4-U-2 Review

DECEMBER **2021**

CHERYL WILLIAMS, WGM **A MUSICAL JOURNEY** **KEITH HOEY, WGP**

Greetings from our

Worthy Grand Matron *and* *Worthy Grand Patron*

Cheryl *Keith*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO EACH AND EVERYONE!!!!

As we rapidly approach the Holiday Season, many memories come to mind for me. Memories of my childhood and waiting ever so patiently for Santa's visit. Memories of my sons' excitement as they awaited the event of Santa coming down the chimney. Now that one was a little tough as we did not have a chimney and had to explain that Santa would come thru the front door to leave his presents. Sometimes, that worked but as they got older, they learned that if they pretended to believe in Santa Claus that they would get just what they asked for. That was part of the magic. Time was spent on Christmas Eve with family, and enjoying homemade chili and clam chowder, rolls, and cherry crème pie. Then off to midnight services and lots of singing. Those were the days!!!!

I hope that each of you enjoyed a Blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends, lots of great food, and now are ready to think about the Black Friday sales. Can't think of anything I must have or get to justify standing in lines, crowds of people, and not even be sure if the item really was on sale! If you did attend that madness, I hope you had a fabulous time.

My wish for you is to be blessed with health, family, friends, joy, peace and always music in your hearts. *Christmas Blessings to each of you!!*

Cheryl Williams WGM

To all of my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers,

I cannot believe it is December, it seems we were just celebrating Christmas of 2020, but it also seems like this last year, has gone on forever. I remember thinking, will we ever resume Eastern Star functions, will we have the remainder of the Rythmn of Life Official Vists and Grand Chapter, as well as our own A Musical Journey Installation and year. Yes, all of those things did happen and now we are approaching another holiday season. We are also very busy travelling around the state, and enjoying the beautiful Colorado outdoors as we travel from one side of the mountain to another.

One deadline that is fast approaching is December 15th. That is the day you need to have your deposit made to Red Carpet Travel if you are planning on traveling with us to San Antoinio, Tx in April of 2022. See the flyer at the end of this issue of the 4U2Review.

The weather has been cooperative and I have been able to attend all of our Official Visits this year. Each of them have presented something fun and unique. I hope those of you that have attended, enjoyed them as much as I did. We invite you to join in the fun and travel with us. Get your travel cards filled and collect all of the fun prizes along the way, including your new car!!

As WGP, I have had the opprotunity to present another Grand Representative appointment. On November 2, we attended the regular meeting of Sunshine Chapter #53 in Grand Junction. Janine

Brisco was so surprised when my Escort, Shelley approached her to present her in the East. She truly appreciated the appointment and was humbled that she was chosen to represent Colorado in Nebraska. Congratulations Janine. At that same meeting, Roy Young was presented his 50 year pin. Sharon Parrish WM, and her team of officers did a very nice program for Roy. I am happy to have been in attendance for that ceremony.

I would like to thank Canon City #21 and Pueblo #7 for the hospitality extended to the Grand Family at their Official Visits. Even though Canon City did not turn out exactly as planned, we still enjoyed the evening. It was so great to see the chapter room in Pueblo filled with chapter members, Grand Family, and visitors from other chapters. We are glad you chose to spend the afternoon with us. For those of you who did not attend, we missed you, and hope you can join in on the fun at future official visits.

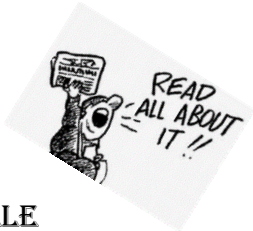
On December 10, we will travel to Metro Chapter #157 for their Official Vist. Please come celebrate with us at that meeting. That same weekend, we will celebrate with our Grand Family some Christmas Spirit, as well as go to the RRESMC to bring Christmas Cheer to the residents. I know our Grand Organist, Bob Trezise and his Escort Myrna Salberg will have some lively entertainment for all in attendance.

Shelley and I want to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please remember the reason for the season.

Thank You and Star Love, *Keith Hoey, WGP*

CHAPTER NEWS REEL



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE

Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter

Colorado 2's main activity for November was the distribution of the Christmas wreaths and accessories. Based on the orders received and processed, the chapter projects a profit of $2000. Next year the ordering will be done through a changed process, which may not be worthwhile to do.

Exemplification of the initiatory work was done at the November 9 meeting. This completes the first half of the ritual requirements for the District Lecturer's report. Attendance is still a gamble with weather, but attendance is good, barring any difficulties.

