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A Fabulous Time in 2009

by Ris Prentiss, Worthy Matron

I hope everyone has enjoyed the time off. I know Bill and I have certainly been enjoying our summer as we always do. Although we have all had time to enjoy some time off, we have also had the opportunity to enjoy the company of each other with a few activities during the summer.

We first had the Relay for Life which was a big success. We had many members come out and give their support by walking, as well as several who went on to the site and donated to the cause. Thank you so much to all of you who gave, whether it was participating in the walk or a monetary support. By supporting our team, you were a part of a life-changing event that celebrated the lives of those who have battled cancer, those loved ones that we have lost to cancer, and helped to empower all of us to fight back against a disease that takes too much. A very special thank you goes out to Angie Taylor whose dedication to the cause was remarkable. She participated in the walk to fight cancer for 24 hours, stopping very little to rest. She participated in every theme lap, having something to wear for each and every theme. She was a true example of what the Relay for Life is all about. Thank you Angie,

for representing the Scepter Stars so well, and for your dedication in the fight for a cure.

Following the Relay for Life the Past Matrons and Past Patrons put on a *Fabulous* "Beachless Beach Party". The event was very well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. There was a little something for everyone there to enjoy. Whether you wanted to just kick back in your beach chair and enjoy the summer sun, cool off in the water, build a sand castle, or perhaps even get someone else wet, the opportunity was there. Those that went all had a Fabulous time! Thank you to Dave Roberts for allowing the chapter to use your home for this fun event. And thank you to our Past Matrons and Past Patrons for coming up with such a wonderful idea, and for successfully putting on such an enjoyable event.



Angie Taylor

Our first order of business in September is the Masonic Dinner on the 1st. This is the 50's themed dinner, so get out your poodle skirts and leather jackets and we'll see you there to help cook or serve. On the 3rd is our next Starbright meeting, but I will let your Conductress, Barbara, speak more on that.

Our September 10th meeting is an initiation. Once again our family is growing! What could be more *Fabulous* than that? If you haven't had an opportunity to see our officers do an initiation, you are missing out on some fine ritual work. We have several candidates being initiated this night, so please come out and welcome them into our family. The theme for this meeting

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Some of the Officers and Members of Scepter Chapter and Youth Groups attending Relay for Life

Summer is FLYING BY...

by *Bill Prentiss, Worthy Patron*

Summer is FLYING BY... way too fast! Although we've been dark, we've been really busy. The RELAY for LIFE was a BIG success. We had participation from many of our members, including The Lawson's, who were there a generous amount of time, and **Angie Taylor**, who was the most dedicated walker of us all. She took three buses to get there, arrived before the Opening Ceremonies, and walked all through the night and right through Closing Ceremonies. She came prepared with a case full of costumes for all the "Theme" laps and collected a full lanyard of "Lap Beads" as proof. We should all congratulate Angie and thank her for her tireless participation in this very worthwhile event.



Survivor's Lap--Dick Jeanson, WP; Vicki Jeanson, WM (Ami Tai Chapter, Brea); Ris Prentiss, WM; Rhea Turek, Assoc. Cond., and Al Turek (Scepter Chapter)

After closing ceremonies at the Relay for Life we hurried over to the Past Matrons & Past Patrons "Beachless Beach Party" at Dave Roberts' house. By the looks of everyone when we arrived, a very good time was had (and being had) by all. We enjoyed an excellent BBQ and bonfire with marshmallows for toasting and the makings for S'mores. What a GREAT turnout and fun time!

When we returned from our break, we had "Homecoming" with its traditional Hawaiian theme. With the men in their white pants and Aloha Shirts, and the Ladies in their Aloha Dresses & Hula Skirts, we were ready for a Hukilau. This year has been a stellar example (*get it, as in STAR*) of everyone pulling together. It also turned out we had a special initiation that evening too.

We keep seeing more and more of you at our events. This is FABULOUS! But I keep missing some of the friendly faces that should be there. You are the ones we all miss. We are having a FABULOUS TIME in 2009; don't miss out on what's left.

Remember: *"Life is like a game of tennis. The player who serves well, seldom loses."*

Worthy Matron's article (Continued from page 1)

is Patriotic so wear your Red, White, and Blue.

