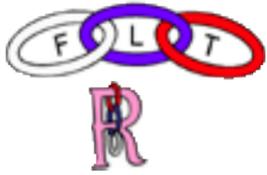


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Arthritis donation

Thanks to all the members of our Order in the Jurisdiction of Washington, Tom and Mary Harper, co-chairpersons of the Arthritis Fund for the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Washington, presented a check to Scott Weaver, President and CEO of the Arthritis Foundation of Washington, in the amount of \$6,648.38. The check presentation was done at the Grand Lodge Office in Buckley on July 16. From left are PG Tom Harper, Grand Secretary and PGM Ed Reitan, GM Harry Coulter, PGM Frank Wilson, Mary Harper and Scott Weaver.

From your Assembly & Grand Wardens

Membership? Just ask! You'd be very surprised

Membership! Where does it start? Well it has to start with all of us. We all need to contribute to getting new members. How do you get new members? **You** have to **Ask!** Yes! You have to ask, I have to ask, we all have to ask.

Do you know anyone who may be recently single for whatever reason? Have you asked them if they would like to be part of a great organization and make new friends and have companionship and Odd Fellowship? How about if you belong to one of the other branches of the Order. Have you asked others in our Order to become members of the LEA, Encampment, Rebekahs, Odd Fellows, etc.? I had someone ask me why I didn't belong to the LEA. My answer? Because no one had ever asked me. So there's an idea right there. Start asking your fellow members of your other branches. Ask an Odd Fellow to become a Rebekah or member of Encampment, ask a Rebekah to become a member of LEA, ask a Theta Rho Girl to become a Rebekah. You get the idea.

Joyce and I would also like you to share your membership ideas with us. Give us your success stories of how you got a new member and how you go about getting new members. We'll share your successes with the members.

So remember, **Membership** starts with all of us.

— In F., L. & T., Joyce Miller, Assembly Warden
Laurel Delony, Grand Warden (laddelony@comcast.net)
Membership Co-Chairmen

At Celesta #333

Unaccounted funds are being investigated by gambling heads

During the first part of April, 2010, a member of Celesta Rebekah Lodge #333 in Port Hadlock contacted the Washington State Gambling Commission concerning Celesta Rebekah Lodge's Bingo Fund that had some money unaccounted for.

The Gambling Commission sent one of their Special Agents to investigate. Using what records that were available for 2008 and 2009, it was determined that a significant amount of money was **not** accounted for. There were several "Change Fund Replenishments" made that were not necessary. There were 154 checks drawn on the account, of which 99 per cent were wrote and signed by Celesta's former Bingo Manager, Phyllis Rodgers. Of the 154 checks, 64 were for legitimate reasons. There were also five In Branch/Store Cash Withdrawals, which were for Change Fund Replenishments that were not necessary.

The Gambling Commission's Special Agent is continuing his investigation and stated that it should be completed no later than mid-September.

— Reported by Harry W. Coulter, Grand Master

East/West Picnic

Plan to be in Easton Sept. 21

The annual East-West Picnic will again be held in Lake Easton State Park, centrally located in the state. The date is Sunday, September 12. The schedule is: gathering time from noon to 1 p.m., then a potluck lunch at 1 p.m., followed by games, visiting and whatever activities you want to participate in. Let's get together for food, fun, and fellowship. Please plan to attend this event.

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.

— Karen Hoylman, East-West Picnic Secretary



On top of the world!

PGM John Crispin, stands on the top of 14,410 foot Mt. Rainier with the Three Link banner. John made the summit climb as a fund-raiser for the Theta Rho Travel Fund. On the June day when John stood on the summit, they were in a cloud, the temperature was 7 degrees and there was a 10 mile per hour wind. John will have a report on the funds raised in a future edition.

From your 2010-2011 Grand Master



HARRY COULTER

THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT HONOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I consider it a privilege and honor to serve you as Grand Master. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me to lead this Jurisdiction. The projects I have chosen are the Theta Rho Hotel Fund and Friendly Horse Acres, located in Buckley.

By the time you receive your fraternal newspaper, our Grand Session will be over and I will have returned from the Sovereign Grand Lodge Session in Kansas City, MO, and will be ready to report any changes made in our Order in the next issue.

I ask each and everyone of you to strive to increase our membership. This can be done by talking to your neighbors and friends about Odd Fellowship.

Non-payment of dues is the second highest reason for loss of membership. To retain our members in need, consider helping them to pay their annual dues.

Our Order is built on the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, so if we practice those principles in our daily lives, our Order can and will grow.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Harry W. Coulter, Grand Master

75 years ago

Jim Kershner's This Day in History

This headline would raise eyebrows today — “Odd Fellows Have Gay Day” — but in 1935 readers would have no trouble figuring out that it was a story about the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges holding their annual picnic. The picnic included one party game called “Cracker Busting” which sounds like it deserves a revival. Contestants were blindfolded, given a “club” made of rolled-up newspaper, and placed in a roped-off circle. Then a Saltine cracker was tied to the top of every contestant’s head. Then they would proceed to flail away with their newspapers, trying to bust someone’s cracker. The winner — the last one with an intact Saltine — was awarded a prize of a fly swatter.

