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New Sisters at Warren

Warren Rebekah Lodge #308 in Roy has initiated six new members since September. They are, from left, Deb Gulley, Jeanne Akin, Candace Philmlee, Patty Johnson, Jenell Geiger and Karen O'Hearn. See page 5 for details.

Grand Lodge to fund color

During *The Washington OddFellow* Newspaper Committee's recent deliberations in making up the 2009-2010 budget recommendations, the committee voted to eliminate color from the newspaper immediately in order to hold down costs. Hearing of this plight, the Grand Lodge of Washington, Executive Committee chose to fund a year's worth of color for the newspaper, in the amount of \$650 in order to preserve the quality and appearance of *The Washington OddFellow*.

— *Fraternally, Edmond L. Reitan Jr., PGM, Grand Secretary*

'10 principles' not endorsed by Washington's Grand Lodge

Last month's article in *The Washington OddFellow* headlined "10 principles for taking us into the 21st Century" apparently has generated some lively discussion around our jurisdiction. The story, authored by Dave Rosenberg, a California Noble Grand, was distributed from the Sovereign Grand Master's office to all International Press Association members. The opinions expressed in the story are solely those of the author. The publisher and editor of *The Washington OddFellow* do not necessarily endorse these opinions.

Here's some LAPM, Theta Rho Session information!!

This June at Grand Sessions in Yakima, the LAPM will meet on Friday, June 19 in the Yakima IOOF Lodge #22 at 206 West Walnut for their Regimental Meeting.

Also on Friday, June 19, members of the Theta Rho Assembly will have their picnic and Fun Night. The picnic will be held in a nearby park and the Fun Night will be at the Clarion Hotel.

\$500 in prizes

Bucoda Lodges are sponsoring membership building contest!!

Members of Skookumchuck Odd Fellows Lodge #129 and Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 are looking for ideas on how to increase membership. And if your lodge's or club's idea is one of the best three in the Jurisdiction of Washington, you will win some money.

Starting on April 1, you can submit your ideas in writing to the Bucoda Lodges on how to build membership. The contest will run from April 1 to September 1. Prize money will be paid about a month later or as soon as all entries can be judged. This, of course, depends on the volume of entries received. All Odd Fellow, Rebekah and youth organizations in the state of Washington are welcome to enter. Each of the organizations are eligible to receive prize money according to the contest rules.

First prize is \$500, second prize is \$300 and third prize is \$200. Bucoda Lodges are not eligible to enter the contest or receive any of the contest money.

You may mail your entries to: Membership and Income Contest, Skookumchuck Odd Fellows Lodge #129, P.O. Box 131, Bucoda, WA 98539-0131.

Contest results will be shared with all Washington Odd Fellow Lodges, Rebekah Lodges and youth organizations as the budget allows.

— *John L. Sutley, Noble Grand,
Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129*

Prom! Prom! Prom! at the South Tacoma Rebekahs on May 30!!!

This is your chance to go to the prom! South Tacoma Rebekah's Friends Night is going to be a Prom afternoon and our theme is "Memories Are Made Of This." The big dance will be on Saturday, May 30 from 1-4 p.m. in the afternoon. The prom will be held at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall, 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma. If you don't drive at night, you can still attend because it will still be light outside. We'll be listening and dancing to music from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and up. Dress is semi-formal/formal. I didn't get to go to my senior prom and this is my chance.

If you would like to attend you can contact myself at lddelony@comcast.net or call our Secretary Carol Robertson at (253) 472-0081. We hope to see you here!

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

Spunky Bluebirds to host Spaghetti Feed April 26!!

The Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 is having a spaghetti feed for a money-maker. The dinner will be held on Sunday, April 26 from 1-4 p.m. at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall located at 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma. The cost is \$5 per person at the door.

Please RSVP to Holly Houser at (253) 535-5460 or e-mail Holly at: holly84tra85@netzero.net or Laurel Delony (253) 983-7619 or e-mail Laurel at: lddelony@comcast.net.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and donations are always welcome, as well. Please come and help support our girls.

Please Register For Sessions Early!

From your 2008-2009 Deputy Grand Master



JOHN CRISPIN

CHANGES IN OUR SESSIONS SCHEDULE

Grand Master Frank Wilson was on vacation last month. Deputy Grand Master John Crispin filled in with a letter for Brother Frank.

Many of you may have heard that the schedule for the Grand Sessions this year will be a little different than it has been in recent years. After the close of the Grand Lodge Sessions last year, a number of Brothers and I discussed how we could improve the Sessions as a whole, especially how we handle legislation like the Park Board By-Laws. Brother Coulter was kind enough to write up some of our conclusions and we presented them to the Grand Encampment and Grand LEA for their input.

