



A-U-2 Review



FEBRUARY



2022

CHERYL WILLIAMS, WGM

A MUSICAL JOURNEY

KEITH HOEY, WGP



*Worthy Grand Matron
Cheryl*

Greetings from our

and

*Worthy Grand Patron
Keith*

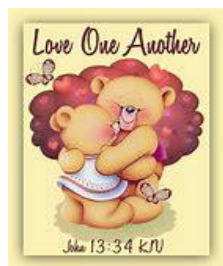


Hello,

I hope this finds all recovering from the activities and events of the Holiday Season, and that you have been able to avoid the latest COVID variant that is plaguing us now. So many are sick and I send prayers and hugs for a quick recovery.



Valentine's Day is just around the corner and with that brings, flowers, cards, candy and LOVE! I'm reminded of Electa's lecture and the words "love one another." These words are so very appropriate in this time of uncertainty and questions with unknown answers. It is wonderful to think of my sisters and brothers who are there for me and who also care about each other. We should try to practice this belief as we relate to all who are a part of our lives. No one is perfect and to accept Eastern Star members and members-to-be, family members and friends for who they are along with their strengths and weaknesses is a goal for all of us to share. Love One Another as we go forward on this journey together.



your Hearts!

Have a wonderful, blessed and loving Valentine's Day.
I hope to see you at the OV's and I may even pop in at a stated meeting of your chapter.
Safe travels and keep Music in Star Love,
Cheryl Williams WGM

I hope this finds you all doing well and looking forward to spring. We are back to doing Official Visits, five in the month of January. Manzanita #85 of Littleton was canceled due weather. The Official Visit has been rescheduled for February 24th at 7:30 pm. We had a lot of fun at them. It was great to see so many people attend the Official Visits and share in some laughter. We renewed old friendships, and even made some new ones.

WGM Cheryl and I have done more Grand Representative appointments together this past month, congratulations to Vic Czapenski – Wyoming, Brian Bate – Minnesota, Alex McIntosh – Saskatchewan, and Dick Markell – New Brunswick.

We all know that COVID is still around, and some of you are not venturing out yet. Please keep these sisters and brothers in mind. Let's give them a call, and see how they are doing, and if they are in need of anything. Phone calls and cards are good pick me ups. They show that we care and are concerned about how others are doing.

We are saddened that our trip to San Antonio, Texas has been canceled due to the lack of interest from the membership.

February is a month full of special days, enjoy them all:

- **February 2 is Groundhog Day**—the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early.

- **February 12** is **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot log cabin with a dirt floor.
- **February 14** is always **Valentine's Day**. Heads up, lovebirds! Today, the holiday is celebrated with love, flowers, and chocolate.
- **February 21** brings **Presidents' Day**, a federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February. (George Washington's actual birthday is February 22!)



I will leave you all with this:

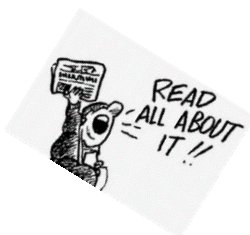


Q: Why did the pig give his girlfriend a box of candy?

Star Love,
Keith Hoey, WGP

A: It was Valenswine's Day

CHAPTER NEWS REEL



COLORADO #2 - LEADVILLE
Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter

After all money had been turned in and charges paid, Colorado #2 realized a \$2,100 profit from the wreath and garland sale project. Most of this will be used to fund the Dessie Powell Scholarship awards in the spring. In the immediate future, the exemplification of initiation proficiency will be in February. Attendance stays at 11-13 and the dinner before the meeting is always a treat.

The chapter was saddened recently with the death of Judge Neil Reynolds. His grandmother, Pearl Reynolds, was organist for Colorado 2 for many years. Although, not a member, Neil helped and supported Colorado 2 by playing for numerous open installations and he guided a special cemetery tour as part of the activities to celebrate Colorado 2's

125th birthday. He was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed sharing his talent with others.

Colorado 2 are real savers. Recently, a two year collection of 125 pounds of aluminum can tabs were donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs. The can tabs have been an ongoing project for many years.

GARDEN CITY #3 - GREELEY

CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PGM - Reporter

The first activity of February for our Chapter is the 2nd Annual Dinner Theater on February 5th, featuring a Variety Show. We will showcase the talents of several members and you will be brought to tears with the corny wit of the officers. And I do mean 'brought to tears'. At any rate, it looks to be an evening of food, fun, fellowship and laughter. The evening will begin with dinner at 5:00. Please indicate your entre' choice of Pot Roast or Chicken when making your reservations to CherylAnn, no later than February 2 to 970-396-3364 or asap4sure@gmail.com \$12 per person. The show will be being at 6:30 pm.

Our WM, Vic will be celebrating Valentine's Day at our February 8th meeting.

Garden City #3 will also host the Golden Gleaner's Club meeting on February 12 when we will honor the "A Musical Journey" Grand Family. All Eastern Members and your escort are invited to attend. A chicken parmesan lunch will be served at noon. Send your \$10.00 reservation to Zanna Thurow, Secretary 3209 Grenache Street; Greeley, CO 80634-8943 No later than February 9th

zlawth@hotmail.com 970-302-1157

At the February 22 meeting, we will honor our Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

And on March 6 we will hold our annual Smorgasbord Fundraiser Dinner. We will serve from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. A variety of food will be prepared.

