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— Photo by Holly Houser

Elizabeth Morgan of Olympia was honored by the President of the United States with the Presidential Service Award. She has spent 47 years with the American Red Cross, racking up more than 4,000 hours of service.

## President honors Elizabeth for her 47 years of service!

On March 24 at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Elizabeth Morgan of Olympia was presented with the Presidential Service Award for her service of more than 4,000 hours of life time achievement supporting the American Red Cross at Fort Lewis Madigan Army Medical Center and McChord Air Force Base.

Elizabeth has served the Red Cross for 47 years, not only in the United States, but overseas as well.

Elizabeth is currently chairman of the DPL/RDL, which is the deployment and return of the troops going and coming back from overseas — especially those involved in Iraq. A special medal is being sent to her from the President of the United States.

Elizabeth is a member of Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17, Buckley Odd Fellows Lodge #75, Alpha #1 Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, Olympia #21 Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant and Spunky Blue Birds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93.

Congratulations, Elizabeth, for all the work and dedication you have shown both outside and within our Order.

## Sessions

### June is the month all Units of our Order meet in Yakima

The annual conclave of all Units of our Order for the Jurisdiction of Washington is set for June 19 through 24 at the Clarion Hotel in Yakima. If you have not made your hotel reservations or registered for the Sessions yet, you had better hurry. The various registration forms have appeared in *The Washington OddFellow* in April and May.

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

Officers of all Units of the Order will be elected and installed during the Sessions. The All Unit Grand Banquet will be on Monday evening, June 22. *See you all at the 2009 Sessions!*

### East/West Picnic

## Plan to be in Easton this fall

East-West picnic time is nearing. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13, 2009 and make plans to be there for fun, food and fellowship.

The picnic will again be held at Lake Easton State Park. The location is one mile west of the town of Easton just off Interstate 90. The park covers 516 acres and has 24,000 feet of shoreline on the Easton Reservoir and 2,000 feet on the Yakima River. There are 37 miles of hiking trails and nearly 135 campsites. Overnight camping is available in addition to the daytime picnic area. Bring your family members and friends for a day of sharing time.

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

— Karen Hoylman, East-West Picnic Secretary



### Visiting north of the border

Several Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from the Jurisdiction of Washington attended the recent Grand Sessions in British Columbia. From left are Carson Inman, PGM of Washington; Helen DesRoche, President of the Rebekah Assembly of British Columbia; Pasquale Giorolano, Grand Master of British Columbia, Judy Diekman, PPR of Washington; Phyllis Rodgers, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington; and David Morris, PGM of Washington.

See You In Yakima  
For Grand Sessions!

## 2008-2009 Grand Master's Meanderings



FRANK WILSON

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB

On May 3, 2009, escorted by my wife Karen, we, along with Jennie Reed escorted by her husband David, took part in the 76th IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Virginia. On March 4, 1921, Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American soldier from World War I and on November 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies. We gathered inside the Amphitheater to hear the Sovereign Grand Master deliver a speech and hear the awesome sound of bagpipes. Although we were getting wet from the rain, my thoughts as I looked out over the cemetery were not about our wet clothes, but were of the many men and women who paid the ultimate price and sacrificed so much that we may live in a free nation. How honored we are as a Fraternal Order to be given such an opportunity to pay tribute and say thank you!

### MOVING FORWARD

Brothers and Sisters, if we keep our spirits high and work hard, we will see an increase in membership of all units of our order. Remember to ask someone to join our ranks, teach them of the working of the Order and give guidance as they are our future leaders. I believe it is well to look back and learn from the past, but don't stare. Let us look ahead and see where we want our Order now and in the future. Our objective to improve and elevate the character of mankind is clear.

### THANK YOU

Brothers and Sisters, I thank all of you for the many courtesies you have given me. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Master. I am mindful of the kind words and good deeds that have been said and done to encourage me in the work. I am looking forward to the 131st Annual Session in Yakima where together we will conduct the business of the Jurisdiction of Washington. I would like to publicly acknowledge the assistance and cooperation of the officers of all branches of our Order. It has been a pleasure to work with you!

And last, but by no means least, I shall forever be thankful that I have a good wife, Karen. Her willingness to sacrifice many things made it possible for me to make so many trips, visitations, etc. Her loyalty, her trust and her inspiration I appreciate more than words can tell.

*Act humbly, love completely, live differently.*

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

## Ballard to host Strawberry Feed on Sunday, June 14!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170 will be hosting its annual Strawberry Feed on Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m. In addition to oodles of strawberries, the Grand Band will provide music. This year we decided to move the Strawberry Feed to Sunday in order to involve the greater community. We are raising money to finish re-tiling the upper kitchen and dining room.

We sprang into spring with our first pancake breakfast in a long while. Brother Jones took the con, while Brother Osbourne manned the flap jack station. Our newest Brother Rochester cooked sausage and Brother Rochester, Jr. kept everyone caffeinated. Thank God NG Darren Lay showed up to do the dishes.

