ask that you give us a heads up so we know how many to plan for dinner.

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

From your 2008-2009 Grand Patriarch



JEAN F. COSTON

THANK YOU FOR A SPECIAL DAY

Greetings to Patriarchs of Washington,

On September 27 at the Des Moines IOOF Hall, a reception for me was held. We had wall-to-wall Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, friends and relatives. I want to thank everyone who helped and attended. The food was excellent and the fellowship overwhelmed me. The music provided by the Grand Musician for Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, Toby Hanson, and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, Greg Powers, was wonderful. Genie says, "Thank you to them for playing 'Always,' the song Jean sang to me at our wedding. That was a special moment for me."

I want to especially thank Betty Young and all the others who helped make the day special. Our family and friends not in our Order were very impressed by the Marshals, Grand Secretary Ed Reitan and PPRA Barbara Reitan; Master of Ceremonies Steve McCord, Noble Grand of Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305; and Jane Kuja, PPTRA. They were excellent. Thank you to all the officers of our Order who took time from their busy schedules to be with me on such a special day.

I want to thank everyone for their very generous donations to my project, the Adult Visual Aid Fund.

I have been looking forward to our Grand Master's reception in Olympia on October 25. Then it will be time to hit the road to be with Encampment Brothers all over our jurisdiction.

On Saturday, October 11, Encampment held an Initiatory Degree for at least three new members. I understand two of them are from the Ballard Encampment and one from Titusville #15 in Kent.

By the time you read this my official visit along with Grand Matriarch Judy Inman at the Goldendale Encampment #99 will have taken place. We had a great time. Thank you Brothers and Sisters for a great dinner.

The Des Moines Lodge hosted the Theta Rho Clubs when they came to visit the Boeing Flight Museum on October 18. The Des Moines Lodge served them breakfast and dinner. We hope this becomes a yearly event.

*In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Jean F. Coston, Grand Patriarch,
Grand Encampment of Washington*

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In Spokane Valley

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

Summer has come and almost gone now. I hope everyone had a great summer.

We lost a good member in Wilford and Ramona when we lost Sister and Brother Lillian Davis.

Our Representatives from Wilford and Ramona had good Sessions in Kelso. Now they travel back to Yakima next year.

Sister Shirley Gardner took in a picnic this summer with the LEA group. Elmer and Selma Lindor took her. She is doing great.

We had our first Fun or Game Day at the lodge hall. Elmer Lindor went home with the big prize and Selma Lindor won a couple of prizes, too.

Our Noble Grand is on the coast hoping to have some hip or knee surgery done. We hope she will be okay.

Wilford has taken in a new member. Tim Moon has joined us as an Associate Member and Blanche Berry of Beacon has joined the Ramona

Lodge as an Associate.

It is sure nice to have such great Brothers and Sisters to help each other out. Both lodges appreciate it very much.

October 16 was our annual Hobo Dinner with 15 people in attendance. Katherine made a wonderful stew, corn bread and biscuits. There were even homemade soft molasses cookies. For the movie we watched "The Bucket List." Thank you all who came. It was a great time.

We also elected our officers for next year. they are: NG Thresa Justice, VG Tim Moon, Sec. Linda Bradley, Treas. Katherine Thompson, and Trustee Joanne Phillips.

Our District Meeting will be upon us, too, and of course that is always a busy day. We hope to see some new faces there this year.

So until next month, have a great fall.

*In F. L. & T.,
Selma Lindor, Reporter Pro-tem*

From the Grand Matriarch



JUDY INMAN

IT'S TIME TO CONCENTRATE ON GETTING NEW MEMBERS

Dear Matriarchs,

As I sit here thinking about our Order, I'm very concerned about the future of our fraternity, and especially the Grand Encampment and the Grand LEA. My observation doesn't see or hear very much about any effort being brought forth about increasing our membership. So let's step to the plate and start doing something to bring in members. As Rebekahs and Odd Fellows, it starts with bringing in these new members and tutoring them through the degrees, and then asking them to join our Encampments.

