



Greetings Sisters and Brothers,



Well, these months are just flying by, aren't they? We have been very busy with Inspections and luncheons and they have all been great.

Coming into your Districts seeing all our sisters and brothers we haven't seen in a while makes it worth the trip. By now we have been in each District at least once and I'm so proud of the way the inspections and luncheons and the receptions have been well attended. Our Grand Family is traveling well, too, and we thank them for their love and support. Our Pretty Penguins are doing well with their chapters in their Districts and are doing a great job traveling as well.

All the Grand Family have had their receptions and we have now started on the District Deputy receptions. This will be so fun to see their decorations as each one of these Ladies has a personality of their own. Sometimes they can be scary!!!!

October and November have been very busy months for us, as it seems like we were everywhere. Then we went to Pittsburgh, PA to support our Sister Susie Roach, candidate for RWAGC. Indiana showed up in style and enjoyed the time there. Each one seemed to have had a wonderful trip. And what beautiful weather we had while in Pittsburgh. I went out barefoot on the roof at the Civic Center. Well, I took my shoes off because my feet were

swollen and were hurting, but in November, when usually it is snowing and cold, it was nice! We all worked hard for this trip and for Sister Susie in so many ways. Whether you helped in the hospitality room, transportation, decorating her receiving line table, helped pack bags, brought food, sent money or just stayed home and prayed, give yourselves a pat on the back. Everyone did a fantastic job and we could not have been more proud of Sister Susie as she did an awesome job traveling the USA campaigning. Though she did not win we are still proud of Sister Susie and congratulate her on her outstanding job representing Indiana. She is a very Gracious Lady and we know she should have won. Great job Sister Susie; you are a winner in our Book.

As we all know the Holidays are the busy times with Family and friends. We enjoyed that break away to be with our loved ones. I love going down to Georgia to see my Mother and Stepfather, but it is always nice to come home to the quiet again.

Believe me, I love to travel, but I really need to rest some before gearing up for the next few months. We pray that Mother Nature will be kind to us and also pray for safe travels for all of you. As our Grand Star Points start their GSPHN/GSPHM, we hope you can attend so you can hear their stories and see what Brother Larry, Sister Nancy, Brother George and I saw in them to represent our Order for our Dare to Dream Grand Family.

Tina Vredenburg  
Worthy Grand Matron



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you read these lines, our year of service will be half over. I hope that the second half of this special year is as much fun as the first half! We have visited with many old friends and have made new friends all over this great state of Indiana. We have also enjoyed traveling and making new friends from Kentucky to West Virginia and from Michigan to Pittsburgh.

General Grand Chapter did not turn out as we wish it had. We are all so proud of Sister Susie Roach and Brother Mike. Sister Susie did a beautiful job. We had a great number of sisters and brothers from Indiana in attendance to support Sister Susie and our black and white made quite an impression on the many delegates. The Indiana Banquet was a special night of fun and fellowship. The dining room was decorated with black and white and the food was delicious. We want to thank Sister Deby Thomas for her hard work on making this banquet a success. Our hospitality room was well-stocked with snacks and drinks. It was great to gather there and relax and share much laughter with our Indiana friends and some from other jurisdictions. I would like to thank all those who helped with this adventure. I will not start naming everyone because I sure wouldn't want to leave anyone out. All involved worked hard and did their share to make this a fond memory that I will never forget. Pittsburgh was a great city and we did get to experience some of the sights and activities. The sessions were very long and tiring, but I am glad I attended and got to experience the General Grand Chapter activities. We are so very proud of Brother Fred Rowe and the way he represented Indiana with his appointment. We are proud of all the Sisters and Brothers from Indiana who were given General Grand Chapter special appointments for the session. Our new General Grand Chapter Committee members are Sister Catherine Randles, Brother William Shoulders and Sister Patricia Endsley. We wish them well as they serve.

I hope all of you had a joyous Holiday Season

and I hope the New Year will bring you good health and happiness. We will soon be out completing our Official Visits for our "Dare to Dream" year. We still have Deputy receptions to complete and several Anniversary celebrations. We look forward to meeting the members of the Indiana Eastern Star as we travel. The best part of this exciting journey is the friends we meet along the way. Please attend events in your district. Don't forget about the Golden Chain of Membership pin that is available to all members who earn 100 points. Traveling to other chapters and districts and attending receptions is a good way to accumulate points. You can earn chains to attach to your pin by signing petitions for new members. You will receive one link for each petition you sign after initiating the new members. Look for ways to accumulate points in our official calendar. Be sure and add up your points. Sister Tina will award the membership pins when we are in your District at Official Visits.

I look forward to seeing each of you as we travel. I will close with this:

*"Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition."* Abraham Lincoln



Larry Frost, WGP



## New General Grand Chapter Committee Members



*Patricia Endsley*, a member of the Cancer Committee

*Catherine Randles*, a member of the Registration Committee

*William Shoulders*, a member of the Youth Committee.

Congratulations to all of you!

## "Devil with the Blue Dress"

Seymour Chapter #134, held a Reception honoring Wanda Gray, Grand Adah of Indiana Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, at Central Christian Church on September 19, 2015. Guests were greeted for pictures in the Lobby of the Church. Pedestals topped with baskets of blue flowers and connected with garland of greenery surrounded the picture area where the honored guest and her husband were seated beside a pedestal with the emblems of Adah's station.

