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Wendell 131 Child ID Program



Merna Deland, Kathryn Harlan, Marge Harlan, Bob Covert,
Tom Ashley & James Weighall.

Not shown are David Deland, Joe Newman & Calista Newman

Wendell - On June 17th, Wendell Odd Fellows Lodge #131 hosted a free Child Safety ID Program for members of the general public. The purpose of this community service project was to provide parents with a page of information specific to their child. This page could then be a valuable asset in the unfortunate event that child goes missing. Sergeant Cornett from the Gooding County Sheriff's Office was on hand to assist with fingerprinting the kids while Odd Fellows members weighed, measured, photographed, and recorded essential information on each child. Parents who attended were very appreciative of the service and will hopefully remember their experience with the Wendell Odd Fellows fondly. In attendance was James Weighall, Marge Harlan, Kathryn Harlan, Calista Newman, Joe Newman, Tom Ashley, Bob Covert, Merna Deland, and David Deland.

Submitted by Kathryn Harlan.



Marge Harlan trying her hand at fingerprinting



Kathryn Harlan getting the important information

Mountain Home Initiates a New Member



Mountain Home - On 16 June 2017, Mountain Home Lodge #19 met in special session for an initiation and 1st degree for a new member, Jeffery Nelson. This was organized by Staff Captain Don Harlan, who masterfully oversaw a practice the night before and the preparation of the lodge hall for the actual initiation and 1st degree. There were 19 members present for this ceremony, with many different lodges represented, and we were honored to be the host to 5 Past Grand Masters for this important night. Afterwards, we all had a chance to socialize, with cookies, brownies, and fruit being provided. Thank you very much to all who came and participated, making this a special occasion. Congratulations to Jeffery Nelson on becoming our newest member.

Linda Hopkins, PR committee, Mtn Home #19

Happy 4th of July



Just a Note From The Secretary

To All Officers and Special Committee Chairperson: Its that time of year to send in your reports for publication in the advanced journal. Please include a financial statement or cost analiss.

The deadline is August 1st so the advance report can be back to the lodges in time for the representative to review it in September. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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I will be sending out who is the chairman of committees. You can Email your report in to grandlodgeidaho@hotmail.com or mail to Grand Lodge I hope everyone has a great summer.

IN F.L&T

Jeff Mann Grand Secretary

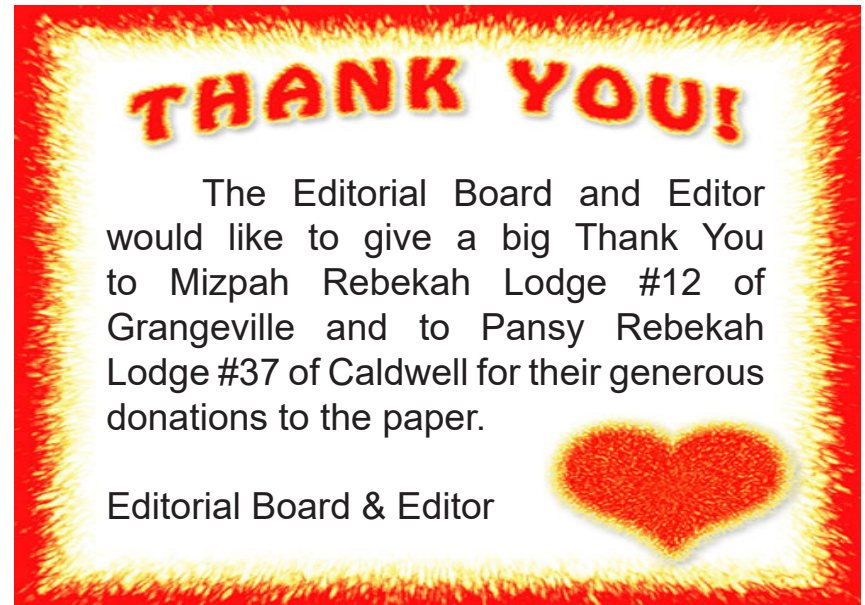
COMING EVENTS 2017

JULY

08	BATTALION MEETING	BOISE 9AM
22	2ND DEGREE RALLY	IDAHO CITY 12PM

AUGUST

04	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
12	IOOF/REB PICNIC	BOISE 12PM
20-24	SGL SESSIONS	ST. LOUIS, MO
26	OWYHEE	SILVER CITY 12PM
26	3RD DEGREE RALLY?	SILVER CITY 12PM