The Encampments are the ones that got the ball rolling in getting the IOOF Park and the Pork Chop Feed, the same for the East-West Picnic held at Lake Easton as it has for the past four years. These were established as a way of bringing members out, getting to know one another and having fun doing it. This year we had about 52 members at our Pork Chop Feed. There were 20 members, with members from only one lodge in Eastern Washington, at our picnic. Let's start working within our Lodges and Encampments about car pooling with three or four people per car from each Lodge. Bring a plate of food and see about how much fun we can have, and most probably, gather some ideas on gaining membership by talking about what we can do to make our Order greater and bring new ideas for growth into this new 21st Century. The old 20th Century ideas don't work today within our family structure, such as it is, we need to change. Bring forth new ideas on how to make our meetings more family friendly and still follow our great traditions and do the work within our community that leaves an impact that people want to be a part of. All of our events are wrapped up in being semi or in formal dress for most occasions, yet we have these two agendas, listed above, where only blue jeans and shirt or blouse is required and you can scruff around in the fir and pine needles along with a little dirt. With the wind blowing your hair, viewing the beautiful blue water and the quiet peace it offers, what more could we wish for in Friendship, Peace and Love? If we don't, Brothers and Sisters, this great Order of ours will surely cease to exist. I for one don't want to see this happen.

In November my schedule is as follows: Home Board in Walla Walla on October 30, 31 and November 1; and the Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association Meeting in Wilsonville, Oregon November 6, 7 and 8.

We had our District Meeting in Port Angeles on the October 4, and my dear Brothers and Sisters, I would hope that membership would be on everybody's mind, with ways and means for change to make our Order more appealing and getting back to having fun and enjoying what we are doing.

In closing, I want to wish all of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Until next time, hugs!

*In Faith Hope and Charity,
Judy Inman, Grand Matriarch*

Faith Rebekah Lodge #16 - Pomeroy

Did you see that ??? It was round, white and floating down to earth On October 7. Then it just disappeared — thank goodness!

We draped our Charter for Ella Mae Rupp who was a Past President of the Rebekah Assembly.

We also draped our Charter for Lois Tippet. Lois was one of 12 children. She was born February 12, 1918. She joined the Rebekah Lodge on March 13, 1945. She was very active in the lodge and was loved by all. She is survived by six children, 18 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren, along with many, many friends.

The District Meeting was in Walla Walla on October 18 with Narcissa Lodge serving as hostess. Hazel

Crawford and Donna Miller of Faith #16 giving the Tribute to the Flag.

We have donated to our local Dollars for Scholars, UN Tour, Pomeroy Ambulance fund and to the President's projects.

On November 22, Faith Rebekah member Eula Hastings will be 100 years young. She is our Warden and is active in all lodge doings. She does her own yard work, raising beautiful roses and other flowers. All member will help her celebrate this very special day. A lunch is planned at the Pataha Flour Mill on that day. May God bless you, Eula.

Until next time — keep smiling!
*In F. L. & T.,
Janet Scoggin,
Reporter*

Common myths about wills

37 things people 'know' about wills that aren't really true!!!

(Editor's note: This is a continuation of John Paulson's article from the October edition of *The Washington OddFellow*.)

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A personal representative need not be named for a small estate.

Wrong! A personal representative should always be named. Decisions must sometimes be made that are best handled by someone you know and trust rather than a court-appointed representative.

You should not name your wife or husband to administer your estate. **Wrong!** This can be practical when the widow or widower is healthy and willing to serve. It may be advisable to name another person or professional administrator as an alternative in the event of health issues at a future date.

When a will contains a trust, it is best to spell out the terms exactly and narrowly define the trustee's powers.

Wrong! It is usually best to provide for discretion in some matters. For example, you may wish to grant a trustee broad powers for investment of estate assets so they will have the flexibility to adapt to future changes in economic conditions.

A good will, professionally drafted, rarely needs revision. **Wrong!** Even the best wills require revision as you experience increases or decreases in wealth, the needs of loved ones change or personal representatives pass away.

When you want to care for your surviving spouse and include charitable gifts, it is usually best to leave everything to your spouse, who can then leave any balance to the organization. **Wrong!** It is sometimes best to set aside amounts you choose, as your charitable interests may differ from those of your spouse.

The best and most preferred way to be a philanthropist is through your will. **Wrong!** The best way for you to give depends on many personal factors. Giving by will is convenient for many, but other methods should also be explored in order to maximize tax and other benefits.

If you don't have a will, your estate is unplanned. **Wrong!** It is not necessarily the planning vehicles you choose, it's the care taken that means the difference between meeting a family's needs and leaving an estate in disarray. A will often serves as a "cornerstone" of an estate plan, but it is possible for other vehicles such as life insurance, retirement plans, joint ownership, living trusts and other means to handle estate distribution.

