COLORADO

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Sharon Parrish, WGM

Be The Light of Kindness

Ken Ashwood, WGP

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is enjoying this New Year so far!

As of January 14th, we've had three Official Visits this month – Fountain Valley, Pueblo and Loyalty Chapters. What wonderful meetings filled with joy, happiness and kindness!

At Loyalty Chapter, home of our Grand Ruth, Jane Rivette, I was honored to speak about our heroine, Ruth. Many of our members there had not previously heard the story of the Masonic Blue Slipper, so I thought that I would share it here for those who have not heard it:

The Masonic Blue Slipper

Adapted from the history by Dr. Michael G. Maness

The Masonic Blue Slipper is a symbol for the "Masonic Widow" with a history in the Bible story of Ruth. Any woman wearing one of these or its symbol is under the protection of Masons.

Long ago, during a famine in Israel, Elimelech took his wife Naomi and their two sons, left Bethlehem, and went into the land of Moab. The two sons married Moabite women. Then Elimelech died, and shortly after his two sons died. Naomi decided to return to Israel. At first, both sons' wives wanted to go with back with Naomi, but Naomi would not have it. Ruth, however, was persistent and travelled with Naomi to Bethlehem. It was a rough time, but they were able to get help from a distant relative of Elimelech named Boaz, who had a good farm outside of town.

After learning of their relationship, Boaz decided to marry Ruth, but the law of the land was complicated. So Boaz set up court at the city gate as was the custom then. He got the closest kinsman of Elimelech there to settle all the accounts, you know, finish the probate and settle the debts. The kinsman was not able to take care of Elimelech's estate, which required that he marry Ruth.

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Greetings from 'On the Left of the WGM'.

When I awoke this morning, I was not surprised to see another 5 inches of snow on the patio. Kathy and I had just returned from Denver three days ago, and I got to snow blow a foot of fresh snow out of the driveway. It was so deep that I needed to put the pickup into 4-wheel drive to just get backed into the garage, and that was after a 7-hour trip home which should only take 4 hours. Monarch pass was closed and so was I-70. We had to get into Gunnison by way of Saguache, and they closed that road just 30 minutes after we got home. All the joys of living in paradise.

But the folks on the front range had it bad too. The Arctic Blast covered the east slope and they got to experience some Gunnison weather. The weather outside may have been nasty, but the warmth and love inside at Loyalty's official visit was uplifting. Many of our members braved the storm and came together for good food, wonderful fellowship, and just true Eastern Star Love. It is meetings like that, that explain why I am a member of our Order. People often ask what we get out of Eastern Star. Sometimes it is hard to explain and put into words.

Many words can be used to express why we belong: Family, Friends, Love, Community, Charity, Companionship, Belonging, Sharing, Service, Ritual, Understanding, Learning, etc. You can use any of these that fit or add your own. I am asking you to reflect on your own personal reasons for belonging to our Order. Please review your reasons to get them fresh in your mind. Alright, that was the easy part. Now I want you to share your reasons

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Boaz threw his chest forward and claimed the right to redeem Elimelech's entire heritage. As was the custom throughout the ancient Middle East, the kinsman removed his shoe and offered it to Boaz to seal the deal. Boaz took the shoe, help it up, and all the witnesses certified the transfer. From that point on and forever after, Naomi and Ruth became a part of the family of Boaz: that is, they came under the sponsorship and protection of Boaz and his family.

Boaz took Ruth as his wife, and their son Obed became the father of Jesee and the grandfather of King David, with lineage to Jesus.

The shoe is a symbol of promise, and the Masonic Blue is the color of perfection. The tekhelet dye from Murex snails whose blood is purple until exposed to sunlight when it turns sky blue. The sky blue does not fade and is everlasting. Blue threads are woven into Jewish holy garments and the Israeli flag is blue.

The Masonic Blue Slipper represents that the woman is the relative of a Mason, under the protection of Masons, and under the unfading oath of all Masons to protect widows and orphans.

We hope that many of you can join us at the Official Visits of Centennial Chapter on January 19th, and Snowflake Chapter on January 20th, where we will be honored to perform an affiliation ceremony for Canon City Chapter into Snowflake Chapter.

I hope that each of you has a good rest of January and can stay safe and warm!

Star Love,

Sharon Parrish, WGM

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with someone that is not a member of our Order. Maybe your reasons for belonging might be the same ones that someone else is looking to add to their lives.

Kathy and I will keep traveling the Eastern Star roads (as long as the snow lets us) and look forward to visiting you in your Chapters. We so enjoy your friendship and hope to bring a little bit of sunshine and fun into your lives.

Ken Ashwood, WGP

Why do people give chocolate on Valentine's Day?

With Valentine's Day approaching fast, you may have started looking for chocolate gifts to give your significant other. But have you ever paused to think about why chocolate is given on Valentine's Day?

It's commonly believed that chocolate is an aphrodisiac. Even though chocolate indeed contains substances that are thought to be mood boosters, Valentine's day association with chocolate is primarily historical.

There are a couple of historical developments leading up to this contemporary and romantic tradition. But it goes back to many centuries ago starting with the Mayans.

Chapter News

COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Bob Trecise, PP - Reporter

Colorado #2's fundraising project, selling Christmas wreaths and garland, is officially finished. It earned a profit of 1926. This will pay the Chapter's expenses and be a necessary addition to the Dessie Powell Scholarship.

The membership committee will organize an informational dinner for Masons and their wives to show the rewards of membership in Order of Eastern Star. This will occur in February. Other monthly activities will follow. Sister Myrna Salberg, Grand Esther, is the Chairperson of this committee.

WM and WP Betty and George Benson, take the members on a trip down memory lane, complete with Burma Shave signs at each meeting.

GARDEN CITY #3 – GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PM - Reporter

February looks to be a busy month for our Chapter. We will start off with our Annual Smorgasbord Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday February 3. Doors will open at 4:45 and we will serve from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Doors will close when the clean up is done. So come enjoy great food, wonderful fellowship and lots of fun.

Next on the agenda is our meeting on February 6th. We will exemplify Initiation.

Our Official Visit has been rescheduled for February 16. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm and we will have a "DIY" Ice Cream Sundae Bar for refreshments.

On February 18th, the Golden Gleaners Club will honor the Grand Family. This meeting will be hosted by Excelsior #66 in Lafayette. All members of Eastern Star, their family and prospects are invited to attend.

Our Chapter has been asked to prepare a meal for Century Lodge #190 on February 15th, for their Sweetheart dinner.

At our meeting on February 20th, we will honor our Past Matrons and Past Patrons. There will be a dinner at 6:30 pm. Menu: Meatloaf & Baked Potatoes. You are most welcome to join us, but please let CherylAnn know, so she can have enough food.

Prayers are needed for Brother Rich Voshell. He has been diagnosed with Colon Cancer. Sister Carla Hager is doing very well after her surgery. As a matter of fact, she will share her musical talents at the Sweetheart dinner. Her husband, Brother Jerry Hager is still wearing his brace after his hip surgery, but is doing very well. Several members have been hit with the seasonal illnesses going around. The rest of us are trying to stay well.