We were able to share our lodge with our regular renters and show it off to the good people of Ballard. Good work crew!

A few weeks earlier, Brothers Gray and Carria held a clothing swap. Women brought in their unworn clothes, sorted them onto the tables according to garment and size, then shopped through the stacks for precious and useful items. It was a great way to redistribute clothing, since clothing needs change as we go through life. We delivered a pick-up truck full of clothing to our local Goodwill and many people went home with new outfits. Much fun was had by everyone.

Have a good summer.

## From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

### GRAND SESSIONS THIS MONTH

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

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

### REPRESENTATIVES

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

### MEMBERS ATTENDING GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

To all, remember, Grand Lodge is a serious working meeting and an atmosphere of decorum is required. The Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge this year will be Brother Paul J. Cuminale, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master, who hails from the Jurisdiction of Connecticut. Let's all meet and greet him and welcome him to the Jurisdiction of Washington.

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

*Fraternally,*

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

## South Tacoma IOOF #211 and South Tacoma Rebekahs #160

Our Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are teaming up for a community service project. Both lodges are volunteering their time to "Paint Tacoma." We'll be assigned a home that is in dire need of painting occupied by an elderly person. The plan is to do any minor repairs needed, pressure wash, then paint. We are looking forward to getting our name out in the community. If anyone else would like to participate please contact Laurel Delony at [lddelony@comcast.net](mailto:lddelony@comcast.net). We're hoping to get those who aren't able to participate in the painting to fix us breakfast the morning of. We are also hoping to get the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Club #93 involved, too.

We have sad news to report. We lost our Brother Glenn Morgan April 23. He was a 20-year member of South Tacoma Odd Fellows #211 and took care of our lodge when we barely had any members left. His funeral was held at All Saints Parish in Puyallup on May 1. Several of our

members were able to attend. He will be sorely missed!

We still have Odd Fellow flags and stickers for sale. Flags with poles are \$10 each, flags only are \$5, and stickers are \$2. Contact Laurel or Holly at [holly84tra85@netzero.net](mailto:holly84tra85@netzero.net).

The Rebekahs had their "Friends Afternoon" featuring a "Second Chance Prom," good food, friendship and music. A photo opportunity was available and the pictures will be posted on the Grand Lodge web site. Thanks to all of you who attended. We hope you had fun.

Keep the date of October 31 open for the Odd Fellows Octoberfest. Brauts, sauerkraut and a silent auction will be featured. This should be bigger and better than last year. Toby Hanson, Grand Musician, has agreed to come and play his accordion again this year.

See you all at Sessions.

*In F., L. & T.,*

*Laurel Delony, Reporter*

## Buckley will miss Russ Irby

Members of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 are greatly saddened by the tragic death of our Brother Russ Irby. He has served as our Chaplain for the past four years and will be greatly missed by all of us. He was a wonderful Odd Fellow and loved our Order.

— *Loletta McCormick, Representative, Buckley #75*

## From your 2008 - 2009 Assembly President



JENNIE REED

### IT HAS BEEN A GREAT THREE YEAR RUN!

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this, my last article, Dave and I have just returned home from Washington, D.C. Grand Master Frank Wilson, his wife Karen, Dave and I had the honor of representing our jurisdiction at the laying of wreaths at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldiers. It was the most moving ceremony that I have had the privilege to participate in as your President. It was preceded by a march of Sovereign Grand and International Officers led by bagpipers. The head of each Unit spoke, an invocation and benediction were given and then it was our turn. There were people watching who were not members of our Order and it was so quiet and reverent that you could hear a pin drop. It was also a time to greet old friends and meet new ones. We had time to do some sight-seeing. The monuments were beautiful, the memorials were awe inspiring and the museums were educational. Our Nation's Capitol is a blend of old and new.



This trip is not the only one I have taken. I represented Washington in Winnipeg in 2008 and traveled with Marcia to Denver when I was Vice President. We have visited the jurisdictions of Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia at their Sessions or at Northwest Odd Fellows and Rebekah Association. We will be going to Alaska to the two lodges, Golden North #4A in Fairbanks and Revilla #9A in Ketchikan, before Assembly in June.

I have learned so much about our programs by attending many committee meetings. I have met a great many of our members as I visited their lodges. I wish I could have been able to attend all the lodges and District Meetings, but my work schedule would not allow it.

Soon it will be time for Assembly and I look forward seeing all of you. Each of your gifts to my projects, my personal gifts, the watering cans, the cards, the warm wishes and your friendship have made the last three years a trip of a lifetime. *Thank you!*

### JUST FOR THOUGHT

"It is time to reap the rewards of the seeds we planted and time to re-plant a new garden."