One of our charitable projects is called "Operation Undercover". With this project, we crochet blankets to donate to fire & police departments, women's shelters, nursing homes, hospice units and Neonatal Care Unit. Our WM chooses where she would like the blankets to go and this year, we have made over 30 blankets for the

Neonatal Care Unit. We will make that presentation in the near future.

We are happy to report that our members are all on the mend and doing well.

Just wanted to thank all those who came out to the OV at Garden City on January 8th. The Taco Bar

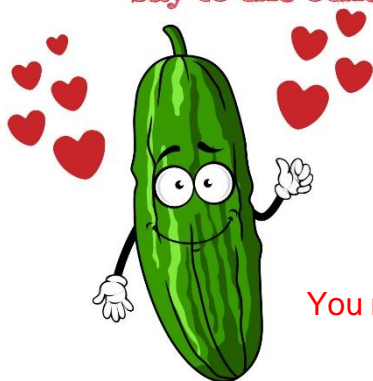


lunch was enjoyed by all. The meeting went well and introductions were done in record time. As reported several times, our WM Vic

was presented with a Grand Representative appointment. Congrats!!!

Garden City #3 would like to extend Valentine's Day greetings to all of our Sisters and Brothers. Have a wonderful "LOVE" month.

What did one pickle
say to the other?



You mean a great dill to me?

PUEBLO #7 - PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter



Pueblo 7 was proud to initiate Sister Zara Vargues during our last meeting on January 11th. Welcome to our Order and to Pueblo 7.

Valentines Day is not only for lovers but for all the people who love. Happy Valentine's Day to all you lovers out there. Valentines Day is one of my favorite

holidays. It celebrates one of the most amazing feelings...LOVE. To have the love of a husband or a wife, the love of a child or a grandchild, the love from a Mom or Dad, the love of a friend, the love from a fur baby, the love of a Sister or a Brother that is EVERYTHING.

Love is amazing...hold on to it, cherish it and never let go of it.



LOTS OF LOVE TO ALL OF YOU

COLLINS #26 - FT. COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter

Happy Valentine's Day Colorado OES!

Dan Cupid is out and about in the fair city of Loveland!

Collins #26 welcomed WGM, Cheryl Williams, and WGP, Keith Hoey and their Musical Journey Grand Family, for Official Visit, Friday evening, January 7th 2022. A delicious Chicken dinner was served before the meeting and enjoyed by all.

The meeting was attended by 25 Grand Officers, a total of 5 PGM's and PGP's, and despite some of our members being unable to attend due to illness or other conflicts, all offices were filled for the evening. Total in attendance - 50 members.

Worthy Matron, Collette Wardin, reported that she enjoyed using WGM Cheryl Williams' gavel and Bible for the evening and thanked her proteems. Our WP Jim Oldson, PGP, greeted everyone and thanked them for coming. The WGM and WGP presented their Honor Stations, Organist Sonja Mast-Warberg, and Marshal MaryKae Jarvis, Protem, with gift, and meeting was closed by 8:30pm

Northern Colorado Past Matrons did not meet this month because our Official Visit was at the same time. We will be meeting next on February 5th, at 10am, at the Longs Peak Lodge in Campion, CO.

SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE

Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter

Our numbers may be few, but we are managing to carry on, through deaths and COVID and the normal winter cold! We did decide to postpone our German Dinner however, just to be on the safe side. We will let you know when we re-schedule.

WGP Keith & Escort Shelley Hoey are enjoying the OV's they have attended. They have commissioned several Grand Representatives and get a lot of pleasure out of surprising these members. Their daughter, Stephanie, has COVID at the present time which is a worry to them. Keith & Shelley have thankfully healed.

PGP Lloyd and Bridget Hannah finally made it to Hawaii, several months late, and plan to stay there until March. They enjoy helping Hawaii Chapter No. 1 and being with the friends they have made there. We miss them, of course, but that is what retirement is all about! Aloha!

We would ask that you keep Darley Hoffman in your prayers as she continues to battle Cancer. Her son and daughter are taking turns being with her. She says she sleeps a lot. Hospice is a big help to her.

Elaine Babcock is getting settled in her new home in Boise, ID. Being with her son and his wife and her Grandchildren is a wonderful change for her.

Her sister, Marian Ferguson is settled in her new home in Grand Junction with her husband. She is already well into the activities provide at the facility.

Lin Mussman had a hip replacement on January 20th and came through like a champ. It is hard to believe they can do this as an outpatient, same-day surgery! Her daughter and granddaughter are at home to help her as she heals.

May Avara Grosshans fell and broke her shoulder the end of last month, and is amazingly, healing very quickly. She fell on the ice as she was shoveling snow. Her husband, Jerry, will have bladder surgery on February 7th. Please keep them both in your prayers

PGM Cindy Wardlaw is tolerating her medication for which we are grateful. She won't know any results for three months but seems content to believe it is working. She says the couch calls her frequently!

Lee Teague continues to be symptom free after his TIA. He celebrated his 80th birthday in style with an open-house party for about 50 friends who came off and on through the day. It was a fun celebration.



By playing "musical chairs" we were able to exemplify Balloting for our District Lecturer. We will exemplify a mock initiation on February 3rd. It is tough with missing officers but the ones we have are so enthusiastic that it makes it easier.

