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Northwest Meeting slated in New Westminster, BC

The 2010 Spring Meeting of the Northwest Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9, 10 and 11. The semi-annual meeting will be held at the Quay in New Westminster, B.C., Canada.

As of press time, we have not received the registration information. We hope to publish the registration form in the March edition of *The Washington OddFellow* if this information is received.



Christina Dirks of the Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club shares her "Hello Journal" with Janie Kuja of the JJYC.



Veteran members in action

Members of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 and Oak IOOF Lodge #291 of Oak Harbor look on as Past Grand Master Babe Ruth presents Maxine Hansen her Past Grand's Certificate at the Installation of Officers on January 16. Brother Babe is now 96 and Sister Maxine is 95.

Get your pictures in for Grand Sessions program

Attention heads of all Units of our Order. If you would like your picture in the official program booklet for this year's Grand Sessions, please send it to Mike House at 786 Cedar Valley Road, Goldendale, WA 98620-2307 or deliver it to Mavis House at the next Planning Board meeting on Saturday, March 6. The meeting will be at the Clarion Hotel in Yakima.

Deadline for getting your picture to Mike is Tuesday, May 25.



Presidential visit

Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Phyllis Rodgers, left, made her official visit to Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 in Buckley in October. She is chatting with Noble Grand Kathy Pierce and Vice Grand Kendra Frogge'. For more information, see Eola Rebekah Lodge #63's letter on page 7.

South Tacoma's Spunky Bluebirds have been busy

Members of Spunky Bluebirds Theta Rho Girls' Club #93 in South Tacoma have been really busy the last couple of months. The members and prospective members had a sleep over at Sylvia's cabin in October and went to a haunted corn maze. Then they headed out to look at a sculpture park and then on to Joyce Miller's reception.

For community service, the girls re-bagged bow tie pasta and helped at the food bank. They also donated their coin drill money to the Haiti Relief Fund.

A Christmas party was held for the girls and their families. There was lots of food and a slide presentation of all the girls' activities was shown.

The Spunky Bluebirds also have been attending many of the local installations, as well as helping to serve and clean up.

Sylvia, our Advisor, has started a new project for the girls. They were given journals and the girls are writing down information about themselves, as well as writing down information about friends, family and the new people they meet. The journals are filling up rapidly and the girls are having fun.

A snow sledding trip is being planned for the near future.

Officers-elect for the new year are: Shamanice Gordon, President-elect; Maddy Martin, Vice President-elect; Sierra Bennett, Secretary-elect; and Christina Dirk, Treasurer-elect.

Installation of officers will be held on Sunday, February 21 at 1 p.m. in the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall located at 5424 South Puget Sound in Tacoma. It is our hope that many of you will attend and bring your daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends of Theta Rho age that you think might be interested in joining our Order.

In F., L. & T., Laurel Delony, Assistant Advisor

2009-2010 Grand Master's Meanderings



FRANK WILSON

THE MONTH OF BROTHERLY LOVE

To all my Brothers and Sisters,

I wish you a happy Valentine's Day. This day once again reminds us the significance of our middle link in the chain of Odd Fellowship. The sublime lesson of brotherly love, the social contacts and friends we make are priceless. We learn from the Holy Writ "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

INSTALLATIONS WERE WONDERFUL

January was a month of renewal as I was once again honored to be invited into several lodge rooms to participate in installations of officers. This is a very pleasurable time for your Grand Master to visit with many Brothers and Sisters of our Order. It also affords an opportunity to talk about Odd Fellowship in the presence of visitors not associated with our great Order.

Another highlight is presenting awards received from the Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. My sincere wish for the newly-installed officers is that you have a productive, successful and joyous year while practicing Friendship, Love and Truth.

UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

I am pleased to say that Olympia Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17 are each sponsoring a student to the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. What an educational experience for our youth! I see this as a way of opening doors in our community through communication and participation.

HAPPENINGS IN YESTERYEARS IN FEBRUARY

On February 9, 1964, the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show singing "All My Lovin" and "She Loves You." Then on February 14, 1978, Texas Instruments patented the first microchip, and finally on February 20, 1962, John Glenn completed the first American orbital space flight, flying in the Friendship 7 Mercury capsule.

Brothers and Sisters, let's all of us work for the good of the Order in promoting Friendship, Love and Truth.

"Act Humbly, Love Completely and Live Differently."

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

In Bucoda

Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129

Hello from this little town in southern Thurston County. This is to let the Sisters know about the passing of Bonnie Walker Dillon on December 19. Her services were held on December 30 with the Bucoda Rebekahs taking part. Bonnie was also a member of Alpha LEA #1 in Olympia and Olympia LAPM #20, both of which were represented at her services.

