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Happy Holidays!



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*From Your Unit Leaders*



Catherine Hopkinson, Leilah Edwards and Hailey Schiederer work on painting rocks which will be distributed to local nursing homes this month.

## In Oak Harbor

# Acorn Theta Rho #79

**IT'S HAPPY HOLIDAY TIME!**

We want to report that we had another successful turkey raffle for the "Make A Wish Foundation" and we were able to send them a check for \$125. We are now busy with our December activities for Christmas.

Last month we painted some rocks with Christmas pictures and will be taking them to hide for the residents of the nursing home when we deliver our Christmas cards on the Saturday, December 16. After we are done at the nursing home, we are having our own Christmas party at our Advisor's home which will include dinner, a craft project, gift exchange and our annual Christmas movies.

We hope all of you are able to have some special times with family and friends.

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# From the desk of your Grand Master

## THE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Once again it is shocking how fast this year is going.



By now we will all have had our fill of turkey leftovers, and start looking to decorate the tree or dusting off the dreidel and menorah. I hope everyone had a great holiday surrounded by friends and family. Did you go visit a member that hasn't been to lodge, or maybe one who can no longer attend? If not, why?

## OPPORTUNITIES TO OVERCOME

**KELLY HUGHES** The days are short and the nights are long. This is the time of year plants and animals hibernate. We can't do that. This is a great time to start planning events and activities for next year. "But our lodge doesn't have a lot of funds. We only have a couple of members in good health." If you can't say that about your lodge, *great!* However, if you can, these are opportunities to overcome, not problems to hinder you.

We are reminded that food banks need donations. Well how about doing a food drive in your community in, say, February when donations are down. People are still hungry then. Go to your local grocery store and ask to set up a table. You can have a donation jar and a collection box. Most stores will be more than happy to provide space. Make sure to advertise *who* you are and *what* the donations are for.

Think about a Memorial Day observance. But what if your lodge doesn't have a cemetery? Then use a public park or the town square. Try and get a public speaker, a local service member or the mayor. Advertise this ceremony of remembrance and invite the public to attend. *Neither* of these events would cost much if anything to put on.

## GETTING NEW MEMBERS IS CRITICAL

How is your lodge doing at gaining members? How

many people have you asked to join? Not asking is going to bring the end to our Order. Sadly, the month of November saw the Consolidation of Silvia IOOF Lodge # 38. Two other lodges have inquired about turning in their Charters. Less than half of the lodges in Washington will survive 10 more years without getting new members. Yes things really are that dire.

## EVERYTHING COSTS MONEY

People have commented (read as *complained*) about the dues increase we are seeing from Sovereign Grand Lodge. Well the reason is all the programs that have been set up — Scholarships, Visual Aid, Arthritis, etc. — all cost money to support. Just because membership decreases and revenue goes down does not mean the cost to support the programs goes down. If anything they are more expensive as the years go on. Twenty years ago we fully funded a chair at John Hopkins. Now our Order barely covers the costs of one researcher half time. So, we had two options: levy a \$5 increase or cut programs. The best way to remove the levy is to *get more members!* Quite simple really.

## INSTALLATION TIME

Installations are just around the corner. Remember everyone *must* have their dues current to be installed into any office. Secretaries, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers, the Annual Reports are in your hands. Try and have everything complete and balanced for your successor.

My schedule so far for installations is:

- Sunday, January 7 — **Des Moines** — 2 p.m.
- Thursday, January 11 — **Titusville** — 6 p.m.
- Saturday, January 13 **Napavine** — 12 Noon
- Saturday, January 20, **Olympia** — 12 Noon
- Sunday, January 21, **South Tacoma** — 2 p.m.

I will be scheduling visitations soon. See you down the road.

—Until next month in Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Kelly Hughes,

Your 2017-2018 Grand Master

# Lots of learning at the District #3 meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to the District #3 Meeting. We had a "Lunch and Learn" session with a lot of practicing and discussions about how our ceremonies, introductions, etc. should be done. Looking through the Book of Instructions and listening to what a Past President had to say concerning some of the procedures, it sounds like the Book of Instructions needs to be updated. We're just throwing that out to you executive officers

of the Rebekah Assembly.

