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‘Mr. Scholarship,’ Jim Boyd passes away July 6 in Yakima

Jim (James Lewis) Boyd moved on to his next great adventure Wednesday evening, July 6, 2011 at Yakima Regional with family at his side. He was born the fifth Child to Lewis and Hazel Boyd on October 19, 1922 at the family homestead in Stillwater County, Montana. Leaving Montana, the family moved to Yakima in 1927. Dad grew up on the north side of Yakima. He attended Yakima High School, graduating in 1941. In January, 1942, dad followed his brother Ray into the Army. He served in Europe and was discharged in April, 1946.

Dad married Lois Schmidt on April 5, 1944. They spent more than 64 years together until mom’s passing in 2008. During those years they spent any available time traveling to see what is out there. After retiring, they traveled to Europe so dad could show mom some of the places he had seen during the war.

Jim joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows when he was 14 and remained an active member all his life, attending the annual Grand Lodge Sessions in Yakima the week before he passed. He lived the motto of Friendship, Love and Truth every day in all he did. One of his greatest prides was being the Chairman of the Youth Scholarship Committee.

Jim worked for the Northern Pacific Transport, then Burlington Northern Transport for many years as a driver and manager. He loved traveling the highways and developed many friendships all over Central Washington. After leaving “The Transport” because of an injury, he started selling Durotest lights throughout Central Washington.

After years of fishing and hunting, he and mom volunteered at the Oak Creek Wildlife Feeding Station. They spent 16 years going up to help feed the elk each winter.

In 2008, after mom’s passing, dad moved to Living Care Retirement Community. There he started another adventure. He enjoyed all the social aspects that were provided. Having lost most of his vision, this situation provided him with endless activities, trips and people to talk with —very important. He attended the VA workshop for the blind at American Lake and became even more independent.

A celebration of Jim’s life was held on Thursday, July 14 at Keith & Keith Terrace Heights Chapel in Yakima. To share a memory of Jim or to see his complete obituary and photos from his life, please visit:

www.keithandkeith.com

Please send remembrances to the L.J. Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund, Grand Lodge of Washington IOOF, P.O. Box 377, Buckley, WA 98321.



JIM BOYD



Washington’s delegates to the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth gathered in Portland, OR for a send off banquet in late June. From left are Grand Secretary Edmond L. Reitan, Jr.; delegate Sumukh Bharadwaj of Capital High School in Olympia; then Grand Master Frank Wilson; and delegate Nicholas Birge of Tumwater High School. Frank Wilson is the UNP Director for Washington.

Washington UN delegate wins \$500 with his speech

Two students from the Jurisdiction of Washington were part of the 2011 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour this summer. Sumukh Bharadwaj of Capital High School in Olympia and Nicholas Birge of Tumwater High School joined students from British Columbia and Oregon. They were sponsored by Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17.

Sumukh took second place in the speech contest in New York — bringing home a \$500 scholarship. “I want to finally thank you again for this opportunity. It was one that will be long remembered,” Sumukh said upon his return on July 10. “I am going on vacation to India tomorrow, but I will share my experiences once I come back home,” he added.

Here is the text of his scholarship-winning speech:

Imagine a world where thousands of little kids are stuck in a factory working 24/7 with less than a bowl of rice per day.

Or where an 8-year-old child is sold by her own family because they had no choice as a result of their economic situation and they thought this is what was best for her, having no clue that she would be sold into prostitution.

Or where little kids in a third world country are seen participating in combat situations with machine guns when they don’t even start to understand the implications of ending the life of another being.

The sad part about this is that this is not imagination, it is reality. Millions of kids every year are affected by child maltreatment, whether it is human trafficking, horrible working conditions or adolescents in armed combat. As of now over 215 million adolescents are engaged in child labor and 115 million in hazardous workplace conditions. These adolescents are treated as tools — as means to an end, like their life has no meaning. All their dreams and aspirations are shattered like a glass bottle slamming against the floor. Each child is his or her own person.

Children are the ones who shape our future because they are the ones who will take on the roles of society. When we wrongly treat them, not only are we being immoral, we are destroying the future.

Not only does child maltreatment physically harm adolescents and children, it has major psychological implications. No words can describe how a little child will feel after doing manual labor for so long and being pushed into prostitution by his or her own family. In addition to this, some adolescents are exposed to deadly chemicals that cause them to lose their life.

Investing time and money into adolescents right now is paramount because the environment they live in now will shape their future. Living in a good environment will result in them being functioning members of society in the future.

So now comes the question, how do we approach the issue? Many people believe that them making a small change makes no difference, but all it takes is on little change at a time. Just one more bag of rice might be the difference between a family selling their child to traffickers or caring for it. But the most important and necessary solution is education. We need to educate our adolescents and their families so they don’t make catastrophic decisions. We need to educate those around us so we can help make a change.



Presenting the flags

Washington’s Sovereign Grand Lodge Representatives and their escorts were standing ready to be presented at the opening ceremonies in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on Sunday evening, August 14. At left presenting the Alaska flag are C. Allan Reitan, past Department Commander. He is escorted by Laurel Delony, Deputy Grand Master. At right presenting the Washington flag are Grand Master Joseph M. Picanco and Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Lena Swetz.

From your 2011-2012 Grand Master



JOE PICANCO

ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I admit that becoming Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington Washington is an honor I never dreamed one day would be bestowed upon me. I could not have anticipated that I would be holding the same office held by so many distinguished and highly-qualified Brothers who preceded me. I begin my term as Grand Master with some apprehension, but also with high hopes and a positive attitude.

In the months to come we'll make decisions that are not easy ones and often are not pleasant, but need to be made nevertheless. I am sure that I will have the support of a group of hardworking, dedicated, selfless and knowledgeable Brothers and Sisters who make up our Order.

I plan to visit as many lodges as possible during my term and will encourage the interaction and cooperation between the lodges. It is essential that we work together and help each other with events and functions in order to be successful. We are in this together as one big family.

I will be open to new ideas, suggestions, constructive criticism or anything that is offered that can benefit the Order. I am willing to try new programs. I will work with the District Deputies and expect them to know what is going on in the lodges they represent.