Idaho lodges send two delegates to The United Nations Pilgrimage

Idaho has two delegates for the UNPE program this year. The first one is Hannah Harlan, daughter of Don Harlan from Mountain Home Lodge #19, and the second is Alex Ashley, grandson of Past Grand Master Tom Ashley Nampa Lodge #40. Both delegates will be heading to Philadelphia in mid-July, and will be able to visit locations; like New York City, where they will take in play on Broadway, prepare a speech to be delivered at the UN building. Travel to Washington D.C. and see many of the monuments and war memorials. This is a trip of a life time, so start preparing to select your delegate for next year. Time goes by fast, and the deadline sneaks up on us. The deadline for next year will be around the middle of January which is a busy time for all of us so start thinking about sending your delegate now.

Have fun Hannah and Alex and bring back lots of memories!

Glen Schultz, UNP Joint Committee

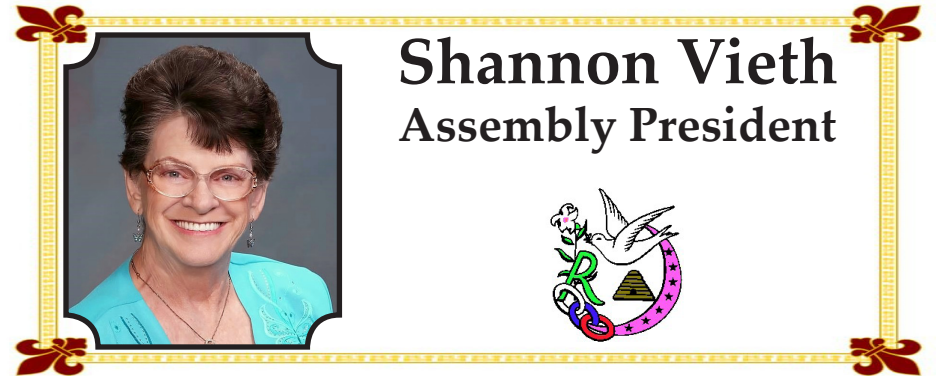


IOOF SUMMER PICNIC

Boise - Ada Lodge #3 is again sponsoring the Odd Fellows / Rebekah's summer picnic on August 12, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Kristina Armstrong / Municipal Park Silver Maple Site #1. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and your own plates and utensils. Last year we had almost 80 people show up so large side dishes please. We had bump and jump for the kids and mind games for the adults. Win prizes and fellowship with members from other lodges. Hope to see you all there!



Submitted by Glen Schultz



To the members,

I know that most all of the lodges across the state will be taking their summer breaks for the year, but there will be plenty of opportunity to stay active in the order. We should be thinking of ways we can change what we are doing so that we don't fall into the old routines of just doing things the same way that we always have.

We should also be visiting those that can't make it to lodge. It is also important to make sure we visit those who aren't feeling well. I know that I write about it almost every month, it's because I feel it is very important for us to remember that we are supposed to visit the sick.

I would also like to invite everyone to the Grand sessions this year that will be held in Fort Hall. I've heard from some members that they will be attending for the first time and I'm glad to hear it. The registration was in last month's newspaper and I hope many people are going to be in attendance.

I would like to write a little about the foundation of Odd Fellowship. The Foundation of Odd Fellowship rests securely on the belief of a supreme being and the friendship of all mankind. Its aim is elevation of the character of self, to antagonize selfishness, to extend aid to those in need and fight against vice in every form.

The three-golden links of Friendship, Love and Truth weld us together as the foundation of our order. The three pillars of Faith, Hope and charity support us through the journey of life. Our order teaches universal justice for one and all. True fraternity is of the spirit. If you have a true spirit of fraternity, you will live and promote the principles of Odd Fellowship.

