



# A-U-2 Review



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2022

CHERYL WILLIAMS, WGM

**A MUSICAL JOURNEY**

KEITH HOEY, WGP



*Worthy Grand Matron  
Cheryl*

*Greetings from our*

*and*

*Worthy Grand Patron  
Keith*



*Hello to All -*

The first day of summer is here and it is so much cooler than we've had the last few days!! That is Colorado!

Keith and I have had our homecoming OV's and we are busy preparing for our Grand Session. We were able to complete all the Official Visits scheduled with the exception of Sierra Blanca #53 (affiliated with Bethlehem #56) and Hope #122 (affiliated with Dawn #125). So many changes in the schedule and so many cancellations due to weather, health, and timing. Thank you to all the WMs and WPs who were so kind and willing to move their OV to another date ... and I might add, several moved 3 x's. Now that is patience.

I want to thank everyone who has traveled with us on this journey. Attendance was great, even for those that held weeknight meetings in lieu of Fridays or Saturdays. The Grand Family has been just that - GRAND -. We all face challenges in our daily lives; however, we have weathered thru and have become very close. We are family.....

I have accomplished some of the goals I started when I was elected 4 years ago, accomplished some of the goals I didn't even know I had, and the journey and experiences have made me a better person and, I hope, a credible leader. Many things were tried, some worked, some did not, but Keith and I have tried our very best to bring this organization to a different level of fraternal

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Greetings, Sisters and Brothers of Colorado Eastern Star.

I think summer has arrived in our beautiful State. We went from snow in May to 95 degree weather in June; hope that is not an indication of what the rest of the summer is going to be.

The month of June was very busy for all of the Grand Family. As the saying goes, the third time is a charm, and we finally made it to Edith Chapter #61 in Yampa and Colorado #2 in Leadville for the Official Visits. Both Chapters welcomed the Grand Family and had amazing meetings. While in Yampa, I even got the chance to chase some cows with Bernard Knott and his son. We were pleased to be in attendance for the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Colorado #2. Worthy Matron and Patron Pat and George McCollum, presided in the East and shared some interesting facts about the chapter in Leadville, during the early days of its existence. It was a very enjoyable evening. We would also like to thank Betty and George Benson for the delicious pancake breakfast they served on Friday morning before we departed Leadville. It was a great send off for us to head to Grand Junction for Sunshine #53 OV. In Grand Junction we learned about quilt squares, police officers and courtesy of the Grand Escorts, a little bit of Grand Junction history.

June 18<sup>th</sup> took the Grand Family to the homecoming of our WGM Cheryl Williams and her home chapter, Dawn #125. We all knew with AGM Beth Spangler presiding as WM and Steve Davis presiding as WP, the day would be great. We got to

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organizational ideas and maybe, just maybe, have begun the start of some new traditions and new ways of approaching our Order. We could only do so much, but we have received so many positive comments that I do think we have made a slight dent in changes that will lead us up to this age and time. Change is hard, change is never set in stone, and change comes with just living in this world. Thank you for your support. To those that decided that I shouldn't have made changes, that we don't do it that way, and who constantly criticized and complained, please know that we tried....if we always do things the way we always have, we will get the same results... and that - will end the Order we know as Eastern Star. I hope for future leaders of OES will continue to open doors that have not been allowed opened before. That they will do what is best for the Order and that our prayers are with them as they take on these many challenges.

I'm excited to be leaving on a cruise to Alaska on June 25<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to a much-needed break with friends and family. Hope you all have a safe and healthy summer doing whatever your musical voice tells you to do. Any questions or concerns, please contact me. I will certainly try to help!!

See you at Grand Chapter – if not before!

Star Love,

*Cheryl Williams, WGM*

(cont' Keith)  
hear a great story about Beth as told by WGM Cheryl. Thank you Dawn Chapter, for the making that day wonderful for the Grand Family.

The highlight of the month for me however was the Official Visit in Montrose on June 11th. My homecoming meeting, hosted by Silver Star #40 was absolutely the best this WGP could have asked for. Each person was greeted at the door and given flower lei to go along with the Hawaiian theme downstairs. When I walked into the dining room and saw the tables decorated with the ocean theme, the coral and blue napkins and all of the wonderful food, it was like being in a tropical paradise. A huge thank you goes out to Silver Star for all of the work you did to make the day special for me and Shelley. I definitely felt the love from each of you. I hope all in attendance enjoyed the day as much as I did.

Our travels to Official Visits have now come to an end; however you can still participate in the travel program until August 15, 2022. Be looking for those scavenger hunt items as you continue to attend Eastern Star events this summer. Perhaps you will attend a Friendship night, or a summer picnic at a neighboring chapter, or even a Grand Chapter in another state. Submit your mile markers and pictures to Sharon Furukawa before September 1st. If you get to mile marker #30, you will have your name placed in the drawing for the grand prize. We hope you have had fun with our travel program and become aware of the beautiful and interesting sites our state has to offer.

The month of July always make us think about patriotism. The life we have in this country is because of our founding fathers and the brave men and women who continue to fight for our freedoms today.



“Isn’t it funny how red, white, and blue represent freedom...until they’re flashing behind you?” –



Have a great, but safe summer.

*Keith Hoey, WGP*

## Chapter News Reel



### COLORADO #2 – LEADVILLE

*Robert Trezise, PP - Reporter*

Third time was the charm!! Colorado 2 had official visit on June 9 after it had been postponed twice. Since Colorado 2 is celebrating 140 years of activity, the entertainment of music and history centered around this historical occasion. Sister Sandra Mark created table decorations of 1882 advertisements for a variety of questionable medical treatments, as well as the high fashion and society activities of that time. Sister Sandra also gave a wonderful presentation of a little of history of Colorado 2. It is printed below.

Colorado 2 will end the year with election and initiation. This will be a great start for 2023 OES projects and activities.

Colorado #2 Official Visit  
140 Year Anniversary Celebration  
Leadville, Colorado  
June 9, 2022

On June 15, 1882, we know that our ancestral sisters and brothers of Colorado 2 were busy with the business of instituting a new chapter. But what else was on their minds? Like all of us today, they enjoyed the fellowship of the order but there were other things going on in Leadville, in Colorado, in the world. I have explored their Victorian world through the local and national newspapers of the day and would like to give you a flavor of what I found.

For example, we are troubled about the war in Ukraine—our sisters were worried about, as the headline said: “Indian Troubles in Wyoming”. The article reads: A company of cavalry left Omaha yesterday for Fort McKinney, Wyoming. General Crook had learned that there were 1500 Indians on the Powder River below the fort. Stockmen had reported that they were killing cattle and threatening herders. General Crook deemed it advisable to send troops.