Also on this date (From the Associated Press) 1962: “Actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home”

— *Selma Lindor, Reporter for Ramona Rebekah Lodge #238 and Wilford IOOF Lodge #269.*
Wishing you a wonderful day

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Betty Sauer**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Arline Maxon**, 66 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Rachel Harmon**, 46 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Jo Klundt Cox**, 25 year member, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Edna Armstrong**, Warden, Monterose Rebekah Lodge #46, Toledo.
- **Luella May**, Gilman Rebekah Lodge #59, Issaquah.

*Welcome Back To
Lodge Brothers & Sisters*

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

ON TO SOVEREIGN

As I write this month's article I am also preparing for a trip to the 2010 Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions to be held August 22 through August 27 in Kansas City, Missouri. I will be driving to the Sessions and using one week of vacation time in front and one week after Sessions for the return trip to Washington.

Washington's Grand Lodge Sessions were productive and harmonious again this year. We welcomed Brother Richard “Dick” Proulx, PSGM from the Jurisdiction of Wisconsin, as the Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Washington Sessions. This year Brother Steve McCord, PG from Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305 was selected and recognized by Brother Proulx who presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation award and the 2009-2010 Sovereign Grand Lodge Medallion for the way he went about handling his tasks in the Grand Lodge and always carrying a smile.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

To those who have internet capability, please check out your Grand Lodge of Washington Website. Please look for it at: www.ioofwa.org. This is a valuable resource of Order-related information for the Jurisdiction of Washington. The new 2010-2011 Grand Lodge officers, as well as for the other units of the Order where the information has or may have been provided and posted already since Grand Lodge. Those officers who find only their name and office listed and wish to have your additional data and contact information appear, please fill out a website release form and indicate the additional data that you wish to have posted. To those who may find any incorrect information regarding your lodge or yourself, please contact the Grand Secretary. While we are talking internet please take note that the Grand Secretary's office has a new e-mail address which is: grandsec@qwestoffice.net

I hope all of you have had and enjoyed a good summer season and now it is time for us to return to our lodge halls to do and carry on with the work of our Order. Thank you to all of the lodges that have sent in the full amount of this year's Lodge Per Capita Taxes.

Fraternally,
Edmond L. “Butch” Reitan Jr., PGM, Grand Secretary

District #3 to meet October 23, Please bring your homework!!

To all District #3 Lodges:

The District #3 Meeting will be in the Lodge Hall in Roy on Saturday, October 23.

If you have any of the following books, please bring them to the meeting: **1.** Code of General Laws of the IOOF. **2.** Rebekah Assembly of Washington Digest. **3.** Rebekah Ritual. **4.** Constitution of Rebekah Lodges.

If you do not have some of these, your lodge may have them. Ask if you can borrow them for the day. We are going to have a good old school day!

— *In F., L. & T.,* Mary Robinson,
District #3 President

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(360) 829-1768

From your 2010 - 2011 Assembly President



“A LOAN FROM GOD”

Greetings from your Assembly President in Northeast Washington, Chewelah by name.

Two weeks after Assembly our daughter (Half Pint) passed away.



Thank you to all my Brothers and Sisters who sent their sympathy at this time. Like the true Brothers and Sisters that you are, you arose to the occasion. Each and every card you sent, and each and every kindness was so appreciated. We received a beautiful poem: “A Loan From God.”

Although it made me cry, I know that it will help in the future so much. Don't be afraid to send late cards. So often they come in at a time more needed than the early ones do. For some reason this particular card got lost and I just received it. Thank you all. I hope I'll be able to do as well as you all have in this year of my term.

I am busy getting all my work caught up and packing for IARA. It is an experience I look forward to, and again Sisters have stepped forward with helpful suggestions and advice. This will be a time of many firsts for me.

I've heard that many Brothers and Sisters have injuries that they are recouping from. God's blessing on you all for speedy recoveries.

At this time I plan to be on the coast for the receptions of Bethany Bond, President of the Theta Rho Assembly on Saturday, September 18; Betty Young, Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA on Sunday, September 19; and Harry Coulter, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington on Saturday, October 9. I will also be attending the District Meeting in Spokane on Saturday, October 2.

Take time to appreciate the sun, because we're fast approaching the time when it will be sparse. Don't forget to smile and make someone's day a little better.

*In F., L. & T., Jean Hartill
President Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

The members welcomed Sister Charlene Boyd back to lodge. She previously was a member of Nisqually Rebekah Lodge #233 of Eatonville.

The Sisters have been busy having to supply things for our sales. Arlene Bennett had a bazaar table at our Friendship Picnic at the Roy Park. After a super lunch they all played Bingo. We now have a great “caller” of numbers. Francis Tobia was out to join us for the day. We are so glad she was able to spend time with us.

Dorothy Ray had two sales for us at the Ashford Lions Club hall. I swear she could sell the shirt off your back

without you even knowing it.

Lena Swetz was elected Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington in June.

Her husband has been in the hospital, but was able to come home July 19. She told the members of the Assembly her travel time would be limited. Lena thanks everyone for the calls and cards she has received.

The first meeting in September will be canceled because of the holiday. We hope to see you all back to lodge on the third Monday of September. Lunch is at noon.

*In F., L. & T.,
Lena Swetz, Secretary*

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



MARCIA PRESLEY

WHERE DID OUR SUMMER GO?