As a result of these discussions, a basic plan evolved. Move the Sessions of the Grand Encampment and Grand LEA to Sunday with an extended lunch break to allow for the Installation of the Officers of the Theta Rho Assembly, and move the meeting of the Washington Regiment of the LAPM to Saturday and make the Officers' Reception part of the Grand Encampment Installation. Other scheduled events would remain as before. The benefits we had focused on were smoother handling of legislation and a shorter Session with many activities occurring on the weekend to encourage the participation of members with regular employment.

As I worked out the details of this schedule I became aware of another benefit, greater cross participation between units of the Order and more exposure of those units. For our Order to thrive, we all need to be more aware of the work of other units.

When I presented this proposal to the Planning Board there were concerns voiced by some Theta Rho Advisors who felt they did not have the support needed to attend the Encampment Sessions and prepare for installation. Additional concerns were aired by members of the LAPM who felt that the Washington Regiment of the LAPM would not be able to hold their meeting at the same time as the Theta Rho Assembly. As a compromise, the Planning Board moved the Regimental meeting to Friday and shortened the Theta Rho Assembly by one day and moving their installation to Saturday evening.

While I think this new schedule is an improvement, I feel we have missed several opportunities.

By spreading the schedule out, we risk marginalizing those units scheduled to meet away from the central events of Sessions and increase the burden of attendance for members of those units.

Shortening the Theta Rho Assembly Sessions deprives those members present for the Grand Encampment Sessions and the Memorial Service of the chance to hear of the hard work and see dedication of these Sisters. When our Theta Rho Sisters are able to interact with other units they can see that the path they are on is just beginning and we have a place for them when they choose to make that next step.

If you have an interest working with the youth of the Order I would encourage you to contact your local advisor or your Joint Jurisdictional Youth Committee.

Grand Sessions are an opportunity for all the units of the Order to come together and share experiences and recognize the hard work of Clubs, Lodges, Encampments and especially *Members*. These events are for all the members of the Order and I would encourage everyone of any degree to attend and participate.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, John Crispin, Deputy Grand Master

Get your Sand Rail Flags from South Tacoma IOOF

Sand Rail Flags are still available from the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge #211. Show your Odd Fellow pride. Purchase a flag for \$5 or with a pole for \$10. We also have Odd Fellow stickers for \$2.

Contact our Secretary to purchase at: lddelony@comcast.net or (253) 983-7619.

Don't forget our Octoberfest and Silent Auction October 31.

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

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

2009 GRAND SESSIONS IN YAKIMA

The 2009 Grand Lodge Sessions will be upon us very soon. We thank the lodges that have sent in their Representative Certificates already. To those lodges that have not done so yet, please do it now. The Grand Master needs them in order that he may make committee assignments for the Grand Lodge Sessions.

REMEMBER

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

REMINDER

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

TO ALL UNITS OF THE ORDER

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

Fraternally,

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

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

Due to weather and sickness, our installation was postponed until our February 24th meeting where Betty Hugg became our new Noble Grand. After Noble Grand Betty Hugg thanked Theo Bergren for being a wonderful Noble Grand this past year, Betty asked everyone think of the word "fun." Betty asked everyone in

our lodge to make suggestions regarding fun activities we can implement as a way to promote our lodge and attract new members.

We are all looking forward to better weather, less sickness and more fun for the remainder of the year.

In F., L. & T.,

Shelli Hugg, Reporter

Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141 and Fall City IOOF Lodge #59

Members of Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141 served a "High Tea" American-style luncheon to 41 people on Valentine's Day. The tables were set with lace table cloths, bone china, crystal dishes and decorative tea pots. The Valentine decorations were lovely and the food was delicious. The members worked hard to make it a grand affair (which I hope will be an annual one) and no one should have gone away hungry as there was an abundance of everything.

A short program entitled "The Family Apron" was presented by a member and it drew much interest, especially with the old cover ups. There was some laughter about the odd ones.

Lots of work went into preparing and serving the tea. NG Jean Miller extends her thanks to everyone who helped, including some non-members who pitched in.

Lone Star #141 in Fall City will host the annual District #25 Meeting

at the IOOF Hall on Tuesday, April 28. The activities will begin with a luncheon at 11 a.m. — a new time — followed by the opening of the lodge in the Rebekah Degree. Then the District Officers will assume their stations. All Rebekahs are invited to attend.

Members of Fall City IOOF Lodge #59 held their monthly dinner for Odd Fellow and Rebekah members, along with their friends, on Saturday, March 21. Following dinner, there was a special presentation on logging and saw mills in the valley throughout the years. It was of interest to everyone. Corned beef and cabbage was served.

NG Mary Harper of Gilman Rebekah Lodge #59 in Issaquah is hospitalized as of this writing. She is in Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland, suffering from diabetic problems. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

In F., L. & T.,

Lorraine Mills, Secretary

From your 2008 - 2009 Assembly President



JENNIE REED

PLANT A TREE FOR ARBOR DAY

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hopefully Spring is here to stay!

