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~ Coming Events ~

- April 4-6....Northwest Meeting..British Columbia
- April 12.....Area 11 Meeting..Pendleton
- April 12.....Educational Seminar Meeting..Eugene
- May 2-4.....Tomb of the Unknown..D.C.
- May 12-16...Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly Sessions
Seven Feathers Casino..Canyonville



I'll make a pretty Easter hat, to wear at Easter time, I'll put some flowers on it, and a bow will make it fine. We'll fasten on some ribbons, all pretty pink and blue, then we'll take a picture, and I'll give it to you. ~Unknown

Etna Initiates New Members



Etna Rebekah Lodge No. 49 of Grants Pass initiated two members recently at a special degree. Pictured above are Cynthia "Cindy" Pickering, Noble Grand Kim Nelson and Stephanie Nugent. We look forward to having these new members in our lodge and working with us to build a better community. Please join with us in welcoming them into the Odd Fellow family. We hope you will have the opportunity and the pleasure of meeting them in person as they become more involved in our Order.

Lloyd Stiewig

Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175



Integrity Rebekah Lodge met on February 14th to remember the shut-in sisters. We take home made cookies and visit with them for a while. It gives us a chance to let them know that we are thinking of them and appreciate the fact that they have been members for many years. The sisters that were there to help bag the cookies were from left to right Donna Stewart, Pat Tanner, Margaret Johnston, Donna Lovejoy, Marilyn Tucholke and Nancy Mills. It is a fun way to let people know that you think of them.

Jackie Lazott

Grand Master Nick Trevino

My Brothers and Sisters,

I want to report to you on some things that I feel are important to me and the Order. As I travel to different Lodge halls I'm disappointed to see a very low count of members. I know I've said this before but if we give to the community and invite those prospective members for a lunch or dinner we can certainly try to fill those empty chairs in the Lodge halls. This Wonderful Order has been around for over 200 years and I would like to see it another 200 years.



Last month I visited Tillamook No. 94. I want to say that these members are working very hard on community service and they have a very organized agenda that gets fulfilled twice a month. The members gather around and fill bags of goodies and take them to the Elementary schools to be given to the not so fortunate kids. Brother Bret Hurliman head of Operations and his members truly are doing an Awesome job! If you all are in the neighborhood in the first weekend of October please stop and visit. Tillamook No. 94 donates PUMPKINS and stages them throughout the fields and when a couple bus loads of school kids arrive, they can pick the pumpkin of their choice to take home! Also, I would like to Thank Oregon City No. 3 and Normal No.204 in Monmouth for the wonderful meals they provided for me as well as Good Fellowship!

I was able to visit Southern Oregon and what a treat. I can truly say that I got the Grand Tour. Brother Lloyd Stiewig (Pinky) took me around the old roads of Southern Oregon. We truly have a Beautiful State. Jacksonville Lodge No. 10 is a very unique place to visit, with a lot of history and a museum to go with it. Please try to visit this remarkable Lodge (Jacksonville), it's the oldest in the state! Although I had a joint meeting with Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Central Point, all were in order. I visited with members that I don't get to see, this is what I'm talking about! Grand Sessions are approaching very fast. I hope those lodges can send representatives from their lodge halls.

If you have candidates that need all their degrees, I encourage you to get a hold of me so we can get them ready and fill those chairs. I know that Samaritan No. 2 is starting to do the initiatory on their second meeting,

and Peninsula No. 128 is also doing theirs on the 4th Monday of each month, so please let's get them initiated!

Let's keep supporting the "Three Legged Stool" Fraternity, Fellowship, and Community. Since my schedule was not cooperating with me I will be visiting Eastern Oregon this month. I will be calling those lodges for accommodations.

In Friendship Love and Truth

Nick Trevino

Grand Master IOOF Oregon

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People have been known to achieve more as a result of working with others than against them.

~Dr. Allan Fromme

Grand Secretary's Corner Patricia Olson Fries



There are still 7 lodges I have not received annual reports from. Please fill them in and send them to me. If you need assistance please call. I am required to do my annual report to Sovereign Grand Lodge and when my lodges are late that makes me late.

