

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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“Love Comes Down On Angel Wings”



*Jottings from
Jan*

Enclosed with this OES News is all of the scholarship information and forms. Please remember that this year Grand Chapter will pay for one \$500 scholarship. Please note that this year there has been a change. The verification of enrollment must be sent in to the Grand Chapter office by December 31st of 2011 or the scholarship will be forfeited and the money will be credited back to the Chapter and to Grand Chapter for the next year. Please provide the scholarship recipients address and telephone number on the form that is returned to the Grand Chapter office.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:

Deadline for submitting resolutions to be considered at the next Grand Chapter Session are due FEBRUARY 9, 2011. Resolutions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter are due in the Grand Chapter office 90 days before the Session. (sec. 174).

Educational Loan Committee – Joyce Royal, Chairperson

Have you ever been part of building something permanent? Maybe a relationship that could last a lifetime? The Nebraska Eastern Star Education Loan Fund is one way that our beautiful order is reaching out and helping to build successful futures. The purpose of the Educational Loan Committee is to help provide student loans for members of the Eastern Star, their relatives and legal wards. These loans are able to assist with expenses for vocational education or college at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Here are some of the particulars for these loans:

1. The applicant must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate
2. The applicants will be required to sign a note for the loan, along with a co-signer such as a parent or guardian.
3. The student may borrow up to \$2,200 per semester – contingent on the availability of funds. The interest rate is 4% currently.
4. The total amount that can be borrowed is \$17,600., for not more than 4 years
5. The deadline for the applications, which can be found at the NE OES website, is April 30th. A letter of character reference and grade transcripts are also required.

How can YOU help with this building of a relationship? Remind your members and their families that this loan is available. In this time of economic stress, a small loan like this could make all the difference for

a student to reach their lifetime goals of higher education. But we have to get the applications in to do that. Donations to this fund are also welcomed. The more funds we have, the greater impact we can make for these young people. Who knows, maybe they will want become future OES members? One act of kindness leads to more acts of the same. This is a wonderful way to start building a future. Questions? Information is available at the www.neoes.org website, or you can obtain information from your Chapter Secretary.

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

The Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children will again be hosting its annual Chili Supper on Saturday, February 19th. Donation of \$5.00 per person and tickets are available at the door. Featuring homemade chili and chicken noodle soup and homemade pies. Time is 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve.

Mary Kay Ash

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – ELLEN OTT, CHAIRPERSON:

It's that time of the year each chapter will be receiving the information about local scholarships. Remember our Grand Chapter of Nebraska will be providing \$450 with the local chapter contributing \$50 to award a \$500 scholarship. Any additional scholarships will be funded entirely by the local Chapters. Chapters can help decide the recipient(s) or give this privilege to the high school. Either way your scholarship winner is selected, their name must be in the Grand Chapter Office by May 1, 2011.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska, OES is also again offering three \$1000 scholarships to an outstanding member of each of our Masonic Youth groups across Nebraska this year. If you know of a DeMolay, Job's Daughters, or Rainbow for Girls member that is a high school Senior or a student currently enrolled at an institute of higher learning or technical training, encourage them to ask their Adult Youth Leader about these scholarships. A special thanks to each of you for promoting these scholarships!

Once again it is time to remember to file your Form 990-N online. The information for 2010 must be filed between Jan 1 and May 15, 2011 at www.irs.gov/efile. Do it soon so you won't forget. Every Chapter must file.

NEEDED: VAN DRIVERS

Here is a great opportunity to meet and greet Eastern Star Members from all over the Country. Van drivers are needed at Grand Chapter in May. Please call Sister Jerrie, WGM or Gary Brhel Co-chair of transportation committee at 402-795-3905 or gmbrhel@galaxycable.net.

Jill Ramsey, GGCCM--ESJ Committee

Watch for a sample copy of the ESJ! This year, each **District Grand Supervisor** will have a sample copy to show your chapter! In addition, members of the Nebraska ESJ Committee has copies to show or lend: Sisters **Barb Wood**, Imperial; **Isobel Taylor**, Omaha; **Dian Larsen**, Hastings; **Sheri Stewart**, McCook; and **Melva Kube**, Norfolk. Ask to see a copy and subscribe! It's a great bargain and a nice inexpensive gift to give a new initiate, new WM or WP, or any member!!

***My friends are my estate.
Emily Dickinson***



THE OES ANGEL CALENDAR

(As space permits in the newsletter - I will try to list your Chapter Events)

February 3-5	Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Grand Island
February 5 th	Grand Lodge Installation in Grand Island
February 19 th	4-H Chili Supper at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. \$5.00
March 1 st	Deadline for ESTARL Applications
April 1 st	Deadline for Scholarships
April 1 st	Deadline for Masonic Youth Scholarships
April 30 th	Deadline for Educational Loan Applications

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ **The information and forms for the 2011-2012 Scholarship Program.** The Scholarship Committee and the Board of Grand Trustees have approved one \$500 scholarship for the coming year.
- ❖ **Memorial for Frederick W. Clarke, MWGP**