



## Grand Chief and Grand Chancellor Honored



Grand Chief Glennyce and  
Grand Chancellor Jan

Hello Oregon Pythians,

Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> a reception was held for our new Grand Chief and Grand Chancellor at Glencoe Lodge in North Plains. The event went very well with some great food and some outstanding fraternal friendship. The ladies provided some excellent food and cakes while the men were around to move the heavy stuff.

We wish our new officers the best in this next term of office. I am quite sure that they will lead us all in the Pythian Order to the best of their abilities.

I posted thumbnail pictures of the event at Glencoe lodge's website and put a link to it from [www.OregonPythians.org](http://www.OregonPythians.org). The sun was really shining bright that day from outside and I would have had to use my flash and blind everyone to get better pictures but for the most part they are OK. Any of them can be opened but will be slow to download if you are on a dial up connection so enjoy the thumbnail preview.

Welcome **Glennyce** and **Jan** next time you see them.

Submitted by Mike Harmes

## Pythian Festival 2005 Report ~ by Kathlene Lacy



Festival Attendees from back: Charlie VanDomelen, Jan Burns, Mark Erickson, Don Lacy, John Murchison, Sarah Murchison, Chris Anderson, Cindy Harmes, Mike Harmes, Darrell Henry, Jean Schlinsog, Robyn Neeley, Rosenna Powell, Shelley Corby, Kathlene Lacy, and Glennyce Buxton. Not pictured Judy Murchison.

This year's Pythian Festival was held November 4-6<sup>th</sup> at The Resort at the Mountain (previously Rippling River Resort) in Welches, Oregon near Mt. Hood. The weekend started with social time and snacks on Friday evening. Several members played cribbage and dominoes while others watched the games.

Saturday morning started off with breakfast "on your own" followed by a Welcome and Greeting by

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## Circle of Friends ~ by Barbara Christopher

The Tuality Healthcare Auxiliary recently completed its "extra-ordinary" five-year fund drive to raise \$450,000 for local cancer services.

The group made its final payment at a special luncheon event in June, fulfilling a pledge to the Tuality Healthcare Foundation's \$2.5 million Cancer Campaign fundraising efforts.

Barbara Waldow, Neva Harty, past presidents, and **Betty Alexander**, current president presented the check to Catherine Crooker director, and Ralph Brown, board of directors.



Members of the volunteer Auxiliary raised the funds to help

build the Tuality/OHSU Cancer Center and establish the Tuality Breast Health Center. The primary source for the funds was revenue from the Auxiliary's volunteer-run gift shops at Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro.

"The Auxiliary's extraordinary gift was the largest made to the \$2.5 million Cancer Campaign," said Ralph Brown, chairman, board of directors, Tuality Healthcare Foundation. "It is a remarkable example of the group's

long tradition of commitment to this community's healthcare needs."

Both **June Lalor** and **Betty Alexander** have volunteered many hours working in the gift shop. Betty is in charge of setting-up and running the annual Holiday Bazaar for the Hospital Auxiliary. She has been dedicated to these fund raising efforts for at least the last 20 years.



Betty Alexander, PSR  
President, Tuality Healthcare  
Auxiliary

This year's Tuality Healthcare Auxiliary Bazaar was held November 11 and 12 at the Tuality Healthcare Education Center. This is to benefit Healthcare college students seeking scholarships.

*Submitted by Barbara Christopher  
Photo by Kathlene Lacy*

## Greetings and Happy Holidays ~ From the Nomads

Do you know how Mr. Webster defines the word "fun" -- F.U.N? He says that fun means: "1: what provides amusement or enjoyment." And, that's just what Nomads are about, F.U.N. Not that we don't work, because we do; however, we try to balance work with fun events.

Our Santha's "Fun Committee", in conjunction with the Hillsboro Pythians, plan one to three fun events each year, such as, a symphony orchestra concert, a jet boat ride, or an OMNIMAX movie for Pythians, their family, friends or a prospective member and his/her family. INTERESTED?



We plan to post current and upcoming events on the Oregon Pythian web site [www.oregonpythians.org](http://www.oregonpythians.org) or, you may obtain detailed information by contacting **Judy Murchison**, Nomad "Fun Committee" at 503.643.6008.