In the Sanctuary the Pulpit was flanked by 2 bouquets of silk hydrangeas with an appliquéd landscape of Adah with Jephtha on the front. The Worthy Grand Matron's Bible was on the Altar.

Visitors were welcomed by Worthy Matron Brenda Goss. Assisting with the activities were: Associate Patron, Rick Smith; Conductress, Gale Acton; and Organist, Rebecca Roland, Past Grand Organist. Photographers for the afternoon were Paul Barnett and Kristie Batey.

The Conductress presented Wanda Gray at the Altar and after accessorizing her as "the 'devil' with the blue dress on" and Brother Denver as Elvis complete with sideburns, escorted them to the East past the S&S Bouquet of Love Grand Family singing the "Devil with the Blue Dress".

The Tribute was given by Betty Swisher, PGM, and Fred Smith, PGP. Sister Wanda then introduced Worthy Grand Matron, Tina Vredenburgh, and Worthy Grand Patron, Larry Frost. Escorted across the East and introduced were Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Loretta Riehl, OES Representative to the Masonic Home Board, and her husband, Jack; and Dwayne Taylor, Grand Trustee and Past Grand Patron, and his wife, Geneva.

The Dare to Dream Grand Family escorted and introduced were: Nancy Frost, wife of the WGP; George Vredenburgh, husband of the WGM; Jill Rice, Associate Grand Matron and her husband, Jon; Ron Mendenhall, Associate Grand Patron and his wife, Karen; Cindy



WGM Tina Vredenburgh, Grand Adah  
Wanda Gray, WGP Larry Frost

Skura, Grand Conductress; Diana Surfus, Associate Grand Conductress; Les Simonton, Grand Chaplain, and his wife, Cheryl; Alice Rogers, Grand Ruth; Jenny Nicholson, Grand Esther; Sheryl Lentz, Grand Martha, and her husband, Cliff; Phyllis Graff, Grand Electa, and her husband, Dick; Charlene Holley, Grand Warder; Robert DeRolf, Grand Sentinel, and his wife, Melody.

The District Deputies and spouses, the Pretty Penguins and their Snow Buddies, escorted and introduced were from District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Introduced from the floor were the S&S Bouquet of Love Grand Family, Grand Chapter Committee Members, Grand Representatives, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons and Past Grand Organists, and Kylie Batey, Grand Drill Leader of International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Indiana.

Escorted across the East were Wanda's family: her husband, Denver; their 2 sons and their families; and Wanda's brother and sister-in-law.

The Benediction was given by Dwayne Taylor, PGP, with Larry Frost, WGP, giving the Table Grace. Dinner instructions were given by Rick Smith, AP.

Submitted by Margaret Kroman, PD

## 'Yellow Rose Garden Reception'

September 26th was a great day for 'Our Girl in Yellow,' Alice Rogers, Grand Ruth. Alice was honored at the 'Yellow Rose Garden Reception' by Hanover Chapter #525 and District #3 at Calvary Baptist Church in Madison.

The Meet and Greet portion began at 2 pm with pictures taken under an arch of yellow roses, Alice's favorite flower because they symbolize friendship.

Refreshments were yellow punch, yellow rose mints and other yellow snacks. After visiting, the guests retired to the sanctuary for the program.

Lynn Murphy, WM, greeted everyone and LaVonna Risk, PGM, gave the invocation. Alice was presented at the altar, then escorted East by the Showers of Blessings Grand Family. Elizabeth Lashley, PGM, and Darrell Arthur, PGP, delivered the tribute. Alice introduced Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Larry Frost, WGP. They gave Alice gifts of a crocheted pillow and a framed lace star.

Alice introduced the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and spouses with the thought that "Dreams are like sunshine. They light up our days." The Dare to Dream Grand Family was escorted and introduced and reminded that "Nothing in this world is more precious than your dreams." Fifteen "Pretty Penguins", our Dare to Dream District Deputies, and their Snow Buddy husbands were escorted and introduced. She charged them to "let your dreams carry you on wings of promise all the way to the stars."

The Showers of Blessings 'Rays of Sunshine' and their 'Suncatcher' spouses were escorted to the East. They each carried their costumed Kangaroos for a reunion with Alice's own 'Allie McRoo.' They were reminded: "When it comes to your own



Alice Rogers, center, with the Starfighters

potential-there's no limit. When it comes to how many dreams your heart can hold-there's no end."

The Grand Chapter Committee members and Grand Representatives stood. She then thanked Hanover Chapter and District 3 for all their support and encouragement. She thanked other special groups: her husband Jim; daughters Sierra Austin, Shirley Herrick and Shonica Hartless; her son-in-law Mark Hartless; and her grandchildren, Derek Herrick, Veronica

Hartless and Mason Hartless; and her Psi Iota Xi Sorority sisters who also helped this day.

Alice thanked WM Lynn Murphy, Scottsburg WP Tim Allen, Conductress Marsha Daugherty, Organist Freda Sommerfield and photographer Conner Olberding. Special thanks went to Carol Allen of Scottsburg Chapter for the loan of the 'Ruth' statue.

She also thanked Mandy Lyons, whose beautiful voice enthralled the guests with musical presentations. Mandy is an opera student at Indiana Universities' prestigious Jacobs School of Music.

Alice left everyone with this thought: "When I give you a yellow rose, I wish you the peace that heaven knows. As you look upon its beauty and feel the love, know that our friendship is blessed from above. Accept my yellow rose with love and peace. I pray that your joy in the lord will never cease."

