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Rebekah Unity #8 Annual Apron Parade



Boise - Don't the Ladies look great! Sister Margaret Odle has made an Apron for each Assembly President for many years now, and has continued with Assembly President Sharon McGaffick. Pictured above are Sister Margaret Odle PNG, Georgia Wickham Past Assembly President Sharon McGaffick Assembly President, Brother Stephen Mann Past Grand Master, Sister Connie Schultz Noble Grand, Brother Jeff Mann Grand Secretary, Pam York PNG, Sister Jelene Baird Past Assembly President, Sister Vicki Kiele Assembly Secretary, and Barbara Pettigrew Past Assembly President. We honored our Assembly President Sharon McGaffick with dinner at Chuck o Rama, then at our meeting she gave us word of wisdom for the coming year. Noble Grand Connie Schultz presented Sharon a gift of a Bird house in Rebekah colors and a Note pad with photos of Christmas Cacti.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

White Pine Rebekah Lodge No 60



Kathleen Kingston, Christina Supak, Vickie Jorgenson, Christine Brown



Kathleen Kingston NG with Vicky Kiele DDP

Weippe - On January 6 District Deputy President Vicky Kiele and her installation team travelled to Weippe to install the officer of White Pine Rebekah Lodge #60. The officers for 2018 are:

Kathleen Kingston
Christina Supak
Vickie Jorgenson
Christine Brown

Noble Grand
Vice Grand
Secretary
Treasurer

This was the first time in my 20 years of membership that we did not have a blowing snow storm for our sisters to brave up the greer grade. Now we are all working on learning our new jobs and helping one another in carrying out the good of the order.

Vickie Jorgenson, reporter



Everyone's Irish
March 17th



Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

District meetings have already started, it's good to hear the lodge reports on how each lodge has done and the goals the lodges have accomplished this last year. I am looking forward to the seeing how the first joint Odd Fellow Rebekah district meeting how it all works out. I have already seen a program, looks like it will be a good meeting. I have also been told this will be an open meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the district meetings this year.

I hope by now all the lodges have had time to go thru your lodge hall and make sure there are no pamphlets in the hall with UNP on them. If you have not done this yet, you need to do this very soon. Your District Deputy Grand Master should be checking on this task. Also, I had not yet received all of the up-dated by-laws with the mandated changes as per Sovereign Grand Lodge this needs to be before March 31,2018. If you need help with this, I do have a template of the by-laws and constitution in the office. It covers all of the basic duty's in the lodge and is a simple form, I can email this form to you to fill it out and email it back or I can help you with filling out the form, just me let me know phone 208-459-2091 or email grandlodgeidaho@gmail.com

There are still a few Lodges that have not sent in the annual year end report this was due January 31. PLEASE GET THEM SENT IN TO AVOID BEING FINED.

In FL&T
Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary

Island Park Fish Fry June 8, 9, and 10, 2018

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2018 Annual Odd Fellow Fish Fry is being moved back one week from June 15, 16, and 17th to June 8, 9, and 10, 2018.

Sincerely,
David and LaDawn Goebel



BC moved Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association to
March 24-25,
So we are moving the PM meeting to Friday March 23.

Pacific North West

**Department Council
Chilliwack, BC**

Friday, March 23, 2018 at 9:00am

Mustering of 8 Recruits
Sword Spell Down
Sword Proficiency Exam

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COMING EVENTS 2018		
MARCH		
10	DIST. 3 JOINT MEETING	WENDELL
17	DIST. 1 REBEKAHS	AM. FALLS
23-25	NORTHWEST	CHILLIWACK, BC
24	DIST. 1 IOOF	CHALLIS?
31	DIST. 4 ENCAMPMENT	CALDWELL
APRIL		
9	DIST. 7 REBEKAHS	COEUR D' ALENE
9	ENC. FISH FRY	CALDWELL
14	DIST. 6 IOOF/REB.	KOOSKIA
21	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY 12PM
28	DIST. 5 REBEKAH	INDIAN VALLEY
28	DIST. 6 ENCAMPMENT	WENDELL??
MAY		
4	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
5	DIST. 2 REBEKAH	CHALLIS
10	DIST. 7 IOOF	PRIEST RIVER
19	PIONEER 1/ROSE 18	IDAHO CITY
28	MEMORIAL DAY	REST AREA BOISE

In Memoriam

ODD FELLOW



REBEKAH
Erma Trent, PP





Marge Harlan
Grand Master

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I will begin my visitations this month. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing all about your lodge and what community awareness projects you have planned for this year. I would also like to hear any ideas you might have to improve our Odd Fellowship image.