Upcoming Event:

- ❖ December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Party 7-9 PM

Start the holidays with a Christmas party hosted by the Hillsboro Pythians at the Pythian Hall in Hillsboro.

~~ SANTA WILL BE JOINING US~~

*Judy Murchison, Rani  
Rose City Santha*

## Holiday Bazaar Season ~ by Barb Christopher

Phoenicia Temple has spent the last year making things to sell at bazaar time as fundraising for our scholarship fund. The first of the bazaars we participated in was at the River Road Club House in Hillsboro. The Bazaar was well advertised in the Hillsboro Argus and there was a pretty good crowd with seven vendors displaying what they had to sell.

The sale was open for business from 2:00 PM until 4:00PM on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for the residents pre-viewing. Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> was the big day for the public to come between the hours of 9:00 AM until about 3:00PM.

**Fay Robinson** and **Betty Alexander** had spent Thursday making mini-pies and when Fay delivered them to the clubhouse on Friday there were several people waiting to buy them. Each year an estimated 200 pies are made and sold. We could always use help peeling apples. We have apple pies, blackberry, and our specialty, raspberry pie. The pies are "All" very good with an extra-thin-flaky crust that just melts in your mouth.

This year the Temple tried something a little different in that we spent some of our meeting nights devoted to doing a short business meeting and then working on crafts. We all helped to make jingle-bell angels, refrigerator towels, snow balls, and even some snow flakes. We still have several projects to make for next year.

We had some take-home projects this year also. We pooled some of the yarns and patterns that we had and made hair scrunchies. **Shelley Corby**, **Barb McKee**, and **Fay Robinson** crocheted them.

**Barbara McKee** and **Sunny Gabbert** did some beautiful embroidery work and made six sets of old fashioned tea towels. Each set of towels is made with a different towel



Bazaar participants Barbara Christopher, Don Lacy, Betty Alexander, and Fay Robinson have a good time.

for every day of the week so there are seven towels in each set. They also made some "singles." In total their fingers stitched and made 58 towels.

**Kathlene Lacy** has ordered Entertainment Books for the Temple and is busy selling them. We have been able to sell them at the bazaars.

The final Bazaar for 2005 that we took part in was held at St. Mathew's Church in Hillsboro. It was in a new building this year (formerly, the site of The Sizzler) and we enjoyed seeing friends and making sales to support our scholarships. The dates were: November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. On November 19<sup>th</sup> we began the day with set-up starting at 7:30AM. Thank goodness there was some coffee to help get us going.

Article by Barbara Christopher  
Photo by Kathlene Lacy

*Christmas Cheer and a  
Happy New Year from our  
Lodge to you and yours!  
Ivanhoe Lodge No. 1*



## Pendleton Pythian Helps Katrina Victims ~ By Travis Hancock

This letter is to share my experience of helping out in Mississippi for the Katrina Relief efforts. The whole experience was awesome, and this couldn't have been possible without the great personalities and sense of humor of our team members. Everyone wanted to be there to work and help individuals. We were all able to share stories, laugh, cry, give each other support and lighten the moment when needed, which allowed us to get through the experience together as a team.

The first day there was spent driving around looking at the cities and learning where the shelters were located. What we saw was total devastation. The city of Waveland had no homes or businesses in the six blocks from the beach. Every home was just gone except for its foundation. The next six blocks or more which were damaged by floodwaters and wind, was uninhabitable. Piles upon piles of rotten furniture, drywall and trees, for 1 mile from the beach, lined the streets in front of the homes and businesses. Cars were still parked along major streets heading out of town, broken down and not drivable, 90 days later, just as we saw on the TV back home in the days following the storm. We witnessed homeowners walking through the rubble that was once their homes. You could tell they were just getting back in town to see the destruction themselves. They were walking slowly with blank looks on their faces. Another couple was sitting and eating lunch on their empty foundation. We could only imagine what was going through their minds and thanked God it wasn't us.

Jim Downing, our director, gave us a goal to find jobs and find people with needs and disabilities to fill those jobs. That is what we set out to do. We soon found out that the needs for many of these former homeowners and people of the community were more than just getting a job. Some were still living in a car and some weren't sure where their next meal would come from. Many were living in a shelter looking for help, for the first time ever in their lives. Some had a FEMA trailer but didn't have a vehicle to get to a job. Many had received a check from FEMA and weren't sure what to do next; make this terrible situation as easy as possible for the short term or look to the future and start looking for a job. As Navigators, we struggled with the concept of taking these people in a very uncomfortable situation and asked them

The Navigators Initiative was a special project undertaken by members of the State of Oregon's Jobs WorkSource. The purpose was to find jobs and people with needs and disabilities to fill those jobs.