We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the culinary arts students of the Southeastern Career Center. Tables were decorated with compote dishes, each holding a yellow rose. A golden rose charm was placed at each place setting.

## “JENNY LANE”



Jennifer Nicholson, Grand Esther, with her brother Tim Woods and sister Barb Woods, PM

A reception honoring Jennifer Nicholson, Grand Esther, was held at Taylor High School on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Over 150 guests were greeted by members of Center Chapter #108.

The entrance was decorated with white columns draped in purple. Social time refreshments included Chex Mix and Sparkling Punch. Guests had pictures taken with Jenny on a white bench in front of a backdrop of trees. A white pedestal supported the crown and scepter. Helen Herrell, PM, chronicled the day with photos.

After the prelude by Dottie Pilley, PM, Jennifer Mansur, WM of Center Chapter, welcomed guests. Dwight Singer, PGP, escorted Jenny into the auditorium decorated in the west with purple and white tulle and lights donning white lilies and bows. The east was draped in silver, backing a yellow butterfly in a tree, a reminder of her beloved husband Bob. A projection of her pin was the backdrop. There were also butterflies that were Jenny's gifts, along with butterfly brooches, to her sisters. A vase of white lilies on the piano was in remembrance of Jenny's loved ones gone before.

Invocation was offered by Betty Swisher, Jr. PGM. Jenny was presented at the altar where Stephanie Erny sang "For a Time Such as This". Dressed with white and purple beads, Jenny was escorted by Barb

Woods, PM, down "JENNY LANE", a clever walk down memory lane by the Moments of Freedom in Time Grand Family. Deby Thomas, GGCCM and PGM, and Rob Maines, PGP, were introduced and a Tribute given. Deby and Rob presented her a beautiful wood carving and a love gift from the Moments of Freedom in Time Grand Family.

Jenny greeted her guests. Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Larry Frost, WGP, were introduced. They presented a framed crocheted doily and crocheted pillow.

Assisted by Jan Warner, PM, Arnold Custer, PP, and David Trobaugh, PP, Jenny welcomed the following with lessons learned from trees: 1 General Grand Chapter Committee Member; 6 PGMs and PGPs and spouses; 11 members of the Dare to Dream Grand Family and spouses; 14 DDs and spouses; Grand Chapter Committee Appointments; Grand Representatives; WMs and WPs; PMs, PPs and PG Organists; Distinguished Officers of Masonic and Affiliated Bodies; 3 Officers of Youth Groups; and other guests. Family members introduced were: Jenny's brother Tim Woods, sister Barb Woods, aunt Mary Sprunger, cousins Pat and Marissa Menge, and "Kokomo Family" Tom and Marie Davis and daughter Abby.

Also recognized were the Footprints in Time and Moments of Freedom in Time Grand Families as well as Center Chapter and D#15.

Queen Esther (Stephanie Erny) approached the east. She told of her life and of the challenges that she faced. What wonderful entertainment. Jenny closed with the poem "Just One".

Following the benediction by Dwight Singer, PGP, and table grace by Rob Maines, PGP, all were escorted to the dining area. Tables were covered in purple and white and decorated with silver tree branches, butterflies and candles. The head table was lit with miniature illuminated trees and her mother's ceramic doll of Esther. Wooden crown napkin holders were table favors.

## Grand Martha Reception

Saturday, October 10, 2015, was a beautiful fall day in District 7, as Sister Sheryl Lentz, Grand Martha of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was honored with a reception at the Ellettsville Christian Church. Delicious cookies and mints in shapes of broken columns and lambs, made by Sister Karen Easterday, PM, Stanford Chapter, were served during the social hour. Tables were decorated in green with mirrored centerpieces of candles and green gems. Cardinals were found perched on the head table. In the auditorium, white columns adorned with ferns and cardinals stood in front of the stage.

Sister Taryn Crouch, Stanford Chapter, took pictures of Sheryl, Cliff and their guests standing in front of arched columns with potted ferns. Martha's pedestal at their right held the first broken column that belonged to Stanford Chapter #533.

A beautiful prelude was performed by Sister Rhea Dawn Gadberry, PM. Sheryl and Cliff was escorted to their seats by Sister Luann Isom, WM and Brother Bob Slaughter, WP. Sister Luann welcomed everyone. The invocation was given by Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM. Sister Sue Hays, Conductress, presented Sheryl at the Altar. Sister Lynn Padgett, WM Hymera Chapter, sang "He's That Close".

Sheryl was escorted to the East through a line of her Paradise of Faith Grand family and given helpful hints of how to kill spiders. She was dressed in a green robe with a spider crawling out of the pocket and pink flamingo slippers with large spiders on top. Cliff was dressed as "Grand Martha's Chief Spider Patrolman". Of course, by now everyone knows Sheryl's fear of spiders. And, as it turns out we learned that the WGM and WGP are not fond of spiders either.

The tribute was given by Sister Sonda Schapson, PGM, and Brother Cary Hetrick, PGP. They presented Sheryl with a beautiful glass pitcher with a Palm Tree etched on the front.



Sheryl & Cliff Lentz

WGM, Sister Tina Vredenburgh and WGP, Brother Larry Frost was introduced and given a hearty welcome. Sister Tina and Brother Larry presented Sheryl with a beautiful crocheted pillow and framed doily representing Grand Martha. Sheryl thanked them both for her appointment and presented them with love gifts for the WGM/WGP project and the Cancer Fund.