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It seems like just yesterday that the Assembly Sessions were held and I was looking forward to a long, restful summer. Ha, ha. The days seem to pass so quickly, these days. (Maybe it's my age catching up) We need an eight-day week once in a while.

I hope that all of you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready and rearing to go in making this Order, truly what it could be and should be. I think all of you realize that our membership is in a decline and we need to do our part to sustain our members and get new ones.

At the Assembly Sessions in June, we were privileged to have IARA Warden JaNell Clark as our Representative from IARA. She was truly a delight and gave a very informative address to those that were in attendance. Both her and the immediate Sovereign Grand Master, Richard Proulx, talked about how to maintain our membership, and I would like to share a few of their ideas with you. They both agree that it is easier to keep a member, than to get a new one. Our members know what we are doing to live up to our tenets.



One of the reasons our membership is in a decline is because many members are dropped for non-payment-of-dues, not because of death. Their suggestions were, that when you see that a member is behind in his or her dues, make a visit or a phone call and see “Why.” If you have members who no longer attend your Rebekah Lodge meetings, it's another reason to make contact with them.

Sometimes something happens at your meeting that you don't realize and a phone call or visit may bring that to light. As the saying goes, “What you don't know can't hurt,” but in this instance, that is not true. Making your members feel needed and useful to your lodge *can* make a difference.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE

I would like to thank the Assembly for electing me to another two years as Assembly Secretary. Maybe by then I will know what I am doing.

I would like to give you a few reminders. Make sure that the checks sent to my office have two signatures on them and that they are made out to the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, “not to me.” I have had some problems with the bank accepting the checks made out to me and soon they will not take them any more. This will mean that I will have to mail them back to your lodge to have them made out correctly and then you will have to mail them back to me for deposit. These means double postage.

Speaking of postage, thank you to the lodges that have donated postage to this office. I know Sister Betty always talked about the postage expense for this office. I didn't realize until I took this office just how expensive the postage is. Just to give you an idea, since I took office in September of 2009, I have spent more than \$1,500 on postage. That's not counting special order or registered mail, so it does add up.

HERE'S HOW TO CONTACT ME

Here are my e-mail, toll-free phone number and my fax numbers. My e-mail address is mcpresley@peoplepc.com. My toll-free phone number is 877-295-6926 and my fax number is 360-893-0972. I have an answering machine, so call and if I am not here, leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I can. Talk to you soon. I leave you with this:

“Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they are the big things.”

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

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In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Well summer will officially soon be over and we will be back in school. We hope all of you enjoyed your summer.

Because of several unavoidable events, we were only able to take three of our members to Sessions this year. We are proud, though, that Bethany Bond was Installed as the new Theta Rho Assembly President, Allison Stewart as the Assembly Vice President and Olivia Thraikill as the Assembly Chaplain. Our club received the award for Arthritis again this year.

In July our members traveled to the park and we assisted HP Downs Encampment once again with the Pork Chop Barbecue. We hope everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship that day.

In August several of our members attended the outing to the Museum of Flight in Seattle. We thank the JYC and Grand Lodge for providing this activity for the clubs. We always enjoy this trip.

We will be starting our fall activities with a picnic dinner prior to our first meeting and inviting the girls and their parents who took applications last spring at the "Mad Hatter Tea Party" to see if we can get their applications in for new members.

We will be hosting the reception for Theta Rho President Bethany Bond (see her invitation on this page) and the retreat for the Theta Rho Clubs following the reception. The girls will be going from Oak Harbor to spend the night at the IOOF Park on Camano Island.

We will have a report on this activity in our next letter. We are looking forward to another busy year.

In Happiness Through Service, The members of Acorn #79



Olivia Thraikill was the Individual Talent winner at the Theta Rho Assembly Fun Night in Yakima last June.



From left, Piper Fyffe, Faith Ghramm, Madi Martin and Christina Dirks hand over the toilet paper and a check to Martha Curwen, director of "My Sister's Pantry." The girls conducted a "Toilet Paper Drive" in May.

Spunky Bluebirds' toilet paper drive a huge success

We had a great time at Sessions. Brooklyn Davies, Theta Rho Assembly President and now Past President, did a wonderful job and we compliment her on a great year.

Bethany Bond, Vice President, now our new President, had a rip roaring 50's/60's fun night. Thanks Bethany. It was a blast! We had a lot of fun re-connecting with all of our friends and making new ones. The girls all did a great job on their addendums. We'd like to offer our congratulations to the newly-elected officers. We are looking forward to working with you all.

In May we started a Toilet Paper Drive. Here are some Toilet Paper Drive facts:

- Cash donations \$575.65
- Toilet paper collected valued at \$180.65
- Total value \$756.30 or the equivalent of 1,374 rolls of toilet paper.
- The Pantry serves approximately 120 families which equates to a approximately 11 rolls per family.

Without the help of our Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, this wouldn't have been possible. We'd like to thank our Toilet Paper Contributors: Vicki Schmall, Past President Theta Rho Assembly, and the members of Lorraine Rebekahs, Buckley Odd Fellows, Valley Odd Fellows, Unity Rebekahs, Olympia Odd Fellows (plus members' personal contributions), Titusville Odd Fellows, South Tacoma Rebekahs, and South Tacoma Odd Fellows. Thank you all for your support.

Next we are off to our President Bethany's reception on Sunday, September 19. We hope to see you there.