Friday, April 24 is Arbor Day and what a perfect time to plant a tree and be a part of the "Living Legacy Program." This program was the idea of Sovereign Grand Master Wilson D. Berkey, who in 1989 noticed many



dead trees in the jurisdiction that he was visiting — which caused great concern. He commissioned this worthy project as a program of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Planting trees makes a difference in our environment, beautifies our communities, and provides cover and food for wildlife. Invite the local media to your tree planting event. It is a great publicity opportunity. More than six million trees have been planted by the combined branches of our Order. Please send your "Living Legacy" report to Warden, Jean Hartill.

I want to remind you to send to me the names of any new members in your lodge, along with the names of the sponsors. I put a form in each Representative's packet asking for that information. I'm sure there have been more new members than have been reported. There will be a drawing at the Monday night banquet at Sessions. A gift will be awarded to a new member and one to a sponsor.

April will be a busy month:

- **Friday through Sunday, April 3-5** — Northwest Odd Fellows in Idaho
- **Saturday, April 11** — District #10 Meeting
- **Friday & Saturday, April 24-25** — Home Board in Walla Walla
- **April 29-May 4** — Washington, D.C.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant with repairs and additions."

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Spring is officially here and Easter is on its way. At our first meeting in April we will have a hat parade, so get creative and let's see what we come up with.

It is the month of District Meetings and we are looking forward to ours on Saturday, April 11 at Camano Island. Rebekah Assembly President, Jennie Reed will be making her official visit to Skagit #82 and Concrete #226 that day. Our lodge is busy preparing for the Memorial Service.

We have our baskets put together and are starting our raffle. One basket is full of craft supplies and the other is a spring basket with lots of gardening items. We have set up some

times to sell tickets at Walmart and hope this proves to be as successful as our others.

Our Musician Doral Shelton spent some time in the hospital again, but she was able to be back at the piano for our last meeting.

Sister Myrtle Whitehead and myself have been having some tests. Sister Rhoda Meeks has been spending time with her father who has had four heart attacks. We hope all of us will be back on the mend by next month. Even with our aches and pains we have managed to attend the meetings.

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

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

SPRINGING TO LIFE WITH HAPPINESS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

April showers bring May flowers. Remember that old saying? Well, the flowers and trees are budding and summer is ahead. It reminds me of how things that seem dead can come to life again and provide a beautiful display of colors. That is the same with our lodges. If we take care and provide the right ingredients they can, again, spring to life and bring happiness to all involved.

TIMES ARE CHANGING

I had a complaint the other day because our lodge members do not wear formals to the regular lodge meetings. Anyone who has been a member of the Order as long as I have can remember the beautiful meetings with the women in formals, the men in suits and the lodge conducted in a formal and solemn manner. How I loved those days but, friends, times have changed and we must change with them. Would you sooner have five members at your lodge meeting in formal attire or 15 in casual clothes? I am not saying dirty or inappropriate clothing, but slacks or dresses?

We do have a ritual to follow and, I feel, this must be adhered to as it is what our Order is about. There are rules and regulations in all organizations, including ours. However, a dress code is not listed. I hate to say it, but it seems to me that if we want to maintain our Order and our lodges, we must change with the times. This does not mean we should not show respect on special occasions. A visit from the President, initiation of new members, District Meetings, etc. definitely call for a formal for Sisters and neat apparel for Brothers. If some of your members do not have formals it would be a simple matter to have wrap around long skirts available at the hall to wear over the slacks or pants for the meeting. It gives special meaning to the occasion.

BE DILIGENT WITH YOUR REPORTS

Last December I mailed the Annual Report and the SGL Membership Report in the same large brown envelope. Each envelope was checked against the lodge addresses before mailing. I have had many lodges that said they did not receive this report so I had to contact SGL to send new ones. Sisters, if you received the Annual Report, you also received the Membership Report which was due in January. This report is necessary for SGL and the Assembly Records. Next year, please be diligent in sending this report to your Secretary (not to SGL), as it states in the SGL letter, so that proper reports can be made. Your Secretary is on a time line both with the Membership Report and the Annual Report, so they need to be mailed in a timely manner — which many of you did. Thank you for your consideration.

"TAKE ME" IS ALMOST READY

By the time you read this letter the "Take Me" should be pretty much on the way to being reviewed by the Printing Committee *if* all the necessary reports are in. If your lodge has legislation to present, please get it to me so it can be published. Remember, legislation must have three signatures. If you want help with this please contact me.

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH A FRIEND

Happy Easter wishes to each of you from me. If you have no one to celebrate with, why not find another person who is alone and celebrate together? Believe me, these acts of kindness are greatly appreciated and many times it is greatly needed by someone who has memories of happier times in their lives.

*With Rebekah love and blessings to all,
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
E-mail address: bweldon4@msn.com Toll Free: 1-866-725-3508*

District #3 to meet in Olympia

District Association #3 will hold its 214th semi-annual session on Saturday, April 18 in Olympia. Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 will be the hostess lodge for the day. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. with President Lorraine Kramer presiding.

