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## Coming Events

June 4.....Grand Master's Reception..Milwaukie

June 5.....Rebekah Assembly President's Reception..Hillsboro

June 25...Grand Matriarch's Reception..Albany

July 2-4...Fourth of July at Jesse T. Jones Campground

July 8.....UNEP Send-Off Dinner..Holgate Center

July 17....Grand Patriarch's Reception..Canyonville



"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." ~Billy Graham

# 2016-2017 Rebekah Assembly and Grand Lodge Officers

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Rebekah Assembly Preside	entJoyce Clark	Grand Master	Jody Morris
Vice President	Brenda Spence	Deputy Grand Master	Gary Kniss
Warden	Denise Meeuwsen	Grand Warden	E.V. Smith
Secretary	Mary Houle'	Grand Secretary	Ron Kunze
Treasurer	Kathy Stewart	Grand Treasurer	Gary Hahn
Grand Matriarch	Susan Jackson	Grand Patriarch	Jack Pickett
Grand Jr. Warden	Dora Dyer	Grand Jr. Warden	Lisa Corda

#### Thank You For Making A Difference





Hillsboro's, Montezuma No. 50, presented GM Sheryl Rohde's 3 "Thank You for Making a Difference", Gold Coins on Wednesday, April 20. They went to the Scout Leaders of Crew 240, which Mon-

tezuma Sponsors. These Leaders are truly making a difference in young people's lives to prepare them for the future.

Left to Right are Noble Grand Clinton Torrey, Eric Delaney, Tony Burns, Dan Alessio and Gary Clark, PGM.

Photo Courtesy Charity Dean

# **Grand Master** *Jody Morris*

Thank you so much for entrusting me to be your Grand Master. I pledge my deepest loyalty, my honest pride, and my earnest faith to the good of our Order. Those of you who stepped up to the plate as Grand officers and committee members, you are appreciated.



We also are pleased that many lodges sent representatives who worked diligently on committees during Grand Lodge. We also thank the District Deputy Grand Masters for accepting their assignments. We truly must work as a team to keep on winning!

A major goal I have is to work more closely with Rebekahs as someday we may be united into one unit. We already have set-ups in some areas of the nation for LEA and Encampment to be united. And then we have United Youth Groups right here in Oregon. Open communications is vital between all.

One of my projects is adopting a resident at Kenilworth Park Plaza. As you may know, many of the residents are widows with low-incomes. It would be wonderful for them to receive cards throughout the year with little gifts tucked in to let them know we care. Please call Melynda or Desiree at 503-872-1110. They will connect you to a resident.

Another one of my projects helps children. I am asking lodges to adopt a special needs classroom in your local school. These teachers and students often do not receive special attention from volunteers. Teachers spend lots of their own money to provide the extras. Just contact the school to find out who is in charge of special kids and go for it!

A third project is in conjunction with the Northwest Down Syndrome Association. Their mission is to create and nurture a loving and inclusive community celebrating every person with a disability, including Down Syndrome. To see how you or your lodge can help, call 503-238-0522 or email—nwdsa.org

During my lodge visits and elsewhere, I am doing a fund raiser to benefit our youth groups. The OS Beaver bear and the U of O Duck bear will accompany me to each lodge and other meetings where there will be a competition to see which bear gets the most moola! Those dollars will go the Youth Travel fund.

And last but not least, raffle tickets are being sold for one week's lodging at a WorldMark Condominium. Tickets cost \$5 each or 3 for \$12. They are available from my Grand Marshal Gordon Corda and wife Lisa. Funds garnered from this raffle will benefit all of my projects. The drawing will be at next year's sessions.

I know there are many projects, but you can pick and choose. Participation from all lodges is greatly appreciated in as many activities as possible that give us a homerun in our communities.