Valentine's Day is not just for sweethearts and couples, but for each of us to express how much we care for each other in our families and through friendships. How about sharing a Valentine with a stranger on the street or a grouchy neighbor. One little act of loving kindness can make a huge difference in the life of another person and in you.

Happy Valentine's Day

From the members of Garden City #3

PUEBLO #7 – PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

Pueblo Chapter 7 is proud to present our newest Grand Representative to New Brunswick Sister Laurie Ward. Sister Laurie received her commission during our Official Visit on January 6th. Congratulations Laurie. The officers and members of Pueblo 7 are so very proud of you.

Pueblo Chapter also celebrated its 2900 stated meeting. What a blast.

COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Buuurrrrrr it's been COLD outside.

Our January 9th meeting saw us slide in on really cold air. But we were welcomed with a warm and tasty dinner of Shepherd's Pie, salad with all the fixins', and cookies for dessert.

Our guests for the evening were Zanna Thurow, DL, Cheryl Ann Craven-Lindblad, PGM, and Gary Lindblad, PGP, all from Garden City #3.

During our meeting, Sarilyn used New Years and winter themed jokes and trivia for greetings. We introduced our guests and also three of our very own 50 year members. Darlene, Barbara, and Pat.

Sarilyn and Gary reported about visiting other chapters for Official Visits during the holiday season and they talked about meeting with our adopted Eastern Star Home resident. They took him a Christmas present from our chapter and found him to be quiet and very nice. Also found out that he was very athletic in his younger days, playing basketball and baseball.

We also read another petition for membership. That's two our examining committee will need to visit with. We will be voting on their petitions at our next meeting and it will be our pleasure, if approved, to initiate them in February.

Should know by then if we have 6 more weeks of winter or not. Hahahaha.

Days are already getting longer. But this is Colorado and it can snow in April if conditions are favorable. Take care everyone and arrive safe and sound where ever you may travel this month.

Central America

The Mayans, which was a civilization estimated to have been around during 500 BCE, used cocoa-brewed beverages during wedding rituals to demonstrate the couple's bitter-sweet future together. And this is what has apparently kick-started the tradition of celebrating love with chocolate.

Then came the Aztecs, another South American civilization, which was led by Montezuma II at one point. Allegedly, he used chocolate as an aphrodisiac although current scientific studies don't show a strong correlation between chocolate and one's libido.

Europe

Fast-forward to Europe a good couple of centuries later, we have Richard Cadbury in the 19th century. He started out by making chocolate much more accessible and affordable to the general public.

His chocolate box in 1861 (adorned with cupids and roses) was an instant hit and even though he didn't patent the box, it became a symbol of love as the boxes were used by lovers to exchange letters to each other and within which to retain keepsakes and special memorabilia.

WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON

Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter

Well, we fell into winter in a hurry! We had such a wonderful, long, and warm fall. It was great. And lots of people got more chores done than normal! But now we have over a foot of snow and still more in the forecast.

In November & December, the members of Waunita chapter had wonderful refreshment times and meetings. We had to catch up with everybody and their families. And, we had a fantastic surprise from our own WGM Sharon & WGP Ken during our meeting. They awarded a Grand Representative appointment to our WM, Sister Claressa Brigham, to Massachusetts. She was recommended by JPGM & JPGP, Beth and Gary.

Also, in December, three of our members were able to attend a regular meeting of Silver Star #40 in Montrose. Our WGM Sharon & WGP Ken were on hand to honor and award a 50-yr pin & certificate to Sister Connie Pittenger. She told all of us about how she belonged to several different chapters and was very proud of all of them. And the other 50-yr members were admired for their service!

Then, our WGP and his wife caught a flu bug and spent several days trying to get over it. Our WGP was in the hospital for 28 hours. He was given some medicine, and he is doing much better! And we are missing those who cannot come to OVs because they are sick or hurting. Please take care of yourselves, and we will see you again sometime soon!

In January, four of our members attended the OV at Ft. Valley which was held in Pueblo. It was a nice turnout, and we had some wonderful treats afterwards. What a loving and friendly chapter! And the WGM & WGP were on hand to present a 25-yr member pin, to Sister Deb Gee.

The next day was the OV for Pueblo. We enjoyed a great taco lunch. Then, they started the presentations with a performance from a very talented Quartet. It was enjoyed by all. Their presentations were fun, and the meeting was well attended. Afterwards they had some nice refreshments and more visiting.

Next, Waunita chapter had our first meeting in January with refreshments again ahead of the meeting, which seems to be working out for several people. And another shocker was that our own WGM & WGP surprised our 50-yr member, Sister Ann Glesky, with an appointment to Nevada. She was overjoyed!

The next OV that four of our members attended was at Loyalty in Westminster. We all had good food, fellowship, and fun. That chapter is so welcoming to everyone who visits.

On the following Sunday, three of our members & other family members attended the Denver Nuggets game! It was such a wonderful time to be able to be a part of the Flag Ceremony before the game started. Wow! Thank you so much to Karen Wilson for setting that up.

We totally enjoyed it, and the Nuggets won!

Our next OVs will be at Colorado Springs & Woodland Park. Please join us wherever and whenever you can. And enjoy all of your family in the upcoming weeks! We wish everyone wonderful travels and visits. Please stay safe and healthy, so we can see you all again in the future.

North America

We now travel to North America where we have Milton Hershey, who created the chocolate "kisses" or drop-sized chocolates in 1907.

But that's not where the story ends. Romance became even more pronounced with the introduction of the heart-shaped box of chocolates that was created by chocolatier Russell Stover.

The first sales took place in 1923 and this was instantly loved by the public. His biggest success was the "Secret Lace Heart" box of chocolates which contained satin and black lace.

SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

Silver Star #40 has been "limping along" without WM Ashley Krebs this month while she recovers from surgery. WP Scott has been with her every step of the way and he has had his hands full! She is going 'stir crazy' being normally such an active person. She is about to be released by the doctors! Thank you AM Shelley and AP Keith Hoey for filling in for them. Especially since we are in the midst of planning our German Dinner! Lots to do and plan and organize! We will be glad to have Ashley and Scott back. *(But no "limping" actually happened! Shelley and Keith were totally up to the task!)*

So we hope you are making plans to come to our German Dinner. For $15 you can't ask for a better meal. We have told you before, it is 48 hours of hard labor but worth it for the delicious meal and always well attended. This year again, we will have *Eat-In or Take-Out* for the same low price. Saturday, February 17th from 5 pm until 7 pm at the Montrose Masonic Hall. February 1st we will be initiating Catlin Krebs, Sharon Eshelman and Mae Thomason. As a result, DL Jack Ward has been working with our members preparing for the big day.

Our chapter voted to send a Love Gift for the medical fund for Bob Bradfield. Such a sad thing to happen and our deepest sympathy Billie, to his family as well as and the General Grand Family.

Our special member, Nita Casto, has been transferred to Durango to a rehab facility there after breaking her femur and needing more specialized care. Her family there, Lee's son and his family, will be helping her out. We will certainly miss her being here in our community. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Please keep Bridgett Hannah, and Lloyd, in your prayers as they make decisions in their lives. They are happy to have relocated to Grand Junction but we surely miss them.