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

## PNG's Association

### Do you remember your honeymoon?

The Past Noble Grands' Association will meet at the Warren Rebekah Lodge hall in Roy on Thursday, June 4. A luncheon will be served at noon with the meeting to follow at 1 p.m. Hostesses for the day are everyone. It's a potluck. Bring your own "yummy ???" The meeting will follow at 1 p.m. with Mary Robinson presiding. The President's program for the day is "Where did you go on your honeymoon?"

"These things I wish for you: Someone to love, some work to do, a bit of sun, a bit of cheer, and a guardian angel always near."

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

## From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



BETTY WELDON

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you know this is my last column as Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. I would like to thank all of you, and especially the Lodge Secretaries, for the kindnesses and thoughtfulness you have given me over the years. It has been my sincere hope to serve you well and I sincerely hope I have fulfilled that obligation.

### CLEARING UP RUMORS

I had hoped, also, that my last column would be short and sweet, but something has come up that I think needs to be addressed and it is concerning rumors. You who really know me know that I will not shirk clearing up any misunderstandings. When you hear something bad about someone, what do you do? Do you simply shake your head and then pass it on to the next person, or do you go to the one the rumor is about and ask, "Is this true?" What do you think a Rebekah or Odd Fellow who says they believe in Friendship, Love and Truth should do?

Recently a false rumor was called to my attention regarding what happens to a lodge's belongings when a lodge gives up its Charter. This is what happens: The Assembly asks for the Charter, Register, Minutes, Charge Books, Rituals, Code of General Laws, Rebekah Flag and Financial Statements. The lodge is encouraged to give things like kitchen items, linens, robes, etc. to other lodges or organizations as there is no place in the Assembly office to store these things. Some things are turned in to be given to the Home, which they are.

When the papers are received, a folder is made for the lodge, which includes the inventory, membership, etc. and placed in a permanent file. The register, minute books and Charter are taken to the State Historical Society in Tacoma. Information from the register and minute books is put on file there for research purposes. The Charter is stored and can be reclaimed at any time. The man in charge of this section of the museum is Ed Nolan and his phone number is (253) 798-5917 should anyone wish to check on this. This information could have easily been obtained by a phone call to this office and, I hope, should anything like this come up about anyone in this organization, on anything that affects them personally, that you, as a Sister or Brother, would follow the concepts of our Order and check it out, not just go along with the flow and repeat harmful things that are not true.

### A WISE MAN ONCE SAID

"It is important to never forget a kindness!" And believe me, I never will. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being the wonderful people that you are and for treating me with such love and understanding.

Best of luck to you all and to your lodges and may you be blessed with all things good.

*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*

## ~ In Memoriam ~

- Lyla D. Grant, 64 year member, Golden North Rebekah Lodge #4A, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Billie B. Anderson, PNG, Revilla Rebekah Lodge #9A, Ketchikan, Alaska.
- Carol Johns, 26 year member, Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70, Walla Walla.
- Robert (Russ) Irby, Chaplain, Buckley IOOF Lodge #75.
- Jean Bliss, 49-year member, Hillyard Rebekah Lodge #145, Spokane.
- Glenn Morgan, 20 year member, South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211, Tacoma.
- Helen McCausland, 49 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge, Bremerton.
- Marlene Oenning, Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315, Electric City.

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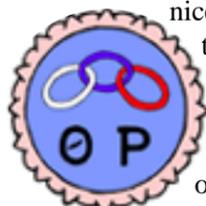
# From your 2008-2009 Theta Rho President



CASSIDY FEIST

## OUR CAMANO ISLAND RETREAT WAS A BLAST

Hello Everyone! This is my last letter as your President, so I have a lot to say. Well, last month was our retreat on Camano Island. We stayed the whole weekend and I had tons of fun! There was pretty nice weather the whole weekend — thank goodness. No rain at all! The park was pretty nice, as well. It didn't take us as long as I thought it would to get to Camano Island. Camano Island is a cute little place. You don't get a lot of service, though. Trust me. Ha-ha. During the weekend we went over my program for Sessions so all the girls who were there have an idea of what is going to go on and whatnot. We also had time that weekend to go over the ritualistic contest. I got to bond with the girls who were there, which was good. I learned more about them and they are all pretty awesome girls.



All the clubs mingled. When we go to Sessions we can hang out with some girls from other clubs other than just our own. That is one thing I love about being in Theta Rho — all the awesome people you get to meet and the places you get to travel to.

## NOW IT IS SESSIONS TIME

This month is Sessions and I am *so* excited! I have been looking forward to this for a long time. I am excited and a little anxious at the same time. I'm afraid to mess up, but I'm sure I'll do just fine. I can't wait until I get in the Yakima weather. I get sick of the rain in Grays Harbor sometimes.

During my year as President, many people have helped me. I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has helped me out. I would like to say thank you to my parents. They have helped me out the most this year — driving me everywhere I needed to go. I could always count on them.