Anyway, I think we learned quite a lot and had some fun while doing it. Congratulations to the new President Kathi Picanco. We are looking forward to her year.

Our next meeting is April 21, 2018 and it will be held at the South Tacoma Odd Fellows Hall in South Tacoma. We hope to see you there.

— Laurel Delony, Secretary, District Association #3



# From the desk of your Grand Secretary

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW OFFICERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to all of the officers-elect for accepting the reins of leadership as you prepare for the Installation of Officers season.



**HARRY W.  
"BILL" COULTER**  
*Grand Secretary*

In this season of caring and sharing, please consider those less fortunate in the world by supporting the projects and programs of our Order, as we seek "To improve and elevate the character of mankind."

### SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

The L. J. Jones Scholarship nominations deadline for lodges is December 31. Send your nominations to: Jody Morris, 5414 NE 81st Ave, Apt. 101, Vancouver, WA 98662.

## ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE

Passwords for the year 2018 will soon be mailed to the Grand Lodge line officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and Lodge Secretaries for our new officers to pass on to members in good standing.

Did you locate your lodge Annual Report forms? Remember to make sure all forms are properly signed and the lodge seal is applied. They are due in the Grand Lodge Office on or before January 31, 2018. The new Annual Report forms enclosed are available upon request in Excel format on CD or email. Please email your request to [grandsec@qwestoffice.net](mailto:grandsec@qwestoffice.net). The new form will be used for the 2018 year.

I want to thank those Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges that have completed their Membership Rosters and returned them to the Grand Lodge office.

### GRAND LODGE WEBSITE

Our website is undergoing renovation to enable easy use by you the members, and those who desire to obtain lodge information. A special section is for lodge Secretaries to update their Membership Rosters and find crucial information.

I wish you each and every one a very happy holiday season.

— Fraternally,

*Harry W. "Bill" Coulter, PGM, Grand Secretary*





*Wishing You  
A Prosperous  
2018!*



## Monroe Hall sold

PGM Hugh Smith received a check from the sale of the Monroe Odd Fellows Hall at the Bank of America Branch in Monroe. The money will be handled by the Grand Lodge of Washington Investment Committee.

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# From the desk of the Assembly President

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Well, I've been watching Christmas movies since the last week of October. I've done some Christmas baking with my grandchildren, and I even have a little shopping done — but it really doesn't seem like it should be

December already!



CATHY GARCIA

I started the month of November in Yakima. I had a wonderful visit with Isabella Lodge #23. Then I attended the Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association meeting. It was a great weekend with Brothers and Sister from British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Thank you Dave and Jennie Reed for all your work at creating a wonderful event.

## INSTALLATIONS

I have talked with a few lodges regarding the dates of your Installation of Officers. If you would like the Installation Team to help with this event, and you have not yet heard from me, please call me right away. Grand Master Kelly and I are working on our schedule of Joint Installations and I am happy to be a part of individual ceremonies as well. These celebrations are a wonderful time to invite those special people in

your lives who are not yet a part of Odd Fellows. They will have an opportunity to see the formal side of our Order, as well as realize how important your commitment to your lodge is.

## HOLIDAY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

I truly hope each lodge will plan an activity or project that reaches out into your community this Christmas season. What better time to involve friends and family in the work of Odd Fellowship. As we visit shut-ins, adopt needy families or fill Christmas stockings for children, we grow closer to each other while creating an awareness of who we are in our neighborhoods.

December always proves to be a very busy month with holiday activities, shopping, baking, parties, and spiritual celebrations. My prayer is that each one of you will take time to quietly reflect on your blessings and opportunities. There is a lot of sadness in the world today, but we have a lot to be thankful for, as well. Spend time with your families, smile at a stranger and just say *thank you* for each day you are able to do so.