By now the officers and committee's should be submitting their annual report to be printed in the Advance Proceedings. Please do not delay on this.

I would like to end this article with a poem:

**May you find friends wherever you go,
and happily live while here below.
May you prove faithful, kind and true,
to all your friends and they to you.**

~ Minnie Sidders

Fraternally submitted,

Patty Fries

Assembly President *Babe Bogeart*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here it is the last month for my visitations and I thank you all for rescheduling some of them. Between the bad weather and my illness we had a few changes. We have had a great time with you all and it has been wonderful traveling over the Jurisdiction of Oregon. The committees have worked hard to get their jobs done and hopefully they will all come out alright. I am very proud to say that Rebekahs are alive and doing well. The members continue to be friendly, gracious and generous. What a privilege and honor that several of you opened your homes to us and an opportunity to spend quality time and the making of more lasting Friendships. I would like to thank you all for the donations to my projects for they will be well used. This year you have accomplished many wonderful things for the Order. You have worked hard and earned the respect of all.



I want you all to think about sessions coming up and the officers and committee people that Sister Shirley will be needing for her year. We know that there are always some that just might like to help out by filling one of the positions but sometimes are a little shy about stating such. Please do speak up if you are interested in filling a position.

We are again this year, having the basket raffle and the gift auction at the banquet. So make up your baskets for the sessions. Please also put together a gift to be auctioned off at the banquet. These funds raised will go for the Grand Master and President's projects.

Brother Nick and I will be going to Pendleton for the Area 11 Meeting where we will be doing a group Installation of the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows on Saturday, April 12th. It will be nice to see many of you there. A couple of my visits have changed, (see Itinerary above right) thanks again for making the changes for me.

In FL&T
Babe

Where does a bunny go if you give it a pair of socks? A sock hop!



President's Itinerary

- April 4-6...Northwest Meeting..British Columbia
- April 8.....Hillsboro No.54..Hillsboro
- April 12....Area 11 Meeting..Pauline No. 13
Pendleton
- April 15....Sylvia No. 43..Burns..5:30 pm
- April 16....Mt. Pitt No. 167..Central Point..6:00 pm
- April 17....Eta Theta Rho No. 94..Lorane..6:30 pm
- April 26....Area 4 Meeting..Beaches District..Unity
No. 51..Bay City



The McLoughlin and Metropolitan Districts were combined at the 2nd Annual Area Meeting held on February 22nd at the Samaritan IOOF lodge hall in Milwaukie. Members present from Clackamas and Portland were asked to vote on a choice of 4 names. The new name is Cosmos Area which means any orderly whole body developed from complex parts; it is also a flower with showy blossoms.

Thank You Brothers and Sisters

To all my wonderful Brothers and Sisters, I want to thank you for all of your love, best wishes, and prayers that have been sent to me since my illness and surgery. I was as surprised as anyone when what appeared to be a ruptured appendix revealed lesions in the colon. So a simple appendectomy turned into colon surgery. It was cancer, so I have begun chemo treatments. It will be a while before I'm back to my full strength and stamina but I just want to let all of you know how wonderful all the cards and wishes have been. Some days when I felt like I could care less about anything, a card would come and give me the boost and encouragement to take one more step. The 21 days in the hospital and since coming home has been a challenge made way easier thanks to all of your thoughtfulness. I appreciate and love all the wishes, and hope to be out and about before long to thank you in person.

With fraternal love,
Sheryl Rohde



Grand Patriarch *John Bennett*

“Destination Heaven!” - This is the title of a book that talks about what kindness we do with the hope that our last destination is heaven! Thinking of this, do our Encampment members do a lot of good deeds for other members, for their communities or for themselves? How about sending me a letter so I can note it at Sessions and give your Encampment the credit it deserves.



The Super Bowl was the 1st Sunday in February but it is overshadowed by the Super Bowl of Bowling Tournament of Champions in Detroit at the end of January. ESPN sends 2 reporters from Bowlers Journal to cover it as there are some very serious readers who keep on top of this event.

Did you know Harry Truman had bowling lanes in the White House? Eisenhower took them out and Nixon put them back in!