Another parallel: Russian President Vladimir Putin is generally not favorably regarded by us these days. On June

15, 1882, newspaper headlines reported that the Russian Czar has approved the formation of a bank for the purpose of facilitating the acquisition of land by the peasants. I wonder if our sisters viewed the news with skepticism or approval?

Our sisters didn’t get to vote for 11 ½ years after the formation of our chapter. Even though our sisters couldn’t vote, they probably followed the political foibles of the day. The paper reported on the House debate of the Bottled Spirits Bill that Rep Kelly had called Rep White a lunatic and a liar and Rep White had called Rep Kelly a scoundrel. Accusations and outrage went on and on. Some things never change.

Medical issues tend to preoccupy our thoughts and fears these days, and so it was in 1882. Our ancestors had access to cures and remedies of dubious value. My favorite is Dr. Dewitt’s Syrup Tar and Wild Cherry the only positive cure for coughs and colds in this climate recommended by physicians, lawyers, clergymen, merchants, mechanics and miners. I hope that you had a chance to exam the ads scattered around the dining room at dinner—ads for treating medical maladies as well as clothing merchants for the latest fashions. Ball’s Health Preserving Corset ad was sort of a combination of the two, which included a long list of eminent Chicago physicians endorsing the corset.

And hats! Hats were must-haves for Victorians and Leadville ladies (not in Chapter of course) were “respectfully invited to inspect the elegant stock of Madame Robitalle’s Millinery Emporium: Parisian Bonnets, Opera Hats, Flowers, Plumes, etc, etc.”

In the early days of Colorado #2 events were sporadically announced in the newspaper. Of special note was the following on February 11, 1891 Large headline: “Lovers of Terpsichore” “The ladies of the Eastern Star Lodge gave their first ball to the satisfaction of all. It was a most successful and enjoyable affair and nothing was left undone that would add to the comfort of the guests. A program of 17 dances was gone through, and professor Henry Simon’s orchestra supplied the music.” A long list of organizing committee members was given as well as those attending.

After 140 years and 3,435 meetings, thank you for a wonderful legacy, ancestral sisters and brothers of Colorado #2!

**So Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a  
distillery. Daffy turns to Elmer and says,  
“Is this whiskey?”**

**Elmer says:**

**“Yeth, but not as whiskey as wobbing a bank.”**



## GARDEN CITY #3 – GREELEY

*CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad, PGM - Reporter*



First of all – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all our Sisters and Brothers. Please be safe as you enjoy picnics and outings this weekend. To those who will enjoy a weekend road trip, may you have safe travels. Please stop frequently to walk around a little and refresh.

Garden City would like to thank everyone who came out to support our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cajun Boil. We all had a great time, good food and lots of fellowship.

This past month, we celebrated Father's Day as our WM, Sister Vic honored all the fathers. At our last meeting, we not only held elections and attended to other required business, but we honored our Big Sisters and Big Brothers. In our Chapter, it is tradition for each officer to ask another member, preferably who is not an officer, to be their Big Sister or Brother. The Officer will call them to fill their station at a meeting, in the event of an illness or planned vacation or anything else that may prevent them from attending the meeting. Rarely does the Big Sister/Brother have to fill in as our Officers are dedicated and attend our meetings. But this program is a great way to get other members active and at the very least, a sense that they, too, are a very important member of our Chapter.

On the last weekend of July, our Chapter will have a food booth at the Greeley Arts Picnic. This is an arts fair that includes hundreds of artisans from near and far. Free mini concerts are provided on two different stages throughout the weekend. Several food booths are available with cuisine including brats, turkey legs, Mexican food and more. Our Chapter is noted for their sloppy joes and homemade baked goods. The Arts Picnic is in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year and we have had a booth for 42 years. We started out with pie and ice cream and have added so much since then. So if you are in the area on July 29 & 30, you may want to consider a day in Lincoln Park, downtown Greeley. Oh and there is a whole section for the kids. It's pretty awesome.

The "3 C's of Life" term will kick off with an Officer potluck get together on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Watchwords will be Choice, Chance, Change and the motto will be "You must make the Choice to take a Chance, if you want anything in your life to Change". Those elected:

WM: CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad

WP: Kent Craven

AM: Maude O'Connell

AP: Gary Lindblad

Secretary: Zanna Thurow

Treasurer: Jason Deselms

Conductress: Amethyst Nagy

Associate Conductress: Temporarily vacant with the hopes that the interested Sister is promoted to a daytime position. Installation will be September 17 at 10:30 am.

Congratulations to our Sister Maude O'Connell on her appointment as Grand Electa. Her escort will be Zanna Thurow. Safe travels and have a great year.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer.

### The designer of the 50-Star Flag lived in Lancaster, Ohio



In 1958, a history teacher assigned a class assignment to redesign the national flag as both Alaska and Hawaii neared statehood.

Robert G. Heft, who was 16 at the time, designed a new flag using the old 48-star flag and \$2.87 worth of blue cloth and white iron-on material. His design earned him a B-minus to which he challenged by sending it to Washington D.C. to be considered by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

According to his obituary, Heft was one of thousands to submit a flag design but he was the only person who actually stitched together a flag and shipped it to D.C.

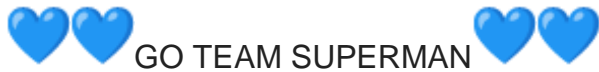
Once the flag was selected, Heft's grade was rightfully changed to an A. His design became the official flag in 1960.

PUEBLO #7 – PUEBLO

Andrea Smith, PM - Reporter

COLLINS #26 – FORT COLLINS

Lydia Shelley, PM - Reporter



GO TEAM SUPERMAN

On June 5th Team Superman (named after our Superman Robert) with our Superman shirts and blue tutu's participated in the first annual "Get Your Rear in Gear Colon Cancer Memorial Walk." Team Superman consisted of many friends, family, sisters and brothers of Robert Smith. I was super proud of my team as we raised about \$1600 of the \$20000 raised for colon cancer research. We also received an award for



the biggest team, with 20 members. It was an amazing day to honor an amazing man and to raise money for a very important cause. Thank you Team Superman



Pueblo 7 still has onions available for sale:

10# bag for \$15

Feel free to contact me and I will get them to you somehow (719)251-6008

During our last meeting in May, we had a surprise visit from WGM Cheryl Williams and GGC Committee Member: Jim Jarvis – Youth Committee and his wife Mary Kae Jarvis, Grand Marshall. They came to present a Grand Representative investiture to our own Sandy Oldson, for her favorite state of Arizona.



We are so excited to have these Sisters and a Brother to Celebrate and it was a wonderful evening. We had the event catered by Olive Garden, with Lasagna, Cheese Ravioli, salad and breadsticks. For dessert, there was a celebration cake and some cheesecake.