OUR HOME IS OUR JOINT PROJECT

The charities we are associated with are wonderful organizations whose work exemplifies the principles of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. I believe we should continue providing them support. I'm proud to announce that Lena Swetz, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington, and I have both joined in selecting our very own Odd Fellow Homes as our joint project. In this time of economic difficulty our tenants need our support.

One of the fundamental problems we face is obscurity. We are a great organization and do wonderful things, but very few know us. During my visits I will ask lodges how they are getting themselves known in the community. We need to let people know who we are and of the good things we do.

I intend to lead by example and encourage everyone to do their part to keep our Order active and vibrant. I look forward to seeing many of you during my visits and you have my thanks in advance for your support.

— *In Friendship, Love and Truth,*
Joseph M. Picanco, Grand Master

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATION CALENDAR

- **Olympia IOOF Lodge #1** — Olympia, Monday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
- **Cowlitz IOOF Lodge #66** — Kelso, Thursday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.
- **Skookumchuck IOOF Lodge #129** — Bucoda, Friday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.
- **Golden Rule IOOF Lodge #207** — Napavine, Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Saturday, Sept. 10** — JJYC Meeting, Oak IOOF Lodge #291 Oak Harbor, 11 a.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 10** — TRA President's Reception, Oak IOOF Lodge #291, Oak Harbor, 1 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 15** — Degree Day, Olympia IOOF Lodge #1, 9 a.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 17** — Permanent Endowment Fund Board Meeting, Grand Lodge of Washington Office, Buckley, 10 a.m.
- **Sunday, Oct. 9** — Camano Island Park Board Meeting, 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22** — DDGM Meeting, Buckley. Hall open 9 a.m., Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Oak IOOF #291 - Oak Harbor

Members of Oak IOOF Lodge #291 are having a good summer. Those of us with health problems are well at this time. In July I was able to spend two weeks in the Glenwood-Goldendale area where I lived 25 years ago prior to moving to Oak Harbor in 1998 and joining the lodge here.

Our lodge hall is finally receiving a "makeover." the meeting room was painted last year. Our members met August 8 to decide on a color to paint the outside of the hall. There is still more painting to do on the inside.

We will bring in two new members

at the September 12th meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Our small number of members decided to not put on a celebration for the 100th Anniversary of Oak Lodge #291 (June 29, 1911 - June 29, 2011). Anyone is always welcome to attend our meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, September through June.

Our thoughts and prayers are with each member.

In F. L. & T.,
Alyce Lane,
Secretary

From the desk of the Grand Secretary



EDMOND L. REITAN, JR.

ON TO SOVEREIGN

As I write this month's article, several Grand Lodge Officers are preparing for a trip to the 2011 Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions to be held August 15 through August 19 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Washington's Grand Lodge Sessions were productive and harmonious again this year. We welcomed Brother Delmar L. Burns, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master from the Jurisdiction of Ohio, as the Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Washington Sessions.

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 2011-2012 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 addition 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 those 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

~ In Memoriam ~

- **Pauline Patterson**, Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2, Walla Walla.
- **Irma Simon**, Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114, Wenatchee.
- **Lois Hallock**, PNG, Tempest Rebekah Lodge #114, Wenatchee.
- **Mabel Bishop**, PNG, 59 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168, Bremerton.
- **Elsie Pry Burgett**, PNG, 63 year member, Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 in Bremerton, Mt. Angeles LEA #88 and Alpha LAPM #1.
- **Betty Visser**, Salmon Bay Rebekah Lodge #217, Ballard.
- **Florence Schack**, Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220, Washougal.



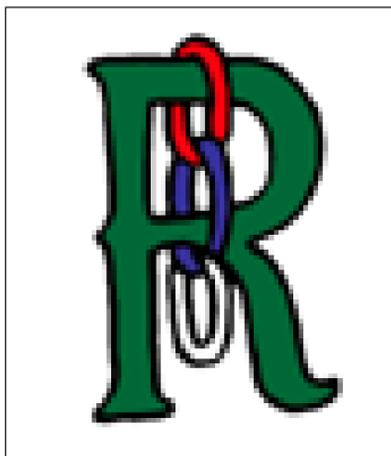
Olympia I.O.O.F. Lodge #1
**Cordially Invites You To
A Reception Honoring**

**Joe Picanco
Grand Master**

**Grand Lodge of Washington
Saturday, September 24, 2011
At 1:00 P.M.**

**Olympia IOOF Lodge #1
405 Columbia Street, Olympia**

From your 2011 - 2012 Assembly President



THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL RECEPTION

Hello, Sisters and Brothers.

I want to thank everyone who attended my reception held at Elk Plain Grange on July 23. I really appreciated the donations I received for my project this year, which is the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. Our Grand Master and I have decided to have a joint project this year.



I am beginning to put together my travel plans for most of the year. If you have a preference or something special planned, please let me know as soon as possible. Maybe some lodges would like a joint meeting. I will do my best to visit as many lodges as possible this year.

I have spent the last four weeks plus trying to shake a viral hoarseness. (I guess that is what they want to call it.)

BACK TO LODGE ACTIVITIES

After our summer vacation, it will be good getting back to lodge activities. Your Representatives will be giving their reports which include my program for this year. I will say that my emblems this year are the "Dove of Peace" and the "Busy Bee." I do have pins for sale at \$3 each. Please send your orders to me.

My Scrapbook Chairman this year is Sharon Harris of South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160. You can send items to her at: 1323 5th Ave. SW, Puyallup, WA 98371.

*In F., L. & T., Lena Swetz, President Rebekah Assembly of Washington
199 Canyon Rd., Silver Creek, WA 98585-9708, Phone: (360) 983-3105*

In Pe Ell

Sylvan Glen Rebekah Lodge #184

Welcome back! Our summer was not as warm as usual. All the flowers bloomed about three weeks late.

Our lodge initiated two members at our last meeting in June. Initiated were Elayne Novotny and Wayne Purtell. Wayne is Jerry Bierdeman's husband. Our District Deputy was here to help. She is Sylvia Sutley. Her husband was with her.

THOUGHT

"An open mind leaves a space for someone to drop in a worthwhile thought."

Corky and Warren Waker have enjoyed the summer with quite a few

picnics.