Our second meeting in September is a very special meeting. It will be our "Advance Night". On this night we will get to see a preview of how our next year's line will perform. Mamie and Jim will be serving in the East, Barbara in the West, and Rhea in the South. Please come out and show your support for the future of your Chapter. I know you will not be disappointed.

For those of you who have not had an opportunity to join us yet this year, please come on out and see why Scepter Chapter is having such *A Fabulous Time in 2009!*



From Our DGM

by *Judy Edgmon, DGM, District No. 40*

Well, time is running down, and Grand Chapter will be here next month. In the meantime, we are traveling to receptions and chapter meetings. I have done my best to be a good representative of our Chapter and Eastern Star, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Thank you for your love and support. I have the best chapter and district in the state.

September is an exciting month. We will soon know who our new officers will be for next year, as well as whom our new deputy will be. I know you will welcome her with open arms, and pay attention to the new changes that our Worthy Grand Matron will want us to make, because that is what our chapter does best. Ris and Bill have done an excellent job this year, as well as all their officers, and we are attracting new members. It is such fun to watch our Chapter grow. Please make an effort to attend a meeting and watch some great officers at work.

*Click here to see our Photo Gallery!
Be sure to Come back often to check for new photos, you never know who you will see!*

Lunch Bunch

by *Elaine Campbell, PM
Lunch Bunch Coordinator*



Lunch Bunch will be meeting at **CLAIM JUMPER AT SOUTH COAST PLAZA ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 11:30 A.M.** It is in Costa Mesa, Ca. at **3333 Bristol Street** next to Sears. The phone number is 714.434.8479. We hope to see the HUNGRY ONES THERE! Please call me if you will be attending so that I can save you a place. Please join us!

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.



OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Orange Grove Lodge Stated Dinner/Meeting--
Star Cooking/Serving/Cleaning up. Please come as early as possible to help. Mamie Wilson Chairman; 50's theme; Dinner begins at 6:30pm
- 3 Starbright Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 4-6 Orange Street Fair--Orange Grove Lodge Child ID Booth; Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls Fundraising Booths
- 4-6 Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay Conclave
- 10 Stated Meeting and Initiation, 7:30 pm, "Patriotic" theme, Allison Cassidy, Dining Room Chairman
- 12 Barbara Scott, Worthy Grand Matron and JD Hammett, Worthy Grand Patron Reception, 7:30 pm,
Fresno Exhibit Hall
- 15 October Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 16 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Claim Jumper Restaurant 3333 Bristol St, Costa Mesa (South Coast Plaza)
- 18-20 Annual Lodge Campout at Tualota Springs RV Resort near Temecula (see Mike Martinsen for details)
- 19 Line Officers Assn Breakfast/Meeting, 9:30 am
Seaside Chapter Hosts, Huntington Beach Masonic Center
- 24 Stated Meeting-Budget Presentation, & Advance Night, 7:30 pm, Peggy and George Lawson, Chrmn
- 24 2010 Grand Officers Revelation, 7 pm,
Vista Masonic Center, 761 Eucalyptus Ave

1 PM/PP BYOD/Meeting, 6:30 pm

- 2-7 Nevada Grand Chapter, Winnemucca
- 3 Orange County Kick-off Luncheon, 12 noon,
El Bekal Shrine Center,
1320 S Sanderson Ave, Anaheim

- 4 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, San Francisco
- 8 Stated Meeting-Elections, 7:30 pm, "Think Pink" theme in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Betsy Rose and Pat Davis, Chairmen
- 14-17 136th Grand Chapter Session, Visalia
- 15 November "Farewell" Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 17 (DARK) No Line Officers Assn.
- 21 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Location TBD
- 22 (DARK) No Stated Meeting
- 30-31 General Grand Chapter, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

NOVEMBER

- 1-7 General Grand Chapter, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 5 (DARK) No Starbright Meeting
- 6 Scepter Chapter's Official Visit to Job's Daughters, 7 pm
- 7 Line Officers Assn Transitional Brunch/Meeting, 11 am,
Ami Tai Chapter Hosts, **Brea Masonic Center**
- 12 Stated Meeting- Farewell, 7:30 pm, "Bon Voyage" theme, Denise Gallegos, Chairman
- 12 Installation Practice, 7 pm
- 13 Installation of 2010 Officers, 7 pm
- 15 December Stardust Newsletter Article Deadline
- 18 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Location TBD

Membership Roster Updates

Not available for public viewing





From the Bandit in the West

by Mamie Wilson, Associate Matron

The countdown has started !!! There are only three meetings till Elections and only a total of four meetings left to the year, OH DEAR! I know that Ris is getting very excited for the same reason I am, yet the reason is quite different.

