



A Walk in the Woods



The stillness of winter brought the opportunity for inner reflection and a time of renewal. How many of our New Year resolutions are still happening? Goals to get that garage or closet cleaned out, lose a little weight, or maybe drink less caffeine (not in my world!). In this we are all the same with our optimism but often we take on too much and accomplish little of what we had planned.

It is here that we can take heart in nature itself. Each year, the winter season allows nature to focus on just one thing-preparing for the upcoming spring. The bleak sunlight and snowy winter scenes, though beautiful, show us little of the persistent happenings that herald the new season. The beauty of spring is always there, nurtured within the earth, and when the season begins, the magic and colors of spring burst forth and bring a smile to all.

Just as nature has given us an example, we can ask ourselves, what is the one thing that we can do to make a change within our Chapters? The answer is different for each of us. At the state level, Brother Tom, Sister Terry, and I

chose to focus on less to do more. The second half of the Nature Sings Grand Family service year remains focused on doing just that through statewide events supporting current leadership and statewide projects.

We have already enjoyed the statewide fundraiser in January for the "Never Walk Alone" Service Dog project. Other events happening include the March reception honoring your District Deputies and future leaders of our organization, along with the April Foxhunt in support of Our World of Youth scholarships, and 'Dancing with the OES Stars' event for our Youth Organizations in May. We look forward to seeing you at each event!

It has been our privilege to work alongside you for the good of our Order last year in your events as well! Let us know what your Chapters have planned in this new season!

Going forward into this year, do not be discouraged, the changes in nature and in each of us are happening. Soon we will look back and see just how far we have come!

May the beauty of this new season bring you peace knowing that even the smallest change can have a big impact!

Now, where did I put my coffee?!

Carol Davis
Worthy Grand Matron



Notes from the Woodshop

The winter season arrived early this year, blanketing the landscape with fifteen inches of snow well ahead of the official start on December 21.

As we step into the New Year of 2026, after a period of rest and rejuvenation, we are eager to dive back into our Grand Chapter responsibilities. My tuxedo has been freshly cleaned and is ready for the upcoming formal events, and I trust that the other formal attire is prepared as well! It's hard to believe that in just three months, we will have completed all the official visits across the state, leading us to the Indiana Grand Chapter.

My time in the woodshop has been temporarily set aside, not by choice, as other pressing matters have taken precedence. I take great pride in our Grand Star Points, District Deputies, and all Grand Officers for their unwavering commitment and outstanding efforts. Our projects are thriving, and I encourage everyone to lend their support where possible.

The "Seed of Hope" initiative is gearing up for a "Dancing with the Stars" event on May 2 in Terre Haute. Have you been Squirrelled yet? Keep an eye out for the yard sign; it might just appear in your yard soon! For more details, don't hesitate to reach out to your Deputy. The "Never Walk Alone" Service Dog Project is flourishing, and "Follow His Star," which funds the ESTARL Scholarship, had a successful sale of tree pins—I hope you managed to grab one while they were available. The Nettie Ransford Scholarship penny bucket collection will continue, with the district that raises the most funds being rewarded with a pizza party hosted by WGM Carol and myself. Additionally, the "Blessings from Above" World of Youth Scholarship event will feature a "Walking in the Woods English Foxhunt" on April 18, and I hope you can join us in supporting this cause. Your generous contributions to the Benevolent Fund for the Masonic Home Project brought immense joy to the residents this past Christmas, leaving a lasting impact on their hearts.

As we approach Valentine's Day, don't forget to extend your warm wishes to your loved ones! My poem to you:

A friend who's there to make you smile,
To hold your hand through every mile,
This friend is there through all you do,
This friend, I think,
Is just like You!

Star Love,
Tom Ring
Worthy Grand Patron





Racin' to the Bricks in '36

The first-ever Grand Family Challenge, a dinner buffet and “Grand” Theater, was an afternoon of good times good fellowship, and good food. It was wonderful to see so many people in Anderson, but at the same time, understand that everyone can't go to every event. There were thirteen entries Grand Families acting out movies ranging from *Grease* to *Star Wars* and *The Wizard of Oz* to *Blazing Saddles*. It was evident that much effort and preparation had gone into the presentation of these movie scenes. A **GREAT JOB** by all!