All Rebekah Lodges in District #3 will participate in the meeting. Come and enjoy the day.
— In F, L. & T., Dorothy Nelson, Reporter

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From your 2008-2009 Theta Rho President

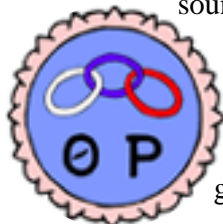


CASSIDY FEIST

LOOK FORWARD TO FUN & WORK AT SESSIONS

Hey everyone. Last month I went to the Planning Board Meeting in Yakima for our Sessions in June. It seems like this year is going to be fun. But just remember that there is a lot of work to be done as well.

This year at Sessions, our Fun Night is going to be "Fun at the Beach." It sounds like tons of fun!



After the Planning Board Meeting, I made my visitation with Pasco. It was pretty fun. I got to learn about the girls a little bit more. This month I am making my visitation to Acorn. I can't wait to spend some time with those girls.

What else is happening this month? My club is having an open house to get some more girls in. Let's hope it goes well and we get a few more girls.

There's only a few more months until Sessions. I'm pretty excited, but a little scared about what's in store for me. Its crazy how time goes by so fast. It seems like I was just initiated as President a month ago. It just shows us how fast time flies.

Well, that is about it for this month. I hope you all have a good month.

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

A special thanks from Loletta

During the past three weeks, I have experienced the results of belonging to such a wonderful Order. My family and I wish to thank all of you for the wonderful cards and flowers during this time of tragedy in our lives.

To my Odd Fellow Brothers and Sisters who attended the memorial for my David, I thank you. It meant a lot to receive your hugs and kind words. Tom, John and I have been blessed by your Friendship, Love and Truth.

— *Loletta McCormick*

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Easter to you all.

In March for community service we made another donation to "Hospitalized Veterans" for craft kits for Easter. We also made a donation to "Feed The Children" for children who are not as lucky as us to have food provided for them.

We are busy making our Easter baskets for one of the retirement residences in Oak Harbor.

During the last weekend in April Theta Rho President Cassidy Feist will be making her official visit. We are going to have a swim party with her on Friday night and then all go to our advisor's home for visiting and refreshments. The next day we will all participate in the Holland Happening Parade and then we go to lunch together following the parade. We are looking forward to spending this time with her.

There is a fifth Wednesday this month, so we are planning a craft night to work on Mothers' Day projects. Time goes by so fast and there just doesn't seem to be enough time to fit everything in that we want to do.

We are looking forward next month to the Youth Retreat at the IOOF Park at Camano.

Hopefully the spring weather will be here when you read this and you can enjoy some time outdoors in warmer weather.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14

Pasco girls have been very active so far this year. They were able to have a fund-raising project to give a donation to the Animal Shelter here in Pasco. We would like to thank all of the lodges that helped with this project.

We also collected stuffed animals for the Pasco Police Department. The police were very thankful for the donations.

We made Valentine's Day table decorations for the Tri-Cities Retirement Inn. We are currently making table favors for Easter for the Inn. The residents always enjoy the things we do for them.

We served refreshments to our sponsoring lodge, the Golden Rule Rebekahs. Our Sister Rebekahs and Brother Odd Fellows from several lodges are very good to us and help us with all our projects. They are all greatly appreciated.

We had an ice cream party and encourage prospective members and their mothers to attend. We also had an open house meeting to show the prospects how a meeting is done. We are going to initiate one new member right away. We have more prospects we are hoping to bring in soon.

We had our Installation of Officers with TRA Vice President Brooklynn Davies in charge. Some of our Rebekah Sisters helped install elected officers President Jessica Stienwand, Vice President Ashley Herrin, and Secretary Lilly Gridley. Also installed into appointive offices were Brooklynn Davies, Destiny Davies and Samantha Combs.

We traveled to Yakima and met with our TRA President Cassidy. It was nice to see her and her parents. We took her out to lunch and give her a gift. It was very nice of her to come to visit with us. While in Yakima we attended the Planning Board and the JJYC meetings.

We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Odd Fellows Hall in Kennewick at 7 p.m. If you are in the area, please come visit us.

— *Yours In Happiness Through Service,
Members of Pasco Theta Rho Girls Club #14*

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

We have set our clocks ahead for spring, but late snow keeps falling in Lewis County. This is out of the ordinary for us.

In spite of the unusual weather, Sandy Holderman and Alice Sanford traveled to Napavine on February 26 to visit with Trinity members. They got to see Rebekah Assembly President Jennie Reed again. What an enjoyable evening!

Our NG Rosalie Davis is on vacation, taking in the sunshine in Arizona. She plans to be back soon.

Our meeting on March 5 was minus a Noble Grand and Vice Grand. Sisters Hilma Bowen and Alice Sanford filled in as pro-tems.

Monterose made a donation to the Odd Fellows Home in memory of our

adopted Sister Anna Martien. We are saddened by her passing. She was a dear person.