May God be with you until we meet again in next month's OPOF.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Jody Morris, Grand Master



- June 15......Mt Scott/Star No. 188..11:30 am lunch @ Chan's..1:30 meeting..Milwaukie
- June 15......Montezuma No. 50..6:30 dinner 7:30 mtg Hillsboro
- June 19-22...Washington Grand Lodge..Yakima
- June 23......Woodlawn No. 171..10:30 am..Holgate
  Retirement Center..lunch to follow
- June 23......Lebanon No. 47 & Albany No. 4..6:00 pm Dinner..7:00 meeting with initiatory degree
- July 2-4......JTJ 4th of July weekend..activities for all
- July 2......Heceta No. 111..7:00 pm
- July 8......UNEP Send-Off Dinner..6:00 pm..Holgate
  Center..Portland

# Assembly President Joyce Clark

And so it begins, new leadership in the Rebekah Assembly and other branches here in Oregon. We all may wonder what the new year will bring. Grand Master, Jody Morris and I have been working together for



the past three years planning our year. I know we both want the Order to grow and prosper with Odd Fellows and Rebekahs working closely together in our lodges as well as at the State level.

At the close of Rebekah Assembly just days ago, it hit me that this year that seemed so far in the future when I was elected Assembly Warden is now upon me. I am excited and thankful to be able to serve all the Rebekahs in Oregon and will do my best to serve all of you with grace and humor as well as Friendship, Love and Truth. I know this year will flash by and next year at this time I will wonder how it passed so quickly. I have to thank all the Past Presidents for their support in preparation to become your President. I studied the programs of the Past Presidents to come up with my own program by selecting the parts of many that resonated with me. The hardest part was narrowing down the great programs from the Past Presidents into my own program. Most of you will hear my program in your lodge meetings since your Lodge Secretary received it at Assembly, but I would like everyone to adopt two items from my program and remember to use the words in your everyday dealing with all people.

First is my Scripture which is from Ephesians 4 starting with verse 32. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." If you study the scripture, you will "get" how I came up with the password for this year. I know I will strive to follow this scripture and I hope all members will do the same.

The second very special section of my program is my prayer which I borrowed from our most senior living Past President, Edna Oster. It is the Prayer for Understanding.

"Dear God, I pray today for understanding. Give me the warm sympathy that eliminates all thoughts of criticism and dislike, and develops instead the habit of thinking in you Arg Invited
to a Reception for the 2016-2015

Reception for the 2016-2

## Joyce Clark

Sunday, June 5, 2016, 1:00 pm

Hillsboro Rebekah and Montezuma Odd Fellow Lodge Hall Near the corner of 3rd and Main Street, Hillsboro

Additional parking is available at Premier Bank, the entrance to the lot is on 3rd street behind the bank building.
There will be a luncheon served.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." ~Helen Keller

the terms of human understanding. If I feel hurt by words or action, help me to see if my attitude is at fault. May I have the perception to look beyond the disturbing word and action into the motivation. Help me to be friendly and sympathetic and enable me to change what appears to be at cross purposes into good will."

I thank you all for electing me to serve as your President. Join me in following the words in my prayer and scripture to make us all better Rebekahs. I look forward to meeting all of you when I visit your Lodge. Keep a Rebekah Guardian Angel with you as you travel throughout the year.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Joyce Clark, President Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

## Grand Patriarch Jack Pickett

Reception for Grand Patriarch Jack Pickett

Sunday, July 17th, @ 12:00 pm

Pioneer Park, 421 SW 5th Street, Canyonville

There will be a luncheon served

## **Welcome New Members**

Peninsula Odd Fellow Lodge No. 128

Bonny Chipman

Niira Krupnick

Robert Neal

Deirde Neal

Shontell Truevette-Deihm

Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 47

Karla Schafer Michael Schafer

Woodlawn Odd Fellow Lodge No. 171

Frank Wales

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## Grand Matriarch Susan Jackson