This was a fundraiser for the convention in 2036, as Indiana will host our General Grand Chapter with our own Sister Susie Roach presiding. “The Pit Crew” working for this triennium event will have many other events in the future. All proceeds from the events go to the support of the session in 2036. We always welcome new members. There are many items for sale. The committee thanks everyone for coming and participating in this exciting program.

In the end, the “Symphony of Faith and Love” Grand Family finished in first place. Many, many thanks to Miriam, our very capable director, for guiding us and leading us. Hats off to all who participated in our presentation and a special thank you to all who were there to support the cast of *Airplane*.



Nature Sings Themed Tree Display

The Nature Sings Grand Family partnered with the local Zorah Shrine in Vigo County to donate an adventure themed tree display. This was just one of the record-breaking number of displays donated by the community this year, topping out at 103 from 97 last year!

The Temple sponsors this annual fundraising event to help support the funding required to cover transportation costs to and from Shriners Hospitals without the burden to the families.

This is an amazing event that allows us to join together with our Masonic Brothers and support those in need within our communities!

Bringing Joy to Compass Park Residents

The profound challenges faced by residents dealing with Dementia and other memory care issues—feelings of anxiety, isolation, and agitation—require solutions rooted in both innovation and compassion. While the presence of a live animal offers immense comfort, the practicalities of care often make it unfeasible in a residential setting. This gap is brilliantly filled by the Robotic/Electronic Companion Pet, a sophisticated, non-pharmacological tool that delivers the therapeutic benefits of companionship.

The Joy for All Companion Pets, are key players in this therapeutic movement. Designed specifically for older adults, these lifelike cats and dogs possess realistic, soothing fur and are embedded with sensors that enable them to respond authentically to touch and voice. The cat will purr with a gentle vibration, meow, and nuzzle, while the dog responds to voices with soft barks and happy tail wags.

These interactions are far more than novelty; they are therapeutic interventions shown to:

- **Reduce Anxiety and Agitation:** The consistent, gentle response from the pet provides a vital focusing mechanism, effectively de-escalating disruptive behaviors in patients with cognitive decline.
- **Combat Loneliness:** By offering a reliable, affectionate presence, pets dramatically alleviate feelings of isolation and improve overall emotional well-being.
- **Stimulate Engagement:** The pet acts as a "social catalyst," encouraging residents to communicate both with the pet and with caregivers and family, anchoring them to positive social routines.

The need for these therapeutic companions at Compass Park (formerly the Indiana Masonic Home) is being addressed through a powerful community initiative: the First Lady Mel Seipel's Companion Pet Project. This project is dedicated to placing Joy for All Companion Pets directly into the hands of residents struggling with the effects of memory loss, providing them with a profound source of purpose and comfort.

The simple act of nurturing a pet once again allows residents to tap into positive, familiar rituals, serving as a powerful anchor to cherished memories and improving emotional regulation. The Indiana Masonic Home Foundation is a critical partner, coordinating the collection of donations necessary to secure and distribute these specialized companions.

Further bolstering this mission of support for Compass Park residents is the generous contribution from the Spencerville Chapter #386 of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES). Demonstrating their enduring commitment to charitable works and to the residents of Compass Park, the Spencerville Chapter provided a significant donation to sponsor and support one of these invaluable therapeutic pets. This thoughtful contribution ensures that one more resident will receive the calming, loving companionship that can dramatically enhance their quality of life.

The action taken by the Spencerville OES Chapter #386, in concert with First Lady Seipel's



Project and the Masonic Home Foundation, exemplifies how local organizations and compassionate leadership can unite to provide innovative and deeply meaningful support, ensuring dignity and joy for those navigating the challenges of memory care.

Pictured left is: Eric Vermeulen-Executive Director IMHF, Steve Maxwell Spencerville OES Assoc. Patron, Julianne Hyde Spencerville OES WM, WM Melanie Seipel, First Lady of Masonry of Indiana, Most Worshipful Randolph (Randy) Seipel, Grand Master of the Free & Accepted Masons of Indiana.