We send our Valentine wishes to all of you. The friends we have made as we travel the OES Road are a huge part of this wonderful order! Love to you all! Happy Valentine's Day!



I would like to leave you with this thought: You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them! You never know how much your kindness turned someone's life

around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

SUNSHINE #53 - GRAND JUNCTION

Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter



Happy February! It's muddy and pretty nippy here in Grand Junction. But that just gives us time to plan!

I wanted to share some photos from our Christmas Party..WM Sharon made some really nifty table decorations which we got to draw for as the evening ended. This was also our meeting to make cookie boxes for our shut-ins.



As mentioned, Sunshine participated in the SPUNK program and this shows one of Brother Harry's co-workers playing SPUNK Santa!



Our January 4 meeting was cancelled due to cold and icy streets. However,, at our last meeting in December, we agreed to have a "SOUPERBOWL" from January 18 thru February 13. We have a sign in the lobby asking all who come into the Temple to put a few cans of soup or any other canned items into the box. We will then donate them to the Food Bank. Hope the box is overflowing at the end.

As Sharon travels the state, she is showing off our two quilts. Take some time to count buttons and get a ticket for \$5 (or 5 for \$20!). This is a great fundraiser for Sunshine #53 and we appreciate your support.

Our January 18 meeting was short but interesting....Our attendance was low but we did have a quorum so we scheduled Initiation practice and WP Harry shared some funny questions. WM Sharon talked about Martin Luther King, Jr. and that was very interesting. We have decided to stop refreshments until COVID numbers are lower.

Dr. Seuss wrote: We're all a little weird, and life's a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love. —Dr. Seuss

Until March edition:

Be safe, be healthy and practice LOVE,

MANZANITA #85 - LITTLETON

Larry Wullbrandt, PGP - Reporter

HELLO FEBRUARY!

It's hard to believe this is the third month of winter or that this OES year is 1/3 completed.

Did you know there are 112 National Days this month? The more celebrated ones are Ground Hogs Day, Valentine's Day and Presidents Day.

Some lesser known are: Create A Vacuum Day (could this apply to the US Congress?); Shower With A Friend Day; Drink Wine Day; Red Sock Day; Love Your Pet Day; Margarita Day; Tell A Fairy Tale Day (could this be in recognition of most Presidential State Of The Union speeches?); Kahlua Day; plus many more. You can't make these up friends. Read them all at:

nationaldaycalendar.com

Congratulations Sister Barbara Aldridge on achieving 50 years of membership. Barbara plans to return from Arizona for a visit, and we hope to present this award Feb. 24.

Happily, we have received another Petition for the Degrees and are looking forward to initiating our third new member this year.

We wish Happy Valentine's Day to all our Sisters and Brothers. Be safe & take care of each other.

**What kind of flowers
do you never give
on Valentine's Day?**

-th-th-that's all folks,
'til next month.

Cauliflowers - of course



DAWN #125 - AURORA

Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter



Dawn Chapter was unable to hold our first meeting in January due to the fact that there was no heat in the building and part of the electricity wasn't working!

So at our meeting on the 18th, we balloted and draped our charter.

We are saddened by the loss of our dear member, Carol Ann Chapman. Carol Ann was a Past Matron and a Life member. At one time she was the Gr. Representative to North Carolina, Gr. Escort, and Past President of the Past Matrons' Club of Denver and Colorado.

We also are asking for prayers for Carrie Andree and both of her parents. Carrie has begun another round of IV Chemo. Her mother, Marilyn Andree, broke her leg a few weeks ago and her father, Ralph, is suffering from health issues. Please pray for Don Shearer, who will have shoulder replacement and ankle surgery in February and when he has recovered, his wife, Mary Lou, will have more back surgery.

Our happy news is that our Secretary, Sue Schultz, enjoyed a beautiful and relaxing trip to Southern California recently, where she was able to spend time with an old friend. I am happy that my daughter was able to come visit from New York, even though it was a very short trip! We are also happy that Rita Beatty, PM and Life Member has just received her 50 year pin.



Dawn has set up a couple of fundraisers and would appreciate participation from other chapters! On March 8 we will have a Dine to Donate day at Applebees on Iliff, just east of I-225. This will be a "Pick Up and Take Home" day! And on April 4 or 6, we will Dine to Donate at Texas Roadhouse on Blackhawk and Iliff. More information and flyers will be included in the March 4U2 Review and on the OES website.

Several of us helped Carrie serve dinner at Park Hill Lodge twice last month. It looks like this may become a permanent "opportunity" for us to help out our Masonic brothers. Dawn Chapter's Social Club got underway on January 25. This month we went to the New York Deli News on Hampden at 6:00. EVERYONE is always welcome to join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We have no meeting—just a nice dinner together somewhere. Please call any of Dawn's Line Officers for

information about the destination, beginning in February.

Here's wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and a lovely Presidents Day!



LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER

Jodi Musser, PM - Reporter

Sadness came to Loyalty #145 and the Canopy of Stars as well as many others on December 31st. Our beloved brother, Chuck Anderson PGP, passed away following a period of time in and out of the hospital with a myriad of health problems.