Greetings Matriarchs, Patriarchs-Brothers and Sisters,

I am looking forward to my year as your Grand Matriarch. My hope is that we can bring in new members to the Order by working together on this project as a team. If each member of the Order would ask one person to join, we could



double our membership. Remember it is always good for the Order to **Just Ask.** 

Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success. ~Author Unknown

In Faith, Hope & Charity, Susan Jackson





True leaders understand that leadership is not about them but about those they serve. It is not about exalting themselves but about lifting others up. ~ Sheri L. Dew

**Grand Secretary's Corner** 

Rom Kunze

Brothers and Sisters,

Now that we have completed yet another Grand Lodge Session I want to thank those that helped me during my last term. Thank You Patty Olsen Fries for assisting me at the Grand Secretary's



desk and for all of the guidance through out the year. Thank you Darrell and Vickie Beaver for all of the help you provided during this last year and for the preparation help. Without all of you it would not have been so well planned and executed. Thank You Melinda Walter for being the best assistant I could have asked for. You have been such a great help to me during my last term that words cannot say. I would also like to thank Dan Mathews for helping myself and Melinda with the Grand Lodge Data Base. Our File Maker Pro program is so massive that it takes a few years to understand how it works and you have made yourself available to us and we appreciate you for all you do. I also feel a need to thank September Fray of the Holgate Center for all of the help she has given me. When my printer failed you were more than willing to let me use yours and as I was on a deadline this helped tremendously.

I would like to wish our new Grand Master, Jody Morris and the newly elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge a very fun and productive year. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you. To the members of the Grand Lodge I would like to thank you for electing me as your Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by the office if I can help you in any way.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Ronald Kunze, Grand Secretary

In matters of style, swim with the current;
In matters of principle, stand like a rock.
~T. Jefferson

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From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'

Hello to all of my Sisters and Brothers,

A new year is beginning for the Rebekah Assembly and I am happy to see everyone ready to pitch in and continue the wonderful work that we do.



My contact information remains the same. In case you do not have it my home phone number is 541-942-9431 and my cell phone number is 541-556-7426. My e-mail address is lemahoule@yahoo.com.

For lodges that had secretaries at Assembly, remember that your per capita notices are in you packets. For lodges that were unable to have their secretaries at Assembly I have mailed your per capita notices along with your secretary packet. Your per capita dues are due this month. At the time I am writing this I do not know if you will have your Life Membership checks in your packets or not. The Rebekah Assembly Executive Board is in the process of moving our investments and we are not sure if the life interest will transfer in time to get the checks in your packets. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your lodges.

Don't' forget to get registered for IARA Sessions which are in Rapid City, South Dakota this year. Also don't forget to submit your Living Legacy, Drug Prevention, Community Service and Scholarship information to SGL so that you can receive the certificates you have earned.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as you Secretary. I promise to do my very best and look forward to working with all of you.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Mary Houle', Rebekah Assembly Secretary

"Hide not your talents, they for use were made, What's a sundial in the shade?" -Benjamin Franklin

"Even though I'm proud my dad invented the rear-view mirror, we're not as close

as we appear." ~Stewart Francis

#### Golden Rule Lodge No. 78 and Etna Rebekah Lodge No. 49 Public Installation April 10, 2016 2:00 - 4:00 pm



Prior to the installation, Judy Basker and Dawn Welch representing Rogue Community College (RCC) Foundation gave a presentation on the vision for RCC which is in both Jackson and Josephine Counties. They spoke on what RCC has done and is doing and asked for support for the local bond issue that will cost \$5 per year on every \$100,000 of assessed value, a small price to pay for all the good done by the community college.

Opened by NGs Hal Miller and Kim Nelson at 2:04pm. After the pledge to the flag and welcoming remarks the Installation was turned over to the DDGM Jack "Butch" Frost and acting DDP J. Colleen Malisch who proceeded to install the officers with the help of Lloyd Stiewig, PGM who acted as DDGW.