OES Serves Kingman

Members of Fountain Chapter #204 cooked a Beef and Noodle dinner for the Masons of Kingman Lodge #314. Members are: George and Tina Vredenburg, PGM; Elaine Sample, Past Grand Ruth; Pat Miller, Past Grand Ruth; Thelma Ellingwood; Mary Nelson; Tiffany Newnum. The Masons enjoyed the meal and our OES loved helping and serving our Lodge Brothers. Just a special way we help our Masons.



Ice Cream for the Service Dogs

Members of District #16 have a spot at the Newport Hill Climb where Diana Surfus, PGM & chairman of the ICAN Service Dog Project for the last 3 years, serves ice cream to the public. This year the district helped and members of DeMolay helped, too.

Members of District #8 of Terre Haute #43 are Cheryl Phillips, Nita Roberts, Elana Dix. Members of the DeMolay are John Hoopingarner, Jordan Eden, Gabe Smith, Darlea Lawrence, along with John's father who helped tear down on Sunday. Members of District #16, George and Tina Vredenburg, PGM, and Elaine Sample, Past Grand Ruth, helped set up and serve with Diana Surfus, master scooper of the ice cream.

It was a beautiful weekend and many happy people came from all over to enjoy the ice cream and experience the Newport Hill Climb.



District Deputy #7 Reception

Sister Karen Easterday was honored with a reception on November 8, 2025 celebrating her as District Deputy of District #7 at Linton Masonic Lodge in Linton, Indiana. Sister Luann Isom, Worthy Matron, and Brother Forrest Lynch, Worthy Patron, opened the reception by welcoming attendees, giving instructions, and sharing ceremonial elements including a poem, invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Sister Karen was escorted to the East, honored by Stanford Chapter, and warmly introduced.



Sister Karen expressed gratitude to the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Carol Davis and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Tom Ring, who acknowledged her service and presented her with a gift. She also thanked the hosting officers and helpers—Sister Luann, Brother Forrest, Sister Rhea Dawn Gadberry, and Sister Sheryl Lentz.

Numerous distinguished guests were introduced, including General Grand Chapter Committee Member Brother Rick Lassiter, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, members of the Nature Sings Grand Family, and District Deputies from multiple districts. Special guests from Sister Karen's first deputy family (1976–1977) were also recognized. Sister Karen introduced her husband Brother Allen, their son David, and the nine past Deputies of District 7.

Additional honored guests included representatives of ESTARL, the Service Dog Project, Session Arrangements, and Job's Daughters International, as well as several Past Matrons and Patrons. Sister Karen expressed thanks to Stanford Chapter, District 7, the Linton Masonic Lodge, and all who helped prepare and support the event.

Entertainment was provided by Sister Lynn Padgett, who performed a humorous adaptation of "My Favorite Things." The gathering concluded with a reminder about table decoration donations, the Mizpah Benediction, and table grace. Sister Karen and Brother Allen were presented honorary memberships to Columbian Chapter before attendees were dismissed for lunch.

Toys for Firefighters

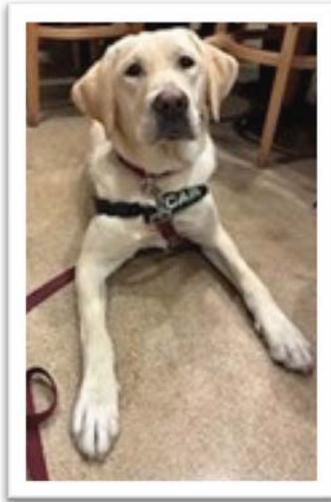
Each year Stanford Chapter #533 donates toys to local children in need. This year in November, we partnered with Marshall Township Fire Department of Lawrence County and donated toys to their annual drive.

They dress up and take the fire truck out to the community around Christmas on special "Santa truck" runs where they find eager children waiting outside. The volunteer firefighters donate the toys and had ours to distribute as well! The toys are also used during the year when responding to emergencies involving children.

