



Down in Louisiana. . .

Geraldine Viator, 2008-09 President of the Rebekah Assembly of Louisiana, was greeted by Karen Hoylman when she attended that Jurisdiction's Assembly Session in March. Although the Assembly is small with only six lodges, Karen reported that they were very friendly. Karen said she enjoyed seeing how they do things. She was the only visitor other than IARA Representative Vickie Beaver of Oregon.

Let's start talking about keeping our Order alive

The following was submitted by Robert C. Jacobson, an associate member of Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313, in response to opinion pieces in the February and March editions of The Washington OddFellow written by a California Noble Grand, Dave Rosenburg.

After reading Brother Rosenberg's letter published in both Oregon's and Washington's newspapers and discussing his thoughts, actions and suggestions with both of the Rebekah lodges that I belong to, I commend him and his lodge for the progress that he has accomplished. I have never met Brother Rosenberg, but I will bet my last dollar that he is a very charismatic person. I have been an Odd Fellow since 1977. I have served as the Financial Secretary at Mann #200 in San Rafael, California for two years and have been Secretary for Beaver Lodge #35 in Astoria/Seaside, Oregon ever since. I have been an associate member at several other lodges over the years. I have served in all of the chairs over these years in Odd Fellowship and I'm presently the Noble Grand of Ramona #202 in Seaside, Oregon. I will not be able to attend this year either Oregon's or Washington's Grand Lodge Sessions for the first time in several years. Time has a way of catching up with all of us.

What is outmoded about "relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan," sir?

Brother Rosenberg, your article has stirred up a hornets' nest with both Rebekah lodges that I am presently associated with. Sir, what you have suggested will cause all of the lodges that I'm presently associated with to close their doors. Our lodges would not be much more than a local, open social group, not a fraternal lodge if your plan is put into effect. Allowing both sexes to belong to either or both Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges was the right move at the right time. But to take away the ability of both lodges to accept or reject someone for any reason, and force all sexes into one lodge

See *Response to Rosenburg* on back page

Odd Fellows continue to spread more scholarships

Andrew Venema, a member of Excelsior Odd Fellow Lodge #111, won the 2009 L.J. Jones \$8,000 scholarship. As a younger member of the lodge, Andrew especially enjoys the brotherhood and friendships that are made while helping people in his small community of Bickleton. Andrew attends lodge with his father, Chris. The senior-graduate to be hopes to attend Central Washington University and become a paramedic.

Winners of the \$2,500 scholarships for boys are Trevor Fitzpatrick and David Todd. David, a senior at Auburn's Mt. View High School, was nominated by Unity Rebekah Lodge #53. He is the grandson of members Nancy and Paul Peland of Valley Odd Fellows Lodge #60 and Unity. David plans to attend Green River Community College with a major in health and fitness.

After graduating from Kennewick High School, Trevor will major in physical education at Eastern Oregon University and eventually teach elementary students. He is the great grandson of Marilyn Duffy, a member of Beehive Rebekah Lodge #70.

Casey McCoy, a senior at Hoquiam High School, is the alternate for the boys' scholarship. He plans to take pre-requisites at Grays Harbor College towards a chiropractic degree. Casey is the grandson of Carol Vaughn, a member of Pine Burr Rebekah Lodge #300.

Recipients of the girls' \$2,500 L.J. Jones Scholarships are Kimberly Paulson and Polly Wiltz. Polly, a senior at Kamiakin High School in Kennewick, is the granddaughter of Nick Wiltz of Richland Odd Fellows Lodge #338. Her projected goal is to major in biomedical science or psychology.

Kimberly, a Rosalia High School senior, is the daughter of Arlin Thompson, a member of Rosalia Odd Fellows Lodge #110. She plans to pursue a degree either in pharmacy or nursing.

Alternate for the girls' scholarship is Kate Hodges whose father Brad is a member of Rosalia Odd Fellows Lodge #110. She plans to attend Washington State University and major in apparel, merchandising, design and textiles.

According to L.J. Jones Scholarship chairmen, 20 lodges submitted 33 names by the December 31, 2008 deadline. Nineteen seniors completed the applications by February 28. Assembly Vice President Phyllis Rodgers had the applications judged by high school English teachers. The chairmen thank all lodge secretaries, student applicants and judges who participated in this year's scholarship competition.

On Camano Island

H.P. Downs Unified Encampment to host BBQ at the Park July 12!!

HP Downs Unified Encampment will once again host the Pork Chop and Chicken Barbecue at the Park on Camano Island, on Sunday, July 12 starting at noon. They will be assisted again this year by members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club. We hope to see many of you at the Park and you are welcome to bring friends who do not belong to the Order.