*— In Happiness Through Service,
The Members of Spunky Bluebirds TRGC #93*

***It's Back To School And
Back To Work Time
For Our Theta Rho Girls***

*Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79,
Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254*

~ and ~

Oak IOOF Lodge #291

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

Bethany



Bond



President

Theta Rho Assembly Of Washington

Saturday, September 18, 2010

At 1:00 p.m.

Oak Harbor IOOF Hall

721 SE Barrington, Oak Harbor, Washington



Arthritis Award winners

Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club won the Arthritis Award which was presented at the annual Theta Rho Assembly Sessions in Yakima last June. From left are Olivia Thraikill, TRA President Bethany Bond and Allison Stewart.

From your 2010-2011 Grand Matriarch



BETTY YOUNG

GREETINGS TO ALL

It seems just a short time ago that I was nominated, elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden. Now is the culmination of those short years. At my installation, I was honored to have my Brothers and Sisters from my Des Moines Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges present. I was surprised and pleased with the presentation they gave me. Thanks to my Kent LEA #15 members for their support and encouragement. This is an exciting time for me. I am looking forward to making new friends and renewing old friendships. As I make my visitations, I will be making my committee appointments. Thanks to all who have, or will be, accepting positions, whether officers, committees or courtesy.



MY PROGRAM

- **Flower** — Daisy • **Emblem** — Kite
- **Motto** — “Let your spirit soar”
- **Colors** — Sky blue and yellow
- **Bible Verse** — Psalm 118:24 “This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
- **Song** — “It’s A Good day”
- **Hymn** — “Great is Thy Faithfulness”
- **Project** — Raffle for Camp Korey, a camp for chronically ill and disabled children in Carnation, WA

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- **Friday, September 10** — Kent L.E.A. #15
- **Sunday, September 12** — East-West Picnic
- **Saturday, September 18** — Theta Rho President’s Reception at Oak Harbor
- **Sunday, September 19** — My own reception at Des Moines
- **Tuesday, October 5** — Unique Unified Encampment #32, Spokane
- **Friday, October 8** — Kent L.E.A. #15
- **Saturday, October 9** — Grand Master’s Reception at Port Hadlock
- **Sunday, October 10** — Park Board at Camano Island

*In Faith Hope & Charity; Friendship Love & Truth,
Betty Young, Grand Matriarch*

*Let's All Have Fun
In 2010 - 2011*

Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15

Lorraine Rebekah Lodge #289

Salmon Bay rebekah Lodge #217

Invite You To A Reception Honoring

 **Betty Young** 

Grand Matriarch

**Of The Grand Ladies Encampment
Auxiliary Of Washington**

Sunday, September 19, 2010

2:00 P.M.

Des Moines Odd Fellows Hall

728 South 227th Place, Des Moines, Washington

From your 2010-2011 Grand Patriarch



GREG POWERS

GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW GRAND PATRIARCH

I would like to thank my fellow Patriarchs for entrusting this high office to me. I am reminded that elected office is a privilege and not an entitlement. I will strive to not have you regret your decision.



My program for this year is spreading the Encampment. The Encampment Degrees provide some of the most profound teachings of Odd Fellowship. I encourage every member of our Order to avail themselves to their teachings. Patriarchs, reach out to Brothers in nearby lodges and the new members. As Dr. Who says, “Fezzes are cool.”

ONE BIG FAMILY

Judging from the recent Sessions, we are going to have a great year of brotherhood. Many difficult subjects were addressed with mutual respect and understanding. Though there were many differences of opinions on how our Order should proceed, they were dealt with F., L. & T.

A big shout out to Sherry Pond, our Junior Past Grand Patriarch, who led an evening of skits and songs. It was great fun! We need to have more fun. I would like to give a special thanks to Past Grand Patriarch Don Hepp for being the Encampments Installing Officer. A lesson to you all, not only get every one on the same page, get 'em in the same book.

Did I mention that my motto is, “There is no future without forgiveness.” Please start by forgiving me. I’m sure you will all have many more opportunities.

THANK HEAVEN FOR LITTLE GIRLS

Seeing the Theta Rho Installation made me think of the changes that have happened in our country during my life. As always, I was impressed by the quality of these young women. When I saw the officers lined up to take their oaths, it struck me. In these girls was displayed the demographic of modern America, the rainbow of our nation’s peoples, races and creeds. These young ladies are living Dr. King’s dream and the funny thing is, they don’t seem to realize it. They treat each other as sisters, not seeing race. I’d better pay attention, they might have more to teach us.

THE PATRIARCH MUSES

Remember, in our understanding of the world, we are like the proverbial blind men grasping at an elephant. One feels the beast’s side and declares it a mountain, one grabs it’s nose and says it’s a snake, another it’s legs and thinks it’s a tree. We all have our perceptions filtered through our personal experience of life and our own temperament. By our very natures, we each see the world in our own way. Differences of thought should not be looked on as conflicts, but as opportunities to learn one another’s take on the world. By contrasting our various views, we get a better picture of our shared reality. If we blind will talk to each other, maybe we can learn the nature of the beast that we are wrestling with.

*Yours In Faith, Hope & Charity; Greg Powers,
Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Washington*

Kent LEA honors mothers

During our May meeting, we honored the mothers in our LEA, specifying all the different ones in our group. We then honored Gladys Hughes as our “Lodge Mother.”