Pictured are Sister Sharon Slaughter, Sister Jackie Grimes, Sister Sheryl Lentz, Sister Sarah Hamlin, Sister Luann Isom, Sister Danielle Keene, Sister Mary Fettinger, Sister Erica Seiffert, and Sister Starr Fish.



Gracie Graces Her Presence With Greencastle Chapter



Gracie spread her sunshine to the D#9 Greencastle Chapter #255 members and guests. Two representatives of ICAN were in attendance. Gracie was sponsored by the chapter and is now 9 months old. Gracie is currently furloughing with Emma who takes her to her place of employment and gets to socialize with residents of a nursing home. She showed off some of her skills she has been working on. The chapter met at the Putnam Inn for their holiday dinner on December 3.



Family Affair at Athens Chapter

November 13th marked a memorable evening for Athens Chapter #97 as multiple generations came together to celebrate milestone achievements.

Leanah Elmore Brown was recognized with her 50-year Award of Gold, honoring her decades of dedication. Her daughter, Nicole Kyger, received her 25-year pin. In a touching family moment, both awards were presented by Nina Kyger, granddaughter and daughter, who proudly pinned her mother and grandmother. The ceremony was led by Catherine Randles, PGM, who presented the awards in recognition of their service. Pictured are: Nina Kyger, Nicole Kyger, Leanah Brown, her husband, Mark, and PGM Sister Cathie Randles.

Leanah's parents, the late James and Marlene Elmore, who served as our chapter secretary for over 30 years, were also remembered as devoted members of Athens Chapter, making this celebration a true testament to the family's enduring legacy.



Fall Comes to Pittsboro Chapter

October and November brought additional activities to this District 10 Chapter. As with all events, the Pittsboro Chapter #416 members happily welcomed the extra activity.

On October 27, 2025, the Chapter served a delicious meal, prior to the Stated meeting, in honor of Sister Rosalee Hoover Ratliff who was to be recognized that evening as a 75-year member. The menu included chicken and noodles, with all the trimmings, and dessert.

After the meal, members, family, and friends retired to the Chapter room for the Stated meeting presided over by Worthy Matron Sister Pam Pizzato. Sister Janet Mustin, as Conductress, presented Sister Rosalee at the Altar.

Brother Richard Lassiter, GGCCM and PGP, recognized our newest 75-Year recipient and gave her the beautiful pin she had earned for her years of service. Her daughters, Diane Burns and Dona Gregory, were delighted to “pin” their mother. It was noted that Sister Rosalee was initiated at Twelve Mile Chapter #557, on June 3, 1948. She affiliated with Pittsboro Chapter on December 22, 1952.

Brother Carl Hinshaw, Grand Chaplain, added to the festivities of the evening by serving as Organist. Music is always the “Icing on the cake”, especially when Brother Carl is providing it!

November 20th brought the Official Visit of Worthy Grand Matron Sister Carol Davis. Pittsboro Chapter served as hosting Chapter and shared the evening’s duties with Whitestown Chapter #248 and Plainfield Chapter #414. Sisters and Brothers found the Chapter room and dining room nicely decorated in honor of Sister’s Carol’s favorite time of year, Fall. With the successful completion of the evening’s duties, all enjoyed grab and go refreshments, before heading home!



Pictured from L to R Sister Rosalee's daughters Diane and Donna, Sister Rosalee, Brother Rick Lassiter, and Sister Janet Mustin

Trinity Chapter Honors Garrett D Smith

On December 12th members and friends of Trinity Chapter #576 assembled to honor Grand Representative of Maine in Indiana, Garrett D. Smith, with a Maine Honor Day. Under Good of the Order, Garrett shared his experiences traveling to the Maine Grand Chapter, beginning with avoiding a rental car with New Jersey plates! He was accompanied on the trip by his mother, Margaret. He explained how the Maine Grand Chapter events differed from the Indiana Grand Chapter, including a small elevator to assist people in getting from the floor to the stage. Special guests included PGM Jenny Nicholson Maggart and District 14 Deputy, Rita Dunfee.