The cost again this year will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The menu will include pork chops or chicken, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, green salad, rolls with butter, dessert and a drink. The meal includes one piece of meat of your choice. If you desire more, you may purchase a second piece for a nominal fee.

The meal will be followed by the Park Board meeting and any member of the Order is eligible to sit in on this meeting. We hope many of you will come enjoy the day at our Park and see the improvements that have been made.

— Judy Diekman, PCM and Reporter

2008-2009 Grand Master's Meanderings



FRANK WILSON

NEW ODD FELLOW LODGE IS OPENING

The Grand Lodge of Washington will be instituting a new Odd Fellow Lodge soon. While visiting Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207 in February, I became engaged in conversation with an individual from Pacific County who was making application for membership. When asked how he became interested in Odd Fellowship, he replied that there was an old Odd Fellow cemetery in South Bend that was in need of care, and that a number of folks in the community want to reclaim it as an Odd Fellow cemetery and take care of this neglected burial ground. These are citizens who love their country and desire to preserve its heritage.

Opportunity was knocking at our door to perhaps form a new lodge and I decided to seize it and see where it would take me. When I asked a question, "How would you like to be a charter member of a lodge close to your home?" His response was affirmative. Since my initial connection, I have sought and received, welcomed guidance from Grand Lodge Brothers.

On Saturday, April 18, I was accompanied by Brother Bill Coulter, Grand Warden; Edmond Reitan, Jr., PGM and Grand Secretary; Neal Emond, Grand Chaplain; Joe Picanco, Grand Guardian and DDGM of District #4; and Brian Brewer, DDGM of District #3, to a meeting with those interested in moving forward in forming a lodge.

Brother Reitan explained in detail the steps necessary in forming a new Odd Fellow Lodge and provided them with a copy of the Washington Code of General Laws and other informational brochures, etc. for their information and guidance to complete the paper work required.

After our meeting and lunch, some of us accompanied an applicant to the cemetery site and it became obvious that help is needed to restore and maintain the grounds.

There is much work that needs to be accomplished in forming their lodge. They have chosen the name "Willapa Harbor IOOF Lodge #347" and it will be in District #3.

Mike Feist, Noble Grand of Silvia Lodge #38 and Brian Brewer, Secretary of Silvia Lodge #38 and DDGM of District #3, have offered to be hosts for the full day's event in Montesano on May 30 starting at 9 a.m.

Joe Picanco, Grand Guardian and DDGM of District #4, has a degree team in place for travel to Montesano. After receiving all the degrees, we will institute their lodge and the Grand Lodge Officers will install their officers. I am asking all Grand Lodge officers to prayerfully consider attending May 30, 2009 to welcome and encourage the new lodge members into the world of Odd Fellowship.

LAST MINUTE DEVELOPMENT

According to the Grand Secretary, there are many requirements to form a new lodge and we have learned that we are not able to complete those actions by May 30, 2009. Thus Willapa Harbor IOOF Lodge #347 will not be instituted and installed on that date. Watch for future developments.

Act humbly, love completely, live differently.

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

Past Presidents' dues are due

Attention all Past Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. Dues for 2009 can be mailed to PP Fay Bowers-Holland, 455 - 9th St. NE, #22, East Wenatchee, WA 98802 any time before the June 21 Past Presidents Meeting. Dues can be paid at that time, as well. Thanks.

— Fay Bowers-Holland, Treasurer

~ In Memoriam ~

• **Sylvia Trissell**, PNG, 21 year member, Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano.

• **Lena Baker King**, PNG, 62 year member, Fern Rebekah Lodge #26, Montesano.

• **Jane Waters**, Mt. View Rebekah Lodge #34, Port Angeles.

• **Sybil Young**, PNG, 49 year member, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.

• **E. Marie Taylor**, Tolero Rebekah Lodge #119, Monroe.

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

LODGE SECRETARIES, PLEASE HELP

Please keep this office informed with the current address changes of members when they occur so their *Washington OddFellow* newspaper service is not interrupted. Keeping the Grand Lodge and the *Washington OddFellow* newspaper informed of all address changes, even the temporary ones, will help us control the costs. Any Lodge Secretary, Odd Fellow or Rebekah, in need of a supply of the handy report forms (blue or green) for reporting member's address changes or for reporting new members may obtain a pad of them by contacting the Grand Lodge office.

ADVANCE REPORTS OR ALSO KNOWN AS THE "TAKE ME"

The Advance Reports should be arriving soon to assist your Lodge Representatives in making preparations for Grand Lodge Sessions in June. Advance Reports will be sent to all holdover (two-year) Representatives of even-numbered lodges and the newly-elected Representatives of the odd-numbered lodges that have sent in their Representative's Certificate. To all Lodge Representatives, please take them to lodge meetings prior to Grand Sessions. Share and review the content with your members for their input. For lodges without an elected Representative or not reporting or electing a Representative, the copy will be sent to the Lodge Secretary.