In June, it was time to think of our fathers. We each told something humorous or interesting about our own father. It was enjoyable to hear about all of them.

We are in the final planning stage for the reception of Grand Matriarch, Betty Young, which we are hosting. We are looking forward to honoring her and hope for a good attendance.

An invitation can be found elsewhere on this page.



Members of the South Tacoma IOOF crew which assembled 30 backpacks are, from left, Brandon Marek, Dan Marek, John Nelson, Barb Nelson, Holly Houser, Mary Caster, T.C. Howe, Dale Mckee, Sandy Mckee, Steve Tjelde, Rod Wilson, Sandy Wilson, Duard Fyffe and Piper Fyffe.

South Tacoma Odd Fellows assemble 30 school backpacks

On July 28, several members and their families of South Tacoma Odd Fellows Lodge #211 met and assembled 30 school backpacks destined for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. The Tacoma Rescue Mission operates several facilities for the homeless including families with children. In line with the missions and goals of our lodge, we felt this was a great way for us to give back to the community.

When school begins this September, 30 children from kindergarten through high school will have the school supplies necessary to start the year. All the backpacks are age appropriate and contain crayons to scientific calculators.

After the backpacks were assembled and loaded for delivery, the members enjoyed some fellowship and a barbeque.



Here are some of the school supplies that went into the 30 backpacks assembled by members of South Tacoma IOOF Lodge #211.

In Seattle

Ballard-Alki IOOF Lodge #170

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 has been active: Here is a brief summary of our summery activities so far:

On June 27, we held our annual Strawberry Feed where we raised money for our local food bank, as well as collecting donations of food. Four new applicants were in attendance — and one new application came in during the event itself. The Rebekahs were also in attendance, as well as Jean and Genie Coston, all helping with the prep and cleanup.

On July 8, in conjunction with our regular meeting, we held an Initiatory Degree, welcoming Mike Waite, Mamiko Kobayashi, Phil Sorenson and Clayton Murray into our lodge, as well as initiating Cheryl Kenyon from the Bothell Lodge. We are always looking for chances to do degree work, and welcome those from other lodges who wish to join in.

On July 25, in conjunction with Ballard Encampment, we held a street clean-up followed by a barbeque at the abode of Patriarchs Powers and Gray (Noble Grand, too!). The Encampment has adopted Carkeek Drive South, which runs through the greenbelt of South Beacon Hill. There was feasting, cutting of ivy (to prevent future power outages), and collecting of garbage.

On July 31, in partnership with several local Sufi Orders, Vice Grand Rich Osborne coordinated a fund-raiser, collecting \$645 for the women's school, orphanage and health clinic in Mahdipur Village, Bangladesh. Every dime raised goes to the children. For \$100, they are able to feed one child for a year. The next of these fund-raisers will be on Saturday, October 30, at the Ballard Oddfellows Hall. For more information, contact Vice Grand Rich Osborne at (206) 713-6917.

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

Before adjourning for the summer, Narcissa members continued to be active in May and June, both with our regular business and attending some fun events.

We received thank you notes from the Odd Fellows Home for the contributions received in memory of Betty Sauer and toward remodeling of the Beauty Salon at the Home.

On behalf of some of our Sisters on the west side who are participating in the "Breast Cancer Walk," we donated \$100 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

A condolence was read in memory of Rachel Harmon who had been a member of Narcissa Lodge for 46 years. Very recently, our Sisters Arline Maxson (a very active 66-year member) and Jo Klundt Cox (almost 25 years) have passed away. Our sympathy goes out to the families of these very special people. We will miss all of them.

At our first meeting in June, a beautiful memorial service was conducted in memory of Clemie Schwarz, Lorraine Dummier, Leone Kelly, Betty Sauer and Rachel Harmon who passed away during the past year (since May, 2009).

We draped our Charter in memory of Lois K. Stevens and Ruth Battaglia, two Rebekahs who are Past Presidents of the IARA.

It was encouraging to learn that Aramae Buckingham and family are encouraged regarding her sister-in-law's cancer condition and that Judy Zohner's son is doing okay following his hospitalization with a pulmonary embolism.

We are pleased to report the recognition and celebrations of several

milestone birthdays. At one of our meetings we recognized and surprised Belle Washington on her 80th birthday by singing to her. Then it was Elsie Wells' turn to be surprised on her 85th birthday when we showered her with birthday cards following our Silver Drill. There have been two more 90th birthday celebrations. Beth Entze's family hosted a party on July 4 and Dorothy Duff's family held a celebration on July 24. Both events were held at their respective churches and we felt honored to be included.

On June 15, we had a good time of fellowship when Narcissa Lodge members were joined by members of Bee Hive and Enterprise for a picnic at the Clinton Street Apartment Picnic Shelter.

We all enjoyed barbequed Polish sausages in a bun, with all the trimmings and salads provided by Narcissa members. That was followed by delicious desserts which were provided by Bee Hive and Enterprise Lodge members. The \$40 contribution to the picnic, from L-D 2, was a big help and very much appreciated. A big thanks to Barbara Lechner and Barbara Tvrz for the great job they did as co-chairpersons. We were all surprised, but pleased, to have Jeannette Oswald and her family members there, especially after Jeannette's fight against pneumonia and other health problems.