Escorted across the East and introduced were Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, the Dare to Dream Grand Family, the Pretty Penguins and their Snow Buddies and Sheryl's family and friends. Usual introductions were given from the floor and all were given a hearty welcome; each group was greeted with "Life Quotes".

Sister Sheryl recognized her Stanford Chapter, members of District 7 and the Paradise of Faith Grand Family. She expressed her gratitude for all those who came to help celebrate this special day.

Emily Webster, Past Honored Queen, Job's Daughters Bethel #22, Bloomington, sang three beautiful songs before turning the program back to WM Luann. Brother Robert Hoagland gave the Benediction and Brother Darrell Arthur offered table grace. All retired to the dining room for a delicious meal prepared by the Newberry Chapter.

## CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER????

In District 21, it was!!!! On Saturday, October 24, 2015, District 21 celebrated Christmas early to honor Sister Phyllis Gaff, who is serving as Grand Electa. The reception was held at the Hamilton, Indiana Life Center and the building was beautifully decorated with Christmas trees, snowmen, penguins and other winter items. There was a forest of Christmas trees separating the dining area

from the reception area. The tables in the dining area were decorated with candy cane place card holders, surrounding a candlelight centerpiece made of glass with holiday decorations. There was a beautiful winter backdrop and white Christmas trees in the photograph area. Sharon Servis provided winter themed prelude selections.

Sister Phyllis, in a wheelchair due to an unfortunate Hoedown incident, was presented at the altar where she was introduced by her daughter, Worthy Matron Debbie Mihalec, and invited to Rock around the Christmas Tree by Sister Renee Andrews, prior to being escorted to the west where members of the Shining Stars of Friendship and Faith Grand Family joined by the Candles of Friendship Grand Family "gave" her wings!! She was escorted to the east where she was met by Past Grand Matron Kathy Livings, who presented a wonderful tribute to Sister Phyllis.

There was a large crowd in attendance bringing warmth, love, and laughter to the event. Past Grand Matrons Diann Steinbarger (husband Jerry), Doris Howard, Sally Woodward, Barbara Terry (Grand Treasurer, husband Jim), Kathy Livings and Betty Swisher (husband, Charles) were joined by Past Grand Patrons, Mark Ridenour, William Shoulders, and H. Fred Smith (wife, Diane). The Dare To Dream



Grand Family was represented by Worthy Grand Matron Tina Vredenburgh (spouse George), Worthy Grand Patron Larry Frost (spouse Nancy), Associate Grand Matron Jill Rice (husband Jon), Associate Grand Patron Ron Mendenhall (wife, Karen), Grand Conductress Cindy Skura (husband, David), Associate

Grand Conductress Diana Surfus, Grand Marshal Les Simonton (wife, Cheryl), Grand Adah Wanda Gray (spouse, Denver), Grand Ruth Alice Rogers (husband, Jim), Grand Esther Jennifer Nicholson, Grand Martha Sheryl Lentz (husband, Clifford), Grand Warder Charlene Holley (spouse David) and Grand Sentinel Robert DeRolf (wife Melody).

The Pretty Penguins and their Snow Buddies were present in the form of Margaret Bebout (#1, husband, Billy Joe), Loyce Kulberth (#2), Cindy Essig (#6), Mildred Cooley (#7, husband, Steve), Angela Hensell (#10, spouse, Brian), Barbara Lanouette (#11, escort Jeff Carter), Pam Butz (#12, spouse Lowell), Ginny McCabe (#15, husband, Barry), Elaine Sample (#16), Marie Palacios (#20) and our own Joan Chavez. There were numerous representatives from Sister Phyllis' two Deputy Grand Families (The Shining Stars of Friendship and Faith and the Candles of Friendship), as well as persons from District 21 and persons from Sister Phyllis' church family.

Sister Diane Smith provided several musical selections for the entertainment portion of the program, which were enjoyed by all. Guests were then treated to a fabulous dinner of cold slaw, broasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, homemade bread with peanut butter spread and followed by apple and cherry pie.

## Ginger Snaps Breakfast Meeting

On Saturday, May 30, 2015, the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of 1981 – 1982 in District #18 met at Irene Lawson's home in Royal Center for a breakfast meeting of the Ginger Snaps.

Those attending included: Barbara McCloskey, President; Marge Speitel, Secretary-Treasurer; Ruby Wolfenbarger, a friend of Barbara's; Irene Lawson; Diane Lawson, Irene's daughter from Rockport, Texas; Ralph Mullins; Judy & Bob Musgrave; and Doris Gingerich, DD#18 in 1981 – 1982, and who the Ginger Snaps group was named after.



Breakfast of biscuits, sausage gravy, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, orange juice and coffee was enjoyed by everyone. Following breakfast a meeting was held which included the election of officers for 2015-16. Barb McCloskey re-elected as President and Marge Speitel re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer. Doris Gingerich closed the meeting with the Mizpah benediction. Pictured are: Front – Irene Lawson, Judy Musgrave, Barbara McCloskey, Doris Gingerich. Back – Ralph Mullins, Bob Musgrave, Ruby Wolfenbarger, Marge Speitel.

## Joyful JJs



Members of the Joyful JJ Grand Family met in Kokomo on Sept. 26th and 27th, 2015 to celebrate 25 years since serving for Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, and Brother Jerry Jonas, PGP (1990-91).