— *With Friendship, Love & Truth*  
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# South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160

## THANKS FOR COMING TO BINGO NIGHT

Greetings one and all.

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our first Bingo Night. We had many members, friends and family come to have spaghetti and play Bingo for some terrific prizes. We also had raffle items with some great prizes there as well. Thank you to the members who provided the prizes and helped during the Bingo and dinner. Special thank you to Dave Delony, Joanne Balmert and Laurel Delony for putting it all together and for their generous donations.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

We have completed our election of officers and 2018 will look like this: Joan Lundy, Noble Grand-elect; Linda Young, Vice Grand-elect; Laurel Delony, Secretary-elect; Holly Houser, Financial Secretary-elect; and Clarice Roberts, Treasurer-elect. Congratulations to you all. I know we'll have a fun year.

## THANKSGIVING DINER

We had our annual Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings at the lodge. Everyone invited their family members and friends. We had a great time. We are looking forward to the leftovers.

## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Next on the list is stuffing the stockings. Noble Grand Joanne, for the second year, has provided Christmas stockings and the goodies to stuff them. These stockings, once stuffed, will be donated to "My Sister's Pantry." We just don't know as of this article if the stockings will be for the adults or kids.

Our lodge also participated in the Ruth Rebekah Lodge First Annual Bazaar. They had a nice turnout and we did okay. We also participated in the Holiday Bazaar in Bucoda on November 18. We did alright there, too!

## SAD NEWS

We have sad news to report. We lost our dear Sister Ramona Johnson on October 12. She was also the Assistant Advisor to Spunky Bluebirds #93. Her funeral was held October 24 and the members of our lodge performed the Rebekah Funeral Ceremony. It was a lovely funeral and the ceremony was beautiful. Ramona always had a smile for everyone and she was always the first to volunteer to do anything. She will truly be missed.

— *Fraternal Hugs in F., L. & T.,*  
The Members of  
South Tacoma Rebekah Lodge #160



# From Your Assembly Secretary

## NEW OFFICERS AND INSTALLATIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

December is here already and your slate of new Officers for 2018 have been elected. Your Lodge Installation date needs to be selected and your Installing Officers notified as to their assignments for that event.



MARCIA PRESLEY

## A BUSY DECEMBER

The Month of December celebrates Pearl Harbor Day on December 7, winter begins on December 21 and, of course, the Christmas Holiday observance is on December 25. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I can't believe another year has passed and we start anew on January 1, 2018. It has been 18 years since we celebrated the new Millennium 2000. It doesn't seem possible.

## INSTALLATIONS AND INITIATIONS

Following your Installation of Officers, think about having an Initiation. Yes, start the year off with a new member or two or three. You, as Rebekah Lodge members, need to have a new member to replace those members who have passed on. Check with some of your former members who were dropped for non-payment of dues or resigned from your Rebekah Lodge. Also, check to see if there are any former Theta Rho Girls in your area who may be interested in joining the Rebekahs. These members may, for one reason or another, dropped out of the Order, but they may be ready to be reinstated as an active member of the Rebekahs. A visit or a phone call may be all it takes to get a new member in your lodge.

We celebrated Memorial Day earlier in the year, but the Christmas Holiday is a time we all need to take time to remember those Rebekahs, friends or family members who have left us to work for God. There may be something that your lodge can do for these members to help them get through the holidays.

Look on the bright side of life, always think positive, and reject the negative thoughts. Be grateful for what you have and count your blessings often. Each morning, thank God for life and a new day and tell yourself you are strong and believe it. Reach out to someone in need and practice kindness to everyone, you will feel better. Smile as you do the dishes, be thankful for food, keep hope alive, use money wisely and most of all, do not worry.

— *With lots of Rebekah Hugs,*

*In Friendship, Love and Truth, Marcia Presley,  
PP & Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington*

# From your 2017-18 Grand Matriarch

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dear members of our wonderful Order,

December is here and I hope that our winter will be a mild one so we don't have to cancel our meetings or have any weather-related damage in the upcoming winter season. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, 2018.