Travis Hancock, Pendleton Pythian, and Claire, a victim of Hurricane Katrina enjoying success in Mississippi.

to be in another uncomfortable situation of asking for a job and helping them to sell themselves. It would have been easier just to give them comfort and give them a good meal and put a smile on their faces. We could only do so much. In every case, we were happy to help, but we left with a feeling that the job wasn't quite finished. It will be years before some of them have a life even close to what it was before the storm.

Still, we had a job to do and a goal to accomplish in a short amount of time. We challenged the people by giving them opportunities that maybe they hadn't even had the time to think about yet. We researched jobs and job fairs that were just getting started. We showed them available resources to help them be as comfortable as possible. We challenged them by developing a relationship and taking a true interest in their welfare. It was one-on-one and very personal for both of us. The stories they shared with us of the night of the storm will never be forgotten. They shared stories and pictures of their kids and loved ones. They were always gracious about our ability and desire to help them. In turn, we had a great response to our requests that these people get out and search for a job. Many were inspired by our

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## Grand Temple Officers Installed ~ by Carol Jenkins, GPC



Grand Temple Officers ~ Left to Right. Back Row: Grand Manager Sandy Ryan, Grand Secretary Shelley Corby, Grand Treasurer, Robyn Neeley, Grand Protector, Elizabeth Evans, Grand Guard Maureen Murphy, Grand Musician, Barbara Christopher, Grand Press Correspondent, Carol Jenkins. Front Row: Grand Junior Tanya Bancroft, Grand Senior Sarah Murchison, Grand Chief Glenlynce Buxton, Supreme Chief Kathleen Lacy, Sitting Past Grand Chief, Julie Lozano.

The Grand Temple of Oregon Pythians installation was held on October 9, 2005 at the Red Lion Inn in Eugene, Oregon.

The Lady of Ceremonies was Ann Myers, introducing acting Supreme Chief Betty Alexander, Supreme Senior Roseanna Powell, Supreme Manager Mary McIlvaine and Supreme Secretary Barbara McKee. Presented at the altar by the Supreme Senior Roseanna Powell and Supreme Manager Mary McIlvaine were the following officers: Sitting Past Grand Chief Julie Lozano, Grand Chief Glenlynce Buxton, Grand Senior Sarah Murchison, Grand Junior Tanya Bancroft, Grand Manager Sandra Ryan, Grand Secretary Shelley Corby, Grand Treasurer Robyn Neeley, Grand Protector Elizabeth Evans, Grand Guard Maureen Murphy, Grand Press Correspondent

Carol Jenkins, and Grand Musician Barbara Christopher. The Passing of the Pins ceremony was very touching after which the Grand Officers were seated at their stations. Grand Chief Glenlynce Buxton was escorted to the podium and presented with the official gavel.

Grand Chief Glenlynce welcomed all who had attended and then gave her acceptance speech. Retiring Sitting Past Grand Chief Marilyn Stevens presented Past Grand Chief Julie Lozano with the Past Grand Chief's pin at that time. The Grand Officers introduced their families and friends, followed by closing of the Grand Temple.

*Submitted by Carol Jenkins, Grand Press Correspondent  
Photo OPN Staff*

## Grand Chief's Message ~ Glennyce Buxton

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It gives me great pleasure to accept this high office. I will do my best for you in the coming year. Sharing your joys and sorrows, we will work together in harmony. I am sure with all working together we will grow as an Order and as individuals.

I will continue to support the Doernbecher Hospital Child Life Department, the Oregon Pythian News, and the Oregon Garden.

I have a challenge for each Temple this year, the Temple who brings in the most Sisters will get a reward at my convention.

I am looking forward to visiting each Temple. I will be selling tickets at my official visits and conventions.

I look forward to working with Jan Burns the Grand Chancellor and Knights. I attended the Pythian Festival.

I plan on going with Don Lacy on his Share the Spirit visits.

I wish to thank all the installing officers and others who took part in the installation of Grand Temple officers.