Our VG Dorothy Sloan is recuperating from eye surgery. She plans to be back in time for our next meeting.

A surprise anniversary party was held for Edna Armstrong. She just celebrated 65 years of wedding bliss. That's quite an honor. Sisters brought a cake and flowers. Refreshments were served and members had a good time.

Early plans are underway for our part in the District #18 program honoring our Treasurer. We are hoping for a good turnout on Saturday, April 4 in Bucoda. See you all there.

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

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Theta Rho Of Washington

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June 19 thru 22, 2009

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SEND ALL THE REGISTRATION FORMS AS A GROUP.**

From your 2008-2009 Grand Patriarch



JEAN F. COSTON

TWO CHICKS & A COW - "NO BULL"

Greetings to Patriarchs of Washington,

All of the events at the June convention have been cast in concrete — or is it stone? We will sit down to two banquets that will have as the main dish, chicken and one that will be beef. The events that will take place and their times are in the schedule on the pages to follow. All of us who attend will have jobs to perform and will have fun when the work is completed.



I took four days away from normal life and went on a four-day vacation down to Ocean Shores. On the way back I stopped at my old alma mater, Hoquiam High School, and presented my Grizzly pins to the principal, Mark VandenHazel, and a ninth grade student, Brock Atkins who is doing service work in school like I did when I was in the ninth grade through my senior year. Genie and I were well received. My fez turned heads.

- **Friday, April, 10** — Installation of officers at Kent #15
- **Saturday, April 18** — Installation of H.P. Downs officers

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Watering cans and the color pink decorated our hall on February 26 when Rebekah President Jennie Reed came for a visit. We enjoyed listening to her program detailing her trip to the National Convention. It was a wonderful evening, thank you Ms. Reed.

The Trinity Sisters have been keeping busy with card parties and luncheons on the third Friday of every month. A large Bake Sale was planned for March 20. On Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, we are planning a Rummage Sale at the Rebekah Hall. Everyone is welcome to come visit us at any of these events. We would love to see you.

I, Debby Lee, had a great time in Colorado last February. I got to meet authors Jerry Jenkins and Karen Kingsbury. I also took workshops with famous "Heartsong Presents author" DiAnn Mills. I learned so much from her. Carnegie Hall pianist, Randall Atcheson provided the worship music.

We hope all you Sisters are managing in the cold weather. Here's to April bringing not just showers and May flowers, but sunshine and warmer weather, as well. Have a blessed month, Sister. Until later. . .

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

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Because of inclement weather, we had our Valentine luncheon on February 25. A delicious chicken casserole was served.

The money for serving at the VFW District Meeting was turned in. Our Noble Grand, Secretary and Treasurer did the entire lunch for the VFW.

NG Carolyn Turner thanked her 2008 officers and presented each with a primrose. A Valentine poem was read by Chaplain Luellyn Ainsworth. Corky Walker and Leona Treznoski were presented primroses for doing the VFW dinner.

Our Noble Grand presented a gift to Luellyn for perfect attendance.

After the meeting, Bingo was played with giant Hershey Kisses. There were surprise gifts as prizes.

Everyone had lots of fun.

Our Secretary's husband, John Treznoski, is doing well after hip replacement surgery. Corky Walker's husband, Warren, is doing much better since his accident with his horse. Our Noble Grands husband, Bill Turner, is feeling much better.

THOUGHTS

"What lies behind and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

"You know you are grown up when the idea of staying in is just as appealing as the idea of going out."

Best wishes for Easter. Love and good health to all.

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

In Roy

Warren Rebekah Lodge #308

(See photo on page 1.)

Hello from Warren Rebekah Lodge #308!

My name is Deb Gulley and I will be the news reporter for the year 2009.

We would like to share our good news! As of September, 2008, our lodge has six new members. We look forward to sharing our Rebekah history with our new Sisters. It is great to have younger members bring their new ideas to share with us. We certainly enjoy their enthusiasm.

At our October meeting, we began a new project. Making "gift baskets" has been fun and profitable. It has brought us all together working as a team. In December we made 22 baskets and sales were fantastic.

January was exciting with installation of new officers. We were fortunate to have the "F., L. & T. Drill Team" perform their duties. As always, they did an awesome job! Past Assembly President Marcia Presley was the Installing Officer. Marcia was very gracious and shared her knowledge of international Rebekah Lodges. Our new Noble Grand is Marlene Lenz and Vice Grand is Carol Moline.

Our February meeting started out with a wonderful luncheon. It featured a Valentine theme. Hostesses were our Noble Grand and Chaplain Deb Gulley. Each place setting had treats and decorations.

Past Noble Grand DoRis Klotzner picked lucky number eight for a cuddly Teddy bear. She also presented her officers with handmade ceramic plaques. We have enjoyed her trivia and words of wisdom.

PNG DoRis Klotzner will be our new Representative for 2009. Marlene Lenz will be the Alternate.

