



Stardust



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A Fabulous Time in 2009

by Ris Prentiss, Worthy Matron

The Cat in the Hat, Thing One and Thing Two, The Mayor of Whoville, and a couple of Who's; Yertle

that did miss it, you truly missed out. Some fun for an evening was what it was about.

Thank you to all of the Scepter Members who joined in on the fun for our Dr. Seuss meeting. It really made for an enjoyable evening and one I am sure we will all remember. It was such a pleasure to see everyone smiling and enjoying themselves. I hope you all are having a great time so far this year.

Watching our Garden Grow



by Bill Prentiss, Worthy Patron

What a wonderful way to start the year. We have already initiated two new members. We have also just balloted on two candidates, and read another two petitions at the last



the Turtle and Sneetches galore, why even Sam I Am and so much much more.



Yes, Scepter had fun with our Dr. Seuss night. There was laughter and smiles; it was really a sight. For those



Our first meeting in March is our Chapter Birthday and Awards Night. I hope to see many of you come out for this very special meeting. All of the stations will be filled by our Past Matrons and Past Patrons. It is always a lot of fun for the officers to get to sit on the sidelines and see our Past Matrons and Past Patrons doing the work. Of course this is also our Awards Night and we will be honoring our 25 year and 50 year members.

Our second meeting in March is "Esther's Night", honoring the third point of our Emblematic Star. So, wear white or purple for this evening. We will also be having an initiation, in which we will be initiating four new candidates. Please come help us to welcome these new initiates into our chapter.

meeting. Wow, we're cookin'.

The only thing that was missing was you. I missed you at our last few meetings. I guess you were busy. You should have seen what our Worthy Matron made me wear at our last meeting. We really had a colorful array of characters (members) and it was a "Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs & Ham" good time. Congratulations to Sister Becky and Brother Brian Messenger for winning the best Dr. Seuss costumes.

I don't know about you, but I'm done with the rain. The good thing is that winter is coming to an end, and soon spring will be upon us. The sun will be shining on our faces and

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the flowers will be blooming all around, just like our new members. They are like our "Flowers of Spring" blooming within our chapter and making our garden grow so beautifully. We need you to help welcome them to our Fabulous Scepter garden.

At our last meeting in February, we honored our Second Point of our Emblematic Star, Sister Ruth, the Yellow ray. With her humble and dutiful loyalty to Naomi, she made the sacrifice to tend to her family. Eventually she returned to the homeland of Naomi and Mahlon, and remarried Boaz, one of her late husband's kinsmen. I was happy to share this and more information about Ruth at the meeting; I hope to see more of you out as we honor our star point officers and learn more about them.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Fiesta, June 27th at the Senior Living Community. We are all going to have a Fabulous Time and look forward to seeing all of you there.

From the Bandit in the West

by Mamie Wilson, Associate Matron



What happens when February ends? We March ahead.

Our February actually started January 31st when a group of Scepter Chapter members attended the Orange County Impact Session. I know that I came away with a renewed sense of respect for the ideals and talents of all our members; I hope that everyone else did too. Every time we attend these sessions we find that Scepter Chapter is not alone in facing the challenges of today. All Chapters are dealing with dwindling membership, changes in ideas, and economical struggles. There are many new and good ideas brought forth during these sessions. Next year, I encourage all members that are able to attend to do so.

On February 12th, our meeting was a Dr. Seuss theme. This meeting was near and dear to our Worthy Matron's (Thing One's) heart. I have it on good authority that it was very special to her side kick (Thing Two) also. February also saw the first of the Orange County Party Nights starting with Ami Tai's "Star Trek for all Generations." I was amazed by how people come up with costumes to fit the theme. Our Worthy Matron, Electa, Ruth, and Associate Patron all served that night and did a wonderful job. The next Party Night is March 3rd at Yorba Linda. It is going to be a "Rockin Poodle Party;" so dress in your 50's attire and have a blast. The party starts at 8:00 PM.

On March 19th, Seaside Chapter invites us to attend their "Boston Tea Party" OCPN in Huntington Beach. The tea starts at 8:00 PM. I can't wait to see what type of costumes the members will come up with.

At our first meeting in February we also balloted, so we will be having another Initiation on March 26th. Please attend and show your support to the officers and our new members. Our Conductress will have a very special someone by the arm.

The March 12th meeting is Chapter Birthday and Awards Night. I am hoping to see a large turn out to honor those receiving awards, and say Happy Birthday to our Chapter.

To end our month we should all plan to attend the reception for Betty Walker, our Grand Representative to Texas, at the Brea Masonic Center. WOW! What a month!