Leona Treznoski and John took a trip to Lincoln City, OR.

We gave two scholarships to graduating seniors.

It has been a rough year for this reporter. Hopefully all will get better and I will regain my health.

"Deal with the faults of others as gently as with your own."

"Great mountains of happiness grow out of little hills of kindness."

With love and good health to all. . .

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

From the desk of the Assembly Secretary



MARCIA PRESLEY

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I seems we just had our Rebekah Assembly Sessions, but here we are in the month of September. The summer went by much too quickly. Our Rebekah Lodge meetings will be starting soon and we will meet and greet our members back to Lodge.

Our Rebekah Assembly was a great Session and I was very happy to see some of our Sisters and Brothers whom I hadn't seen since last Sessions. Assembly President Lena Swetz will have a wonderful year, I am sure, and our Assembly will be a success in the coming months.

JOURNAL IS ALMOST READY

The Journal of Proceedings will be sent to the lodges as soon as it is completed, edited, printed and mailed. You will notice that there are some changes in the format of the Journal this year. The "Take Me" is in the front of the



Journal, followed by the Assembly Sessions report, and the supplemental reports of the President, Vice President and Warden are after that.

You will also see that there is a supplemental financial report from the Secretary and Treasurer. The finance committee thought that because our Assembly books close on March 30 of each year, which leaves three months of finances not reported until the following year. This additional financial report covers the months of April, May and June which gives the lodges a overview of what took place during those three months.

I'M TAKING A BREAK

I will be out of my office from Monday, September 19 through Sunday, September 25, as my twin sister Marie Wilkins, my two daughters Karman and Kim and myself are going on a family vacation to Washington, D.C. We were all there when I went as the Assembly President, but we had a chance to visit some friends who are now stationed there, We also will do some more touring of that area.

GET YOUR LODGE REPORTS IN ON TIME

At the Assembly Sessions I made reference numerous times to the importance of the due dates (deadlines) for your lodge reports. These due dates are set to allow the lodges to be able to send me their reports and I can have the information for my reports prior to my due date. These due dates are very important. I will also be sending the spreadsheet for the Secretaries to use for their Lodge Annual Reports. I know that this report can be a little intimidating and I hope this will help in getting them filled out by the deadline date and make it a little easier to do so.

A TIP ON CHECKS

I would also like to remind all of the Secretaries and Treasurers to please make out all checks sent to me, for whatever, be made out to the "Rebekah Assembly of Washington." The bank that I use is getting a little testy about checks made out to me, the Sovereign Grand Lodge or the Projects of the Order, and I don't know how much longer they will accept them.

FOR THE STRENGTH OF FRIENDSHIP

*At times two friends disagree and views cause them to fight,
Each ends up feeling "lousy," yet thinking they are right.
Sometimes there's no avoiding an argument or spat,
But it takes courage to admit "I'm wrong. Sorry about that."*

*Respectfully Submitted With Rebekah Hugs,
Marcia Presley, PP, Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

On September 11

East/West Picnic in a new location on Camano Island

Please note, there is a change in location of the East/West Picnic this year. It will be held at the Odd Fellows Park on Camano Island. The park is located at 96 Camano Ridge Road.

The date is the same, Sunday, September 11. We will gather from noon to 1 p.m. and then have our potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Bring one of your favorite picnic foods if you can. Plates and eating utensils will be provided.

After lunch, there will be a short, casual meeting and then games, visiting, etc.

Please come and see our park if you have never been there, and if you have, come see all the improvements that have been made recently.

This picnic is for everyone, members of all Branches of our Order, and their families and friends. We would like to have a good turnout. If you need a ride, please call Karen at (360) 825-3554, and I will try to arrange one for you if possible. Hope 2 C U there!

— Karen Hoylman, Picnic Secretary



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From your 2011-2012 Theta Rho President

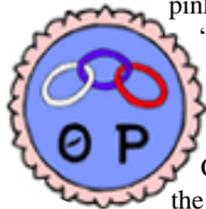


ALLISON STEWART

HELLO FROM YOUR NEW TRA PRESIDENT

Welcome back from summer break. I hope you had a good one.

Hi! I am Ally Stewart, your new Theta Rho Assembly President. I am excited to be your President. My emblem is a Fairy. My colors are purple, neon pink, black and white. My scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:13



“And now these three remain faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” My project is “WAIF” — Whidbey Island Animal Improvement Foundation.

So far as your President, I attended the barbecue on Camano Island; the reception for Lena Swetz, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington; and International Youth Days in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. At Youth Days I had so much fun meeting new people from different states, and enjoyed lots of good food and funny skits. We were able to go see the Sovereign Grand Lodge office and the museum. Eta from Oregon won two Talent Night awards and Acorn Theta Rho Girls’ Club won the Irene Meigs Community Service Award.

My reception is Saturday, September 10 at 1 p.m. It will be held at the IOOF Hall in Oak Harbor. I would like to invite everyone and would love to see all of you who can come.

The girls will have their retreat following the reception at the IOOF Park on Camano Island.

In Happiness Through Service , Ally Stewart, Theta Rho Assembly President

In Oak Harbor

Acorn Theta Rho #79

Well, by the time you read this school will be starting and we will be back at our regular meetings.

This summer, though, we took five girls to the Theta Rho Assembly in Yakima where Bethany Bond from our club presided as President. Allison Stewart from our club was elected and installed as the new President. Olivia Thraikill was elected Treasurer and Yvonne Mckie and Cassie Flitcroft received appointed offices.

At the banquet our club was presented with the Community Service Award and also the Arthritis Plaque. Olivia received an award for her piano playing in the talent show.

In July we had seven girls go to the IOOF Park at Camano Island to help with the Pork Chop/Chicken Barbecue. We helped with preparation, setup, serving and cleaning. We always enjoy going to the park. On the way home we made our usual stop at the Snow Goose for ice cream cones.

In August we held one regular meeting to finalize the plans for the reception for Allison which we are co-hosting at our hall on Saturday, September 10 at 1 p.m. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

After the reception, the Theta Rhos will travel to the IOOF Park for their overnight retreat and then they will attend the East/West Picnic.