Most of the important points about wills can be covered in a short article like this one. **Wrong!** The laws governing wills in Washington state fill several large volumes. That's why it's vital that you consult your attorney as you consider your will and other estate plans.

It's expensive to have an attorney draw up your will and often hard to find out just how much it will cost. **Wrong!** It's as easy as asking and attorneys expect to be asked about fees in advance. The fee for their work and advice is often a bargain when measured in terms of peace of mind, taxes and other expenses a well-drafted will can save your heirs.

I hope you will find these pointers helpful as you plan for the future well-being of your loved ones. By making a decision now to prepare a will, you can save your family and friends anguish later and have peace of mind that your affairs are in order. Thank you for your on-going support of the Odd Fellows Home. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!

This was taken from the American Heart Association: *37 Things People "Know" about Wills that Aren't Really So.*



BY JOHN PAULSON
Director of Development
Odd Fellows Home



Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Jennie Reed chatted with some of the Secretaries who were honored at the District #18 Meeting in Kelso. From left are Betty Weldon, Cookie Music, Helen Petrie, Barbara Reitan, President Jennie, Elizabeth Morgan and Edmond L. Reitan, Jr.

14 Secretaries honored at District #18 Meeting

In spite of the much-needed rain that lifted the burning ban, the District #18 Meeting went on as planned on Saturday, October 4 in Kelso. Thank you to Longview #305 for hosting and making us feel most welcome.

To start off, the introductions were made. Those introduced were: Barbara Reitan, PP and Past Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly; Margaret Truttman, Chaplain of the Rebekah Assembly; Holly Houser, Marshall of the Rebekah Assembly; Elizabeth Morgan, IG of the Rebekah Assembly; and Lou Ann Hoffman, OG of the Rebekah Assembly.

The Honors went to Jennie Reed, President of the Rebekah Assembly; Betty Weldon, RA Secretary; and Edmond L. Reitan, Jr., PGM and Grand Secretary.

The Secretaries were honored for their good deeds. The program was put on by Monterose #46. Cute readings were given by Rosalie Davis and Hilma Bowen. There were a total of 14 past and present Secretaries who were on hand to receive a gift from Monterose. They were all greatly appreciated for a job well done.

Following a delicious luncheon, the Condolence Committee put on a solemn memorial service. One Brother and seven Sisters have answered their final roll call. As each name was read, they were remembered with love and respect.

Members decided to send a donation to Jennie Reed's project and to the Visual Aid Fund in memory of our eight deceased members.

A 50-Year Jewel was presented to Adrienne Galveze of Longview Rebekah Lodge #305. It was pinned on her by RA President Jennie Reed. Wow, that makes her a lifetime member and that means she joined the Rebekahs in 1958.

The "Story of the Flag" was given by Sylvan Glen and it was most interesting. Leona Treznoski read a history of what each fold means while Carolyn Turner folded the flag as the story went on.

The Membership Award went to Longview #305 for bringing in seven new members. That was encouraging to see. The Attendance Award went to Ocean Beach #313 for having nine Sisters present. It was good to see them all.

The 2008 officers presented Lou Ann Hoffman with a pretty card and a decorative candle for doing such a wonderful job as our District #18 President. It is hard to believe her year has wrapped up so quickly.

RA President Jennie Reed, who spoke last, gave a fine speech. She thanked the sisters for her invitation and said she enjoyed herself very much. She had awards to give out and reviewed her motto, "Plant a Seed and Watch It Grow." We enjoyed her company.

The new officers were seated by the Warden and Conductor, Sharon Fehl and Kay Pratt. They did a very good job.

— In F., L. & T., Cookie Music, District #18 Reporter

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Almeda Henderson**, PNG, 61 year member, Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano.

- **Genie Young**, PNG, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46, Toledo.

- **Harrietta Zachary**, Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114, Wenatchee.

- **M. Pearl White**, PNG, Tolero Rebekah Lodge #119, Monroe.

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

The month of September found us busy once more. Our coffee stop at the rest area was held September 22-26. We enjoy this fund-raiser. With everyone taking part, the work load is much lighter. We bless Rosalie Davis. She opened every morning and closed every evening.

At our meeting on September 18, hostess Rosalie put together a program honoring Past Noble Grands. The four who were present each received a floral gift. A poem was read.