Before this letter can be done

I am saying to Thing One

I will always be there for you

For I will always be Thing Two

I am hoping before 2010

Thing One and Two will appear again

The mischievous ones are here to stay

Just keeping hidden for another day

And next to us, if they can

Will stand Cat in the Hat and Sam I am

Thing Two is watching from the West

Ever learning from the best

We must keep having a bunch of fun

Says Thing Two to Thing One



From Our DGM

*by Judy Edgmon,
Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 40*

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Don't forget to wear your "green" on March 17th to avoid all that bruising. I hope that everyone is having a great year and enjoying attending meetings and party nights. You miss out on a lot of hugs and smiles if you can't attend Chapter. If you need a ride to a meeting, please call someone (me or the Worthy Matron) and let us know that you would like to come but are unable to drive yourself. I'm sure we can arrange some transportation and we would love to have you with us.

I look forward to seeing you soon.



Circle of Concern

by Mamie Wilson, Associate Matron

Charley Campbell PP is still in need of prayers and cards. He is in and out of the hospital and facing possible surgery to remove his spleen. **Elaine** has sent forms up to the Lodge for anyone who would like to donate blood in Charley's name to replace the blood he is receiving.

Elaine also wants everyone to know how much Charley loves his cards, calls and visits.

Bill and Ris Prentiss WM/WP suffered the loss of a very young nephew in a car accident. He was the son of Ris' sister in Indio; he was only 25 years old. Please keep her in your prayers.

Lenora Knight PM is recovering from her foot surgery and will soon be back to Chapter with us. We miss seeing you on the sidelines Lenora!

Star Dates to Remember

All events are held at the Orange Masonic Center unless otherwise noted. For the most up-to-date calendar (and details) please go to: <http://ormc.us/star> and click on the Eastern Star Calendar on the left side of the page.



- 21 Line Officers Assn Breakfast/Meeting, 9:30 am
Yorba Linda Chapter Hosts, Yorba Linda MC
- 21 OG Lodge Hosts FBI/DEA Drug Awareness Presentation
- 22 Merret Temple No. 103, Daughters of the Nile Installation, 3 pm, DeMolay Center, Anaheim, **Doris Parrish PGM** to be installed as Queen

MARCH

- 2 Orange Assembly 86 IORG, Stated Meeting, 7 pm
- 3 Orange County Party Night "Rockin Poodle Party" Yorba Linda Chapter, 8 pm, Yorba Linda MC
Scepter Courtesy Officers – Associate Patron, Chaplain, and Martha
- 3 Orange Grove Lodge, Dinner/Stated Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 5 Starbright Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 7 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 Stated Meeting, 8:30 am
- 11 Orange Chapter DeMolay Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 12 Stated Meeting, Chapter Birthday and Awards Night, 7:30 pm
Denise Gallegos and Ris Prentiss, Chairmen
- 14 OG Lodge, Public Employees Recognition, 7 pm
- 14 Scholarship application deadline
- 15 April Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 16 Orange Assembly 86 IORG, Stated Meeting, 7 pm
- 18 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Location TBD
- 19 Orange County Party Night "Boston Tea Party" Seaside Chapter, 8 pm, Huntington Beach MC
Scepter Courtesy Officers – Secretary, Organist, Ruth, and Warder
- 20 Hands Across the Border, 7 pm, Lake Havasu, AZ
- 20 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 Stated Meeting and Official Visit of Orange Grove Lodge, 7 pm, (Don't forget to wear your **green** socks!)

- 25 Orange Chapter DeMolay Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 26 Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, "Esther's Night" theme Honoring the third point of our Emblematic Star Mary Kay Curtis/Becky Messenger, Dng Rm Chrm
- 28 Betty Walker, Grand Representative of Texas in California Reception, 3 pm, Brea Masonic Center
- 29 Larry Adamson, Worshipful Grand Master Reception, 1 pm, Santa Clarita

APRIL

- 2 PM/PP Potluck/Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 3-7 Grand Assembly IORG, Fresno
- 4 Job's Daughters Bethel 337 Stated Meeting, 8:30 am
- 5 Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Noon, Fresno
- 9 Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, "Martha's Night" theme - Honoring the fourth point of our Emblematic Star, Christine Sandhoff-Dining Room Chairman
- 15 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Location TBD
- 15 May Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 15 Orange County Party Night "Roaring 20's" Emerald Star Chapter, 7:30 pm, Norwalk MC

Membership Roster Updates

Not available for public viewing

Have you seen our Calendar?