The Committee Reports that did not arrive in time for printing in the "Take Me" will now have to be presented to Grand Lodge and read by the author and referred to the appropriate Grand Lodge Standing Committee for review and recommendation.

CYBER HAPPENINGS

The Grand Lodge Website Committee has been working hard all year long meeting several times to continually improve and develop our website. Several additions and updates have been made since it was introduced at Grand Lodge Sessions. All members are invited to visit your Jurisdictional website at

www.ioofwa.org

Lodge Secretaries, you are invited to check your lodge information for current data. If corrections are in order, you can e-mail them to the webmaster right there on the spot by clicking on the *Email Us* on the lower part of that page.

GRAND SESSIONS

Grand Body Sessions will be upon us soon, so please look for the registration forms elsewhere in this issue of the newspaper. We are looking forward to warmer days and to seeing you all at Sessions.

Fraternally,

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

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Hello spring. We are glad to finally see you! A sunny hello to our dear Rebekah Sisters, as well. We at Trinity hope you all are enjoying the warmer weather. If only it could stay like this all year around. But the odds are, by the time you're reading this, it may very well be cold again.

Daffodils and tulips are peeking up from the earth to welcome spring. For our Friendship Night, six Sisters from other lodges poked their heads in to say, "hello." On Thursday, March 26, Trinity enjoyed the company of Mary Peterson, Kay Pratt and Shirley Jones from Maple Leaf. They were joined by Sandy Holderman and Alice Sanford from Monterose and Sharon Fehl from Harmony. We had a delightful time, Sisters. It was a pleasure to see you. Thank you for coming.

On March 20, a good many folks

popped into our lodge for a treat. The occasion was a bake sale to raise funds for the Arthritis Foundation. When all was said and done, we garnered a total of \$195. Congratulations, Sisters, on a job well done. A big thank you to everyone who came out to support the cause. Next month look for news on our annual rummage sale.

Our sincerest condolences go out to Sister Helen Petrie following the loss of her husband. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that you find peace and comfort in the midst of these difficult times.

A friendly "so long" for now, Sisters. Until next month, keep shiny smiles on your faces and bask in the rays of the sun while they last.

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

From your 2008 - 2009 Assembly President



JENNIE REED

A LOOK AT OUR HOME IN WALLA WALLA

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the past three years since being elected Warden, I have had the privilege to be involved with many programs of our Order. I have attended board meetings for our newspaper, *The Washington OddFellow*, our park on Camano Island and our Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, just to name a few. In this column I will focus on our Home.



In 1894 the lodges determined that the Jurisdiction of Washington should have a home. The question arose as to its location. During a statewide Grand lodge meeting held in Seattle, a group of men from Walla Walla constructed a model of the first Odd Fellows Home in Washington. They borrowed a flat bed trailer, hitched it to a team of six white horses, placed their model on top and paraded it up and down the streets of Seattle. A donation of six and a half acres of land from pioneer H.P. Isaacs, \$3,000 raised by the Walla Walla Odd Fellows and a promise of 400 gallons of water per day were the deciding factors in the present location. The Home was established in 1897 for the care of widows and orphans of members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Although the Home no longer serves orphans, it continues to serve the seniors of our Order. The 10-acre campus is home to nearly 350 residents in independent apartments, assisted living, and nursing home care. Today the Home is a non-profit 501c3 corporation and eligible seniors, other than Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, are also admitted.

Any member or non-member can contribute to several funds at the Home: *Washington Odd Fellows Home Endowment Fund, Endowment Fund, Home Benevolent Fund* and the *Restricted Funds*. You may contact the Grand Lodge or the Home for information on making donations to these funds or to inquire about the living arrangements provided at the Home.

I do hope my brief overviews these past months has encouraged each member to look into the many programs of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

The month of May will be a time for me to finish my visitations, fill my committees and prepare for Assembly in June.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

"Life's garden is filled with seeds of success. Failures are simply fertilizer for the soil."

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

PNG's Association

Celebrate May at our next meeting

The Past Noble Grands' Association will meet at the Warren Rebekah Lodge hall in Roy on Thursday, May 21. A luncheon will be served at noon with the meeting to follow at 1 p.m. Hostesses for the luncheon are Flossie Morey, Marlene Lenz and Carol Moline.

Mary's program for the day is entitled, "Did you do the May Baskets? Did you do the May Pole?"

Come prepared and enjoy!