We had four Sisters who traveled to Kelso on October 4 for the District Meeting. It was well worth it as we

received a Community Service Award given to us by Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed. That makes us very proud.

Our program honoring all Secretaries past and present was a big success. We had more Secretaries than we expected — 14 in all. Each one is special.

We are looking forward to the next District #18 Meeting that will be held in Bucoda in the spring. We are proud to announce that our Rosalie Davis was voted in as Treasurer for next year. We know she will do her best.

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



Leona Treznoski read about the "History of the Flag" as Carolyn Turner folded the flag.



Photo by Holly Houser

Fifty years of service

Adrienne Galveze, right, a member of Longview Rebekah Lodge #305, received her 50-Year Jewel from Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Jennie Reed, left. The presentation took place at the District Association #18 Meeting in Longview on October 4. Congratulations, Adrienne!

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Our scholarship recipient has finally turned in his papers so we can send the check to the college. He is Nolan Johnson.

Our hostesses for October were Carolyn Turner and Leona Treznoski. Lasagna casserole and pie ala mode were on the menu. Nina McCalden won the hostess gift.

NG Carolyn, Sec. Leona and Treas. Corky Walker attended the District Meeting in Kelso. They brought home awards from the Sovereign Grand Lodge for Community Service, Arthritis and roll call.

We are collecting items for the Fall Festival to be held Saturday, November 8 in the Pe Ell school lunchroom. The whole community will participate. Old Time Fiddlers will play. The donations are used for scholarships. Lunch will be served and a bake sale will be held, too. The money goes to needy families and assisted living seniors for Christmas.

We made donations to the Odd Fellows Home, Arthritis, Eye Bank, Pe Ell Senior Citizens and the Ambulance Fund. Hopefully we will make more to donate.

On October 4, this reporter went to

the Methodist Church in Chehalis for the Fall Conference meeting. I was pleased to see Ernie and Mavis House there and thanked them in person for helping me find my brother's grave in the IOOF Cemetery. He was in an unmarked grave since 1921. I was finally able to put a marker on his grave.

Joining the Rebekah Lodge is one of the very smart deeds I've done in my life.

THOUGHT

"The old and young have all the answers. Those in between are stuck with the questions."

We held first nominations of officers and filled all the chairs.

THOUGHT

"Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life."

— From Homestead

Minnie Epling's grandson Glen comes down from Clallam Bay to do chores for her since she has no family closer.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Love and good wishes. . .

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

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

At our September 11 meeting, Sister Lois Clark, District Deputy President of District #25, gave her report of all the activities at Assembly this summer. Several of our members are starting to think about attending in 2009 when it will be in Yakima.

Our Charter was draped in honor of Sister Harrietta Zachary, who passed away in Chelan, and Sister Ella Mae Rupp, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. A memorial donation has been sent to the Home Endowment Fund in memory of Sister

Harrietta.

At our October 23 meeting, members were encouraged to wear Halloween attire. It was an interesting evening.

We will be enjoying our annual Thanksgiving potluck at the Thursday, November 13 meeting with so many delicious dishes by our ladies.

Our best to all for a happy Thanksgiving.

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Autumn greetings to you from Trinity #179. As the leaves turn brown and drift lazily to the rain-soaked earth, the winds of change have blown through our lodge.

Unfortunately, we are no longer doing our Chili Feed on Fridays or our Pancake Breakfasts on Saturday mornings. But take heart, as every cloud has a silver lining. Neither rain or sleet nor snow could keep Past Grand Steve Ashley from repairing and re-siding the back of the lodge building. Of course, he had some help from his Golden Rule #207 Odd Fellow Brothers who pitched in with enthusiasm.

Once the preliminary work was completed, Walter White did a stellar job painting the building. The Sisters would like to give a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in getting our lodge into such great shape. Stop by for Pinochle every first and third Friday's and see what a phenomenal job these men have done.

As summer drew to a close, Lee and Candy Koons became the proud great-grandparents of a new baby girl. She was named Frankie, weighed in at six pounds, and brought a flood of happiness to her entire family. Congratulations to Lee and Candy and all your loved ones.

September was a bustle of activity. Candy Koons hosted a picnic for the Sisters and their families on the 13th. On September 20, a few Sisters participated in a car parking fund-raiser. Then they closed out the month by hosting lunch for a Tool Sale on the 30th.

