



## UNITED WE STAND

It is hard to believe how quickly the time is passing by as I travel to all of your wonderful districts across this state. Fall is filled with many of my favorite things such as the smell of cider, a cup of hot cocoa, the crackling sounds coming from bonfires, the leaves changing into such beautiful colors, as well as the scary movies and hayrides. I love it all. God certainly has given us many spectacular scenes to emulate the beautiful place He has prepared for us. It certainly makes traveling across the state very enjoyable. I have already had the opportunity to visit with many of you at the inspections, luncheons, and receptions. These visits will all hold a very special place in my heart.

I have enjoyed watching my sisters and brothers performing their duties during the inspections. As I walk into your chapters, the welcoming smiles warm my heart and is one of the most incredible benefits of being a member of the Indiana OES.

Where else can you belong, that no matter where you go, there are sisters and brothers eager to welcome you in as part of their family. I've been so very proud of all of the hard work and dedication to our Order that has been evident through your memorization of your lectures and floor work during my visits.

Your district deputy now has the new 3-year membership pins available for the members that want to show their support for the projects we are doing this year. All members are entitled to the membership pin that you add to through these years. It has the new Indiana logo on it with two rings on the bottom edge. This is where you will be able to add additional bars showing your charitable support of our projects that will provide for the needs of our veterans, residents at IMH, those battling cancer, or trying to pay for college.

I hope that you are planning on attending the Trace Adkins concert in November and the Indiana OES Cruise aboard the Carnival Sunshine Ship in May. Both of these events will help raise money for our Paws for Patriots Project. Diana Surfus is the state chairman for this project. Our Freedom Walkway Project to get our residents at the Freemasonry apartments sidewalks so they no longer need to walk on a highway to get to the amenities on campus is under the direction of Pam Butts. Have you seen the quilt that will be raffled off at Grand Chapter benefiting this project? It is valued at \$500 and it is a beautiful patriotic quilt. Sister Pam and her committee members are also selling bags and boas. Many of our other state chairs are busy as well. Please help support these projects.

As I read through the secretary books, it pleases me to see the work that our chapters are doing in their communities. Many of you have been doing your part to help grow our membership. However, we all must do our part if we really want to build a brighter future for our Order. Our communities need us as much as we need them. If you are looking for ways to attract members, ask yourself what made you interested in joining. We are making a difference in the lives of others and there are many others that would love to feel like they too are making a difference, so let's find them. We just have to make it known who we are, how we serve others, and how much fun we can have when we are together.



Have you had a fun-filled social gathering since Grand Chapter? If not, what are you waiting for? Fall is a wonderful time to throw a party or have an outing where prospective members can join in on our fun. I believe in each one of you and want the best for each of your chapters. I hope that you know how truly special each of you are to me and to our beautiful Order.

God bless the OES and God bless the USA,  
Angela Hensell, WGM



## WALKING STICKS

Many of you have noticed that I sometimes have a cane or walking stick with me when I come to Eastern Star meetings. I don't just carry a stick because they are pretty, although I confess that I take some small measure of pride in the appearance of some of them. I've made quite a few of them as a result of walking in the woods after work. Something about a walk in the woods and enjoying nature has always been a great stress reliever for me. As I walk, I watch for small saplings with vines growing around them. Those vines often leave permanent marks, or scars, winding around the trunk of the sapling. Some scars are very pronounced and deep at the base of the tree and then gradually fade out or disappear as the sapling grows taller.

As I grow older and a little less sure of my footing, I appreciate my walking sticks more and more. Even on level ground I feel more secure. Going up and down steps becomes much less complicated with a walking stick in my hand. And I remember often that as I travel along life's road; an eternal friend walks beside me to guide and support me through all the difficulties and trials that may come to me. Often, I feel my eternal friend takes the form of a simple maple or walnut stick with the outline of a vine climbing around it. Even more often; especially of late, I realize that my Eastern Star Family is an even more important guide and support for the difficulties and trials of life.

This year has presented some challenges I had not expected. As I approach my 80th birthday, my body has complained about needing some repair work done. Luckily, we have an excellent hospital here in Madison. It is staffed with excellent Doctors, Nurses and Technicians. While dealing with my colon cancer, they have uncovered some other problems. But it isn't just the medical people who bring about cures. It is mostly the prayers and good wishes of friends and family that bring about healing. I want to thank all of you for the cards, the phone calls and the love you have sent my way. I never knew how much they would mean to me.