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

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From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

STAND UP AND BE HEARD AT ASSEMBLY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

When you read this column it will be only a little over a month until our Assembly Session. I hope you will be able to attend as you are the Assembly. The Assembly could not exist without you — you are what makes it possible to get information across and changes made. If you are unhappy about something, the Assembly Session is the place to stand up and be heard. When you do not make your wishes known, anything you are unhappy about will never change. I hope to see you there.

As you know, the Spring Per Capita statement was mailed out during the early part of April. Thank you to all the lodges which took care of this promptly. It makes the Assembly office job much easier.

POSTAGE GOING UP



When you receive the "Take Me," please note the amount we have spent for postage this year — and it will increase this month!! I cannot believe when something is mailed the postage is often more than the contents. A big thank you to the lodges which have donated postage — it has really helped. I have been asked why the cost for supplies has increased so very little. The reason is that I purchased in bulk when things were not so expensive. When these supplies run out then, I am sure the price list will change.

When a lodge gives up its Charter, as you know, the lodge members become State Lodge members. However, it should be remembered that dues must be paid to the end of the year before you can receive a dues card. If the dues paid to the lodge giving up its Charter are not current or paid to the end of the year, the member is notified by letter what needs to be done to receive a State Lodge Dues Card. State Lodge Dues pay all the dues, SGL, newspaper, etc., as there is no other way to raise funds to pay this necessary expense.

PLEASE READ YOUR "TAKE ME"

You should be receiving the "Take Me" shortly if you do not already have it. Please read it carefully, especially the Legislation as it affects us all. If you have Legislation you want presented at Assembly, let me know and I will help you with it. Legislation can be presented the first day of the Session for consideration.

I hope, when you read this column, that you are having sunny days and may you be blessed and others be blessed by you. Happy Mothers' Day to all who have worked with children.

*With Rebekah love and blessings to all,
Betty Weldon, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington
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In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Spring sprung on March 20, but it still feels like winter to me. Some flowers are blooming to perk us up and the days are getting longer — all good signs that summer is near.

Our winner-loser dinner was held on March 3 and all enjoyed "dirty" rice and salad, rolls and Texas sheet cake for our Mardi Gras theme. NG Linda Zuern was the head of the "dragon" prancing around the room to Musician Vivian Currie's Dixieland jazz music.

We aren't sharing secret pals this year, but we are exchanging gifts several times throughout the year. At our April 7 meeting, we had a gift exchange for those who wanted to participate. This was our Easter themed meeting and Sandy Thissell and Marla Johnson provided delightful decorations and a delicious dessert following our meeting. We hope you

all had a joyous Easter.

Several Sisters attended the District #18 meeting on April 4 hosted by Bucoda. Ocean Beach will be hosting the next meeting in October and we gave our official invitation for all to attend. Donna Merrill wrote a poem for the invitation.

Sister Frances O'Neil has been ill for quite some time and she had surgery in March. She is doing better. Her healing is slow and steady. Sister Fritz Mose gave us a scare with a trip to the emergency room, but she is okay. Lots of colds and flu were going around back in March and April.

We want to wish all mothers a very happy Mothers' Day and also give our blessings to all for the loss of those we held dear in honoring them on Memorial Day.

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

From your 2008-2009 Theta Rho President



CASSIDY FEIST

MY VISITATIONS ARE COMPLETED

Hello. Last month I made my last visitation which was to Acorn and I had a blast! I'm all done with my visitations which is kind of sad, but I'll still have some traveling to do, so I am sure I will be good.

This month is our retreat on Camano Island. I am pretty excited about that.

I've never been to Camano Island, so I am looking forward to that.

I also look forward to seeing the girls and hopefully meeting some new ones, too. I hope it will be sunny that weekend with no rain clouds in sight!

Also this month is Mothers' Day, so make sure you thank your mothers for being absolutely amazing. Be sure to thank them for all they do for us.



There are only two more months, including this month, before Sessions. Time goes by fast, huh? Just thinking about how fast this year has flown by is *crazy!* I am pretty excited for Sessions as well as the nice hot weather in Yakima. We'll get nice tans while swimming. I am not very excited about the drive over there, though. Ha, ha. But I am pretty sure I can manage.

Well, I think that wraps it up for this month's article. I hope to see you soon. Happy Mothers' Day!

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

It's Chowder time in Des Moines!

It's May again and an Odd Fellow's fancy turns to chowder. Please come and help us celebrate a Des Moines tradition — our annual Chowder Feed. We will be serving chowder and potato soup by the bowlful. Bring your family and friends. This event is a time for Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Theta Rhos and prospective members to come together for an evening of good food and good fun.