We honored Brother Jimmy Norris, Sisters Margaret Grant & Sharon Mann for 50 yrs. of dedicated service.



Then we honored Sisters Maxine Blooding & Darlene Proctor 70 yrs. of loyal service. Each one had the chance to comment. Wonderful comments by all.





**WAUNITA #37 - GUNNISON**

*Kathy Ashwood, PM - Reporter*

Our Grand Sentinel, Ken Ashwood, and his wife have been travelling around the state and other states for several Official Visits. They also enjoyed meetings in Midland, TX; Raton, NM and Cheyenne WY.

Then our chapter got ready for Official Visit, which was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We had 66 in attendance for a wonderful meal, a 50-year presentation to our member Ann Glesky, reading of 2 poems by our Grand Sentinel Ken, and then our OV meeting. Everyone had a fun time with April Fools riddles, and temperature quotes comparing Gunnison to other locations. The Grand Escorts participated in wrapping Ken in toilet paper while he was answering questions about his life, career and Masonic and Eastern Star history, just like he had been wrapped during a square dance many years ago.

One of our members, Brother Paul Sammons, PGP celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and his family put on a wonderful luncheon for him, his family and friends. It was enjoyed by all!

Our Scholarship Dinner with the Masons was well attended. The Masons gave fifteen \$1000 scholarships and Star gave one. Our own "talented Rainbow girl" Aurora K, was given the Star scholarship, and she has earned her Eagle Scout to name a few of her accomplishments. She is headed to Fairbanks, Alaska for college. And our own Ken, Secy of Blue Lodge, gave a thoughtful and instructional talk to the college bound students! It was great.

Then, we had an initiation for Madison W & Charles H. Madison just finished her first year of college, and Charles just graduated from Western. And there were several more Official Visits that some of us attended.

Next, our travels included our Worthy Matron Kathy, Secretary, Ken and Associate Conductress, Sharon Abeyta, Grand

Representative of Virginia, went to Virginia to enjoy their

Grand Chapter session. And on June 9<sup>th</sup>, our WM, AM

Claressa Brigham and Secy went to Cheyenne



again to witness the initiation of Claressa's twin sister, Nadene. That was a fun event. The same 3 people went to Grand Junction's Official Visit and Homecoming in Montrose. They were great! And some of us will be attending Homecoming in Aurora! Our chapter, along with the Masons, give 2 bikes to deserving kids within grades 1 to 5. They were extremely excited to win those!

On June 30, our member Marian Ashwood will turn 90. She is a 69-year member, and some of her children and grandchildren are planning her party on July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 to 2 at the lodge. We will be sending out an email inviting those who wish to come. Please RSVP, so we have enough food for everyone! And Ken & Kathy will be celebrating their anniversary of 40 years that weekend also.

We hope this finds everyone healthy & happy. Stay safe and well, so we can see you all again in the future.

**SILVER STAR #40 - MONTROSE**

*Suzanne Teague, PM - Reporter*

Well here we are at the "beginning of Summer" and already the temperatures have been sweltering! Thank goodness for air conditioning! But who cares when you can gather with sisters and brothers from around Colorado to celebrate the Homecoming of our Worthy Grand Patron, Keith Hoey and his beautiful Escort, Shelley! What a grand time we had with a Hawaiian Luau (minus poi) and leis for everyone. It was a festive time. We were missing only a couple of Grand Officers and Escorts so it was delightful. The Grand Escorts presented their



"Mufusa" with a Lion King decorator rug wishing him a happy "Dad's Day" since they all claim him as their dad! They also read him a story entitled "When Dads Don't Grow Up!"

WGP Keith shared a story of a Marshall from

Paonia who was killed in the line of duty in the early 1950's. He was the Father of Brother Dan Stitt, one of our dear members who has joined the Golden Chain above. WGM Cheryl played a lovely rendition of "Amazing Grace" on the piano, one of Keith's favorite songs. It was enjoyed by all.

Prior to the meeting, we all gathered in the Chapter Room to enjoy beautiful harp music presented by Lisa Acevedo, a second-year harp student from Montrose. It was a lovely selection of pieces including "Halleluiah" and the "Navy Fight Song" and enjoyed by all.



The evening before, PGM Cindy Wardlaw was awarded a beautiful quilt at the Sunshine #53 OV by guessing the number buttons in the jar! Lucky lady and lovely hand-made quilt. Congratulations, Cindy!



WGP Keith closed with the confession that he had been robbed earlier in the day while getting gas on the way to our meeting. He called the police and they came. They asked if he could identify the robber. He enthusiastically pointed out Pump No. 2!

At our second meeting in June, we had a beautiful Memorial for Silver Star Members who passed from this life into the next this last year: Lee Casto, PP; Mary Louise Waite, 50+ years; Bob Corey, PP; Darley Hoffman, PM, 50+ years; Michelle Swanson; Carlene Dougan, PM, 50+ years; and Lila Williams, PM, 50+ years. The memorial was prepared and presented by PM Connie Pittenger.

A new petition for membership was read and referred to Committee for Investigation. Jennifer Ruben is the lovely lady who joined us for the dinner prior to our Friendship Night. We finally found her grandfather! She will be initiated in early October before our OV which will be November 11, 2022.

We are pleased to be hosting the SOI on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Coffee, fruit and rolls will be served at 8 am with a "Grab 'n Go" bag lunch available following the meeting.

We will also be having a big Yard Sale on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Hall.

The following were elected to serve Silver Star #40 next year:

PM Connie Pittenger, Worthy Matron

WGP Keith Hoey, Worthy Patron  
Ashley Krebs, Associate Matron  
Wayne Quade, Associate Patron  
PM Lin Mussman, Secretary  
PM Janet Bennett, Treasurer &  
House of Delegates  
PM Shelley Hoey, Conductress  
Amea Waldvogel, Associate Conductress

Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated for Bill & Mary Ellen Harris, 69 years; Bill & Janet Bennett, 52 years, Mary Grosshans, Connie Pittenger. Prayers were asked for our Military and especially Aaron Wardlaw who will be deploying again in the very near future.

May you enjoy family and friends on the fourth of July and celebrate the precious gifts of Freedom and Democracy that we love and hold so dear. God Bless the USA!

#### SUNSHINE #53 – GRAND JUNCTION

*Nancy Eriksen, PM - Reporter*

Happy July! Picnics, swimming, parades, fireworks and....Schools of Instruction. Hope to see some of you in Montrose on July 23.

Our Chapter met on June 7<sup>th</sup> and the petition for Donna Bowman was read and balloting was done. We will happily initiate her on June 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be a long evening as we also have Election of Officers but it will be great to add a new member and she will get to vote as well!