NGs Hal Miller and Kim Nelson were installed as Past Noble Grand and Past Grand. The Elected officers were then installed: NGs Kathy Munyas and Dawn Elzy; VGs Stephanie Nugent and Mike Dunbar; Treasurers Lloyd Stiewig and J. Colleen Malisch and Rebekah Secretary Lloyd Stiewig. Once obligated and invested with regalia and seated the appointed officers were then installed. Several Members were absent due to illness.



NG Kathy welcomed everyone, thanked the installing officers. NG Dawn then spoke thanking us for the confidence that we have placed in her. She too thanked everyone for coming and then closed the installation at 3:06pm and invited everyone to the dining room for desserts.



Minutes respectfully submitted by Lloyd Stiewig

Rebekah Secretary

This is a nice way to do your minutes on special occasions. You will always have pictures for future members to see.

# Myrtle Odd Fellow Lodge is Having Their Annual Picnic



Myrtle IOOF No. 38 is having their annual picnic Sunday, July 17 at noon until you want to leave. This year's event is being held at Canyonville Pioneer

Park. We will also be celebrating Canyonville's, Douglas No. 14 (150) year anniversary. What an accomplishment. We would love you to join us for this occasion. Mark your calendars and plan to attend for a day filled with food, fun, celebration, and fellowship. Bring your own plates / silverware. We are excited about working and pulling together; strengthening and improving our Order so that we can truly help... "make the world a better place."

# Jesse T. Jones Campground 4th of July Weekend

#### Saturday, July 2nd

8-9:30 am Breakfast at the Pavilion Pancakes & Eggs or Biscuits and Gravy

10.:00 am Park Board Meeting

11-5 Sale in the Pavilion..Kids Scavenger Hunt

(pick up your sheet at breakfast)

6:30 pm Potluck dinner, Scavenger Hunt Prizes

#### Sunday, July 3rd

8-9:30 am Breakfast at the Pavilion..Pancakes & Eggs

or Biscuits and Gravy

10 am Devotional Service

2 pm Kids Parade through the park..Prizes for

top three Entrees awarded at Dinner

6:30 pm Potluck or special event dinner @ Pavilion

#### Monday July 4th

8-9:30 am Breakfast at the Pavilion Pancakes & Eggs or Biscuits and Gravy

All donations received at the Breakfasts and any other event will be used for special projects for the Jesse Jones park.

Y'all Come! 🌞

# Montezuma Odd Fellow Lodge No. 50 Presents Donation To Eagle Scout Candidate



Elliot Smith, Eagle Scout candidate, a member of Crew 240 chartered by Montezuma Lodge No. 50 is presented with a donation of \$300 in his project quest to provide two complete game consoles to St. Vincent Hospital's children's ward.

Pictured left to right is Past Noble Grand Clinton Torrey, Vice Grand Carol Leary, Elliot Smith and Jackie Alessio, charter organization representative between the lodge and Crew 240.

# **Attention Members**

The Grand Lodge would like some feedback from those who attended sessions this year. Let us know what you thought about the MEETINGS, FOOD, EVENTS, ACCOMODATIONS ETC. What would you like to see at future sessions? What can we do to promote better attendance?

On another note it would be very helpful if you would pre-register so there is less confusion on opening day and we can make sure to have plenty of food for everyone to attend the banquet.

Email or send a note to:

Ron Kunze, Grand Lodge Secretary 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202 orgrandsecretary@comcast.net Mary Houle' Rebekah Assembly Secretary 27997 Cottage Grove Lorane Rd, Cottage Grove, OR 97424

lemahoule@yahoo.com

# Rebekah Assembly President's Official Visit at the Myrtlewood Area Meeting



The Myrtlewood Area Meeting was held on March 19th in Gardiner. The Assembly President Patti Winklebleck also made her official visit that day.