Many fond memories were shared. They visited the Veterans Memorial, Seiberling Mansion, Old Ben and enjoyed a driving tour of revitalized downtown Kokomo, which includes a new ballpark, home of the Jackrabbits. Before departing for home on Sunday, all attended worship service at Christ Lutheran Church.



## Memory Plaques

WP Lowell Karns, Secretary Vi Miller and WM Janice Miller presented Memory Plaques in memory of Vi Miller's husband, Wilbur Miller, to Ivy Chapter #69. Vi had Roger Weaver, a Mason and Eastern Star member, make them as a way to honor her late husband who was a member of Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge.



On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vi presented the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch plaques during the meeting of Deming Lodge #88 where Wilbur was a member. Each plaque is separate and can be displayed separately at viewings for deceased members.

## 75-Years an Eastern Star



In 1938, four sisters of the Rodgers family, Martha Holaday, Adah Ruth Weaver, Vivian Purvis, and Mary Alice Horvath, together with their mother Ada Carr Rodgers, were all induction together into the Order of the Eastern Star. This was the first time in the State of Indiana that five members of the same family have been inducted into an Eastern Star Chapter at the same time.

Now 77 years later, one sister, *Mary Alice Rodgers Horvath*, received a special and unique honor. On May 5, 2015, celebrating her recent 75-year membership, Mrs. Horvath was presented Eastern Star's Diamond Pin by her daughter Nancy Taplin. The event took place in the New Carlisle United Methodist Church with Worthy Matron Nancy Wickizer reading Mary Alice's history with the Eastern Star. This included holding the three star point offices of Esther, Martha and Electa.

Fred Rowe, Worthy Grand Warder of the General Grand Chapter and PGP, was in attendance and read a special poem during the presentation. Mary Alice received a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the end of the ceremony and a reception of cake and punch followed.

Congratulations to Mary Alice for reaching the 75-year member pinnacle!

Former resident Denise Cooper Simon, age 99, received her 75-year diamond pin in 2013. Denise served as Grand Electa in 1956 and 1957.



## SILVER ROSES



Sunday, September 20, was a lovely, almost-autumn, day to drive to Englewood Masonic Lodge for the annual gathering of the *Silver Roses*. (The *Silver Roses*, established by Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, welcomes Past Grand Star Points who did not advance.) Following a time of fellowship, the ladies and their guests enjoyed a delicious meal that was served by a few members of Englewood Chapter. In celebration of PGM Joy Ellen Kuppler's birthday, which also was that day, dessert featured cupcakes with birthday candles. When all candles had been lit, lights were turned out for the singing of "Happy Birthday."

During the business meeting conducted by President Sue Midkiff, a contribution to the Worthy Grand Matron's project was approved. In a silver candle ceremony, Sister Joy Ellen and Past Grand Star Points Darlene Shepard, Jayne Peterson, and Shirley Moore "officially" inducted Jr. Past Grand Star Points Lexi Johnson, Sherrell Bryant and Deb Cramer into the *Silver Roses*. In the wake of a "bullet train's" passing through, it was revealed that Darlene Shepard and Sherrell Bryant had been elected to serve as Secretary and Star-Lite reporter, respectively, until next September's meeting. The 2014-2015 officers advanced to new positions.

After discussion, it was decided to contact the Marriott regarding our having a buffet lunch on the Saturday of Grand Chapter. *Silver Roses*, please check future Star-Lite Magazines for additional information regarding this event.



### Another 75-Years

Betty Lou Carr of Irvington Chapter, seated, received her 75 year pin in July. Present were L to R: Larry Elstro, WP; Sheryl Shepherd Elstro, WM; Kay Kessler, PM; Barbara Lanouette, District Deputy; Bonnie Allinder, PGM; Shirley Collins; Robert DeRolf, Grand Sentinel; Melody DeRolf, PM; and Bob Kessler, PP.

## A Sendoff to General Grand



Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Hoosiers gathered in Franklin at the Masonic Lodge for an afternoon of food and fun. Everyone was dressed in black and white which also reminded us of our Indianapolis 500 Race. The East was decorated with a fan-shaped holder of the colored flags of the Indianapolis 500 race with a lighthouse in front on the step below. There were black and white covers on the pedestals in the West and South.

Many people are planning to go to Pittsburgh soon to support Susie Roach, PGM, in her quest for the office of Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress at General Grand Chapter. Susie was escorted by Grand Conductress Cindy Skura to the altar for introductions. Her escort lined up from the East to the West holding black and white checkered flags as Mike escorted her to the East. Three General Grand Chapter Committee members were introduced: Debbie Thomas, PGM, Community Service Committee; Kathy Livings, PGM, ESTARL Committee; and Greg Onken, PGP, Credentials Committee were recognized. Instead of individual introductions, each group was recognized: six Past Grand Matrons, three Elective Grand Officers, six Appointive Grand Officers, nine Deputies, nineteen Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, two Grand Representatives, and six Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

Elizabeth Lashley, PGM, was in charge of the activities. She gave a history of Susie's Eastern Star years. Susie has been Worthy Matron seven times and is a Past Grand Matron.

Part of the entertainment was presented by nine of Susie's sister deputies who told the tale of the shoes (as Susie just loves to buy all kinds of shoes). These were the shoes of her



past, present, and future including motorcycle shoes, Dutch wooden shoes, boots and ballet slippers which were then added to Susie's very large collection of shoes.