PGM Cindy Willyard requested a personal email be read to Garrett extolling his service to the Order as he is a 25-year member and was very deserving of this honor. Harold Rowe, PGP, chose Garrett specifically because he himself was the Grand Representative of Maine at one time. Garrett explained the red hat he was wearing since he was one of the Voyagers chosen that year. Marylou Blinn, Secretary of District 14 presented a love gift to Garrett along with a big hug! Pictured with Garrett is Worthy Matron Shari Lynn Wyatt, Worthy Patron Doug Dewey, and fellow Voyager Kathrine Caldwell, Grand Representative of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Indiana.

Following the meeting all enjoyed a carry-in meal of various delicious foods prepared by the members. The banquet tables were adorned with miniature Maine flags. Each guest received a Maine magnet and a summary of things specific to Maine along with pictures of his trip.

Seymour Chapter Celebrates

Seymour Chapter 134 has had several special anniversaries. 25-year members are OraLee Schwade, Lana Byrns, Doris Henderson and Tawana Guthrie. The Fall Official Visit was hosted at Seymour Chapter with Salem also participating.



OraLee Schwade with PGM Loretta Riehl and Paula Stafford District Deputy 4



Doris Henderson with PGM Loretta Riehl



Moses and Hazel love their new foxes.

WGM Carol Davis and WGP Tom Ring with PGM Loretta Riehl, Jr. PGP Denver Gray and DD# 4 Paula Stafford.



Spencerville Expanding Outreach to Feed the Hungry



The Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #386 is dedicated to serving the community by providing food assistance to those in need. The Food Bank Program, initiated by Arden Dwyer approximately 20 years ago, has grown significantly. Initially, the program supported a single food bank. However, recognizing the increasing demand for food assistance, the chapter extended its reach to include multiple food banks in local churches. In 2019 the program extended its support to the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home in Woodburn, Indiana.

In 2020, the Quiet Knight’s Veterans Food Pantry located in Waterloo, Indiana, and the Hearten House Women’s Shelter in Auburn, Indiana were added to the program. Recognizing the importance of addressing addiction recovery, the Serenity House Alcohol and Drug Abuse Residential Recovery Homes Program was incorporated in 2021. In 2022 Images of Hope Ranch of Auburn joined the Spencerville OES Food Bank Group. Most recently the Heimach Senior Center of Auburn - Emergency Senior Food Bank became part of this year’s giving program.

Through this comprehensive program, Spencerville Chapter #386, OES, strives to make a meaningful impact in our community on the lives of those facing food insecurity and other challenges. By collaborating with various organizations and providing essential food supplies, the chapter demonstrates its commitment to alleviating hunger and promoting community well-being.



Tina Krafft, Terri Rosenbury, Ari Lauer, Quiet Knight Veteran’s Food Bank Treasurer Chris Lamm.



Hearten House Program Coordinator Chelsea Loffer, Julie Redmond, Teayshawna McKean, OES Members Laura Dangler, Vanessa Bailey, Erin Cooper



Serenity House Drug-Rehab Center Resident-Dana, House Manager-Jessica Lopez, OES Member-Becky Hoover, Beacon Credit Union- April Rice



Woodburn Children’s Home Board Member Joe Hines



OES Members Tina Krafft, Aubrey Rutherford, Image of Hope Ranch CEO/Founder Alisha Shanks

What Do These Names Have in Common?

K	F	E	Y	S	S	O	R	O	T	H	M	A	S	T	N
O	A	B	L	Y	H	S	N	W	T	R	L	I	U	U	R
O	E	E	R	A	A	O	T	L	I	I	E	S	N	L	S
Z	A	N	R	A	S	D	L	A	L	L	L	D	N	I	D
P	N	G	O	T	N	A	R	L	F	A	S	O	Y	H	X
N	U	O	A	S	D	E	Y	E	U	F	S	O	I	N	R
S	O	W	S	N	P	B	H	G	T	U	O	N	N	E	S
A	B	S	E	N	L	M	H	I	G	S	S	R	V	Y	R
N	A	K	L	A	H	T	O	R	P	H	A	O	D	E	N
T	K	I	D	I	E	O	E	H	A	L	O	E	M	L	O
U	E	E	N	R	W	F	J	W	T	H	E	A	O	F	T
S	R	E	B	R	A	B	E	E	L	E	R	G	S	E	R
E	E	F	N	U	D	W	S	F	A	C	M	I	I	P	U
S	H	A	K	E	R	O	O	M	C	H	I	L	E	S	B
S	I	V	A	D	A	L	P	H	A	G	N	I	R	L	Y

Find the CAPITAL names in the puzzle.