The Chowder Feed will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 6 p.m. in the Des Moines IOOF Hall, 728 S. 225th Ave. in Des Moines. Please RSVP to (206) 870-6333 or drop us a line at P.O. Box 98651, Des Moines, WA 98198. You also can e-mail us at: desmoines305ioof@hotmail.com

Donations will be collected to benefit the food bank and gift baskets will be raffled to benefit Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289. Come join us for a steaming bowl of "Crowder Chowder" and a heaping helping of Odd Fellowship.

— In F., L. & T., John Otterstrom, Chairman

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ATTENTION ADVISORS: PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AND SEND ALL THE REGISTRATION FORMS AS A GROUP.



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club showed off their Easter baskets before they were delivered to residents of an assisted living facility. In the front row, from left, are Zoie Overby, Jennifer Turnek and Mya Brookshire. In the back, from left, are Bethany Bond, Allison Stewart and Amanda Fry.

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Mothers' Day to all our Rebekah Sisters.

Last month we made Easter baskets for the assisted living residents. We also had a great time with Theta Rho Assembly President Cassidy Feist and her parents when they made her visit to our club. We were busy getting projects done for Mothers' Day this month. We had a craft night on the extra Wednesday and made Mothers' Day cards and carnations for the ladies at the nursing home. We also made a gift for our own moms. Another project we did for Mothers' Day was to make picture frames for our local hospital to give new moms in May for their baby's first Mothers' Day. For fun after we deliver the cards and flowers to the nursing home, we will go to dinner together at Wendy's and then do a movie night at our Advisor's house.

We have several members planning on attending the Youth Retreat at the Park on Camano Island. We know it will be a fun time to spend with the other clubs in our jurisdiction. We are also looking forward to the Assembly Sessions in June.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

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.



On April 16, District #2 Officers paid a visit to Hillyard. Front row, from left, are Yvonne Haugeo, Blanche Berry, Thresa Justice, Joanne Phillips and Selma Lindor. In the back row, from left, are Edith Johnson, Katherine Thompson, Deloris MacReynolds, Chrystal Driver, Ellen Nunn, Tim Moon and Elmer Lindor

Hillyard Rebekahs #145 - Spokane

Jennie Reed, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, visited Hillyard #145 on March 19. We started with dinner at Old Country Buffet with 12 people attending. Then at the meeting we picked up a few more. I hope I win her quilt in her raffle. It was a delight to have her visit.

Sandi Haugeo had a son, Mason Paul, on March 9. He was quite a present for his sister Trinity's second birthday.

On April 16, District #2 Officers had their visit. We started with a salad bar dinner. We had five visitors: Elmer Lindor, Ellen Nunn, Edith Johnson, Crystal Driver and Blanche Berry. Thank you all for taking the time to come join us.

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

From your 2008-2009 Grand Patriarch



JEAN F. COSTON

INSTALLATION MONTH

Greetings to Patriarchs of Washington,

We gave a dispensation to Unique Unified Encampment so the members could hold their installation on March 29.



We had a great time in Spokane while there.

As I do research for others, I came across an article in the *Walla Walla Union* dated Sunday morning, June 3, 1894. It was entitled, "The Three Links." It had a short paragraph about the Encampment Branch:

THE ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE

"Alpha Encampment, the first in Washington, was instituted in Olympia on April 14, 1875. The Grand Encampment was in Walla Walla on May 14, 1884, with seven Encampments reporting 191 members. At the close of 1893, there were 36 encampments in the state with 1,432 members, an increase over 1892 of seven Encampments and 280 members."

"The largest Encampment membership is in Seattle where two Encampments report 204 members. Spokane, with two Encampments, reports 101 members. Tacoma and Walla Walla, each with one Encampment, report 121 and 120 members, respectively."

Oh, for the good old days. How can we get more members?

NORTHWEST MEETING

On April 3 we ventured the I-90 pass to Coeur d'Alene and the Northwest Odd Fellow meeting held there. I also attended the Installation of Officers for Kent Encampment #15 on April 10. The members of the Encampment Auxiliary put on a great dinner. I want to thank everyone who put out tables, chairs and served a fine meal to all of us.

On April 13 we installed officers at Mt. Angeles #88. The food served before the installation was very good. I also went to the Park Board meeting on Camano Island on April 19 and the Installation of Officers for H.P. Downs #61 on April 19. On May 9, I will be at the Installation of Officers for Alpha #1.

Because of the Hood Canal bridge work, I have issued a dispensation to Mt. Angeles #88 to not hold their May meeting. Their next regular meeting will be in June.

Because of a birthday observance, I was not able to attend the installation in Goldendale on April 16. Sorry!