Jim Rogers, WGP



### STITCHED WITH LOVE WGM/WGP RECEPTION

District Ten and District Three were proud to host the July 16, 2022, reception honoring Sister Angela Hensell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Rogers, Worthy Grand Patron, at the New Brunswick Church of Christ. Using the quilting theme, Stitched With Love, throughout the day our guests were served treats and bottled water in the social room.

Sister Angela and Brother Jim, along with their spouses Brother Brian and Sister Alice, greeted the many guests in front of a backdrop of family heirloom quilts. The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons that Sister Angela and Brother Jim served with through the years graciously allowed us to use the quilts received from the Grand Families during their respective Sessions.

The sanctuary also had quilts on display. An Americana quilt adorned the East and an antique quilt from Brian Hensell's Grandmother was on display as friends entered the sanctuary. The backdrop in the East was the flag painted cross that was used at the Grand Chapter Installation.

Prior to the program, a quilting bee addendum written by Sue K. Hendricks was presented.



The quilters, portrayed by Pam Mills and Lisa Perkey-Comstock, imparted the history of Sister Angela and Brother Jim's Eastern Star journey to the East. As each Grand Family was recognized, the Past Grands read an appropriate quilting quote from a strip of "binding" which was added to the quilt. When the quilt was finished it contained replicas of each Grand Family's pin, including Angela's apple and Jim's Christmas tree. The program closed with all singing "Bind Us Together Lord." The quilt was then placed in the near East behind our distinguished guests.

The entertainment for the afternoon was Sister Allison Deckard, Past Grand Worthy Advisor, who shared some patriotic songs. Everyone was invited to join in if they knew the words.

Sister Sarah Cooke, WM of Whitestown, and Sister Sharon Barnes, WM of Hanover, greeted everyone and thanked all for their sharing the day with our Districts and Chapters. After being presented at the altar, Sister Allison shared the song "Be Humble and Kind" to the WGM and WGP.

Escort lines were formed by the "Shining Lights of Faith," "Dare To Dream," and "Showers of Blessings" Grand Families. Adorned in patriotic outfits, the Hensell's and the Rogers' passed by each of their Grand Families.

Sister Angela and Brother Jim proceeded with introductions of the dignitaries, their families, Districts, Chapters, and various groups they have been a part of. After the dignitaries were introduced, they received an Americana candle mat of the log cabin quilting pattern made by Sister Dee Rietz and Sister Dawn Chiles.

Presentations of love gifts were made on behalf of District Ten by Sister Madonna Meyerrose, PGM, and on behalf of District Three by Sister Sharon Barnes, WM. Sister Angela had Brother Billy Jo Bebout present a handmade walking stick to the WGP. And Brother Brian presented Sister Angela a portrait of herself with her parents watching over her shoulder from their place in Heaven.

Brother C. Don Munden gave the dinner instructions after which all retired to the gym for a fabulous home cooked meal, including apple pie! The table centerpieces were candle mats with sewing hoops and red, white and blue stars dangling from them. The table favors were dispensers of mini mints and the silverware was wrapped and tied with quilting scraps. Thus, binding together a beautiful afternoon celebrating Eastern Star fellowship in the family of God.



## LUNCHEON IN DISTRICT THIRTEEN

On a beautiful summer Thursday in June, District Thirteen hosted the luncheon for Worthy Grand Matron Angela Hensell at the Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The tables were decorated using a patriotic theme. After table grace by PGM Patricia Endsley, we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Sister Maribeth Hix of Mississinewa Chapter, and served by members of Mississinewa Chapter.

Past Deputy Kimberley Frederick served as the mistress of ceremonies. As each group was introduced, Kim gave "kernels" of information about popcorn, because Van Buren is the home of family-owned Weaver Popcorn, and of an annual Popcorn Festival.

We heard interesting stories from Grand Adah Miriam Murphy, Grand Ruth Sharon Slaughter, Grand Esther Carrie Kesler, Grand Martha Pam Peters, and Grand Electa Barb Pefley. Each GSP was presented with a patriotic cross. Table favors for all were packages of microwave popcorn, while those sitting at the head table also received a patriotic whirligig.

The afternoon concluded with Sister Kim thanking everyone for coming and bidding safe travels home.