If anyone is planning on visiting us, you might find a note on the door telling you to go to Town Hall at 110 N. Main Street, as there is some renovation work going on for the next month. The Bucoda Community Foundation received a \$122,000 donation to restore the original store fronts facing Main Street, so the area we usually meet in is a mess. But per the agreement at the time the building was sold, the Town is providing us with a

meeting place. The contractor said this phase of the project should take about 90 days and they started about the first of December, but who knows? We will keep you posted because when this is completed, we would love to have all of you stop by so we can show off what has been done.

The other exciting thing going on is on July 23, 24 and 26, the Town of Bucoda will be celebrating its 100th birthday. If anyone has any history to share about Bucoda, please let me know.

By the time you read this, installations will be over and the new officers for 2010 will be in place. Members, let's get behind our new officers and support them to the best of our abilities.

In F., L. & T.,
LouAnn Hoffman,
Noble Grand

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEW OFFICERS

Congratulations to the officers who have assumed their duties following their installation. I commend those officers who are returning to the same position for your dedication and loyalty to the work of our Order. As a reminder to small lodges that may have difficulty filling their elected positions, the combination of Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary as one office is authorized. However the combination of either Secretarial officer with the office of Treasurer is not approved.

STAYING CONNECTED AND ENGAGED

The Grand Lodge of Washington has, and maintains, a terrific website. The Website Committee makes additions and edits to it regularly. It holds a wealth of contact information to facilitate communication between our members. Plus, you can access several years of *The Washington OddFellow* newspaper archived on the site. This information is just a click away. The address is www.ioofwa.org. We suggest that you make visits to our website frequently. For those members without internet access, we suggest that you refer to your unit's Annual Journal of Proceedings for officer and committee members contact information.

GENERAL INTEREST

Thank you to the lodges that have already sent in their Annual Reports. A reminder to the lodges still holding theirs, these reports must be in the Grand Lodge Office by February 15 or your lodge will accrue a \$5 per day penalty thereafter. We had far too many lodges falling into this situation in reporting for the 2008 year.

All Odd Fellow Lodges should have recently received a letter regarding your Lodge Representative to Grand Lodge. Even numbered lodges elect a two-year Representative during the first meeting in February this year. It is important that you return your completed Representatives Certificates in a timely manner to allow for the selection of committee members and making appointments for the Grand Lodge Session of 2010 by Grand Master Frank L. Wilson.

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

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Bob Bower**, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, Olympia.
- **Bonnie Walker Dillon**, PNG, 40+ year member Bucoda Rebekah Lodge #144, Bucoda.
- **Mildred Wachtel**, Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge #242, Pasco.
- **Betty Roller**, Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315, Electric City.

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

Greetings! We are now well into what promises to be a challenging and interesting year.

At our December Christmas party, our Noble Grand gave each member and guest a Christmas cup filled with candies and many good wishes.

On January 9 we initiated May Morris and Julie Rayson as our newest members. We welcome them to our lodge.

Our food donations are still coming in and will be given to the food bank at the end of February.

At our January 16 installation, which was preceded by a potluck luncheon, our Noble Grand Barbara Pittman used red, white and blue

centerpieces for the luncheon tables, and large baskets in those colors for the meeting area as these will be our colors for 2010. She also presented each of her 2009 officers with a small bouquet in our colors of white and gold.

With the days staying lighter longer and sunshine being enjoyed now and then, we are starting to look ahead to spring and putting all the cold, ice and snow out of mind.

We extend an invitation to all Rebekahs in the area to our meetings, the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

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

From your 2009 - 2010 Assembly President



PHYLLIS RODGERS

BEST WISHES TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Good luck to all the newly-installed officers. I wish you a very good year.

I am doing some visitations this month and I'm looking forward to visiting with the Sisters and Brothers.



This is the month for the odd numbered lodges to elect their Representatives to Rebekah Assembly. Be sure to get those names to Sister Marcia as soon as possible.

I have had members of several lodges asking me about the baskets for the auction to benefit the Home in Walla Walla. You may pick your own theme. Just remember to tag your basket with the contents and your lodge number.

Remember that March is Arthritis month. Happy Valentine's Day.

*In F., L. & T., Phyllis Rodgers,
President Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

In Goldendale

Alimus IOOF Lodge #15, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22

Our annual holiday dinner was held in December and we were saddened that fewer and fewer numbers of our members and their families attended this gathering. Those who did attend, however, had a good time and enjoyed more than enough to eat!