I wish to thank my family, friends, and Sisters of Fern Temple for their support.

In Pythian Love  
Glennyce



Glennyce Buxton, Grand Chief

*Seasons Greetings from the  
Lacy Family*



## Grand Chancellor's Message ~ Jan Burns

Greetings to all Pythians and Sisters in the Grand Domain of Oregon.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I address you as Grand Chancellor.

I have several projects and plans that I and other officers will be presenting to all lodges and temples in the near future.

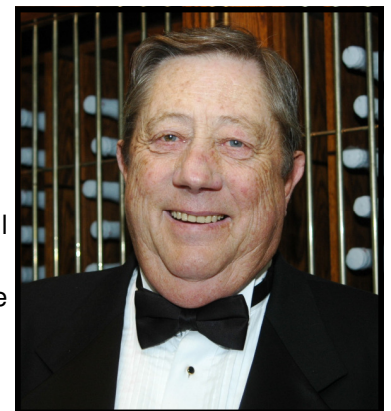
Last week I attended the Pythian Festival and had a very enjoyable weekend.

I learned a lot about computers and how they work. Thanks to Mike Harnes for all the information.

Also, thanks very much to all that prepared and attended the joint reception for the Grand Chief and me.

More later,

Jan Burns, Grand Chancellor



Jan H. Burns, Grand Chancellor

## Nomads Fun Day ~ Jet Boat Tour

A group of 16 Pythians and guests made reservations and showed up for the Willamette River Jet Boat tour. It was a wonderfully gorgeous day, with clear skies, very warm and made for fun.

We boarded our launch, all sixteen of us in the front of the jet-sled, some putting on life jackets while our jet-sled operator and tour guide explained the use, access, etc. of them. Most had brought layered clothing in preparation for the splashes and sprays created by the operation of the jet-boat.

We started north, down stream, from the jet-boat dock located at OMSI on the east side of the Willamette River. We were treated to wonderful views of downtown Portland, along with interesting historical notes and observations from our tour guide. We went as far north as the Fremont Bridge where the guide explained that the lift of the center span of the bridge had rated inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records as being the longest span in the world to be lifted into place. We also learned that the Morrison Bridge replaced the old Stark Street Ferry that was powered by two horses that powered a turnstile that caused the ferry to cross the river.

It was a surprise to us all when the jet-sled operator announced that we were having trouble with our craft. It seems that one of the engines was not functioning properly but he thought perhaps it could be fixed. After



several attempts and more attempts after contacting his "boss" on shore the decision was made that we would have to abandon our trip for the day. Fortunately we all returned to the dock safely. Refunds of our costs for the trip were made and all participants were glad to be ashore.

Many of our group decided to meet at The Old Spaghetti Factory for an early dinner. Upon arriving

at the restaurant we found that the wait could be up to an hour and half, but Kristen and Kathlene negotiated a shorter waiting time for us and most elected to wait it out for the meal and good conversation.

Those who participated in the day's activities included **Judy Murchison**, our chairperson and organizer, along with **John** and daughter **Karen**, the **Girards**, **Jacquie and Jerry** along with daughter **Kim** and granddaughter **Emily**, daughter **Kristen** and new husband **Terry** and his daughter **Jenna**, **John Lacy**, **Darrell Henry** accompanied by his brother **Gene** and sister-in-law **Linda** who were visiting from Phoenix, **Betty Murchison** and **Kathlene Lacy**. All enjoyed the short boat tour and most were able to stay to enjoy the conversation and laughter over the dinner.

Watch for notices of other Nomad fun events. All Pythians and guests are invited and welcome to attend the events.

*Best wishes of  
the Holiday Season~  
Past Grand Chancellor's Association*



## From the Desk of Grand Secretary Wylie

### A Potpourri

The Grand Council's statute required "Officer ~ District Deputy Grand Chancellor Conference" was presented by Grand Chancellor **Burns** on November 19, 2005 at the Red Lion Inn - Farm House Restaurant in Hillsboro, Oregon; and was well attended.

The attendees were treated to a six hour training seminar covering basic to detailed subjects. Deputy **Nichols** presented the basic structure of the Lodge from a "Geo-political" viewpoint and Deputy **Girard** presented the Lodge as a "Corporate Entity." Grand Chancellor **Burns** presented the Officer assignments, the Grand Chancellor Project and the Goals for the term.