The unused letters spell out the answer to the title of this puzzle.

ALPHA, Susie	FEY, Shelley	RING, Tom
AULD, John	HARGUS, Nan	ROSS, Cynthia
BAKER, Stacy	HINSHAW, Carl	ROTH, June
BARBER, Contessa	HOOVER, Betty Lou	SANTUS, Martha
BEELEER, Jonny	HOWARD, LaTricia	SHAKE, Tamara
BRANE-HIPLE, Regina	JOHNSON, Rachel	SLAUGHTER, Bobby
BURTON, Anna	KENDALL, Marcie	SNYDER, Julie
CHILES, Greg	LEAP, Julie	STAFFORD, Paula
CRAMER, Mary	LILLYBLADE, Wanda	THOMPSON, Ruth
DAVIS, Carol	MAST, Marie	WATSON, Tammy
DUNFEE, Rita	MINIX, Nancy	WILSON, Cheryl
EASTERDAY, Karen	MOORE, Donna	WILSON, Denise
FERGUSON, Leila	MOSIER, Pamela	ZOOK, Keith
	PEFLEY, Barb	



DeKalb County Veterans Awards

Many members of the Spencerville OES, as well as our veterans and their family members, have proudly served in the United States military. In recognition of that service, our chapter is honored to support veterans within our community through two meaningful awards this year.

First, the chapter has chosen to give the DeKalb County Veteran's Bureau \$500 in grocery and gas gift cards. These cards will be distributed to local elderly veteran's who were impacted by the recent government shutdown and did not receive their SNAP benefits during this time.

Additionally, we are proud to award \$500 in gift cards to the DeKalb County Veterans Treatment Court. The Veterans Treatment Court is a problem-solving court designed to address the unique needs of veterans involved in the criminal justice system. These gifts will be presented to veterans as they achieve milestones within the program, honoring both their progress and their service to the United States of America.



Presenting gift cards for DeKalb Co. Veterans are: Spencerville OES members Marty Fogle, Ronda Fogle, Samantha Saylor – DeKalb Co. Veterans Service Officer.



Presenting Gift Cards for Veterans Treatment Court are: Spencerville OES Members Jim Rosenbury; Ryan Hall, DeKalb Co. Veteran Court Rep; Richard Lentz; Kelly Ash

"Donut Make You Smile" Award



Spencerville Eastern Star awarded a \$500 "Donut Make You Smile" College Scholarship during the Spencerville Children's Christmas Party. The scholarship was presented to Tyler Webb, recognizing his achievements and commitment to furthering his education. The presentation was part of the annual holiday celebration, which brings the community together to support and encourage local youth. Spencerville Eastern Star is proud to support students and invest in the future of the community.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR STAR-LITE?

You have received this issue, but will you get the next one? Check your expiration date on the back page to the left of your address. If it says your last issue is February 2026, then you need to renew now! Fill out the form on the next to the last page and include your check made out to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES and mail to Nancy Pratt, 3597 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, IN 46975.

Thank you! We couldn't continue without your support!

Stellar Stars

Stellar Stars is a great way to honor or remember an individual or a group for a full year. The costs of Stellar Stars are: \$10 - \$24 for 1 Star; \$25 - \$49 for 2 Stars; \$50 - \$74 for 3 Stars; \$75 - \$99 for 4 Stars; and \$100 and up for 5 Stars.

These will run for 1 year after we receive the request. The short information you want printed about the individual or group can be mailed along with a check payable to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES with the notation: Stellar Stars, to:

**Nancy Pratt
3597 N. Old U.S. 31
Rochester, IN 46975**

Please consider honoring or remembering those special Eastern Star people in your family, chapter or district with a Stellar Star for everyone to see and know that they are special to you.