Mary Avara-Grosshans reports that her last check-up found her cancer free! We are celebrating with her! Hallelujah!! Her son Mike still lives close and makes sure she is doing well.

We must report on PGP Keith and Shelley's grandson Nate. Nate competed in the WCRA (World Championship Rodeo Alliance) in Guthrie, OK this month which is the Second Leg of the Triple Crown of Bull Riding. He was seated 1st going into the event. He won 1st the first two rounds but came off his bull in the third round leaving him in 3rd place over all. The Third Leg of the Triple Crown is in Corpus Christi, TX in May and he is hoping to compete. It was fun to hear the accolades by the announcers as they praised this

"25 year-old rider from Montrose, Colorado" on National Television!

We were happy to share with the Masonic Lodge here as Len Wardlaw received his 50 year pin. Len was initiated in Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433 AF & AM in Wichita, KS. The pin was presented by MWGM Ross Allen. Congratulations, Len!

February is always a busy month! Like, who doesn't love Groundhog Day? And of course, Valentine's Day. But we know that Valentine's Day is a sad and lonely day for those who are without a Valentine Person. So if you know a single person, try to brighten their day and make yours brighter for the doing. And when Presidents' Day rolls around, say a little prayer of thanks for all those Presidents who have helped make this Country what it is. We pray that it will always be! And of course there is Leap Day! Hey, it only happens every four years, so ENJOY. And Happy Birthday to those lucky folks who age more slowly than the rest of us!
God Bless You All

SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter

Heartfelt Greetings!

It's been cooooollllllldddd over here but our hearts are warm and excited to have our two new members with us! We initiated Elayne Soddy in December and her husband Duke Soddy at our January 2 meeting. So glad to have them.

I would like to request cards for PGP Willis Grundvig. He does have people coming to the house but can't really get out and he is not doing great so, cards, please. Here's the address so you don't even have to look it up:

Willis Grundvig, PGP
418 29 ½ Rd; Grand Junction, CO 81504

Mildred Revere has moved to Craig where she is much closer to her daughter and her friends in Yampa Chapter. Nina Burris lost her brother, Jerry Nisbet. Jerry was a Mason for many, many years and his late wife Janice was a past Grand Worthy Advisor.

Since I can't think of anything else (I haven't been to Chapter since November so news is lacking. I should be back next month, hopefully)

Beer, Bacon, Wisconsin Cheese Bread

Ingredients: (Makes about 1 loaf)
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 tbsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
3 tbsp honey or sugar
1 egg
12 oz of your favorite strong beer
3 slices thick-cut bacon, diced
1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shred

Directions:
Preheat oven to 375 degrees and coat a 9x12 loaf pan with cooking spray
Cook the bacon in a frying pan over medium heat for 3-4 minutes and drain off on paper towels.
Mix the flour, baking powder and salt into a large bowl.
Beat the egg and add in the honey, mix well
Pour mixture into flour mixture and stir well
Add in the beer and mix the batter well
Add in the bacon and cheddar and gently stirring to incorporate well
Pour batter into the pan and bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick or skewer inserted into the middle of the bread comes out clean.
Allow the bread to cool in the pan for 5 minutes before inverting onto a wire rack.
Cool another 10 minutes before cutting.

Let's hope the groundhog doesn't see his shadow!

Happy Valentine's Day

CENTENNIAL #58 – COLORADO SPRINGS

Trude Davis, PGM - Reporter

Hello everyone! We are finally into 2024, but I fear it will be a long year – what with elections coming up. I'm already tired of this.

Anyway, Centennial has been busy initiating two more members into our fold. We welcomed Ralph Randall "Randy" Bodeaux Jr. and his wife, Elaine, into our Chapter on January 3. It was a beautiful initiation, with all officers proficient in their work, and they will be a nice addition to our family. Randy and Elaine, we will definitely keep you busy with this organization.

We then practiced for our official visit which was January 19, 2024. Make it extra special was that three of the four new members were there to welcome our Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon and Worthy Grand Patron Ken. Sharon was there, but her daughter was unable to make it that night. Also attending were Randy and Elaine, giving all three members an idea of the heights they can go here in Colorado, and maybe further with General Grand Chapter. It was a fun evening, and we enjoyed Ken and Sharon's messages to our Chapter and everyone stayed for refreshments after. We had 81 people attending, which filled up our American Room very nicely. It is so special to meet with old and new friends on a special night.

Our member, Teresa Payton, was honored with a Grand Representative appointment to Delaware. We know she will enjoy this appointment. She is a hard worker, and a beautiful woman, always willing to help and do whatever is needed. We love you Teresa!

Our WM, Cheryl and WP Leonard did a beautiful job during the evening. You could tell much planning went into the meeting, and Cheryl we are so happy to have you as our Worthy Matron. Leonard ---- what can I say -- I know I give you a hard time, but you and Beverly mean so much to us. You are always willing to help, for the good of the chapter. What a great team!

Before Snowflake's meeting on Saturday morning, our Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club of the Pikes Peak Region held a breakfast meeting for the Grand Family at the Shriners Mule Train. It was well attended, and the food was excellent. We thank everyone who brought food (and there was plenty) and helped with the set up and take down. After that we all headed up to Woodland Park to attend the Official Visit at Snowflake #153.

We will be preparing for our annual Pancake Breakfast which is scheduled for March 24. You will hear more later. Please come visit any time you wish. We love visitors, and take very good care of you!

Have a great VALENTINE'S DAY! See you next time -----

Chocolate the world over

And where are we today?

Although Valentine's Day is not an official public holiday, it is still a holiday that is celebrated by millions of people and different cultures around the world.

Whether you find yourself in Asia or America, Argentina, or Austria – chocolate has been and continues to be the best Valentine's Day gift you could possibly give your loved one or romantic partner.

It can be healthy and good for you. It can help improve one's mood and levels of happiness. It's a way of expressing gratitude and love. And importantly, it is simply melt-in-your-mouth delicious.

Sensuous, luxurious, mouth-watering, and rich. Choosing chocolate means you'll never go wrong when selecting the perfect gift for your loved one.

EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE

Jenna MacGregor, WM - Reporter

Excelsior has been busy for our small little chapter. We were blessed to have a beautiful official visit on December and for everyone to celebrate our love of the order together with fun fellowship honoring the Be the Light Grand Family to Lafayette. At Official Visit Brother Gary Stine even certified that Sasquatch is an Onery member of the Be the Light of Curiosity Grand Family. We are honored that our fun emblem and creature this year was included in OES Grand Family with open arms- and it sure does make things bright! It has been quite the fun year to have some fun in Excelsior

Chapter #66. Our officers had a beautiful Initiation on Jan 10th and welcomed Mrs. Mural Bizarri as our newest member into OES Excelsior Chapter #66. We are honored to have 2 more petitions to vote on coming soon and so we hope to initiate more members into our Order this coming March. So our next initiation is set for March 12th if anyone would like to join us please do.