Our first meeting in January was Stock Show themed. We were going to put aside our moo-moos for the evening and come in western attire. A roping contest with a greased pig had been planned with fun prizes, along with same-themed refreshments after the meeting. Unfortunately, some of our members had recently been exposed to others with Covid. Consequently a very fun evening had to be cancelled.

At our next meeting in January will be jam-packed. We will begin with the Obligation. We will then be draping the Alter for Chuck Anderson PGP and Hugh Clum PGP and the Charter for Betty Jackson. We will ballot on the affiliation of Tina Giles. We will celebrate 3 members who will be receiving their 50 year pins, Jerry Cronk, Becky Dark and Lindy Wazny.



WM Marlene has asked each of the Star Points to give an educational history of the women whom they represent. This will be done during five upcoming meetings. Carol Heagney will begin by giving information about Adah at our January 27th meeting. We are sending positive and healing thoughts and wishes to Lynn Brown-Jones who had hand surgery and Jill Quedenfeld who has an

upcoming knee surgery.

Our Annual Souper Bowl feast will be held on Saturday, February 12th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. For a delicious variety of soups and desserts the cost is only \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids under 10. That's a lot of food for a very low cost and you don't have to tip the waitress!!!

We really do have so much for which to be thankful. Count your blessings! Hugs to all!!!



GARDEN CITY #3

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Seating is Limited

ALPHA / PENTALPHA NEWS

Submitted by Marlene Doyle, WM #145

Alpha Pentalpha, the line officers in the Denver area chapters, have been having some productive meetings. We meet the first Saturday in the months of September to June. The topics we've covered have ranged from preparing for an OV, how to get attendance up in our chapters, and how to conduct an Alpha/Pentalpha meeting. The location of the meetings may change so be sure to read the emails put out by our president, Carrie Andrea. All present and past line officers are invited.



NEW GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Submitted by MaryKae Jarvis, Grand Marshal

A wonderful time was had at Heritage Chapter No. 154's Official Visit where WGM Cheryl Williams and WGP Keith Hoey and the "A Musical Journey" Grand Family and guests were all take on a musical tour of Italy. Worthy Matron Mandy Sawyer shared wonderful tidbits about Italy and their music, taking a slight detour to share information about the Police Forces in Italy in honor of WGP Keith.

WGM Cheryl and WGP Keith were in the traveling spirit as well sharing travel adventures with two more deserving Colorado OES Members when they presented Grand Representative appointments to Saskatchewan and New Brunswick.

Heritage's own Worthy Patron, Alex McIntosh's adventures will be the Canadian Province of Saskatchewan, which borders the states of Montana and North Dakota. Saskatchewan is one of only two landlocked provinces in Canada and is known for its flat prairie landscapes. It is very much an "outdoor" province with very few metropolitan centers. It is also home to thick boreal forests, sand dunes, tens of thousands of lakes and chiseled badlands. The provincial capital of Regina is home to the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. Additional points of interest include MacKenzie Art Gallery, Prince Albert and Grasslands National Parks.

Angels, ladybugs and Snoopy dogs will be highly visible when attending the "You Raise Me Up" Grand Chapter Session as WGM Barbara Hoffman, and her husband, WGP Douglas Hoffman preside. The project for the year is the Ronald McDonald House. Saskatchewan's Grand Session is held in April.

Also, in attendance at Heritage's OV were Cathe and Richard "Dick" Markell of Metro Chapter No. 157. When Grand Escorts Shelley Hoey and Kay Finnerty stopped in front of Dick and asked him to join them, Dick was over-heard exclaiming, "You want me?" Dick was commissioned the newest Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Colorado.



New Brunswick, is another one of the thirteen provinces and territories of Canada, bordered by Maine to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. It is the largest of the three Maritime provinces of Canada and is known for its huge untouched wilderness, the mighty Bay of Fundy and lobsters. New Brunswick is also known for its large pulp and paper industry. You will also find pristine beaches, lush forests and salmon-rich rivers. In the Bay of Fundy, on Michias Seal Island, you will find the home of 900 pairs of breeding Atlantic Puffins. New

Brunswick is also host to more kinds of whales more often than anywhere else, has the warmest saltwater beaches north of Virginia and has the highest, wildest tides in the world.

There seems to be a common theme in these two Canadian Provinces as the "Angels Among the Stars" Grand Session of Lynda Williams, WGM and Darrell Munn, WGP, will be held at the Fredericton Inn in Fredericton, NB, July 7-9, 2022.

The Aim for the year has been:

"Let us celebrate our beautiful Eastern Star with: Pride in the Past, Participation in the Present, Faith in the Future"

Congratulations Alex and Dick! Enjoy your travels as you represent Colorado OES!!

Saturday, January 22, 2022 brought the "A Musical Journey" Grand Family to Centennial Chapter No. 58 in Colorado Springs for the Official Visit of WGM Cheryl Williams and WGP Keith Hoey.



Also in attendance on this day was Brother Brian Bate of Pueblo Chapter No. 7, who was commissioned the newest Grand Representative of the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" state of Minnesota.

Minnesota, which gets its name from the Dakota language meaning “cloudy water”, is the 12th largest state and was admitted as the 32nd state in the Union on May 11, 1858. Minnesota’s lowest point is Lake Superior at 601 feet; its highest point is at 2,301 feet on Eagle Mountain. The “Twin Cities” of Minneapolis and state capital Saint Paul are home to many Fortune 500 companies, including Best Buy, General Mills, Target and Land ‘O Lakes. Other famous locations include Mall of America (the largest mall in the United States located in Bloomington is the size of 78 football fields!), Gooseberry Falls State Park, Superior National Forest and the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Did you know that Minnesota has more coastline than the combined states of California, Florida and Hawaii?