GARDEN CITY #3 – GREELEY

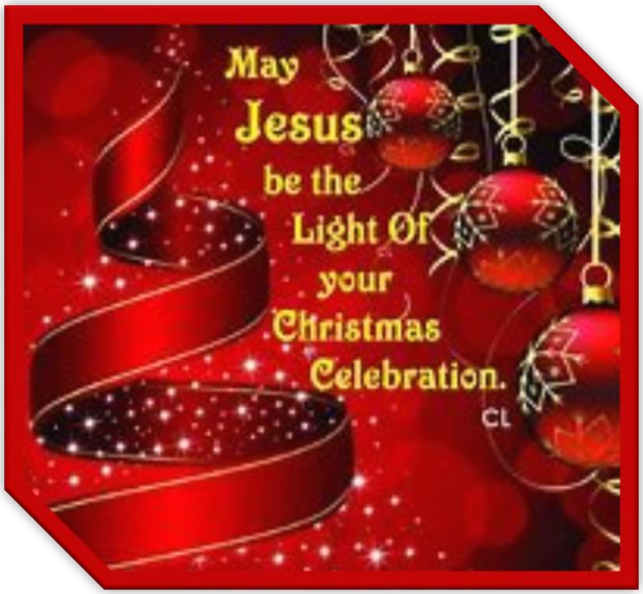
CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PGM - Reporter

Garden City would like to thank all those who came to our Harvest Dinner. We were very pleased with the turnout. It was so nice to see our Star friends from Aurora.

At our last meeting, our WM entertained us with 'corney Turkey jokes" as we practiced introductions for our upcoming OV on January 8th. Watch for the invitation to be coming soon. We also draped the Charter for Sister Gwendolyn Stieber.

On December 4th, after the Century Lodge #190 Installation, we will host a soup luncheon for $5.00 a person, followed by our 5th Annual Cookie Walk **. Let us do your Christmas baking for you.** We will have dozens and dozens of homemade Christmas cookies in dozens and dozens of flavors, shapes and sizes. Plus, I know we will have homemade English Toffee, Peanut Brittle and Old Fashioned Fudge. (It's a 4 generation family recipe) Cookies are $5 a dozen. Come and join us for some homemade soup and of course, shop the Cookie Walk.

Garden City would like to extend Christmas Greetings to all of our Sisters and Brothers.



PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

Christmas Greetings from Pueblo 7,

The holiday season is an AMAZING time of year. Family and friends gather together sharing a meal, memories, hugs and lots of love. Our wish is that your holiday season is all of that and so much more.

One of my favorite Christmas memories with my boys and My Robert was trekking up to the mountains and all the snow and (it being COLD) and cutting down our own Christmas tree. Of course the tree was ALWAYS way to big. The trees look "just the right size" in the forest but once you get it home you need to trim about half of it just to get it in the door. We started this tradition when I was pregnant with our youngest Son Justin. We continued to do this for many years. It was an amazing time.

May your Christmas time with family and friends be filled with these amazing memories.

Hugs and prayers for those missing someone special this year. Keep their memory alive by doing something special for a stranger or friend this Christmas time.

In honor of my Robert…his favorite cookie:

Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

1/2 cup plus 6T butter, softened
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 c white sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 c flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp ground cinnamon
3 cups oats
1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl combine butter, and sugars on medium until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla, beat well. Add flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt, mix well. Add oats and raisins, mix well.

Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes

COLLINS #26 – FT. COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Collins #26 met early on Tuesday, November 9th, to share a Thanksgiving Feast. There was Turkey, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberries, dessert and more.

During our meeting, a memorial was read for Elsie Tabor and our charter draped. Barbara Johnson, PGM, had a birthday, so all joined in singing Happy Birthday to her. There were 12 members in attendance, and Collette, our WM, gave greetings that had a Thanksgiving theme. Jim Oldson, PGP, and current WP, is out of state at the moment, so Russ Mason, PGP, stepped in to do the WP duties. This reporter (Lydia S.) was not able to attend because of Lock Down for COVID protocol, at the facility she lives in. Please be aware and cautious this holiday season.

Our next meeting will be December 14th, and we have been asked to wear our favorite Holiday Sweater. The theme for that night will be Sleds and Skis. Should be very festive indeed.

Our Official Visit is on Friday, January 7th, 2022. Watch for the announcements.

Northern Colorado Past Matrons Club was held on Saturday, November 6th and a great time was had by all. The theme for the meeting was to bring your favorite sweater and tell about its history and why it is the best. Refreshments were served by Barbara Johnson, PGM and Ellie Brooks, PM. Our next meeting will be December 4th, at 10am and we have been meeting at the Longs Peak Lodge in Campion, Colorado. Any Past Matron from the Greeley, Ft. Collins, Loveland, Estes Park, Lafayette, or Johnstown chapters is welcome to come. For information, call Lydia Shelley, President, at 970-632-3957.

SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

This article is should be titled *"Illness & Distress*"! Forget News! COVID has hit Montrose and Delta like a ton of bricks! We had 92 cases in one day last week! But we carry on! WM Cindy Wardlaw, PGM and her trusty companion and WP, Len, both have tested positive. Dear Cindy was already

battling adverse reactions to drugs she is taking to treat her lung issues. We are happy to report that they are both dealing with the virus as well as the treatment for the lungs but certainly didn't need "the China Virus" as Cindy calls it, on top of everything else.

As a result, our last two meetings have been led by our Associate Matr on and Patron as they should have been. But they are never as good as they are when the 'real' officers perform their duties. We managed though and we did have meetings.

All of this started when we prepared and served food for a Masonic Funeral. One of our very best helpers, Mary Melton tested positive on Monday after helping at the funeral on Saturday. She too didn't need this as she is still recovering from neck/back surgery and finally feeling like she was making progress. Of course, several were thus "exposed"! Her husband, Randy was one of them. Nadine Ward was another. We extend our best wishes and prayers to each one as the rest of us "hunker down"!