The first half of January was a very busy time for us. On the 9th, we held our Joint Dinner Installation for Alimus and Leah. Ernie and Mavis House were the Installing Officers. The installation started with a potluck dinner at noon. On January 10, Ernie and Mavis traveled to Yakima to install their Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at a Dinner Installation which began at noon.

On January 14, several of our members drove to Ellensburg as DDGM Mike House was asked to bring an Installing Team for a full installation of the Ellensburg Odd Fellows. It had been a long time since any of us participated in a full installation, so we were all looking forward to the experience.

Several of our members have been ill with colds, as I am sure several of your members have, too. Mary Gosney fell and dislocated her right shoulder. She had surgery on it and is slowly mending. Since she is right handed, Mavis is acting as Secretary Pro-Tem for awhile instead of occupying the Vice Grand's chair. Terry Hardie, one of

our Odd Fellows, was in a serious car accident prior to Christmas and is now living with his mother in Oregon while undergoing physical therapy. He hopes to be back to Goldendale later in the year.

Valentine's Day is coming and our Rebekahs will again be giving out bags of goodies to shut-ins here in the Goldendale vicinity. We originally gave out Christmas boxes, but we decided to switch it to Valentine's Day with "love gifts" to those who don't or can't get out much. They have been greatly appreciated.

I do hope you all had a great holiday season and are gearing up for a busy and fruitful New year. Get behind your officers and let's make 2010 a good one for Odd Fellowship in Washington!

"Yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision. But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope." These words are something to live your life by!

I will leave you with this thought: Some say the love of money might be the root of all evil, but then most people wouldn't know because it never sticks around long enough for us to develop real affection for it.

See you later. . .

*In F., L. & T.,
Mavis House, Reporter*

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



MARCIA PRESLEY

SUPPORT OUR THETA RHO CLUBS

February has arrived. Your Rebekah Lodges have held their installation of new officers and February is the month that many Noble Grands have their first meeting.

Our Theta Rho Clubs will be having their installations this month. Plan on attending these installations and show your support for our wonderful Theta Rho Clubs of this jurisdiction. These girls are our future and they need our support, both physically and monetary, help to keep them going.



THANKS FOR YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS

Thank you to all the Rebekah Lodges that returned their annual reports before the deadline and filled them out correctly. I know that these reports are sometimes not easy to balance, but you all did a wonderful job. This will make my reports easy for me to complete before my deadline.

TIME TO ELECT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

February is the month that your Rebekah Lodge (odd numbered lodges) will elect a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington. This is a two-year position. The forms are to be filled out and returned to me so that your Representative will be able to attend our Assembly Session in June. The full instructions for electing your Representative and Alternate Representative can be found in your Constitution of Rebekah Lodges on page 6 (8). I know you will elect a Representative that will honor your wishes as to how they vote on the legislation at Sessions. Let efficiency and loyal service be your guide in these elections so that your lodge and the Assembly may be greatly benefited.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Thank you very much for the phone calls and cards sent to me after my medical emergency on the day after Christmas. After a three-day stay in the hospital and my very first ambulance ride, I was sent home with medication to take for three months, after which I should be as good as new.

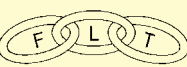
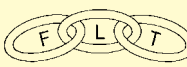
Valentine's Day arrives on February 14. This is the time to offer a special thank you to your favorite Valentine. We also celebrate Presidents' Day this month when we honor the past, present and future leaders of our nation.

BE KIND TO EVERYONE

Acts of kindness will eventually come back to you. Be kind to everyone. Share yourself and your time with your children and friends. Treat each day as a special gift. Don't judge others until proved otherwise. Life is too short to waste on suspicion. Laughter is contagious and it is a great medicine for pain. Acts of kindness are acts of happiness. I leave you with this: "The only true disability in life is a bad attitude."

With Rebekah hugs. . .

*Respectfully Submitted in F., L. & T.,
Marcia Presley,
PP, Secretary,
Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

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From your 2009-2010 Theta Rho President



BROOKLYNN DAVIES

FEBRUARY - THE MONTH OF LOVE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the month of love. Show your love to family, friends and club members. Host a Valentine's Party and invite friends. Every day is a new chance to increase your membership.



Now down to business. This last month I was able to attend some installations. First I attended the Joint Installation of Officers of Golden Rule #242 and Althea #182 Rebekah Lodges. Then I went to Richland and attended the Joint Installation of Pasco and Richland Odd Fellows. I want to thank each lodge for the courtesies extended to me.

This month, my club will be holding its installation. I will be happy filling the post of Installing Officer. Lately I jump at the chance to talk and the Installing Officer gets to do a lot of talking.

My club Sisters and I continue to do what we can for the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery and our local retirement center.