Then twelve of Susie's fellow Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons presented "The Race Is on." Susie was presented by Mike to six stations where the colored flags of the Indianapolis 500 were explained. Susie was dressed in an apron for this exercise. In the East she was presented a rose, a "bottle" of the victor's milk and a trophy. Each was a miniature replica. Dwight Singer, PGP, had been the Race announcer for this activity.

Closing remarks were given by Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Madonna Meyerrose, PGM, who stressed the wearing of the black and white in Pittsburgh...let them know that Indiana is there, and Henry Huff, PGP. Madonna Meyerrose gave the closing prayer.

The Journey to Pittsburgh is on!

## Alpacas Invade IMH



Three alpacas from SuPaca Farms, LLC were on the grounds at Masonic Home Day in support of our Grand Sentinel, Robert DeRolf and to promote the sale of Paca Poo Tea Bags, a refreshing organic stimulant for all plants. Many visitors of all ages stopped by to look, touch, learn about and have their pictures taken with the super soft, curious alpacas. SuPaca Farms, LLC, Gosport, IN is an agritourism farm in Monroe and Owen Counties which caters to the elite fiber artisan. SuPaca Farms is owned by SueLynne Childers, WM of Golden Rule #413.

## Eden Chapter Hosts First Inspection

Eden Chapter and Fortville Chapter held their Inspection, the first for District 6, at Eden on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 P.M. Eden had the Opening under the direction of Linda Jordan, Worthy Matron, and Irv Lewis, Worthy Patron.

Guests for the evening were: Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and Larry Frost, WGP, and their spouses George and Nancy; two PGMs - Lois Wagoner and Joyce Small, Grand Trustee; Diana Surfus, AGC; Wanda Gray, Grand Adah; Alice Rogers, Grand Ruth; Jennifer Nicholson, Grand Esther; Cheryl Lentz, Grand Martha; Phyllis Gaff, Grand Electa; District Deputies - Mary Ann Herron, #3; Roberta Lamson, #5; Angela Hensell, #10; Pam Butz, #12; Jennifer Pelter, #14; Elaine Sample, #16; Joan Chavez, #21; and "Our own" Cindy Essig, #6.

There were many Grand Chapter Committee appointments present and one Worthy Matron, Mary Ann Toll of Morristown and one Worthy Patron, Carl Hinshaw of Ransford IMH.

The Initiatory work was under the direction of Wanda Lillyblade and Bruce Thompson, Worthy Patron.

One special event of the evening was the appointment of a new Grand Representative for District 6. Wanda Lillyblade was presented at the altar by Larry Frost, WGP, and appointed Grand Representative of Puerto Rico in Indiana.



## Loda Stewart Honored

Sullivan Chapter #188 held an honor night for Sister Loda Stewart, Grand Representative of Oregon Grand Chapter. Social hour began at 5:00 p.m. Guests had their picture taken with Loda and her husband Bob with a backdrop that included a covered wagon. A delicious "Chuck Wagon" dinner was served 6:00 p.m.

Chapter was opened by Sister Nichola Napier, WM, and declared "at ease". Sister Loda was presented at the altar and escorted to the East through current and former Grand Representatives of District #7. The tribute was given by Sister Eliz Lashley, PGM. Sister Loda then presided over the introductions and shared some Oregon facts – Oregon became as state in 1859. The Beaver is the state animal and the state flower is the Oregon Grape blossom. The state bird is the Western Meadowlark and the state tree is the Douglas fir.

Remarks were given by: Eliz Lashley, PGM; Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM; Brother Darrell Arthur, PGP; Sister Sheryl Lentz, Grand Martha; and Sister Millie Cooley, DD#7. Benediction was given by Brother Darrell Arthur, PGP. The Chapter was closed by Sister Nichola. All retired to the dining room for refreshments.



## Riverboat Dinner Cruise

What a beautiful evening a lively group enjoyed as we cruised down the Ohio River on a Riverboat Dinner Cruise in August! Our "inaugural" Riverboat Dinner Cruise was sponsored by the steering committee for our Grand Marshal, Les Simonton.

The evening began with a lot of excitement as we boarded the riverboat, found our reserved tables and anticipated the delicious buffet-served dinner. We strolled outside on the decks, took in the setting sun and the Cincinnati skylights and danced and enjoyed the band on the upper level. A bonus as we cruised by the Cincinnati Bengals stadium, we could actually see the live action on the big screen as they were playing during a home game.

Our dinner and cruise was 2 1/2 hours, but it certainly did not seem to be that long! Everyone had an enjoyable evening. The committee has decided we need to do this again on May 21st, so set your sites for a relaxing riverboat dinner cruise next spring!

## Cancer Fund Auction



What a wonderful Friday evening it was in historic Elmhurst Masonic Lodge in Connersville on October 9th! For their Friends' Night, Connersville Chapter No. 346 and District 12 Cancer Fund Chairperson, Stacy Baker sponsored a free-will dinner and auction to benefit the Indiana Grand Chapter Cancer Fund. Following the delicious meal, fun was had by over fifty members and guests during the auction of dozens of donated items. Brother Dan Scott was the auctioneer with Brother Kenny Eldridge and Sister Stacy were his assistants. Many useful theme baskets, local retailer donations, delicious homemade candies, cookies and pies, craft items, gently used household items and jewelry were just some of the donations that helped raise over \$1000 in the competitive, yet friendly bidding. Sister Stacy and her husband, Brother Skip Baker, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, many of their officers and

members, as well as members from other District 12

Chapters worked together to make the evening a lot of fun and a huge success.