## GOOD LUCK TO BROOKLYNN AND HER OFFICERS

I want to wish Brooklynn a good year as President. I'm sure she'll have as much fun as I did this year. I'm sure she'll be an amazing President and won't disappoint you. I also want to wish the rest of the officers a good year. Well, I think this is about it for this month's article and this year. I hope to see you all at Sessions in Yakima.

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

## In South Tacoma

# Spunky Bluebirds announce new Advisor Syliva Johnson Summers

Good news! We have a new Advisor! We would like to welcome Sylvia Johnson Summers as the new Advisor for Spunky Bluebirds #93 in Tacoma. Sylvia is a Past President of the Theta Rho Assembly, as well as a Past Advisor of Tahoma Theta Rho Girls Club #1. We are really looking forward to working with her.

Our club would like to thank everyone who attended our spaghetti feed in April. Special thanks goes to South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160, South Tacoma Odd Fellow Lodge #211, Eola Rebekah Lodge #63, Joanne Balmert, Laurel Delony, Sharon Harris, Karen Hoylman, Bob Martin, Holly Houser, and Rick Robertson for their donations and hard work to make this a success. We were able to put \$368 into our treasury.

May 15 through 17 saw us at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island for the Theta Rho Spring Retreat. We met with the other clubs and had a great time learning and preparing for Assembly and getting to know our elective officers and each other.

Assembly is just around the corner and we are looking forward to President Cassidy's program. We are working very hard on our addendums with the help of our new Advisor and Senior Sisters. See you all at Assembly!

*In Happiness Through Service  
The Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls Club #93*

Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14  
Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242  
Pasco IOOF Lodge #257  
Althea Rebekah Lodge #182

~ and ~

Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222

**Cordially Invite You To  
A Reception In Honor Of**

# Brooklynn Davies

## President

### Theta Rho Assembly Of Washington

### Saturday, September 19, 2009

At 2:00 p.m.

**Kennewick IOOF Hall**

N. 17 lone, Kennewick, WA



Theta Rho Girls from Acorn #79, Grays Harbor #92 and Spunky Bluebirds #93 enjoyed a weekend retreat on Camano Island in May. From left are Christina Dirks, Faith Grahmm, Cynthia Ashe, Allison Stewart, Bethany Bond, Danielle Brumbaugh, Kayla Lybbert and Cassidy Feist.

# Theta Rho Girls enjoyed a weekend of fun on Camano

Theta Rho Girls from around Western Washington held their spring retreat at the IOOF Park on Camano Island in May. There were girls in attendance from Acorn #79, Grays Harbor #92 and Spunky Bluebirds #93. The girls shared a weekend of leaning and fun.

Holly Houser of the JJYC helped the girls practice various things to make the Assembly Sessions run more smoothly in June. The girls had a "Big"/"Little" Sister program where the girls were matched by how long they had been in Theta Rho. The girls who had been in longer each were matched with a newer member. They spent the time together getting to know each other better and helping the newer girls learn more about Theta Rho.

Some of the fun activities that they were able to participate in were making bead jewelry, a scavenger hunt, and some games. Of course the food was great. Barbara Nelson from South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160 was the head cook. Thanks, Barb.

We were pleased to have Sister Jenny Reed, Rebekah Assembly President of Washington, spend the weekend with the girls.

A big thank you to all of the JJYC members who helped with the planning. A thank you to all the adults who helped get the girls there and for chaperoning. A thank you to Barbara Reitan for the beads and a thank you to the Park Board for allowing the girls to use the park for the weekend.

— Judy Diekman, Advisor, Acorn #79

## From your 2008-2009 Grand Patriarch



JEAN F. COSTON

### LET'S ALL JOIN THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCHES

Greetings to Patriarchs of Washington,

We all have heard or read the line "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." For us in Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges, now is the time for us to join our Encampments, LEA's and Unified Lodges. Though I am leaving my office as Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment this June, I will avail myself to work for the good of the Encampment Lodges when called upon. There is work to be done to enlarge the membership and number of lodges across this state of ours.



I thank each and everyone who has worked with me this past year to hold our cause together. I thank Judy Inman, our Grand Matriarch. It has been a pleasure working with her at installations. I also thank my staff of officers, especially Brothers Harry Coulter and Carson Inman.

I will be able to work with the installing teams when called upon and I look forward to start an Encampment Lodge at any time.

*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*

## From the Grand Matriarch



JUDY INMAN

### THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP THIS PAST YEAR

Dear Matriarchs:



I can't believe how my year as your Grand Matriarch flew by so quickly. Visitations and installations were completed well ahead of our Sessions in Yakima. Preparations for Sessions went extremely well. I especially want to thank LaRose Coulter who made all my lovely gifts. In addition, many thanks to Judy Diekman, Phyllis Rodgers and Jody Morris for their input and support.

Thanks also goes to Loletta McCormick for the beautiful handmade quilt that she made for the raffle. I was really impressed by everyone who bought so many tickets with proceeds to benefit my projects including the VanderLinden-Sheppard Visual Aid Fund and the fire pit at the IOOF Park on Camano Island.

