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Being small units in a rural area the different age group units had their struggles but Richard was always there to pitch in and keep things going.

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Holiday Greetings to the Oregon Pythian Family!

As I sit here with the wind blowing and the rain pouring, I cannot help but think about the needs of the community at this time of year. Those homeless, low-income, laid-off members of our society who for whatever reason have fallen on hard times come to my mind. Our government tries, but cannot be everything for everyone, so it falls to churches, individuals and service organizations like ours to provide for those in need. It is our responsibility to fill that gap. In doing so, it strengthens our communities by encouraging compassion and brotherly love at a time and in a world where both are desperately needed.

I know that each temple does great work contributing to worthy causes and helping their fellow man. As I go around the state on my official visits I see that together we are stronger and more powerful than we could ever be as individuals. Each temple has fundraisers that are as unique and interesting as the community they represent. From quilt shows to Entertainment Books to bazaars, let's keep up those activities so we can continue to support our brothers and sisters as we would want to be supported.

I know that temples are facing challenges. One temple was having bake sales on paydays at the local bank just to scrape together rent for their hall. I am reminded of a quote from Helen Keller, "Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." Let's light the fire of ambition in our temples because our contributions and donations are important and of value to those we help. We make a difference in people's lives. All of our hard work fundraising has produced tangible results. From thermal imaging units to Coats for Kids to bicycle helmets, we are improving lives in a very real way – keep up the wonderful work ladies!

At the state level, my Grand Chief's project is to continue Risa Riggen's project supporting Doernbecher Hospital's Child Life Department. I ask your generous support for this cause. The Child Life Department continues to appreciate our support as they annually face the threat of budget cuts. For those of you who were wondering, yes, we are listed on their plaque of contributors. If anyone is interested in seeing this plaque and getting a better understanding of

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season filled with many blessings. It is better to give than to receive, so remember the needy during this season and give generously.

Grand Chief Sarah Murchison

what the Child Life Department does, I am planning a tour of the facility in the spring. I will keep you posted when the details are arranged.

I am proud to be a Pythian and am proud of the work that we do for our communities. "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." (Helen Keller) Let's stop looking at the closed door so we can see the endless possibilities available to us for putting into action the teachings of our Order - purity, love, equality and fidelity.

Sarah Murchison, Grand Chief

Herculena Temple Reports Activities

Herculena Temple # 27 is working on our annual Raffle. Each year we do a raffle of a doll with about 12 handcrafted outfits. We also do a basket full of goodies worth about \$150. This is our one big money making project of the year. We attend around 3 bazaars to sell raffle tickets as well as all the members sell tickets also. The chairman of this event is Janette Black.

On Monday night November the 13th Herculena was pleased to be visited by our Grand Chief Sarah Murchison for her official visit. This was also our Roll Call meeting. We met at the Fountain Restaurant in Milton-Freewater for a lovely meal before the meeting. We had 16 present for the meal.

We then went to the hall for our meeting and everyone had a great time and wonderful fellowship. A lovely corsage made by Sister Kristen Griffith was presented to the Grand Chief and also a gift for her project. Grand Senior Tanya Bancroft reported that she had taken our donation over to the Christian Aid Center for their annual Coats for Kids Drive and that they were so pleased to receive it as they were really in need of coats for the children. We also enjoyed having Past Grand Chief Judy Murchison attend our meeting as well. It is always so good to have visits from our Sisters in the Valley.

Herculena Sisters discussed our Christmas party. Sister Sharon Johnson invited us to her home again this year for the party and we quickly accepted her invitation. Sharon will cook a Prime Rib and the Sisters will bring salads and desserts. We will have a gift exchange. Our families are also invited for this so it is always well attended and everyone has a lovely time.

I do have a couple of items to relay to the other Sisters:



Helmetta Temple Sisters Vesta Poteete and Carolyn Swanson displaying the Temple raffle doll and accoutrements.

Emma Stitch who is 95 years young and a 50+ year member of Herculena Temple fell on Saturday and broke her hip. She is in St Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington and will be there for about 3 weeks.

PSR Linda Reyburn is doing very well after her back surgery and is up and about and hopes to be back to Temple by our Christmas party.