— *Until Next Month In Happiness Through Service,
The members of Acorn #79*



Theta Rho lovelies

These lovely girls comprised the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington at their Session held in Yakima in June. National Youth Committee member, Greg Simpson of Wyoming, in the back row near the left, joined them. Newly-elected Theta Rho Assembly President Allison Stewart is seated in the center front row. She is wearing the white dress.

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
Allison Stewart
President**

**Theta Rho Assembly Of Washington
Saturday, September 10, 2011
At 1:00 p.m.**

Oak Harbor IOOF Hall

721 SE Barrington, Oak Harbor, Washington

Fall City IOOF Lodge #59

With Lodge activity starting up again, Fall City IOOF Lodge #59 once again will be holding it’s monthly dinners on the third Saturday of each month starting in September. The time is 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$7 per person. In addition to the buffet dinner, we will have “Split the Pot” and play White Elephant Bingo. Bring your white elephants. Come on over and join the fun and fellowship. Please advise Mary Harper (telephone: 425-836-4871) if you are

bringing a large group.

Alice Slater, PG, hosted a Rebekah/Odd Fellow picnic at her home in South Cle Elum on August 17. Good food and friendship was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Our lodge hall received a new paint job this summer and we are very happy with the new look. Check it out.

*In F., L. & T.,
Florence Harper,
Reporter*

In Goldendale

Alimus IOOF Lodge #15, Leah Rebekah Lodge #22

Hello, everyone.

I guess our “lazy, hazy days of summer” are about over. We had a cool start to our summer, but it finally arrived in all it’s glory. We have been very fortunate not to have the really hot days they had back east and to the south.

This has been quite an eventful summer for our family. We lost a son-in-law in June to cancer,

Tammie had a stroke the first part of July, which affected her left side. She is improving very well and expects to be back to normal shortly. Her hand and arm are doing great, but her leg is still weak.

Mike wrecked on his motorcycle the first of August while on his way to town. He skinned up his left arm pretty badly and is really sore in a lot of spots, especially his ribs on the left side. He is doing good and looking forward to getting his bike fixed so he can ride again!

Through all these family crises, Ernie and I have been doing well — just the usual aches and pains which come to all of us as we get older. Ernie has been working at the cemetery off and on this summer, helping our Mike and Mike Goodwin out when needed. I have been enjoying doing as little as

possible! Enough about our family!

Our annual lodge picnic was held on August 17 at the Benjamin’s home. Glen is a Past Grand Master and he and Pat head south for the winter each year, but agree to host our picnic at their home. A good time was had by all. We saw several members who are unable to attend our meetings all the time.

We have continued to host Pinochle parties every Saturday evening at 7 p.m. They are usually well-attended. We all enjoy playing Pinochle ourselves, so we often go when we are not the sponsors for the week.

We spent part of one day cleaning up the roadway on a two-mile stretch we clean during the year. It went well and we celebrated finishing it with a gathering at a restaurant in town for a light lunch and something cold to drink

I guess I will close for this time. Until next time, remember “To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.” and “A little oil of courtesy would eliminate a lot of friction.”

May God bless each and everyone!
*In F., L. & T.,
Mavis House, Reporter*

From your 2011-2012 Grand Matriarch



JUDY DIEKMAN

I WILL DO MY BEST

Welcome back to lodge activities after what I hope was an enjoyable summer for all of you.

I would like to thank my Sister Matriarchs for elevating me to this position. I will do my best to fulfill this office with dignity, honesty and integrity. I am looking forward to visiting with the Auxiliaries and Unified Encampments and plan to start my visitations in October. Letters will be going out soon.

As I am writing this, I am getting ready to attend the SGL/IARA sessions in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In my next letter I will share with you any legislation that affects the Auxiliaries.

MY PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR

• **Motto:** Be who you are and say what you feel cause those that matter don't mind and those who mind don't matter. It is important to stay true to yourself and your beliefs.

• **Emblem:** Ladybug for luck

• **Flower:** Tulips

• **Colors:** Light pink, purple and white

• **Songs:** "Lean on Me"

• **Hymn:** "It Is No Secret"

• **Scripture:** Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the spirit is: Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Meekness and Temperance; against such there is no law." If we would all seek these things and apply them to our daily living, our Order would grow and we would have a much better world in which to live.

• **Projects:** Theta Rho Hotel Fund and the Educational Foundation Coin Drive. I will be having a raffle to raise money for the girls hotel at Sessions. Each Auxiliary was given a piggy bank at Sessions. Please feed him at each meeting. If any of the Encampments, Odd Fellows, Rebekah Lodges, or Theta Rho clubs would like to participate in this, please feel free to do that. An award will be given to the group that collects the most by end of May.



MY SCHEDULE

In July I attended the Pork Chop Barbecue and Park Board meeting, the reception for Lena Swetz, and 100th Anniversary celebration of Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge.

In August I attended the SGL/IARA Sessions in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. On August 28. I went to the M. Angeles LEA #88 Picnic.

• **Saturday, September 10** — Reception for Allison Stewart, Theta Rho Assembly President, in Oak Harbor

• **Sunday, September 11** — East/West Picnic at the IOOF Park on Camano Island.

• **Saturday, September 17** — My own reception in Port Hadlock

• **Saturday, September 24** — Reception for Grand Master Joe Picanco in Olympia

I am looking forward to seeing you down the road.

In Faith Hope & Charity, Judy Diekman, PP, Grand Matriarch

Trinity Rebekahs #179 - Napavine

The ladies from Trinity have had a busy summer with fund-raisers. From June 6 through 10, we held our coffee stop at the Toutle River Rest Area. With coffee and cookies, we served the tourists big smiles. Once you are out there, it is a lot of fun.

In July, we held the Seattle to Portland (STP) Bikers' Breakfast. That was followed by the Fun Time Breakfast on July 16. On the next day, July 17, we held a Classic Car Breakfast. These events have created a fair profit. Candy Koons issues a big thank you to all who helped. It was teamwork!

Besides serving breakfast, our ladies took some time off to enjoy the Fun Time Parade that travels right past our lodge hall.

The month of August has been a time to relax with picnics and the Southwest Washington Fair.