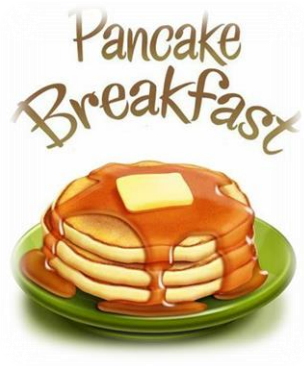
This is a busy activity month for Excelsior coming up with a Fun night scheduled for Jan 30th at 7pm. Our Fun night will be filled with snacks, drinks fun games and fellowship starting at 7pm but we will be there till 9 or so if you want to join us a little later at the Lafayette Lodge. This is open to anyone all family and friends can join us and we hope that they do. This is a great time for new people to find out about OES and what we do and how we have fun. We also are excited to welcome the Grand Family to Golden Gleaners coming up on Sunday February 18. The Line officer meeting will be at 10am then followed by brunch at 11am and entertainment and meeting to follow brunch. The Brunch is $12 and reservations are needed for Golden Gleaners- we have space for up to 60 people. Bring whomever you desire to Golden Gleaners friends and family are welcome. Reservations are due to Pam Jones no later than Feb 12th. RSVP at 720-341-5113/ jonesrom2018@gmail.com.

We hope to see everyone soon and hope you Believe in something fun like Bigfoot to lighten your travels in this world this year.

SOUTH GATE #104 - GOLDEN

Imogene Musso, WM - Reporter

On Sunday, Feb 25th we will have our pancake breakfast. This year we are going to change it up. We will have a featured item on the menu every month. Our traditional breakfast will still be available. For February we will feature biscuits and sausage gravy. Please come enjoy some good food and friendship!!! The movie this month is "Moses"



Cyndie House will be moving out of state this fall. We are planning a farewell party for her late this summer. Details will be forthcoming. We are doing a memory book for her. If you have a memory you would like to share and also a picture, please email it to imohalloweenbaby@yahoo.com. The cutoff for the book is June 1st.

DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Dawn Chapter was scheduled to have its first Initiation on January 16, however due to the severe cold weather, we couldn't have our practice prior to that day, so now we will hold that Initiation at our February 6 meeting. Then, at our February 20 meeting, we are looking forward to hosting a Metro-Wide Star Point Party. Keep your eye out for that Invitation!!

However, prior to that time, we will FINALLY have our Official Visit on February 17. We would love to have a "full house", so please come visit that day. The flyer is attached…BE SURE TO NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!

Many of us enjoyed our first Social Club gathering of the year at Senor Ric's on Jan. 23. Everyone is always welcome to join us for lots of laughs and friendship! Our next outing will be on Feb. 27, so give any of our members a call to see where we will meet that evening!

Our Golden Chain has been broken by the passing of Sis.Marilyn Andree on January 10. We send our sympathy to her daughter, and our Sis. Carmen Andree, and granddaughter, Lexie.

Have you ever heard of a "Twelfth Night"

celebration? Eight of our members were invited to help with their dinner at Park Hill Lodge on January 13……Sue Schultz, Wayne and Luda Wells, Janice Jacobovitz, Mary Lou and Don Shearer, Susan Franzen, and Beth Rossart-Burnison. Here's

what we learned about this event, which included a dramatic live presentation, with actors, some of whom were Masons, dressed in costumes of that period.

The Outremer Historical Society is an organization committed to the research of the medieval Levant, namely the crusader era. Our goal is to further the understanding of this time period through the methods of archaeological experimentation and living history. Our focus is c. 1099 C.E.-1192 C. E., roughly the time between the end of the first and third crusades. We aspire not only to conserve these studies, but to also share them with general public audiences. Our great aim is to spread the knowledge of these events, and help to remind society at large that the medieval Levant was characterized more by multicultural feudalism, trade, and acculturation, as opposed to any religious or cultural prejudice. By these means, we are determined to help shape the minds of our audiences away from the narratives of history that condone discrimination against religious or ethnic minorities.

If anyone is interested in learning more about this group, let our Secretary, Sue Schultz know for the contact person.

Now, a final thought from Dawn Chapter:

Wishing you everything that makes a Valentine's Day happy….

Family, friends, and lots of Love!

LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER

Krista Shaner, PM - Reporter

Loyalty Chapter is very proud of our Secretary, Lynn Brown-Jones, who has volunteered at the Stock Show for 35 years and was recognized in the main arena on Monday, January 15th. Lynn also fell last week and opened the incision where she had a knee replaced. They stitched her back up and she was back to the Stock Show a day latter. She is definitely a tough Cowgirl.

At the Official visit held on January 13,2024 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron announced 4 new Grand Representative. Laurie Haak – Bolivia, Joni Lerud-Heck – West Virginia, Sally Skiver – New Jersey and James Heylmann – Minnesota. We wish them safe travels.

We have a special member that is always there when she is needed or when she can help someone along her way. This reporter happened to call her today to see if she was out and about on this cold winter day. Her response was she was taking a break today and doing something she really enjoys. She was making a quilt out of some t-shirts that she and her husband had bought when they were traveling. It gave her a day to smile and remember some good times. Sisters and Brothers we all volunteer and do for others and that is good; however you need to take time to be good to yourself and do fun things for yourself and family. February is the month of LOVE and you need to love yourself before others and others will help you love yourself.

Feel-Good Valentine

Valentine, I feel so good
Each time that we're together.
We're similar souls in harmony,
Birds of a kindred feather.

Our hearts sing to the same sweet tune;
Our compatible minds align;
Could you, would you, pretty please,
Be my Valentine?

By Joanna Fuchs

HERITAGE #154 – DENVER

Karen Wilson, PM - Reporter

Heritage Chapter No 154's Webstore with Terri Lynn Fundraising is still open.

Are you looking for gifts for friends and family for Valentine's Day or Easter? How about some chocolates and nuts?

Heritage Chapter #154 OES is committed to supporting our local community. This year we are supporting Freedom Service Dogs & Heritage Camps for Adoptive Families. Please help these organizations and our chapter by making a purchase of delicious nuts, chocolates and snacks.

These items make wonderful gifts through out the year, don't forget yourself! Please support us with a purchase today! Thank you for your support!

A portion of every product sold on this fundraising website benefits Heritage Chapter No. 154 Order of the Eastern Star! Orders to each person ship FREE anywhere in the U.S. when their items total $30 or more. https://heritage-chapter-no-154-order-of-the-eastern-star.terrilynn.com

And if you could do us one more big favor, it would really help us get the word out if you mention our Webstore on Facebook, Twitter, or wherever you like to spend time on the web. Be sure to include https://heritage-chapter-no-154-order-of-the-eastern-star.terrilynn.com in your post. Thank you for helping us raise the funds we need to make a difference in our community!

How is Chocolate made?

Chocolate is the product of a long, complicated refining process that begins with the bean pods of the *Theobroma cacao* tree. *Theobroma cacao* means "food of the Gods," and this name reflects both the heavenly taste of chocolate and the reverence Mayan and Aztec cultures had for this divine food. These Indigenous civilizations were the first to recognize the value of the cacao bean, using the pods as currency and serving the grainy crushed beans as a drink among the upper classes. The original bitter chocolate drink favored by Mayans and Aztecs is very different from our smooth, sweet chocolate bars today, yet the source of both remains the same: the humble cacao bean.