Pictured above from left to right: Bruce Barkwell, Coquille No. 53, Mamie No. 20, Ruth Canby, PG Matriarch, Ray Potter PGM Three Rivers No. 240, Joe Goad PGM Nebraska Mamie No. 20, Leon Houle' Jewelry Chairman, Spencer Butte No. 9, Edna Parshall, Jesse T. Jones Park Board Mamie No. 20, Mary Goad PP Nebraska Mamie No. 20, Teresa Cline DDP Myrtlewood Area, Three Rivers No. 240, Dianna Allison IG, Three Rivers No. 240, Helen Bartow Treasurer Emeritus, Three Rivers No. 240, Kathy Creason Past Treasurer Emeritus, Mamie No. 20, Mary Houle' PP, RA Secretary, Joyce Clark RA Vice President, Patti Winklebleck RA President, Lisa Corda RA Marshal.

# Three Rivers Rebekah Lodge No. 240, Mamie Rebekah Lodge No. 20 and Coquille Odd Fellow Lodge No. 53 Hold Joint Installation



Pictured Seated left to right: Laura Booth Chaplain No. 20, Hester Solseng, PNG No. 20, Conductor No. 53 Standing center: Mary Hilda Parrish VG No. 20, Barbara Tarbox NG No. 20,

Standing back row: Dick Lemery LSNG No. 20, RSNG No. 53, Sue Lemery Treasurer No. 20, LSNG No. 53, Bernice Sanders Conductor No. 20, LSVG No. 53, Jim Sanders VG No. 53, Bruce Barkwell OG No. 20, Treasurer/DGM No. 53.



Pictured Seated left to right: Teresa Cline NG No. 20, Shirley Wilson Fin Sec No. 20, Treasurer No. 132.

Standing: Harold Miller IG No. 240/132, Sandra Allison PNG/Warden No. 240, Jean Harris Chaplain No. 240, Dianna Allison Treasurer No. 240, Ray Potter PGM, VG No. 240, Sec No. 132, Helen Bartow Conductor No. 240. Warden No. 132, Lorraine Potter Sec No. 240, Chaplain No. 132, Geane Rickels Musician No. 240.

# Etna's Mother's Day Project

It all started with a suggestion by one of our Rebekahs, Colene Malisch, to place flowers on the graves of the Rebekah Mothers buried in our cemetery. Since we didn't know for sure which women buried in the cemetery were Rebekahs or which were mothers. We decided to place flowers at the grave of every woman buried in our cemetery. We guessed there might be 600 or more. Colene organized the project and the members, with the help of friends, carried it out.



At the meeting before Mother's Day we spent tying tiny ribbons to be placed on the flowers. At the cemetery the Friday prior to Mother's Day an assembly line was set up putting each flower in a small water filled vial. Each had the tiny bows and a sticker: "Place by Etna Rebekah Lodge No. 49."



# **Children's Library Remodeled**

Supporters of the Josephine Community Library gathered at the opening of the recently remodeled children's wing of the library. Below, on the left in red, is Librarian Kate Lasky thanking all present.



Golden Rule Lodge No. 78 has contributed generously to the library over the past few years to help purchase books and accomplish the room remodel. Hal Miller PNG is pictured below with one of the many new books purchased with funds the lodge has donated. (Grants Pass May 7, 2016)



# Update Your Lodge Cards for the July OPOF

## IN MEMORIAM

Dollina Humphreys Myrna M. Dowse Irene Githens Sylvia Rebekah Lodge No. 43 Redmond Rebekah Lodge No. 204 Cora B. Stewart Rebekah Lodge No. 0 Burns Redmond Portland



# Curtis Tigard at 107 Years Old Receives His 85 Year Veterans Service Jewel







Recently five members from Montezuma Odd Fellow Lodge No. 50 went to the home of Curtis Tigard to present him with the 85 year Veterans Service Jewel for his 87 years of service. We believe Curtis is the oldest living Odd Fellow in Oregon. Curtis lives alone and is doing well. Family members visit him twice a week to help him with yard work and other chores. Our members were impressed with the awards he has received displayed on the walls of his home. As we walked back to our car, Curtis came along to point out trees and shrubs he had planted many years ago in his yard. He then invited us to come back any time.