There was a 50's Napavine High School class reunion at Candy and Lee Koon's residence.

The Williams family reunion was held on August 6. Pictures were taken and a live band played country music. I really enjoyed myself.

The Southwest Washington Fair finds Cookie busy in the Floral Department. Cookie and Sandy Holderman are both doing a picture box this year.

Come September, it is back to lodge again. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 8.

So far our Rebekah Picnic still stands. It will be in Napavine at Candy Koon's home on Saturday, September 10. You are all invited to come and and enjoy.

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

From your 2011-2012 Grand Patriarch



GREG POWERS

HE'S BACK!

Dear friends, I have the honor of repeating as your Grand Patriarch this year. Hopefully, this time I'll get it right. My Brother Patriarchs deemed me worthy of serving you once again, after our Senior Warden decided not to continue in our Order. I wish him the best in the future and would like to thank him for his years of hard work for the community and our Order. I'm very sad that he is leaving our fraternity, but am confident that he will continue to do good works.



NEW YEAR, NEW MOTTO

While I still believe that: "There is no future without forgiveness," I'm changing my motto to: "For today only, anger not, worry not, be humble. With gratitude, work on yourself, be kind to all." It's the daily affirmation for Reiki and has been helping me keep an even keel in dealing with the problems of life over the last year.

NEW BIBLE VERSE: REVELATION 21:3

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

I chose this after hearing a sermon on Revelations. The preacher's point was that, with the resurrection, many of the prophesies were fulfilled. We don't have to wait to build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. It is within our grasp now. God lives within all of us and is busting to get out. The Heavens don't have to rain fire and blood for us to start loving one another.

The rest of my program is the same, though I have correctly identified my flower as Dianthus. With your help and support, I'm looking forward to another great year.

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

Mt. Angeles L.E.A. #88

H.P. Downs Unified Encampment #61

Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254

Invite You To A Reception Honoring

Judy Diekman

Grand Matriarch

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

Saturday, September 17, 2011

1:00 P.M.

Chimacum Odd Fellows Hall

11323 Rhody Drive, Port Hadlock, Washington

District #18 Meeting on October 1

Rebekahs will gather for the District #18 meeting on Saturday, October 1 at the Cowlitz Prairie Grange Hall, 5184 Jackson Highway, in Toledo.

Coffee hour is at 9 a.m. and the meeting commences at 10 a.m. A luncheon will be served.

District #18 President Aileen Wideman welcomes you!

News from the Capital City

Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

This report is not in chronicle order as my July report was lost in electronic never-never land.

Our lodge and the Ruth Rebekahs hosted a dinner for the two United Nations delegates who they have selected to represent us on the United Nations Pilgrimage. PJ Fluetsch was the lead cook, assisted by Donna Tutter, Laurel Delony and Joann Balmert. The UN Delegates are Nick Birge of Tumwater High School and Sumukh Bharadwaj from Capital High School.

We held our first meeting at the park on July 4. Rick Garcia fired up the big grill and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers. The turnout was excellent, with lots of Brothers and Sisters and families as Peg Ogilvie, our Noble Grand, declared this an open meeting.

The Grand Lodge Sessions were held in Yakima in June. Congratulations to Joe Picanco who is our new Grand Master, Laurel Delony who is Deputy Grand Master, Luann Hoffman who is District Deputy Grand master, PJ Fluetsch who is Inside Guard, and Stu Carlson who is the Grand Herald. Thank you for your leadership and stepping up to assume these high positions.

Several cords of wood were donated to the park. PJ, Rick Garcia, Bob Crocker, and myself, along with PJ's grandson and a new member named Bob, split and hauled the wood to the park. At the next meeting at the park, many hands stacked the wood behind the rest rooms. Randy Trotter found a concrete pad behind the shop and we stacked wood there, too. Bob Kinkela, who also split and stacked wood, came back and split a cord which went to a widow lady. The wood was delivered and stacked by PJ.

Members of the annual Seafood Dinner Committee have been meeting. Tom Day is the lead. Herb Turner will supply the salmon. Because of the higher costs of seafood and other items, the lodge voted to raise the price to \$10 per plate. That is still a bargain. The committee is coming up with a plan to serve the clam chowder in order to alleviate crowding in the kitchen.

Joe Picanco, who is our Finance Chairman, has presented a modified budget to the lodge. Our members

voted to accept the plan. It seems the lodge has lost a renter and that changes our income level.

Joanne Balmert, Along with Laurel and Dave Delony, participated in assisting in revamping a home in Spanaway. They did this under our name and another organization's name. Thanks.

On July 28, our lodge and the Little Red School Organization hosted a barbecue dinner at the Lacey Church. Marv and Donna Tutter donated their time, equipment and expertise, as well as overseeing all aspects of this successful dinner. The lodge had 10 to 12 ladies and gentlemen who served the food, hosted the dinner and help prepare the food. I believe they have raised close to \$3,000 for the Little Red School House. PJ and the Tutters were the leads. Thank you all who helped. The lodge donated \$500 for food.

FYI: Noble Grand Peg Ogilvie has changed the Degree Day to October 15 instead of the 8th. Please make a note and plan to assist the Degree Team.

Chris Tubach was nominated and elected to a position on the Cemetery Board.

The Thurston Building Board has repaired a chair in the lodge. We are losing up to two tenants on rentals on Capital Way. The board is looking for new tenants. We have been working on minor leaks on the roof. The Lodge building has been pressure washed and looks good. Thanks, Doug.

The cemetery is looking great, and all water problems have been repaired. Rick had a small crew chipping up branches at the cemetery. He will be asking for volunteers to finish up.

The park is doing well and is looking good. Glen reports lots of bookings. He recommends that if you need to rent the park for 2012, do so now as he has several reservations already. As of this date, Randy Trotter has removed part of the fire pit. The new fire pit area is graded and it will be cemented by September. The fire pit is steel. It was constructed and donated by Brother Kelly Hargett. Thank you.

Our members are busy with lodge activities. Thanks to all the volunteers. We practice Odd Fellowship.

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

Oak Leaf Rebekahs #254 - Oak Harbor

Welcome back. I hope each of you had an enjoyable summer. Mine was great as we had Carrie, David and Finn home for a whole month. Finn started walking while he was here. Such excitement!