NG Marlene presented us with some new ideas to have fun with. She also suggested having a "new idea" box to share out thoughts on new projects and activities. Participation from all members will be encouraged. We now have "Secret Sisters" to enjoy and surprise.

We had two special guests in February. Mickey and Minnie Mouse donned the proper regalia, of course. They sat nicely, smiled at everyone and were very attentive.

Bill Newcomer from the Yelm Moose Lodge donated 35 Bingo cards to our lodge. We look forward to games and fellowship with our Sisters.

Out last meeting in February featured a potluck luncheon. Sister Mary said, "how nice it is to have such good food just laying around our kitchens waiting to be shared by all!"

Starting our day off with good food, good company and God's blessings, we knew we were going to have a great day.

NG Marlene reported that several Sisters were on the "sick list." We wish them all speedy recoveries and hope to see them soon. She also presented us with our "new idea" box — a red velvet box with a gold ribbon. We know this will be an asset for our meetings.

NG Marlene had a surprise for us. Our lodge now has a new "traveling angel." Sister Elizabeth Wallace was chosen to be our first member to take her home. Our angel will encourage us to count our blessings and think "good thoughts." She will come back to lodge at each meeting and go home with a new member. Each caretaker for our angel will share her "thought for the day" with us.

Our gift baskets for Easter were ready at our first March meeting. Then we displayed them for sale. It really is a lot of fun and we try to add a personal touch to each basket.

We plan to have lots of fun in the coming year. Anytime our Rebekah Sisters from other lodges want to exchange ideas for projects or activities, we would be happy to do so.

This is my first newsletter and I have had a lot of fun and I look forward to future months. I am a new member since September of 2008 and I have had the opportunity to meet some outstanding women. I admire each individual for their knowledge and love for each other. We new members are very humble and proud to be accepted as their Sisters.

*In F, L. & T,
Deb Gulley,
Reporter*

District #18 meets in Bucoda

The District #18 Meeting will be held in Bucoda on Saturday, April 4 in the Bucoda gym, located on the corner of 3rd and North Nenant.

The day will start with a coffee hour at 9 a.m., followed by the meeting at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served from a delicious menu.

NG Dorothy Music and VG Sue Johnson send out a warm invitation to all.

— In F, L. & T., Dorothy Music, Reporter

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Greetings from Olympia!

At our first meeting in March we conducted Second and Third Degree rituals for Rob and Millie Stewart. Congratulations to you both. We hope to see you at lodge and our upcoming events.

At our second meeting in March, the lodge discussed whether to continue our Summer Food Program to the community. PJ has appointed a committee to brainstorm this idea and other ideas to assist the needy in our community. If you have ideas, please contact PJ, Joe, Tom or myself. Additionally, we are financially supporting one of our Sisters from the South Tacoma Rebekahs on her participation in the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk.

Our lodge discussed the possibility of having an open meeting during the year. This question raised lots of debates. Action was tabled and is still under consideration. Think about the question and state your opinion in future meetings.

Our Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at our park. We need to have members pick up empty plastic eggs at lodge, fill them with candy or change and return them to lodge. The committee will pick up filled eggs and take them to the park. See our sign-up list if you would like to assist. Thanks to Rick and Cathy Garcia for organizing this event.

CEMETERY BOARD

PJ and the Cemetery Board will be conducting a work party to clean up the grounds, clean the outside of the building and walkways and do some

paint. PJ also would like this work party to be on a Saturday so more members can participate. PJ, speaking for the Board, also stated that electric lines will be installed to light the signs and the flagpole.

PARK BOARD

Glen reports several more people have made reservations to use the park. Stu and Walt cannot mow as it is too wet. A new pass number for the park gate has been issued. See Bob Burenti, our Finance Secretary, for the new number. The number has been changed for gate only, not the kitchen. Our hard working Park Board has taken possession of a new Club Cadet Lawn mower, retiring the 19-year-old Honda Harmony Mower. Walt, Glen and Stu picked up the mower and Walt has fashioned a set of chains for the rear wheels already.

THURSTON BUILDING

Thanks to the Thurston Building Committee for their efforts in remodeling the kitchen. They and Dan Lerch have upgraded our kitchen with new counter tops, a three compartment sink and a very large swing spout faucet. Combined with the new floor and paint on cabinets done earlier, the kitchen looks great. Thanks to George, Joe, and Bill for their time and expertise. George expressed concern that our investments have seen a decline and asked the lodge if we should leave the market. Joe Picanco, the Finance Chairman, will give a report at the next meeting relating to this request.

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

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Sisters, mark this on your calendars. We have changed our meeting time. We will now meet at 7 p.m. This will allow those from further out a better time to drive home.

We elected Karen Schultz as Representative to Assembly and Jeanne Elder as Alternate Representative.

We will be holding another "No Bake" sale this spring. When you receive the letter, please send your donation to Susan Akers, Financial Secretary. Better yet, come to lodge and hand it to her.