That's all until next time. *Vesta*

Picture courtesy of the Valley Herald



Helmet Lodge #33 and Helmetta Temple # 29 of Eugene, Oregon wish for all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ed Yates Recognized by Sears

FEATURED ASSOCIATE :

Ed Yates started with Sears in November of 1989. He is currently a Cooking Technician based out of West Portland. Ed recently retired from the Gaston Rural Fire Department, where he has been a volunteer fireman for the past 30 years. For the past 10 years, he has been involved with the Wapato Showdown, a large car show put on by the Knights of Pythias. This show began with less than 100 cars the first year, and has steadily increased in numbers, with 400 expected this year. The proceeds from this show directly benefit local Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts, supporting kids going to summer camp. Plus they have a scholarship fund that benefits local kids. Since the program began, not a single child has missed camp due to financial reasons.

Ed's Pride & Joy is his 1972 Chevelle Malibu. He bought this car in 2000, and takes pride in maintaining its pristine stock condition. He has entered it in numerous car shows in the area, has won multiple awards in the 70's Stock Chevy




category. His biggest win, which brings the biggest beaming smile, was first place out of 40+ entries in a 61-76 Stock Chevy category.

In the Spirit of Friendship

Glencoe Lodge No. 22 Wishes Everyone a

Fabulous Christmas and a

Fantastic New Year!



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Proud to be Sharing the Spirit in our Communities

Grand Temple Officers Installed



Back row, left to right: Kaye Pomerleau, Grand Press Correspondent; Robyn Neeley, Grand Treasurer; Beth Evans, Grand Junior; Shelley Corby, Grand Secretary; Maureen Murphy, Grand Protector; Leatha Tyra, Grand Guard.

Front row: Barbara Christopher, Grand Musician; Glennyce Buxton, Sitting Past Grand Chief; Sarah Murchison, Grand Chief; Tanya Bancroft, Grand Senior; Sandra Ryan, Grand Junior.

The lovely young ladies in their beautiful purple gowns were installed at the Shiloh Inn in Newport on Sunday, October 15, 2006, with acting Supreme Chief, Betty Alexander, acting Supreme Senior, Jacquie Girard, and acting Supreme Manager, Irene Clink, presiding.

In a beautifully conducted ceremony, the following Grand Officers were installed: SPGC Glennyce Buxton; GC Sarah Murchison; GS Tanya Bancroft; GJ Sandra Ryan; GM Elizabeth Evans; G Sec Shelley Corby; GT Robyn Neeley; GP Maureen Murphy; and GG Letha Tyra. Also introduced were Grand Musician Barbara

Christopher and Grand Press Correspondent Kaye Pomerleau. Upon being installed, Grand Chief Sarah Murchison gave her acceptance speech in which she indicated her project will be to continue supporting the Doernbecher Hospital's Child Life Department, her motto "Trying Times Are No Time To Quit Trying;" her colors are purple and silver; and her flower is the white rose. She ended by appointing her committees and thanking everyone who helped her reach this high office.

Kaye Pomerleau, GPC

Grand Chancellor Charlie's Corner

Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

I'm honored to be your Grand Chancellor; I'm looking forward to another great year. We've started scheduling for the official visits, so if you haven't heard from your District Deputy about scheduling a visit please give him a call. I should have 3-5 Grand Lodge officers attending each visit. We all look forward to the visits, meeting the members and learning about you and your lodge activities.

I did a lot of research while I was the Grand Vice Chancellor for a project that would be a benefit to the communities and at the same time give the lodges and Knights of Pythias some name recognition. This project needed to be something that all of the lodges could participate in. The monies they donate towards the project would be returned to them in the form of a product they could donate to an organization of their choice. I believe the project I have found will meet those criteria. The project I have found is the purchase and distribution of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to public or private organizations such as schools, aquatic centers, police departments, sporting leagues, senior centers, or any organization that could be in the need of an AED. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) would be a welcomed donation to any of the mentioned organizations.

In researching this project, I found that Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is one of the leading causes of death among adults in North America. SCA can happen anywhere to anyone, at any time without warning, without symptoms, and regardless of age or general health. People who suffer SCA usually do not know in

advance that they are vulnerable to this fatal condition. This project will have a positive impact on the survival rates for individuals suffering from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. I'm convinced that this project will save lives and am pleased to have learned of the need and be able to dedicate resources to its completion.

As the cost of the AED's are about \$1,200 each, I have found a number of charitable foundations that may donate to this project. I have sent out proposal letters and am waiting for a response back.