Today there are new high tech. bowling balls being examined that are cutting edge, controls hooks etc.

Well, the time is coming, the end of my term! I look forward to seeing many members of our Encampments at Sessions. This year we should have some new members as we now have two more Encampments bringing our total to nine. You also have learned a little about bowling throughout this year. Now you can start your own team!

Don't forget to send me a list of how many new members your Encampment has taken in during the year, so I can give out the rewards at Grand Encampment.

Remember, “have Faith, Hope and Charity” that is the way to live successfully!

John Bennett, Grand Patriarch

Grand Matriarch *Jacqueline McChesney*

When you read this it will be April and May is coming up soon.

Time has gone by so fast this year. I made my last visitation to Umatilla in Pendleton at the Wild Horse Casino on March 28th. We had lunch and then the meeting afterwards.



Mt. Hood had a very nice lunch and a good meeting. We had a very nice time, even though the back door of my car had to be tied until we found a place to have it fixed. Thank Goodness.

We went to Wimawhala in Eugene with Grand Patriarch John Bennett. We did the Installation of officers for them and Coast Fork Encampment. After that we had a meeting with the LEA. There were about 30 people, several from Coast Fork and Salem. I want to thank them for my gift and the money for my project. (mom found her hearing aid at home when she combed her hair).

I'll have tickets for my gifts at Assembly. I have a collection of afghans, necklace and earrings, bags, a cookie jar and jar openers that look like dollies. My project is Camp Attitude, Theta Rho and Youth Group.

Do you know what the tent and the three pillars stand for in LEA?

I hope to see you all at Assembly in May.

Best wishes for members that are sick or getting better. Give everyone hugs and kisses.



Jacky McChesney

Peninsula Odd Fellow Lodge No. 128

Peninsula Lodge welcomed a new renter to their building in March. THE DISH* NETWORK opened a retail outlet on the Lombard Street entrance to Peninsula's building. This is located at 4838 North Lombard. New managers, Dana Evans and Chris James, were initiated into our lodge in March. The Grand Opening of their store will be later in the month. Stop by and welcome them to the world of ODDFELLOWSHIP.



Grand Master Visits Bandon Odd Fellow Lodge

Grand Master Nick Trevino receives a gift from the Noble Grand Susan Stetter during his official visit to Bandon Lodge No. 133.



From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary Vickie Beaver

As April is here I hope everyone has made their plans to attend the Annual Sessions in Canyonville next month. The registration information is in the paper so let's get those sent in and plan to have a wonderful time.



At the sessions this year the following elections will be held.

Assembly Secretary – 1 year term

Trustees – Rhoda Davis, PP, is eligible for re-election in the 3 year position

Holgate Center Board – this will be a 4 year term

Jessie T. Jones Board – Bev Stubbs is eligible for a 3 year term

Friendship Fund Board – Denice Meeuwsen is eligible for a 3 year term

Rocky Point Board – Georgia Bollinger, PP, is eligible for a 3 year term

If you have members interested in any of these position and want more information on what is involved feel free to contact me. There is material available that tells what the duties are.

Secretaries, your desk should be clear, as all information that was to be sent to me should be in. I do thank you for working hard to see that deadlines are met.

“Friendship is love with understanding.”

Vickie



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2014 Annual Sessions of ALL UNITS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP



Jurisdiction of OREGON

May 14-16, 2014

SEVEN FEATHERS CONVENTION CENTER
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REGISTRATION FOR GRAND LODGE

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Elected Representative Yes ___ No ___ Lodge No. ___

REGISTRATION FOR REBEKAH ASSEMBLY

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Elected Delegate Yes ___ No ___ Lodge No. ___

Pre-Registration Fee GL / RA	___ @ \$15.00
Registration GE / GLEA	___ @ \$5.00
Registration Oregon Battalion	___ @ \$2.00
GE/GLEA Breakfast, Tues. @ 7:00 am	___ @ \$16.00
GE/GLEA Luncheon, Tues. @ 12 noon	___ @ \$17.00
Fraternal Banquet, Wed. @ 7:00 pm	___ @ \$35.00
Grand Master Breakfast, Fri. @ 7:00 am	___ @ \$16.00
Everyone welcome	

