

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"Stars across the Prairie"



Jottings from Jan

A new "Grand Officers and Standing Committees" booklet is enclosed with this OES news letter. It is a handy reference of contact information for those serving our Grand Chapter. If you'd like your own personal copy, call the office (402-727-8644).

Don't forget you can download Newsletters in color and find lots of information on our Web-site: <http://neoes.org>. The Grand Secretary is walking to end Alzheimer's on September 29th in Omaha. Jan is walking for all Secretaries and I challenge the secretaries to join her or make a donation on behalf of Jan. Let's all walk to END Alzheimer's!

Getting to know the 2013-2014 Grand Officers

Associate Grand Matron, Sharlene Coulter: Sister Sharlene is a member of Herman Chapter No. 216 in Herman. Interests include reading, playing the piano, and traveling. Collects jewelry, music and shoes.

Associate Grand Patron, Deloyt Young: Brother Deloyt is a member of Signet Chapter No. 55 in North Platte. Interests include fishing, hunting, family and Nebraska history. Deloyt is retired Union Pacific Railroad

Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman PGM: Sister Jan is a member of Vesper Chapter No. 9 in Beatrice. Interests include photography, NE sports, spending time with friends. Collects photos, tea cups, coffee's, teas, fun post-its and note pads.

Grand Treasurer, Pam Boshart: Sister Pam is a member of Blue River Chapter No. 132 in Milford. Interests include traveling, reading, bird feeding and watching and word search and numbrix puzzles. Pam is a retired accountant.

Grand Conductress, Brenda McGuire: Sister Brenda is a member of Eureka Chapter No. 86 in McCook. Interests include Bible studies, reading and traveling. Collects frogs and chickens.

Associate Grand Conductress, Cheryl Beckius: Sister Cheryl is a member of Ogallala Chapter No. 142 in Ogallala. Interests include reading, sewing, crocheting, gardening, cooking and baking. Collects willow tree figurines and western décor. Cheryl is a para professional, tax preparer.

Grand Chaplain, Kirk Brown: Brother Kirk is a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 in Fremont. Interests include watching sports, Green Bay Packers. Collects 56 Snow Village. Kirk is the owner of Buck's Shoes.

Grand Marshal, Delbert Rogers: Brother Delbert is a member of Franklin Chapter No. 213 in Franklin. Interests include Church, Eastern Star, Masons, and hunting. He is retired.

Grand Organist, Sharon Eller: Sister Sharon is a member of Trinity Chapter No. 299 in Omaha. Interests include reading, sewing and needlework. Collects Peggy Karr plates, antique cups & saucers and cookbooks. She is a music teacher.

Grand Adah, Laurie Sieg: Sister Laurie is a member of Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln. Interests include machine embroidery and quilting. Collects Margaret Furlong angels and some Peggy Karr plates.

Grand Ruth, Peggy Hitchcock: Sister Peggy is a member of Bethany Chapter No. 113 in Ainsworth. Interests include reading, walking, gardening, grandchildren and tent camping. Collects wolf related items. She is a registered nurse.

Grand Esther, Jean Smith: Sister Jean is a member of Ceresco Chapter No. 198 in Ceresco. Interests include reading, sewing, dancing, baking and grandchildren. Collects Charming tails by Fritz & Floyd, Crinkle Claus by Possible Dreams.

Grand Martha, Andi Carpenter: Sister Andi is a member of Friendship Chapter No. 122 in Hooper. Interests include camping and crocheting. Collects eagles and wolves. She is a supervisor at adult protective services.

Grand Electa, Joyce Royal: Sister Joyce is a member of Palmyra Chapter No. 257 in Palmyra. Interests include music, Lincoln Community Concert band, silk flower arranging, arts & crafts. Collects Hallmark ornaments, cat figurines, jewelry with hearts.

Grand Warder, Anita Sohm: Sister Anita is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue. Interests include watching college football, reading, traveling, knitting & cross-stitch. Collects Husker "stuff" and Boyd's Bears.

Grand Sentinel, Gary Brhel: Brother Gary is a member of Blue River Chapter No. 132 in Milford. Interests include hunting, fishing, woodworking, computers and grandchildren. Collects road treasurers.

THE NEBRASKA FREEMASONS CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!!!!