1 Star

In loving Memory of
Linda Stewart
Past Deputy of District #13
From the Past Matrons of
Muncie Chapter #104

In Memory of
Sister Mildred Duzan, 75-Year Member
Past Deputies of District 7

In Memory of
Sister Jean Pieper, 75-Year Member
Past Deputies of District 7

The Joyful JJ's Grand Family of
Jerry W. Jonas* and Gloria
Joy Ellen Kuppler and Richard*
Appreciate all who served with us and
went on to serve in other Grand Families

2 Stars

I had the privilege of serving
in these Grand Families, "Hearts in Touch"
with Patsy Hinds and Harold Myers*, "Key to
Happiness" with Geneva Sare* and Robert
Gillespie*, "Let Your Light Shine" with
Edythe Gordon* and Murl Frazer*
Star Love, Joy Ellen

3 Stars

To my four amazing grandchildren
Lily, Peter, Sofia, Cecilia
From your GG who will always stand by you.
Love you to the moon and back
Gladys Colon-Clark

The Joyful JJ's Grand Family has been
honored to have the following serve as
GRAND WARDERS
Geneva Taylor, Arlene Mohler,
Lynn Shoulders, and this year is Martha Santus

4 Stars

Bill and Lynn Shoulders continue to serve for
the Rainbow Girls. They help keep the grounds
and do maintenance for the Rainbow Girls
Chateau. Lynn is Supreme Grand Treasurer.
Bill served General Grand Chapter as Most
Worthy Grand Chaplain. They still serve their
Golden Fleece Chapter. They enjoy all the
traveling. The JJ's THANK YOU.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

Rovena Harrison, Kat Wilson*, Mayme
Lytle, Carolyn Janick, Geneva Taylor,
Deanna Carrington, Gloria Jonas, Lynn
Shoulders, and Martha Santus.
These also made the Joyful JJ's Proud

Stellar Stars - continued

4 Stars

GRAND SENTINELS APPOINTED
 Mark Ridenour and Julie in 1990
 Ron Wahl and Zeta in 1992
 Beryl Harrison* and Rovena in 1993
 Ron Stabler* and Neva Jean* in 1994
 Larry Deutscher and Vickie in 1995
 Dwayne Taylor* and Geneva in 2000
 William Shoulders and Lynn in 2006
 Such an honor for the Joyful JJ's

5 Stars

Honoring Royal Center Star-Lite
 Grand Chapter Committee members
 in D#18 for 2024 – 2025

5 Stars

Honoring our Sister Becky Arthur and
 Brother Darrell Arthur for their friendship,
 love, service and dedication to the
 Order of the Eastern Star
 With love from Newberry Chapter #198

I thank Beverley* and Bob Barton and
 Lowell* and Ann* Carlisle for letting me
 serve as District Deputy #7 in their
 Sunshine and Love Grand Family
 I thank Markie and Ted Edwards and Jack*
 and Betty* Skinner for letting me serve as
 Grand Martha in their Harmony Belles
 Grand Family
 Star Love, Joy Ellen

In Loving memory of the members we have
 lost from the Shining Stars of Friendship and
 Faith Grand Family 2010 – 2011



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Feb	8	Valentine Tea
Mar	28	Group Deputy Reception
Apr	25	Last OV in the state
May	2	"Dancing With the Stars"

OFFICIAL VISITS

Meal if provided 5:30pm, Baby Dedication
 7:00pm, Award of Gold 7:10pm, Inspection
 7:20pm

Feb	12	D#8
Feb	13	D#2
Feb	16	D#3
Feb	17	D#5
Feb	20	D#7

OFFICIAL VISITS

Mar	5	D#13
Mar	9	D#14
Mar	11	D#10
Mar	12	D#11
Mar	16	D#17
Mar	17	D#18
Mar	18	D#19
Mar	23	D #6
Mar	24	D #4
Mar	26	D #9
Mar	30	D#15
Mar	31	D#16
Apr	6	D#20
Apr	7	D#21
Apr	10	D #1
Apr	25	D#12

If you don't see all the information that you need, please contact your District Deputy. Please be aware that on occasion a date and/or location will be changed and it will be too late to make the correction in the magazine. Thank you for your understanding.