Several of our members went to the Park on Camano Island in July for the barbecue and enjoyed meeting and visiting with some new people. The food was good and the company was great.

Our first meeting in September will be a welcome back potluck. There is always plenty of food, so stop by if you are up our way.

We will be co-hosting the reception for Allison Stewart, Theta Rho Assembly President, on Saturday, September 10 at 1 p.m. at our hall. We

hope to see many of you here.

We also have been helping with the reception for Grand Matriarch Judy Diekman which will be held in Port Hadlock on Saturday, September 17 at 1 p.m.

This summer we got some bad news about our Sister Rhonda Meeks. She has a cancerous spot on her lung and we ask that you keep her in your prayers. Our Sister Myrtle Whitehead is improving, but has not been able to join us yet and we hope this fall she will feel up to coming to some of the meetings. To any and all others, we hope you will continue to improve each day.

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



At left, Holly Houser and Kendra Frogge' of Kent LEA #15, along with Peg Ogilvie (far right) of Mt. Angeles LEA #88, present the Grand Matriarch's Banner to newly-elected Grand Matriarch Judy Diekman. The presentation came at the Grand LEA Sessions in Yakima last June.

Grand LEA has a busy June Session in Yakima

On June 20, the Grand LEA convened in Yakima with Grand Matriarch Betty Young presiding. A total of 25 were in attendance. The officers were seated by Marshal Loletta McCormick, assisted by other members of Kent #15. PGM Barb German presented Betty with her crook.

Three Matriarchs received the Grand LEA Degree and one Past Chief Matriarch received that Degree. The State of the Order report stated we are now four members less than the last year.

A visit was enjoyed from the Grand Encampment including Deputy Grand Sovereign Master Delmar Burns. Grand Junior Warden Sandi Moon gave a nice tribute to the Past Grand Matriarchs. Some interesting Grand LEA histories were read by Betty.

The following officers were elected for 2011-2012: Grand Matriarch Judy Diekman, Grand High Priestess Peg Ogilvie, Grand Senior Warden Sandi Moon, Grand Junior Warden Kendra Frogge', Grand Scribe Selma Lindor, and Grand Treasurer Karen Hoylman.

An addendum was given by Grand Senior Warden Judy Diekman, assisted by several others, with lots of kites and money for our Betty. Kent #15 presented the Grand Matriarch's banner to Mt. Angeles #88, and a special exchange of jewels was given by PGM Val DeVall.

The meeting wound up with the report of our Grand Matriarch Betty, who did a splendid job in her office during the past year, as well as at the Session. A sizeable donation was made to Camp Korey due to her efforts during the past year.

Mystic Rebekah Lodge #168 and Bremerton Friendship Lodge #145

Because of multiple health issues, we had no Representative to Assembly and Grand Lodge Sessions this year.

Gordon Cooper's asthma was bad and his doctor wanted him to stay close to home.

Florence Cowdery continued to have stomach problems. Don was in his third of five rounds of pneumonia, which brought on a heart problem and home health care.

In late June seven members attended a potluck dinner in lieu of meetings.

On May 20 Sister Mabel Bishop, PNG, passed away at age 89. A remembrance gathering was held on



Grand Matriarch Betty Young smiled as she was presented with the Medallion Award from Deputy Sovereign Grand Master Delmar Burns at her Grand LEA meeting in June.

her 90th birthday. We are also sorry to report the passing of Elsie Burgett, PNG, on July 7. Her funeral was on July 28 at her church. She was 93.

In August, Sister Iris Hansen informed us of her new address. It is: 19581 1st Ave. NE, #21H, Poulsbo WA 98370. She is in a disabled unit with her big wheelchair. She has had 10 more falls.

We will return to lodge on Tuesday, September 6 with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting follows at 8 p.m.

We hope everyone enjoyed the cool summer.

*In F., L. & T.,
Don & Florence Cowdery, Reporters*

Welcome Back To Lodge!

In Walla Walla

Bee Hive Rebekah Lodge #70

Fall is fast approaching and we have important activities coming up. Our first fall meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13. The booth we had at Walla Walla's Fourth of July observance did very well. Susan Akers, Chairman, will give us a report at our first fall meeting.

Our yearly spaghetti dinner will be on Saturday, September 24. It will be held in the Merrian Street Apartment's Fireside Room at the Odd Fellow Home here in Walla Walla.

Our by-law change has been approved by the Rebekah Assembly.

We now need to remember, starting with 2012, our dues will be \$10 higher per year.

During the summer, Brother Craig Schultz and Sister Naomi Bruce had surgery. At last report, both are doing fine. Sister Luetta Anderson was ill and is now at the Care Center in the Odd Fellow Home. She hopes to go home soon. Our best wishes to them and the others who may have been ill and we didn't know.

Our sympathies are with Sister Betty Dyar following the death of her husband. They were married for 68 years.

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

In Long Beach

Ocean Beach Rebekah Lodge #313

July 17 was the 100th birthday for Bessie Braschuk and a celebration was held to honor her on this special day. Members of the lodge helped with flowers and table decorations and also were there to wish her many more birthdays. Wow! What a milestone. Bessie, you are one tough cookie. Other birthdays celebrated were Marla Johnson's, Donna Merrill's and Robert Jacobson's.

The summer seemed to go by so fast. With no meetings during the summer months, not many of us got together, except for once a month to play Bunco. Yes, Bunco is still going strong. Cathy Kary and Betty Pierce are doing most of the work and we do appreciate that. We always seem to have delicious refreshments, too. Maria Johnson was our host for July and yummy cheesecakes were served with blueberries and cherries for toppings.

Sandy Thissell is happy to have her grandchildren closer after a move from the northern midwest. Linda Zuern keeps busy doting on her grandchildren, traveling here and there with them. Linda and hubby made a trip to California, too. Olney Patch is in disbelief that her great granddaughter can be 18-years-old.

They do grow up rather quickly.

September has brought us to begin preparing for fall and wondering where our summer went. We sure didn't have much of one and our spring wasn't that great either. With fall we always let them know you are thinking of them and how special they are. We are only visiting here for a short time before we must go to be with our Creator. I, for one, am so very aware of that.