The 2022 Grand Chapter Session is scheduled to be at the River’s Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota, May 5 thru May 7, 2022. Red, white and blue will be on display as Kathie Brown, Worthy Grand Matron and Jim Bjostad, Worthy Grand Patron preside over their “20/20 – A Renewed Vision” Grand Session.

Congratulations to Sister Vic Czapenski of Garden City No. 3 in Greeley on her appointment as the Grand Representative of Wyoming in Colorado. WGM Cheryl Williams and WGP Keith Hoey surprised Vic at the Official Visit, Saturday, January 8th, 2022. Cong



state capital is Cheyenne, the most populous city in the State. Wyoming is bordered by Montana to the north and northwest, Idaho to the west, Utah to the southwest, Colorado to the south and Nebraska and South Dakota to the east. Wyoming is drier and windier than the rest of the country, being split between semi-arid and continental climates with greater extreme temperatures. Almost half of

Nestled in the Rocky Mountains lies the state of Wyoming, the 10th largest state by area but is 50th in population with just over 550,000 residents. The

Wyoming is owned by the federal government, to include two national parks – Yellowstone and Grand Teton; and two national monuments – Devils Tower and Fossil Butte

Original inhabitants of the region include the Arapaho, Crow, Lakota, and Shoshone. The region acquired the name "Wyoming" when a bill was introduced to Congress in 1865 to provide a temporary government for the territory of Wyoming. The name had been used earlier for the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, and is derived from the Munsee word *xwé:wamənk*, meaning "at the big river flat". It was granted statehood July 10, 1890, making it the 44th state in the Union.

Wyoming was the first U.S. territory/state to extend the right to vote to women, an achievement that represented one of the early victories of the American women’s suffrage movement. Wyoming was also a pioneer in welcoming women into politics. Women first served on juries in Wyoming (Laramie in 1870). Wyoming had the first female court bailiff (Mary Atkinson, Laramie, in 1870), and the first female justice of the peace in the country (Esther Hobart Morris, South Pass City, in 1870). As well, in 1924, Wyoming became the first state to elect a female governor, Nellie Tayloe Ross, who took office in January 1925. Due to its civil-rights history, one of Wyoming’s state nicknames is "The Equality State", and the official state motto is "Equal Rights".

Diane Mickelson is serving as WGM and Kraig Kobert as WGP for Wyoming Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Their “Legacy of Love” Grand Chapter Session is scheduled for August 3-6, 2022 @ Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Their Motto is “Love thy neighbor!”; Aim: “Working as a team to re-energize the fun and fellowship of Eastern Star; Watchwords: Charity, truth, and loving kindness”.

February Official Visits

February 18: #124 AREME

Radiant Temple 225 Acoma Street, Denver

February 19: #133 Mt. Zion

Golden Masonic Hall 400 10th Street; Golden

February 24: #85 Manzanita

Weston Lodge 5718 S. Rapp Street; Littleton

JANUARY
OFFICIAL
VISITS



Collins #26

Garden City #3



Centennial #58

Heritage #154



Oriental #98



COLON CANCER FUNDRAISER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Spring is just around the corner! But Colon Cancer knows no season.

Join Colorado Eastern Star in our latest fundraising effort to raise money for Colon Cancer research right here in Colorado. Shop for spring bulbs, seeds, mats and more using the link below and Flower Power will donate 50% of your purchase directly to our WGM Cheryl's beneficent project - Colon Cancer Research in Colorado. If you purchased an amaryllis bulb for the holidays, you've seen the quality of this company's flowers. I have no doubt the spring flowers will be just as beautiful. Please forward this link to anyone you think might be interested, and help us reach our goal of raising \$1,000 this spring. <http://coloradooes.fpfundraising.com/>

Fine print: order now through May 15. Flowers will ship beginning April 1 to the warmer states first. Please let me know if you have any questions, or need any help ordering online.

Star Love,
Laura Schierburg
206.949.0913 cell



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The Loveland Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Postal Service have been teaming up for 76 years with their internationally renowned Valentine Re-mailing Program.

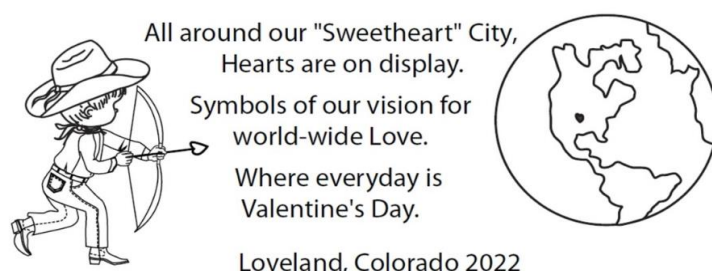
Valentine season is underway, at least in Loveland, the nation's "Sweetheart City." On Tuesday, the city unveiled details for **the 76th year of the Valentine Re-mailing Program.**



"This is a very special year for Loveland and this amazing program. Going into the second year of this pandemic, there is no greater time to help spread love, joy, and unity when people need it most," said Mindy McCloughan, president of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, in a statement. "Our designs and verses this year reflect Loveland's desire to share this honored tradition with the world and show that love is the greatest gift we can give or receive. Let's work together to spread even more joy, happiness, and love this valentine season."