I have learned a lot of wonderful things with Ris in the East, and I still have a little time left to learn more. It is so wonderful we have more Initiations coming up. There have been so many I, myself, have lost count, but what a great way to end the year. I am planning on keeping a lot of our new young members busy in my and Jim's year.

We were super busy with the Homecoming meeting. The meeting started off with Initiation, and Balloting, and then we added a big surprise Birthday Party for our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. It is always so much fun to pull off surprises.

On September 10th we will have a Patriotic theme meeting and as I am writing this article, I do believe that this meeting may also be another Initiation. I know there are a bunch of folks eagerly awaiting our Advance Night, which is September 24th. I can only hope that I will make everyone proud as I work hard to get my Ritual perfected. I know that all our members have put a lot of trust and faith in Jim and me to carry on in true Scepter manner.

In ending I want to thank all of the people that are helping me put my year together. I am forever in your debt. To all the members that have said the magic word "yes" to my scary question, "Will you?" I thank you.

So, on we go into the future, finding those peaceful paths that lead to harmony in our hearts and lives.

I hope all your days are Rosy.



The "Boys of Summer" at our Beachless Beach Party



Greetings from Chippy in the West

by Jim Harnett, Associate Patron

Summer is nearly over; it is already September! Still, there is no shortage of activities!

I bring you news from our Masonic Family here in Orange. Let's make sure we all know what's happening with our concordant bodies.

Orange Grove Lodge has their meetings every Tuesday: dinner is served at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7:30pm. At their Stated Meeting on September 1st, the dinner will be served by **our Eastern Star Chapter**, and will have a 50's theme.

The Lodge is having their **Child ID Booth** at the annual **Orange International Street Fair** Friday, September 4th thru Sunday, September 6th. Also on September 18th, 19th and 20th they will be hosting their annual **Lodge Campout**, at Tualota Springs RV Resort, near Temecula.

DeMolay meets Wednesdays at 7:30pm. These young men are really building up their Chapter. They will be attending their annual **Conclave**, which is held on Labor Day weekend. This year it will be in Riverside California. There will be an initiation class that Saturday at which they hope to bring one or two more members into their Chapter.

Job's Daughters are also preparing for participation the **Street Fair**. This is a major fundraiser for them each year. Their first meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12th. The **Eastern Star's Official Visit to Jobs Daughters** has been moved from September 12th to November 6th because it conflicted with our WGM/WGP reception in Fresno. The third Friday, September 18th at 6:30pm, will be their second meeting for this month. It is also the **Grand Guardian's Official Visit**.

Rainbow Girls are very busy getting prepared for the **Funnel Cake** booth at the **Street Fair** this Labor Day Weekend. They are always looking for adults to work in the booth to fry the funnel cakes. Contact our Sister in Star, Pam Ball, if you can help. They have their regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month at 7pm, and Activity Nights on the other Mondays during the month.

We all appreciate the support these groups give us, and in turn we should do our best to support them in their efforts. They are building the foundation and future for our Order and our Masonic Family.

Reminder!

Upcoming Stated Meetings

September 10 - Initiation

September 24 - Advance Night and Budget Presentation

October 8 - Election of Officers



Circle of Concern

by Mamie Wilson, Associate Matron

Blanche Berry passed away Sunday, August 9. The services were private for the family. However, any cards to the family may be sent to:

(address removed for web posting)

Ginny Olson, PM: Ginny has been moved to a permanent Board and Care facility. Her daughter, Terry Anne, told me that it is very important to Ginny to keep her Eastern Star friends and ties. Ginny may have to attend some meetings in Seaside Chapter because it will be closer to her. If someone can pick her up, however, she would love to come to Scepter Chapter meetings. Ginny loves to receive cards and letters but for right now she does not have a phone. Terry Anne said she will make sure to deliver any messages from phone calls made to her number.