## FIRST VISITATION

I was ask to have my first Official Visitation to my home Kent Ladies Encampment Auxiliary #15 in Des Moines on November 10. Since we meet on the same evening as the Kent Encampment #15, they had a joint pot luck dinner prior to our meetings. Grand Patriarch C. Allan Reitan also did his official visit to the Encampment that evening. We all had a wonderful time and had time to visit during the dinner. Communication is always important, no matter what Unit of the Order we belong to.



## MY EMBLEM - THE HONEY BEE

My Emblem is the Honey Bee. I chose this emblem as the Honey Bees are the Worker Bees. They pitch in and do whatever job is assigned to them and don't expect praises. What they do, they do for the joy of building Odd Fellowship. They build up the hive, keep it clean and make the honey. There are also the Queen Bees that are important to a certain extent, but know that they are important and their chief work is trying to dictate to everyone else. Then there are the drones who do little or no work, but expect the full benefits of the hive.

The Worker Bees are what we need more of, no matter what we are doing. We can not do it alone.

## THE PASSING OF A GRAND MATRIARCH

I wish to report that we have a number of our LEA members who are under the weather. We lost one of our Past Grand Matriarchs, with the passing of Matriarch Judy Inman. Judy passed away on November 6, and her memorial service was held on Saturday, November 13 in Port Hadlock. Past Grand Matriarch Judy was a member of Mt. Angeles LEA #88 in Port Hadlock and served as Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington in 2008-2009. Keep her families and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

## COMMUNICATIONS

If any of you have concerns or questions about your LEA, please give me a call or drop me a line and I will try to answer your questions. There is that word again — **communication**. We need more of it to help build up our membership and have no members left wondering about something that may be an easy fix. **Bee Sure and Bee You!**

*In Faith, Hope and Charity, Marcia Presley,  
Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington*

## News from the Capital City

# Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 & Ruth Rebekah Lodge #17

Here we are with Christmas only a couple of weeks away. Where in the world has the time gone? Election of officers is complete and we are looking to an exciting new year. A big thank you to Marc LaVack for stepping up and taking on the Noble Grand's chair this year. You've done a wonderful job.

### BAZAAR A SUCCESS

Members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge had their first annual holiday bazaar. They had a decent turnout, but are looking forward to the second annual bazaar next year which will be even bigger. They had many outside vendors as well as a couple of Rebekah Lodges represented. If you didn't get to Olympia you missed out on some great early Christmas shopping. They also provided a lunch for a minimal amount. All the proceeds help the lodge throughout the year and it's getting the Order out into the public, or rather the public into the hall. Nice job, ladies.

### OUR NEW OFFICERS

New Ruth Rebekah Lodge Officers for next year are: NG Kathi Picanco, Vice Earlene Carlson, Sec. Cathy Garcia, and Treas. Joe Picanco. Congratulations to you all!

Our lodge is also collecting good used coats, new socks and underwear to be donated to the "Little Red School House" in Olympia. If you have any you would like to donate, please contact the Secretary of either lodge.

Olympia Odd Fellows had their third bonfire on November 25. Some members came early and stacked some wood on the big firewood pile. We'll just keep plugging away at it until we get it all done. Everyone brought their own stuff to drink and eat, etc. Everyone is welcome to come out and get warm and toss the bull around. There is nothing better than Brothers and Sisters getting together.

Our Lodge Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m. This will be a brunch party. There's a gift exchange not to exceed \$10, pinatas for the adults and kids, and Santa will be making his regular visit, but this year he is bringing his elf. Everyone is invited. This is a great opportunity to have pictures with Santa, ya'll!

### NEW LEADERS FOR OLYMPIA IOOF

New Olympia IOOF Officers for next year are: Joanne Balmert, Noble Grand; Patricia Smith, Vice Grand; Laurel Delony, Secretary; Kathi Picanco, Financial Secretary; and Jennie Reed, Treasurer. Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, January 20 at noon.

Youth from the Pilgrimage will give their reports and the Installation will start directly after. Grand Master Kelly and his crew will be installing us.