## LAFONTAINE HAS A BUSY NIGHT IN JUNE



The evening started with Andrea Benbow, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, presenting the Dick and Nancy Kumler Scholarship to Grace and Garrett Geller. Grace will be attending Grace College studying Finance and running Cross Country. Garrett will be attending Purdue Ft. Wayne studying Computer Science. The twins' parents are Ken and Sister Lori Geller; grandmother, Sister Janet Weaver; and aunt, Sister Lisa Hutchinson; are members of LaFontaine Chapter. A regular meeting was



held after this presentation.

After the chapter was closed, a bridal shower was given for Sister Beth Weaver. The dining area was decorated with floral arrangements in the bride's colors of navy and dusty mauve with candies and candles. Refreshments of ice cream, assorted fruits, cheese and crackers were provided by Sisters Andrea Kumler and Meghan Doyle. The chapter provided the cake. The wedding date for Beth Weaver and Larry Johnson is set for June 18. The shower was enjoyed by all.

## LAFONTAINE BABY SHOWER



Following our August meeting, LaFontaine Chapter #301 had a Baby Shower for Sister Meghan Doyle. She and her husband Bryce are expecting a little girl in October. Her name is Daisy Jean. The dining room was decorated in pink with "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" decorations. The Grandmother-to-be Sister Lori Brane provided cookies iced with a daisy and the name Daisy on them and ice cream.

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## FORT WAYNE CHAPTER #432 HONORS 50-YEAR RECIPIENT



On Tuesday, August 2, PGM Diana L Surfus presented the Award of Gold to 50-year member Sister Marjorie May Bennett in a ceremony at her condo clubhouse in Fort Wayne. In attendance were her daughter-in-law, Barbara May; Worthy Patron Steven Maxwell; Associate Matron Marcia Snow; Secretary Margaret Smith; Martha Millie Walker; and Warder Garrett D. Smith. Prior to the ceremony Diana gifted Marjorie with a "Golden Roses" pin, which is a special group of fifty-year members in District 14.

Sister Marjorie received a yellow and white rose corsage and decorated cake from the Chapter, which all enjoyed on gold plates with gold forks. Marjorie was initiated in December 1972 and served her Chapter as Electa in 1974 and Esther in 1977 and 1980. She reminisced about her years in Eastern Star and had her Bible that was presented to her at her initiation as well as her 25-year pin, an OES ring, and several pieces of Eastern Star jewelry including an officer charm bracelet. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all.

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## KOKOMO INSTALLATION

Presentation of Emblems was observed before the Installation of Kokomo Chapter#89 on June 25th. Jan Warner, Past Matron of Center and Russiaville Chapters, presided. The following Past Matrons presented the emblems: Contessa Barber, Stephanie Graves, Goldie Snavelly and Annetta Barnett - Kokomo chapter; Jennifer Mansur - Center chapter; and Mary Jo McClellan - Russiaville chapter.

The following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Kariah Barnett Blackburn; Worthy Patron, Robert Barnett; Assoc. Matron, Stephanie Graves; Assoc. Patron, Bill Graves; Conductress, Contessa Barber; Assoc. Conductress, Toni Keller; Chaplain, Michael McNear; Marshal, Delores Burnsworth; Adah, Tillie Smith; Ruth, Shannon Orpurt; Esther, BobbiJo Barber; Martha, Goldie Snavelly; Electa, Nikki Barnett; Sentinel, Samantha Grey. Four of the officers are new initiates. The following officers will be installed later: Secretary, Annetta Barnett; Treasurer, Beverly Broeker; and Warder, Rosie Sexton.

Presiding over the installation were: Installing Officer, Annetta Barnett; Installing Marshal, Jennifer Mansur; Chaplain, Rob Maines; and Secretary, Lisa Bales.

This year Kariah Barnett Blackburn, W.M. is presiding with her grandfather, Robert Barnett, W.P. This is a first for our chapter and we are looking forward to a wonderful year.

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## CORRECTIONS TO THE AUGUST ISSUE

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## DISTRICT 18 INSTALLATIONS

The chapters in D#18 held their installations in 2022 beginning on June 13th when Wabash Chapter #90 installed their new officers. Jo Dee Dale was installed as Worthy Matron and Robert Musgrave as Worthy Patron. Jean Sneed served as Installing Matron assisted by Roberta Ancil, and Judy Musgrave. Following the installation light refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

On June 27th Converse Chapter #334 installed their new officers. Prior to the meeting members and guests enjoyed a meal. Installing officers were: Installing Officer Roberta Ancil, Installing Marshal Leila Ferguson, and Installing Chaplain Kaye Sorrell. Officers installed were: Judy Shrock, WM; Gary Sherritze, WP; Barb Sommers, AM; Xen Prickett, AP; Corey Sommers, Sec.; Milford Wagler, Treas.; Rita Nolan, Cond.; Mia Ellet, AC; and Bonnie Christie, Sentinel.