This year's envelope artwork was designed by Corry McDowell and includes the following verse written by Jeani Bork: "All around our Sweetheart City, Hearts are on display. Symbols of our vision for world-wide Love. Where every day is Valentine's Day." McDowell also crafted the 76th-anniversary postmark.

Volunteers mark Valentine's cards with a special stamp and a love poem before sending them out to their original destination.



All Valentine's sent through The Loveland Valentine Program before or on February 4th will be postmarked and mailed on February 4th.

Every day after February 4th the Valentine will be postmarked on the day it is received.

Important Dates:

February 2nd, 2022~ for International Mail deadline

February 7th, 2022 ~ Continental U.S deadline

February 9th, 2022 ~ Colorado/Wyoming deadline (within the state)

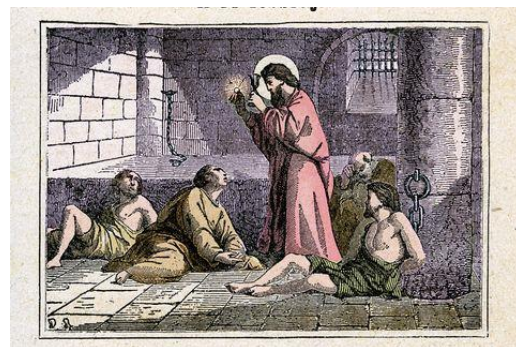
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50 Valentine's Day Tidbits

1. Valentine's Day started with the Romans.

There are two theories about the origin of Valentine's Day. Some believe the day derives from Lupercalia, a raucous Roman festival on February 15th where men stripped naked and spanked young maidens in the hopes of increasing their fertility.

The second theory is that while the Roman Emperor Claudius II was trying to bolster his army, he forbade young men to marry. In the spirit of love, St. Valentine defied the ban and performed secret marriages, and for his disobedience, Valentine was executed on February 14 around the year 270 A.D.



2. Valentine's Day was first declared a holiday by a pope.

In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius I made the feast of St. Valentine an official holiday, apparently hoping to expel the pagan rituals of Lupercalia by combining it with St. Valentine's Day.

3. The holiday was later removed from the Roman Calendar of Saints.

After the Second Vatican Council in 1969, Pope Paul VI decided to remove St. Valentine's Day from the calendar of major holidays, mostly because very little about the *actual* St. Valentine could be verified. However, its religious observance is still allowed. Anglicans and Lutherans recognize February 14 as an official feast day, while the Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates St. Valentine on July 6.

4. The first Valentine's Day celebration occurred in Paris.

The first known official celebration of Saint Valentine's Day took place in Paris on February 14, 1400, which is when King Charles VI of France established *La cour amoureuse*, or the High Court of Love. The court, entirely run by women, met to deal with marriage contracts, divorces, infidelity, and domestic violence.

5. Passing out Valentines is a 600-year-old tradition.

The oldest record of a Valentine is a poem Charles, the Duke of Orleans, wrote to his wife when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415, in which he refers to his wife as his "Valentine." For lack of a better phrase, the rest is history.

6. Today, millions of greeting cards are purchased every year.

We're talking *145 million* greeting cards being exchanged industry-wide every year for Valentine's Day in the U.S. alone, according to Hallmark, making it the second largest holidays for greeting cards after Christmas. Millions of greeting cards are purchased every year.

7. Esther Howland is the first manufacturer of Valentines.

Before Esther Howland commercialized Valentine's Day cards and became known as the "Mother of the American Valentine," Valentines in America were less romantic and more comical. Her inspiration came from the thoughtful and sweet greeting cards that were circulating in England, and she decided to sell similar designs in the U.S. starting in the 1870s. Needless to say, they took off.

8. You could once buy booklets devoted to writing Valentine's Day cards.

Around the turn of the 19th century, those who struggled to come up their own Valentines messages could purchase Valentine Writers, which were six-penny pamphlets containing popular collections of pre-written love messages to be used as inspiration.

9. An infamous king made Valentine's Day an official holiday.

In 1537, England's King Henry VIII officially declared February 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's Day by royal charter. And yes, he is the monarch who had six wives: one who died, one who survived, two who he divorced, and two who he beheaded.

10. "Vinegar Valentines" were used to deter suitors in Victorian England.

During the Victorian Era and into the 20th century, those who didn't want the attention of certain suitors would anonymously send "vinegar valentines" or "penny dreadfuls," which would range from sassy to cruel and could be purchased to insult just about anyone in your life.

11. English women believed bay leaves to bring good luck on Valentine's Day.

Vinegar Valentines aren't the only strange Valentine's Day tradition from England. In the 1700s, rural English women would pin five bay leaves to their pillows — one in the center and four on the corners — on the night of February 13 in order to have sweet dreams about their future husbands.





12. Candy hearts were originally medical lozenges.

In 1847, Boston pharmacist Oliver Chase invented a machine that simplified the lozenge production process, resulting in the first candy-making machine. After identifying an opportunity to revolutionize the candy business, Chase shifted his focus to candy production with Necco wafers.