In F.L.T.

Stephen Mann Grand Master

Dear Sisters and Brothers;

When you read this I will have been to the Sessions in California at the invitation of I.A.R.A. President Joyce Link. The Sisters and Brothers in California are just as friendly and warm as we are in Idaho. It is my hope that we ALWAYS show the good side of Odd Fellowship and the Rebekahs to those who are visiting us from out of state. It makes an impression that will last forever.

I met people who knew my Rebekah Sisters when I lived here, made friends that live around my cousin in Clearlake and I feel that many more friends were made.

On June 19, 2017, it was my honor to officiate at the consolidation of Idaho #96 and Union #45. I was assisted by Vicky Kiele, Assembly Secretary; Wanda Bragg, Assembly Marshal; Wilma Bragg, Assembly Conductor; Shirley Shropshire acted as my Chaplain and of course Jean Floyd was present to take pictures. The 'Candle Ceremony' we preformed was well received. I send my special thanks and appreciation to those who made this event memorable.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. To all of my District Deputy President's and Lodge Deputies; PLEASE send me your reports (if you haven't already) so that I can get the reports that I need to do in on time. To those that have already completed this task, I appreciate the promptness, it makes my job easier.

2. To all Lodge Secretaries - please make sure I receive you Lodge Mileage by July 15. REMEMBER you only get to count the Lodges and District Meetings you visited. If you are an Associate Member in any lodge you can not count that as a visit. This also goes for ANY District Meeting where you are and Associate Member in that District.

3. Dress Orders were due May 15th, you can still order but may not receive your dress until just before Assembly instead of early September.

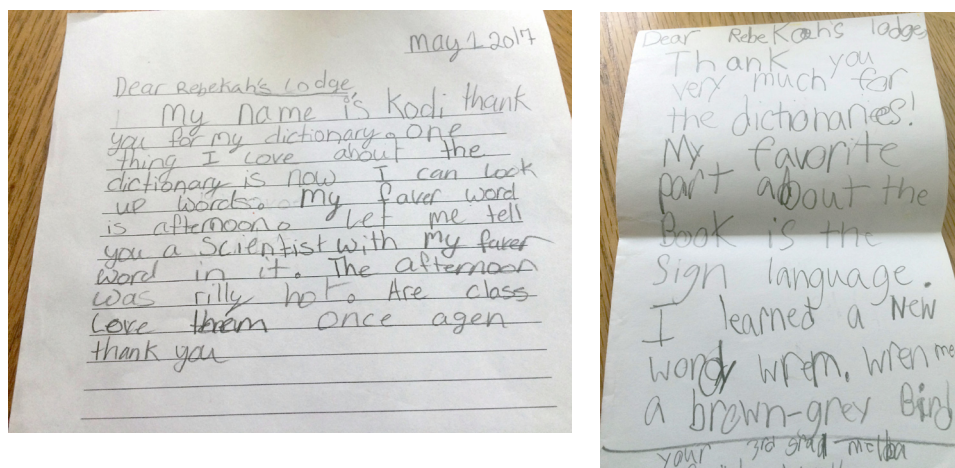
My Sister's and Brothers in District One are working very hard to make sure that the time you spend at this years Sessions will become one of your fondest memories. Remember, if you have any dietary restrictions, PLEASE send a note with your registration.

I wish all of my Rebekah Sisters and Brothers to have a fun and safe summer. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Fort Hall in October.

In F. L. & T.; Shannon Vieth, President



Melba Rebekah Lodge #105 Donates Dictionaries



Nampa - In March, Melba Rebekah #105, reported on their visit to the 3rd graders at Melba Elementary in Melba, Idaho. We received "Thank-You" letters and wanted to share them with you. Some of the children showed us their art work, but all told us how happy they were with their OWN dictionary. If you are looking for a project to get involved with, I suggest you check out the Dictionary Program for 3rd Graders.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



Ada Lodge #3 Honors 50 Year Member



Boise - Eugene Blessing was honored Tuesday June 20, for over 50 years of service with the Odd Fellows. Ada #3 honored him with a 50 year Jewel. Pictured above back row Glen Schultz, Grand Warden, Stephen Mann, Grand Master, Dennis Niehoff Grand Harold. Front row Cori Niehoff, Jeff Mann Grand Secretary, Eugene Blessing Past Noble Grand, Gene Pola Past Grand Master, and Stewart Smith. Refreshments followed with fellowship and wonderful stories from the past.