SNOWFLAKE #153 – WOODLAND PARK

MaryKae Jarvis, PM - Reporter

Snowflake Chapter No. 153 hosted WGM Sharon Parrish, WGP Ken Ashwood and the "Be the Light of Kindness" Grand Family on Saturday,

January 20, 2023 @ the Woodland Park Lodge. The Grand Officers along with the members from Cañon City No. 21 and Snowflake No.153, participated in the Affiliation Ceremony merging Cañon City No. 21 and Snowflake No. 153 together. The Chapter Room was full with 61 members and guests. Oh, how we would love for the room to be even half this full for our regular meetings!

We were honored to have the WGM & WGP present Sister Jeri Stately with her much overdue 50-year pin. Jeri was living out-of-state at the time this should have been presented. Jeri, a 58-year member, and Frieda Lynn Miller, 65-year member, were presented and honored by the WGM & WGP. Both of these ladies traveled from Cañon City to be present at our OV.

Jeri tells us that her mother, Helen Province, was Worthy Matron of Cañon City Chapter and her grandmother was Electa when Jeri was initiated on September 1, 1965. Her mother also served Colorado Grand Chapter as Grand Organist for Eileen Weidman and James Hartman in 1970-71. We are so excited to have Jeri as a member of Snowflake Chapter and arrange for her to finally get her 50-year pin.

Snowflake Chapter is starting a new fundraiser, embroidered "Chair Cover Place Holders". These are a great way to reserve your seat in the Chapter Room. Order a second one to use to reserve your seat at meals or refreshments. These would also make a great gift for your counterparts in other jurisdictions. The Order Form is available in this newsletter or can be emailed to you by contacting the Chapter Secretary, Mary Kae Jarvis @ snowflake153oes@gmail.com.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY #155 – FOUNTAIN

Ellie Brooks, PM - Reporter

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 –
Dark in July and August,
as well as the second meeting in
September and December.

During the Month of January 2024 Fountain Valley Members could be found near and far.

We started the month with our Official Visit at the Pueblo Masonic Center on January 5th at 7:30. We were glad to welcome WGM Sister Sharon Parrish and WGP Brother Ken Ashwood and the Be the Light of Kindness Grand Family. We presented a 25-year + pin to Sister Deb Gee and were thankful to have her mother in attendance. One of Fountain Valley's own 50 years Members Sandra Engs.

We also honored our own Grand Officer Sister Sharon Heintzen Personal Secretary. We followed a fun meeting with light refreshments and then the next day our sister chapter Pueblo #7 hosted their own Official Visit.

The next week our own Ray Lingley was installed as president of the Al Kaly Mule Train Unit. Congrats Ray!

We then had a two week break before another flurry of events for the Pikes Peak Region Including the Official Visits of Centennial #58, A breakfast of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons and then ending with the Official Visit of Snowflake #153 on Saturday the 20th in the afternoon.

We are enjoying the busy season and are looking forward to March with our Spaghetti Supper and the drawing for the Mule Manure Bingo!!!

Speaking on Mule Manure Bingo: Have you purchased your Mule Manure Bingo Square? Please contact Sister Melinda Lingley or Sister Sharon Heintzen. The drawing is March 17th, 2024.

The spaghetti Supper is March 16th, 2024. 4:30-7:00. Please mark your calendars for this fun and tasty event. Last year we had over 7 First responders and look forward to serving more.

Fountain Valley is working towards honor chapter and had at least 8 members at each of the local Official Visits. Members also continue to support the Job's Daughters Bethel. Please mark your calendars for Bethel #31's next breakfast February 3rd, starting at 7:30 AM.

We look forward to having you join us whenever you can!

Fountain Valley OES # 155

16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

*Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,
Dessert and Lemonade

When: March 16, 2024
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Fountain Valley Masonic Lodge
509 N. Main St., 80817

$10.00 – Adults
$5.00 – Children 12 and under

All First Responders
(Police/Fire/EMT)
are our GUESTS!

Contact Sharon Heintzen, Secretary @ fv155.oes@gmail.com for further information.

Cacao

The cacao tree is a tropical plant that grows only within 20 degrees latitude of the Equator. The main cacao-producing countries are the Ivory Coast and Ghana, although there are numerous smaller markets in South America and Africa. The cacao tree produces pods all year long, so a typical tree would have pods in every stage of ripeness, from the earliest flowering bud to the most mature pod ready to be harvested. There are three types of cacao trees: the Forastero, the most common and robust variety with the least remarkable flavor, the Criollo, the most delicate and rare tree, with a heavily perfumed fruit, and the Trinitario, a hybrid between the Forastero and the Criollo that displays characteristics of both trees, having an average yield of moderately aromatic beans.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations!!!
to our newest Grand Representatives!!!!!

Our next Grand Representatives meeting will be on Sunday, February 25th at Mt. Zion in Golden at 11::00 am. We will be electing officers and discussing the hospitality room at Grand Chapter.

Please come enjoy breakfast before the meeting, hosted by Mt. Zion. After the meeting, Mt. Zion will show the Sight and Sound movie production of "Moses". Please stay and join us and the best part is that the movie is free.

It has certainly been a challenge trying to have a meeting these last couple of months.

Taking the well traveled road is a sure thing, but the less traveled road brings new adventures!

Imogene Musso, President

Theresa Payton
Centennial #58
Delaware

James Heylman
Loyalty #145
Minnesota

Sally Skiver
Loyalty #145
New Jersey

Ann Glesky
Waunita #37
Nevada

Laurie Ward
Fountain Valley #155
New Brunswick

Bill Heintzen
Fountain Valley #155
Alberta

Joann Lerud-Heck
Loyalty #145
West Virginia

Laurie Haak
Loyalty #145
Bolivia

Joann and Laurie were recommended by Beth & Gary ,JPGM & JPGP

Pike's Peak
Past Matrons & Past Patrons Club

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Pikes Peak Region hosted the Be the Light of Kindness Grand Family and Honored them with a delicious breakfast and some quality time at the Al Kaly Mule Train Tack room and Barn.

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons meet once a month to hold meetings and enjoy the fellowship of the four local chapters.

If you would like a schedule, please reach out!

Here are a few pics of the fun morning!

The Process

Chocolate begins with the harvest of the cacao pods. Because the pods grow in all degrees of ripeness and at any location on the tree, most harvesting is done by hand with machetes. Two important steps must happen before the cacao can be packaged and shipped to the manufacturer. First, the pods are split open to reveal the cocoa beans instead, surrounded by the fruity pulp of the pod. This pulp is sometimes used to make drinks or desserts, as it has a pleasant fruity taste with subtle chocolate flavor.

The beans and pulp are scraped from the pods and left to ferment in baskets for two to eight days. This step is crucial, as the fermentation process mellows the flavor of the beans and imparts the fruity undertones of the pulp. Without fermentation, the beans would be too astringent and bitter to enjoy. Many high-quality chocolates undergo a long fermentation process, which can be tasted in the floral, fruity notes of the final product. After fermentation, the beans are spread in a single layer and left to dry completely, usually in direct sunlight. It is only after the beans are fully fermented and dried that they are packaged and shipped to chocolate manufacturers around the world.