Send cards to:

Virginia (Ginny) Olson

(address removed for web posting)

Marjory Craft passed away peacefully on the morning of May 7th, 2009. As were her wishes, she was cremated and there was no formal service. Her remains are currently at Tripler Army Medical Center, in Hawaii, where she awaits her final disposition. This will take the form of a committal ceremony, which is performed, on a deployed United States Naval Vessel by the commanding officer of the ship.

Send cards to:

Sarah J. Folsom

(address removed for web posting)

The Mother of **Larry Griffin**, a member of Scepter Chapter and Senior Warden of Orange Grove Lodge, is under hospice care. "As for my Mom, Nadine Griffin, a member of OES Whittier Star Chapter, is very ill and on the last part of her journey home. Mom is surrounded by family and comfortable at my sister's house."

Larry Griffin

(address removed for web posting)

Hollie Mann's cousin passed away from cancer last Wednesday. Hollie had been caring for him for quite some time; they were very close. He is the uncle of Elise Mann, who is Hollie's daughter and a member of our chapter as well. Please keep Hollie, Elise, and the family in your prayers.

Hollie and Elise Mann

(address removed for web posting)

Please also remember to keep Ris's Mother and my sister in your prayers. Although right now nothing new has developed with them, they both have their battles to win.

In Memoriam

Our Golden Chain has been broken
by the passing of Sisters



Marjory Shirley Craft

Born on May 22, 1925 in St. Louis, Missouri

Initiated on September 23, 1971 into

Phoenix Chapter No. 5, Arizona

then affiliated into Westminster Chapter No. 625

which through consolidation became Scepter Chapter No. 163

She became a life sponsor of our homes in 1987 and she would have been eligible for 25-year recognition next year

Sister Marjory passed away May 7, 2009 at the age of 83

Blanche Berry

Born on October 22, 1914 in Colorado City, Texas

Initiated on September 14, 1944 into

Garden Grove Chapter No. 483

which through consolidation became Scepter Chapter No. 163

She served our Chapter as

Martha in 1946-47

She became a life sponsor of our homes in 1982 and

Received the Rob Morris Award in 1983

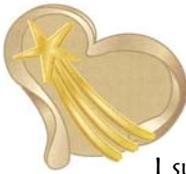
She had been a member for 64 years, and 11 months when she passed away August 9, 2009 at the age of 94

From your Secretary

by Brian Messenger, PP, Secretary



Grand Chapter is coming up pretty quickly! If you plan to attend, you will need credentials. Please let me know if you are planning on going so that I can add your name to the list. I need to have your credential info and money **BEFORE** the start of the September 10th Chapter meeting in order to notify Grand Chapter. If you do not plan ahead and order credentials, you will find a VERY long line to stand in in Visalia. If you are not a line officer, the credential cost is \$15. Please make your check payable to Scepter Chapter #163.



Hello from the South

*by Barbara Klungreseter,
Conductress & Starbright President*

I sure hope you all survived the heat and had a great summer! August started out with a bang with a beautiful reception honoring our Grand Martha, Deborah Winn from Yorba Linda Chapter. It was wonderful. The decorations were superb and the food was excellent.

Speaking of food, I absolutely must thank Madeline and Ruben Gallegos for the wonderful Barbeque they put on for



Members of Scepter attending our Summer BBQ and Silent Auction

our fundraiser. I also want to thank everyone who was able to make it out and enjoy the evening. We all had a great time with the mouthwatering dinner, a successful silent auc-



Rhea Turek, Assoc. Conductress, Ris Prentiss, Worthy Matron, Judy Edgmon, DGM, & John Edgmon with the Silent Auction Baskets they successfully bid on!



tion, and best of all, the friendly fellowship. It was great!

Then, of course, the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Scepter held their fun-filled beach party.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Chapter.



Mz Bee Haven in the North

by Rhea Turek, Associate Conductress

As summer comes to an end and the beginning of school approaches, it is a time to reflect on what we have done during the summer, and what we will do during the upcoming year. Summer had several activities that were successful. I particularly enjoyed the "Beachless" beach party, and hope that it will become a new tradition. A great time was had by all. Thank you to all who participated and helped all the events this summer.