Mary Ellen & Bill Harris were thrilled to be able to attend their granddaughter's wedding in Las Vegas! But they came home with COVID! Both are fortunately doing well.

Darley Hofmann had surgery to remove a mass and is now waiting to talk to the oncologist. Her sister and her husband came from Portland, Oregon to be with her. When they left, daughter Renette came and Darley's son, Rick and his wife are coming for Thanksgiving. They are all helping her to decide a plan of treatment. Please keep her in your prayers.

Carlene Dougan fell while we were at Grand Chapter and broke her arm just below the shoulder. Last week, she also had surgery to remove a blockage and then another to remove and drain an abscess. She is still in ICU connected to many tubes. Her kids have come and she is doing well for 90 years old. More prayers please!

We are happy to report that Marla Thoe is back from Missouri. She is currently working at Valley Manor and is still looking for a place to live. She will be glad when her home in MO sells and she can settle down.

We were happy to learn about WGP Keith and Shelley's trip to Washington, DC for Police Week/C.O.P.s. They really covered some territory and enjoyed it so much! Their daughter Stephanie was with them and they all enjoyed the historical places.

Shauna Kibel, a former member and great friend to all, passed away this last week. Her daughter, Tina is a long-haul truck driver. We miss Tina and extend our sympathy to the whole family.

Both Bill Bennett and Mary Avara Grosshans' husband, Jerry, are dealing with bladder issues. This getting old stuff is for the birds!

Our annual pie sale was successful in spite of the fact that many pies were unavailable and the prices went up substantially. We still don't know if we will get any cheesecakes but should learn about that soon. They are such great pies and we have wonderful, regular customers. Thanks to all who bought and sold!

I stole the following from someone but I think it bears repeating in these turbulent times:

If you're looking for some conversations to better connect with your friends, try one of these questions to start a conversation and perhaps learn a bit about your friend or relative that won't cause indigestion:

1. Which, in your opinion, is the strongest motivator: fear, love or money?
2. Would you tell your family and friends if you won the lottery or would you keep it to yourself? What is the thought process behind your choice?
3. Who in your life has been the kindest to you? (Not spouse or family member.)
4. How would you describe yourself in just three words? Why?
5. Who is one of the most interesting persons you have ever met? What made them so interesting?

6. Who would you like to meet and why?
7. What city really exceeded your expectations the first time you visited it? Why?
8. If you had the whole world's attention for 60 seconds, what would you say or do?
9. Of all the famous people alive today, who do you think will still be discussed in 20 years?
10. What is one story/event/ memory from your childhood that still makes you laugh today?
11. How do you define contentment for yourself?
12. Looking ahead to the coming year, what will be happening in three of your most cherished photos?

Merry Christmas Sisters and Brothers! And may your New Year be the best ever!

SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION

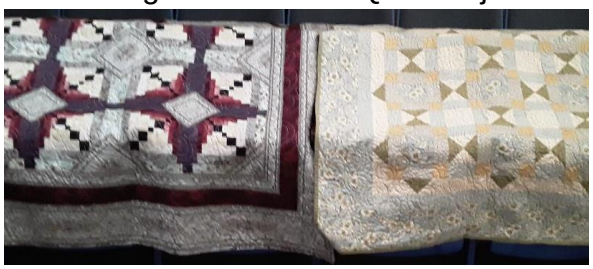
Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter

Sunshine Chapter #53 is getting busy with holiday preparations and fun things! We have decided to adopt a couple of Giving Tree families and provide for their Christmas wishes, plus getting gifts ready to deliver to our RJRESMC adoptee in Denver, plus baking for our Cookie gifts to our shut-ins, plus, plus, plus. It's going to be so much fun!

Our November 2 meeting was full of fellowship and surprises! It was wonderful to have visitors in the form of WGP Keith Hoey, escort Shelley and our DL Connie Pittinger. WGP Keith had come to award our own Janine Briscoe with a Grand Representative appointment to Nebraska! She was shocked and happy and we were so happy for her!

The night continued with a very special presentation of a 50-year membership pin to Roy Young, PP. Escorted by Dianna Ballinger, he was taken to all the Star Points and received a greeting from each.

Plans are moving ahead on our Quilt Project. We have 2 lovely quilts and a pretty good-size jar of buttons of all shapes and sizes. We will be playing "*Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?"* All are welcome to guess the number of buttons in the jar (8 1/2" high, each side is 5 ½"). Your guesses will cost you $5 for one guess or $20 for 5 guesses. A traveling poster will appear at each Official Visit until Sunshine's OV on June 10. Sharon or Nancy will have tickets that you may write your guesses on. The kick off of this will be December 2 at the Masonic Christmas Party in Grand Junction at 5:30.



I will post a poster picture next issue.

Grand Chaplain Sharon Parrish and our newly minted Grand Representative Janine Briscoe traveled to Moab, Utah on November 6 to assist with the Installation of officers. Sharon served as Installing Chaplain.