NEW 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Jeri Stately
Snowflake #153

Connie Pittenger
Silver Star #40

Grand Chapter
Membership Central Committee

The Grand Chapter Membership committee would love to see the initiations continue and our organization grow and continue to do good in our communities. The Masonic family needs every member to be an ambassador and every member to encourage membership and "Replace yourself."
We are handing out pocket petitions so that you can always have one close by.

We are hoping to start talks with a few chapters who have reached out for help and the Denver area chapters are hoping to start doing the star catcher tent again!

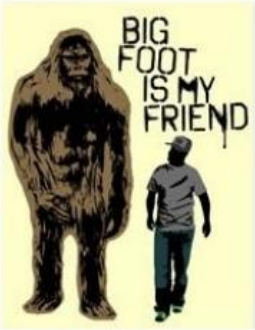
Keep an eye out for us!

Your Membership committee,
Ric Rodgers, PP #124
Brandon Duncan, PP #98
Ellie Brooks, PM #26 & #155

After the beans arrive at the manufacturing facility, they are roasted to bring out the most intense chocolate flavors and colors. The time and temperature of the roasting depends on the type of beans and their relative moisture levels. After roasting, the beans are transferred to a winnower that removes the shells of the beans and leaves the "nibs"—the essence of the cocoa bean that's full of cocoa solids and cocoa butter.

The nibs are ground to a thick, rich paste called chocolate liquor (a misleading term, since the product contains no alcohol). This liquor is the foundation for all chocolate products, and at last, begins to resemble and smell like conventional chocolate. The liquor is pressed to remove the cocoa butter, which leaves a powdery disc known as "cocoa presscake." Presscake, when pulverized, becomes common cocoa powder. At this point, the chocolate process differs depending on the recipe and formulation of the manufacturer. If the chocolate is low quality, the pulverized presscake will be mixed with vegetable fats, sugar, and flavorings to become substandard chocolate. If the chocolate is going to be higher quality, cocoa butter will be re-added to the chocolate liquor, along with other ingredients like sugar, vanilla, and milk. White chocolate undergoes a similar process, except it does not contain chocolate liquor or cocoa powder. The newly mixed chocolate travels through a series of rollers to smooth out the texture before traveling to the conching machine.

Conching is the final step in determining the ultimate flavor and texture of the chocolate. The conching machine, so-called because the original designs resembled seashells, kneads and massages the chocolate mixture for a period of time ranging from several hours to several days. The speed, temperature, and length of the conching process determines the final texture and flavor of the chocolate, as conching smooths the chocolate and mellows any remaining acidic tones. After conching, the chocolate is tempered in large machines that cool the chocolate to precise temperatures to produce shiny, smooth bars. Finally, the chocolate is poured into molds, wrapped, and ready for shipping to eager consumers around the world.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Excelsior Chapter #66 is having ..... (wait for it....)

Not 1 but 2 Friendship Events !

Tuesday, January 30th (The doors will open at 6:30pm.)
Tuesday, April 30th (The doors will open at 6:30pm.)

Just think.... You can visit with anyone who is willing to listen to you (ha) and catch up with many of your friends at one time.

The perks: No cost, no minutes to listen to, you can wear whatever you want, eat what you want, enjoy the company of your friends (or your enemies—ha), possibly gain a new friend and have fun.

- Work and can't be there until 7:00 or later? No problem, you can come anytime and be welcomed.
- Work and can't stay up late? No problem, leave anytime.
- Don't want to play games? No problem just come for the friendship.
- Can't find a ride? Ask a friend to carpool. (Conversations during a car ride are priceless)

***Remember, there are no formals to wear, no meeting, no correspondence or old business to listen to. How fun is that?

Both of these Friendship nights are open to everyone, your family and even your friends. It is casual and the only requirements that you need to know is.....

- Please join us
- Bring some munchies to share
- Bring drinks
- If you want bring, your favorite game and convince someone to play with you....
- You don't have to RSVP
- Most importantly come for relaxation, and a smile.

Our Lodge is located at **701 Baseline Rd., Lafayette, CO 80026**
We are just east of the intersection of Baseline and Hwy 287, east of the Lafayette Public Library, and behind the Sister Carmen Center. The Lodge entrance is located to the rear of the Sister Carmen Center building. Parking is available in front of the Lodge entrance and next door at the Public Library.

SOUPER BOWL

FEBRUARY 10TH

4:00 – 7:00

$10 ADULTS

8151 Bradburn Dr.

Westminster Masonic Center

ALL THE SOUP AND

DESSERTS YOU CAN EAT

RSVP TO MARLENE mrbratz2090@gmail.com
303-885-4512

Traveling Stars of Friendship

The Members of Garden City #3
Order of the Eastern Star
Cordially invite you to attend the
Official Visit of the
Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron
and the
"Be The Light of Kindness"
Grand Family

February 16, 2024
7:30 pm

Century Masonic Hall
2532 9th Avenue; Greeley, CO

Light refreshments to follow

Maude O'Connell
Worthy Matron

Gary Lindblad
Worthy Patron

Zanna Thurow
Secretary

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Dawn Chapter #125 Cordially Invites You to our
Official Visit Honoring

Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Parrish
and
Worthy Grand Patron, Ken Ashwood

and the "Be the Light of Kindness"
Grand Family

When: Saturday, February 17, 2024

Lunch: 11:15 am – Sandwiches and Sides
Donations accepted to support Freedom Service Dogs

Meeting: 12:45 pm – Presentations prior to meeting

Where: Aurora Masonic Lodge
1615 Florence St.
Aurora, CO 80010

Please join the Chapters of the

Golden Gleaners Club

"Traveling Stars of Friendship"

Garden City #3

"Bee A Ray of Sunshine"

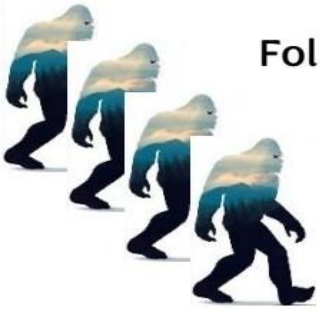
Collins #26

"Colorado Ghost Towns"

Excelsior #66

on Sunday, February 18, 2024
when we will **Honor** the
"Be The Light of Kindness"
Grand Family.

Chapter Line Officers meet with the Grand Line Officers @ 10:00 am
$12.00 Brunch @ 11:00 am Meeting to follow



Follow Big Foot to the
Ghost Town of the
Lafayette Masonic Hall
630 West Oak Street
Lafayette, CO

Host Chapter: Excelsior #66

RSVP No Later than February 12, 2024 to
Pam Jones, AM 720-341-5113 or jonesrom2018@gmail.com

Note: We can only accommodate around 60 people for brunch so RSVP asap to reserve a seat.
Menu: Pancakes, a variety of quiches, breakfast potatoes, fruit, salads and more.

Because many different hands have lovingly donated our food items,
we do not have the capability to accommodate special dietary needs and
assure the contents of the food will be free of your restricted items. Please feel free to bring
your own meal (and save the $12) and we'd be happy to warm it up for you.

All Eastern Star Members are welcome to attend, as well as family, friends and prospects.

