

NEBRASKA OES NEWS

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"Stars across the Prairie"



Jottings from Jan

A Note Concerning Holiday Giving:

With the season of giving now at hand, please be very careful to designate what your gifts are for—The Grand Chapter office is now receiving gifts for School Supplies, Purple Ribbon Club, Thanksgiving Ingathering and Christmas giving for both homes as well as many other projects. Using the gray contribution form is the best way to send your donations. Remember the deadline for Purple Ribbon Club is December 1st so you need to have it in to the Grand Chapter Office by October 31st. (The Grand Chapter office makes every effort to notify the Home of all gifts received by that deadline.) In order for Thanksgiving gifts to reach the homes by the Thanksgiving holiday they must be received by October 31st, and for Christmas giving to reach the Homes in time for Christmas funds must be in the office by November 30th. Thank you for your cooperation.

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The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Information is available 24/7.

2012-2015 Triennium Objective: Reach beyond your grasp to improve our Order by promoting Eastern Star within our Members, our Chapters and our Communities.

Alzheimer's disease is reaching epidemic proportions.

- Currently, more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, a number that could triple by 2050
- Every 69 seconds, someone is diagnosed with this devastating disease
- It is one of the leading causes of death among adults
- The personal and financial cost – currently at \$183 billion annually – will devastate families and cripple Medicare

The good news is that right now there are more than 100 promising treatments in clinical trials. Chances are there are Alzheimer's clinical studies taking place in your area.

Some easy ways to show your support! Alzheimer's:

You can help support the WGM & WGP special project of Alzheimer's by purchasing a green bracelet for the minimal donation of \$1.00. The bracelet says OES for Alzheimers. Contact Sister Bev Donham, WGM if you would like to purchase some. They make nice little gifts for all the members.

Shrine Charities:

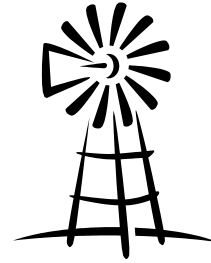
Tehama Shrine Temple is collecting tabs from beverage cans. The tabs are compiled and then turned in for profit and the proceeds are going to help purchase wheel chairs for the children at the Shrine hospitals. Bob Sorensen, GGCCM on Shrine Charities Committee, will help collect the tabs.

Youth:

Betty Garwood, Chairman of Youth Committee of the General Grand Chapter has luggage tags for sale. The luggage tags have the OES emblem on it and say "The Order of the Eastern Star" with the website www.easternstar.org on it.

Nebraska Rainbow:

Save your box tops for schools. Rainbow girls are collecting box tops for education. At Grand Assembly the box tops will be counted and the assembly that collected the most, will pick the school of their choice to receive the cash benefits.



Wow, I cannot believe that all of the Area Visitations are completed. Most of the Grand Officers were able to attend all of the meetings. I know how it is to not

be able to attend something. I may not be working but my four legs are firmly planted in the ground. I am going to check with the Worthy Grand Matron and see how many miles she traveled across our State. Do you think she really kept track since they had so much fun on the visitations?

It was wonderful to see the number of members and friends who walked in the Alzheimer's Walk in Omaha and the other events across the state. Next month, I should have a total of money collected for all of the walks in Nebraska.

Several Nebraska members attended Colorado Grand Chapter in Denver. They sure enjoy visiting with other OES members.

The month of October should be a little quieter. I heard that there will be trips to South Dakota, Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa. Too bad I can't watch them on these trips. I'll contact my "windy" friends in those states and let them know to watch for my Nebraska OES friends.

October 12th will be the Grand Representative Association annual meeting in Kearney. I heard them say "once a Grand Representative, always a Grand Representative". I can hardly wait to see how many gather for that event.

I understand that the All Committee meeting will also be in Kearney on October 19, 2013. I have heard that the WGM & WGP have great plans to promote **ENTHUSIASM** to all of the committee members.

As the leaves and grasses turn fall colors, have a safe and fun Halloween. I'll just keep "spinning" and watching. Until next time – Windy



THE "PRAIRIE" CALENDAR



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

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOVEMBER NEWS BY OCTOBER 15

- Oct 6 Trinity #299 Steak Fry 4:00-7:00pm \$12.00, Hamburger meals for kids are \$5.00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha, RSVP to Mike Donham 402-558-9032,
- Oct 12 Grand Representatives Fall Meeting 11:00 at Ramada Inn, Kearney
- Oct 12 Rainbow Mini Grand, Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Parents, Advisory Board members and friends of Rainbow are welcome, registration at 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- Oct 13 Fontenelle #249, Fall Buffet, 11:00-2:00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Oct 19 All-Committee Meeting at Masonic Temple in Kearney, 2318 Central Ave, (Meeting will be held on the 4th floor) 8:30 register with coffee & goodies
- Oct 19 Laura #301, Baked Potato Luncheon, 11:00-2:00, at St. Paul UMC Fellowship Hall, 20th & A St, South Sioux City
- Oct 19 Papillion #114 Salad lunch 11:00-2:00, 84th & Centennial Rd, Papillion
- Oct 19 Narcissus #269 Annual Turkey Dinner, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, bread, dessert & beverage, 4:30-7:00, \$10.00 Children under 12 \$5.00, 5903 Maple St, Omaha
- Oct 20 Alpha #325 Harvest dinner 4:00-7:00, 1908 Franklin, Bellevue
- Oct 20 Adah #52, Pampered Chef project, 1:00-4:00, 84th & Centennial Rd, Papillion
- Oct 27 AkSarBen #277, German Dinner 11:00-2:00, ShiOma Masonic Center, 2823 N 83rd, Omaha
- Oct 31 Happy Halloween
- Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov 3 Trinity #299, Pancake Breakfast 8:00-1:00, 2424 S 135th Ave, Omaha
- Nov 27 Hanukkah begins
- Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH IMPORTANT "2014" DATES

- Feb 6-8 Grand Lodge in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center
- May 13-15 GRAND CHAPTER IN KEARNEY AT THE YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER
- Sept 27-28 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney at the Holiday Inn

Enclosed with this OES News:

- ❖ Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron Thanksgiving letter
- ❖ Secretaries please find the blue "After Election Report" to be completed and returned to the Grand Chapter office within three business days after election

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