With all your help, our Sessions will go well. Thanks goes to all of you for filling the officer positions. Jennie Reed, thanks for allowing us to sell tickets for baskets in the silent auction. I know that Joyce Miller and her officers also will have a successful year.

Last, but by no means least, thanks goes to my husband Carson for all his love, support and chauffeuring.

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

### In Oak Harbor

## Acorn Theta Rho #79

Spring finally arrived and Assembly is just around the corner. We have been busy working on our assignments for that and it will be here soon.

Our members that attended the Retreat on Camano Island had a great time. We thank all those who helped to make it a success.

We have initiated another new member and welcome Alexandra Bugg-Peterson into our club. We do not have anything else special planned for this month as it is usually very busy with this being the end of the school year.

We hope to see many of you at Assembly in Yakima.

*In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79*

### Theta Rho Sessions Schedule

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009

- 5:30 p.m. — Picnic
- 7:00 p.m. — Fun Night — Clarion Hotel, Yakima

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. — TRA Session — Clarion Hotel, Yakima
- 1:00 p.m. — TRA Session — Clarion Hotel, Yakima
- 6:00 p.m. — Banquet — Clarion Hotel, Yakima
- 8:00 p.m. — Installation — Clarion Hotel, Yakima

## Theta Rho Installation has moved to Saturday, June 20

As a reminder to those of you who are attending LAPM Sessions or arriving for the Grand LEA/Grand Encampment, Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly Sessions in Yakima, the Installation of Officers for the Theta Rho Assembly will be on Saturday, June 20 at 8 p.m.

Normally the installation is not held until Sunday. We hope many of you can attend this important event for our Theta Rho Girls.



### A Holland Happening

Above, members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club, participated in the annual Holland Happening Parade in Oak Harbor. In the front are Zoie Oversby and Mya Brookshire. In the back is Amanda Fry. At right, elective officers of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington waited for the parade to start. From left are Warden Bethany Bond, President Cassidy Feist and Treasurer Allison Stewart. All the girls said they had a great time at the annual Oak Harbor event.



## Lodge Cards will return

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

## 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*

## In Walla Walla

### Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

As Narcissa Lodge's spring activities wind down, we are pleased to report that we had a financially successful garage sale. We thank Ken and Aramae Buckingham for providing a place to have it and, also, everyone who helped before, during and after the sale.

Our most recent charitable contributions have been \$25 to Salvation Army and \$71.95, collected through our Silver Drill, to the Arthritis Fund.

Thank you notes from the Home were read regarding monetary donations received in memory of our deceased Sisters, Betty Winn, Alice Smith and Lucile Spaulding.

We extend our sympathy to Marge Marshall, our newest member, following the recent loss of her husband, John.

Elsie Wells reported on the District Meeting where Narcissa Lodge participated in a couple of different ways. Jane Hanson seated the officers and Arline Maxson gave a touching "Tribute to the Flag." Everyone

enjoyed hearing Linda Pearson of Walla Walla who provided lovely entertainment through her singing.

Nita Stearns, District Deputy President of District #8, made her official visit to Narcissa Lodge earlier this year and we were pleased to have her present, again, at our April 21 meeting.

The delicious refreshments for our meetings the last two months have been provided by Elsie Wells, Judy Zohner, Jane Hanson and Beth Entze.

On Tuesday, June 18 at 6 p.m., we will have a picnic at the Clinton Street Apartment Shelter. Members of Bee Hive and Enterprise Lodges have been invited as guests and we look forward to having them join us for this social time. Following our recess, Narcissa's next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at the Odd Fellows Home.

Have a great summer!

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

### Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

Sorry I missed the May newspaper. There were too many 13 hour days working on three separate researches, each one an inch thick and growing.

Our Sister Louise Johnson started March with six days in the hospital, then bed time at home. She is doing some better now.

Our Vice Grand and Sister Helen Walsh fell on March 30 and again on the 31st. The falls required EMT help to get her up. She spent April in Life Care of Port Orchard having therapy for balance and leg strength.

Meanwhile Brother Walt Dodge was hospitalized again to get his medications balanced. That was followed by Sister Linda Dodge, PP, slipping at Walt's appointment, so both of them went to the emergency room again, requiring someone to rescue their car and them.

We are sorry to report that Sister Helen McCausland passed away on

April 19, just one month short of being a 50-year member. She was a great worker and cheerful. She was content to be an appointive officer.

We do have some good news. Lauring Strachan, PNG, just celebrated her 102nd birthday in Bremerton with family.

Congratulations to grand-grandma Helen Walsh. She and grandpa Kevin, his sons Tim and Yvette introduced Victoria to the combined families on April 25. Victoria was born on March 14.

Here's the promised District Association #21 report. We voted to continue two meetings a year. We do thank Sister Jennie and hubby Dave for coming and making an even dozen which included VP Phyllis and Grand Matriarch Judy. They are all faithful workers.