Pueblo 7 Spring Fling Lunch Party

Sat. 3/9/23 at HIGH NOON

PUEBLO MASONIC HALL - 2nd floor

126 Broadway, Pueblo, CO 81004

$20/ticket (Brian Bate, Andrea Smith, Joan Briggs)

Pulled Pork & Sloppy Joes with fixins

DJ playing music! Door prize ticket included with lunch ticket! Open to the public!

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

GARDEN CITY #3

ANNUAL

SMORGASBORD

Saturday, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Serving from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

CENTURY MASONIC HALL

2532 9th AVENUE, GREELEY

Adults = $12.00 5 - 12 yrs old = $6.00

Menu: Lasagna, Chicken & Beef Enchiladas, Porkloin,
Oven baked Chicken, Meatballs, Potatoes,
Vegetables, Salads, Rolls, Desserts, Beverage

Takeout orders are welcome

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
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Colorado Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Invites You to Our

MULTI STATE OFFICIAL VISIT

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024

Lunch at 12:00 pm
Official Visit 1:30 pm
Evening Activities 5:30 pm

Hotel reservation Block at:
Aiden by Best Western
15059 West Colfax Ave.
Golden, CO 80401
303-277-0200
$79 per night
Room Reservation Deadline March 8, 2024

Hotel Welcome Reception
Friday March 22, 2024
4 pm – 6 pm

Saturday morning tour of the Colorado Railroad Museum
9:00am –11:00 am
Cost $8 age 60 + otherwise $10 Train ride additional $4
RSVP Karen Wilson by March 15, 2024

OV lunch $15 per person
RSVP Imogene Musso 720-333-4431 or
Barb Fritz 303-469-1089

Saturday Dinner catered by Olive Garden $20 per person
RSVP Karen Wilson 303-885-5572

Evening entertainment provided by our youth groups
Followed by a square dance called by our own WGP Ken Ashwood
So, bring your boots and we'll have a boot scootin' boogie good time

ANNUAL GERMAN DINNER

SILVER STAR CHAPTER 40

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

5:00 - 7:00

RESERVATIONS PREFERRED

Guten Appetit

MENU:

LOIN OF PORK & SAUERKRAUT
GERMAN MASHED POTATOES
RED CABBAGE
GREEN BEANS WITH SPAETZLE
YOUR CHOICE OF CAKE

$15.00/PERSON

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE

CONTACT JACQUI QUINT

(970) 615-0916 C
JACQUELINE.QUINT@GMAIL.CO

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FUND

Registration #:
20083005635
International Order of the Rainbow Colorado
Grand Assembly

Are you getting a Colorado Income Tax Refund?

Why not donate part of your refund to Colorado Rainbow Grand Assembly.

Beginning in 2020, you may donate part of your Colorado Income Tax refund to the eligible charity of your choice. And your choice can be Colorado IORG!!!! We thank those have given in the past yeares

Here is how you do it:

- Use Colorado Tax form DR0104CH
- In Line 19 (on back of form) enter amount to donate
- Under Line 19 enter Registration Number: **20083005635**
- Next Line enter Name of Organization: **International Order of the Rainbow Colorado Grand Assembly** See example below, *Note must be as listed no abbreviations.*

19. Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund	• **19**
• Enter the 11-digit Secretary of State Registration Number for the Registered Charitable Organization	
20083005635	
• Enter the Name of the Registered Charitable Organization	
International Order of the Rainbow Colorado Grand Assembly	
20. Total of lines 1 through 19. This cannot exceed the amount on line 37 on the DR 0104.	• **20**

Submit the completed Colorado Tax form DR0104CH with your Colorado Tax form.

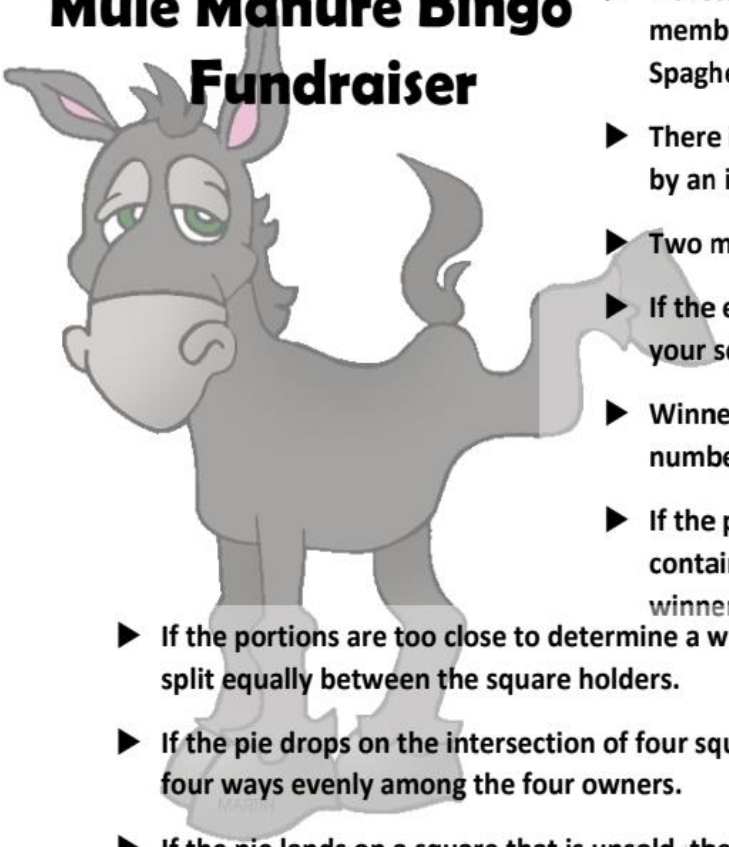
This information is also posted on our Public Facebook page "*Colorado IORG – International Order of the Rainbow for Girls*" and our web page www.iorgColorado.org so please share this with your friends!

Fountain Valley Chapter #155

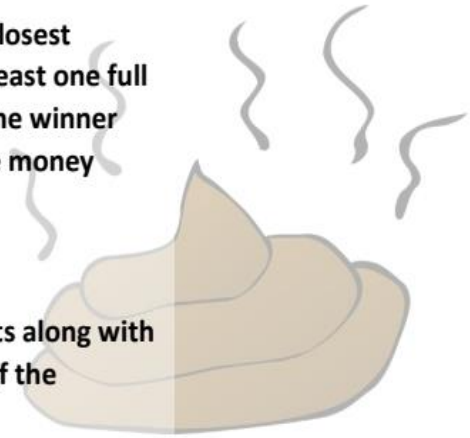
Experience the "sweet smell of success." Two mules will be turned loose on a fenced-in area which has been marked off into squares. The mules determine the winner by making the first "deposit" on one of the squares. Chances on each square are sold for $10. The winner does not need to be present to win and receives 40% of the sales!!!