*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*

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Yes, we are still hanging in and trying to hold regular meetings. We did not have an April 20 meeting due to the lack of a quorum caused by scheduled doctor appointments.

We once again are planning to give a scholarship in the amount of \$350 to a graduating senior at Waterville High School. We will work with "Dollars for Scholars."

Easter snuck up on us and we didn't get to furnish a dinner basket for a needy family, so we are going to try for Mothers' Day.

Our Associate Member, Sister Lois Clark from Tempest #114, hasn't been able to be with us for a couple of months because of illness. She is our Conductor and we sure do miss her. Hurry and get better.

PP Fay Bowers-Holland and PGM Frank Holland are planning to attend Grand Sessions in Yakima in June. It is hard to believe this will be the 36th meeting since we served in 1973.

It's beginning to look like spring. Flowers are starting to bloom and the lawns are getting greener. We do need some moisture to help everything along. Irrigation water should be here in a few days, so that should help.

It is hard to believe May is here already. Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers. Have a good day. Then later in the month we will all observe memorial Day, remembering all those dear ones who have passed on.

Until next time, everyone stay well.

*PP Fay Bowers-Holland,
Reporter*

From the Grand Matriarch



JUDY INMAN

SPRINGTIME MEANS SESSION TIME

Dear Matriarchs and Patriarchs,

Well it looks like spring is trying to break out, but it seems old man winter doesn't want to let loose, and Sessions are creeping up on us. I hope you are ready. Please bring your basket Sunday morning. We will have a table outside of the Session room to put them on — I hope.

We will have our Session on Sunday, June 21 starting at 8:30 a.m. Some members have asked me what to wear. It can be any pastel color top with a white skirt. If you are going to be there on Saturday, please try and attend the Theta Rho Banquet and Installation that night starting at 5 p.m. They need our support.

The all Unit Banquet will be Monday night and the theme is "Beach Party." So come and have fun.

This year has gone by so fast. It has been a tremendous pleasure. With great excitement and fun, I have enjoyed visiting all of the lodges. By the time you read this I will have made all my visitations, if all goes as planned, I hope.

I want to extend a big *thank you* to all the lodges for putting up with me and for all your help. You should have finished your installations, and I wish all of you a successful and fun year. I have enjoyed helping with the installations, and meeting the members who have not had the opportunity to attend the Sessions — and there are quite a few whom don't take the time to experience this occasion. So until Sessions, take care and remember this is supposed to be the fun Unit of our Order. Come to the meetings early for a card game or a good chat, save the dessert for after the meeting, and finish your card game or what ever pleases you, in participating.

*Hugs in Faith Hope and Charity,
Judy Inman, Grand Matriarch*



Members of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 were decked out in their finest Easter headgear for the annual Easter Hat Parade. Front row, from left, are Cecelia Holt and Cindy McCloskey. In the back, from left, are Diane Hammond, Rhonda Meeks, Mary Stewart, Alyce Lane and Doral Shelton.

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy Mothers' Day!

We are so happy to have warmer weather. Five of our members traveled to the Park for our District Meeting and it was a beautiful sunny day. We enjoyed seeing the Park. Our lodge presented the memorial service.

Our Brother Odd Fellows will be entertaining us for Mothers' Day during our first meeting.

We had a committee to screen down our applications for our Rebekah scholarship and then they presented the finalists to the lodge for selection. We had 38 applicants this year. This is a good way to advertise our Order in the community and help a deserving young person with their dream of attending college.

We have started our basket raffle sales and they are going well.

I think all of us are fairly healthy again. That is about all the news from us for this month.

In Rebekah Love, Judy Diekman, PPRA & Reporter

See You At Sessions!



Rebekah Assembly Chaplain Margaret Truttman, left, and Assembly President Jennie Reed, right, presented a bouquet of roses to Sister Winona Hammonds who was celebrating her 95th birthday.

In Montesano

Fern Rebekah Lodge #26

Our officers for this year are: NG Janell Mullins, VG Mary Peterson, Rec. Sec. Frances Jonason, and Treas. Bob Peterson. So we are off and running this year.

We have reinstated Sister Billie Feist and have another application for reinstatement.

On March 23 our Assembly President Jennie Reed came for her official visit. We had a dinner before the meeting. Attending were Assembly Chaplain Maggie Truttman and Sister Holly Houser of the JJYC and Assembly Marshal. Sisters from Sunbeam #147 of Satsop were here, along with our Sister Jean Briscoe whom we had not seen in a long time. She lives in McCleary now. We had a nice crowd.