Then came **OFFICIAL VISIT** on June 10. The food was grand, the entertainment was wonderful (folks were dancing!!) Sharon presented the WGM and QWGP with lovely gifts and the traditional basket of goodies were given by Nancy and Willis. Gifts were also given by the sunshine Club and the Chapter. The meeting went very well – THANK YOU to all our subs! We were thrilled to have Chuck and Merrilee Warren, WGP and GC of Utah, Lee Ann Asay, PGM of Utah and Robert and Debra Mae, AGP and PGM of Utah (also GGGC Committee Member. Our quilt project came to an end with KayDee Furukawa and Cindy Wardlaw claiming the prizes. In case you were wondering, there were 4,047 buttons in that jar.

After clean up, sleep and visiting, we drove to Montrose to attend Keith's Homecoming. They had a good turn out and a lot of fun was had by all. The dinner was Hawaiian food – very good! Our



entertainment was a young harpist whose playing stirred all our hearts. Following the meeting, most of us went to the Camp Robber restaurant for supper and friendship. Good food, good company and a good time to relax.



June 21<sup>st</sup> brought us to the Summer break but first there was business to be done. We welcomed Donna Bowman into our Chapter with assistance from Lani Asay (GPM, Utah), Barbara Bond (PM Edith), Mandy Sawyer (WM Heritage) and our cast of usual suspects. Elections were held and the following will serve Sunshine #53 in the 2022-2023 term: Nancy Eriksen, WM; Willis Grundvig, WP; Niccole Gray, AM; Harry Clark, AP; Sharon Parrish, Secretary; Janine Briscoe, Treasurer; Beth Nelms, Conductress and Carol Cloud, AC. Congratulations to all.



**EDITH #61 - YAMPA**  
*Debra Knott, PM - Reporter*

They say three times is a charm! Well, it took that many times to have our Official Visit in Edith's Chapter on June 7<sup>th</sup> with WGM Cheryl, WGP Keith, and the Musical Journey Grand Family. WM Nita greeted everyone with her "Knock-Knock" jokes and all had a great time. WGM and WGP surprised WM Nita Naugle with a Grand Representative appointment to Iowa. At the end of the evening, AGM Elizabeth and AGP Gary made an announcement for their Grand Family for next year.

Debra Knott was announced to be their Grand Ruth with Bernard Knott as her Escort.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is approaching quickly. The town of Yampa always has a big celebration that day. Edith Chapter will be announcing our annual Community Award at the Community Picnic. This award is presented to a community person(s) that shows a lot of community pride and support. We will also be selling pies after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Edith Chapter is open in the months of July and August. If you happen to be in the area or want to beat the heat of the city, come and join us at our meetings. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:30. We would love to have you come and visit.

**What do call it when you drink a  
milkshake on a cliff?  
Ledge and Dairy**

**EXCELSIOR #66 - LAFAYETTE**  
*Carol Danford, PM - Reporter*



Our Annual Potluck was held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, before our meeting. Every dish was delicious and enjoyed by one and all.

All of our up- coming business was taken care of with a nod to the Fall. High lights of the meeting are as follows:

We elected to membership Evelyn and John Carr. We are delighted to have them join Excelsior!

June 18<sup>th</sup> is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pam and Mike Jones! (Those of us who attended enjoyed a lovely afternoon, with lots of fun and many memories.)

Our WM, Dottie Vonfeldt will have hip replacement surgery on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Update: Dottie came through surgery quite well and is now in rehab.

Elections were held and the following members were elected: Worthy Matron Elect: Cynthia Gray, Worthy Patron Elect: Edgar Simmons, Associate Matron Elect: Jenna MacGregor, Associate Patron





Elect: Mike Jones, Secretary Elect: Susan Sweeney, Treasurer Elect: Karen Prater, Conductress, Vacant and Associate Conductress: Evelyn Carr. Our date for Installation will be on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 P.M. at Lafayette Lodge.

We wish all our Sisters and Brothers around the State a Happy and Safe Summer! See you at Grand Chapter in September!

**DAWN #125 - AURORA**

*Kay Finnerty, PM - Reporter*

At Dawn Chapter's meeting on June 7, we voted to have Hope Chapter #122 affiliate with us. We are THRILLED to welcome their members and look forward to seeing them at our meetings beginning in September, or at our Social Club dinners even before then!

WGM Cheryl's Homecoming on June 18 was wonderful! Susan Franzen did a beautiful job with the decorations for the lunch; PGM CherylAnn Craven-Lindblad stepped in at the last minute to organize and cook for the Potato Bar; the DeMolay boys helped serve and clean up after the lunch; our Organist, Susan Franzen, entertained us with her lovely music; and we all enjoyed visiting with our guests. I think WGM Cheryl was pleased with the beautiful day and we made her proud!

Prior to the start of our regular meeting on June 21, we invited Ricky Chapman, Sis. Carol Ann Chapman's son, to the Lodge and performed the Eastern Star Memorial Service in her honor. This was something Carol Ann wanted, but we were unable to do it at her Celebration of Life earlier this month. We know Carol Ann was there, watching over us.

Then at the meeting on June 21, AGM Elizabeth and AGP Gary announced Sis. Carrie Andree as their Personal Secretary for next year, with Brother Robert Walker as her Escort.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Carrie and Robert!

Elections for next year's Chapter Officers were held and the following were elected: Kay Finnerty, WM-elect; PGP Bill Young, WP-elect; Janice

Jacobovitz, AM-elect; Steve Davis, AP-elect; Carrie Andree, Conductress-elect; Sue Schultz, Secretary-elect; Wayne Wells, Treasurer-elect.

For the last event before we "Go Dark" for the summer, many of us met at Casa Vallarta on the 28<sup>th</sup> for our Social Club dinner—delicious, as always!!

Here's wishing everyone a Safe, Happy Summer!

**The Math teacher asked Johny,  
"How many feet are there in a yard?"**

**Johny responded,  
"Well, that depends on how many people are  
standing in the yard."**

**LOYALTY #145 - WESTMINSTER**

*Jodi Muser, PM - Reporter*

Loyalty celebrated Father's Day with good wishes and a very meaningful poem read by WP Dave. It was written by one of his good friends who is a Lodge member.



Loyalty members participated in the inaugural "Get Your Rear in Gear 5K and Robert Smith Memorial Walk" to raise money for research and prevention for colon cancer in Colorado. This was held at Chatfield State Park on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Many of the participants were given flesh colored plastic "fannies" to strap on their back sides to wear during the walk/run. Team Loyalty was there at the break of dawn with table, chairs and tent to greet the runners, to cheer on the runner/walkers and to serve snacks at the finish line. This event was extremely successful in raising over \$21,000.00. No doubt, this will be the first of many of these events in the future.

