

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"God Bless the U.S.A."



Jottings from Jan

You have now received a new "Grand Officers and Standing Committees" booklet. Please make the correction for the Rainbow website to: www.nebraskarainbowgirls.com It is a handy reference of contact information for those serving our Grand Chapter.

Getting to know the 2017-2018 Grand Officers

Associate Grand Matron, Candy Martin: Sister Candy is a member of Friendship Chapter No. 122 in Hooper. Interests include reading romance novels and watching pro football. Candy collects snowbabies, and Willow figurines. She is a retired teacher.

Associate Grand Patron, Harold Terry: Brother Harold is a member of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 in Omaha. Interests include Street Rods and he collects old cars. Harold is retired US Air Force.

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 and a special toy poodle and yorkie. Collects photos, tea cups, coffee's, teas, fun post-its and note pads.

Grand Treasurer, Karla Lawler: Sister Karla is a plural member of Ogallala No. 142, Arbor Vitae No. 92 and Oshkosh No. 264. She is in her first year as Grand Treasurer. Her interests include crafts of many sorts and music. She collects M&M paraphernalia.

Grand Conductress, Karan Birdsall: Sister Karan is a member of Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln. Interests include music, art, cooking and travel. She collects music, jewelry and glassware. Karan is a custom framer and art dealer.

Associate Grand Conductress, Dottie Arent: Sister Dottie is a member of Bethany Chapter No. 113 in Ainsworth. Interests include traveling, friends, family, Sand Hills Discovery Foundation and reading. She collects friends and memorabilia. Dottie is a retired Family Nurse Practitioner.

Grand Chaplain, Don Norman: Brother Don is a member of Imperial Chapter No. 279 in Imperial. He is a Digital Media Manager. His interests are listening to music. He collects gadgets even if they have no practical purpose.

Grand Marshal, Bruce Baker: Brother Bruce is a member of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings. Interests include grandchildren, cars, outdoor activities, and woodworking. Bruce is retired.

Grand Organist, Cynthia Timmermier: Sister Cynthia is a member of Luna Chapter No. 169 in Elkhorn. She enjoys gardening, playing bridge, music, and reading classics. She collects clear glass baskets. She is an attorney.

Grand Adah, Kelly Stahly: Sister Kelly is a member of Blue River Chapter No. 132 in Milford. She collects Angels and interests include sewing, crafts, Stamp-it Up and she loves to camp. Kelly is retired.

Grand Ruth, Roxie Heim: Sister Roxie is a member of Home Chapter No. 189 in Plattsmouth. She enjoys flower gardening, walking, grandchildren's school activities, and spectator sports (volleyball, NU volleyball, football, and baseball). She collects mugs and cups. She is a retired farmer.

Grand Esther, Cindy Pedersen: Sister Cindy is a member of Laura Chapter No. 301 in South Sioux City. Her interests include family (especially grandchildren), gardening, and sewing. She doesn't collect things unless it's all her daughters from Rainbow! Cindy is a registered nurse.

Grand Martha, Katherine Meink: Sister Katherine is a member of Wausa Chapter No. 159 in Wausa. She is a retired school superintendent. Her interests include golf, music and grandchildren.

Grand Electa, Joan Alexander: Sister Joan is a member of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 84 in Plainview. She is a pastor at Plainview Congressional Church. Her interests include playing the piano, garden flowers, and being with family and friends.

Grand Warder, Sharon Eller: Sister Sharon is a member of Trinity Chapter No. 299 in Omaha. Interests include reading, travel and crochet. She collects unusual or antique Christmas ornaments, Jim Shore and Tom Clark figures, Peggy Karr glass and Pandora charms. Sharon is a teacher and musician.

Grand Sentinel, David Wetrosky: Brother David is a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 in Nebraska City. Interests include college sports (particularly Iowa State),

and stained glass. He collects panda bear collectables.

OPERATION HOMEFRONT

The "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Officers and the Grand Lodge Officers welcomed guests at their reception on May 21st at the Scottish Rite in Omaha. The event was hosted by Alpha Chapter #325 and AkSarBen Chapter #277. The Grand Family then traveled to Kearney for the Masonic Band Camp, Band Concert in the park and the Shrine Bowl Parade. The weekend ended with a trip to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Adah Chapter #52. Worthy Matron Margaret McCall and Worthy Patron Dan Marr and their members had a very impressive display of their chapter's memorabilia from the past 125 years. Next we are off to Doane College in Crete for Rainbow Grand Assembly and then to York for the Job's Daughters Grand Session. Anita Sohm, WGM

Thank you to all those who participated in the marches at the "Trails of Faith" Grand Chapter. We tried something new and WOW...you made it happen! Your 'fearless' March Directors were a little bit nervous about the changes but you were awesome. We hope that each of you had as much fun as we did. We received many compliments from our out of state visitors so you can be proud of yourselves. Thanks again to each of you,

Dee Schuetz, Bev Donham and
Cyn Norman



THE "GOD BLESS THE U.S.A." 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
- Jul 7 Area 3 visitation (McCook, Bartley, Broken Bow, Benkelman, Imperial)
- Jul 8 Area 4 visitation (Lexington, North Platte, Cozad, Ogallala)
- Jul 8 Martha Washington #153 Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00, all you can eat fish, fried potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw and drinks, \$10.00, 4430 N 70th St, Lincoln
- Jul 14 Area 5 visitation (Ceresco, Lincoln)
- Jul 15 Area 6 visitation (Fremont, North Bend, Fort Calhoun, Hooper, Tekamah, Elkhorn, Herman)
- Jul 15 DeMolay Conclave, Midland University in Fremont
- Jul 28-30 Five State friendship exchange in Jefferson City, Missouri
- Jul 29 4-H Achievement Day at MESHHC, 11:00 am, 2415 N Main, Fremont
- Jul 29 Alpha #325, Pot luck and bottle auction, 4:00-6:00, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue
- Jul 30 Trinity #299 & Centennial Lodge, Corn Feed, chicken, sides & desserts, 11:00 -2:00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 for children under 10, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Aug 11-13 International Peace Gardens Pilgrimage
- Aug 28 AkSarBen #277, OES Card party, 10:00 – 3:00, Northwest Hills Church
- Sept 11 .Grand Lodge Masonic Charities Golf Tournament in North Bend
- Sept 15-17 Iowa-Nebraska-South Dakota Tri-State Exchange
- Sept 23-24 6th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference at Holiday Inn in Kearney
- Sept 24 .Nebraska Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner 1:30 p.m.
- Oct 22 Alpha #325, Soup & chili dinner, 4:00 – 6:00, 1908 Franklin St, Bellevue

Grand Chapter of other Grand Jurisdictions

Please contact the Grand Chapter office if you are interested in attending Grand Chapter in other states.

- Aug 9-12Wyoming Grand Chapter in Casper at Parkway Plaza
- Sept 21-23Colorado Grand Chapter in Denver at Double Tree Hotel
- Oct 19-22.....Iowa Grand Chapter in Altoona at the Meadows Event and Conference Center

Enclosed with this OES News:

- o Iowa-Nebraska-South Dakota Tri-State Exchange

~~~~DON'T FORGET!—YOU CAN POST YOUR EVENTS ON THE NEBRASKA OES WEB-SITE CALENDAR~~~~

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