The Sisters wish to extend our genuine sympathies to the families of Ella Mae Rupp, George Weldon and Genie Young. Clouds of sadness surround us with the passing of these dear loved ones. They will be missed so much.

October was a busy month with District Meeting in Kelso and a meeting on the 9th in honor of Past Noble Grands. We hope that the November Bazaar, held on Friday and Saturday, the 21st and 22nd, will be a rainbow of promise.

Well Sisters, fall is racing past us like a streak of lightning. Winter will soon be upon us. Until then, keep your powder dry and Friendship, Love and Truth in your hearts.

— In F., L. & T. With Blessings
From Debbie Lee, Reporter



OUR BUILDING BEFORE



OUR BUILDING AFTER

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

The good news since last reporting to you is that Pauline Patterson was the winner of our raffle drawing which took place at our September 16 meeting. Pauline, we hope you enjoy the \$125 Safeway Gift Card. Thank you to all who participated by donating to the raffle and helping to make this fund-raising project a success.

At our last meeting in September, a condolence was read in memory of our Narcissa Sister Thyra Ross who was a 21-year member, and our Charter was draped in memory of Ellamae Rupp, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington.

We extend our deep sympathies to Sister Pauline Patterson following the loss of her younger brother and, also, her daughter's husband.

A big thanks to Arline Maxson and Jeannette Oswald for providing refreshments in September and to

Barbara Tvrz and Jeanine Griffin who served as hostesses in October.

Noble Grand Barbara Lechner, Marthann Hall and Beth Entze attended and enjoyed the "fun" night with members of the Milton-Freewater Lodge.

Jeanine Griffin's grandson Jared Buettner is serving in Iraq. Lodge members are collecting items to be used for filling a "goodie" boxes to be sent to him and others who are serving in the military.

The District Association #5 Meeting was held on October 18 at the Odd Fellows Home with Narcissa serving as Host Lodge. Our members joined with the other lodges in providing some of the salads for the delicious salad bar luncheon.

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

Lodge Cards will return

Because of the large volume of material this month for *The Washington OddFellow*, the Lodge Cards usually printed on page 8 have been left out. They will return as soon as possible. Your Lodge Card will be extended for the time it was left out.



Degree Day in Kelso

On October 7, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 sent a Degree Team headed by George Johnson to Kelso and executed all Degrees to two members of Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66. Congratulations to Charles Dunivan and Patricia Bonsey (seated) for their completion and to Cowlitz #66 in increasing their numbers. Standing behind them are Joe Picanco, DDGM of District #14 and Past Grand of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1; Betty Weldon, Secretary of Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66; and George Johnson, Past Grand of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and the leader of the Degree Team. The Degree Day was dedicated to the memory of George Weldon.



Joining in on Hillyard's last game night is Selma Lindor in the front center. In the second row are, from left, Linda Bradley, Elmer Lindor and Carol Hare. In the back are Katherine Thompson and Tim Moon.

Hillyard Rebekahs #145 - Spokane

Well, Hillyard hosted another game day on Saturday, October 11, 2008. Unfortunately, it is our last. The original plan was to have different Lodges in the Spokane area host, but attendance has been poor. So instead of doing a winter break, the game days are done.

We did have seven join us for games and we played *Bingo* again. Thank you to Selma and Elmer Lindor, Thresa Justice, Carol Hare, Katherine Thompson and Tim Moon for coming. Tim did a great job at calling the numbers for us and was able to play three cards, too. Linda was able to find a package of Rice Crispy Treats made by a company called Selma. There is also a candy company called Lindor's. Their house must have some great aromas.

Instead of having a break for food, we started with the chili and corn bread. District #2 had a meeting of the officers just before game time and Yvonne Haugeto, Joanne Phillips and Laura Fiddler joined in the sharing.

At District Meeting, Hillyard won the highest percentage in attendance and will have the banner until next year. Okay, Beacon will have to visit us in order for us to actually receive it, but the point is we won something.

Thursday, October 16 was our annual Hobo dinner with 15 people in attendance. Katherine made a wonderful stew which was served with corn bread and biscuits. There was even homemade soft molasses cookies. For the movie, we watched *The Bucket List*. Thank you all who came. It was a great time.

Anytime you are looking for a lodge to visit, Hillyard meets the first and third Thursday of the month with treats starting around 7:15 p.m. You are always welcome

— In F. L. & T., Linda Bradley, Secretary

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Greetings from the Capital City!