Star-Lite

Published Bi-monthly (6 issues a year) \$20.00

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Indiana Chapter Number _____ Indiana District Number _____
 E-Mail address (optional) _____

NEW SUBSCRIBER

_____ 1 Year \$20.00
 _____ 2 Years \$40.00

RENEWALS

_____ 1 Year Renewal \$20.00
 _____ 2 Year Renewal \$40.00

Mail to: Nancy Pratt
 3597 N. Old U.S. 31
 Rochester, IN 46975

Send address changes to:
 Nancy Pratt

Bulk mail is not forwarded by the post office

Make checks payable to: Indiana Grand Chapter, O.E.S. Put : Star-Lite on the memo line

Heimach Senior Center Food Bank Supported

Spencerville Eastern Star recently gifted \$175 to Heimach Senior Center to help support its Emergency Food Bank for Seniors with our annual Secretary and Treasure's Love Gifts.

The donation will assist in providing essential food resources to local seniors facing unexpected hardship, helping ensure no senior goes without during times of need. Spencerville Eastern Star is proud to support programs that strengthen the community and care for its most vulnerable residents.



Pictured are Keith Flesher, Mason and DeKalb County Counsel on Aging President; Melinda Vincent; Beth Eisl Heimach Center Director; Spencerville Eastern Star Members Diann Stienbarger, Dawn Tilkins, Becky Hoover.

OES Poem

An Eastern Star Chapter, full
 of love and of light,
 That's where I will be going
 tonight.

A warm welcome for all we
 know and expect
 To greet with handshakes and
 hugs and respect.

A last-minute visitor?
 Oh, what a delight!

Let's greet her with smiles
 warm and so bright.

A room filled with laughter
 and lots of good cheer...

No stranger can ever be found
 in here.

Sisters and Brothers, we've
 chosen to be

Part of this wonderful Star
 Family.



Star-Lite is the official magazine of the Order of the Eastern Star in Indiana. It is published bimonthly (Aug., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, & June) online and in print by subscription. Check your address label for errors in your name, address, and especially the chapter and district number. Report errors and/or corrections to Nancy Pratt.

Star-Lite Magazine Publishers

Carol Davis, WGM
Tom Ring, WGP

Star-Lite Director

Amy Ogrentz
3444 - 41st St.
Highland, IN 46322
Griffith #583, D#19

Star-Lite Editor

Nancy Pratt
3597 N. Old U.S. 31
Rochester, IN 46975
Royal Center #375, D#18

Star-Lite Advisor

Gail Bailey
2233 Huffman Road
Boonville, IN 47601
Chrisney #357, D#1

Star-Lite Reporters

District Deputies
All members of OES

Barbara Heath, *Star-Lite Emeritus*
Franklin #439, D #6

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

ADVERTISEMENTS are for any business, individual, chapter, district, steering committee, etc., that would like to place an ad in *Star-Lite*. If a profit is to be made on an event, then it is advertising and needs to be paid for. DEADLINE is the same as any article.

COST per ad per issue:

1/12 page (Business card size) is \$10.00

1/6 page is \$20.00

1/4 page is \$30.00

1/3 page is \$40.00

1/2 page is \$60.00

Full page is \$100.00.

SUBMISSION: All items should be camera-ready. Please make checks payable to **Indiana Grand Chapter, OES**. Send copy and payment to: Nancy Pratt, Editor

WE NEED YOUR NEWS!

Help keep *Star-Lite* interesting! Submit your news so all can see what you are doing. Check deadline dates if you want your news in a certain issue, especially items for the calendar. Please limit articles to 500 words. There is no charge to print pictures. Please remember to identify everyone in the pictures.

Send articles and pictures with self-addressed stamped envelope if you want them returned to:

Nancy Pratt, Editor
3597 N. Old U.S. 31
Rochester, IN 46975-8312
starliteeditor@comcast.net

Copy Deadlines:
April issue – February 15
June issue – April 15
August issue – June 15
October issue – August 15
December issue – October 15
February issue – December 15