Reported by Glen Schultz



Ada #3 Visit Members in the V.A. Center in Boise



Boise - Ada Lodge #3 members had their Odd Fellow Veterans night at the local veteran's center to award a 25yr jewel to George Burgess. While the members were at the veteran's center they also visited a other long time member and PGM Jim Self. George's family showed up for the ceremony. Joe Sirani had a nice program. George's daughter pinned on his jewel.

Submitted by Jeff Mann



News From Nampa 40



Brother Jeff Newell and
Sister Angela Rodriguez



The Hartman's: Carol, and
Brother s Orville, John and Bill

Nampa - In May, Nampa Odd Fellow Lodge #40 received two applications to join our Lodge. Jeff Newell and Angela Rodriguez petitioned and were except. To start Jeff and Angela on the road to receiving the degrees of our Order, Caldwell Lodge #10 volunteered to give Jeff and Angela the Initiatory and 1st degree. Thanks Caldwell Lodge #10. Hopefully this summer Brother Jeff and Sister Angela will be able to receive the 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Nampa 40 is happy to have these two new and young members.

Also in May, Nampa 40 honored three of our members, the Hartman's. Brother Orville was recognized for being a member of Odd Fellows for 70 years, Brother John and Brother Bill with 35 year pins. The father and sons started their membership in the Parma Lodge and then when Parma closed, they transferred to Wilder and then when Wilder closed, they joined Nampa Lodge #40. Thank you, Brothers Orville, John, and Bill for your years and dedication to the Order.

Submitted by: Sandie Chandler

Bethel Wing Memorial Scholarship Recipient



Josh Engler, Tatiana Velasco,
and Sister Sharon McGaffick.

Caldwell - Gem of the Mountains Rebekah Lodge #5's Bethel Wing Memorial Scholarship this year went to Zaira Tatiana Velasco, a Senior from Caldwell High School, and goes by Tatiana. Tatiana will be attending the University of Idaho this fall and will be majoring in Biochemistry. Gem of the Mountains members honored Tatiana with a dinner at the Hall and presented her with a certificate. Also attending the dinner was Josh Engler who is the Educational Specialist for the TRIO Upward Bound program at Caldwell High School and Tatiana's college readiness program advisor. Sisters Sandie Chandler and Sharon McGaffick served on the Scholarship Committee.

Submitted by Sandie Chandler



Ada Lodge #3 Donated to the Ronald McDonald House



Boise - Cori Neihoff presented Ellie Pharris a check to the Ronald McDonald House on June 20, 2017. Cori had to utilize their service in the past regarding her daughter. She raved about their service that she had received and suggested we donate to their fund. Ellie gave us a presentation about the service they provide for Ada County and the lodge was more than happy to donate to the cause. Pictured above; Jeff Mann, Stephen Mann, Gene Pola, Stewart Smith, Connie Schultz, Ellie Pharris, Cori Niehoff, Dennis Niehoff, and Eugene Blessing.

Reported by Glen Schultz

Mountain Home Members Observe Memorial Day



Mountain Home - On 26 May 2017, several members of Mountain Home Lodge #19 met at Mountain View Cemetery at 1pm. We then proceeded to walk around and place memorial flags at the graves of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. All told we placed 66 flags in remembrance of those who have passed before us. On Memorial Day itself, we placed three wreaths at the Memorial Day ceremony held at Mtn. View Cemetery in memoriam of our honored dead. Thank you to all who participated.