Many of our members attended the Northwest Odd Fellows/Rebekah Association Meeting in Yakima on November 3, 4 and 5. Chairman Dave Reed had an interesting agenda. We learned a lot about the histories of the Rebekahs, Theta Rho Girls, Encampments, etc. from each of the Jurisdictions. Then Sheryl Rhode gave a talk on mem-

bership and we all got great ideas. There was a lot of good discussions. We had a great dinner buffet with "Quintessentials," part of "Entertainment Explosion" performing some great old tunes. It was fun meeting up with members of the other Jurisdictions. Remember the Northwest Meetings are open to everyone. You don't have to be a member to attend. Next meeting is in April of 2018 and will be held in British Columbia.

— *Fraternally n F., L. & T.,*

*Laurel Delony, Secretary of Olympia IOOF Lodge #1*

## Scenes From Northwest

Below and on page 7 are few scenes from the Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association Meeting held in Yakima on November 3, 4 and 5. How many of these Brothers and Sisters do you recognize?

— *Photos Courtest Laurel Delony*



## Lodge Cards will return

Because of a lack of space this month, we were not able to publish Lodge Cards. Your Lodge Card will be extended one month.

We are sorry for this inconvenience.



## More Scenes From Northwest



*See You At The Spring  
Northwest In 2018*



Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington Kathi Picanco, second from right, presented a \$17,937 check to Fisher House representatives on October 25. On hand were Deputy Commander LTC Sloan, Fisher House Business Manager Pam Barrington, Kathi, and SG promotable Ballenger.

## Our Fisher House donations presented

On October 25 Past Rebekah Assembly President Kathi Picanco presented Fisher House with a donation check for \$17,937. The donation amount was acquired through the many fund-raisers, gracious contributions from our wonderful Brothers and Sisters, lodges throughout our jurisdiction, and especially the Grand Lodge of Washington. In attendance accepting the donation were: Fisher House Business Manager Pam Barrington, Deputy Commander LTC Sloan and MSG promotable Ballenger.

The visit lasted for about an hour as they wanted more information about our Order and all that we do. Kathi did a wonderful job answering their questions on who we are and what we do locally and internationally. They were absolutely impressed as they really did not know much about Odd Fellowship (where have we heard that before?).

Lastly, no word of thanks can express Past President Kathi Picanco's gratitude for the support of so many including, but not limited to: Grand Lodge of Washington, PGM Duard Fyffe, Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges, Brothers, Sisters, friends and family. Your contributions *will* make a difference to the families of our soldiers who have sacrificed so much.

## Past Grand Matriarch

# Judy Inman passes away November 6

Judith A. Inman, Past Grand Matriarch of the Grand LEA of Washington, passed away peacefully on November 6 to be with our Lord in Heaven. Her husband Carson and their children were by her side. Judy was born on September 5, 1941 and was a longtime resident of Irondale, Washington.

Inman joined Celesta Rebekah Lodge #333 in Chimacum on August 6, 1997. She transferred to Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #11 in Port Townsend on October 12, 2010. She joined Mount Angeles LEA #88 on December 1, 1997 and served as the Grand Matriarch of the Grand L.A of Washington in 2008-2009. Judy was a Past Noble Grand numerous times and was a very active member and held numerous offices in the Rebekah Assembly of Washington.

Judy and her husband, Lavall Carson Inman, celebrated more than 57 beautiful years together. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children: Lanette Inman (Ron Peterson), Cynthia Inman Smith (Calvin Smith) and Mark Inman (Kimmy Kjeldgard); her grandchildren, which she adored greatly, Annette Johnson, Melissa Johnson (Zach Derner), Garrett Inman (Linda Inman) and Blaine Inman (Leah Moore); and her three precious great grandchildren, Greyson Johnson, Lorenzo Inman and River Inman. She is also survived by siblings Shirley Rond, Glenn DeMotte, Michael DeMott and Edwina Moody.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father and sister, along with many other loving family members.