*Fraternally,  
Florence Cowdery, Secretary*



### Daffodil Day fun!

Members of Buckley IOOF Lodge #75 once again participated in the Daffodil Festival's Grand Floral Parade in Orting in April. Above, members decorated a float with hundreds of bright yellow daffodils. From left are Robert (Russ) Irby, Tammie Pinkney, Toby Hanson and Steve VanDusen. Below, PG Tony Ostlund preceded the float in his Model T Ford speedster.



## Goldendale Lodges

### Alimus IOOF #15 & Leah #22

Springtime has arrived in Goldendale. We are enjoying the rain and wind each day this week (and next and next, etc.). Rain is supposed to come in April, but May seems to have its share, too. We guess the wheat farmers aren't complaining, right?

Our Rebekahs have been hard at work getting ready for a Mothers' Day Open House and cake bake-off contest. The winner will receive a beautiful handmade table cloth. We are also selling chances on a lovely quilt made by Our Noble Grand Viva, who by the way is in her 90s! The drawing will be held later this year. You will be able to purchase your chances at Grand Sessions as the quilt will be by the Registration table. NG Viva is full of wonderful ideas to perk up our membership and to make each meeting fun.

Linda Gray-Carter and Glenda Bowdish worked together on the "Living Legacy" program. Our new local Christian school received trees and the Centerville School added to their walking trail with new native plants.

As graduation approaches for our high school seniors, Linda and Glenda are reviewing the applicants (eight of them) and will present to our group the recipient of this year's award. Our lodge bases the recipient on abilities, finances and why they would like to

win the scholarship.

We are also preparing for our annual participation in the annual 13 plus mile yard sale. We will again hold it at Linda's place and she has planned to provide lunch to all the workers. We are hoping for good weather because last year the rain chased us inside!

Alimus has been putting on the Degrees each meeting, one at a time for a member who hasn't as yet received them all. We also have a potential member to be initiated in the fall. She has begged off joining until then, as she says she is always busy during the summer months.

We are again preparing for Grand Sessions. It seems this is a job which takes a lot of time beginning in April or before. We do hope all of you have sent in your registrations and have registered at the hotel. The hotel has agreed to keep the prices low on the rooms through the next years *if* there are a number of persons renting rooms there.

By the way, "If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?" or "How can you lose your life's savings on something called securities?" And finally, "Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?"

*Until next time,  
I leave you in F, L. & T.,  
Linda Gray-Carter,  
Reporter*



Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Jennie Reed visited Trinity Rebekah Lodge on February 26. From left are VG Delia McNeely, Jennie and NG Pat Harader. We enjoyed her visit.

## Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Because of illness, Debbie Lee was not able to get this article written, so I am filling in for her.

Our rummage sale on April 17 went off better than we expected. With other events going on at the very same time, we still did quite well.

At our April 23 meeting, we had a surprise for Jackie Crabbe. A dozen red carnations were presented to her for Secretary's Week. We do appreciate all of her hard work.

Yes, I can't believe it! Trinity has two new prospective Sisters who want to join our lodge. They are Sherry Shepardson and Jody Jones from Napavine. They have been interviewed and we vote on them at the

next meeting.

The new house has been completed and it was moving day for Debbie Lee and her family on Saturday, May 23. The months of hard work will finally pay off as they get settled into their new home. A house warming party is being planned for sometime this summer.

Cookie's youngest son Johnny went into the hospital on May 26 for eye surgery. He is spending a few days at Cookie's house to recuperate. Cookie hopes for a speedy recovery.

Until next time. . .

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

## Althea Rebekah Lodge #182 Kennewick IOOF Lodge #222

School is almost out and some lodges are out for the summer. Hopefully we can regenerate our batteries and start back in September with new ideas to advance our Order and gain members.

Several attended the Mothers' Day Tea at Leah Lodge in Goldendale. Barbara German, DDP, has visited the lodges in our district several times and has made new friends and renewed old friendships.

Out lodge is collecting "cents off" coupons to be used by military families. One of our members supports

"Help Hospitalized Veterans" and several Indian Schools in her native state — South Dakota.

We hope all moms had a great day and the dads enjoy their day.

### CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

"Everyday I walk for 30 minutes, I drink eight glasses of water and I eat five fruits and vegetables. . . but I'm still getting older!"

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Minds are a lot like parachutes — they function only when open."

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

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

Mothers were honored at our May 14 meeting and our monthly drawing was a fun time, too.

Our project for the Humane Society ended and items were taken to the Society. They were appreciative of our efforts.

Spring is here in our valley and everyone is enjoying the mild weather

and beautiful flowers. Apple blossoms are in bloom and with all the rain we've had, everything is really growing.

Best wishes. Do visit our lodge when in town.