We have been happy to have Opal Eaton with us for the summer and now she and Sam will head back to Yuma around the first of October or maybe it's November. We have enjoyed her company this summer.

Don't forget the District #18 meeting on Saturday, October 1.

Friends, old and new, are precious gifts. Remember to see them as often as possible, keep in touch with them, always let them know you are thinking of them and how special they are. We are only visiting here for a short time before we must go to be with our Creator. I, for one, am so very aware of that.

*In F., L. & T.,
Sue Johnson,
PNG and Reporter*

Salmon Bay Rebekahs #217 - Ballard

Salmon Bay's last meeting in June was a potluck in celebration of a visit from a transferred, but not forgotten Salmon Bay Rebekah, Evelyn Kemp. Sister Evelyn, a 65-year member, lives in Mattoon, Illinois. Where? It's about 125 miles south of Chicago. . . So now you know! She stayed with Secretary Noreen Lucas and really enjoyed her visit. She is still active in the Rebekahs, but misses the formality of lodge life in Washington.

We invite you all to Salmon Bay's "Bake, Book and Bling Sale" with **free coffee!** It's on the fifth Thursday, September 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The "Bling" part of the sale might be a little weak, actually. It's not that the Sisters don't have lots that they'd like to get rid of, but they suffer from the "Oh, I remember when I got that. . . Oh, my mama gave me that when I skinned my knee. . . or I got that from my auntie when I was 16." Come and see what made it. By the way, there will be live music!

Business was as usual: no bills, no correspondence. Treasurer June Robinson was asked to transfer part of the funds from our CD maturity into a six month investment so that year-end large bills can be paid.

A serious problem arose when correspondence to long-time member Betty Visser kept being returned. It was only through Genie Coston's diligent research of Social Security death records that her passing was verified.

Please, Sisters and Brothers, ask your family, friends and executors to notify your Rebekah family of your passing. It is important to keep in contact with our Sisters and brothers. This was another Charter draping moment of remembrance.

It was voted to contribute \$81 to the IOOF Newspaper to help cover the expense of our non-contributing members.

Our Assembly Representative, Genie Coston, was full of wonderful news about Assembly this year. Salmon Bay is proud of the success of some of our members: Brother Jean Coston was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment, Brother Greg Powers was re-elected to his honorable position as Grand Patriarch, and Sister Betty Young is now Junior Past Grand Matriarch. Sister Genie will herself be Assembly Flag Bearer.

In Sister Genie's Year Book update for the Ballard-Alki IOOF and Salmon Bay Rebekahs, she noted that she could find no trace of Sister Marion Deering. Can you help? Sister Noreen Lucas' number is listed on the lodge notices on the last page of this newspaper. Let her know if you have any information.

We hope you all had a good summer.

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

Monterose Rebekahs #46 - Toledo

We hope you all had a great summer, but where did it go? Soon it will be back to lodge time.

I managed to squeeze in a camping trip to the Cowlitz Falls Camp Ground. It is a quiet place outside of Randle.

I helped coordinate the Egg Day Flower Show with the help of Sandy Holderman. It was gorgeous this year. The Rhodies were at their best.

We had just one graduation this year. Jim's granddaughter, Chelsey, is a graduate of Napavine High School. Her plans are to attend college.

Rosalie and Bonnie Hadaller had a good time at the Rebekah Assembly Sessions in June. Rosalie plans to give her report at our first meeting in September.

We had our annual dinner with members of Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge at the 49's Restaurant in June.

Discussions were held regarding the high cost of rent and very few members, so Maple Leaf is going to hang it up. They will consolidate with Monterose #46 in the fall. We are very happy to have them join us. I have already sorted out where we can put them to good use.

We are happy to hear that Edith Ary is home and on the mend following her colon surgery. She needs a lot of rest to get her strength back. So far things are looking good.

Rosalie has done some checking, and yes, we can rent the Cowlitz Prairie Grange for the District #18 Meeting on Saturday, October 1. That's just around the corner. We hope to see you all there. Coffee is at 9 a.m. and the meeting is at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served.

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

In Walla Walla

Narcissa Rebekah Lodge #2

After a cold and rainy spring, we are finally enjoying the warm days of summer and all that goes with them, such as the bountiful harvests and many outdoor activities.

Since last reporting before summer recess, several activities have taken place. A beautiful memorial service was conducted in memory of Arline Maxson, Jo Cox, Allene Marti, Myrtle Clayson, Jeannette Oswald, Marvyl Kinzer, Eleanor Mitchell, Art Schreiber and Dorothy Sutherland, all who passed away during the past year (since May, 2010).

At our first meeting in June, we received thank you notes from the Odd Fellows Home for our Living Legacy contribution of a tree to be planted at the Home and for monetary gifts received in memory of Art Schreiber and Eleanor Mitchell.

A condolence was read in memory of Pauline Patterson whose death occurred before we adjourned for the summer. Pauline had been a very active member of Narcissa Lodge for 28 years. In addition to holding many offices in our lodge and her church, she also participated in community activities. We will miss her.

It was special to learn that Hope Klicker of Walla Walla, granddaughter of Nancy Klicker (Narcissa) and

Bob Klicker (Enterprise), was one of the L.J. Jones Scholarship recipients. At our first meeting in June, Nancy was pleased to be presented with the lovely Certificate of Award to be given to Hope.

There were about 25 in attendance when Narcissa Lodge members were joined by members of Bee Hive and Enterprise for a picnic at the Clinton Street Apartment Picnic Shelter on June 21. Narcissa provided mini-sandwiches and salads and we enjoyed delicious desserts provided by Bee Hive Lodge members.

During the picnic the drawing was held for the winning ticket of the 50-50 raffle where the recipient is awarded one half of the proceeds. The winner was Belle Washington who is, no doubt, the luckiest member of our lodge. She was also the winner of the drawing we had a year ago and she was present at both drawings. Congratulations, Belle!

Please plan to attend our first meeting in September which will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6 at Klicker's Barn. Following the meeting, Jacqueline Klicker and Nancy Klicker will be serving dessert.

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

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

Our lodges are looking ahead to starting the fall term in September.