Our November 16 meeting was full of ideas and fun. We have decided to also take part in the SPUNK project for the Grand Valley with WP Harry Clark assisting. At our December 7 meeting, we will bring socks, pajamas and undies for Needy Kids.

WM Sharon made a really cute turkey and KayDee Fuzukawa's name was drawn to take him home. Hope he graces your table, KayDee!

Remember what Dr Seuss said:

"Christmas will be as long as we stand
Heart to heart and Hand to hand."
May God Bless Us, Everyone

Christmas Goody:

Zimsterne are basically Cinnamon Stars.

Very simple, kid friendly and YUMMY! I glaze them with a paint brush.

2 cups flour
2/3 cup margarine
2 tsp cinnamon
2/3 cup sugar
4 eggs

Combine and cream butter and sugar. Separate egg whites and yolks. Beat egg yolks and add to butter/sugar mix. Combine flour and cinnamon, sift and stir into mixture. Work dough on floured board. Roll out and cut with star cookie cutter. Make at 350° until light brown (10-12 minutes). Cover with thin icing.

EDITH #61 - YAMPA

Debra Knott, PM - Reporter

Edith Chapter is off to a good start. Sister Nita Naugle and Brother Bernard Knott have been installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Their theme this year is "Egeria's Evenings". Their aim is to have reflections and bring smiles. WM Nita ends each meeting night with a joke or a humorist quote. Their fun emblems are Owls and Stars.

The chapter was pleased to present our "Community Award" this year to two ladies that worked in Yampa's Town Hall for many years and had donated many hours to community service.

We are busy preparing for our biggest fund raiser event of the year, Yampa's 40th Annual Craft Fair, on November 20th. Crafters come from all over and the locals always look forward to it. We assign the booths and prepare a lunch of Sloppy Joes or hotdogs with chips, drink, and a slice of pie. People usually come for the pies. It's a great community activity and Santa always makes an appearance in the afternoon.

In December, Edith Chapter adopts a family in need for Christmas. We buy gifts for the children and give a gift card to the parents. The family can use the gifts from Santa or whatever way they want. This is one of our favorite community service project.

We are dark for the months of January and February, mostly due to the weather. Let's hope that we get a lot of snow this winter. We've had some, but not a lot yet although the Flat Tops are white.

We would like to wish everyone happiness and joy for the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas this. Let us truly be thankful for our friends and family this year.

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Larry Wullbrandt, PGP - Reporter

I missed submitting an article for November due to an unpleasant visit by Covid to our home in October. WM Jane and her daughter were hit hardest, and the month was lost in terms of accomplishing anything productive.

Manzanita holds only one meeting in November, so we had a jam-packed meeting on the 11th. Prior to the meeting we belatedly celebrated the Chapters 110th Birthday with a soup & salad supper prepared by WM Jane. We initiated Sister Suzanne Wilkey. WELCOME SUZANNE! Our thanks to PGM Anna & PGP Ed Peterson and Skye Brunick for filling stations. We welcomed Sister Darby Sheridan, a visitor from So. Gate Chapter #18, Las Vegas, NV; WP Herb honored the Veterans with an inspirational message. We honored our Past Matrons & Past Patrons; read memorials and draped the Charter for two departed members. All present enjoyed Birthday Cake following the meeting.

Manzanita is ready to welcome December and all the hustle & bustle and festivities of the Christmas season. Our December meeting will be a holiday celebration, so wear your Christmas attire or that *Ugly* holiday sweater. December 18 we will gather at the WM's home for lunch at 1:00 PM. Please

RSVP to WM Jane jkwullbrandt@q.com if you plan to attend.

Christmas Past
by Carice Williams

Each Christmas I remember
The ones of long ago;
I see our mantelpiece adorned
With stockings in a row.

Each Christmas finds me dreaming
Of days that used to be,
When we hid presents here and there,
For all the family.

Each Christmas I remember
The fragrance in the air,
Of roasting turkey and mince pies
And cookies everywhere.

Each Christmas finds me longing
For Christmases now past,
And I am back in childhood
As long as memories last.

(if you prefer)
to all our Sisters and Brothers.
May Peace on Earth and Goodwill
to all people prevail.

Be safe & take care of each other.
-th-th-that's all folks, 'til next month.

HOPE #122 - BENNETT

Gaylene Alton, PM - Reporter

Again no response from my chapter so here I go on a rant again.

Hope Chapter didn't have a meeting in October because of sickness of some members so we had a meeting in November and we have a new stove upstairs and no one knew how to start it so we ended up meeting in the dining room. Was good to have visitors of Cathe and Dick Markell, just sorry we didn't go to the meeting room for the meeting and it was a bumpy meeting for them to attend. I hate it when we can't meet in the meeting room and have to have it in the dinning room, just isn't the same. Sorry Cathe and Dick you will have to come out again and hopefully someone will learn how to start the heater. Ha. This year our Worthy Matron has decided not to have pot lucks and just has snacks before the meeting and no refreshments after the meeting. I miss the pot lucks and refreshments after the meetings, always enjoy visiting with everyone before and after the meetings. I for one do not go until the meeting time and go home as soon as it is over seems strange but guess those traveling from the Metro area get home a little earlier.