Judy was born and raised in Sacramento, California. Judy and Carson were married at the First Baptist Church in Oak Park, California on March 19, 1960. She resided most of her life in Sacramento, raising her children. Once they were grown she moved with her husband to Irondale,



**JUDY INMAN**  
*Past Grand Matriarch*

WA in October of 1994 to be close to his family. After being a city girl most of her life, she then became country-fied. She enjoyed canning, gardening, quilting, sewing, square dancing, along with many other hobbies.

Being a Certified Nursing Assistant, she enjoyed helping and taking care of many others. Those who knew her would agree she was very selfless, thinking of all others before herself.

She started working at Keyes Fibre Co. before retiring early in 1984, then getting her real estate license and working in Sacramento until moving to Washington. She was the matriarch of her family, hosting the many family and holiday gatherings. She loved traveling to Colombia, the Caribbean countries, Central America and all parts of North America, Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia.

She is going to be so dearly missed by all she touched.

A Celebration of Life was held on November 13 at the Irondale Free Church.

## Kent LEA #15 enjoys a delightful meeting!

Our November meeting on the 10th was very special for several reasons. As it was the official visitation of our Grand Matriarch, Marcia Presley, we began with a pot luck dinner. A big variety of delicious foods was enjoyed by nine of our members, plus the Patriarchs of the Kent Encampment.

Following that, our meeting was opened, and we welcomed Kathi Picanco to our group as she was elected by transfer from the State Lodge. It was decided we would again provide a gift to a Giving Tree at Christmas time as a community service project. Holly Houser will be our repeat shopper for the gift.

Chief Matriarch, Jennie Reed, provided a sympathy card for all to sign to be sent to the family of Judy Inman, Past Grand Matriarch, who has passed on.

Under Good of the Order, Marcia gave a very nice presentation of sentences starting with her "Bee" word, adding only one word to it. The end result was the words "Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary of Washington" being spelled out. She then gave an inspiring and encouraging speech on the LEA's, and thanked the lodge members for their support.

As the next day was Veterans' Day, we recognized our two lodge veterans present, Kathi Picanco and Kendra Frogge' with a big "thank you" round of applause.

After the meeting was closed, the Patriarchs joined us for a word game led by Jennie. All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening.



# Warm welcome at the District #18 Meeting!!

There was a warm welcome from the Bucoda Rebekahs on Saturday, September 14. Those words of welcome were from our wonderful hostess for the annual District #18 Meeting. A plentiful show of Sisters from each lodge came with good fellowship towards one another.

I'm always happy to see the dignitaries and would like to give Karen Hoylman a heartfelt thank you for the beautiful vase. Our Grand Master Kelly Hughes was also in attendance, and he even won a door prize. Rebekah Assembly President Cathy Garcia helped out as Conductor and she received the honors.



Rebekah Assembly of Washington President Cathy Garcia and Grand Master Kelly Hughes at the District #18 Meeting held in September.

The Memorial Service was emotional this year. Sisters from from our own lodges of Trinity and Monterose were remembered. Our Chaplain Janell Mullins with her supporters put together a very nice service for Pat Harader, Delia McNelly and Mary Francis Peterson. They were all dedicated Rebekahs.

We moved onto recognizing Sisters with 15 years of service or more. That event was put together by Trinity with Alberta Luurs in charge. It was a thoughtful gesture because we all received flowers. I knew Alberta was up to something, but I wasn't sure what.

Lunch was very delicious, thanks to Bucoda.

District #18 give a generous donation to Cathy for her project. She also had tickets for a raffle to win a handmade beautiful tablecloth made by her mother. Kelly had glasses for sale (I bought a few). Following the Silver Drill, there was just one question brought forward: Why do we need both Inside and Outside Guardians? Can't one be enough? The answer was given correctly by our Grand Master Kelly Hughes.

Election of Officers for our 2018 meeting was held. Our new President is Shelly Patrick, followed by VP Janell Mullins, Sec. Margaret Truttmann, and Treas. Kay Pratt. Each will have all our support. Shelly is already working on her program. She is also Noble Grand at Pine Burr Lodge.