Our final June meeting hosted some special guests. They enjoyed a “beach party” complete with sea shells, beach towels, goggles, sunglasses, visors, other water gear and dolphins. Following verbal annual reports and elections, came refreshments. You guessed it! No year at Loyalty would be complete unless we had banana splits, including all the delicious condiments imaginable. We had to for-go the beach bon fire and the s’mores, but it was still a fun night.

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> Loyalty will host the Metro Area School of Instruction. At 8:00a.m., prior to the meeting, there will be coffee, orange juice, cinnamon rolls, bagels and handheld burritos available for a donation.

Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> we are asking family and friends to join us at Frolic Brewing Company at 129<sup>th</sup> and Zuni in the Willow Run Shopping Center in Broomfield, from 4:30 to 7:00p.m. for dinner either indoors or on the patio. In addition to many pizza choices, there are plenty of delicious items on the menu. This is a fund-raiser and Loyalty will receive a percentage of the sales when informed that the diners are with Loyalty, OES.



Jodi Muser celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> (December) birthday 6 months early on June 17<sup>th</sup> with a Hawaiian theme at the

Westminster Elks. 125 guests, many of whom were OES members, enjoyed Hawaiian smoked pork, shredded Mandarin teriyaki chicken, crunchy Polynesian coleslaw, dignity-coconut rice, veggies, white and chocolate cakes as well as pineapple upside down cake. Following dinner, the guests first were entertained with a humorous magician. Then there were 2 Polynesian hula dancers, a man and a woman who were talented



and very high energy, dancing and giving information about the legend of each dance. It was quite a night!

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

**Nancy and Mandy were having lunch when Nancy asks,**

**“Hey, did you hear that a truck filled with Vicks Vapor Rub overturned on I-25 yesterday?”**

**Mandy, concerned for the driver, inquires, “Oh my, was the driver hurt and was the traffic affected?”**

**Nancy, with a smirk on her face, answers, “Amazingly enough, there was no congestion for 8 hours.”**

#### HERITAGE #154 - DENVER

*Laura Schierburg, PM - Reporter*



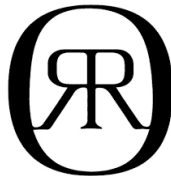
Heritage Chapter put together a fantastic team of participants for the Get Your Rear In Gear 5K and Robert Smith Memorial Walk held at Chatfield State Park on June 5. Pictured: Karen Wilson, Andy Johnson, Emma Wilson, Gwendyl, Lilly and Tom Johnson, Skye Brunick, Michelle Wilson, Alex McIntosh, Lamar and Sara Jennings (not pictured: Scott & Laura Schierburg who were busy running around the park and emceeing). As a team we raised \$1,772.00 for Colon Cancer research and prevention in Colorado! The weather was beautiful, the doughnuts were delicious, and it was great to spend time with our sisters and brothers while raising money for a fantastic cause. Way to go team!



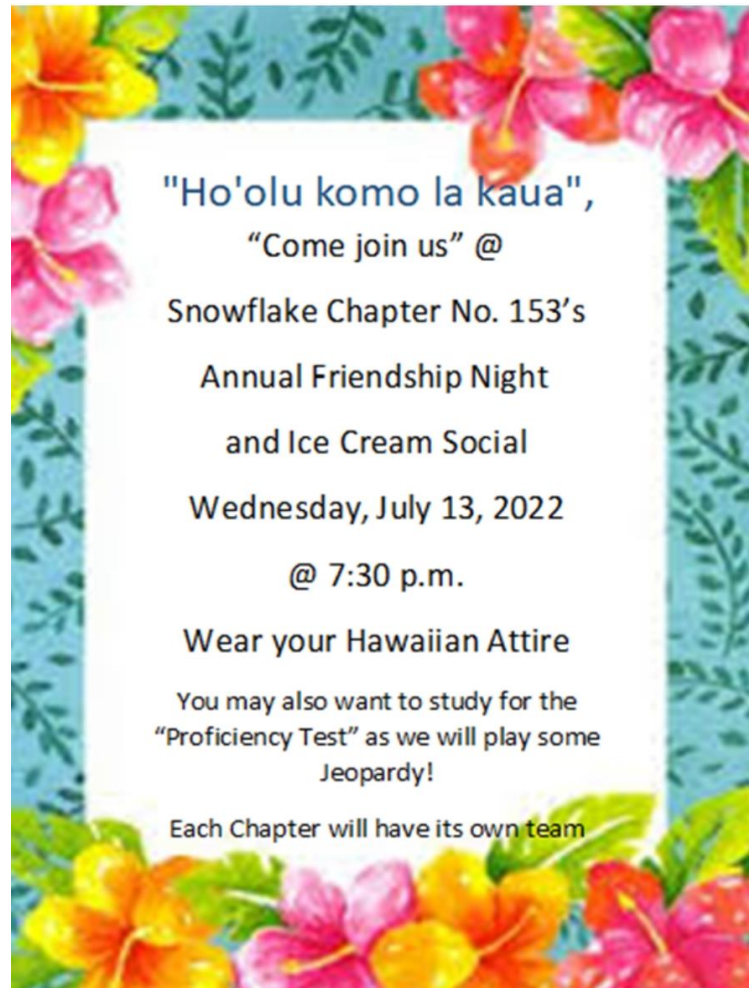


Heritage is honored to initiate our newest member this June. It was a special night when Conductress Karen Wilson escorted her daughter Emma Wilson through the initiation ceremony. Emma is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Eastern Star member and assumed the obligation holding her great-grandmother's bible. Emma graduated from Grandview High School in Aurora in June and is headed to California Lutheran University in the fall to study graphic design. Congratulations and welcome to the family, Emma!

WGM Cheryl showed up unexpectedly and surprised Susan Morrison (154, 124) by extending her Grand Representative appointment to Scotland for two more years. Susan's current appointment was cut short due to Covid and other issues. She is excited for her appointment and hopes to attend their Grand Chapter in April of 2023. Susan is a 48-year member of Eastern Star and previously represented Indiana in the 1980s. She is also our resident parliamentarian, and is celebrating 50 years of imparting Robert's Rules of Order in August 2022. Congratulations, Susan!



Jack and John were out fishing one day.  
Out of curiosity, Jack asks,  
"I wonder where do fish go when  
they get sick?"  
John immediately replies,  
"Well it only makes sense that they  
go to the dock!"



"Ho'olu komo la kaua",

"Come join us" @

Snowflake Chapter No. 153's

Annual Friendship Night

and Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

@ 7:30 p.m.