I guess I don't like change and it is hard for me to adjust to change but also think some changes are good and some are not. That is just me and am sure others think change is really good. I wish we could go back to the olden days, when we all got together, visited with one another and looked forward to the meetings, wondering what the Worthy Matron and Patron had planned for the meeting. I loved the music, skits, and fun we used to have, we did our ritualistic work to the best of our ability and had it memorized but we also had a good time doing it. We were much younger then and memory was good so was fun memorizing all the parts and then seeing if we could do it at chapter. I for one was good with the work in the car, bath tub, at my house and then get to chapter and wonder where my memory went. I now know my memory isn't good anymore and not sure how I would be at doing a Star Point Lecture but I would give it my best. I do love the work and love to hear it being done, but also know at "Our Age" it is also getting harder to remember it but we all give it a try and do our best.

As of next Tuesday Nov 16, I will be on my way to Iowa to visit my sister in law and niece for a couple weeks. Don's brother passed in March and his wife Colleen and daughter Brenda have moved back close to our home town of Pisgah and I am

going to visit them and some of my relatives and grade and high school friends. Should be fun seeing everyone and I am so anxious to get on the way, I think I have been packed to go for couple weeks.

Not much is happening here in the little town of Bennett, we just keep plugging along but not sure how much longer we will be able to do this. Hard getting members to come out in the winter and we are all getting older and can't drive at night so our little chapter may have to give it up and no longer exist. We own our own building and we are the only ones that meet in it and our expenses are way above our income, and no way for fund raising so our funds are growing slim. Only time will tell and things don't look good for us as of right now but we keep hoping things will work out. Paul and Yvonne Read and Don and I have worked hard on the building but with Paul and Don gone we just don't have the men to do the work that needs to be done and Yvonne and I just can't do it anymore. Guess old age is getting to us also; Hate to admit that but it is true. Not sure where the Gold is in these Golden ages but we are looking.

I hope ya all had a Wonderful Thanksgiving, this is the first year in 65 years that I have not cooked a big dinner and had lots in to eat but with kids working, going to other families and Don not hear to help I am running away from home. Will be different not having a house full and turnkey cooking and all the trimmings but this year will be fun in Iowa and looking forward to celebrating in a different way. Ya all have a great day and will be thinking of Colorado friends but from Iowa. Take care all of you and have a great day! That's all from Hope Chapter in Beautiful Down Town Bennett, CO. Don't forget our scrapbooking event. Sign up now.

O.E.S. Hope Chapter #122 invites you to attend our first annual

SCRAPBOOKING WEEKEND

December 3, 4 and 5th 2021

Westminster Masonic Lodge - 8151 Bradburn Dr., Westminster, CO

Full Weekend $150 ($50 non-refundable deposit)

Friday: 2pm – 10pm, Saturday: 8am - 11pm and Sunday: 8am - 2pm

Your weekend will include:

Large table space area to work with electrical outlets
Beverages and snacks all day long
Dinner on Friday & Saturday
Continental breakfast on Saturday and hot breakfast on Sunday
Free parking, gifts, prizes & much more

This is a fundraiser and all proceeds go to O.E.S. Hope Chapter #122. This is open to the public so please invite all of your friends and family for a fun filled weekend

Please R.S.V.P to Imogene Musso

imohalloweenbaby@yahoo.com or ginamusso@hotmail.com

Please include your Name, who you would like to sit by and if you will need an electrical outlet

Acceptable payment methods are cash, check or Venmo
Make Checks payable to: Hope Chapter #122
Send checks to: Imogene Musso
1310 W 100th Ave., Thornton, CO 80260
Venmo @Imogene-Musso

If paid in full by November 15th you will be entered into a special drawing

DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter

Dawn Chapter held a short meeting on Nov. 16, then some of us went downstairs and enjoyed playing games. There were several available to choose from, so 6 of us played Mexican Train and 4 of us played Parcheesi. It was so much fun that we are hoping to do this again soon.

Now, in December, we are looking forward to attending Friendship

Night at Areme #124 on Dec. 3 and then hosting Areme on Dec. 7 for another Friendship Night! On December 21 we will have our Christmas Meeting, with a gift exchange.

Dawn Chapter is THRILLED to announce that our AC Carrie Andree, PM received a Grand Representative appointment to South Dakota at Pueblo's OV on Nov. 20! Was she surprised!! Congratulations, Carrie!

Our Chapter would love YOUR HELP in our project for fundraising. We are selling Premium Citrus Fruits (see the flyer in this newsletter or your email from OES Colorado). The fruit is picked hours off the tree and backed by a 100% satisfaction guarantee! And it will be delivered before Christmas. If you have questions, please contact our Treasurer, Wayne Wells, or Secretary, Sue Schultz.