At the close of the meeting, I thanked the District #18 members for the gifts certificate received to Kaija's Garden and Pet store in Chehalis. How did you know I love flowers and gardening? Monterose will be hosting the next District #18 Meeting, probably at Napavine. We hope to see you all there.

— *Happy Holidays in F, L. & T,*  
*Cookie Music, News Reporter*



## Friendly feast

Ballard Alki IOOF Lodge #170 members and guests gathered for a post Thanksgiving feast on Sunday, November 26. Front row, from left, are: Amy Denio and Clinton Attaway. On the left side of the table, front to back, are: friends Shelly and Jeremy, Sandy Shepherd, Jerry Smith, Nora Carria, friend Brad Stevens, and Greg Powers. At the far end of the table are: friend Rowan Ater and Michael Douglas. From back to front on the right side are: Rich Ater, Minna and Maya Kobayashi-Cederman, Mamiko Kobayashi, Kanjin Cederman, Michael Soriano, Katie Gray, Madeline Hoxsey-Todd, and Jake Vasquez. Not in the photo is Bob Duniway, our photographer.

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District Association #5's honored guests at the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla were: Margaret Truttmann, Warden; Jennie Reed, Vice President; and Cathy Garcia, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Washington.



## Halloween tradition

Grand Lodge Office Assistant Melissa Hildner helped fill Haydee Olsen's Trick or Treat bag in Buckley on Halloween evening. Hundreds of children filled Buckley's Main Street for the annual event in which many businesses, including the Grand Lodge office, participated.

## In Walla Walla

# Narcissa Rebekahs #2

The Narcissa Rebekahs were pleased to donate to the Cathy Garcia Rebekah Assembly President's Project for the Washington and Oregon Theta Rho Assembly. District Association #5 (Bee Hive #70, Narcissa #2, and Schuyler #18) gave a generous offering to Cathy's Project also.

Barbara Lechner thanked all those who brought salads and dessert and served in the kitchen to make Homecoming and the District #5 Meeting a success: Nancy Klicker, Marthann Hall, Patty Newell, Barbara Tvz and Jeanne Elder.

The L.J. Jones Scholarship is available for the child or grandchild of a member in good standing. Applicants must graduate from high school in 2018 and plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year college or trade school. One \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to a boy and one to a girl. Those interested should submit names and addresses to Secretary Barbara Tvz at (509) 525-2735 no later than Wednesday, December 20.

Patty Newell made a motion to donate a \$500 scholarship to a deserving Walla Walla Community College student. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Barbara Lechner and Shirley Ruble provided pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee, tea and punch for the November dessert table.

A festive buffet of sweet breads and beverages was created by Patty Newell for our Christmas party. The goal of our white elephant gifts was to entertain rather than gain. Would anyone like to have a one pound Snickers bar?

All 300 residents of the Washington Odd Fellows Home will receive Christmas cards from members of the Narcissa Rebekahs.

May your Christmas be merry and bright!

**IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE**

—Francis of Assisi

— In F., L. & T., Shirley Ruble, Reporter



## Halloween by the sea

Members of Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge #147 and Olympia IOOF Lodge #1 hosted a "Treat Table" at the 47th Annual Halloween Party in Ocean Shores. Visits by ghosts, goblins, princesses, pirates and others highlighted the evening. Cindy McCluer is shown staffing the table.



# From your 2016-17 Theta Rho President

## FALL & WINTER BRINGS HAPPINESS & JOY

Hello everyone!



STEPHANIE WIGLE

I love fall and winter, and the happiness and joy they bring! Volleyball season is over. With a hard finish we almost went to state. We were six points away! But there's always next year. I have loved playing with the team! I have so many loving communities around me and I want to thank all of you for your support!

Eta Theta Rho Girls' Club had its traditional Halloween and carving party with the Boy Scouts, friends, and family. It was a blast! Everyone was having fun, dressing up, laughing, and carving pumpkins. Eta is now preparing for two holiday bazaars, and fun activities for the holidays!