Wear your Hawaiian Attire

You may also want to study for the  
"Proficiency Test" as we will play some  
Jeopardy!

Each Chapter will have its own team

What do you call 2 men  
working above a window?  
Kurt and Rod

## UPCOMING OFFICIAL VISITS

**District Lecturer Retreat. . . . . July 8-10**

**General Membership School of Instruction**

**@ Loyalty #145 (Westminster). . . July 16**

Registration begins at 8:00 Instruction begins @ 9:00 am

**General Membership School of Instruction**

**@ Silver Star #40 (Montrose). . . July 16**

Registration begins at 8:00 Instruction begins @ 9:00 am

\*\*\*DUES CARDS ARE REQUIRED\*\*\*

**"A Musical Journey" Grand Chapter**

**. . . . . September 22-24**

**"Kindness IS The Key" GO Installation**

**. . . . . September 24 @ 4:00**

## *"Colorado Splendor" Grand Family Celebration*



Saturday, June 25th, 11 members of the Colorado Splendor Grand Family gathered at Tom & Mary Robyn's and helped them celebrate their

50th Wedding Anniversary. They were expecting us for a potluck but were totally surprised that the "party" was for them! It was a fun afternoon and a great reunion!



- Submitted by Laura Schierburg
- 2021-2022 "A Musical Journey" Fundraising Chairman

I've always believed in the power of Star, and on Sunday June 5 you showed exactly what Star can do. As a community we raised over \$21,000 for colon cancer research and prevention in Colorado at the inaugural Get Your Rear In Gear - Denver Metro. Saying 'thank you' seems so inadequate...

**Karen Wilson** (154) stepped up early and often to help organize this event. She used her connections in the healthcare field to recruit sponsors and participants. Thank you!

**George and Betty Benson** (2) contributed their years of race experience and did a phenomenal job timing and our event. Their business tagline says it all: "Putting the Participant First, Registration through Results!" And they did! Thank you!

**Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl** showed up bright and early with a smile on her face, and kept smiling and cheering for everyone who crossed the finish line. Thank you for putting a spotlight on Colon

Cancer for your term, and for bringing a spot of joy to our event!

**Loyalty Chapter #145** woke up before the sun to greet all of our participants with delicious snacks at the finish line. Their vehicle came loaded with people, tables, chairs and snacks. Thank you, WM Marlene, and everyone from Loyalty!

**Manzanita Chapter #85** provided a refreshing respite to our 5K participants by manning the water station at mile 1 and 2. Thank you so much PGM Jane and your chapter for hydrating everyone! We couldn't have done it without you!

**Kay Finnerty** (125), **Kendall Taylor** (154), **Beth Shiplett** (154), **Andrea, Cody & Justin Smith** (7)... the most amazing volunteers in the world! Every time I turned around you were asking what you could do to help. Set up and clean-up went so smoothly with your help. Thank you *all* for being flexible and willing to help wherever needed!

**Team Superman** (Pueblo #7) won the award for most team members...20! Robert's loving and generous spirit lives on through each and every one of you. Thank you!

**'A Musical Journey' Grand family** members came and walked to the beat of the fundraising drum. Thank you all for adding your voice to our crusade!

**Areme Chapter #124's** team was small but mighty. Thank you to WM Skye Brunick and all of Areme for giving your time, energy and financial support to our cause.

**Heritage Chapter #154**, my home chapter, continues to support me in every fundraiser I dream up, no matter how big or small. Thank you for having my back!

I am overwhelmed by all the support and hope I have thanked everyone. Please forgive me if I missed you. Everyone that donated time, tables, money and prayers for a successful event - we couldn't have done it without you. The inaugural Get Your Rear In Gear - Denver Metro truly was a state-wide event.



Please know that my two words...THANK YOU...are stuffed full of pride, joy and gratitude. Much star love for all your support and hard work.

Pictured: Karen Wilson,  
Cheryl Williams  
Laura Schierburg



## Pentalpha is Now Rebranded

### "PENTALPHA SHINING STARS"



On June 4<sup>th</sup> we had our meeting at the 4 G's Restaurant, Dave Schweitzer

Treasurer was acting President. The idea of the club taking on a new look had been discussed at previous meetings. It was presented and voted on that the members of all metro Denver area chapters be members of the club. Details will be worked out and new by-laws are being drafted. The club will still have Masonic instruction and entertainment at each meeting. This did not dissolve Alpha Club, that club is dormant at this time, and we will not be changing the rules of Alpha.

We're sending warm wishes to our President Carrie Andree who is suffering with effects of difficult chemotherapy.

– Submitted by Marlene Doyle WM

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### "A MUSICAL JOURNEY"

### GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2022

Hotel information is now available on the Website. The reservation code is:

EASTERN STAR

Go to: [oes-colorado.org](http://oes-colorado.org)

Registration and Banquet

online registration will open at noon on July 1, 2022.

If you encounter issues, contact the Grand Chapter Office 303-759-5936 or Brother George Benson @ 303-513-1344

## International Temple

(Copied from an article in the Kansas StarGazer Newsletter)

Just a big thank you to Kansas and Colorado chapters that donated to the International Headquarters Committee fundraiser.



Sister Linda Hyatt (the chairperson) reports that enough money has been raised to

fund the first project. They will be installing solar film on the windows, at a cost between \$17,000-\$20,000 to reduce the amount of heat coming in through the windows. Hopefully, the A/C won't run all the time then. The Red group which Kansas and Colorado are in, has raised \$1709 more than the next group! Thanks a bunch for your efforts. If anyone needs IHQ pins let me know.

- Mike Edwards, GGCCM

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS



The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is the destination for Colorado's newest Grand Representative, Bridgette Hannah, Silver Star No. 40, Montrose. Bridgette was presented with her commission during the Friendship Night stated meeting at Silver Star No. 40, May 19, 2022, with both WGM Cheryl Williams

and WGP Keith Hoey there to make the presentation.

Puerto Rico, Spanish for 'rich port', is an unincorporated island territory (with various smaller islands) of the United States in the northeast Caribbean Sea, approximately 1,000

miles southeast of Miami, FL. San Juan is the largest city and Capital. Puerto Rico is larger than Delaware and Rhode Island and is mostly mountainous with large coastal areas in the north and south.

Top attractions in Puerto Rico include La Fortaleza (The Fortress), Old San Juan Piers, El Yunque National Park, Flamenco Beach, Cueva del Indio, Culebra Island and don't forget the Sunset Harbor Boat Ride in San Juan.

(Puerto Rico has no Eastern Star website)

Congratulations Sister Bridgette! We hope you enjoy your travels!!

