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### **Coming Events**

Aug. 13-14...International Youth Days..Rapid City, SD

Aug. 15-19...SGL / IARA..Rapid City, South Dakota

Sept. 2-5.....Jesse T. Jones Encampment Weekend

Sept. 13.....All Degree Day..Hahn Farm

Then followed that beautiful season... Summer... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## Nate Backwell's Eagle Scout Project



A Couple of years ago Nate Backwell a Boy Scout in Estacada came to the Estacada Odd Fellow Lodge and told us of his Eagle Scout Project. His Boy Scout Troup had gone to the Odd Fellow's Graveyard in Estacada to put flags on the graves of the veterans. They discovered that many of the headstones were unreadable due to age or vandalism. He talked about trying to research the graves to try to find out who was buried in the unreadable graves. In the end he decided for his project he would like to place a Veteran's Memorial at the graveyard that would remember every veteran buried there. He drew up the plans for the memorial and

found out how much money he would need. He then wrote to the Veterans Administration, sent them the plans and asked for permission to use the Logo's for the different branches of the military. It was approved, so Nate set out on his own to raise the money. He held many fundraisers, went to various businesses and individual people, let them know what the boy Scouts had discovered at the graveyard and how he wanted to honor those who they couldn't personally recognize. He called and asked if he could come and speak at one of our lodge meetings. He was thirteen at the time, gave a very good presentation and we were more than happy to donate to such a good cause, not just for the veterans but also to help a young man receive his Eagle Scout status.

Nate is now fifteen. He came to our lodge about a month ago to let us know he had achieved his goal of building the memorial and wanted to invite us to the unveiling.

On June 18th many members of Estacada Lodge No. 175 attended the ceremony. Nate did all of the talking and told the crowd how he had accomplished the project. He said he and his Grandfather set the memorial in place. His grandfather told him how to build the cement base, but he had to do the work. You can tell in the picture just how excited and proud he is, and I must say that we at Estacada are very impressed and proud of him also.

### **Grand Master** *Jody Morris*

July was a very interesting month. First, there was the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend campout at Jesses T. Jones Park. The campground was full and activities abound. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were in charge of breakfasts, potlucks, Sunday devotions and children's activities including a scavenger hunt and



the best ever parade of decorated trikes, bikes, ATVs and dune buggies—all dressed in red, white and blue.

Ten year old Anthony from California won the top award in the 25 entries. Then, the biggest "kid" Larry Quigley from Samaritan No. 2 won the Grand Master's nod for his bubble-blowing, green frog buggy.

The UNP send-off dinner hosted by the Holgate Center was a super success with the most ever 35 students from Oregon, plus four more from Washington, who all were full of anticipation as were the parents, siblings and lodge members. Thank you September, food service director Eric and his crew for a grand evening.

UNP Jurisdictional Director Trey Anderson shared photos and updates daily on the internet. Congratulations goes to Claire Pryor of Ashland for her winning speech.

As I travel Oregon, I look forward to hearing the students share some of their experiences.

There also was some excitement in Baker City at the Odd Fellow building in July. I'm not privy to the info as details are not to be revealed as yet, so please stay tuned to some news, possibly in four to six months.

Many of my visitations have been scheduled with more in the works. When I called Noble Grand Kathy Blevins of Bandon Lodge No. 133, she shared that the quilters had been meeting there. When the lodge members were considering closing, the quilters decided to join. They not only quilt, but they cleaned up the inside and outside of the hall, plus the cemetery. Thank you quilters for stepping up!

There are so many more positive things happening in Oregon Odd Fellows. Keep up the good work!

I end my column with these thoughts: To be happy, let go of what's gone; be grateful for what remains and look forward to what's coming next!

God bless,

Jody, Grand Master



### **Grand Master's Itinerary**

Aug. 2......Harney No. 77..Burns..5:30 pm dinner at The Pine Room with social meeting

Aug. 13-19...Sovereign Grand Lodge...Rapid City South Dakota

Aug. 23....Peninsula No. 128..Portland..7:30 pm

## A Blast From The Past....

I wonder if we have been guilty of taking the principle of Odd Fellowship for granted, wistfully assuming that it would work itself. It goes forward upon the feet, and carries on through the hands, and lives and breathes through the lungs and hearts of its membership. When they stop, it stops. When they, seeming to be alive, walk as dead men, it dies. Odd Fellowship is just as alive as the heartbeat of its membership who care and work and serve. It is just as dead as the indifference and selfishness and laziness of the member who does not care. ~ an excerpt from "The Philosophy of Fraternalism" by Reverend Chester P. Gates, PG 1951