Well that's all for now. Have a great day.

*Ciao, In Happiness Through Service,
Brooklynn Davies, Theta Rho Assembly President*

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Our installation was held on January 9 at Trinity Rebekah Lodge in Napavine. It was a joy to see such a nice turnout and seeing members I hadn't seen in ages. Our elected officers and the Chaplain were installed. The are: NG Carolyn Turner, VG Marian Moon, RSNG Leona Treznoski, Treas. Cora Walker and Chap. Luellyn Ainsworth.

A potluck dinner was served before the installation. Everything went so smoothly. Our entertainment was provided by Jerry Owens. He played the guitar while his three teenage granddaughters sang. It was just wonderful.

Of course I had to do a little bragging about my New Year's birthday. I turned 90 and have been a Rebekah for 52-1/2 years. I had a little help remembering names, but no one seemed to mind. Hugs and reminiscing were the highlights of the day.

Our Noble Grand Carolyn already has things planned. Her "honey" Bill is feeling so much better and she is sure things will go much smoother this year. I know there is something planned for Valentine's Day at our February 10 meeting.

We still welcome "surprise" guests. Our lunch is about 11:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. Our meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays at the VFW Community Hall.

THOUGHTS

"Commitment we've seen, experience we trust."

"When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt it."

— From Homestead

I leave you with love and best wishes for a grand year.

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



In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

At our last meeting in January, we held an open house for prospective members. We talked to them about Theta Rho, shared our scrapbooks so they could see what we do, had them help us make the Valentines for the nursing home, and had refreshments.

We had a swim party last month and invited guests to that, as well.

This month we will have our Installation of Officers on Wednesday, February 24 at 6 p.m. Our newly-elected officers are: President Jennifer Turnek, Vice President Olivia Thraikill, Secretary Bethany Bond and Treasurer Amanda Fry.

Our community service project for this month is the Valentines for the nursing home. We also made a donation to the USO for prepaid phone cards for the soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. It is important for those who are serving our country to be able to talk to their loved ones. That's the reason we decided to help with that project.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Our first meeting of the New Year was the last meeting of Aramae Buckingham's term as Noble Grand. We thank Aramae for her leadership and accomplishments throughout this past year.

Several thank you notes were read. The IOOF Home acknowledged the monetary gift for our adopted Sister Charlotte Hanifen. We also heard from Arline Maxson who thanked us for the Christmas gift and from the YWCA expressing appreciation for our donation of women's toiletries.

A condolence, in memory of Leone Kelly who passed away in December, was read. Leone joined Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2 in June, 1958. We extend our sympathies to her family.

We are pleased to report that we have selected Arline Maxson to be one of our adopted Sisters.

Before closing the last meeting of her term, Noble Grand Aramae Buckingham presented her officers with gifts and each included a personal note of thanks.

On Saturday, January 16 at 2 p.m., Narcissa Lodge joined with Bee

Hive Lodge and Enterprise Lodge for a combined installation of officers at the Odd Fellows Home. Ron Klicker and Jane Hanson of Enterprise installed the officers. Bud Dotson of Enterprise and Karen Schultz of Bee Hive served as Marshalls.

Narcissa members installed were: Elsie Wells, Noble Grand; Barbara Tvrz, Vice Grand; Rose Ringhoffer, Recording Secretary; Jane Hanson, Financial Secretary; and Marthann Hall, Treasurer.

Following the ceremony those in attendance enjoyed punch and cookies provided by the host lodge, Enterprise #2.

During 2010 we look forward to some special projects, one of them being the Valentine's Party for the Home residents on Saturday, February 13. Please mark the date on your calendars and stay tuned for details.

Also, we are planning on getting a basket ready for our Assembly President's Project.

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

Waterville Rebekah Lodge #77

Sorry we missed you last month. We couldn't put a quorum together for a few meetings and so there is not much activity except working on inventory and preparation for sale of anything in the hall which we can sell prior to the surrender of our Charter in the spring.

Thus, Christmas and New Year's Day have passed us up and here it is 2010 — the doom year!!

By the way, we hope everyone had a happy New Year. To top it off, one of the few snowfalls of the winter hit us January 4. When Fay and Frank Holland can't make it to Waterville, that means no quorum and no meeting.

Our Annual Report was completed, signed and sealed so it could get to the Assembly Secretary before the 15th. It will be read at next meeting.

Our Noble Grand Nadra Rivers has had to resume chemotherapy treatments, so it will be hit and miss for awhile. She needs *lots* of prayers.

On December 21 we had a Christmas luncheon at Sister Shirley Daling's home. Our usual six were there, along with guest Marcia Smith, Nadra's daughter.