The Grand Canyon (one of the world's seven natural wonders) State of Arizona is where the newest Grand Representative in Colorado will be visiting. Sandy Oldson, Collins Chapter No. 26, was certainly surprised when WGM Cheryl Williams, assisted by PGP Jim Oldson, presented her with the Commission at Collins No. 26's regularly stated meeting May 24, 2022.



Arizona, one of four states that make up the popular "4-Corners" is adjacent to Utah to the north; Colorado, on the north-eastern tip; New Mexico to the east; Sonora, Mexico to the south; Baja California, Mexico on the southwest tip; California to the southwest; and Nevada to the northwest.

Arizona was admitted to the Union as the 48<sup>th</sup> State on February 14, 1912. Its capital and largest metropolitan area is Phoenix, home of the Cactus League Spring Training facilities for Major League Baseball, a popular destination in February and March each year.

Approximately one-quarter of the state is made up of Indian Reservations, serving as home to 27 federally recognized Native American tribes, including the Navajo Nation, the largest in the United States, with more than 300,000 citizens.

Northern Arizona's climate is very similar to Colorado's in that it features mountain ranges with significant winter snow, ski resorts, and moderate summer temperatures while southern Arizona is known for its desert climate, with very hot summers and mild winters. Popular destinations not only include the Grand Canyon, but also Petrified Forest and Saguaro National Parks, Havasu Falls, Montezuma Castle National Monument, Chapel of the Holy Cross, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument,

Glen Canyon Dam, and many, many more lakes, monuments, and museums.

The "Wired for Star – Get Connected" Session of the Grand Chapter of Arizona will be held at Gila River-Wild Horse Pass Resort in Chandler, Arizona, August 3-6, 2022, with WGM Moira Carlton and WGP Jim Hurd presiding.

Congratulations Sister Sandy! We know you will have a marvelous time with our OES Sisters and Brothers in Arizona!

Sister Nita Naugle, Worthy Matron at Edith No. 66, Yampa, was commissioned at the Official Visit of WGM Cheryl Williams and WGP Keith Hoey June 7, 2022. Nita will be representing the 29<sup>th</sup> state admitted to the Union on December 28, 1846, the "Hawkeye State" of Iowa. Its Capital and largest city within the borders, is Des Moines. Iowa is bordered by Minnesota to the north, Wisconsin to the northeast, Illinois to the southeast, Missouri to the south, Nebraska to the west and South Dakota to the northwest with the Mississippi River to the east and the Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers to the west.



Manufacturing is the largest sector of Iowa's economy with food processing being the largest contributor through companies like Barilla, ConAgra Foods, General Mills, Heinz, Quaker Oats, Tone's Spices, Tyson Foods, and Wells Blue Bunny, all having direct or indirect processing facilities in Iowa. Major non-food manufacturing firms include Amana Corporation, Emerson Electric, John Deere, Lennox, Proctor & Gamble and Winnebago Industries.

Iowa is the birthplace of President Herbert Hoover and First Ladies Lou Henry Hoover & Mamie Eisenhower. Other notable Iowans include Buffalo Bill Cody, Johnny Carson, Glenn Miller, Donna Reed, John Wayne, and Andy Williams. Five Nobel Prize winners hail from Iowa: Norman Borlaug (Peace); Thomas Cech (Chemistry); Alan Heeger (Chemistry); John Mott (Peace); and John Vincent (Physiology or Medicine). Twelve Tuskegee Airmen from World War II also hailed from Iowa.

Top-rated tourist attractions in Iowa include the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, the State Capitol, the Iowa State Fair (August) and the world-famous Butter Cow, National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library, Maquoketa Caves State Park, the Amana Colonies, the Bridges of Madison County, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, John Wayne Birthplace Museum, and the Field of Dreams Movie Site.



The 145<sup>th</sup> "Swinging on a Star" Grand Chapter Session is scheduled for October 21-23, 2022 @ the Cedar Rapids Marriott with Cheryl Payne, WGM and John Whitaker, WGP will "Shake, Rattle & Roll" through the Session.



The Homecoming Official Visit of WGM Cheryl Williams was the perfect opportunity to commission another Grand Representative. Brother Ed Simmons was certainly surprised when the WGM's and WGP's Escorts, Kay Finnerty and Shelley Hoey, stopped in front of him and asked him to come with them to the East.

The "Wings of Friendship"

Grand Chapter session of Montana will be held July 13 – 16, 2022 in Helena, MT so Brother Ed and Sister Jane will have to be quick to make their reservations if they want to attend this year's Grand Chapter Session where Jeannie Brown, WGM and John Deyo, WGP will be presiding. Their motto is "CHERISH yesterday, DREAM of tomorrow; LIVE for today". There will surely be Angels, Owls, Dogs, White Carnations and Forget-Me-Nots everywhere.

The mountain west state of Montana was the 41<sup>st</sup> state admitted to the Union on November 8, 1889. It is bordered by the Canadian Province of Alberta to the north, North & South Dakota to the east, Wyoming to the south and Idaho to the south and west. It is the fourth-largest state by area but the third-least populated state. Its capital is Helena. There is no official nickname for Montana but it is often referred to as "Big Sky Country".

Among the popular attractions in Montana are Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, Little Bighorn National Monument, Big Hole National Battlefield, Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park and National Historic Trail.

Thursday, June 23, 2022, found WGM Cheryl Williams @ Manzanita 85's Stated Meeting. She was not only visiting her Fraternal Mom's (Jane Wullbrandt) Chapter, she was also presenting a Grand Representative Commission to Sister Mary Wilkes. Mary will be representing the Grand Chapter of Vermont in Colorado.



The Green Mountain state of Vermont is one of the New England States and the first state to be admitted to the Union after the United States was formed by the original thirteen colonies. Vermont was admitted to the Union on March 4, 1791 as the 14<sup>th</sup> State. Vermont is bordered by the province of Quebec to the north, New Hampshire to the east, Massachusetts to the south and New York to the west. It is the only New England state that is not bordered by the Atlantic Ocean. The Capital is Montpelier, the least-populous state capital in the United States, and the largest city is Burlington, which is the least-populous of the most-populous cities in any state. Vermont is the second-least-populous state in the U.S. after Wyoming.

The state is marked by Green Mountains that run north-south up the middle of the state, separating Lake Champlain and other valley terrain on the west from the Connecticut River valley that defines much of the eastern border. Vermont has cold, snowy winters, with warm humid summers.

It has been said that the best time to visit Vermont is in the fall when the leaves are changing. Other attractions in Vermont include Lake Champlain, Moss Glen Falls, Hildene – the Lincoln Family Home, The Alchemist, Mount Mansfield, and Waterfront Park.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont was just held. The 2022-2023 Theme is "Celebrate Vermont" with Angels and Wolves as fun symbols, "Count your blessings" as the motto, and Ronald McDonald House as the Charity. Mary K. Piper and Matthew J. Graves were just installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the year. Check out the website later in the year for information on the 2023 Grand Chapter Session.