July 9th Royal Center Chapter #375 installed their new officers. Following the meeting light refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Installing Officers were: Installing Officer Judy Shrock; Installing Marshal Roberta Ancil; Installing Chaplain Linda Torpy; and Installing Organist Rhonda Maggard. The officers installed were: Leila Ferguson, WM; Jim Brown, WP; Don Mullens, AP; Nancy Pratt, Sec.; Sharon Campbell, Treas.; Tina Mullens, Cond.; Lori Helton, AC; Malissa Poor, Marshal; Cynthia Biggs, Adah; Martha Brown, PGM, Ruth; Becky Mullens, Esther; Mary Barnett, Electa; Judith Poor, Warder; and Jo Ann Metzger, Sentinel.

July 14th held Ivy Chapter #69 installation of officers. Prior to the meeting a meal was enjoyed by all. Installing officers were: Installing Officer Nancy Pratt; Installing Marshal Leila Ferguson; and Installing Chaplain Cynthia Biggs. Officers installed were: Linda Torpy, WM; Tom Torpy, WP; Rosemary Trump, AM; Vi Miller; Sec; Sue Purvis, Treas.; Diann Slaymaker, Chaplain; Margaret Torpy, Adah; Cindy Freed, Warder; and Janice Miller, Sentinel.



Prior to the meeting and installation at LaFontaine Chapter #301 on July 18th, an Award of Gold was presented to Lemoine (Bud) Enyeart. He was presented at the altar by Conductress Kaye Sorrell. Past Grand Matron Martha Brown conducted the ceremony. High School friend Darlene Turner pinned his 50-year jewel. Following the meeting light refreshments were enjoyed by all. Officiating the installation were: Installing Officer Nancy Pratt, Installing Marshal Leila Ferguson, Installing Chaplain Janet Weaver, and Installing Organist Rhonda Maggard, Swayzee Chapter in D#13. Officers installed were: Jean Sneed, WM; Jim Weaver, WP; Sandra Weaver, AM; Roberta Ancil, Sec.; Kaye Sorrell, Cond.; Linda Harris, AC; Janet Weaver, Chaplain; Jo Dee Dale, Marshal; Regina Hiple, Electa; Darlene Turner, Warder; and Terry Hiple, Sentinel.





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## MANY THANKS FROM QUILT DONATION

A year ago, I submitted an article about a quilt I had donated to be used to earn funds for the "Our World of Youth" Scholarship Fund. I described the quilt's features and included a picture of it. It was hand-quilted by my mother, Helen Jackson, a fifty-year+ member of Daleville Chapter #568, with a little help from my own 1983 District 13 Deputy, Madeline Currie. It was presented to me by my parents and younger sister on stage after our Installation of Grand Officers in April 1983 at the Murat Temple in Indianapolis.

I donated it in June 2019, and Brother Bob Surber, PGP, and member of the Grand Trustees at that time, took possession of it. Since this was the beginning of a new Eastern Star year for which all the plans had already been made, this extra project was "put on hold." (Due to Covid, it was delayed for two years!) Later it was given to Brother Rick Lassiter, our AGP, to be its caretaker. I want to thank Brother Bob and Brother Rick for their work in getting "Raffles" approved so that method could be used to handle the quilt project.

I want to especially thank Brother Rick for taking such good care of the quilt and for taking it with him to all the Inspections in 2021-2022. This was an extra task for him along with his many other obligations. I also want to thank Sister Gleda Brooks, our Worthy Grand Matron during that time, who accepted this extra project during their "Symphony of Faith and Love" year and for "promoting it" as well as their own special projects.

A BIG "thank you" goes to Sister Edna Baker of Fishers Chapter #446, State Chairperson of the project, and each of the 21 District Chairpersons for all their efforts. Because of the wonderful work they did and the great response they achieved, the total amount collected was \$3,450—much more than I ever expected! Words cannot express my gratitude to all of you sisters and brothers who purchased tickets (\$5 each) and made this such a worthwhile project. My dear mother would have been so proud! (Sadly, she passed away in 2014 at Bethany Pointe Nursing Home in Anderson at the age of 97 after a long, happy life with many Eastern Star memories.)