We hopefully, weather permitting, will do our installation at our January 18 meeting.

Here it is February, so to all of you "lovers," Happy Valentine's Day.

Hopefully we will have more news later. Everyone, stay well. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you, Assembly President Phyllis.

*In F., L. & T. and Fraternal Love,
PP Fay Bowers-Holland,
Reporter*

From the Grand Matriarch



JOYCE MILLER

GREETING FROM THE GRAND MATRIARCH

Sorry I missed the last issue for January, 2010. With hope and courage we can all carry on in this new decade. We all face each day with a light to show the way. God gives us inspiration to be true with happiness and the ability to forgive.



I am hoping that the weather will allow me to make some visits soon. I will write letters to the Lodges as I plan them.

My wish for you is happy New Year and have a safe one. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Be sure to take a loved one out for a chocolate or two.

May God bless you all.

*In Faith Hope & Charity; Friendship Love & Truth,
Joyce Miller, Grand Matriarch*

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

Before 2009 could say good-bye, amidst the hustle and bustle of the season, the Sisters of Trinity Rebekah Lodge delivered more than 20 Christmas baskets to local shut-ins. Sister Evelyn Neumann shopped for gifts to send to a pair of children adopted by our lodge. Thank you, Sisters, for all your hard work and generosity.

Our dear Sister, Jacquie Crabbe has been very ill lately. We're all keeping her and her loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. We're sending her lots of love and hugs as well.

It was a time for new beginnings as the clock struck midnight this

past New Year's Eve. On the warm and sunny afternoon of Saturday January 10, the Rebekah Sisters of Trinity #179 hosted a very successful installation. Ham and turkey were served to more than 50 guests who came to enjoy the event. Thank you Sisters Alberta, Cherrilyn, Pat, and Sandy and everyone else who helped put the installation together.

As we say hello to February, we look towards planning a fund-raiser for the Arthritis Foundation and a Valentine's party at our meeting on the 11th. Until then, Sisters, have a great month and be blessed.

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

In Spokane Valley

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

The New Year is here and we are all installed in our new offices.

We hope everyone had a great holiday season, and yes we have no snow on this side of the mountain. It is really different from last year. It has been nippy, but that's about it.

Now we are going to break in our

new Noble Grands in Ramona and Wilford Lodges. This is going to be an interesting year, so let's give all our new officers a big hand and help them all we can.

Happy New Year!

*In F, L. & T,
Selma Lindor, Sec.*

From your 2009-2010 Grand Patriarch (Matriarch)



SHERRY POND

MY RESOLUTION: BE THE BEST PERSON I CAN

My Dear Friends,

The new year has begun and here in my little town the fireworks were working hard at scaring our dog. As humans, we enjoyed the sight as the sky lit up. We heard people shouting the new year in and again the dog was disturbed. After the dog settled down, so did we.

Then I thought of the resolutions I have made in the past and wondered why I never fulfilled any of them. I thought to myself, that most of the resolutions I made were not attainable. Some were silly and some were just down right stupid of me to even think about doing. One time I decided I was going to be a famous singer in about two years. Well, that never happened. However, I became a mother and sang to my baby and rocked her to sleep. So I guess I was a famous singer to someone. So maybe most of the resolutions are attainable and aren't so silly or stupid. I guess it is all in the way you look at things.

I don't really make any resolutions anymore. I do, however, plan to strive to be the best person I can. Also, I try to bring joy into some one's life, even if it is just for a few minutes. That's because during that few minutes they have forgotten their problems. So my friends, my Valentine gift to you this year is to wish you joy and a few minutes of forgotten problems.

Enjoy your loved ones and have a happy Valentine's Day.

Keep dancin' and singin'. I love you all.

*Yours In Faith, Hope & Charity, and Friendship, Love & Truth,
Sherry Pond, Grand Patriarch (Matriarch)*

Salmon Bay Rebekahs #217 - Ballard

It is hard to believe we're well into the new year with TV ads pounding on our senses about debt, refinancing and income tax preparation. Salmon Bay said goodbye to the old year with a great pre-meeting luncheon at the local Louie's Chinese restaurant with Brothers, Sisters and friends. After that repast, our meeting was quiet with year-end business and plans for the joint installation with Ballard IOOF Lodge being discussed.

The January 7 meeting was just as quiet with a much smaller gathering. Sister Norene Lucas, #217's great Secretary, could not attend. Her arthritis back pain was so great. She

is hoping the physical therapy will make it possible for her to attend installation.