Elizabeth Spangler, AGM and Gary Lindblad, AGP  
are proud to announce the following members  
who have been appointed to be  
Grand Officers and Escorts for the  
2022-2023 **"Kindness IS the Key"** Grand year:



Grand Chaplain - Brandon Duncan  
Escort - Shirley Woodward



Grand Lecturer  
Jill Quedenfeld



Escort - Joan Briggs



Grand Marshal - Jim Miles



Escort - Drina Johnson

Grand Organist - Nancy Cayer



Escort - Jan Schneider



Grand Adah - Ellie Brooks  
Escorts  
Kim and  
Dan Brooks



Grand Ruth - Debra Knott  
Escort - Bernard Knott



Grand Esther - Cathe Markel



Escort - Dick Markel



Grand Martha - Vicki Helms



Escort - Jaimee McCullough

Grand Electa - Maude O'Connell



Escort - Zanna Thurow



Grand Warder - Tell Childs



Escorts  
Alene and Larry Childs



Personal Secretary - Carrie Andree  
Escort - Robert Walker

Please congratulate these members if you should  
see them over the summer

Installation of the  
"Kindness IS The Key"  
2022-2023 Grand Officers  
will be held at the  
Double Tree Hotel  
on Orchard  
at 4:00 pm on  
September 24, 2022



*Grand Family Travels*



*Edith #61  
Yampa*



*Colorado #2  
Leadville*



*Sunshine #53  
Grand Junction*



*Silver Star #40  
Montrose  
WGP Homecoming*



*The Empress's  
New Hat*



*Dawn #125 - Aurora  
WGM Homecoming*



*Past Matron's & Past Patron's  
Club of Denver*



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## Interesting 4<sup>th</sup> of July facts

### Did you know that we didn't actually declare Independence on the 4th of July

One of the greatest misconceptions of the 4th of July lies in the name and date. It is widely believed that America declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. However, the official vote actually took place two days before and the "Declaration" was published in papers on July 4.

### Americans Will Enjoy 150 Million Hot Dogs During the 4th

According to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council (NHDSC), Americans are expected to eat 150 million hot dogs over the July 4th holiday. This is part of an estimated 7 billion that are expected to be eaten during the summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

### Only Two Men Signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776

Charles Thompson and the infamous John Hancock were the only two men who actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 54 delegates signed over the course of the next month.

### There is Something Written on the Back of the Declaration of Independence

... and no, it isn't a treasure map written in invisible ink.



According to the History Channel, a simple message is written upside-down across the bottom of the signed document that reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."

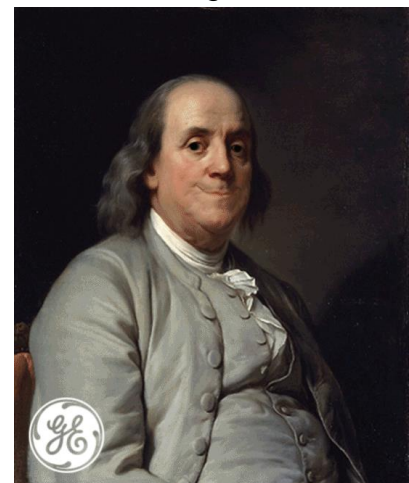
According to the same article, no one knows who wrote this or when, but it was believed to have been added as a label during the years of the Revolutionary War when parchment was frequently rolled up for transport.

### One Signed Later Recanted the Declaration of Independence

Richard Stockton, a lawyer from New Jersey, became the only signer of the Declaration of Independence to recant his support of the revolution after being captured by the British in November 1776 and thrown in jail. After years of abusive treatment, and his recanting of loyalties, Stockton was released to find all of his property destroyed or stolen by the British. His library, one of the finest in the colonies, was burned to the ground.

### The Average Age of The Signers Was 45 Years

Of the 56 signers, the youngest signers, Thomas Lynch Jr. and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, were only 26. However, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest signer at 70 years old.



### The Declaration of Independence Was Written on a Laptop

... Okay, not a modern laptop, but still. Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on a writing desk that could fit over one's lap. This device was referred to at the time as a "laptop."



### Men Love Fireworks... \$1 Billion Worth

According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, Americans spend more than \$1 billion on fireworks each year. Out of this, only 10% of firework displays are set off professionally, which probably accounts for the estimated 12,900 firework-related emergency room visits across the country. According to Fortune Magazine, of those injuries occurring between June and July, almost 70% were experienced by men.

### Fireworks = An American Tradition Dating Back to 1777

Fireworks date back as a tradition of Independence Day as early as the first anniversary in 1777. John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, that he wanted Independence Day to be celebrated with pomp, parade, shows, and "Illuminations." This original letter was written when Adams presumed that Independence Day would be celebrated on July 2.

### Bottoms Up With 2x the Rum

On the second anniversary of Independence Day in 1778, American troops were fighting the American Revolutionary War. During this time, George Washington ordered a double ration of rum for American soldiers to celebrate the holiday with.

### A Much Smaller Start

Although an official national census was not completed until 1790, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there were only about 2.5 million people living in America in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed. As of 2017, it has grown to become home to 325.7 million people.

### Wearing Old Glory Violates The U.S. Flag Code

How many of you own a flag t-shirt, beach towel, shorts, headband, or any other item that is representative of the U.S. flag? Turns out that you're in violation of the U.S. Flag Code. The U.S. Flag Code states that you are in violation if you sell or display any "article of merchandise . . . upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of [the flag... in order to] advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed." That being said, in this instance, the Flag Code is not enforced or even enforceable, so don't worry - you won't get arrested by the Flag Police.



### Bizarre 50th Anniversary

Thomas Jefferson, 82, and John Adams, 90, both died on July 4, 1826 within five hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

### A Little Late to the Parade

July 4th was not deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.

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Now that you are armed with these 15 fun facts, go forth and enjoy your barbecue. Happy 4th of July from Hocking College!



*O.E.S. Mt. Zion Chapter #133 invites you to attend our first annual*

# **SCRAPBOOKING WEEKEND**

**(ALL CRAFTERS WELCOME)**

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*Full Weekend \$175 (\$50 non-refundable deposit)*

Friday: 2pm – 10pm, Saturday: 9am – 10pm and Sunday: 9am - 3pm

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Large table space area to work with electrical outlets

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Dinner on Friday & Saturday

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Send checks to: Imogene Musso

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*If paid in full by July 15<sup>th</sup> you will be entered into a special drawing*