On September 20, the Olympia IOOF Lodge, with the assistance of the Ruth Rebekahs, had our annual Degree Day. It was most successful. We gave all Degrees to 21 candidates. It was a crowded lodge hall, but it went astonishing well. Our Degree Captain George Johnson and his team started at 10 a.m., broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and we were finished by 1:30 pm. It was an amazing sight watching 21 new Odd Fellows receiving their Degrees. Most of the candidates were from Napavine, but Olympia Lodge had five candidates.

The Olympia Lodge congratulates our new members: The Jensens, the Millers and Eric Gatberg. We hope to see you at the meetings. Several members from the South Tacoma Lodge assisted with the Degrees and we thank you. Our Rebekahs served lunch, coffee and pastries. We thank them sincerely.

PJ, our Noble Grand, would like to remind members that the nomination of elected officers has begun. On October 6 we had the first nominations for officers for 2009. On the 20th we will have second rounds of nominations and vote on Monday, November 3. Please attend to cast your vote for the officers who will lead your lodge for 2009. Remember now is the time to step up for an

office.

The Park Board as well as the Cemetery Board would like an electric golf cart. If you have one not being used and would like to donate it to them, it would be most appreciative. They would use it around the Park and Cemetery.

The Park Board would like to thank PJ Fluetsch for planting and marinating the flower beds at the Park. Thanks, PJ. Additionally, the neighbor to the left of the RV area at the Park has replaced their fence. We are the recipients of a new cedar fence measuring 250 feet on our fence line. It is well built and makes our Park so much better looking.

Our Past Noble Grand Joe Picanco, who is lead on the Finance Committee, gave a very detailed report on the lodge's finances. We are on budget and not doing too bad considering the economical climate we are experiencing. Thank you, Finance Committee.

December 13 is the date for the the Odd Fellow and Rebekah holiday party. Peggy has volunteered to be the lead. If it was anything like last year, it will be great. Please try to attend.

Our Cemetery Board is in the process of purchasing a new tractor/lawn mower.

In F, L. & T.,

Stuart Carlson, VG & Reporter

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

The Bothell Lodges have returned rested from their enjoyable summer adventures and we were happy to see some of our members have recovered from their illnesses. We seem to be read to start a session of much activity.

We are planting daffodils to be a part of the 100 year birthday of Bothell next year. The City of Bothell wants to have a "flood of golden daffodils" blooming city-wide to kick off the celebration next spring.

Sister Betty O'Donnell and her husband Stuart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 14 at a party hosted by their three children at the Country Inn. Congratulations to a very fine couple!

Theo Bergren, our Noble Grand,

led a successful drive last spring for necessary supplies for the apartment for battered wives. Sister Mary Durbin, who collects aluminum cans for Dogs for the Deaf, has been doing quite well with her summer collections. Cinderella's Trunk had a silent auction on October 18 with a lovely fashion show featuring many of the newly-donated gowns.

Our main focus this year is to gain new members. We will be discussing different ways to interest people in the work of our lodges.

We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and may you have many blessings and joys in your future to be thankful for.

In F, L. & T.,

Betty Hugg, Reporter

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

Our Odd Fellows also have a living former Odd Fellow orphan in Walla Walla. Wally Martin and his sister Bea were there. Wally returned to Port Orchard and became an Odd Fellow in his father's and brother's Lodge #254 in 1941 at age 18.

Our District Association Meetings in Port Angeles are over. Rebekah District #21 had 11 Sisters, and Odd Fellow District #15 had six attending. The Rebekahs elected Betty Haley of Mizpah President, and Beverly Pry of Mystic Vice President. Remaining are Secretary Florence Cowdery and Treasurer Betty Gaiski.

We also amended our by-laws to change the rotation of host and President, placing Mystic between Mizpah and Celesta to ease the load of their Associate members.

All of our lodges need more partic-

ipating lodges, and now we have lodge officers to elect, along with our country's officers.

Walter Dodge is in the hospital for medication adjustments and many tests. So far they have found no solutions. Walt was in intensive care for four days.

Lary Norman's surgery is very slow to heal. Gordon Cooper's sister was in an accident. Iris Hanson, a young member, continues to fall and went to ER with a sore shoulder and ribs. Elsie Burgett is not up to long day meetings and Helen Walsh stays close to home. We keep everyone in our prayers for better days.

Hello to all near and far. May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

Fraternally,

Don & Florence Cowdery, Reporters