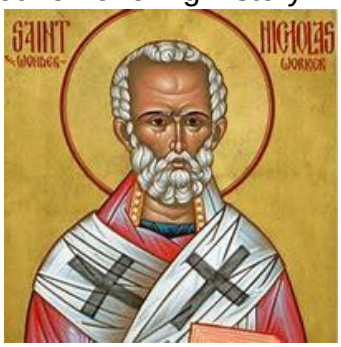
Our other fundraiser is with the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards program. So if you are not already helping another Chapter or organization, we would LOVE you to go online and sign up to help us! Just "attach" your Loyalty Card number to Dawn Chapter #125 Order of the Eastern Star and shop as usual. Every time you shop using your Loyalty Card or Alt ID, we get credit for a certain amount of your purchase. It's as easy as that! Questions?? Contact Kay Finnerty, AM or Secretary, Sue Schultz.

Also, we are asking everyone to keep our former Treasurer, Amy Raia, in your prayers as she continues to fight her cancer.

Here are some interesting facts about Christmas:

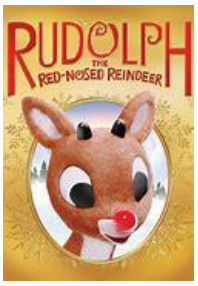
1. The tradition of Christmas trees goes all the way back to ancient Egyptians and Romans, who decorated with evergreens during the winter solstice to signify that spring would return. So if you deck your halls with a green tree, wreaths or evergreen garland, you're honoring history.

2. You probably already knew that the idea of Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas . The saint wasn't a bearded man who wore a red suit; that tradition came much later. In the fourth century, the Christian bishop gave away his large inheritance to the poor and rescued women from servitude. In Dutch, his name is Sinter Klaas, which later morphed into Santa Claus in English.



3. Before Coca-Cola decided to use his image for advertising, Santa's looks tended more spooky than jolly. Then, in 1931, the beverage company hired an illustrator named Haddon Sundblom to depict the jolly old elf for magazine ads. Now, kids see visions of sugarplums instead of having Santa-themed nightmares.

4. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer first appeared in 1939 when the Montgomery Ward department store asked one of its copywriters to create a Christmas story for kids that the store could distribute as a promotion.



5. The Christmas wreath first originated as a symbol of Christ. The holly represents the crown of thorns Jesus wore at his crucifixion and the red berries stand for the blood he shed. So when you see a wreath this holiday, you'll remember the reason for the season.

As always, Dawn Chapter invites you to visit us anytime. WM Elizabeth and WP Steve will keep you entertained with their humor!

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

SNOWFLAKE #153 - WOODLAND PARK

MaryKae Jarvis, PM - Reporter

In preparation for Christmas Snowflake Chapter is hosting a fundraiser to be Santa's helpers again.

Do you have any special kids or kids at heart that could use some cheer from Santa at his workshop? Last year Santa had some pretty comical letters for kids at heart and some really lovely letters for some kiddos. Order form is attached. Thank you in advance for your support and for brightening peoples lives by having Santa send a letter

Grand Representative Appointments Given

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, WGM Cheryl Williams, along with her Escort Kay Finnerty and Associate Grand Matron Elizabeth Spangler, traveled to Trinidad, CO. You never saw anyone more excited and thrilled to receive a Grand Representative appointment than Richard George! It didn't matter what jurisdiction it was for; he was more excited than a child on Christmas morning! Richard is the newest Grand Representative of Louisiana in Colorado!

President James Madison signed legislation formally admitting Louisiana to the Union on April 30, 1812, the 18th state so designated. Louisiana is bordered by the state of Texas on the west, Arkansas to the north, Mississippi to the east, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south. The state Capital is Baton Rouge, and its largest city is New Orleans, known for its colonial-era French Quarter, Mardi Gras festivals, and the home of Louis Armstrong and the birth of Jazz. Its history is a melting pot of French, African, American and French-Canadian cultures is reflected in its Creole and Cajun cultures.

Worthy Grand Matron Kay McCray and Worthy Grand Patron Johnny Clark Byrd will hold their "Jewels of the Sea" Grand Chapter session in March 2022. The first Chapter chartered in Louisiana was Rob Morris No. 1 in New Orleans, LA on April 17, 1894. The first Grand Chapter session was held on October 5, 1900 in Alexandria, LA, the home of Electa Chapter No. 16. Visit Louisiana's Grand Chapter website where you can read a summary of their history.

WGP Keith Hoey, along with Escort Shelley, attended the Stated Meeting @ Sunshine No. 53 in Grand Junction on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, where they were able to surprise Janine Briscoe with a Grand Representative appointment. Sister Janine was commissioned the newest Grand Representative of Nebraska in Colorado.

Nebraska is known as the "Corn Husker" state, located in the Midwest region of the United States. It is bordered by South Dakota on the north, Iowa and Missouri on the east, Kansas to the south, and Colorado and Wyoming to the west. Nebraska was admitted to the Union on March 1, 1867 as the 37th State. Its capital is in Lincoln. Points of interest in Nebraska include Scotts Bluff National Monument, Chimney Rock Museum, Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park Museum, Joslyn Castle, and Fort Kearney State Historical Park, just to name a few.

Dottie Arent, Worthy Grand Matron and David Wetrosky, Worthy Grand Patron will preside over their "Oceans of Possibilities, Anchored in Faith" Session May 10-12, 2022 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. You'll have to check out the Nebraska OES website to learn more about the Grand Year and Grand Officers of Nebraska.