I attended the planning board meeting in Boise. Our calendar of events have been updated. Please look it over and note the changes. We also had a tour of the Hall with the Sessions Committee who explained how things would be set up and where we will be meeting.

I had a good time at the very informative meeting of IOOF District 4 in Boise. I also had the pleasure of attending the official visit of our Assembly President at Melba 105 in Nampa. President Sharon had a good message and the members of Melba honored her with a cute outhouse skit.

Don't forget that March has been proclaimed Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Arthritis Month. Have you donated your time or money in relieving the pain and suffering caused by arthritis?

Remember to celebrate Schuyler Colfax Day on March 23rd in honor brother Colfax's birthday.

Spring is the time of renewal and regrowth. As the flowers and trees begin to bloom, take this opportunity to renew and regenerate your lodge by reaching out to the members of your community and inviting them to join our wonderful Order.

In F.L. & T. Marge Harlan, Grand Master



In Loving Memory

Erma Trent, PP
1923 ~ 2018



Erma Emiline Trent "Grandma", 94, of Parma went to see heaven on February 15, 2018. She was born March 27, 1923 on a ditch bank in Notus, to Jim and Emiline Pritchard. She was the third child of four; Harvey, Robert "Dugan", and Norma. Erma was raised in Roswell where she also attended school. During high school Erma and her sister Norma were both cheerleaders. This is when she met the love of her life, Fred Trent. After graduating from high school, Fred and Erma secretly eloped to Mountain Home, on May 7, 1942.

While Fred was in the Army, Erma attended Boise Business School. Her careers included the Experiment Station, Idaho Department Store, and Continental Telephone Company in Homedale, which she retired from after 20 plus years of managing the office.

Erma was a Beta Sigma Phi member and a Rebekah Lodge member. She held all offices in her local Parma Ruby Rebekah Lodge and then continued her membership in the Middleton Pansy Rebekah Lodge. She held office in 1978 as the President of the Idaho Rebekah Lodge. She truly enjoyed being a Rebekah and cherished the friendships made during her years of involvement.

A few of Erma's favorite things were family gatherings, getting her hair done, shopping, her flowers, humming birds and eating out. Hamburgers, chocolate milkshakes and pie were the top of the food pyramid. Water was for cleaning and watering grass, not drinking. She loved telling stories of her childhood, the farm, square dancing, Bridge Club and her boys. Traveling was a highlight. From trips in the motor homes, the Grand Canyon, Disneyland, cruises, Hawaii and a lot more.

Erma is survived by her son Don Trent, wife Mary of Caldwell; daughter in law Linda Trent, of Parma; granddaughter Mechelle Brown, husband Eric of Nampa; grandson Nick Trent, wife Sammie of Boise; grandson James Trent, wife Katie of Glendale, AZ; grandson Drew Trent, wife Kaylee of Parma; great grandchildren Riley Brown and Jessica Brown (Mechelle) and Kendra Trent and Jordan Trent (James).

She was predeceased by her husband Fred Trent; son Bill Trent; parents Jim and Emiline Pritchard; brother Harvey Pritchard; brother Robert "Dugan" Pritchard; sister Norma Rose and many other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in memory of Erma Trent to My360Project at www.my360project.com/give; or to Huntsman Cancer Institute at www.donate.huntsmanccancer.org.



News From White Bird

The White Bird Rebekah's have started 2018 with installation held on January 17. Installed as Noble Grand is Beth Plagmann and Susie Ray as our Vice Grand.