Linda Hopkins, PR committee, Mtn Home #19



Caldwell Lodge #10 Donates to Summer Reading Program



Caldwell - Fiona May from the Caldwell Library explains their summer reading program to Caldwell Lodge how important for the youths and Fiona also explained how the kids have to read so many books to receive books and other prizes. Caldwell Lodge has supported the Caldwell Library with their summer reading program for many years. NG Stewart Smith awards Fiona May a \$500.00 check to help with their reading program buying new. Fiona thanked Caldwell #10 for their donation. It is just in time for the start of their summer reading program.

Submitted by Jeff Mann



Members of Syringa Rebekah Lodge No. 110, Jerome, Spring Into Action in Pictures



- 1) Noble Grand Jean Floyd welcomes Assembly President Shannon Vieth during Sister Shannon's official visit
- 2) The transfer of the attendance banner from Idaho No. 96, Wendell to Union No. 45, Hagerman during the District Meeting of District 3. Pictured left to right: Midge Lorkowski, Peg Roberson, and Wanda Hays.
- 3) Staff from Voices against Violence, Twin Falls, accept a donation of toilet tissue.
- 4) BRR. Sisters Jean Floyd, Shirley Shropshire, Wanda Bragg, and Wilma Bragg chose a cold, windy day to prepare the soil for a flat of petunias. The Jerome County Heritage Museum had a rose bush in need of pruning, too.
- 5) Residents and staff of Creekside Residential Care Center, Jerome, model the clothing protectors provided by Jean Floyd.
- 6) To avoid "working their fingers to the bone" desk officers Wilma Bragg and Wanda Bragg accept a little help from the lodge,
- 7) Six Rebekahs (front left to right: Shirley Shropshire, Wanda Bragg, Wilma Bragg; back: Jean Floyd, Peg Roberson, Gerry Milton) met at the Jerome United Methodist Church to attend Go to Church Sunday.

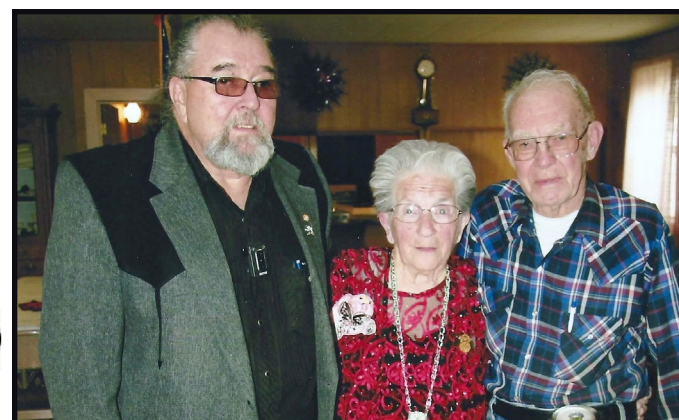


District Deputy President Makes Her Visits



DDP Peg Roberson
NG Jean Floyd
LD Shirley Shropshire

James Weighall, NG Idaho #96
Peg Roberson, DDP
Ralph Taylor, NG Union #45



Peg Roberson, DDP of District #3, made her official visit to Syringa Lodge #110 on April 10, 2019. Shirley Shropshire, Lodge Deputy, Made her visit the same day.

Peg made her visit to Wendell, Idaho #96, as a combined visit with Union #45, Hagerman. She did this because each lodge has only 2 members who do not attend both lodges. The meeting was held in Hagerman. Lorraine McCloud & Lillian McFee of Wendell attended the Hagerman meeting.

Grand Sessions & Assembly in Fort Hall

This issue should have the Registration form for our Assembly & Grand Sessions to be held in Fort Hall, ID October 15-18, 2017.

If you have any dietary requirements, or special needs, please let us know when you send in your registration so that the Committee can make sure that your needs are met.

Remember, cutoff date for making Hotel Reservations and Registration is September 30, 2017.

Please send your registrations to:

Cathy Toussaint
Host Committee Secretary
P. O. Box 1064
Blackfoot, ID 83221

Fraternally,
 David Livingston
 Host Committee Chair



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A REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE FROM **EVERYONE** ATTENDING **ANY** SESSION OR COMBINATION OF SESSIONS FROM **ANY** UNIT.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

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