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

## Valley IOOF Lodge #60 and Unity Rebekahs #53 - Auburn

The two lodges in Auburn, Valley Odd Fellow Lodge #60 and Unity Rebekah Lodge #53, have made some changes and have a new lease on life. The members of the Odd Fellow's Lodge recently decided to change their meeting nights to the second and fourth Wednesdays, so they no longer meet at the same time as the Rebekah Lodge.

Walt Russell, a member of Valley, became a new member of Unity and another Valley member, Judy Sansom, joined Unity as an Associate Member. Nancy Pelland and Janie Kuja, who are members of both lodges, can now take part in their Odd Fellow meeting and not miss their Rebekah Meeting. Judy, Walt, Paul Pelland and Don Eddy are now answering roll call and stay for all the fun at Unity meetings.

With these changes and additions, Valley and Unity are now holding meetings with double the number of

members attending than we used to have.

The two lodges are more easily able to schedule joint activities than we were in the past. We are working on entering a classic car in the Auburn Good Old Days Celebration this August and are planning a Valley/Unity Family Picnic in July. Paul and Nancy Pelland (Odd Fellow and Rebekah members) own the vintage car they've volunteered for our use in the parade and Walt says he'll mow the lawn on the spare lot and fire up the grill so we can have the picnic at Russell's house.

"Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Working Together for the Betterment of Both Lodges" is what's happening in Auburn these days.

*In F., L. & T.,  
Janie Kuja,  
Secretary of Unity  
And RSN of Valley*

## 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*

## Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

The month of May is almost over and we just celebrated Mothers' Day. It is always nice to receive all this love and attention from our children.

Shortly school will be dismissed for summer vacation, giving the grandkids more free time to spend with grandma and to take in all the summer activities.

Graduation is also just around the corner. Monterose Lodge plans to send a sizeable donation to the Toledo Scholarship fund. It will be given to a senior for much needed funding for his or her college classes.

Monterose already has sent a donation to the Home in Walla Walla to be used for Mothers' Day flowers. Yes, May 10 was the special day to remember each and every mother.

Cookie Music has a granddaughter, Toni, who will be going into high school next fall. Where did the time go? Toni's eighth grade ceremony will

be in June.

We have a new grandma in our lodge. Baby girl Penelope was born on April 29. The eight pound, four ounce baby girl made Hilma Bown a great-great grandmother. Pictures will be brought to our next meeting. Congratulations, Hilma!

As I write this, plans are being made for our Friendship Meeting on May 21. We are planning a delicious lunch, followed by good fellowship and interesting games to play.

We planned the meeting for the afternoon, so there will be no night driving. Hopefully the weather was nice. We have had so much rain and then more rain, making it hard to get our gardens plowed and ready for planting.

Until next time, here's wishing you all a good day.

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

## Hillyard Rebekahs #145 - Spokane

PNG Jean Bliss passed away on May 6. She was initiated on November 20, 1959. She had been a shut-in for the past several years, but was proud to be a Rebekah. In her prime, she worked many fund-raisers. She even had her husband John working on the furnace or some other repair to the lodge hall. She will be missed.

To kick off our summer break, on Thursday, June 18 at 6 p.m., we will

have a barbecue and a movie. Meat and buns will be provided. Bring a side dish and join in. This is what we did last year, so if you plan to join us, call VG Tim Moon at the Spokane Temple, (509) 328-1029. Our lodge has not made a final decision as of the cut-off date yet.

Have a wonderful summer.

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

*Have A Great Summer!*

# Lodges!

## Newspaper is on summer vacation, but let us know if you change address

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

There will be no newspaper published during the next two months. Our next deadline is August 10 for the September, 2009 edition.

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

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

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

— *Your Editor,*  
*The Washington OddFellow*

### In Pe Ell

## Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Spring is in the air with lots of flowers in bloom.

On the sick list: NG Carolyn Turner's husband Bill is now in rehab. He is improving slowly, but it's a good start. Treasurer Cora Walker is scheduled for vein repair surgery. Chaplain Luellyn Ainsworth had cataract surgery. NG Carolyn had a sinus infection. All are improving and that is good news.

#### THOUGHT

"If you want to feel rich, just count the many things money can't buy."

Meetings are interesting with games for entertainment after them.

The Relay for Life Cancer Walk

was on May 15-16. Luellyn and NG Carolyn, her daughter and granddaughter were planning to walk.

#### THOUGHT

"Three things in life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind!"

— *Henry James*

I will do better later. Eye surgery is a little confining.

Have a wonderful summer and be ready with new ideas in the fall. With love and good health to all. . .

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

### In Walla Walla

## Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

We are so proud of Trevor Fitzpatrick, great grandson of our Sister Marilyn Duffy. He won one of the \$2,500 L.J. Jones Memorial Scholarships. His name was on the senior list sent in by Bee Hive. Needless to say, Sister Marilyn is very proud as she submitted his name.

Our By-Laws change papers have been sent in to change our meeting time to 7 p.m. Remember, we do have a dispensation to meet at 7 p.m. until the change has been approved.