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ACCEPTED UNTIL May 1st
LATE REGISTRATION FEE IS
\$20.00 NO EXCEPTIONS

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Marietta Rebekah Lodge No. 72

Marietta Rebekah Lodge installed the following officers for 2014-2015 March 19th, 2014. Noble Grand Claus Scheer; Vice-Grand Patti Winklebleck; Secretary Merrilea Manning; Treasurer Joan Scheer. Our Chaplain is again Sue Anne Boettcher. The installing officer was Lisa Corda. The Rebekah President, Babe Bogart was our special guest of the evening.

Marietta Rebekah Lodge still meets in the street level floor of the Peninsula Building. This is located at 4834 N. Lombard Street, Portland. Our meeting nights are the first and third Wednesdays except July and August. Our meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

We held a Pinochle card party in January and a Card Bingo in March. We plan on holding these social nights in the Educational Room on the main floor six times a year. These occasions are open to members and friends. Please see our schedule in the Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow papers on the odd numbered months. Come Join Us!

Joan Scheer, Publicity Chairman



Philaterian Lodge No. 8



Back row: NG Colleen Suiter, Sec LaVon Thiems, RSVG Jim Swegles, Treas Ron Farmer **Front row:** IG John Thiems, VG Helen Rogow, RSVG Lauretta McChesney, Chaplain Jacky McChesney *Not pictured* Warden Freda Harrell

Philaterian Lodge No. 8 in Roseburg was instituted on March 9, 1859. They are celebrating 155 years of Odd Fellowship.

Philaterian held Installation of new officers on March 13th. District Deputy Grand Master Lauretta McChesney and Marshall Jacky McChesney Installed the officers.

In FL&T

Colleen Suiter, Noble Grand

Shamrock No. 113 Celebrates Their 114th Year

In September several members attended the reception of Theta Rho President Shari Russell at the Holgate Center.

In November, the Meyer Memorial Trust recognized Anna Jones as the Oregon volunteer of the year for her outstanding services in the community for a Salute to Seniors. At the age of 89 she continues to work at a non-profit agency two days a week and has for over 40 years. In December Anna was flown to Washington DC, where she was nominated and received the "National Grand Prize". Placing over all candidates from all 50 states.

In December Christmas cards and in February hand-made Valentine cards were sent to shut-in members and those unable to attend. Shamrock celebrated our 114th anniversary with the reading of our up-dated history, completing our picture albums and eating chocolate cup cakes.

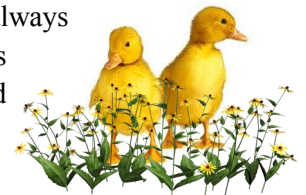
Members were busy preparing for our Area meeting and our Assembly President Babe Bogart's official visit. Area Chairman Inez Kennedy did a great job of planning and organizing the teddy bear picnic meeting and luncheon. President Babe spoke of her two projects, the Theta Rho Girls Club and Gails Creek Camp. Shamrock members presented her with a spider plant in a container having the Rebekah symbols, and was given a monitory gift for her projects.

Our 2014-2015 election of officers was held with Frances Seal as Noble Grand, Joyce Steiner as Vice Grand, Janice Straub as Secretary, Inez Kennedy as Treasurer and Iris VanHoute as Trustee. Janice Straub was recommended as lodge DDP. Assembly Delegates are Joyce Steiner and Inez Kennedy with Janice Straub and Edith Brown as alternates.

Veteran Jewels were given at the Area Meeting (now known as the Cosmos Area) to Anna Jones for 25 years, Joyce Steiner and Janice Straub for 55 years and Kathy Swagart for 65 years.

March was the wearing of the green and Noble Grand night. Our members continue to make visits to the surrounding lodges and always love to have company. Join us for a sack lunch at noon and meeting at 1:00pm.