13. The candies got their iconic shape much later.

It wasn't until 15 years after the creation of Necco wafers that Daniel Chase's brother, Oliver Chase, developed a way to press words onto the candy lozenges with a felt roller pad and vegetable food coloring. It wasn't until 1902 that the conversational candies officially became heart-shaped.

14. Candy hearts weren't available in 2019.

In 2018, Necco declared bankruptcy, forcing the company to close its original plant and sell off its candy brands. Spangler Candy Company ended up acquiring the rights to Sweethearts, and after setting up production in a new plant, Sweethearts returned to shelves in 2020 — but not without a few changes due to equipment problems. Luckily, by 2021, Spangler had worked out the kinks.

15. February 14 is a busy day for restaurants.

Unsurprisingly, Valentine's Day is one of the busiest days of the year for restaurants, second only to Mother's Day.

16. Wearing your heart on your sleeve is more than just a phrase.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names to see who their Valentine would be, and they would wear the name pinned to their sleeve for one week so that everyone would know their supposed true feelings.



17. Cupid's bow and arrow weren't just for show.

In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty, and he's often depicted with a bow and arrows to pierce hearts and cast a spell of love.

18. People consider pink and red the colors of love.

According to the National Confectioners Association, around 65 percent of Americans believe that the packaging of Valentine's Day candies and chocolates should be red and pink.

19. The heart shape wasn't always a romantic symbol.

The heart was once widely believed to be humans' center of memory, where feelings of love were recorded. However, we have French and Italian artists from the 14th century to thank for the symbol that we know and love today, as they were the first ones to start using this motif in their work.

20. Valentine's Day wasn't always a romantic holiday.

February 14 wasn't associated with romantic love until the late 14th century, which is when Geoffrey Chaucer published his poem "The Parliament of Fowls." In the poem, he calls St. Valentine's Day the day when birds choose their mates, and from then on, people started considering the holiday a romantic one.

21. Roses are the flowers of love.

Speaking of cupid and his roses, can you guess the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess? According to legend, it's the red rose, of course. The bud stands for strong romantic feelings, so it's no surprise that roses make up the most popular Valentine's Day bouquets.

22. Americans spend a lot on love.

According to a survey by the National Retail Federation, Americans spent \$20.7 billion for Valentine's Day in 2019 and were expected to spend \$27.4 billion in 2020.



23. Men and women prefer candy to flowers.

Both men and women prefer to receive chocolate over flowers, according to the National Confectioners Association. The survey also found that chocolate sales represent 75 percent or more of Valentine's Day candy purchases.

22. Valentine's Day is a popular holiday to get engaged.

This seems fitting: A 2017 study by diamond retailer James Allen found that 43 percent of millennials chose Valentine's Day as their ideal day to propose or to accept a proposal.

25. The chocolate box has been around for more than 140 years.

In addition to creating arguably the richest, creamiest, and sweetest chocolate on the market, Richard Cadbury also introduced the first box of Valentine's Day chocolates in 1868.

26. And there's a standout favorite in every box.

According to the National Confectioners Association, caramels are the most popular flavor in chocolate boxes, followed by chocolate-covered nuts, chocolate-filled, cream-filled, and coconut.

27. Experiential gifts are on the rise.

In 2017, 40 percent of consumers told the National Retail Federation they wanted an "experience gift" — aka tickets to a concert or other event, an outdoor activity, or an evening out — although only 24 percent planned to give one. This gift option is particularly popular with



millennials: 45 percent of people ages 18-24 and 40 percent of people ages 25-34 said they planned to give experiences for Valentine's Day.

28. More Americans skip Valentine's Day than you realize.

Whether it's because they're single or think the holiday is beyond cheesy, 49 percent of adults surveyed by the National Retail Federation in 2019 said they're not celebrating the day of love, though they may treat themselves to a small gift or a night out with friends and family.

29. It's not just for humans.

People really do love their pets, because according to the National Retail Federation, 27 percent of people celebrating Valentine's Day in 2020 said they were also buying gifts for their pets. Spending on Valentine's Day gifts for pets has also grown significantly, going from \$450 million in 2010 to more than \$1.7 billion.



30. Your chocolates probably come from the West Coast.

California is the state with the largest number of chocolate makers, which means those heart-shaped goody boxes you're gifting your loved one this Valentine's Day probably came from the West Coast. The state has 139 chocolate makers, according to the U.S. census. Pennsylvania comes in second, with 120 chocolate artisans. California has more chocolate makers than any other state, so if you're enjoying a box of treats on Valentine's Day, they might have come all the way from the west coast.

31. Most Valentine's Day roses are imported.

California also produces 60 percent of American roses, but interestingly enough, the vast number of roses sold on Valentine's Day in the U.S. are imported, mostly from South America.

32. Galentine's Day has become a beloved spinoff holiday.

Galentine's Day may have originally been a holiday made up by geniuses behind the hit TV show *Parks and Recreation* back in 2010, but that doesn't mean it's not 100 percent real. According to the National Retail Federation, since 2010, spending on Valentine's Day gifts for friends has nearly tripled, going from \$737 million to a whopping \$2.1 billion.

33. Roses really are king of Valentine's Day florals.

Roses are iconically linked to Valentine's Day, and it's not just a stereotype. According to The Spruce, roses account for more than half of all Valentine's Day flower sales.