Several of our Sisters have been laid up with the virus that is making

the rounds in town. Among them are Charlene McCaslin, Naomi Bruce and Mary Denton. Mary had the misfortune to have it while visiting Hawaii, so she spent much of her trip in bed. We miss them and hope they and others we may not know about will soon return to good health.

Our lodge was saddened by the death of Sister Carol Johns. She passed away in early April. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

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

## Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Happy spring to all of you. I think our weather has finally started to warm up and we are seeing lots of spring flowers.

The Odd Fellows treated us royally at our Mothers' Day meeting! Besides serving the refreshments, they presented each of us with a plant for our garden. We will be honoring our Brother Rebekahs for Fathers' Day this month.

We had our drawing for our basket raffles and Brother Jean Coston won the craft basket. Congratulations. The spring garden basket was won by an Oak Harbor resident.

Sister Myrtle Whitehead has been having tests. Sister Rhonda Meeks was in the hospital with a heart attack

and we have heard that our Sister Elizabeth Steinsick is not doing well. Our Noble Grand was in an accident with a big buck on the way home from a Theta Rho function, but all of these ladies seem to be doing better. We hope that everyone is on the road to recovery so that they can enjoy the summer.

Sister Diane Hammond, our VG, will represent the Rebekahs at the Senior Award night and present our annual \$500 scholarship to Jesus Alvarado.

Assembly will be here soon and we hope to see many of you there.

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



Retiring Theta Rho Advisors are, from left, Karen Hoylman, Kendra Frogge' and Donna Tonn.



### Theta Rho Advisors

## Thank you to Donna, Kendra and Karen!!!

**Donna Tonn**, Advisor of Gray's Harbor Theta Rho Girls' Club #92, will be retiring this month. Donna started helping the club in 1995 when her granddaughter joined Theta Rho. She became a member of Fern Rebekah Lodge #26 in Montesano and went on to later join Silvia Odd Fellows Lodge #36 in Montesano, Alpha LEA #1 in Olympia and the LAPM in Olympia.

In 1997 Donna became Assistant Advisor of Gray's Harbor when the Advisor Georgette Walcott resigned and Jean Briscoe became the Advisor. Later when Jean was not able to continue as the her duties, Donna took over the Advisor of Gray's Harbor #92.

During her 12 years of service, she worked with dozens of girls and assisted Theta Rho Assembly Presidents from Montesano, Rachael Grove and Cassidy Feist. She also was the Advisor of Past President, Florence Frogge' during her early years in Theta Rho.

As Donna cites as her reasons for resigning, "Age has caught up with me, and my husband who had a stroke three years ago needs more care."

As many of you read in the March issue of *The Washington OddFellow*, the advisory staff of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club # 93 also resigned as of February 28, 2009. Daughter-mother team **Kendra Frogge'** and **Karen Hoylman** began their advisory work with Donna Tonn and the other Advisors in Montesano when they began driving the 150 to 175 miles round trip from Puyallup and Buckley to Montesano each meeting night, so daughter/grand daughter, Florence and her friends could participate in Theta Rho. In 2003 they were instrumental in the institution of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho #93 in Tacoma. Kendra became the Advisor and Karen became one of her Assistants at that time. Under their guidance Spunky Bluebirds has prospered and provided the Theta Rho Assembly with a President and Vice President.

The JJYC would like to thank Donna Tonn, Kendra Frogge' and Karen Hoylman for their years of service to Theta Rho and wish them the best of luck in the future.

— *Janie Kuja, Chairman, Jurisdictional Joint Youth Committee*

## Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

It is hard to believe as I write this in early May that all of you will be reading this in June. Where does the time go?

We didn't have a meeting on April 20 due to a lack of a quorum. Only three active members could attend. PP Irene Kossow and her hubby are off to Arizona visiting their daughter. PP Fay Bowers-Holland is going through tests. She received a good report and the doctor says all is well. So five weeks later we met and there was lots of action.

The Scholarship Committee received the applications for the scholarship to be presented to a graduating senior. Committee members reviewed the applications and made their decision. The recipient of the \$350 scholarship is David Miranda, a very talented senior who will graduate from Waterville High School in June.

Sister Shirley Daling will present the scholarship at the Awards Ceremony.

Donations in the amount of \$50 each were made to the L.J. Jones Scholarship Fund, the Arthritis Fund, the Visual Aid Fund and the Diabetes Fund.

NG Nadra Rivers reported her doctor had given her a good report at her last visit. She really looks good.

A plant with the Rebekah emblem will be placed at the cemetery for the Memorial Day events honoring our deceased members.

Extra special greetings are sent to all dads for Fathers' Day.

Everyone, stay healthy through the summer. Annual Sessions will find a few of us in attendance. Then we will recess through July and August. See you in Yakima. Later. . .

*PP Fay Bowers-Holland,*  
*Reporter*