Pictured above left back row: PGM Gary Hahn & PGM Gary Clark, front row: Lt. Gen. Dan Mathews & Curtis Tigard. Center picture: Dan Mathews presents the 85 year Veterans Jewel to Montezuma No. 50 member Curtis Tigard. Pictured far right: Sisters Joyce Clark & Bette Hahn pin the Veterans Service Jewel on Curtis.



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# News From Jesse T. Jones Campground

Welcome back everyone! The season has begun. Wetter than last spring so some of you are staying home, but we are still having a good turnout. First and foremost I want to thank those who personally donated to the park for a new ice machine. I also want to thank Vancouver Lodge, Heceta Lodge and Villa Lodge for their generous donations that put us up to the goal. The machine has been ordered and we hope to have it in by Memorial Day weekend. I also wanted to thank every-



one who came to the work day. We had about 25 people show up and we accomplished most of my to do list. I can not tell you how

much it means that our members are again stepping up

and helping the campground. This was how Jones Park was built in the first place and we love it when you participate and join in to make the park yours.





Most of the improvements, except for the major equipment repairs have been happening because of donations of funds and time from our lodges, and members. Thank you all again.

If you have not been down for a while please come and see us and see what we have been doing. We have a new web site for the park. The web page will have calendar events, flyers for holiday weekends, membership applications and much more. Please check it out and let us know what you think.

www.jessejonesioofpark.com

Mary and Park Staff

Should you ever find yourself the victim of other peoples bitterness, smallness, or insecurities,

Remember things could be worse...

You could be them. ~ Maria D'Alessandro

"The only thing more frustrating than slanderers is those foolish enough to listen to them." ~Criss Jami

# A Blast From The Past....

#### **Parliamentary Pointers**

By Jeanene Swaggerty, Past President Rebekah Assembly of California-1985-86 and Registered Parliamentarian

Many years ago, I wrote this and want to share it with you-as an adjunct to leadership!

#### "DON'T BE A PROCESSIONARY CATEPILLAR"

In the world of nature there is a strange phenomenon known as a processionary caterpillar. He is ambitious, which is good, and he and his associates frequently climb to the top of the flower pot in search of food. Once having arrived there, however, these caterpillars form a circle around the edge of the flower pot, each one attaching himself to the caterpillar ahead, The interesting phenomenon is, that having done this, no caterpillar breaks the circle. They go 'round and 'round the flower pot until they have starved themselves to death, although food was close by.

As is so often true, this strange pattern in nature has its counterpart in man. All too often, after we have exercised the necessary initiative to get to where we want to go, we attach ourselves to the program, policy, and tradition of the leaders before us, each one of us reluctant or afraid to break the trend. It gives us a sense of security because things have been done that way before, and it makes the job much easier because there is a set pattern to follow. Such a practice shows no initiative or creativity, and merely keeps in motion the operations as practiced in prior years. Activity becomes dull and lifeless, and finally dies, just as the processionary caterpillar dies because he will not break the circle.

As a new leader (presiding officer), dare to be different; think of new and better ways in which your club can give service to your community and to yourselves, with the end result of an alive, progressive and prosperous club. As a new presiding officer, you have arrived at the top of the flower pot, and it is now your responsibility to the members to think creatively about your organization, and to cause to be put into action experimental ideas for its good. Clubs and organizations, just like the caterpillar, can starve to death if they simply hang on to the same old way of doing things.

Congratulations to each of you who has undertaken leadership service. Give wholeheartedly of your time, your talents, your efforts and your creative ability.

"Not the cry, but the flight of a wild duck, leads the flock to fly and follow." ~ Chinese Proverb

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Jump, and you will find out how to unfold your wings as you fall.

~ Ray Bradbury