A working notebook was provided for each Officer and Deputy to use through out the term.

Annual Reports will be mailed to each lodge during the first week of December and are due back at the Grand Secretary's office no later than January 31, 2006. Please contact your District Deputy to arrange for installation of your officers and have the installing officer sign the annual report.

District Deputy for Ivanhoe, Delphos, Damon, Gaston and Glencoe is **Wylie Nichols**. District Deputy for Talisman, Helmet, Hermes, Phoenix and Diana is **Jerry Girard**.

The "Journal of Proceedings" of the Knights' Grand Lodge Session is in final preparation and will be ready for distribution before December 15, 2005. The prompt writing of the minutes by PSR **Mark Erickson** has kept the updating on schedule and the Grand Secretary is very appreciative of this effort and assistance. Appreciation is expressed to PSC **Darrell Henry** and SC **Kathlene Lacy** for their aide to the Grand Secretary in preparation of these documents.

The Grand Chancellor has commenced the "Official

Visits" to each local lodge. The entourage was received at Damon Lodge in Pendleton, Oregon on November 14, 2005. Damon members and visitors alike joined for dinner at the "Hut." An hour or so of good fellowship ensued; upon returning to the lodge hall the meeting was opened in "Ritualistic" form. The visitors presented items from the Grand Lodge and were privileged to observe Damon Knights conduct the business of the lodge.

The entourage was received at Gaston Lodge in Gaston, Oregon on November 16, 2005. An hour of good fellowship was held before dinner; during which the "Webmaster" presented pictures of cars for Gaston's site. A catered dinner was then served in the newly remodeled kitchen and dining hall. The meeting was opened in "Ritualistic" form. Again the visitors presented the Grand Lodge Program and were privileged to observe Gaston Knights conduct the business of the lodge, much of it centered on the "Wapato Showdown" car show.

Future scheduled visits are Delphos Lodge in Forest Grove, Oregon on December 18, 2005 and Ivanhoe Lodge in Portland, Oregon on January 10, 2006. Lodge Secretaries please contact your District Deputy to schedule an "Official Visit" by the Grand Chancellor.

The Grand Secretary's Office extends Best Wishes to all for a Happy ~ Thriving New Year!

Wylie

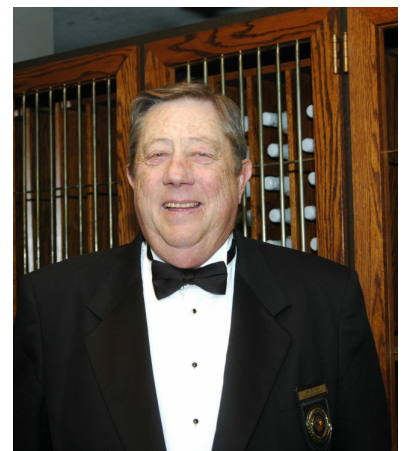


***Congratulations***

***Grand Chancellor Jan.***

***Best wishes for your administration~***

***Past Grand Chancellor's Association***



## Pythian Poster Contest Subject Changed ~ by Don Lacy

The Knights of Pythias International Poster Contest subject for the past several years has been highway safety. For 2005-06 the subject is "Preserve Our Precious Resources." This subject should be exciting for high school students. Grand Lodge is sponsoring the poster contest again this year with prizes of \$300 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### POSTER CONTEST

#### High School

Four subordinate lodges took part last year. We expect many more entrants and are encouraging all lodges to sponsor a local contest for all high school students in their areas.

If your lodge or temple has not been contacted call the

state chairman, **Don Lacy** at 503-648-9057 or 503-706-0850. He will send posters and tri-fold color brochures so that you can promote the contest.

The domain final contest is to be 1:00 P.M., May 13, at Phoenix Lodge in Hillsboro. So, with the local contests having to take place before April 30<sup>th</sup>, we need to be moving.

Our state winner, Whitney Wallace, a senior at Pendleton High School, took Honorable Mention at the international level contest last year.