Every member has been touched by cancer either directly or indirectly and many of us would not be here were it not for the research done by the American Cancer Society, who continuously supports medical research for treatments for various types of cancer. They also provide numerous support programs for patients and caregivers during the difficult time of treatment.

In addition to the beautiful cancer ribbon pins and "Hope comes in all colors" bracelets being sold by the District Chairmen this year, several other district chairmen in the state have also planned special events and projects to raise funds. One of those projects is selling hand-made 5" x 7" cloth pouches made by District 10 Cancer Fund Chairperson, Karen Ingles. She has sold 185 of her multi-use zippered pouches and still has several on hand. If you would like one, email her at [tulip112@comcast.net](mailto:tulip112@comcast.net).



On October 23, 2015, **Lois Chapter #147** in Greensburg, Indiana, hosted its fall-themed Friends' Night. O.E.S. members from several District Four chapters were greeted by decorations of pumpkins, scarecrows and fall flowers. The chapter presented the game show, "Who Wants To Be The Star of Useless Information?" hosted by Jean Hoffman. In groups of four, the "contestants" answered multiple-choice and true/false questions about useless information. Then, the "Star" round of all the winners was played. The "Star" winner was Lisa Wagoner from the North Vernon Chapter. Many laughs were shared over the puzzling questions.

## Hope Chapter Donates



Hope Chapter #5 recently helped several groups that assist in the welfare of women and children in their community.

OES members suggested various groups at a meeting and after a heartfelt discussion selected three groups to help; Hartford House, Women's Domestic Violence Shelter and CASA. At their next meeting, members brought in many bags and laundry baskets of personal care and household items that were later taken to Hartford House and the Domestic Violence Shelter.

The Hartford House gives children that are victims of abuse a place to be interviewed that is safe, secure and private instead of going to the police station.

The YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter, as well as providing 24/7 safe haven for women and children, has case management services that assist women in finding ways to become self-sufficient.

A white elephant sale was also held at that meeting and yielded a very generous \$65 that was donated to CASA, which is "Court Appointed Special Advocates" for abused and neglected children.

All three groups were very appreciative of the outpouring of support from Eastern Star and we even got a shout out on Facebook!

## Franklin Chapter Honors Its Youth

On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Franklin Chapter invited the youth of Job Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and the DeMolay, as well as the adult leaders of each group to their meeting. There were sixteen young members of these groups and ten adult leaders present.

Sandra Heath, Worthy Matron, and John Haynes, Worthy Patron, greeted these representatives of our future. Sandra honored them with a quick look to the future as these are the future of our organizations. She had the young people introduce themselves. She gave each a small token of their visit: a red, white and blue bookmark or a rainbow colored key chain. The Jobs Daughters and DeMolay, which are sponsored by the Franklin Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge, were each given a \$50 check. The Rainbow Assembly is sponsored by the Greenwood Chapter and Masonic Lodge.

After a photo session, all were invited to the dining room for pizza, cookies, chips and other snacks.

After a short visit, the Eastern Star Chapter members excused themselves to return to having their stated meeting.



## Indiana's Birthday Friends' Night

On Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Franklin Chapter hosted the first Friends' Night in District 6. Everyone gathered in the Franklin Masonic Lodge dining room for a casual evening of fun and facts.

The dining room was decorated in red and blue tables centered with ceramic cutouts of the state of Indiana, and everyone was given a plastic canvas Indiana in red, white and blue. Red roses were trailed along the center of the head table where the officers were seated.

Sandra Heath, WM, and John Haynes, WP, presided. After the Welcome, Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation given by Joyce Small, PGM, the guests were introduced. They were: Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM, and Lonnie; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Roberta Lamson, DD#5, and Bob; Cindy Essig, our own DD#6; three Grand Chapter Committee Appointments - Patsy McKee, WGM's Project of Dine and Recline, Barbara Heath, 6<sup>th</sup> District Star-Lite Reporter and Sue Midkiff, "On The Road To Branson" Bus Trip; Grand Representatives - Linda Beeler, North Dakota - Sue Midkiff, Alberta, Canada - Katy Ford, Mississippi - Wanda Lillyblade, Puerto Rico; four WMs and WPs - Mary Ann Toll, Patricia Shepherd, Wanda Lillyblade and John Haynes; Youth Groups - Anna Burton, Grand Guide of Jobs Daughters and Caroline Haag, Assistant to the Grand Drill Leader of Rainbow for Girls.

Following the introductions a short history of early Indiana was given by Barbara Heath, Secretary. She was dressed in a blue print pioneer dress with a white apron. She assumed the personality of her Great Grandmother, Barbara Ann Hastings, who lived in the time of the plan for Statehood for Indiana. She told of methods of farming, how clothes were made, gathering of food, nuts and fruits from the wild. Indiana was Indian Territory and she told about their presence. A picture of Tecumseh, Indian leader in Indiana, and a map of the treaties were shown. The proceedings for Statehood had started in the autumn of 1815 and Statehood was gained in the spring of 1816.

The Flag of Indiana was explained. The nineteen stars represent Indiana as the nineteenth state. Many of you may know that 1816 was known as the "year with no summer". It was due to a volcanic eruption Mt. Tambora in Indonesia in April of 1815. The wind currents took about a year to bring the effects to Indiana. It was unseasonably cool, and each week during the summer the weather was even cooler. Crops did poorly. Many people starved to death during this very cool summer and autumn.