For the most up-to-date calendar info and for additional details, please visit our website (<http://ormc.us/star/>) often and click here



SCEPTER CHA
71 Plaza Sq

CENTER * RAINBOW * JOB

Tue, Mar 3, 2009 7:30p

Menu

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Greetings from Chippy in the West

by Jim Harnett, Associate Patron

Is it March already? Well, don't forget to wear your green on St. Patrick's Day.

As we are all intricate parts of our Masonic Family here in Orange, I would like to make sure everyone knows what's happening with our concordant bodies.



Orange Grove Lodge has their meetings every Tuesday, with dinner at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:30pm. At the Stated meeting on March 3rd, the dinner will have an Irish theme. The lodge is also recognizing Public Employees on the 14th. On March 28th, Orange Grove Lodge shows its appreciation for all its youth with a game of laser tag from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.



DeMolay meets Wednesdays at 7:30pm. In addition, Devo Day is on March 15th with a fun day planned at Magic Mountain.



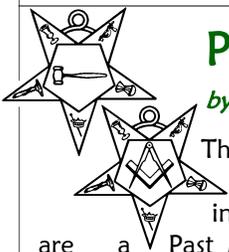
Job's Daughters meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 am and the third Friday at 6:30pm.

On March 20th they will be having an Open Meeting, with their Dads and the Masons of our Lodge sharing stations with the Bethel Daughters. It will also be their annual **Green Sock Meeting!** That means you should wear your craziest green socks instead of shoes.



Rainbow meets Monday nights. Regular meetings in March will be held on the 2nd and 16th, with "activity nights" on alternate Monday nights. On the 18th there is a Grand Cross Of Color announcement ceremony at the Masonic Center in Lake Forest (same place San Clemente-Saddleback Chapter meets) during Infinity Assembly's meeting at 7:00pm.

We all appreciate the support these groups give us, and in return we should do our best to support them in their efforts. Our youth is building the foundation and future for our order and our Masonic Family.



PMs/PPs

by Denise Gallegos, Jr. PM

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons are back!! We are starting a movement to get back involved with our beautiful Chapter! If you are a Past Matron or Past Patron who has not been attending our get togethers every other month, well, I'm here to tell you you are missing out!! As President of the PM/PPs, I would like to extend a renewed welcome to those of you who have not been attending. We have changed up some stuff and are excited to be planning some really cool events.

One thing we have done to make it easier to attend is change the menu from potluck to BYOD – Bring Your Own Dinner. We recognize that is difficult to prepare food after

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Greetings from Patsy Panda in the South!

by Barbara Klungrester, Conductress & Starbright President

Here we go, off to a great start! In February, we attended Ami Tai Chapter's Orange County Party Night. The theme was Star Trek and boy was there a lot of Trekkies there. Our own Chapter had a whopping 13 members in attendance. Worthy Matron, Associate Patron, Ruth, and Electa were all filled by Scepter Chapter officers. Everyone had a great time.

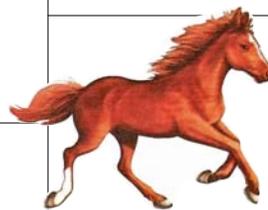
They weren't the only ones having a good time. We had Doctor Seuss as our theme for our first meeting in February, and boy did we have fun. All members that attended came in a variety of Dr. Seuss attire including the return of the famous Thing One and Thing Two. I thank you all for giving me the laughs of my life. It was truly fabulous.

Our last meeting in February was Ruth's night, and it honored our beautiful Ruth. Everyone wore yellow, and came out to shine.

Our fundraisers are off to a great start! A great big thank you goes to Sister Sharon Jazwiecki, PM for all her help on the Garage-less Garage sale. You are wonderful.

We are also starting our Easter fundraiser. Sister Allison Cassidy has included information about this fundraiser on page 5. We are going to sell Emergency Kits for children and adults. We are really excited to introduce this project, and think it will be very useful.

Well that's all for now. I hope to see you all at Chapter. We truly miss all your wonderful faces. Please come and support our Worthy Matron and see what a great job she is doing.



Mz Bee Haven in the North

by Rhea Turek, Associate Conductress

I would like to thank Jacquie Hamilton and her assistants for providing the refreshments for our "Dr. Seuss" Night, and Cynthia Rootes and her assistants for the refreshments for our "Ruth's Night." The dining room looked great both nights and the refreshments were great. It was so nice to see some new people on the sidelines, including one of our newest members.