The classic "cold" knocked out a couple Sisters for our first 2010 meeting, but the nine members quickly arranged the menu for our Sunday, January 10 installation. Ballard is providing the vegetable lasagna and Salmon Bay will do the salads. The plan is for 40 members, family friends friends.

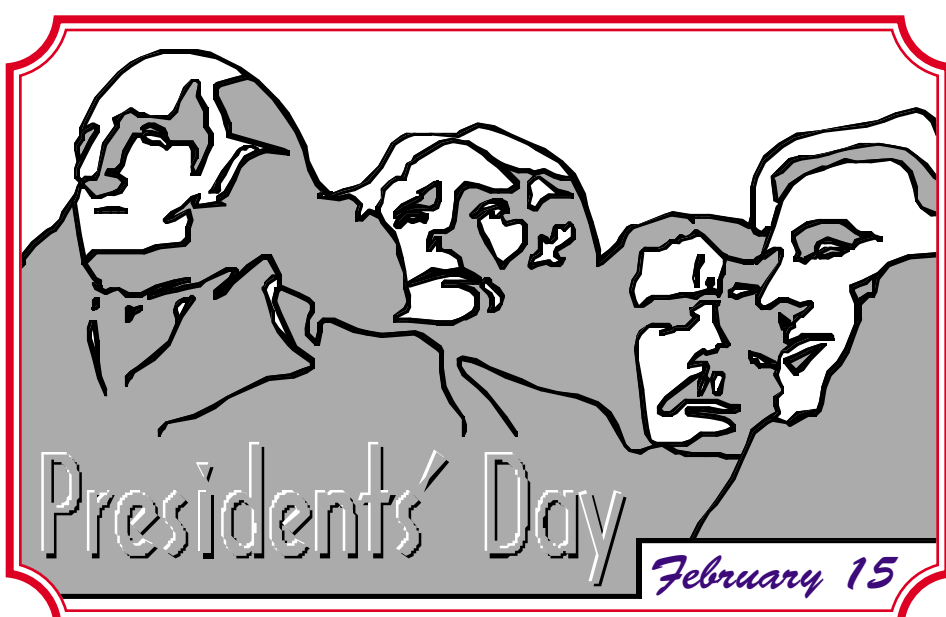
Year-end reports were signed and we are all set for 2010.

Happy Valentine's Day.

*In F, L. & T,
Donna Flatt,
Reporter*

*Good Luck To Your
Newly Installed
Officers!*

PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!



‘Extreme Makeover’

Help us remodel the Home’s Beauty Salon

After 19 years of continual use, the Odd Fellows Home Beauty Salon is undergoing an “Extreme Makeover.” Just like the popular television show, plumbing, heating and electrical systems are being replaced or modernized. Unused closets were removed to provide more floor space and new flooring, sheetrock, paint, wainscoting, mirrors, light fixtures, salon chairs, dryers, adjustable sinks and cabinets were added to create a lovely setting for our residents and beauticians.

Originally, the Beauty Salon was situated in Room 200 in the main Administration building. Over the years, Marlene Lindsey, Kathy Reed, Betty Katsel and Hazel Hardy worked as beauticians in the Beauty Salon. With increased demand for Assisted Living rooms, Room 200 was converted in to a studio apartment. In 1991, the Beauty Salon relocated to the second floor of the Brick Building.

Over the years, the Beauty Salon space in the Brick Building has served a variety of purposes. Back in 1923, the second floor room was the “Help’s Parlor.” As time went on, the space was divided into two resident rooms. When former resident Grace Harmon moved to the Care Center, one room was converted to a Sick Room with beds for three residents. The other room was made into a Nurses’ Station. In order to create a larger space for the Beauty Salon in 1991, the Nurses’ Station was moved and a wall was torn down between the Nurses’ Station and the Sick Room leaving the present space for salon services.

Currently, three beauticians work at the Home’s Beauty Salon. In 2009, our beauticians provided more than 3,034 individual services (haircuts, shampoo and sets, perms, colors). Residents enjoy getting their hair done and have formed ongoing relationships with our stylists.

Our costs for the “Extreme Makeover” have exceeded Endowment Funds set aside for this project. Today, I ask you to join us in this remodeling project with a gift of \$25 or more. Your contribution will allow you to serve as a partner with us as we bring beauty salon services to the residents of the Odd Fellows Home. As you may have experienced yourself, getting your hair done on a regular basis improves your self-esteem and lifts your spirit. I truly believe the Beauty Salon is a wonderful way to touch resident lives. Your support will make a difference and I look forward to proving it to you!

— John Paulson, Director of Human Resources, Odd Fellows Home



The Odd Fellows Home Beauty Salon should be open in the very near future. If you would like to make a contribution to the remodeling of the Beauty Salon, see story at left.