Jan Straub



Carolyn E. Carlton

July 10, 1942-February 25, 2014

Utah Rebekah Assembly President 1998-1999



Carolyn passed away on Tuesday February 25th at OHSU Hospital in Portland Oregon at the age of 71. She was surrounded by her children at the time of her death.

She was a member of the Rebekahs both here in Oregon and in Utah. She was the Rebekah Assembly President in Utah from 1998-1999. To bring her into the Past President's Association she had to go to Angel school. She had to wear a beanie propeller hat. The Past President's asked her fun questions about her year and if she answered correctly she got a feather. By the end of the program she was covered in feathers.

Carolyn was a sweet lady. She loved to do crafts and would create many favors for special visits, dinners and projects. She loved to collect Angels and a lot of other things.

Carolyn is survived by many children and grandchildren.

There will be a Memorial Service held on Thursday, April 24th at 3:00 at the Odd Fellows Home where her home lodge meets. 3102 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland.

- Emblem: Guardian Angel
- Motto: If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours
- Watchwords: Friendship, Love and Truth
- Hymns: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee", "It is no Secret"
- Scripture: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them" Mathew 7:12
- Flowers: White and Pink Carnations
- Songs: "Your are my Special Angel", "It's a Small World"
- Colors: Red, White and Gold
- Guides: Holy Bible, Rebekah Lodges Constitution, Ritual
- Projects: UN Pilgrimage, World Hunger, Rebekah Assembly General Fund, Shrine Hospital Burn Center
- Aims: Promote and Increase membership, Encourage all to earn an "unwritten work" certificate, Promote unity between the lodges

IN MEMORIAM

Berneda Madsen Juniper Rebekah Lodge No. 229
 Myrtle Ellison Redmond Rebekah Lodge No. 204
 Oma Sage Redmond Rebekah Lodge No. 204
 Frances Jellison Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41
 Carolyn Carlton Rose City No. 170
 Frances Callahan Pearl Rebekah Lodge No. 47
 Nancy Golf Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175

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 Roseburg
 Portland
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Grand Master Nick Visits Grants Pass



Grand Master Nick made his official visit to Golden Rule Lodge No. 78 on February 26th. Pictured above are the members who were in attendance.

Before the meeting the Grand Master toured Josephine & Jackson counties. Here are some of the sights: Hellgate Canyon down the Wild and Scenic Rogue River near Galice. Historic Wolf Creek Tavern & Stage Stop. Over to the covered bridge in Sunny Valley, then up to Golden, a Gold Mining Ghost Town and Finally over to Jacksonville Historic Lodge No. 10.



What do you call a rabbit with the sniffles?
A runny bunny
Where do Easter Bunnies go for new tails?
To the re-tail store

Silent Auction Fundraiser

What: Silent Auction

When: May 13th – May 15th

Why: President and Grandmaster Projects

Where: Grand Lodge and Assembly Sessions in Canyonville



All lodges are reminded to send something for the auction. All items are placed as soon as cataloged. Bidding begins after 2:00 pm on Tuesday and closes at 4:00 pm Thursday. Fresh goods, baked goods, produce etc are discouraged.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the auction area.

Contact Colene Lamberty or Lloyd Stiewig for more information.

Coming Events at Jesse T. Jones

Spring is Here! Honest, the robins are back and things are blooming. I don't know where the time has gone, but we are ready to see you all again.

During Spring Fling April 18th-20th there are a lot of things going on. Chemeketa will be doing their fundraiser breakfast and activities. Heceta Lodge will be holding an initiatory degree for those who wish to come. Those who wish can finish their degrees at their home lodge or come to the ALL Degree Day in July here at Heceta Lodge. This will take place at 7 PM on Saturday the 19th.

Bev Stubbs is offering a hands on training class for your children. The cost is \$20.00 for Oregon residents and \$60.00 for out of state residents. Checks should be made out to OSU. Please call Bev to let her know if you are interested as her classes fill up pretty fast. Bev's number is 503-851-4833, she will be happy to answer any questions you have. Make sure the students have their online cards BEFORE the class.



Come on down even if the skies open up you can hang out in the pavilion and watch movies, play darts, or board games, the teens can surf the net and you can get to know other awesome Odd Fellow members.