Pueblo No. 7's Official Visit brought the opportunity to present another Grand Representative appointment for WGM Cheryl Williams and WGP Keith Hoey. Sister Carrie Andree started to cry the moment WGM Escort Kay Finnerty stopped beside her and asked her to come with her to the East where she was commissioned the next Grand Representative to the Mount Rushmore State of South Dakota.

South Dakota is named for the Lakota and Dakota Sioux Native American tribes. South Dakota became a state on November 2, 1889 as the 39th, or maybe the 40th, state admitted to the Union, simultaneously with North Dakota. President Benjamin Harrison shuffled the statehood papers before signing them so that no one could tell which became a state first. Sioux Falls is the largest city and Pierre is the Capital. South Dakota is bordered by North Dakota to the north, Minnesota and Iowa to the east, Nebraska to the south, and Wyoming and Montana to the west. Attractions in South Dakota not only include Mount Rushmore, but also the Black Hills and Badlands National Parks, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park and Deadwood, where Old West legends Wild Bill Hickock, Calamity Jane and Seth Bullock made history.

South Dakota is also home to WGM Karen Willis, Worthy Grand Patron Dan Patmore, and their "Garden of Friendship" Grand Family. The Aim for the year is "Membership is Friendship", Goal: "Be a Friend to All"; Watch Words: "Blessings: The little gift from Heaven, Faith: Assurance of things not seen". South Dakota will be hosting the "Friendship Across the Boarders" Weekend February 11 – 13, 2022 in Sioux Falls with Manatoba, Minnesota and North Dakota. Their 133rd Grand Chapter Session is scheduled for October 2022.

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Deadline to order – December 15

TEACH THE CHILDREN

This is how it happened...I'd just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree.

He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out. "What are you doing?" I started to ask. The words choked up in my throat, and I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager, boisterous soul we all know.

He then answered me with a simple statement. "TEACH THE CHILDREN!"
I was puzzled; what did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree. As I stood bewildered, Santa said, "TEACH THE CHILDREN! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now-a-days Christmas has forgotten."

Santa then reached into his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it before the mantle. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven."

He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of His promise."

He then reached into his bag and pulled out a CANDLE. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light, we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness."

Once again he reached into his bag and removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that the wreath symbolizes the real nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection."

He then pulled from his bag an ornament of himself. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that I, Santa Clause symbolize the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December."

He then brought out a HOLLY LEAF. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly represents the blood shed by Him."

Next he pulled from his bag a GIFT and said, "TEACH THE CHILDREN that God so loved the world that HE gave HIS begotten SON...

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that the wise men bowed before the Holy BABE and presented HIM with gold, frankincense and myrrh. We should always give gifts in the same spirit of the wise men."

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung it on the tree. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that the candy cane represents the shepherds' crook. The crook on the staff helps to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper."

He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men."

Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. "TEACH THE CHILDREN that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should ring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return."

Santa looked back and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw that the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, TEACH THE CHILDREN the true meaning of Christmas and do not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One who is, and I bow down to worship HIM, our LORD, our GOD."

~Author Unknown~

DAWN #125 FUNDRAISER

Yes, it's that time of year again! The holidays are upon us, and Dawn Chapter #125 is selling Premium Citrus Fruits to raise money for our operating expenses.

We are partnering with Florida Indian River Groves, fruit is picked hours off the tree and backed by a 100% satisfaction guarantee!

The ordering this year is all online and the deadline to place orders is December 12th. The Fruit will be delivered by Christmas!

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If you have any questions or need assistance placing an order, please email me at wayne_at_redroad@yahooo.com and I will do my best to help. Thank you in advance for supporting Dawn Chapter. And most important - Happy Holidays! - Wayne Wells, Treasurer

Hanukkah or Chanukkah?

Richard Wholf, WP
Peace and Harmony Chapter #158

No matter how it is spelled, it means the Festival of Lights, and commemorates the re-dedication of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem in 165 BCE (Before the Common Era) and is regarded by many as the First War for Religious Freedom. While it's considered a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar, it has become very popular in the United States because it occurs near Christmas time each year. It is not the Jewish Christmas. Yes, many families do exchange gifts, often comical, zany, fun or even silly things. And we will talk, and laugh, and have fun! This is a family-oriented celebration, and often non-Jewish friends are invited to participate, helping to light the candles, and enjoy the food and games.

Hanukkah is one of the late Jewish holidays to have been added to the calendar, and as a result, does not appear in the Torah since the events occurred after the Torah was written. (The Torah refers to the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, namely Genesis, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Exodus and Leviticus. The Tanakh or Hebrew Bible is the same as the Christian Old Testament)

<u>The Story of Hanukkah:</u> After several centuries of peaceful Persian rule over Palestine, Alexander the Great, between 336 and 333 BCE took over the Persian Empire which included Palestine as Israel was then named. Shortly after, Alexander died, and his empire was divided among his generals. Palestine (today's Israel) came under the control of a Syrian-Greek family who tried to make all their people follow Greek worship and customs, to make their subjects more loyal to them. Some of the Jews adopted some of the Greek styles, customs, names, clothing, philosophy, and even the language.