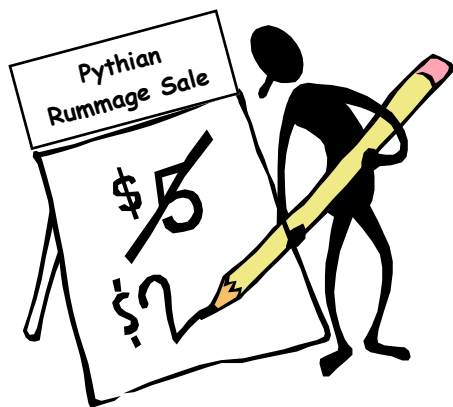
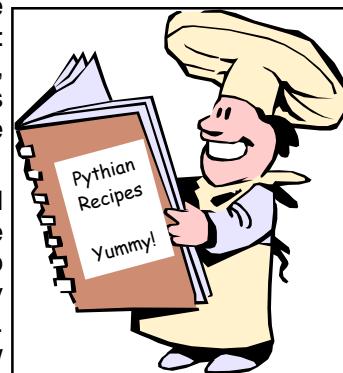
## Oregon Pythian Cookbook ~ by Sherri Sievert

The Sisters of the Grand Temple of Oregon have been planning and beginning to work on putting together a cookbook for Grand Temple. Now, as we are really starting to work at it, we would like to make it an Oregon Pythian Cookbook, soooooo...This is a request to ALL SISTERS AND KNIGHTS for recipes to be included. I know that a lot of our Knights are good cooks as well as the Sisters, and your wives who are not Sisters have good recipes as well, so I would like to see some from everyone. Recipes can be for any type of food in any category. Please be sure that the recipe is accurate and complete and has your name on it somewhere, as well as your Temple or Lodge name and number. The recipes will not be returned, so please make a copy.

Send the recipes to: **Sherri Sievert** 5063 S. Highway 97, Redmond, OR 97756 or you can type it in an e-mail

or scan and attach. The email address is: [dalesherri@bendcable.com](mailto:dalesherri@bendcable.com), and my phone number is (541) 548-2546 if you have any questions.

I would like to have all recipes by the end of the year as we are hoping to have the cookbook ready by Supreme Convention time. There is no limit as to how many recipes you can submit, so pick some of your family favorites, old or new and send them in right away.



## Community Rummage Sale!!

February 17-18 9AM to 4 PM

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## Pendleton Pythian Helps (Continued)

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knowledge of disabilities, working and the job market.

We did have some success stories, as we liked to refer to them. One for instance is the Little family. The wife and two daughters all had disabilities. The husband who worked at a casino was now 70 miles away in another casino working. They were in a FEMA trailer without a vehicle and without much money. We were able to get the daughter a walker to help her get around, with her condition of infant arthritis. We got the husband an interview and job at a local casino as soon as it is able to open up in December. We also were able to buy \$300 worth of medications for the family, which only gets them by for one month. We were also able to help them with a down payment on a new car.

Another was the Jeter family. The wife had a bad back and legs and required special sleeping conditions. The husband was a 6'5" survivor of four heart by-pass surgeries and employed by the city. They couldn't live in their home and had a FEMA trailer delivered. But it didn't have a ramp as requested and the beds weren't big enough to use. A friend shared a smaller trailer with them but the conditions didn't allow for a place to sleep. Mr. Jeter hadn't gotten a full night of sleep in 45 days since the storm, which couldn't be good for his heart. Veronica and I talked with the local FEMA representative about the situation. He said they are doing the best that they can and would send someone out the next day to assess the situation. Two days later they still hadn't been there. We visited the FEMA representative again. He made some

excuses but promised he would re-submit the order for us. Two days later, the Jeters had a new double pull-out FEMA trailer with a ramp. Mrs. Jeter was pleased and said her husband and she were able to sleep through the night for the first time in six weeks.

The long-term effects of our individual efforts may never be known. But the long-term effects of the Navigator Initiative will be felt in the Mississippi area for a long time. These people have been poked and prodded to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and showed that people with disabilities can go out and work. In addition, there are programs out there to help and professionals wanting to help them. Jim Downing and Glenn Olsen both deserve praise for putting this initiative together in such a short time frame and for putting the infrastructure together to allow the Navigators to navigate. It was and is an experience the Navigators will never forget, and the workforce of Southern Mississippi will never be the same. The jobs developed, information and encouragement of the Navigator Initiative will keep spreading for a long time after we are gone.

These personal experiences with the people of Mississippi will be with me for years to come. The devastation we witnessed and the teamwork we accomplished in a two-week time period was an experience of a lifetime, for me.