Our first Party Night was such fun; it was so nice to see the large number of Scepter members who "beamed in" to serve or be on the sidelines. If you get the opportunity to attend one of these nights, go and have some fun. Of course, you can always go to more than one.

Finally, I hope that everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day and I look forward to seeing you at one of our March meetings or a Party Night. It is so nice to look around and see the sidelines filled with smiling faces.



**Scepter Chapter No. 163
invites you to attend our
Chapter Birthday
& Awards Night
March 12, 2009
7:30 pm**

Please come out to honor our members who have attained 25 and 50 years of service; our Service Award recipients; and support our Past Matrons and Past Patrons as they fill the stations this evening.

**The Officers and Members of
Ami Tai Chapter No. 147
and Scepter Chapter No. 163
Order of the Eastern Star
Cordially invite you to a Reception
honoring
Betty L. Walker
Grand Representative of Texas**



in California

**Saturday, March 28, 2009
3:00 pm**

**Gateway Masonic Center
500 E. Imperial Highway, Brea, CA
RSVP: Lois Dalton, PM Ami Tai Chapter
Formal Attire**

Emergency Kit Fundraiser

Do you have a child or grandchild for whom you must put together an Easter Basket?

Are you tired of the same old Easter Basket? Are you annoyed by your inability to control cellophane?

Do you have trouble with your cat eating the plastic grass?

Then do we have an offer for you!

Let Scepter Chapter do the work for you with a handy, helpful Emergency Kit. Instead of giving sugar and sweets, why not give something truly useful? We will be preparing Earthquake preparedness kits for young children to take to school and have in their classroom. This is a requirement for many elementary students. The kits will include: fruit bar, Vienna sausages, glow in dark pen and paper, band aids, towlettes, washrag, lip balm, two pieces hard candy, and a



water bottle (not shown). All for the low price of just \$5.00.

But wait! What if your children are grown adults, or you have another adult for whom you'd like to prepare a basket? We have something for you too! We will also

be preparing Emergency Kits that can be kept in your garage, trunk of your car, at work, or any other place you might be when "The Big One" hits. The adult emergency kits will include: small box for storage, electrical tape, gloves, crescent wrench, screwdriver, utility knife, flashlight with batteries, tuna packet, energy drink, whistle, and wash rag. All for the low, low price of just \$15.00.

Contact Allison Cassidy (Project Chairman) or any Scepter Chapter Line Officer to take advantage of this amazing offer!



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a busy day at work, so now you are only responsible for drive-thru for yourself! Another change we hope will be inviting is our open forum for new and fun ideas to support the Chapter. We are currently discussing doing away with the mini-golf in the summer in lieu of a more fun activity that will keep us all together instead of breaking off apart to golf. I welcome any feedback regarding this idea. I do recognize that it has been tradition, but as fewer people come back to the Masonic Center after, we really aren't spending time together. We will still have opportunities for Birthday celebrations, fudge, and ice cream, but we think we have some better entertainment ideas available.

Past Matrons and Past Patrons Unite!! Join us in supporting my little sister and our awesome Chapter! We want to have some great times, be remembered for being helpful and supportive, and move with the times into the future. Come Back!!

The Members of Scepter Chapter send Special Happy Birthday Wishes
for the Month of MARCH to:



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| 1 | Patricia Pawson | 11 | Mildred Brown | 18 | Bill Sizemore |
| 1 | David Roberts | 11 | Martha Burwick | 19 | Jessica Ball |
| 2 | Helen Pletts | 13 | Felicia Webb | 19 | Katherine Myers |
| 3 | Darryl Coder | 14 | Cindy Long | 20 | Grace Lowe |
| 3 | Maree Cox | 14 | Pamela Miles | 20 | Marty Pritchett |
| 4 | Denise Gallegos | 14 | Dolores Peterson | 22 | Ray Anderson |
| 5 | Carol Mumaw | 14 | Virginia Stillings | 25 | Judie Spangler |
| 6 | Allan Carpenter | 15 | Sarah Cash | 28 | Burma Peale |
| 6 | Susan Gardiner | 15 | Ginger Fillman | 29 | Carol Arnold |
| 6 | Laurine Love | 16 | Johnnie Goodin | 29 | James Betty |
| 6 | Paula McHam | 17 | Patty Crane | 31 | Paula Jo Fisher |
| 6 | Julie Neal | 17 | Pat Hauptenthal | 31 | Betty Keller |
| 10 | Barbara Klungreseter | 17 | Patricia Marshall | 31 | Barbara Stiles |
| 10 | Jane White | 18 | Viola Adams | | |