2nd Annual

Mule Manure Bingo Fundraiser



- **Each square will be assigned a random number.**
- **Tickets will be available from any Fountain Valley Chapter member up until the closing at the Annual Fountain Valley Spaghetti Dinner on March 16, 2024.**
- **There is no limit to the number of squares that can be purchased by an individual.**
- **Two mules will be released onto the pen and will freely roam.**
- **If the either mule happens to drop its FIRST manure pie into your square, YOU WIN!!**
- **Winner is based off either mule's FIRST plop within the numbered field.**
- **If the pie lands in more than one or more, the square that contains the largest portion of the pie will be declared the winner.**
- **If the portions are too close to determine a winner, the prize money will be split equally between the square holders.**
- **If the pie drops on the intersection of four squares, the cash prize will be spilt four ways evenly among the four owners.**
- **If the pie lands on a square that is unsold, the winner will be the closest "sold" square or squares immediately adjacent to and sharing at least one full side with the unsold square. This could end up being more than one winner (up to, but not to exceed, 4 winners) who would share in the prize money equally.**
- **Judges will be present during the event to determine the winner.**
- **Proceeds will be split between Fountain Valley benevolent projects along with the Fisher House and Knights Templar Eye Foundation on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.**



Please send your entry money to Sister Melinda Lingley (2630 Norwich Drive, Colo Spgs, 80920), Sister Sharon Heintzen (252 Cunningham Dr, Colo Spgs, 80911) or contact any Fountain Valley member.

FLOWER POWER FOR THE FISHER HOUSE

It may be cold outside but just think how warm and beautiful your garden will look after purchasing flowers from Flower Power. Funds raised from this program will go towards our WGP project the Rocky Mountain Regional Fisher House. You can order bulbs, seeds, etc from our Flower Power website http://ColoradoOES.fpfundraising.com

MEMORIES

By Gaylene Alton, PM #125

Well Holidays are behind us and I for one am glad it is over, my ceramic trees and Santa was put in the box on New Years Day and may stay in the box for a long time, just so much work setting things up for a few weeks and I am getting lazy and don't want that mess anymore. There I said it and I am glad. Love to celebrate the birth of Jesus but it has gone too far away from that.

We are now in a New Year and I was thinking last night about it and wonder what this New Year will bring for all of us. So many wonderful people have passed this year, I find myself looking for someone and then realize they have passed. Areme spent New Years Eve at the Home in the old dinning room and it was such a comfort to be in that room and I met an old friend from Washington Park Chapter I had not seen in years, it was Jan Blankenship she looked so good and we had a nice visit. The afternoon was spent visiting, eating and celebrated Marian Edwards Rodgers birthday and it was a good way to start New Year's Eve. I think we all had a great time and hope we do it again. That old building brought back a lot of good memories, and the dinning room looked the same only it has a pool table in it and we had to be careful of it, but all went well.

I started out the day going in to the Doctor for a physical and came home with a lot of ambition then I got to thinking of all the things I needed to do then had a Senior moment and my mind went blanks! So I figured I had solved that problem.

I do need to clean this office up though and I come in here with the best intentions then I see the computer and forget what the office looks like! My son Nathan came in the other day and ask me where I got the bomb, I said Bomb what are you talking about? He said the bomb you set off in here! I didn't see any humor in that at all. He thinks he is funny I thought he we disgusting and when he left I looked around and he is right. I got to do something with this mess. I did move some boxes but hurt my rear again and so have to be careful and do it a little at a time, well that is my excuse, want to hang up pictures but can't find my hammer and not a clue where the nails or tacks are so that has to wait until I find them. See I am trying but things just get in my way so I can't do what I want. Plus, I have lamps and other things that need to be unplugged and replugged and I fall when I try to do that so see I have lots of reasons I can't get this room cleaned up and besides I am lazy! I'll admit it I am Lazy seems like that goes with this older age I am getting into and not sure I like it but gonna keep putting one food in front of the other and just enjoy this age I am becoming.

Speaking of Older Age I always knew I would get there but just didn't think it would come this fast! Seems like I was running around doing things and not thinking about doing

anything slow, just hurry and get it done so I could go to another project and I could clean the house, fix breakfast, go to work, take care of the kids, fix a dinner, do the dishes, get kids ready for bed and in bed and finish the laundry and go to bed but NOW I do good to get out of bed and get dressed and get ready for the day then forget that and sit down in a chair and watch the TV. My how life has changed but I kinda like it, fun to see what trouble I can get into and out of on my own. If only my kids knew what a time I have, ha. I hate not being able to drive at night, I just don't see the lines if there are any on the road but I can follow tail lights like no one and almost missed the turn off to get home as the tail lights went on and I had to turn, got home and said that is the last time I drive at night. But might be fun to see where the tail lights were going, I would probably end up in Bennett!

Time has a way of getting away from us for some reason so guess we better live the best we can, dance in the rain or snow as it is today, be good to one another, do what we want and just have a good time everyday! I went in town on Friday as 6 of us server dinner for the Senior Citizens, Police Officers, Firemen and actually who ever comes thru the door. We served 46 so not as many came out with this wonderful weather we are having. The building was cold and when I got home wrapped up in my Electric lap blanket I got for Christmas and had a nap, my hip was hurting so bad and the heat was good. One lady came to me and said she was so happy we do these dinners but always feels guilty seeing Yvonne and I working as we are probably the two oldest people there. I had to laugh and she said I hope when I get your age I can do what you two are doing, it is wonderful the way you all get around and do so much. Little did she know Yvonne and I get home and first thing we do is take a nap! Ha. Fun to get old and fool people. Ha.

It has been so cold I have not been out of the house since last Friday and I have had my P J's on and housecoat and that is the way it will be until it warms up, my hip just hurts so bad in the cold weather not going to risk another fall. Missed Dawn Chapter tonight and probably will miss Areme on Friday night but not a thing I can do in this weather. I hate missing a meeting and seeing everyone but seems like I fall so easy anymore. My son said I need to take the walker and I said if I have too he better get his walking shoes on because he is going where I am going as I am not taking the walker in and out of the car, funny how he decided the cane would work really well, ha. I didn't get old by being stupid and guess he just found that out. Ha.

Well got to get a few things done so guess I better close this down, want to thank a friend from Areme for her nice card she sent me, it sure made my day! Ya all take care stay warm and safe. Wonder if you all know why a nose can't be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot! Have fun – more another time.

An OES Day at the Game

Members from all over the state gathered on January 14th for OES Day with our World Champion Nuggets. We participated as members of the Red, White, and Blue crew and presented the American flag in the opening ceremony. The day was topped off by the Nuggets beating the Indiana Pacers 117-109

SAVE THE DATE

4 CORNERS EXCHANGE

MAY 3 – 5, 2024

UTAH ● COLORADO ● ARIZONA ● NEW MEXICO

MEET & GREET

FOUR CORNERS WEEKEND & KENTUCKY DERBY FUNDRAISER

MAY 3RD, 2024

7 PM

BREWSKIS | 244 25TH STREET, OGDEN UTAH 84401

UTAH ● COLORADO ● ARIZONA ● NEW MEXICO

JOIN US FOR THE SESQUICENTENNIAL

RUN FOR THE ROSES

KENTUCKY DERBY FUNDRAISER & FOUR CORNERS WEEKEND

MAY 4TH, 2024

3PM-7PM

UNION GRILL | 315 24TH STREET OGDEN, UTAH 84401

$30.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES KENTUCKY DERBY BUFFET. DRINK TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

- AUCTION BASKETS
- DERBY GAMES
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