Travis Hancock, Pendleton Knights of Pythias  
Disabilities Program Navigator  
CAPECO- WorkSource Oregon

*To my Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends~*



*Here's hoping that this holiday season is a special one for you and yours. May it be filled with all that you enjoy most. I hope that the coming year will be rewarding to you both personally and socially through your affiliation with the Pythian Order.*

*My special thanks to each and every one of you for all that you've done both for me and in your community service work for others. Pythians really do make a difference every day with the work that we do.*



*With Love & Hugs,  
Kathlene*

*Best wishes of the  
Holiday Season and may  
you enjoy a happy and  
prosperous New Year*



*Wylie and Lola Nichols*

## Pythian Festival 2005 Report ~ (continued)

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**Darrell Henry**. He began with a quotation from Aaron Copeland's Lincoln Portrait: *"Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history." That is what he said. That is what Abraham Lincoln said: "We of this Congress and this administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance or insignificance can spare one or another of us. The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation. We ~ even we here ~ hold the power and bear the responsibility."* **Darrell** went on to say that here at Pythian Festival we gather for the purpose of improving ourselves, sharing ideas and solutions for the benefit of our members and the Pythian Order as a whole. We "bear the responsibility" of learning what we can from this Festival weekend and then pass it along to our Brother and Sister members for the benefit of the Oregon Pythians. He then asked that everyone participate in the discussions and contribute their thoughts as the weekend progressed.



The next segment of the Festival was titled Computer Magic I which was presented by **Mike Harmes** (with assistance from **Kathlene Lacy** and **Shelley Corby**). Mike works for Intel in research and development. As such, he is quite skilled in the use of computers. Mike explained to us how and why computers work, and that they

are really nothing more than a poor boat anchor without a person to create the computer magic. Mike showed us how to find a wireless network and those who had brought their laptops with them (**Judy Murchison** and **Chris Anderson**) linked in to that session from other spots in the room. All of the members and guests took part in an exercise which showed how the data moves from one part of a computer to the next. Interesting and fun!

After lunch **Darrell Henry** presented a workshop on Public Relations and Publicity. He explained that we need to do some



brainstorming to come up with some fresh ideas on ways to get the public to recognize the value which Pythians bring to their communities. It can start with a Vision Statement such as: "Oregon Pythians Can Make the General Population Aware that the Pythian Order Exists and Adds Value to Our Communities." Then we need to set some Goals and Objectives to Make the Pythian Name Familiar, Recognize Our Community Service Is Valuable, and that Fraternal Principals are Valuable. Once we determine the message that we want to deliver, we can put together a brochure which contains information about our local community service effort (such as Bike Helmets for Kids or Poster Contest) and include a shorter message about the Pythian principles and the projects we undertake locally.



The next workshop was a desktop publishing exercise presented by **Mike Harmes** with assistance from **Sarah Murchison**, **Mark Erickson** and **Darrell Henry**. Mike showed us how to operate some basic computer programs such as Notepad and Word. We started with a blank page. Then Mike and Sarah showed us how to add a text box and fill it with words. Then showed that we could move the text box to different locations on the page by "grabbing" it and dragging it to where we wanted the text to be placed. They also showed us how to add pictures into the page and how to add colorful borders and designs. When we began to make the various words and pictures into brochures, Mike and Mark showed sample brochures which had been developed for their Pythian groups. Mark had a nifty computer tool, which is a data storage unit small enough to fit on a key chain. **Charlie VanDomelen**, another computer professional has one too. Mark showed that you can download the file from the keychain drive and open it onto the computer. He and Darrell proceeded to revise the brochure which had been saved so that it could be used for a different group. Then Mark went on to show how easy it is to design business cards. Darrell reminded the group to always use nice paper and try to use original print work (rather than copies of copies) so that we put our best foot forward when presenting our work to others.



After the workshops were over, we gathered in the

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Hospitality Room again for more dominoes, cribbage and visiting. Saturday evening we had a lovely candlelit dinner of steak and mushroom and cheese-stuffed chicken breast. Dessert was Marion berry cheesecake. Later on we went back to the Hospitality Room for more fellowship and games.