Our card committee chairman sent out over forty cards the first of the month. These included, along with birthday, anniversary and sympathy cards, notes to all members that do not attend meetings. We are hoping some will be drawn back and join in again.

We held our Valentine raffle last week. We were able to raffle four baskets. This is always a good money maker, as the gifts are donated by members. (And quite a few sisters that do not attend meetings always donate to our projects.) Our drawing is held at the Chamber of Commerce's Fireman's Ball.

We are reading applications for three new members and hope to have them initiated in time for our President Sharon's visit.

We will be making plans for our Easter baked food sale, which supports our scholarship fund, and our Spring Fiesta Mexican dinner the end of April.

In FL&T, we are wishing you a joyous Spring.
Lydia Chrane, Reporter



Nampa 40 Honors Past Noble Grand



Nampa Lodge #40, honored Sister Sandy Chandler with a certificate and Past Noble Grand Jewel on February 1, 2018. She did an excellent job as Noble Grand this past year and we were excited to honor her for a job well done! Congratulation Sister Sandy!

Submitted by Glen Schultz

Crystal Odd Fellow Lodge 103 Sylvan Rebekah Lodge 81 Host Their Annual Ground Hog Feed



Clearwater - This February Crystal Oddfellows and Sylvan Rebekah lodge in Clearwater Idaho, once again hosted their annual ground hog feed. These two lodges have been doing this fund raiser for 55 years now. This year the Odd Fellow started with grinding up 3300lbs of ground hogs. I mean sausage. They even presold over 1500lbs of sausage before the breakfast and selling more at the breakfast. They always sell out of the sausage. These two lodges have worked very hard to get this fund raiser to work in and with the community. People come from all around the area to enjoy the time with everyone. They start feeding everyone at 8am, they even had some people come from the Caldwell area to enjoy the meal. The community shows up and helps the members with cooking, serving the meal and helping with the cleaning. They make this feast very special you sit down at the table and they bring the food to you, that is service. Keep up the good work.

Submitted by roving lodge reporter

Employee Appreciation
DAY
Friday, March 2, 2018



District 4 Rebekah Meeting



Boise - District 4 Rebekah's who is comprised of Gem of the Mountains Rebekah #5, Unity Rebekah #8, Rose Rebekah #18, Pansy Rebekah #37 and Melba Rebekah #105 met at the Boise lodge Saturday February 17. Theme was history. Each lodge performed a skit of sorts and gave us some very interesting facts that have evolved with the Rebekah's over the past 125 Years. Distinguish visitors in the photo above include left to right are introduction team Jean Reineke, Past Assembly President, Tom Ashley District Deputy President, Bob Covert Grand Patriarch, Jeff Mann Grand Secretary, Glen Schultz Deputy Grand Master, Vicki Kiele Assembly Secretary, Pat Marvin Assembly Vice President, Sharon MaGaffick Assembly President, Georgia Wickham IARA Representative, and introduction Jolene Baird Past Assembly President. We would like to thank Rose Rebekah's for hosting the meeting and doing a great job, providing us with a chili luncheon and treats. It was both FUN and informative.

Submitted by Glen Schultz

Sessions Update

The Planning Board had their meeting February 9, at Ada Lodge #3. After the meeting, the Sessions Committee took them on a tour of the lodge to show what we had planned for the event.. Plans were revealed and input was requested to help plan a great 2018 Session. Suggestions were made, and agreed to, everyone was excited and said this will work, yes this will work. We explained how the 150th year of Ada #3 Opening Ceremonies and flag parade would be held everyone was very excited about the program. We will have a flag for every Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodge in the state of Idaho with their name and established date on the flag. So it would be nice to have every Lodge with a representative to carry in their flag. It should be a fun event. Keep marking your calendars for October 14 – 17 for the 2018 Grand Sessions!