We hope to see you at our next meeting which is at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 7 at Klicker's Barn. Following the meeting, Jacqueline Klicker and Nancy Klicker will be serving dessert.

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

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

Congratulations to all our new state officers. Have a wonderful year.

We hope everyone had a good summer. We will have a back-to-lodge potluck dinner on Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. Separate meetings follow at 8 p.m. We hope to have our Assembly report.

Our District Meetings will be in Port Angeles on Saturday, October 2. They will be in a new location at the Christian Church on Race at Park

Street which is the road to Hurricane Ridge. The meetings are for Rebekah District Association #21 and Odd Fellows District #15. Registration is at 11 a.m., lunch is at noon and the meetings start at 1 p.m. This could be a colorful fall drive.

Get well wishes are extended to all with a colorful "hi" to our shut-ins.

*Fraternally,
Florence Cowdery,
Secretary for Mystic and Dist. #21*

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

Well, its that time of year again — back to lodge. Where did the summer go?

The Sessions in June were a grand success. Judy Diekman did a good job of stepping in as Rebekah Assembly President Pro-tem. We send our new Rebekah President Jean Hartill our best wishes. We are looking forward to her visit.

Also, we are proud to say Rosalie Davis was installed as Rebekah Assembly Conductor. Aileen Wideman is Outside Guardian and Edith Ary is Canadian Color Bearer. It is nice to have a part of District #18 as Rebekah Assembly officers.

Over the summer, we lost another Sister. Edna Armstrong, our longtime

Warden, is gone. Her memorial service was held on June 7 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Winlock. Monterose Sisters paid their respects to her husband Bob and family. I miss her already.

Our coffee stop drew in a large profit. We worked during the week of July 19-22 at the northbound rest area. Sisters and family members served coffee, juice and cookies to the passing travelers. Rosalie thanks all who helped with a shift.

As for vacations, Cookie was able to get time off for a trip to Spokane and the beach.

This is all for now.

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

In Roy

Warren Rebekah Lodge #308

Hello from Warren #308.

The past couple of months have been fairly busy. In May we made sure to get our business issues completed before summer recess.

During the first meeting in June, we said our “good byes” to Sister Lynda Finch. Lynda and her husband moved to Fort Drum in the New York area. We miss her, but wish her the best of everything! Lynda has a “sweet spirit” that touches all her friends. Thank you Lord for blessing our lodge.

Back in May, we were unable to do our flag tribute because of an unresolved issue and we had to cut our meeting short. Sister Marlene read a wonderful tribute to our flag written by Johnny Cash. Mr. Cash as a true patriot!

We can only hope our children and grandchildren are being educated in how great our United States of America is and how fortunate we are to have our freedom. Thank you to all military men and women.

I plan to introduce our lodge members individually in each newsletter. Aloris Schley has been a Rebekah for five years. She was born in Minnesota and has lived in Washington since 1980. Aloris was a military wife. She is employed at Heritage Rehabilitation. Aloris is our “quiet” Sister, but she always helps out with whatever we need. I asked her, “What did she gain from the Rebekahs?” Aloris said, “its family!” We all think of each other the same way. Aloris is our Warden and does a wonderful job with a sense of humor. I believe a sense of humor is a necessary skill for all of us!

In all of our lodges, we are just a piece of the puzzle. It is amazing how well we can all fit together.

Sister DoRis Klotzner had a birthday in August. Happy birthday, DoRis.

Our last meeting in June was a fun day. We had a picnic meal with fried chicken and ate all the trimmings. We played Bingo with prizes and candy. It was very relaxing and the weather was great. Food, fun and fresh air were a great combination.

UPDATE

Sisters DoRis Klotzner and Mary Robinson attended Assembly in June. We appreciate all they do for our lodge.

Sister Marlene Lenz had hip surgery and is doing fantastic! I knew if they could keep her from escaping the hospital before surgery that everything would be fine. We are proud of you, Marlene.

Extra thanks to Sister Mary for all the gift basket items she has donated for our money-making project!

I am looking forward to lodge and taking on the challenges ahead.

In F, L. & T.,
Deb Gulley,
Reporter & Vice Grand

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

Summer is over and we are back to conducting lodge meetings and wondering where the summer went. Oh, that was the four or five days when we saw the sun peeking through the clouds. All in all, Ocean Beach #313 can report some fun times.

Linda Zuern made a trip to the Grand Canyon with family and reported a swell time had by all. Cathy Kary and Sue Johnson were both guests (at different times) of our Sister Bette Snyder and her husband Sid at a Mariner’s baseball game. Their seats are right behind home plate. Did you see us on TV? Sid and Bette are a very generous couple.

Sister Bessie Braschuk celebrated her 99th birthday with family and friends stopping by with their good wishes. Sister Donna Merrill is her daughter and Sister Opal Eaton is her sister. Wow!! 99 years young!!

Time off from her Secretary’s job was not the plan of Sister Betty Pierce, who has been enduring some severe low back pain. She is finally on the mend. Also on the slow moving list is Frances O’Neil, who has been fighting ailments of all sorts for months.

She has her good days and her bad days, but is not yet up to speed. Our former member and Musician, Vivian Currie, is still taking treatments for her cancer. Her husband Bill reports to me that she is really a fighter and also a model of beauty and fashion. **Way to go, Viv!!** Judy Williams had cataract surgery and hopes to be seeing better. Her sister from the midwest visited her this summer, too. Join us in keeping these Sisters in our prayers.