### Let us dance in the sun,

wearing wild flowers in our hair... ~ Susan Polis Shutz

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# Promoting Odd Fellowship Through Positive Communication

## Assembly President Joyce Clark

I hope you are all having a great summer and keeping in touch with your members. Since my reception, sending out thank you cards has been a major focus and it was an eye opening experience. Finding addresses turned out to be somewhat of a challenge, for some were listed in the Officers address



and information booklet produced by the Grand Lodge of Oregon. If you are not an officer of one of the units of the Order I had to use all my resources including the Grand Lodge and Assembly Secretaries, Past GM and Presidents lists and even Google! Grand Master Jody helped with a few Washington addresses. You might wonder what all this is leading up to, well I have started a personal campaign and I hope you will join me in this practice. Whenever I give a gift for a wedding, a remembrance at a funeral or a reception for anyone, I vow to use my address stamp or put one of my return address stickers inside or on the back of the card. Recipients of this kindness will really appreciate you for making the task of writing thank you cards so much easier. I have even heard of a few people who include a self addressed stamped blank thank you card in with the gift. I don't think I will go that far but what do you think of the practice?

OK, back to what has happened since the last OPOF. We had a monumental task of preparing for our usual Montana Adventure summer. We left for the campground on July 1st and prepared and served breakfast for all who came into the pavilion in Florence on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The parade through the park was fantastic, the kids loved the scavenger hunt and even though we missed PGM Sheryl Rohde's cotton candy (she was a master at it last year) we still had a great time celebrating the birth of the USA. The park was full, so I got to talk with members not only from Oregon, but also California and Washington. One member from Washington, Shauna jumped right in and helped out with the potlucks and Monday clean-up. I also thank Lisa and Gordon Corda and Gary Clark who were there each morning by 6:30 to get the coffee and grills going then stayed until everything was cleaned up. GM Jody and PP Patti Winklebleck assisted with serving the biscuits and gravy every morning. We had several other Grand Lodge Officers who were there on Saturday to help out. Lastly, my Marshal Susan Jackson came on Saturday arriving early so she was a great help. The Park Staff did a wonderful job keeping all those campers happy! They will be surveying members to see what they would like to see on these holiday weekends, to see if the officers hosting them can improve what we do. I would have liked to meet more of the members and their visitors who were camping, maybe next year we can have a Grill the Officers event where campers can come in, meet the officers and get answers about the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly from the officers themselves.

Saturday night I enjoyed Grand Master Jody's joint visit to Heceta and Gardiner Lodges.

Monday we cleaned up from breakfast and headed out for Montana where we will stay on the family farm giving Gary some much needed farming and family time. From there we will head to Rapid City, South Dakota where I will represent the Oregon Rebekah Assembly at International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. I will be reporting on my experiences there as I visit Rebekah Lodges beginning with my first visit which will be to Beulah Rebekah Lodge in Albany on Thursday, September 1st.

Take some time this summer to call or visit other members of your Lodge, especially those who are living in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes. Contact with you may be just the thing to lift their spirits and yours too!

In FL&T,

Joyce Clark, Rebekah Assembly President

### President's Ibinerary

August 15-19.. IARA

Sept. 1.....Beulah Rebekah Lodge No. 35..Albany Sept. 13.....Hahn Farm Degree Day

"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air..." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Pearl Rebekah Lodge Awards Scholarships

Pearl Rebekah Lodge No. 47 had the privilege of awarding 7 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each this year. They were awarded to: Emily Beaver, Ethan Beaver, Mykaila Hatment, Joshua Hector, Jason Hector, Marileey Hoyle and Rebekah Pennington. We congratulate these students for their dedication to receiving a higher education.

### **Welcome New Members**

Albany Odd Fellow Lodge No. 4

Chevelle Taylor Sierra Belt-Keka Devon Belt-Keka



Samaritan Odd Fellow Lodge No. 2

Granciani Valderrama Garry Bjonskaas

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should dance. ~ Unknown

## Please Accept Our Applogy

We would like to apologize for the July OPOF being late. It was ready to go a week early since the front page contained information about the 4th of July weekend at the Jesse T. Jones Campground. Sadly our printer didn't get the memo and it refused to work. The first 800 copies had to be printed ten at a time, then the printer had to be re-booted, print ten, re-boot and so on. Finally the last 900 plus copies were sent off-site to be printed. While I was preparing them to be mailed I noticed that the print had shifted down and the end of some articles was gone, so not only was it late but it was confusing. We were asked why we added quotes as filler but cut off the articles. That was not intended.