In about 175 BCE, Antiochus IV Epiphanes gained control of the Syrian Empire. He became involved in many wars and decided to mandate that all his subjects live according to his Greek ways, which he thought would make them more loyal and less likely to revolt while he was busy fighting. He outlawed the Jewish religion, and in 167 BCE went so far as to desecrate the Holy Temple in Jerusalem by having an altar to Zeus placed there and ordered pigs to be sacrificed there (this last item was a tremendous attack against the Jewish religion and Jewish dietary rules). An immediate rebellion broke out, led by the elderly Jewish priest Mattiyahu and his five sons, one of whom, Judah Maccabee ("the Hammer"), took over the rebellion after his father died. The family was called the Maccabees or the Hasmoneans. In 165 BCE, the vastly outnumbered Jews managed to defeat the Syrian army and were able to re-enter Jerusalem, ready to worship in their own way.

When they went to the Temple, they found it had been used as a pigsty and was in terrible condition. They cleaned and restored the Temple for rededication. To make the Temple holy again, the eternal light (Ner Tamid) had to be lit once again but that required specially prepared oil. The Temple was searched but there was only one small

flask of pure holy oil to be found. This was just enough to keep the light burning for one night. The priests left the light burning while they prepared a new supply of oil. However, according to legend, the next day the light was still burning. The light burned on for eight days without replenishment. (Not only do synagogues always have an eternal light (Ner Tamid), but many Christian churches also have them.) Since that time, Hanukkah has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to persecuted people. George Washington said that he had studied Judas Maccabees' guerilla tactics when he led the Continental army during the Revolutionary War.

Tonight (Nov.28), members of my family will gather at our house, it will be the 1st Hanukkah for my 1st great grandson who is just a little more than two months old. We will once again celebrate the Festival of Hanukkah (aka Chanukkah) by lighting the first candle on the Hanukkiah (a special 9-branched candelabra, with eight candles representing the eight days the oil burned without replenishment and one for the Shamash or "helper" that is used to light the other candles). Tomorrow night, we'll light two candles, adding one candle each night until on the last night we light all 8 candles. They are allowed to burn each night until the candles are completely consumed. By the way, we don't always use candles, many Jews use olive oil instead, or both. Sometimes everyone brings a Hanukkiah to celebrate with, some with candles, some with oil.

As the Hanukkah lights burn, we will sing Hanukkah songs, play games (like dreidel spinning) for candy, such as "gelt" which are chocolate pieces wrapped up to look like gold coins. Others will play family games. I suspect my youngest granddaughter, when she arrives from out of town, will be carrying a chess set and looking to beat me. It's also customary to listen to Jewish music, especially by Jewish singers or musicians. There are traditionally special foods that are eaten: Latkes (potato pancakes,) cooked in oil, or other fried foods reminding us of the single cruse of oil found in the ancient Temple. Of course, other things can be used for latkes, I have tasted some amazingly delicious non-potato latkes with sweet jellies, jams or special toppings on them. And another similar dish is jelly donuts, as well as small challah bits stuffed with cranberries or similar items, selections of cheeses and other dairy items. As I mentioned above, Hanukkah is a family-oriented holiday meant to bring family and friends together in joyous celebration.

Happy Hanukkah to you, my fellow Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers!

The Legend of the Candy Cane

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to
make a candy at Christmas time
that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith.
He wanted to incorporate several symbols for the
Birth, Ministry and Death of Jesus.

He bgan with a stick of pure white hard candy:
White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus;
Hard to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of theChurch;
Firmness to represent the promise of God.

The candymaker mad the candy in the form of a “J”
to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior.
He thought it could also represent the staff of the
Good Shepherd, with which he reached down into the ditches
of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who,
like all sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain,
the candymaker stained it with red stripes.
He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the
scourging Jesus received, by which we are healed.
The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ
on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.

Unfortunately, the candy became known as candy cane-
A meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time.
But the true meaning is still there for those who have
eyes to see and ears to hear and a heart to believe in
Jesus our Savior.

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Stop At: Mission San Jose
Stop At: Mission San Juan
Stop At: The Espada Aqueduct
Stop At: Mission Espada
Pass By: Alamo Plaza

OR

Half-Day Afternoon City Tour of Historic San Antonio

1pm - 5pm
Stop At: San Antonio River
Pass By: Brackenridge Park
Stop At: Japanese Tea Gardens
Stop At: Mission Concepcion
Pass By: King William Historic District
Pass By: Alamo Plaza

APRIL 21,2022

Texas Hill Country and LBJ Tour From San Antonio

9am - 5pm
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Stop At: Lyndon B. Johnson State Park & Historic Site
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Have lunch at a bier garten (not inc)
Stop At: Luckenbach

OR

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9am - 5pm
Stop At: La Villita Historic Arts Village
Pass By: Hemisfair Park
Pass By: St. Paul Square
Stop At: Historic Market Square
Lunch stop (food not included)
Stop At: San Antonio River
Pass By: Pearl Brewery
Pass By: Museum Reach
Pass By: Brackenridge Park
Stop At: Japanese Tea Gardens
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Stop At: Mission Concepcion
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Pass By: King William Historic District

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