For those who might be wondering why I chose to part with such a beautiful heirloom, I have only one Eastern Star relative to inherit it—our daughter, Cathy (Cline) Burrus, a member of Daleville Chapter #568 for forty years next June. She and her husband have no children. Thus, there would be no heirs to enjoy it and understand what it represents—our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. I didn't want someone other than an Eastern Star member to have it!

I am happy to say that a sister from Pittsboro Chapter #416 in District 10, Sister Diana Rogers, who is a Past Matron there, is the recipient of this very special treasure from my mother and me. Congratulations!!! I thank Sister Beth Rutledge, my District 10 Deputy in 1983, for drawing the winning name since I couldn't be present—and I'm sure Sister Diana thanks her, too! (A little "birdie" from our "Bluebirds of Happiness" Grand Family told me that Sister Diana purchased 40 tickets!)

Thanks again to all who contributed and helped with this most worthwhile project.

Much love and thanks,

Linda Cline, PGM

P.S. Vaughn and I think of you often and miss you very much!

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## IMPORTANT MAILING INFORMATION

Please remember to mail all Star-Lite correspondence, including renewals, address changes, Stellar Stars and ads, to Nancy Pratt, Editor, NOT to the address on the back of the magazine. That address is the Grand Secretary's office and we use that address for non-profit mailing rates. The Grand Secretary's office does not keep track of Star-Lite information, the Editor does.

## AND THE WINNER OF THE QUILT IS...

Congratulations to Sister Diana Rogers who is a member of Pittsboro Chapter #416 in District 10. Her raffle ticket was selected at Grand Chapter as the winner of the quilt that Sister Linda Cline, PGM, donated with proceeds going to Our World of Youth. In my report that I read at Grand Chapter, raffle ticket sales were \$3,450! All the sales will go to Youth Scholarships that Grand Chapter presents each year.

A big thank you to Sister Linda who donated the quilt for such a worthwhile cause—OUR YOUTH. I want to thank all the District Chairs that worked hard to sell the tickets, and to Brother Rick Lassiter, JPGP, who worked hard to get the raffle license set up (no small job!).

The theme for last year for Our World of Youth was “Help Make Dreams Come True,” and you, Sisters and Brothers, all certainly “Made Dreams Come True” for our youth with your great support.

Here is a picture of Sister Diana (on the right) proudly holding the quilt. Helping her hold the quilt is Sister Pam Pizzato, also a member of Pittsboro Chapter, who was District 10 Chair for OWOY last year.

Edna Baker, Former State Chair of Our World of Youth



## DISTRICT 5 LUNCHEON

District 5 Past Deputies Association held their annual luncheon honoring Angela Hensell, Worthy Grand Matron of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, on Monday July 25, 2022, at The Reservation Restaurant in Milan, Indiana.

District 5 PDD Association President, Mrs. Connie Branigan, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and performed introductions.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Angela Hensell, spoke to the group about the WGM and WGP projects for this year; the Freedom Walk for Compass Park Masonic residents and Paws for Patriots (ICAN). She also spoke to the group regarding membership and our need for acceptance and kindness.



The Let Freedom Ring Grand Star Points also attended and spoke to the group. They each explained their background and how studying their star point heroine has touched them personally.

At the close of the meeting, District Deputy #5, Julie Leap, thanked everyone in attendance and wished all safe travels. It was a wonderful day filled with love and laughter. District 5 was blessed to have so many current and past grand family members and district deputies present to honor our Worthy Grand Matron Angela Hensell.



***It's our duty to positively impact the lives of our brave veterans.***

Hello, ICAN Family and Friends.

For many veterans, the battle isn't over when they come home—and the service-related trauma associated with their service to our nation impacts their quality of life.

Because of this, we knew that ICAN needed to reach more veterans. And so, over the past year, we began pursuing a plan of action to broaden and expand our services for veterans—

starting in the Ft. Wayne area.

Today, we are publicly announcing our merger with Our Turn to Serve (OTTS), a not-for-profit organization in the Fort Wayne area that provides service dogs for veterans with combat-related challenges specific to PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and military sexual trauma.

This merger continues our mission to change lives on both ends of the leash by helping clients and inmate handlers feel empowered, break barriers, and overcome challenges that help them achieve their full self-determined potential.