Sister Holly Houser spoke to us about Theta Rho and about Senior Sisters and what is involved about becoming one. She said they could perhaps help with keeping our Theta Rho Girls' Club going. Our Sister Donna Tonn is retiring from being Theta Rho Advisor. She has done this for about 11 years. Sister Donna has done a good job and invested much time into Theta Rho. They have won many awards, had several state officers and one of them received an \$8,000 scholarship. So we hope it will continue.

President Jennie Reed spoke about her program and also about wanting to take Theta Rho members to International. Sister Jennie also presented a bouquet of roses to Sister Winona Hammonds for her 95th birthday. We retired to the dining room for cake and coffee.

As I write this, we are planning for our District Meeting which was held on April 27 in Montesano.

On March 17, our Sister Sylvia Trissell passed away. She had been ill for some time.

I know that we are all looking forward to better weather. I hope we have a good spring and summer. That's it for now.

— *In Friendship, Love & Truth, Frances Jonason, Reporter*

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

By the time this news appears in *The Washington OddFellow*, the District Association #5 Spring Meeting will be a pleasant memory. It was held at the Odd Fellows Home with an enjoyable noon salad luncheon. Sister Jeanne Elder of Bee Hive Lodge served as President. Bee Hive gave the Response to the Welcome, Tribute to the Theta Rho Banner and honored the Past Presidents of the District.

Sister Jeannette Oswald had surgery on her eyelid and Sister Karen

Schultz came up with the shingles. Both Sisters are doing fine. Our best wishes for their recoveries and best wishes to others who may be ill.

Our lodge was saddened by the death of Sister Sybil Young, PNG. She would have been a 50-year member in May. She came to us in 1994 and was a former member of Lotus Rebekah Lodge in Wilbur. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

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

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Noble Grand PJ wants us to do more community service work. He has asked members for ideas and to bring them to the lodge meetings for discussion. In the mean time, he has formed a small committee to brainstorm some options. Please come to lodge and share your ideas. We are a service organization and PJ is looking for new Ideas to assist the community.

Lodge members discussed the possibility having an open meeting sometime in the future. Joe Picanco recommended having a prospect night sometime in the fall and is preparing a document that outlines how that could take place.

Noble Grand PJ is recommending some changes to the By-Laws. Voting on the proposed changes will occur at the end of this month. All members will receive a written copy of the proposals, so come to lodge and vote.

We had a highly-successful Easter egg hunt last month. The weather even cooperated at the critical moment for the annual egg hunt. Many thanks for their hard work to Cathy and Rick Garcia and Mary and Gary Kitch. The park was highly decorated and the food was absolutely wonderful.

Cemetery Board Chairman Rick Garcia reports that the cemetery has been quiet, but business is picking up. We will be fertilizing and Noble

Grand PJ is arranging a work party to paint the section markers in the cemetery. This is a very big job and he hopes to have lots of help to paint, repair and renumber the markers. We have taken possession of a weed sprayer in conjunction with the park. Also, Bob Brunetti reports we have sold a few more lots.

The Thurston Building and Finance Committees have discussed our investments in the market. We have declined in net worth like the rest of the world has. We have come back slightly and he hopes we will do better by the year's end. Additionally, George Johnson would like us to have the lodge hall painted.

Park Board Chairmen Glen Kitsch reports water lines to RV sites are flushed and park was mowed by Walt and Stu. Several tools were donated. The bathrooms were cleaned and sanitized. Members of the Park Board will hold their monthly meeting May 6 at our lodge. The June, July and August meetings will be at the park. More park reservations are in place for the year. As you are aware, we have lost a mooring buoy. The Park Board is looking for anyone with knowledge and skills to Scuba dive so we can reattach the buoy. Does anyone know someone who will assist?

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

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

At our first meeting in April, we had the privilege of initiating Marge Marshall. We welcome Marge and the gifts she brings to our lodge.

A note was read, from the "Pantry Shelf" expressing thanks for the 89 pounds of food that was received from our lodge recently. They were especially pleased with the nice variety of items included in our donation. Also, the board and staff of the YWCA sent a note of appreciation for the toiletries we gave to the Women's Shelter.

Ruth Gibson and Rosemary Hicks have been ill, but we understand that they are both recovering and we hope to see them again soon. We are grateful that Jeannette Oswald's eye surgery was successful.

Our Sister Rose Ringhoffer has been very successful with her recent "charity" project. Rose was inspired by Betty Weldon's "Sew Seeds of Kindness" project several years ago, so she decided to try a project of her own. She invited and opened up her home to small groups for whom she prepared and served luncheons or dinners. She started doing this in mid-March and has invited several of our Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodge members, as well as others in the commu-

nity, to participate. To date, about six groups of people have enjoyed her delicious cooking and the wonderful fellowship. Everyone who attends has had the opportunity to make a monetary donation that will be presented, through a local church, to a needy family. Rose appreciates the generosity of those who have taken part in these special occasions.