A Raggedy Ann doll was shown as well, as it is her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

Friends were introduced and each was given one of the cutouts of Indiana in ceramic as a gift. Closing prayer was given by Sandra Heath, WM, after thanking all for coming to our Birthday celebration of Indiana's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a State in the United States.





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## WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- Feb 14** D#4 Valentine Tea, IMH  
**Mar 7** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Lake Chpt, D#19  
**Mar 11** 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Center Chpt, D#15  
**Mar 12** Last Inspection in D#12, GOEx  
**Mar 22** 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Middletown, D#12

### INSPECTIONS

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm,  
 Award of Gold 7:20 pm  
 Inspection 7:30 pm  
 Unless otherwise noted

- Feb 18 D#13** at Daleville w/ New Burlington & Winchester  
**Feb 25 D#11** at Irvington w/ Golden Rule, Englewood & Lynhurst  
**Feb 29 D#1** at Lynnville w/ Golden Fleece & Patoka  
**Mar 4 D#17** at Beulah w/ Remington Luncheon  
**Mar 8 D#18** at Converse w/ Wabash & LaFontaine Luncheon  
**Mar 10 D#5** at Bennington w/ Versailles & Andersonville Luncheon  
**Mar 12 D#12** at Connersville w/ Loyal, Martha Poe & Lewisville, GOEx  
 Lunch 12:00, Addenda 12:45,  
 Baby Dedication 1:10, 50 Yr.  
 Awards 1:20, Inspection 1:30  
**Mar 14 D#15** at Clinton w/ Helen Bonebrake & Russiaville  
**Mar 16 D#14** at Fort Wayne w/ Churubusco, Floral & Trinity  
**Mar 18 D#21** at Ashley Luncheon  
**Mar 21 D#20** at South Bend Scottish Rite w/ Lakeville, St. Joseph, Valley & New Carlisle  
**Mar 24 D#19**

- Mar 29 D#4** at Lois w/ Seymour, North Vernon & Hartsville Luncheon  
**Mar 31 D#2** at Winslow w/ French Lick & Birdseye  
**Apr 1 D#1** at Sunbeam w/ Friendship, Robert Morris & Evansville Luncheon  
**Apr 6 D#10** at Lebanon w/ Pittsboro & Whitestown  
**Apr 7 D#13** at Mississinewa w/ Swayzee & Upland Luncheon

### RECEPTIONS

- Jan 30** Jennifer Pelter, DD#14  
 Trinity Chapter, Social 2:30,  
 Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow  
**Feb 6** Mary Jane Evens, DD#9  
 Parke Co. Fairgrounds,  
 Rockville - Social 9:00 am  
**Feb 6** Angela Hensell, DD#10  
 Lebanon, Social 2:30,  
 Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow  
**Feb 13** Mary Ann Herron, DD#3  
**Feb 13** Roberta Lamson, DD#5  
**Feb 20** Teresa Kalber, DD#8 - at Riley  
**Feb 20** Mildred Cooley, DD#7  
 AM VETS, Social 2:30,  
 Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow  
**Feb 27** Barbara Lanouette, DD#11  
 Millersville Lodge, 9:00 am  
**Feb 27** Cindy Essig, DD#6  
**Mar 5** Pam Peters, DD#13  
**Mar 5** Barbara Sommers, DD#18

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### RECEPTIONS

- Mar 19** Joan Chavez, DD#21  
**Mar 19** Marie Palacios, DD#20  
 Goshen Masonic Lodge,  
 Social 2:30, Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow  
**Mar 26** Margaret Elaine Bebout, DD#1  
**Apr 2** Loyce Kulbeth, DD#2 at Birdseye

### FRIENDS NIGHTS

- Jan 9** D#3 Blazing Bright  
**Jan 22** D#3 Jeffersonville  
**Jan 25** D#11 Englewood  
**Feb 11** D#17 Beulah  
**Feb 29** D#11 Prospect  
**Feb 29** D#20 Bristol 7:00 pm  
**Mar 4** D#3 Old Capital  
**Mar 4** D#13 Daleville  
**Mar 14** D#17 Tippecanoe  
**Mar 16** D#11 Corinthian  
**Mar 19** D#11 Oakland 7:00 pm  
**Mar 22** D#11 Lynhurst  
**Mar 25** D#3 LaBelle  
**Mar 25** D#7 Ivanhoe 7:00 pm  
**Mar 30** D#11 Southport  
**Apr 1** D#14 Trinity 7:00 pm

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- Jan 30** D#14 Fort Wayne –  
 10:30 am  
 Lunch to follow  
**Feb 5** D#18 Ivy  
**Feb 12** D#7 Bloomfield  
**Feb 19** D#8 Pimento  
**Feb 22** D#15 Clinton  
**Feb 26** D#10  
**Mar 1** D#5 Rising Sun  
**Mar 26** D#1  
**Apr 2** D#2 Birdseye



Joan Chavez, DD#21, Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, Pam Butz, DD#12 and Bonnie Allinder, PGM, got "down" at the 11<sup>th</sup> District Hoedown on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at Bridgeport Chapter. Fun was enjoyed by all attending.

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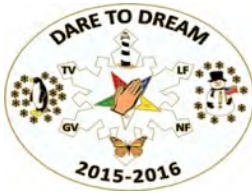
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