ICAN's operational strengths combined with OTTS's relationships will allow us to increase access to well-trained service dogs for veterans in the Ft. Wayne area with a future mission of serving veterans all throughout Indiana.

This incredible opportunity will touch the lives of our brave veterans thanks to every donor, volunteer, employee, and supporter of ICAN.

Together we will continue to unleash possibilities for those we serve!

Truly,

Jillian Ashton, President of ICAN

## PAWS FOR PATRIOTS

Eastern Star's charities include, but are not limited to, Cancer Fund, Heart Research, Scholarships, Religious leadership Scholarships and many other Community needs, but our Signature charity is Service Dogs. The program works with accredited groups that train, develop and place Service dogs.

Paws for Patriots is the WGM Service Dog project this year to help support training of service dogs for Veterans. To support Paws for Patriots this year, go online to our web store at [OES-pawsforpatriots.itemorder.com](https://OES-pawsforpatriots.itemorder.com). There are t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, ball caps, an apron, and even a bandana available in many colors and specific sizes.

A phone number is listed for any special questions or order changes. All items are printed in Indiana and will



be shipped as available. Order now for holiday and special events gifts.

Put your best PAW forward and support PAWS FOR PATRIOTS.

## BRINER RECEIVED 50 YEAR AWARD

On May 29, 2022, Worthy Grand Matron Gleda Brooks of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star presented Mrs. Judy Briner of Bennington Chapter #407 her 50-year service award. Mrs. Briner was presented her award of Gold at her home in Madison, Indiana. Her husband and caretaker had the honor of pinning her. It was a very emotional and moving ceremony for Judy who now suffers from Alzheimer's.

Those in attendance were, the Worthy Grand Matron Gleda Brooks, her husband Jerry Brooks, recipient Judy Briner, her husband Bill Briner, Worthy Matron of Bennington Chapter Julie Leap, Worthy Patron of Bennington Chapter Glenn Crandell, and Associate Patron of Bennington Chapter Roy Leap.

It was a beautiful afternoon spent visiting with the Briners and sharing this special occasion. Mrs. Briner is truly a humble and kind spirit full of love for others.



## SPENCERVILLE EASTERN STAR SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROGRAM

To help our local school children begin a successful start in the school year, the Spencerville Eastern Star partners with Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe, IN and (2) Preschools in DeKalb Eastern School System. We supply each of the 20 classrooms with (2) Kits containing pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glues, folders, Binder notebooks, paper tablets and many other supplies requested by the Riverdale Teaching Staff, Little Joes Preschool, and Colburn Corners Preschool. We donate \$1000.00 to support this project. This is our 12th year supporting this program. To date we have provided School Supplies for 384 Kids!



## RUTH LYNESS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

July 16th was not the usual Saturday for Michigan City resident Ruth Lyness. First, her family placed her on a lavish high-backed chair, fitted a sash around her shoulder and waist, and positioned her to greet more than 60 visitors at Lynn Williams Hall in New Carlisle.

A U.S. Navy veteran, longtime middle school teacher and artist, Ruth got to meet former students, friends and family she hadn't seen in years, and all five of her great-grandchildren, who got up on stage to sing "Happy Birthday."

But it wasn't just any birthday, as Ruth turned 100. To the crowd, she proclaimed, "I feel fine, I'm not going anywhere and I'll see you at my next birthday party!" Ruth's life was well worth celebrating. Attendees said Ruth has been a fixture of the community almost since she moved to Michigan City in 1966. She taught art at Krueger Junior High School for 20 years, and her photo hangs in the Michigan City Area Schools' Wall of Fame, an honor she received in 1995. She delivered Meals on Wheels around the city for many years and regularly helps out at the soup kitchen at the First United Methodist Church. On top of that, she served in the Navy during World War II.

Born in Indianapolis in 1922, Ruth attended Arsenal Technical High School, where she started her art education. After high school, she attended college, but then went on to serve in the Navy from 1944 to 1946. She didn't see combat, but had an interesting experience as a mail carrier.

"Going into the Navy was kind of a surprise to me and everybody else," she said. "I was at work in an office downtown and I went out to lunch and went by this recruiting office and thought I had no business being here, so I stepped inside and signed up to be in the Navy." She received her training at Bainbridge, Maryland, then went to New York to work at the post office, before being sent to Norfolk, Virginia.