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34. Valentine's Day is the biggest holiday for florists.

According to the Society of American Florists, Valentine's Day accounts for 30 percent of all holiday flower purchases, beating out Christmas, Mother's Day, and Thanksgiving.

35. A king from Sweden started the tradition of sending flowers.

Wonder who came up with the idea of sending flowers? The tradition was brought back to Europe by King Charles II of Sweden after a trip to Persia in the early 1700s, with the idea of sending flowers as a non-verbal message.

36. Women are more likely to treat themselves than men on Valentine's Day.

Sixteen percent of flowers purchased by women on Valentine's Day are going to none other than themselves, according to the Society of American Florists. So if you want flowers on the holiday but don't have a special someone who will show up at your doorstep with a bouquet, know that you're absolutely not alone when you treat yourself to a floral arrangement.



37. Teachers are the number one recipient of Valentines.

And honestly, who else is more deserving? Oftentimes classrooms in elementary schools do fun Valentine exchanges to celebrate the holiday, which means that teachers often receive a sweet note from each of their students, making them the group of people who receive the most Valentines. Teachers deserve a little extra love every day, and especially on Valentine's Day.

38. In Japan, women do most of the gifting on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day, or *kokuhaku*, was first introduced to Japan in 1936 and has since become wildly popular. However, due to a translation error made by a chocolate company, only women buy chocolate and gifts for their sweethearts on February 14. But don't worry — women get their turn to get spoiled. On March 14, Japan

celebrates White Day, which is when men buy gifts for their partners.

39. Some Nordic countries celebrate friendship on February 14.

Like Japan, Finland and Estonia also recognize Valentine's Day, and they also do things a little differently. Known as Ystävänpäivä in Finland and Sõbrapäev in Estonia, both countries use the holiday as a Friendship Day or Day of the Friends, where they exchange cards and gifts not only with lovers, but with friends and family members as well.

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40. Filipinos have the most unique Valentine's Day tradition.

In the Philippines, February 14 happens to be the most common wedding anniversary. Over the past decade, mass Valentine's Day marriages have become increasingly popular there, where hundreds of couples say "I do" at the same time.

41. For Ghana, the day is all about chocolate.

Other countries that celebrate Valentine's Day include Argentina, France, South Korea, Bulgaria, Wales, Spain, Denmark, Romania, the Czech Republic, Brazil, England, Canada, Italy, and Slovenia, among others, though Ghana probably has the coolest tradition of all. Why's that? Because starting in 2007, February 14 has been known as National Chocolate Day in Ghana in order to promote the consumption of chocolate.

42. Jewelry is also a pretty popular (and pricey) Valentine's Day gift.

In a report from the National Retail Federation, Americans were expected to spend a whopping \$19.6 billion (yes, billion with a B) on jewelry for their special someone for Valentine's Day. How many roses do you think you could buy with that...?

43. Some people who aren't celebrating are still celebrating.

Over a quarter of people who say they aren't celebrating Valentine's Day still plan to do something special, whether that's treating themselves, family, or a friend to a little token of appreciation, according to the National Retail Federation.

44. There is a city in Texas with a perfect name for the holiday.

If you're looking for the place in the United States with the most holiday spirit, don't expect to find it in any big city. In fact, the most love-struck town of all is none other than Valentine, Texas, which get its name from the popular saint. Don't drive through it too quickly though, or you might miss it — the town only has a population of 125, according to 2018 numbers.

45. There's more to wearing the color red than you might think.

The color red has connotations of passion and sexuality, and it turns out science can actually back up those ideas. At the University of Rochester, psychologists found that men found women wearing red or standing in front of a red background to be significantly more attractive and sexually desirable than women wearing different colors. And it's not just women who are more attractive in red. The study found that women also had the same views of men who were sporting the color. Turns out, wearing red really can get you noticed, it's science.

46. There's a cool reason why we call people our Valentines.

According to legend, when St. Valentine was imprisoned, he wrote a letter and signed it, "from your Valentine." The signature caught on, and now signing a love letter from a Valentine is common practice.

47. Xs and Os didn't always mean kisses and hugs.

It's believed that signing with an X comes from the Middle Ages, when an X was used in the place of a signature because many people couldn't read or write. It also was a Christian symbol that represented the cross, and the idea is that the history of Christians kissing statues of Christ or kissing the bible led to X getting its meaning as a modern-day kiss.

48. People send thousands of Valentines each year to this fictional character.

Every year on Valentine's Day, the city of Verona in Italy receives thousands of letters addressed to Juliet from *Romeo and Juliet*. Volunteers respond to each letter and award the "Cara Giulietta" ("Dear Juliet") prize to the author of the most romantic letter.

49. A very important patent was applied for on February 14.

On Valentine's Day in 1876, a then 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell applied for his telephone patent, entitled an "Improvement in Telegraphy." That same day, inventor Elisha Gray applied for a patent caveat for a similar invention from the same office, but Bell ended up receiving patent approval less than a month later.

And Finally Last but by far the least:

50. A very important invention was also introduced on Valentine's Day.

A little over 50 years later on February 14, 1929, penicillin was introduced by a young bacteriologist named Sir Alexander Fleming, who discovered the mold by-product accidentally a few months earlier.