Let perseverance be your engine and hope your fuel. ~H. Jackson Brown, Jr

### **Scholarship Winners**

Congratulations to the following North West Area scholarship winners. The following received scholarships from the SGL/IARA Educational Foundation committee this year. The Ingstrom Scholarship for area 14 was awarded to Rebekah Pennington of Oregon for \$3,000.00. Two Wirz Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 each were awarded to Victoria Riback of Oregon and Shelby Baldwin of Idaho. The committee awarded \$89,000.00 in scholarships to 27 students.

### Grand Matriarch Susan Jackson

Greetings Matriarchs, Patriarchs, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and spending time with your families and friends.

I would like to thank my lodge for helping with my reception. It was a very special day for me and I was so happy to see everyone.



Thank you so very much for supporting me and my projects.

Allan and I helped at the Jesse T. Jones Campground in Florence for a couple of hours on Saturday and then we had to leave to go to Eugene for a memorial for a dear friend.

Remember it is always good for the Order to Just Ask!

### Thought of the day:

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

~ Frederick Koenig

In Faith, Hope and Charity, Susan Jackson, Grand Matriarch



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# Grand Secretary's Corner Rom Kumze

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all are having a great summer.

### **Secretaries Please Read** In Open Lodge

I have a list of the Jesse T. Jones Park rules revisions. They are effective 7/2/2016.



The purpose of the rewards card is to encourage members to attend meetings which will further benefit the Order.

- All rewards are effective per calendar year. January 1st through December 31st.
- Any meetings attended in a calendar year will count towards the following years discount. Example - If you attend 4 meetings in calendar year 2016 they will qualify you for the discount for year 2017.
- Current members If you do not attend the minimum amount of meetings for a calendar year you will not qualify for the following year's discount.
- New members Attending 4 meetings for the first calendar year will qualify them for the current year and the following year's discount. After their first year they will follow the rules for "Current Members".
- As the rules have been revised, the following will apply only one time to qualify everyone for the discount. For calendar year 2016 a member that attends 4 meetings will qualify for the discount in 2016 and 2017.
- Any attendance at any meeting of the following Orders will count towards the required amount of meetings - Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.
- Attendance at your home lodge or associate lodge will count towards the annual requirement.
- There are a total of 4 required meetings per year to
- Meeting attendance will be taken by the lodge secretary and reported monthly to the Grand Lodge Secretary via electronic communication or mail. This attendance form will show member attendance for the current calendar year. Continued...

# From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary Mary House

Happy August to all of you, I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer.

I have received several requests asking me to try to find information regarding when family members joined a lodge or if they are life members. It is really diffi-



cult to find this information for you if I do not have the name of the lodge the member joined originally. I also need all names the member may have used. I have had some success locating family members, but only when I get enough information for a good search.

When you leave phone messages for me please be sure to give your name and a phone number so that I can return your call. I am sorry but, I am not very good at guessing who called by your voice alone.

I will be leaving for International on August 9<sup>th</sup> and will return on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am looking forward to seeing some of you in North Dakota.

Fraternally, Mary Houle', Secretary Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

> I believe that summer is our time, a time for the people, and that no politician should be allowed to speak to us during the summer. They can start talking again after Labor Day. ~Lewis Black

### Continued Grand Secretary...

- The Grand Lodge Secretary will submit a monthly attendance report to the Jesse T. Jones Park.
- The Rewards program is for members from Oregon only - Any out of state member that attends 4 meetings per calendar year in an Oregon lodge is eligible for the discount.

\*Rules subject to change based on Jesse T. Jones Park Board approval

In FL&T, Ron Kunze, Grand Secretary

### Dinner With The Bennetts

Prior to one of Golden Rule Lodge No. 78's last meetings before summer break we all met for dinner. We had Bill and Barbara Bennett transported to their favorite restaurant, Sizzler, so they could remain a part of the Odd fellow family that they have been loyal to



Pictured around the table: Barbara Bennett, Hal Miller, Julie & Donnie Tyree, Ken Carr, Jim & NG Kathy Munyas, Phil Mundy and Bill Bennett.

Pictured below with Barbara is Ed Felan.



Those below not previously mentioned are Karen Stiewig by Bill Bennett and Mike & Heidi Dunbar seated at left. Lloyd Stiewig not pictured.



### Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

We had an exceptionally large turnout to clean the local IOOF Cemetery this year, with some younger people which allowed us to get some major trimming done and get it put in piles for burning this fall. American flags were placed on the veterans graves.

Litter pickup was done on our three miles of highway here in Lorane by members of the Rebekahs, Boy Scouts and Theta Rho Girls. Several bags were collected along with bottles and cans retrieved to add to our treasury.

A donation for a porta potty was received and purchased and it has been permanently anchored down in the cemetery.

We are still accepting donations to replace our lodge roof this summer which is badly needed.

Alice Pellham

## United Youth Group No. 2's Sisters



Arianna and Brianna Reay joined the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 87 on the 28th of June for their final meeting and BBQ in Sheridan, OR. The twin sisters are charter members of the United Youth Group No. 2. Graduating with honors, both girls have been accepted to Northwest Christian University in Eugene, majoring in music pedagogy and performance and were recent participants in "Music in May" held in Forest Grove. Both girls have been active in their church, high school choir, and community events. **Congratulations Ari and Bri!** 

## Shamrock Rebekah Lodge No. 113



Pictured above: Janice Straub, Inez Kennedy and Joyce Steiner

Shamrock Rebekah Lodge held the last meeting before our summer break on Monday June 16th by having a wonderful potluck at 12 noon followed by our meeting starting at 1:00 pm.

With our new chair persons Noble Grand Robert Worthington, Vice Grand Edith Brown, Secretary Joan Scheer and Inez Kennedy as Treasurer we are in good shape for this coming year.

During our program, Inez Kennedy was brought to the center of the hall and received honors for her outstanding Treasury services. She received a personal gift as well as a potted plant from her lodge members. A short reading was also read. Inez was so surprised she did not know what to say. Inez has been our Treasurer for a long time and been a true Rebekah in her actions, caring and assisting where she can.

Our summer community service will be working as volunteers with the fund raising program for the Milwaukie Police K9-9K special dogs and their needs. Volunteers are, Inez Kennedy, Joyce Steiner, Janice Straub and other members who want to assist.

We wish all our brothers and sisters a wonderful summer.

Jan Straub

## Beulah Rebekah Lodge No. 35

We are having a Picnic on August 28th at Bowman Park at the foot of Geary St. to be at 2:00 pm. This will be hosted by Beulah Rebekah Lodge No. 35 and Albany Odd Fellow Lodge No. 4, hopefully on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon. Plates and napkins will be provided, otherwise bring your own table service.

Beulah No. 35 will be having President Joyce visit us on September 1st, we will provide the meal at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:30pm. We will have <u>SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT</u>.

<u>Come one come all.</u> Please RSVP to me so we will know how much food is needed.

Thank you.

Gretta Underwood, Secretary

## News From Jesse T. Jones Campground

What an exciting summer! We finally finished repairing the walls to our last building on my list, the shop is finished and painted. We are having a very busy summer, so if you cannot reach us by phone use the new web page at jessejonesioofpark.com. We always do our best to book you where you want to camp, but with people not changing reservations until check-in and not canceling with enough notice, it is very hard to do. Please make ALL changes PRIOR to arrival. This will also speed up check-in time for everyone.

We have many new members, some who grew up with their parents in the park. If you see a new face stop and say hi and introduce yourself.

The new tower is on the way for the WIFI. We will again have service other than just in the pavilion. Lightning hit the other one and destroyed it.

Happy summer days to everyone. Look at the web page for 4th of July photos.

Mary and Park Staff

### IN MEMORIAM

Martha Allen Verva Loomis George Nelson Hazel Rebekah Lodge No. 156 Vespertine Rebelah Lodge No. 74 Chemeketa Odd Fellow Lodge No. 1



### **UNEP Delegates Fly East!**

Thirty Five Oregon Delegates and 4 Washington Delegates met at the Holgate Center on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. After a meeting with the families, the kids were led in some "ice-breaker" activities by Cyndi Smith. Then they were treated to an excellent dinner by the Holgate Staff who always does a wonderful job for us. Inez Kennedy served as the emcee, Joan Compton entertained us with patriotic music, and Charles Cloud gave the Invocation and Benediction.

After dinner, they were driven to the hotel in the Holgate buses by Gary Hahn and Rich Smith. We had one last meeting from 8:30pm to 10pm to answer last minute questions, go over the airport details and pass out UNEP T-shirts. (It is also an excellent way to keep high school kids from getting into trouble!) Cyndi stayed with us overnight to act as a female chaperone and help me with everything.