SEE YOU ALL SOON!

Mary and Park Staff

Seasonal Workcampers Wanted at Rocky Point Resort



Would you like to spend a month or longer working at the resort, doing a job you choose? We are asking for 25 hours of work a week in exchange for your site which has water, electric, sewer and wifi. Check it out www.rockypointoregon.com.



If you are interested, contact Gary Clark at:

Email: clarknet@aracnet.com

Cell: 503-310-3538

Welcome New Members

Philetarian Odd Fellow Lodge No. 8

Stephen C. Fox

Social Rebekah Lodge No. 73

Rachel Morris

Denise Thayer

Jennifer Muir

Peninsula Odd Fellow Lodge No. 128

Dana Evans

Chris James

Etna Rebekah Lodge No. 49

Cindy Pickering

Stephanie Nugent



What did the rabbit say to the carrot?

It's been nice gnawing you!



Hillsboro United Youth Group No. 1 is THRIVING

Montezuma No. 50 and the Hillsboro United Youth Group No. 1 would like to offer you, a year in review, for your reading pleasure.

The Hillsboro United Youth Group No. 1 (HUYG No.1) installed its first officers January of 2013. We started with 10 young individuals who were committed to making a difference in their community and lives. Under the supportive guidance and assistance of Montezuma No. 50 we were eager to see where the coming year would take us.

First we established a monthly night where we could open up the lodge to community events, the 2nd Saturday of every month, is set aside for the HUYG No. 1.

What did we do with these nights? We hosted dinners, planned a holiday bazaar, held our 2nd annual Halloween Carnival, as well as various cooking and craft days. I must tell you that our proudest achievement was the Halloween Carnival of 2013. Partnering with Montezuma No. 50 we created what we hoped would be a bigger and better event than the year before. We were very successful. The first year the Halloween Carnival brought 50 people in to the lodge. We made some adjustments to our game plan and executed it flawlessly. That paid off by the lodge seeing more than 400 people from the community come through the doors in just 3 hours! This event was completely free to the community.

While we had a great plan for what we wanted to do within the lodge and we were happy with the events that we were holding, we wanted to do more.

The HUYG No. 1 held a Sweet Hearts dinner in February. This event was so well received we decided it would be an annual event and the 2nd annual Sweet Hearts dinner was even better!

We gladly took over the responsibility of planning, decorating and cooking for the Christmas Party that Montezuma No. 50 graciously puts on for its members, the Rebekahs, the Hillsboro United Youth Group, the Adventure Scouts and their families and friends. Decorations, entertainment, activities and a delicious meal were shared and enjoyed by all. For the first time in a long time there was not a member of the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs in the kitchen doing any work.

Outside of our lodge we serve as well. The HYUG No. 1 was able to attend Grand Lodge. It was an honor to present the flag and escort the Rebekahs into their session.

We spent a week in fellowship and adventure in Klamath Falls. Exploring the National Lava Beds, various caves, Devils Homestead, Crater Lake, Petro glyph Point and many of the nature preserves along the way.

While all of these events as well as our time spent together are special and quite memorable for us, I believe the best news to pass on to you are the facts that this year our very own Vice President Xanatos Clark will represent Oregon, the HUYG No.1 and Montezuma No. 50 as a delegate for the United Nations Pilgrimage. We are honored to be seeing a United Youth Group member be a part of this life changing experience. Also our President Christian Torres has joined Montezuma No. 50 and is officially an Odd Fellow, quite possibly Montezuma's youngest member.

Our goals for the Hillsboro United Youth Group No.1 were to open up the lodge so that more people would know who and what the Odd Fellows are about, to serve our lodge, our community and each other, to build strong character and leadership skills and to establish a link between the youth and the existing lodge.

I honestly can say that we achieved each and every one of those goals. We are creating a future for both the HYUG No.1 and Montezuma No. 50 and we are doing it in Friendship, Love and Truth.

