

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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*“Rainbows of Kindness”*



## Jottings from Jan

A huge thank you to the many Sisters and Brothers that helped make Grand Chapter a huge success. You are appreciated!

Dear Sisters and Brothers, During our 2022-2023 Grand Chapter year, WGP Wayne and I are focusing on one of the three great principles of our Order, that of **LOVING KINDNESS**.

Acts of Kindness can each look different from one another, like the colors of the Rainbow. But each color in the Rainbow of Kindness has a positive impact on both the recipient and the giver. Many of us already know how nice it feels if someone ahead of us in a fast food or coffee shop line pays for our order. And it benefits the giver of that act of kindness also. These kindnesses provide true health benefits to both.

Our Special Project this year is the support of our 501.c.3 charity, OES Star Dogs of Nebraska, Inc. WGP Wayne and I are planning to add to the strong foundation that has begun and will allow us to assist in provide the needed support and comfort of a trained dog.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our area visitations this year. We will be bringing along

our box of adoptable, adorable puppies for you to take home. They are each very low maintenance and just need a home and a name. At Grand Chapter we will have a special drawing for those who have become Rainbow puppy parents during the year.

YOU are each a Blessing to the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and we wish you abundant Kindness.

Star love – Laurie Sieg, WGM & Wayne Andreasen, WGP

## Getting to know the 2022-2023 Grand Officers

**Worthy Grand Matron, Laurie Sieg:** Sister Laurie is a member of Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln. Interests include machine embroidery, quilting, genealogy. She collects fabric and Pandora jewelry. She and Ken have a son J.D. and wife Jolene. Grandchildren are Brandon and Taylor. Laurie's star dog is Yumi an English Springer spaniel.

**Worthy Grand Patron, Wayne Andreasen:** Brother Wayne is a member of Mt Vernon Chapter No. 84 in Plainview. Interests include grandchildren's activities, travel, model trains, camping and boating. Wayne and Sue's children are Karri (Mike), Michael (Erica), Jamon (Katie), Bradley (Britton). They have 17 grandchildren. Wayne's star dog are Izzy (Yorkie) and Milo (Maltese).

**Associate Grand Matron, Linda Dubry:** Sister Linda is a member at Sunshine Chapter No. 261, Thedford, Dome Rock Chapter No. 215, Scottsbluff and Signet Chapter No. 55, North Platte. Interests include bowling, playing organ, piano, clavinova Bible study and traveling. She collects butterfly jewelry. Linda and Dennis children are Melinda Burbach, Ashley Harimon, Doug Dubry. They have 5 grandchildren.

**Associate Grand Patron, L. Cecil Smith:** Brother Cecil is a member of Home Chapter No. 189 in Plattsmouth. Interests include hunting, fishing, reading, listening to piano. He collects archery equipment. Cecil is a project manager. Cecil and Nicole's children include John (Andi), Rebecca (Shay). They have five grandchildren, Levi, Amos, Owen, Leonora, Lucian. Cecil's star dog is Royal (golden doodle).

**Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman PGM:** Sister Jan is a member of Vesper Chapter No. 9 in Beatrice and Martha Washington No. 153 in Lincoln. Interests include dogs, photography, NE sports, spending time with friends. Collects photos, tea cups, coffee's, teas, fun post-its and note pads. Jan's star dogs are Nikki (toy poodle) and Maddie (Yorkie).

**Grand Treasurer, Karla Lawler:** Sister Karla is a plural member of Ogallala No. 142, Arbor Vitae No. 92 and Oshkosh No. 264. Her interests include music. She loves making things from felt. She collects old post cards of Masonic Temples. She has one son Kurt and wife Hannah. Her star dog is Betty Davis, a cat.

**Grand Conductress, Sheli Rice:** Sister Sheli is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue. Interests include travel, genealogy and baking. Sheli is an accountant. She collects snowbabies, magnet from places she has traveled to. Sheli and Bryan have two children, Daniel and Katheryn. Sheli's star dog is Abby.

**Associate Grand Conductress, Gloria Guern:** Sister Gloria is a member at Papillion chapter No. 114 in Papillion. Her interests are her grandchildren, driving mustang on curvy roads. Gloria is a registered nurse. Gloria and Allan children are Rochelle (Kevin), Bethany (Steve) and Caleb. Grandchildren are Skyllar, Reese, Stephen James, Alice, Leon.