After her service, Ruth attended Indiana University, where she got a master's degree in art, along with her teaching credentials. It was also where she met her future husband, Capt. John Lyness. They had both joined the Independent Students Association, and did everything together, she said. Following college, and after their marriage, John returned to the Army. They lived at Fort Bragg in the early 1950s, and Ruth taught art classes to the officers' wives. They would go on to have five children, Jack Lyness, Kris Prohl, Karen Lyness, Kathy Lee and David Lyness, along with five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. John would pass away in 2015, after 66 years of marriage.

Besides the 60-plus attendees, including her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Ruth received 105 birthday cards, many of which contained gifts



she later donated to the soup kitchen at the First United Methodist Church. Now she's just looking forward to the future. "I'm just going to live my life and enjoy it and enjoy all my friends," she said.

## STELLAR STARS OCTOBER 2022

### 1 Star

### 2 Stars

In Honor of

Judith Adkins, PM for her many years of  
service

as Secretary of the chapter

And

Jeanne Bain, PM for her many years  
of blessing our chapter with beautiful music

From Corinthian Chapter #456

In Memory of

Walt Randles "Papa Walt"

Husband of Cathie Randles, PGM

From his Deputy Daughters

& Spouses

of the Wings of Faith Family

### 3 Stars

In Honor of

Marian Bradbury

Grand Representative of Manitoba,  
Canada in Indiana

From Corinthian Chapter #456

In Loving Memory of  
Betty Bush, PGW & PD  
Hartsville Chapter #550

From your Sister

Sue A. Vandagriff

In Memory of Mary B. Davis

Beloved wife of Bill Davis

Born April 11, 1934

Passed away November 4, 2021

Past Deputy of District 11 1999-2000

Past Matron many times of Daylight  
and Oakland Chapters

Former Grand Representative

Greatly missed by members of

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*On the way to South Carolina*

## CHECK YOUR CALENDARS

### WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- Oct 15 Hope Chapter 150th Anniv.  
 Oct 15 Hoedown, D#11  
 Oct 22 PAWS for Patriots  
 Oct 29 DD#3 Reception  
 Nov 6 Nettie Ransford Day  
 Dec 3 Grand Family Christmas Party

### INSPECTIONS / LUNCHEONS

- Inspections - Baby Dedication 7:00 pm  
 Award of Gold 7:10 pm, Inspection 7:20 pm  
 GSPE = Grand Star Points Exemplify  
 Initiatory
- Oct 12 D#3 Inspection  
 Oct 14 D#7 Inspection GSPE  
 Oct 18 D#5 Inspection  
 Oct 20 D#11 Inspection at Lawrence  
 w/ Keystone & Corinthian  
 Oct 21 D#14 Inspection GSPE  
 Oct 24 D#21 Luncheon/Inspection  
 Oct 25 D#20 Luncheon/Inspection  
 Oct 27 D#2 Luncheon/Inspection GSPE  
 Oct 28 D#1 Luncheon/Inspection  
 Nov 2 D#4 Inspection GSPE  
 Nov 4 D#10 Inspection GSPE  
 Nov 9 D#11 Inspection at Lynhurst  
 w/ Oakland  
 Nov 10 D#16 Inspection GSPE  
 Nov 15 D#17 Luncheon/Inspection GSPE  
 Nov 16 D#19 Luncheon/Inspection  
 Nov 28 D#7 Inspection  
 Dec 7 D#13 Inspection  
 Dec 9 D#6 Inspection



*South Carolina WGM & WGP*

### RECEPTIONS

- Oct 8 DD#17 Mindy Hollingsworth  
 Oct 29 DD#3 Marsha Daugherty  
 Oct 29 DD#4 Janice Hogan  
 Nov 5 DD#11 Linda Buchanan  
 Nov 5 DD#6 Dori Cooper  
 Mooresville Masonic Lodge  
 800 Indianapolis Rd., Mooresville  
 Social hour 2:30 pm, Program 4:00 pm  
 Dinner to follow  
 RSVP by Oct. 28 to: Sandy Harris  
 80 Dunn Dr, Mooresville, IN 46158  
 sandyharrisoes@aol.com  
 317-407-8461
- Nov 12 DD#5 Julie Leap  
 Nov 19 DD#16 Virginia McCabe

### FRIENDS NIGHTS/DAYS

- Oct 25 D#11 Lynhurst  
 Nov 15 D#11 Keystone  
 Dec 21 D#11 Millersville

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