Everyone enjoyed the Valentine party the Walla Walla Rebekahs held for the residents of the Home. The program was great and everyone enjoyed the homemade cookies. We had plenty so each resident who wished could take a bag back to their

room. We judged around 95 residents and Rebekahs attended.

During February our lodge was saddened by the deaths of Jesse Harbors, PNG, and Anna Martien. These Sisters were longtime members and were very active.

Sister Jesse received her 50-year Jewel last fall and was especially remembered for the years she served as Secretary.

Sister Anna, PNG, was an Associate member from Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300. She was a 41-year member. While in Bee Hive, along with other offices, she served twice as Noble Grand.

Our sympathies are extended to their families and to our other Sisters who have recently lost family members by death.

Jean Lucke, Secretary & Reporter

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

By the time this issue arrives, our lodge will have been honored with the visit of Assembly President Jennie Reed. We had a wonderful potluck lunch and enjoyed seeing her and Sisters from our area. Our meeting was rescheduled from evening to afternoon, so more Sisters and Brothers could attend.

Since she is partial to watering cans, we used those as part of our decorations and presented one in her favorite lavender with red carnations.

Our lodge has voted to take on a new project of collecting old towels

and blankets, together with pet foods, to donate to the local Humane Society as their funding for this year has been severely reduced.

Spring seems to be coming and I've already been out and around, checking to see if the deer have left any early flowers to bloom.

Our wish for all is a blessed year and a happy Easter. Come visit our lodge the second and fourth Thursday each month when you are in town.

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

PNG's Association

Let's celebrate Easter on April 16

The Past Noble Grands' Association will meet on Thursday, April 16 at the Roy Grange Hall, 3404-102 Water Street in Roy.

Hostesses for the luncheon at noon are DoRis Klotzner and Mary Robinson. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. with Mary Robinson presiding.

The program for the day is "Your Favorite Easter Time!"

All Rebekahs are welcome. Happy Easter to all. A perfect gift is a hug.

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

Chewelah Rebekah Lodge #162

Officers installed at our January 27 meeting were: NG Janet Tetro, RSNG Jewel Zeihen, VG Linda Meadows, Sec. Alice Hubert, Treas.

Barbara Miller, Ward. Joey Locke, Cond. Elaine Vetsch, Chap. Mary Firor, Mus. Alice Hubert, IG Joyce George and OG Dorothy Lawrence.

The installing officers were District Deputy President Mary Firor and Deputy Marshall Jewel Zeihen.

As you probably noticed, we have some offices that are unfilled. We are always looking for new members.

Our new Noble Grand Janet Tetro named her committees for the coming year and presented plans for a busy year to include card parties, rummage sales, serving Chataqua (our community's yearly arts and crafts festival) Breakfast on Saturday July 11 and Chataqua Cowboy Breakfast on Sunday July 12. There may be more, so stay tuned!

Our Rebekah Sister Artie Willner, now 97 years young, celebrated her birthday close to Chewelah with many friends present to wish her many more years. She is currently living with Joanne and Fred Safford and their family. Artie can be reached at the mailing address of the Safford's: 4611 E. Eloika Lake Rd., Chattaroy, WA 99003.

In F., L. & T., Jewel Zeihen, Secretary



ARTIE WILLNER

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Lucile Spaulding**, 25 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.

• **Alice Smith**, 64 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.

• **Betty Winn**, 19 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.

• **Jesse Harbors**, PNG, 50 year member, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.

• **Anna Martien**, PNG, 41 year member, Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #70, Onalaska and Associate Member, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.

• **Alice Glad**, 79 year member,

Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141, Fall City. Initiated May 16, 1929 into Silver Sands Rebekah Lodge in Redmond.

• **Elda Clinton**, 63 year member, Lone Star Rebekah Lodge #141, Fall City. Initiated March 14, 1946 into Grace Rebekah Lodge in Carnation.

• **Violet Williams Ekman**, 58 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton. Initiated May 22, 1951 into Aurilla Rebekah Lodge #133.

• **Ivy Ronn Frank**, 74 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton. Initiated Feb. 26, 1935 into Aurilla Rebekah Lodge #133.

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Greetings once again from all of us here in Waterville on another beautiful cool morning. There are still signs that Old Man Winter is hanging on as we had a slight snowfall last evening. Snow in the mountains is much needed and spring will be along soon.

We have been able to hold three meetings with a quorum present. NG Nadra Rivers is getting better daily after chemotherapy treatments. She even has plans for a cruise to Alaska in May. Everyone else weathered all the cold and snow that winter sent our way.

President Jennie Reed has asked us to meet with Tempest #114 in Wenatchee on March 18 for a joint

visitation. Hopefully a few attended the luncheon before the meeting.

PP Irene Kossow has been keeping us informed on the condition of PP Doris Wigglesworth following heart surgery and PGM Ward Martin who is battling cancer. Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with them and all others who are needing them.