Submitted by Glen Schultz



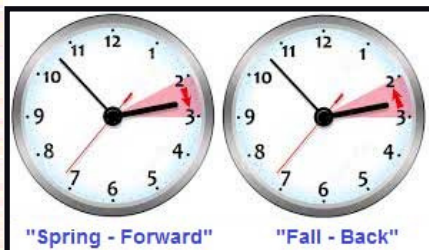


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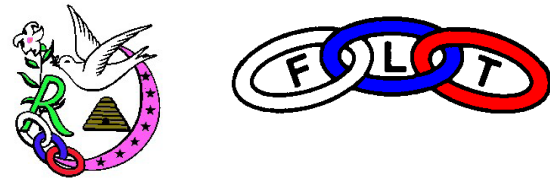
Ada #3 150th
Opening Ceremony &
Lodge Flag Parade

October 14, 2018

**Daylight Saving Time for the year
2018 starts on Sunday, March 11
and ends on Sunday, November 4.**



Daylight saving time is the process of advancing our clocks one hour forward in Spring and back one hour in Autumn. As the old saying goes "Spring forward" and "Fall back" helps us remember how to change our clocks. This is done to allow for more hours of daylight thus more overall productivity and some claim it saves energy by populations using less light but others disagree. As of recent there is debate on the overall benefits vs. the drawbacks of DST.



Save The Dates

Sessions
October 14, 15, 16, 17

Spring 2018 Northwest Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association
And
Northwest Department Council

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
March 23, 24 & 25 2018

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Pacific Northwest Military Council and Association

March 23 2018

**Meeting at the Chilliwack Lodge Hall
46008 Reece Avenue**

For Lodging information please refer to the Northwest registration form.

Meeting times 9am - ???

Lunch will be provided by Ruth Rebekah Lodge # 4, cost to TBA

Name/Title _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Postal/Zip Code _____

Priscilla Lodge No. 97 Begins in 1910 in New Plymouth

New Plymouth - In 1910 at a special meeting by request of the Odd Fellows, five women from New Plymouth wishing to form a Rebekah Lodge were initiated into Harmony #22 of Payette.

A request from the five sisters to have a Rebekah Lodge instituted in New Plymouth. On April 20, 1910 a dispensation was granted by Grand Master E.J. Phelps and Rebekah Assembly President Ella Horne and signed by Grand Secretary George H. Handy and Assembly Secretary Frances Crosson. Sister Frances Crosson instituted the Lodge with the assistance of sisters of Harmony #22 of Payette. Nineteen new members were voted into the Lodge. Five being the ones initiated into Payette.

Three names were voted upon for the Lodge name, being Priscilla, Apple Blossom and Orchard. Priscilla was chosen for Lodge No. 97.

Officers were elected with Anna Creasey being the first Noble Grand. The bylaws were made and the initiation fee was set at \$1.50 and dues \$.75. The bylaws were changed in 1913 making the initiation fee \$1.00.

The Lodge rented a piano, served dinners and had cooked food sales for money for their lodge. In 1921 the bylaws were changed again and fees were raised to \$5. In 1973 they were raised to \$10.

Estella LaCrone received the first Decoration of Chivalry from New Plymouth.

At the close of 1927, Priscilla had grown to 34 members. In 1929, four sisters received their 15-year Jewels. Since then we have kept our Jewels up to all eligible members.

In 1939 there was a new Odd Fellows Hall and a dispensation was requested to move the Charter from the old building to the new Hall. In March, a dedication banquet was held. A large crowd of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their friends were present. The hall was named "Walter Burke Hall", in honor of an Odd Fellow and old time resident of New Plymouth. The Hall was built with money and efforts of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, American Legion and their Ladies Auxiliary and many friends.

A six-month term was held until 1952 when it was voted to have a year term.

In 1954 a Theta Rho Club was instituted with 10 girls and 10 Rebekahs.

Priscilla has observed all anniversaries and donated to all worthy causes. Card parties and dinners are some of our money making projects.

We are a small Lodge, about 65 ladies and 9 men.

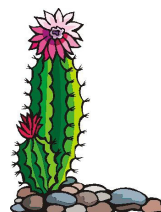
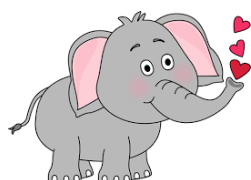
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