## VISITATIONS

I'm starting to plan visitations to the Theta Rho Clubs now that volleyball is over. I'm excited to travel and see everyone! I hope to see you all soon!

I'm doing the "snow dance" and everyone thinks I'm crazy, but I'm ready for snow! I hope everyone is having fun with the holidays coming up!

*In Happiness Through Service  
And in F., L. & T., Stephanie Wigle,  
Theta Rho Assembly President Of Washington & Oregon*

## JYC meets in Yakima & starts its homework

### HEY ALL THETA RHO GIRLS AND ADVISORS

I wanted to introduce you to your JYC Committee. Members are Chairman Laurel Delony, Vice Chairman John Otterstrom, Dave Delony, Duard Fyffe, Kathi Picanco and Neita Stearns.

If you need to get a hold of us, my e-mail address is [laureljdeleny@gmail.com](mailto:laureljdeleny@gmail.com), my address is 15010 Silcox Drive SW, Lakewood, WA 98498, and my cell number is (253) 468-1949.

JYC members met during the Northwest Odd Fellows/Rebekah Association in Yakima. I kept the meeting short, but your JYC has a lot to accomplish. They have "homework!" We ladies will be working on all the forms. We'll get these updated and out to your Advisors. We will provide hard copies to those who do not use computers and thumb drives to those who do.

The committee also has to read through your Assembly Constitution and your Theta Rho Ritual. We are all going to be prepared to help *you!*

I have also appointed the guys to revise the community service ground rules. The plan is to have these out to your clubs by the first part of January.

I am really excited for Sessions next year with the Vice President's theme for Fun Night and the President's program for her Sessions. No! I am not telling you! You just have to wait! But it's going to be *fun!* Okay Girls!

We are having a Spring Retreat and it will be held on April 13, 14, and 15, 2018 at the Olympia Odd Fellows Park. To the elective officers, please bring your tiara and case as well as your officer's briefcase. We need to replace or fix the tiaras and boxes and we need to update and inventory your briefcases. We'll be sending out official invitations to your clubs. I'll keep you posted of things to come.

Please let us know if we can help you or your club in anyway.

*— In Happiness Through Service  
Laurel, JYC Chairman of Washington*

Join the Clover Leaf Rebekahs of Bothell in celebrating over a century of community work at our historic lodge!

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

♦♦♥♦ LET'S PARTY ♦♦♥♦

# CASINO NIGHT

♦♦♥♦ LIKE IT'S 1893 ♦♦♥♦

AND COMMUNITY PARTY

When our organization was instituted in Bothell on February 23rd, 1893 they partied through the night with dancing, card games, and great food - we're going to do the same!

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## Acorn Theta Rho #79

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Here’s wishing everyone a Merry Christmas from the Members of Acorn

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

### In Oak Harbor

## Acorn November report

### CHRISTMAN SHOEBOXES

*(Editor’s note: This Acorn report was inadvertently left out of the November edition of The Washington OddFellow. We apologize.)*

Last month we had the opportunity to work on a project called “Christmas Shoeboxes for Children” with one of the local churches. Our club filled six boxes — three for boys and three for girls in the three different age groups. It was nice to work with others in our community on this joint project.

This month (November) we will be doing our annual turkey raffle for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We are combining our fun project for this month with our community service for next month.

We are having a parent come help us with “rock painting” and we are going to hide the rocks we paint around the nursing home when we go to deliver our Christmas cards in December.

Remember that there are two special days this month — Veterans’ Day and Thanksgiving. Take time to thank the veterans you know for their service, and at Thanksgiving give thanks for the many blessings you have had this year.

We hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

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



Lucy Crouch, Caroline Jamieson and Rhiannon Chapman work on their rock painting project.

### A note from Jenny Cole

To all the Officers. . .

I love you all and am praying that you can fulfill your charges.

*— Love, Jenny Cole*

*Best Wishes And  
Happy Holidays!*