Saturday morning we met in the hotel lobby at 4:15am and were off to the airport at 4:30am. All of us adults were impressed with this group of young adults. The delegates flew to Philadelphia and met up with a total of 182 delegates representing 22 states and 7 other countries: Sweden, Finland, Canada, Switzerland, Iceland, Netherlands, and Norway. Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> they toured Philadelphia and then drove to New York City. That evening they got to go to the top of the Empire State Building.

Monday morning they were off to the United Nations Building to hear various speakers tell about some of the issues they are dealing with around the world. That night they went to the Broadway play "Phantom of the Opera"! Tuesday they went back to the U.N. and then spent time working on a speech. The topic of the speech was "How could you aid in the completion of the U.N.'s 17 Sustainable Development Goals?" The preliminary speeches were given that night, 3 Oregon Delegates and one Washington Delegate were chosen to be in the finals with 10 other delegates. They were Claire Pryor and Kleya Dhenin (both from Ashland), Darien Thomas from Hillsboro and Lauren Frasier from Washington. Wednesday night Claire won the speech competition and a \$1,000 college scholarship. GREAT JOB!! That was in competition with great high school students from across the globe! Wednesday was a very busy day for the delegates. They started with another visit to the U.N. Building, then off to South Street Seaport, The Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island before heading back to the hotel for the speech contest.

As I am writing this article for the OPOF, it is Thursday, July 14. Our delegates were up very early today to load their stuff into the charter bus and head north. Tomorrow they will be touring Ottawa, but that story will

have to wait until next month. Please know that your support of this program has value. These young people are having a wonderful experience and learning so much about the world, our country and themselves.

Trey Anderson State UNEP Director





### **United Nations Educational Pilgrimage**



## Golden Rule Lodge No. 78 Participates in Yreka Lodge No. 19's Cave Degree

Grants Pass Cavemen go back to cave. In other words: Golden Rule Lodge No 78 participated in Yreka Lodge No. 19's Cave Degree. Four members of Golden Rule Lodge attended the 70<sup>th</sup> Cave Degree in Yreka. Our initiatory member, Etta Theis, took the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees while members Noble Grand Kathy Munyas, her husband, Jim, along with Lloyd Stiewig attended as "support staff." The degree work began at 1:00 pm with the Initiatory, followed by the First Degree. *Left:* That's Etta, second row back, with the big grin. *Right:* NG Kathy, Degree NG Mark Wright & Etta.





At 5:00pm we gathered for a Roast Beef/Smoked Turkey Feast. Just prior to dinner there was the introduction of special guests. A picture of the head table, sorry, I did not get all the names but Mark Wright of Vallejo, CA with the beard and CA GM Peter Sellars is in the center in white striped shirt, his DGM, Grand Warden and Grand Chaplain are all seated beyond him. The room was filling up: Etta, Kathy and Jim are seated at the 2<sup>nd</sup> table.





Pictured below is CA GM Peter Sellars reminding the new members that they have every right of membership and their voice and ideas are as valid as a 50 year member and members get out of IOOF what they put into IOOF so be involved and participate. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at the Cave is always an inspiring moving experience.





Next year the Cave Degree is the weekend of August 5-6, 2017, put it on your calendars, bring candidates!



# SGL Session 2016 — Registration Rapid City, South Dakota, USA \*\*All Members Attending All Units MUST Regi



### \*\*\*All Members Attending All Units MUST Register\*\*\*

### The Sovereign Grand Lodge, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, General Military Council, International Association of Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant and the Youth

One form per person - register by July 20, 2016 - make additional copies if necessary

Name:			
Highest Current or Past Title	Unit (	Unit of the Order Attending	
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*Will you be flying or driving?			
Pre - registration Fee (before July 20, 2016)	USA \$ 75.00		
Registration Fee (after July 20, 2016)	USA \$ 85.00		
Registration Fee for Youth	USA \$ 0.00		
No registration fee for Youth - however they MU	IST Register		
	Special Events		
Youth Banquet for Adults	USA \$ 45.00		
Youth Banquet for Youth	USA \$ 35.00		
Officer's Banquet - Monday August 15th Holiday Inn - Formal	USA \$ 60.00		
Fun Night - Wednesday - August 17th Chuck Wagon - Mt. Rushmore	USA \$ 60.00		
Total Enclosed		USA \$	
No Meal Tickets will be sold at the Session - All tickets in	must be ordered by July 20, 2016		
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It will not always be summer; build barns. ~ Hesiod