The Odd Fellows Home Beauty Salon is undergoing an “Extreme Makeover” as can be seen above. This is the first remodeling of the facility in 19 years.

In Roy

Warren Rebekah Lodge #308

Hello from Warren #308.

We hope all of you had a great Christmas and are ready for the New Year’s challenges.

December started off with our participation at a Christmas Bazaar. We sold 20 beautiful gift baskets, baked goods and Christmas decorations.

All of our Sisters were able to attend our luncheon and gift exchange at the Roy Steakhouse. “Secret Sisters” were revealed and it was a fun time for all of us!

By the time you read this, our new officers will be installed and we will be well into the year 2010. The past year has brought surgeries, health issues, personal losses, but all is well in our lodge. We are blessed to have support from our Sisters, family and friends.

I’m sure most of us watched the memorial services for our fallen police officers. Such heartfelt and

emotional support was just amazing! The tribute was very professional, but at the same time intensely personal.

Every so often we are reminded just how life can be so fragile and fleeting. Our lodge was able to express our sympathy and gratitude by sending a donation to be shared by the four families.

Sadly as I write this news, another officer has died in the line of duty. Our prayers go out to his family.

A personal thank you to all my Sisters for the fun and fellowship that we have shared together. Thank you to PNG Marlene Lenz for allowing me to be Chaplain and for all the special fun she brought to our luncheons and meetings!

Good wishes to all Rebekah Lodges. Peace, health and happiness to you all.

In F., L. & T.,

Deb Gulley, Reporter & Chaplain

In Electric City

Grand Coulee Rebekah Lodge #315

Hello, everyone. It is now a new year and time to settle down and thank everyone for your faith in us. We wish to praise all and hope you are enjoying the new year and remember each new day.

We lost a member recently. Sister Betty Roller passed away in the Grand Coulee Nursing Home on December 23. She had been very sick. Her memorial service was held on January 2 at the Methodist Church. A coffee hour followed. She was a hard-working person and was noted for her flower arrangements at the Gherke Windmill show place. She also fixed other flower arrangements in the park.

Sisters, we all have been busy in the past years, but we still find many things that have to be completed. We must complete filling our Baggies

and get a few more items to fill them. Please call NG Wanda Hirst for the dates when we will do this. It may take a couple of days. Thank you for your help.

Our newlyweds as of this summer are Ted and Helen Bruce. They just returned from a Christmas visit in California with some of her family. They do get around and have fun. Can I go next time?

Remember, dues are now payable.

Remember to gather all your pull tabs and bring them in and any B.C. coupons. Please turn them in right away.

We wish everyone a happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in the future.

In F., L. & T.,

Jeanette Kelley, Reporter



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News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Greeting from the Capital City. We hope that you had a great New Year's and try to keep all the resolutions you have made.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our lodge funds are doing well. Investments are up all across the board. Again, thank you Finance Committee members for a job well done in investing lodge funds.

THURSTON BUILDING

George reports that the owner of the gift shop has caught up with her rent. The furnace has to be replaced in the Comic Book shop. The cost of repairs is not economical feasible and a new furnace makes sense. George and Joe announced that they have hired the Morningside Company to clean the lodge hall twice a month. Morningside is a non-profit organization that helps and assists handicap people.

CEMETERY BOARD

Rick Garcia reports business is slow, but all repairs to broken water line have been made. Rick will give the cemetery financial report at the next lodge meeting and every month after that.

PARK BOARD

Glen reports that we have \$3000 in the bank. Glen and Walt have replaced a leaking kitchen faucet tap. The RV rest room has been vandalized and the toilet was broken. Glen replaced the toilet with one he had. The Park Board will make a recommendation to our lodge on awarding a contract to a painting company. They have received three bids.

Update: The Park Board has awarded a contract to have the kitchen at the park painted and repaired. By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be done. Thank you Glen, PJ, Walt and Stu for preparing the kitchen for painting and repairs.

Our lodge voted to donate \$600 to the USO to help feed American troops embarking and debarking to and from foreign lands. They provide sandwiches, breakfasts, coffee and soft drinks. They are located at Sea-Tac Airport and McChord Air Force Base.

Noble Grand PJ and Grand Master Frank Wilson advised the lodge on the UN Pilgrimage project. They have a potential candidate. Our lodge voted to send \$650 to Grand Lodge to save a spot for this potential candidate. If the \$650 is not used for this candidate, the funds will be used to support other candidates. NG PJ asked for five volunteers to serve on a selection commit-

tee to choose a candidate. They are: PJ, Doug, Laurel, Joann and Don Vest, Jr. They have already met and will announce their selection soon.