Assembly Sessions are getting nearer. Hopefully I will be able to attend the June Sessions in Yakima.

To our Editor Bill, we hope you are on the road to a full recovery. You're included in our prayers.

Until next month, much fraternal love to all.

PP Fay Bowers-Holland, Reporter

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In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Hello everyone! Are you getting wet during these days of rain? Of course it isn't much and we need much more rain. But I guess spring is trying to come. Soon we will be watching the flowers bloom. The snow banks are disappearing — thank goodness.

We new officers and they are ready and raring to go. In January, snow banks blocked our way, so consequently we were unable to make lodge meetings.

In February, we all enjoyed a happy day. Valentine's Day was in our hearts.

We all celebrated St. Patrick's Day as **green** was the color for our group on March 17 which was the day we met.

Our Card Chairman, Betty Roller, keeps busy sending greeting cards to our members near or far away. She sends them cards on their birthdays

and holidays. It is always a good way to keep in touch with our members.

One again we packed about 90 Baggies for the Hope Center in Moses Lake. It is always a good feeling when we know we are helping people to better their lives.

We are all happy to wish one of our members the very best. This month she is marrying her friend. Sh! Sh! I shouldn't say this, but he is great and very well licked. Okay, I will tell you. Our member is Helen Scheibner and he is Ted Bruce. Congratulations!! The happy day is Saturday, April 18.

Don't let the first of April get you. Be first and ready to call someone on April Fools Day with an April Fools joke.

See you all next month if I don't forget.

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

2009 Washington Grand Sessions

~ Meal & Banquet Reservations ~

	PRICE	Number of Persons	TOTAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 20			
Youth Banquet			
Chicken Fettuccini	Adults \$13.00	_____	_____
SUNDAY, JUNE 21			
Grant Patriarch / Grand Matriarch Breakfast			
French Toast	\$11.00	_____	_____
Encampment / LEA Luncheon			
Deli Sandwich	\$13.00	_____	_____
Past President's Banquet			
Baked Pork Chop	\$18.00	_____	_____
Roasted Tom Turkey	\$18.00	_____	_____
MONDAY, JUNE 22			
President's Friendship Breakfast			
Light & Healthy	\$11.00	_____	_____
Grand Master's Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$11.00	_____	_____
All Branch Banquet			
London Broil	\$18.00	_____	_____
Roasted Tom Turkey	\$18.00	_____	_____
Teriyaki Chicken	\$18.00	_____	_____
TUESDAY, JUNE 23			
TaNaMaKa Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$11.00	_____	_____
IOOF Representatives' Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$11.00	_____	_____
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24			
7:00 a.m. — Rebekah Representatives' Breakfast			
All American Breakfast	\$11.00	_____	_____
Pre Registration Prior to June 1	\$15.00	_____	_____
Registration AFTER June 1, 2009	\$20.00	_____	_____
TOTAL DUE WITH REGISTRATION			_____

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

More than 90 guests were in attendance as Narcissa and Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge members entertained residents of the Odd Fellows Home with a Valentine's Party. It was enjoyable to have Aramae Buckingham serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. We thank Elsie Wells, Chairman, and her entire committee for organizing this special occasion.

The tables were dressed with red and pink tablecloths and looked festive with their "bouquets of hearts" centerpieces. Valentines were given to all and more than 50 prizes were awarded to those whose Valentines were marked with lucky numbers. Everyone was served ice cream and enjoyed a variety of cookies and delicious punch. We appreciated the members of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity who served the refreshments and helped with clean up duties.

Entertainment for the afternoon featured Monica Daniel, who sang a wonderful assortment of love songs. It was a treat to hear some of the familiar old favorites sung by a young lady with an extra-ordinary voice. She was accompanied by a talented pianist, Kristen Vining-Stauffer.

The drawing for our Quilt Raffle was held on February 17 and the winner was Isla Barton. We were all surprised to learn that Isla is a two-time winner as she also held the winning ticket for the Narcissa Quilt Raffle just one year ago. We congratulate

you on a job well done, Isla.

Our District Deputy President of District #8, Nita Stearns, was present at one of our recent meetings. We were happy to have her among our visitors. She was introduced and given the honors.

Condolences, in memory of three of our departed Sisters, were prepared and read by Sister Barbara Tvz and accepted by the members. We were saddened by the loss of Betty Winn (19-year member), Lucile Spaulding (27-year member) and Alice Smith (64-year member). We extend our sympathies to their families following the loss of their loved ones.

Proceeds from our silver drills during the month of March were designated to be used for the Arthritis Fund.

Jacqueline Klicker and Nancy Klicker were hostesses following our last meeting in March.

Narcissa members are planning to have a spring garage sale on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at the home of Ken and Aramae Buckingham. We welcome any items you wish to donate, so please start gathering them up now and encourage others to do the same.

As I complete this newsletter article, it is actually snowing here, but spring is just around the corner and you are being sent wishes for a blessed Easter.

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

See You At Sessions In Yakima!