Sister Olney Patch keeps us up to date on what the Women’s Crisis Center needs and donations we can make or money our lodge can donate, which we do. The Boys’ and Girls’ Club, FISH and PACE are other agencies to which we give money.

Bunco is still being played, although our summer has seen a drop in participants. It is picking back up again and hopefully we will see some bigger crowds this fall. A few of our Sisters volunteered at the Kite Festival shirt shop in August. The Kite Festival is a yearly event that draws people from all over the world.

I hope you all get a big kick out of the picture of our only male member (and a PNG), Bob Jacobson, adorned with multiple ties. We celebrated Fathers’ Day at our first meeting in June by playing “pin the tie” on Bob. He thought we were really going to “stick” him with **pins!!**

The autumn season will be upon us soon with it’s splendor of color and then we’ll be eating turkey in no time. What? Christmas already? Let’s slow down and count our blessings and touch each others and our loved ones lives with some tenderness and love. **Live. Laugh. Love.** That’s my motto. That reminds me, don’t forget the District #18 Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 2. See you there.

— In F, L. & T., Sue Johnson, PNG Reporting



Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313 celebrated Fathers’ Day by “pinning” the tie on their Brother, Bob Jacobson. bob is our IG and a PNG.

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Welcome back to the fall sessions. Caroline and Monty Miller had their wonderful sea voyage to Alaska.

NG Carolyn Turner had a busy summer taking care of her husband Bill as he is still recovering, taking reporter Luellyn to doctors’ appointments and the starting of chemotherapy treatments. Things haven’t calmed down for her yet.

Luellyn Ainsworth had a busy summer with three reunions in Oregon, Klickitat and Seattle. Then there was emergency surgery and things had to really slow down.

Secretary Leona Treznoski and her husband John visited cousins in Idaho.

Corky Walker presented our annual scholarship to Shelby Jensen. She and Warren attended family reunions and she was lucky and won a beautiful

homemade quilt. Her son Steve has been moved closer to home at the Riverside Nursing Home.

Norline Burton and her husband took a vacation to visit her brother in Spokane. Then they spent the summer improving their yard with flowers.

Jerry Bierdeman had to postpone her retirement a little.

THOUGHT

“If you don’t learn from your mistakes, there’s no sense in making them.”

— Tom Wilson

“In this life, the old believe everything. The middle-aged suspect everything and the youth know everything.”

With love and good health to all. My best to you.

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

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Our first fall meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14. We have several upcoming events that we need to discuss at that time. Karen Schultz, our Lodge Representative, also will give her Assembly report.

On Monday, October 4, we will hold our annual spaghetti dinner. It will again be in the Fireside Room at the Odd Fellow Home’s Merriam Street Apartments.

We also have the District Association #5 Meeting coming up on Saturday, October 16. It, too, will be held at the Odd Fellows Home.

Congratulations to Sister Elsie Patterson on receiving her 25-year jewel. Sister Elsie came to us from the former Sunshine Rebekah Lodge in

Dixie.

At our last meeting in June, we donated funds for Holly Houser and Barbara Nelson to participate in the Susan Komen Cancer Walk.

We all enjoyed our June picnic with Narcissa Rebekah Lodge and Enterprise Odd Fellow Lodge.

Sister Jeannette Oswald spent several short stays in the hospital, but now seems to be doing well. Sister Dorothy Van Stone had knee surgery in July and is recovering and getting therapy at the Odd Fellows home. We wish these Sisters and any others who may be under the weather good days ahead.

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



Approximately 50 guests enjoyed the Pork Chop/Chicken Barbecue at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island July 11.

On Camano Island

Pork Chop/Chicken BBQ a success under sunny skies!!

We want to thank all of those who came to the Pork Chop/Chicken Barbecue and supported us in this project. We served about 50 people at the Camano Island Park. The weather was beautiful, and the food and fellowship was great. We hope all of those who attended enjoyed themselves and will return next year.

We also want to thank Acorn Theta Rho and Mt Vernon IOOF Lodge for their assistance in putting this on. We have gotten few in numbers and would not have been able to do it without their help.

Reporter

— Judy Diekman, PCM and Grand Senior Warden of the Grand LEA



Members of Acorn Theta Rho Girls' Club #79 of Oak Harbor served up corn-on-the-cob at the annual Pork Chop and Chicken Barbecue on Camano Island July 11. From left are Olivia Thrailkill, Allison Stewart, Jennifer Turnek.

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Due to some untimely resignations, I have volunteered to write this news report about our great lodges on a temporary basis. I will not report on our lodges in chronological order as I have not taken notes.

On Memorial Day, we held our annual Memorial Day celebration at the cemetery. The participants were the Horizon Band, Civil Air Patrol Cadets who handled the colors as well as raising and lowering the American Flag. The Marine Corps League honored us with the 21 gun salute in honoring our Veterans. Tumwater Mayor Pete Kemet was the keynote speaker and he told us of a Civil War Veteran who is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Grand Master Frank Wilson was our emcee. Frank was instrumental in arranging the great Horizon Band.