Brother Don Herring brought onto the floor a request to help fund a dinner for the Salvation Army. The dinner will feed homeless men and women. This is a one-time donation. Don will monitor the monies and purchase of food at the local Cash and Carry store.

Finance Chairman Joe Picano discussed the 2010 Budget. Further consideration will be brought to the floor after installation. The budget looks good for all our commitments.

Luana reports that the Bucoda Lodge has received a very large donation from the O'Neil family for the repair and renovation of the Odd Fellows Hall in Bucoda.

Grand Master Frank Wilson and Grand Warden Joe Picano trekked to Fort Lewis and presented the Fisher House a check from the Olympia Lodge for \$500. This is one of our lodge's commitments. They also donated a number amount of stuffed animals to the House, as well as to Santa's Castle. Bob Brunetti donated a very large number of VHS Disney movies and other new movies to the same organization. Way to go Bob, Joe and Frank!

Grand Master Frank presented Tom Day a very rare Community Service award. This is a very prestigious award. This had to be Tom's lucky day as he also won the drawing.

PJ, Joe and Tom have suggested that all board chairmen present the Noble Grand next year's work projects that will not only benefit their boards, but also community projects that the Lodge can do. It is a grand idea worth doing.

The Park Board wishes to thank Randy, Bob B., Tom, PJ, Neil, Glen and Stu for their assistance in repairing the bulkhead at the park. A large hole was found behind the bulkhead and the aforementioned names assisted in repairing the hole. Thank you.

The Olympia Lodge wishes to welcome Laurel and Joann into our lodge. They have transferred into Olympia from Tacoma. The officers and members are looking forward working with you on our projects.

Our lodge has a laminating machine for laminating membership cards. See our Bob to have card laminated.

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



Members of Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 gathered around Dawn Edwards after she received her 30-year Veteran Jewel. From left are: Amber Valentine, Tom Frogge', Kendra Frogge', Dawn, Karen Hoylman and Loletta McCormick.

Eola Rebekah Lodge #63 - Buckley

After our summer break and the first part of fall with not much going on, we have had some good times recently. In October, Assembly President Phyllis Rodgers paid us a visit. She joined us for a dinner in our dining room previous to our meeting. We enjoyed her company.

At our first meeting in December, we conferred the Rebekah Degree on Lorie Gates and welcomed her into our lodge.

Following that, we had a community project of gathering gloves for a local clothing bank, and took a card from a giving tree. We filled the wants of a teenage boy from the card for Christmas.

Then for our second meeting in December, we had a Christmas dinner at a restaurant with family and friends invited. There were 15 there and everyone had a good time.

The day after Christmas, we gathered at the hall and presented our member, Dawn Edwards, with her 30-year Veteran Jewel. She was pinned by her mother, Karen Hoylman. As Dawn lives in Oregon, we have had quite a time getting together with her to do this. We had been planning it for a long time, so were glad to have it come to pass.

In January, we again conferred the Rebekah Degree, this time on our other candidate — Michelle McDonald. We are happy to add new members to our group.

As the outside wall of our meeting room is still in the repair mode, we went back to a dinner installation this year. Kendra Frogge' and Kathy Pierce flipped places with Kendra moving to Noble Grand and Kathy going back to Vice Grand. Karen Hoylman is again Secretary and Loletta McCormick is Treasurer.

We are at present planning a gift in memory of our dear Doris Wigglesworth. Plans are also under way for a new community project. So, we have been pleased to be busy and active again.

*— In F., L. & T.,
Karen Hoylman,
Secretary and Reporter*

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Our first meeting for the New Year 2010 was called to order on Thursday, January 7.

We had a total of four Sisters who went to the Joint Installation on January 9 at Trinity Rebekah Lodge. It was an enjoyable afternoon. Rosalie Davis was again installed as Noble Grand with Dorothy Sloan assisting her as Vice Grand. Other officers are Treas. Lee Bowen and Sec. Cookie Music.

So far this year is starting out with a bang. Bonnie Hadaller is in recuperation following a fall on her front porch steps. Cookie Music also fell in Chehalis while running into the bank. She hit her head and needed three stitches. Since that day, Cookie has new shoes.

Sandy Holderman is home from the hospital. She suffered from an anxiety attack. Things are looking better and as of now she is doing great.

By the way, Monterose has a new grandma. Gracie Joe was born on January 4 and weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces. Great grandma Cookie is very happy.

Following our first meeting, a New Year's party was held with hats and horns. Refreshments were served by Rosalie Davis and there were free necklaces for everyone. Our year is getting off to a good start.

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