Tempest members will meet on Thursday, September 8 for a noon luncheon, followed by our first afternoon meeting starting at 1:30 p.m.

Prosperity Lodge members will start their fall meetings on Monday, September 12. Noble Grand Marge Farrens encourages all members to attend.

Our Sister Lois Hallock, a 60-year member, passed away on May 5. Her memorial service was held on May 21. She had been an active member

and was Noble Grand several times. Our condolences are extended to her family.

We are looking forward to hearing the reports from our two sisters who attended Grand Session, and to meeting and greeting members we haven't seen recently.

Rebekah members visiting in our area are invited to attend our afternoon meetings at 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

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

Fall 2011 Northwest ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
~ November 4, 5 & 6, 2011 ~

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For Information, Call Jennie Reed, (360) 495-3573

Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge #241

On July 23, 2011, we celebrated 100 years as a lodge and we also honored our Assembly President Lena Swetz. Lena has been a member of Kapowsin Rebekah Lodge for 54 years. It was a beautiful sunny day. The food was good and we even had "Elvis" there to entertain us.

We extend get well wishes to Sisters Kathy Cannon, Evelyn Alexander and Sharon Harris. Our Sister Kathy Nelson is at the Silvercreek assisted living facility. Arlene Bennett is feeling much better.

Remember, Labor Day is on the first Monday in September, so there

will be no meeting. We hope to see you all on the third Monday.

We had our Friendship Picnic at Elk Plain Grange this year. There was a good turn out with lots of food — *as usual!*

We plan to have a sale Labor Day weekend at Ashford again. Dorothy Ray does us a great job. Naturally we need donations from all of us.

You know you drink too much coffee when you can jump start your car without using cables

In F, L. & T,
Lena Swetz,
Reporter

Lodge Cards will return

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

Red Apple IOOF Lodge #276 and Grandview Rebekah Lodge #246

With our recess ending we are rested and ready for the end-of-the year activities. We're hoping all of you had a wonderful vacation.

The Grandview Rebekah Lodge is starting off our fall session with a Back-to-School Project. We will be honoring our teachers in three elementary schools, grades one, two and three. After surveying the teachers, we found their greatest need was paper. With budget cuts, copy paper has become a scarce commodity. Our goal is to purchase a box of paper for each teacher in grades one through three in the

three elementary schools in Grandview. Have a great year, teachers. We appreciate you!

We are also planning for our Holiday Bazaar. This event is one of our largest fund-raisers. Each of our members make an article of their choice for this sale.

As we look ahead, our Grandview Rebekah Lodge will be celebrating it's 100th year as a lodge in 2012. We are in the process of planning our celebration and looking for ideas. If you have an idea(s) to share, please send to Grandview Rebekah Lodge,

214 Avenue G, Grandview, WA 98930 or e-mail them to :

sally.edwards@embarqmail.com

Thanks.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with our PNG Freda Keelin who had major surgery in July. She is home and doing fine. She could use your prayers.

Until Next Time In F, L. & T,
Sally Edwards,
Reporter

Ballard Alki #170 has had an active summer

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 continues its program of holding Degrees at the second meeting of every month. On May 26, we conferred the Third Degree on Sister Regina Thomas and Brother Kanjin Cedarman. In June we began the cycle again with the First Degree. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Visiting Sisters and Brothers are always welcome — especially on Degree Nights.

May 17 was Norwegian Constitution Day, celebrated in Ballard with various events including a parade in the early evening. Some Brothers and Sisters set up a Ballard Odd Fellows hospitality table with flyers and cards about our lodge and the Odd Fellows. There was hot tea from Floating Leaves Tea, our tea shop tenant, and snacks (nuts, cookies, and candy). Our plan is to continue to find ways to participate in local Ballard events.

On Sunday, June 26, Ballard Alki hosted the annual strawberry extravaganza, now called the Strawberry Garden, complete with music. To make the event more accessible, it was held in the lower hall (no need to climb the stairs!). Donations were collected for the Ballard Food Bank. Sisters Nora Carria and Norma Allison (who also collects Food Bank donations on her own through a donation barrel at her Ballard Hair Salon), made a joint presentation to the Food Bank.

Ballard Alki continues to look for relief and assistance activities in our own local community. Members of the lodge are welcome to suggest additional opportunities of volunteer work or fund-raising. Noble Grand Rich Osborne has made third Tuesday nights his official volunteer night. He continues to welcome everyone to come at 6 p.m. to join in. For directions, call him at (206) 713-6917 or email him at: ecotoolsllc@comcast.net

Ballard Odd Fellows give generously to the food bank

The following story appeared in the August 4 edition of the *Ballard News Tribune*.

BY ANNE-MARIJE ROOK

Norma Allison from Ballard Hair Salon and Nora Carria from the Ballard Alki Odd Fellows Lodge #170 presented two checks to the Ballard Food Bank recently.

The combined donation amount was \$100, which will enable the food bank to distribute 300 pounds of food.

"For every one dollar we receive, we can distribute three pounds of food to our clients," said Nancy McKinney from the Ballard Food Bank.

Allison said that she thinks the frequent donations of food and money are more important than the amount of money raised. She hopes that the Ballard Odd Fellows and herself can serve as an example to inspire the community to collect food and donations for the Ballard Food Bank, regardless of how small these donations are.

"Norma has a donation barrel inside her salon year-round, which we pick up about every two weeks," McKinney said. "We've probably collected 100 pounds of food from her barrel."

Carria said the Ballard Odd Fellows will host a clothing drive for the food bank later this year.

The Ballard Food Bank accepts donations Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. In addition to a donation barrel at Allison's Ballard Hair Salon, there are marked barrels at the Ballard Market and the Crown Hill Safeway, as well. For more information, visit

<http://www.ballardfoodbank.org/donate>

(Editor's note: Norma Allison is not only a tenant of the Ballard Odd Fellows, but she is a Third Degree Odd Fellow. Nora Carria is the Secretary of the lodge.)



From left are Nancy McKinney, of the Ballard Food Bank, along with Sisters Norma Allison (of the Ballard Hair Salon) and Nora Carria (Secretary of Ballard Alki #170).