This year's **CHIP event** at the **Nebraska State Fair** in Grand Island will be held **Opening Day, Friday, August 23, 2013 through Sunday, August 25, 2013** between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm all three days. **The State Fair board is giving us prime space in the 4-H Building this year near the Kids Zone, but we must be open the entire opening weekend to make this happen.** Your help is needed!

We need at least 120 volunteers to fill three days of morning shifts from 9:00am to 3:30pm and evening shifts from 2:30pm to 9:00pm. **You will receive a free pass for gate admission if volunteering for a full shift.**

Please print this email and alert each and every member of your Lodges, Chapters, Shrine Clubs, Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, Youth groups, family and friends.

Volunteers should contact Michelle at the Grand Lodge Office to sign up on the schedule. (michelle@glne.org or 800-558-8029). Please help us make this a huge success. The exposure this event gives Masonry and the CHIP program is HUGE. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Michelle. Thanks for your help!

Thanks to all the Star members that saved pop tabs for the Rainbow Girls. Eastern Star donated the most as a group for a total of 182,400 tabs. The tabs were given to Ronald McDonald house. The grand total collected for Sami Voshell, Grand Worthy Advisor's special project was 566,383 tabs!!

Typical age-related memory loss and other changes compared to Alzheimer's

| Signs of Alzheimer's | Typical age-related changes |
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| Poor judgment and decision making | Making a bad decision once in a while |
| Inability to manage a budget | Missing a monthly payment |
| Losing track of the date or the season | Forgetting which day it is and remembering later |
| Difficulty having a conversation | Sometimes forgetting which word to use |
| Misplacing things and being unable to retrace steps to find them | Losing things from time to time |

Message from Jan Hadrick, PGM-SD GGCC – Community Service
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Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Jan Hadrick, and I am a PGM of SD and your representative on the Community Service Committee of the General Grand Chapter. Our Chapters are very active participants in our Communities, but often we do not get the recognition. The Community Service Committee encourages you to continue your community involvement and to report it to me. I will then compile a report for our



Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbi White. It would be nice if there was some publicity of your works, then we could make a scrap book for Sister Bobbi. The sky is the limit to the Community Service possibilities. Fraternally, Jan



Dear OES members, I want you to know what a great time I have had blowing around our state. The first three visitations were very nice and I was even able to greet some other “windy” friends. The attendees said the meals were great (wind doesn't have much taste), the decorations were lovely and the chatter enough to make my wheel spin!

Next - WOW what enthusiasm those girls at Grand Assembly and Grand Bethel had. Never a dull moment! Let's hope that their enthusiasm continues on their Assemblies and Bethels, they are the future for our Eastern Star. Are you planning enthusiastic fun things for your chapters?

July will be another BUSY month. Not only will my wheel be spinning in all directions but those cars wheels

will really be moving – from Plattsmouth, Fremont, Nebraska City, Beatrice, Lincoln and then to DeMolay Conclave in Sidney, Oh boy, another enthusiastic group. I will blow back to Omaha for the 5-State. I can hardly wait to meet our friends from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota and Nebraska.

I know how much the Grand Officers enjoy getting together with everyone across this beautiful State. It is a fact that the prevalent winds in Nebraska are from the South, but let me tell you, I will certainly be changing my directions this month.

I'm almost out of wind just telling you what has and will happen. I'll blow in again next month. “Windy”

“Sowing seeds of friendship and binding them with love”



THE “PRAIRIE” CALENDAR

**(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)
 PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST NEWS BY JULY 15**

- July 4 Happy Independence Day
- July 18 Luna Chapter #169, 7:30 Friendship night and Ice cream social, 20295 Hopper St, Elkhorn
- July 26-28 Five State Friendship Exchange in Omaha, Embassy Suites, 555 S. 10th, RSVP to Dee Schuetz, PGM, 18406 Peterson Road, Plattsmouth, 68048, schuetz01@windstream.net
- July 28 Fontenelle #249 Corn Feed 11:00am-2:00 pm, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Aug 10 4-H Achievement Day at Children's Home in Fremont
- Aug 11 Corner Stone Laying & Open House at Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, 2:00 p.m.
- Aug 17 Iowa/NE Exchange in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Fun casual weekend, \$5 registration fee
- Aug 23-24 NE/KS Exchange at Trinity in Omaha and Rose Dale Lodge in Kansas

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ Grand Officer & Committee Booklet
- ❖ IOWA/NEBRASKA Fun Exchange Invitation
- ❖ NE/KANSAS Exchange Weekend Invitation