**Grand Chaplain, Mike Hitchcock:** Brother Mike is a member of Bethany Chapter No. 113, Ainsworth. His interests include gardening. He collects bear items and pictures. Mike and Peggy have two children, Jessica (Tom Schielfinig), Luke (Jenny). Grandchildren are Parrin, Avenda, Erick, Kristian, Cora.

**Grand Marshal, Keith Lindvall:** Brother Keith is a member of Tuscan Chapter No. 35, Kearney. His interest Habitat for Humanity, Family, Friends. OES and Masons. Keith and Rita have three children, Scott, Eric, Jennifer and grandchildren, Bryson, Maya, Kehaulani & Asha. Keiths star dog is Fred.

**Grand Organist, Wanda Retzlaff:** Sister Wanda is a member of Mt Vernon Chapter No. 84 in Plainview. Her interests include music and camping and she collects music. Wanda and Gale have two daughters, Valerie Tarr, and Courtney Retzlaff and two grandchildren, Tobias and Victoria. Wandas star dog is Hooch (great dane/St. bernard).

**Grand Adah, Beth Benson:** Sister Beth is a member of Electa Chapter #8 in Lincoln. Beth is a Systems Analyst for UNL, Member of the Chancellor's COVID task force. Her interests are spending time with family, out to dinner with friends, reading, listening to music, genealogy. She is a very proud Aunt to nieces Courtney, Maggie and nephews Tyler, Chad and twins Kooper and Tucker; great aunt to Sloane. Beths star dog is Boss a blind lab.

**Grand Ruth, Caryn Zietlow:** Sister Caryn is a member of Ruth Chapter No.

119 in North Bend, Her occupation is an educator. Her interests are playing piano, reading, learning about reading and writing and gardening. She collects books. Caryn and husband Todd, children are Zander Zane.

**Grand Esther, Lorrie Bryant:** Sister Lorrie is a member of Temple No. 271 in Lincoln. She is a retired child psychologist. Her interests are scrapbooking, photography, watching wildlife, jazzercise, hiking, baking, being outdoors, outdoor flowers and reading. She collects anything related to birds. Lorrie and Sam have Beth (Steve), Christine (Ben) and grandchildren, Riley, Connor, Kinley, Dylan. Lorries star dog is Tilly (manchester terrier).

**Grand Martha, Marcia Donley:** Sister Marcia is a member of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings. She is a nursing educator. Her interests are family, church activities, audiobooks and she collects nativities. Marcia and Jim children are Brianna, Laine, Taryn Kile & Eliza. Grandchildren are Hudson, Emersyn, Gibson, Audrey, Mollie, Fredrick. Marcias star dog is Martha.

**Grand Electa, Debbie Parks:** Sister Debbie is a member of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 of Omaha. She is an HR professional, payroll and benefits specialist. Her interests include traveling,

watching movies, crafts, shopping. Debbie and Romero have son Kyle (Erin), daughter Nikki and grandchild Winston.

**Grand Warder, Andy Stewart:** Sister Andy is a member of Signet Chapter No. 55, North Platte and Ogallala Chapter No. 142, Ogallala. Amdy is a medical assistant. Her interests include puzzles of all kinds. She collects angels, horse figurines. Children are Harry Lee, Kristin, Jeffery.

**Grand Sentinel, Dennis Rix:** Brother Dennis is a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 in Fremont. Interests include woodworking, fishing, gardening and he collects knives. Dennis and Nan have two children Christian Osborne and Patrick Osborne and one grandson, Oliver Osborne. Dennis star dog is Louis and star dog Wallie.

**Sidenote: Louie is one of our trained Star Dogs and a blessing to all that have met him!**



## THE "KINDNESS" CALENDAR

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY NEWS BY JUNE 10TH

- Jun 5 .Reception honoring Laurie Sieg, WGM and all 2022-2023 Grand Officers at Scottish Rite Center, 332 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, 2-4 pm
- Jun 10-12 .International Order of Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly, Session at Omaha Downtown Double Tree
- Jun 16-19 Job's Daughters International Grand Session in Kearney
- Jul 16 .Aksarben #277 Stars Got Talent, cost 12.00 for contestants includes registration, lunch, 1 free raffle ticket, 10:30, Call Carol Reade for details and forms at 402-510-4128
- Jul 22-24 Friendship Exchange 5 State, Hannibal, Missouri, Riverboat cruise, dinner, skits, shopping, wineries, Mark Twain's Cave and beautiful scenery.

### **Enclosed with this OES News:**

- List of 2022-2023 Grand Officers and Companions
- 5 State Friendship Exchange information
- Eastern Star night at Lincoln Saltdogs baseball game

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