If you would like more information on establishing a youth group in your lodge, please contact Dan Mathews 503-522-8730

If you would like more information regarding the Hillsboro United Youth Group No.1 contact Liz Penney 503-803-6969

Educational Seminar Meeting

April 12th @ 1:00 pm

Spencer Butte Lodge Hall..Eugene

Everyone is Welcome

UNEP is Ready

All of the delegate registration materials and final payments have been turned in to the international United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth program. I want to thank each and every one of you that have (and will) participate this very exciting and unique year. Last year we had 28 delegates and this year we have 23. This is a huge number, especially if you consider that the entire program (37 states and 4 other countries) will have less than 300 delegates participating. Oregon continues a wonderful tradition of being very active in this program.

Before 1996, our program always traveled by bus across the country. Since Oregon was the start (sort of a reverse of the Oregon Trail...) we always had tour leaders aboard the bus. Since 1996, the UNEP has flown all of the kids to Philadelphia to begin the trip. In Philadelphia they are put into groups of about 50 delegates and assigned to a bus to travel around the East Coast. Since many states only have 2 or 3 kids going each year, those kids have always flown without a tour leader. Since Oregon has always had a large group of delegates, we have always had a tour leader with our kids from Oregon, Washington or British Columbia. For the first time this year, our kids will fly by themselves (along with 3 delegates from Washington). The Tour Leaders this year will be Judith MacDonald from North Dakota and Nils Gronberg from Finland. The Oregon students will be touring the East Coast on a bus with delegates from Denmark, Finland, Florida, West Virginia and Washington. It sounds like an exciting mix!

Another unusual thing that happened this year was that we have 3 students needing to fly from or to different locations. We have one girl who lives near Chicago, IL. Her cousin, who lives in Oregon went last year and her grandmother (from Oregon) encouraged the Chicago girl to look for local lodges in her area. She could not find one. So, she has competed via an essay and will be going as an Oregon Delegate. (Her family is actually paying for this, though.) She will be coming to Oregon to visit relatives and fly with our delegation to Philadelphia. But, she will just fly to Chicago after the trip. A second girl is going to be in San Antonio, TX for a family reunion the week that our trip leaves. She will fly out from there and then return with our group to Portland. And we have a third girl who will leave Oregon as soon as school is out and fly to Bolivia on a

church mission trip. After leaving Bolivia, she will fly directly to Philadelphia to meet our group, then she will return to Portland with our group.

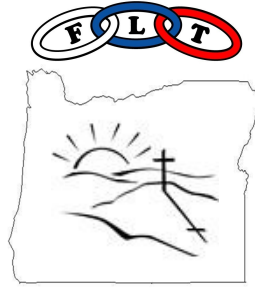
Three years ago we were able to drastically reduce the cost that we charge Oregon lodges and areas from \$2,200 per delegate to \$1,600. The next year we reduced this to \$1,400, but this year brought it back up to \$1,800 per delegate. We did this with the help of a nice balance in our state account, but that balance is nearly gone. The cost of the trip is made up of 3 elements: The "program fee" for the East Coast tour is \$1,600. Airfare is "probably" going to be another \$475 to \$550 (I hope...). Miscellaneous costs include paying for a hotel the night before the trip, paying for baggage fees, giving the kids \$25 for food that the program does not provide between here and the East Coast and back (flight days), printing, etc. The total will probably add up to about \$2,250, but we never know until the airline tickets are purchased in April. The difference between what we charge the local lodges and what the final bill is, is made up from allotments from Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, the Send-Off Dinner, and various donations from lodges all over the state. To be blunt, we could really use any help we can get in the next few months. We do everything we can to keep our expenses to the bare bones, but we will probably have to raise the charges for next year. If you or your lodge can make any donation or purchase Send-Off dinner tickets, all of this money goes directly to helping us keep the costs down so that any lodge in Oregon can afford to send a delegate next year. Send donations to Grand Lodge of Oregon, IOOF and send them to the Grand Lodge office. I must give a special shout out to September Fray and the Holgate Center. For many years they have hosted our send-off dinners and for the last several years they have provided this totally free of charge for us. Last year we had about 170 people there at this dinner and it was excellent. The food and service was superb and the money we raised was a true blessing for our program. So please buy those tickets to help our delegates go on the trip. Thank you!!

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