Sunday morning we gathered for breakfast and a Wrap-Up by **Darrell Henry**. He reminded everyone about our purpose of coming up with good ideas and solutions to share with each other. Also, that our Festival group is responsible for communicating the ideas to others. Be sure to take the message back home again. He offered that if anyone needs assistance in creating brochures or business cards, that there are several who are willing to help – **Darrell, Mike, Mark, Kathlene, Shelley, Judy and Sarah**. He asked if people liked the idea of holding Festival in the fall shortly after Grand so that we can “kick off” the Pythian year with Festival as a planning and work

session. He also asked if people liked Resort at the Mountain as a location. Everyone agreed they liked the time and place. **Grand Chancellor Jan** offered his thanks to the Festival Committee for all of their work in planning, writing and publishing the Festival material as well as its presentation this weekend. The 2005 Festival Committee was: **Darrell Henry, Mike Harmes, Kathlene Lacy, Shelley Corby and Jan Burns**.



**Grand Chief Glenyce** spoke next and expressed her appreciation for being able to participate in this Festival, her first one. She also said that she heard new ideas and hoped that the members would participate in a telephone fundraiser night and wear their Pythian shirts for recognition.

We adjourned so we could travel to North Plains for the joint Grand Chancellor's and Grand Chief's Reception.



Grand Lodge Officers: Back row: Mike Harmes, Grand Outer Guard, Mike Stone, Grand Master at Arms, Ed Yates, Grand Inner Guard, Don Heriford, Grand Treasurer, Wylie Nichols, Grand Secretary. Front row: Dan Cowan, Supreme Prelate, Jan Burns, Grand Chancellor, Charlie VanDomelen, PGC, Mark Erickson, Grand Prelate.

## From the Desk of Grand Secretary Shelley

To all Oregon Sisters:

I have just returned from The Pythian Festival in Welches, Resort at the Mountain. It has revived me to get busy "Planning the New Pythian Year." I am preparing the annual reports for the Temples as of this writing. Please be prompt when filling out and returning them to me. Pay special attention to the due dates. The dates are important so that all information will be available to send to the Supreme Secretary for Supreme Temple. This is an especially important year for us. With Kathlene presiding as our Supreme Chief we need to have good representation and information from Oregon. I know that many of us will travel to Nova Scotia to attend Supreme Temple and hope to make Oregon proud. Please help us do that by getting the reports accurately filled out and turned in on time.

The Supreme Temple Committee is also soliciting for ads in the Souvenir Program. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had lots of ads and notices there for Kathlene? How about a nice personal note of luck or congratulations?

More information about prices and due dates can be obtained from either your Temple Secretary or from me. I also have information about the Supreme Temple registration, meals and trips for anyone interested in attending, so just call if you need it.

I wish all Pythians the best of health and a wonderful holiday season. It will be a busy year for everyone. We have more Grand Chief visits, District Conventions and also the Supreme and Grand Conventions coming up next year. Let's get busy!

*Shelley Corby*



Business card Shelton Jones

business card Ann Ross

*The Pythians of Glencoe Lodge wish each and every Pythian family the best of the holiday season and a Happy New Year!!*



## Comments from the Editor ~

During the past year your new OPN staff has produced five issues of your Oregon Pythian publication. It is interesting to look back at all the input so many members have given to the publication. The articles and photos submitted by our members show that the Pythian Order in Oregon is still very active in many areas of our communities. Not only with Pythian functions but also in non-Pythian activities in our communities.

As we begin the new year please keep the articles and photos coming. Your work is of interest to all of us and

may even inspire others to emulate your projects in their communities.

You OPN staff wants to make this publication a tool for you to use as well as a report on the activities of the various Pythian groups. If you have something you want to communicate to Oregon Pythians please feel free to write it up and send to us for the future issues. You will be appreciated for doing so.

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## It's Share the Spirit Season!!

Santa **Don Lacy** and his team of Santas and elves have been busy organizing the work to be done and nearly have this season's schedule complete.



Visits to those in need of someone to share the spirit are being organized at 27 sites of opportunity to share the spirit in Portland, Eugene, McMinnville, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Cornelius, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Aloha, and anywhere else our Santas and elves can share the spirit and be of service.

Your help during these visitations is needed and always appreciated. If you will take the time to serve as an elf in any capacity please call **Santa Don at 503-648-9057** or on his cell phone at **503-706-0850**.

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