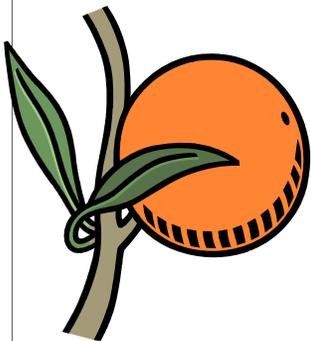


Scepter Members and friends enjoying the "Beachless Beach Party"



As fall approaches, we will be having more initiations, our Advance Night, elections, Grand Chapter, and finally, our Installation. Please come out and support our Chapter. It is so nice to see the side-lines filled with both our new and regular attending members. If you are having problems getting to our meetings, please contact me, and I will do my best to make arrangements to assist you in getting to our meetings or events.

Once again thank you to all who have helped in the dining room. Your refreshments and decorations have helped to make our evenings more enjoyable.



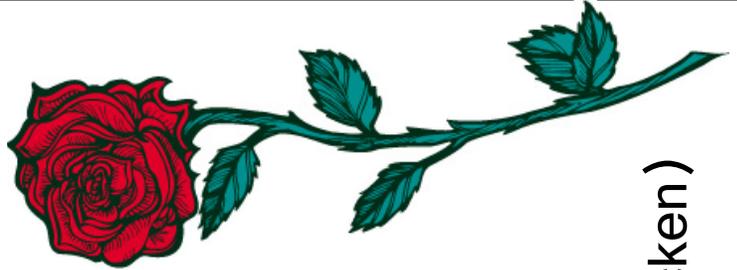
The Conductresses
of Orange County

invite you to join them at the
Orange County Kick-off Luncheon

**“DAYS OF BELLS AND
ROSES 2010”**

**October 3, 2009 - 12
noon to 3pm**

**\$20 per person
(Vegetarian or BBQ Chicken)**



*Important
DATE!*



PEACEFUL PATHWAYS
TO



HARMONIOUS HEARTS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO

SCEPTER CHAPTER NO. 163
119TH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2009
7:00 PM

ORANGE MASONIC CENTER
71 PLAZA SQUARE
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

JUDY EDGMON PM OR JEANI SCOTT PM
PLEASE RSVP

FORMAL INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW AFTER ELECTION MEETING

The Members of Scepter Chapter send Special September Happy Birthday Wishes to:



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|----|---------------------|----|------------------|----|----------------------|
| 2 | Sondra Nagelhout | 11 | Albert Jazwiecki | 20 | Richard Schowengerdt |
| 2 | Ris Prentiss | 11 | Renee Kimberling | 22 | Jeani Pitoniak |
| 3 | Virginia Vaughan | 12 | Elise Mann | 23 | Brian Messenger |
| 3 | Danna Willoughby | 12 | Katie Smith | 24 | Merle Ann Fenske |
| 4 | Dianna Rocha | 13 | Stephanie Fuson | 24 | Marylyn Hoffman |
| 5 | Sharon Jazwiecki | 13 | James Harnett | 24 | Terri Stillie |
| 5 | Ruth Miller | 14 | Sandy Morrey | 26 | Daniel Chavez |
| 5 | Gloria Joy Williams | 15 | Traci Allen | 26 | Audella Klemess |
| 6 | Robert Moody | 15 | Paul Miles | 26 | Edna Marcus |
| 8 | Ruth Quatrini | 18 | Karen Clark | 27 | Barbara Rider |
| 9 | Jeanette Coleman | 18 | Elaine Humphrey | 30 | Joan Lambert |
| 9 | Frances Kistler | 18 | Chris Mason | 30 | John Sleppy |
| 10 | Lillian Glasgow | 19 | Kellie Bogucki | 30 | Deanna Stalker |
| 10 | Mary Riley | 19 | Barbara Todd | | |
| 11 | Sandi Beneke | 20 | Judi McCoy | | |



Our Worthy Patron Bill Prentiss resting at the "Beachless Beach Party" after a long day/night/day at the Relay for Life Event



Do we have your e-mail address?

Please help us. If your e-mail address is missing from the Roster, please contact our Secretary, Brian Messenger so that we may update your information.

We have an E-Member list (for mostly Circle of Concern information); an E-Roster Update list (with the most up-to-date information listed) and an E-Newsletter list. If you'd like to be added to (or removed from) any of these lists, please contact Sharon Jazwiecki

We send out an E-Newsletter to many of our members each month. This helps to save on printing and postage costs.