The lodge thanks Don Vest, Jr. for the hot dogs, Bob Burnett for the PA system, and the rest of the Cemetery Board for the time and effort for putting this outstanding event together.

The lodge, along with the Rebekahs, had a wonderful pasta dinner for the UN Pilgrimage candidates and their families. Mary Dunivan, who is the Grand Lodge advisor to the UN team, conducted the short and informative meeting. The lodge met the families and candidates. Each can-

didate gave a short speech. The group we selected includes outstanding young people and will represent not only the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, but the community. Their names are Nick Steele from Tumwater High School and Zansi Chunduru from Capital High School.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Don Vest, Jr. His presence and advice to the lodge will be sorely missed. Don and his Wife have moved to Tucson AZ.

Our esteemed PNG PJ Fluetsch led several members from the lodge to clean up Elizabeth Morgan's lawn. Elizabeth is a PNG and Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA. She has had surgery and was not getting around very fast. PJ was assisted by Joe Picanco, Laurel, Joann, Joe Restule (who donated his farm to receive the debris), Lee Stockwell, and Ryan and his two children. If I forget anybody, I am sorry. Also, Bob Kinilla, PJ, Bob Brunetti, Don Hepp and I assisted a longtime Rebekah with moving. This is Odd Fellowship.

Hats off to Frank Wilson for completing two years as Grand Master and is now a Past Grand Master. Joe Picanco is now our Deputy Grand Master and Laurel Deloney has been elected as the Grand Lodge Warden. Thank you for representing our lodge and your interest in Odd Fellowship.

IOOF sponsored team does well in tourney!!!

The Junior Sonics Wheelchair Team hosted the West Coast Regional Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, sponsored by the Independent Order-Odd Fellows/Rebekahs and the Meridian Kent Kiwanis this past January. This tournament was a qualifier for six youth teams from across the country to qualify for the NWBA Varsity National Championships. Teams from Seattle, Spokane, Salt Lake City, Denver, Berkeley and San Diego came to Kentwood High School in Covington to compete in this tournament. The gyms were packed with players, coaches, parents and fans to watch these outstanding athletes. Each team was hosted by local Kiwanis clubs to be the cheering crowd of these traveling teams.

C. Allan Reitan of Titusville IOOF Lodge #34 was the volunteer coordinator and as a first time spectator of these athlete was amazed. Allen said he could not stop talking about these players to his co-workers at Boeing, "These youth showed the best sportsmanship and camaraderie then I have ever seen in other tournaments I had attended. When a player would tumbling over, a player from another team



The Junior Sonics in action in Covington.

would come over to help them up. They were head-to-head in competition, yet off the court teams were huddled together like old friends. These are true athletes with many of the games over 60 points," Allan said. As well, Pam Newmann of the Titusville Lodge, volunteered over the weekend keeping score and too was amazing by the athleticism of these players.

The top two qualifying teams of this tournament to go on to the National championships in April were the San Diego Hammer (first) and the St Luke's Team from Spokane (second). MVP of the tournament was Spencer Hopp of the San Diego Hammer with 27 points in the championship game.

One further note: The Seattle Junior Sonics went on to Berkeley, California to win their place to the National Championship and came home with 10th place from the National tournament in Denver. Their own Nick Weiss of Mukilteo has received a scholarship to play at the University of Illinois and Travis Rimestad from Spanaway will go on to play for Oklahoma State University.

The Seattle Junior Sonics are grateful to the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for their continually support of sports for physically disabled youth. Without this support, many of these young people would not have opportunities to be active in sports and recreation. The Seattle Junior Sonics will be the host of the West Coast Conference Championships in March of 2011 and look forward to having the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs join their team to cheer them to Nationals.

To see footage of the basketball tournament, go to www.youtube.com and search Seattle Adaptive Sports, then click on the basketball video.

REQUEST FROM THE PARK BOARD

It has been observed that members' vehicles are parked close to the bulkhead. Please do not park near the bulkhead. If for some reason we should lose the bulkhead, the repairs would be tremendous — that is if they would let us repair it. Please do not park or drive near the bulkhead.

The lodge voted to give \$500 to Mary and Donna Tutter (Marvelous Marv's BBQ) to purchase the food to put on a barbecue to raise funds for the "Little Red School House" project. Our small donation of cash raised \$4000 for the Red School House.

Marv and Donna donated their smoker, tables and equipment. Darrell Holt and I assisted Marv and Donna by getting in the way. The Little Red School House personnel thanked us many times. This, in my mind, is Odd Fellowship — helping someone help other needy people. The Red School President stated to me that this money will buy a tremendous amount of school supplies, clothes and accessories for the less fortunate in our town. A hearty thanks to the Tutters for their donation.

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

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

I guess it is time for me to put my newsletter together. I am hoping everyone had a nice warm summer because you know what's ahead of us — snow and cold.

Wilford and Ramona members have been able to keep in touch all summer as we have our once-a-month luncheon. So we do get to see our Sisters and Brothers through the summer.

We have not decided what is going on this year except for the Christmas

party and it is already on the calendar. The Christmas party is for members of all the Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges in Spokane.

We have our annual "Great Pumpkin" give-away in October. Other than that we are going to have to start working on some things,

We hope everyone had a great summer and none of you got any sunburns. Take care until next month. . .

In F., L. & T., Selma Lindor, Sec.
Wishing you a wonderful day!