Also, she welcomes and encourages others to sign up in the near future. Rose is to be commended for so unselfishly giving of herself and proving that one person can make a difference in the lives of others.

During the month of April, our lodge members are supplying items to help fulfill the wish list of the YWCA's "My Friends' House" where care is provided for children from ages 1 year to 5 years old.

Silver Drill proceeds for this month are being used for purchase of Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day flowers for the Home.

We are hosting an all-lodge picnic (Narcissa #2, Bee Hive #70 and Enterprise #2) on June 16 at the Clinton St. Apartments' Picnic Shelter.

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

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Minnie Epling and Luellyn Ainsworth served the March lunches. Our special lunch was chicken casserole, fruit salad and tossed salad. Nina McCalden and Corky Walker were the hostesses for April.

Three Sisters gave an exemplification at the District Meeting. It was beautiful and well received. NG Carolyn Turner, Corky Walker and Leona Treznoski gave the history of the origin of "Taps," which happened during the Civil War.

After our first April meeting, our entertainment was Bingo with prizes furnished by Treas. Corky and NG

Carolyn. Pansies and cereal bars were the prizes.

Sec. Leona took a trip to Brentwood, Tenn. for her church passover.

"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers."

— *Unknown*

A happy Mothers' Day to all.

Spring is just around the corner even though a snow shower turns up every week or so.

With love to all. . .

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

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	PRICE	Number of Persons	TOTAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 20			
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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			_____

Beautiful Bucoda hosts District #18 members!

It was a beautiful day of sunshine for the District #18 Meeting hosted by Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144 in the Bucoda gym. The Address of Welcome given by Jennifer Rhoads was warm and friendly.

The dignitaries were introduced by LouAnn Hoffman. They were PPRA Karen Hoylman, PPRA Peg Ogilvie (now Rebekah Assembly Color Bearer), and Page to the Rebekah Assembly President Rosalie Davis.

Then the Honors were given to Joyce Miller, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand LEA and Rebekah Banner Bearer.

President Cookie Music was very pleased with all the Sisters who took part in the program. Each presentation was not only interesting, but put together with special thought.

The story of the origins of "Taps" was given by members of Sylvan Glenn #184. As the story was read by Leona Treznoski, music was played in the background. It brought tears to our eyes.

Honoring the Treasurers was done so nicely by members of Monterose #46. Eleven ladies received cute gifts. We appreciate the work they do for our lodges.

Following a delicious lunch served by the ladies of Bucoda Lodge, members moved on to the afternoon session. The ladies of Harmony have a very good example of the Chaplain's charge. Edith Ary read the directions while Sharon Fehl properly opened and closed the Bible.

We were touched by the solemn Memorial Service given by the Condolence Committee. We have lost three Sisters. They were Genie Young of Monterose and Helen Hess and Anna Martien of Pine Burr. They were remembered with love and respect.

The Attendance Award went to Monterose Lodge. Six ladies were present, giving them the highest total according to percentages. Longview #305 took the Membership Award for bringing in one new member.

The Invitation to the Fall District #18 Meeting was given by members of Ocean Beach. Ocean Beach will be the Hostess Lodge on Saturday, October 3. We hope to see you all in Long Beach.

— In Friendship, Love & Truth, Dorothy Music, Reporter

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Spring has sprung. The daffodils are blooming and we just celebrated Easter.

We enjoyed our day at the District #18 Meeting on Saturday, April 7. Our part in the program honoring Treasurers couldn't have been nicer. While Hilma Bowen read a thoughtful poem, 11 ladies were on hand to receive cute gifts. They deserve this recognition. We don't realize what a job they have keeping the money and checkbooks straight.

During the afternoon session, we were surprised to learn that we took the Attendance Award. With six Monterose Sisters present, it gave us a

lift. Sandy Holderman is in our prayers as she has lost a sister who lives out of state. A card went around for her from all of us showing that we care.

Cookie's grandson, Cameron, was rushed to the hospital on March 28 for an emergency surgery to have his appendix removed. Cookie is relieved to report that he is in complete recovery and back to his college classes.

Our last meeting was on April 16. Following refreshments, we played a Bingo game and had lots of prizes.

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

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

Our lodge is taking on another project, this one for children. Sister Patti Ellis does tracings of animals, cars, etc. They are suitable for children to color or paint.

We are putting together coloring books to give to the local women's and children's shelter. They are

always in need of things for the little ones in their day care center. They are looking forward to receiving them.

We extend a happy Mothers' Day to all our Sisters and we wish you a blessed spring.

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