The materials for the Poster Contest were handed out at Grand Lodge. This will give the schools and students more time to plan and develop their posters. If your lodge hasn't appointed a poster chairman, now is the time so the materials can be delivered to the schools. The Knights of Pythias Poster Contest entitled "**BE A FRIEND WHEN IT COUNTS**" is open to any student enrolled as a Freshman (Grade 9), Sophomore (Grade 10), Junior (Grade 11), or Senior (Grade 12) in any Junior or Senior High or Parochial School in the United States and Canada. The rules have changed. Now it's acceptable to use any two dimensional medium (computer graphics, photography, stenciling, drawing, painting etc.) We may have some really interesting entries this year.

Thank you for your continued support,
Charlie VanDomelen, Grand Chancellor



Charlie VanDomelen
Grand Chancellor

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Kwanzaa Unity

Happy New Year



Remember

to

Share the Spirit

BC's Gladys Wirsch, PSR Shares Pier 21 Story



Gladys Wirsch, PSR

the third of September 1939. I was 18 years old and instantly drafted to a factory a few miles out of my hometown making ammunition parts. Close to the small town of Beverly was an airport where a lot of young men were stationed, Australians, Canadians and British.

In August 1941 I met George Long, a young Canadian pilot and we fell in love. Just three months later we married. I always felt



**George and Gladys Long
1941**

I did have a very strange feeling when it was time to say good-bye at the railroad station and asked my husband to take me back to Scotland, but that was impossible. Ironically on the day I was to have left, my husband was killed and I became a young widow at 23. I asked for another sailing date because I had made a promise to bring our son to see his grandparents in Canada.

At midnight on February 4, 1945 we sailed from Prestwick, Scotland on H.M.S. The Aquitania with war brides, injured servicemen, and like me, war widows. The crossing was not very inspiring. Rough seas and zigzags every 8 minutes did not make it a pleasant crossing. Ten women and three babies in five double tier bunk beds in one small cabin was not very

I was asked to give my reasons for going to the Supreme Sessions in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and revisiting Pier 21. This is my story.

I was born March 12, 1921 to my parents Ernest Pharoah Kirby and Olive Maude Howard in Hull on the River Humber on the north east coast of Yorkshire, England. We were a family of four after the arrival of my brother Ernest Howard, two years later.

Life was fairly normal until like "Second Hand Rose" because my dress, headdress, veil and shoes were borrowed. We did not have enough clothing coupons to buy new things.

In 1943 we had a baby boy, George Thomas and were very happy under the circumstances. Our journey to Canada was to be on October 4, 1944 and my husband, "now a Flight Lieutenant" was given leave to come and help me pack. On his way down I had word that our sailing had been cancelled because of the activity in the Atlantic Ocean and North Sea.

pleasurable. However, after a very stormy crossing we landed at Pier 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on February 14, 1945.

I do not remember very much of the landing as I was mourning my husband's passing. Going back to Pier 21 this year gave me very mixed emotions. After all I am now 85 years of age, not the scared 23 year young widow that had left family and friends to come to a new country to meet my in-laws who I only knew from snap shots and censored letters.

I arrived in Trail, British Columbia on February 19, 1945 and this has been my home for 61 years. I was given another chance of happiness when after almost six years I met and married Edwin Wirsch and had two sons, Larry and Howard and my daughter Joy. In 1993 Edwin passed away and after 43 years I was alone again. I now have two beautiful granddaughters and one grandson and a new great grandson whom I love unconditionally.

I have so many memories, some very happy, some not so, but looking back I feel that Canada has been good to me. It was a safe haven from the War II and I am a true Canadian.

I joined the Order of Pythian Sisters in November 1945 and was Grand Chief of British Columbia in 1987-88 and now am a Past Supreme Representative.

In P.L.E. & F. ~ Gladys Wirsch (nee Kirby and Long)



**Gladys and George
Thomas Long ~ 1945**



**Edwin and Gladys
Wirsch ~ 1956**

Editor's Note: While the Oregon Pythians were attending Supreme Convention in Halifax, and having a banquet at Pier 21, we were fascinated by the story Gladys Wirsch shared about her immigration to Canada, through Pier 21 (Canada's Ellis Island) as a young war widow with a two year old son. I asked her to share her story in the OPN and she graciously agreed to do so. I hope you enjoy her story as much as we did.

Darrell

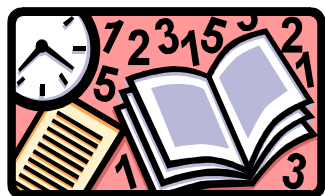


*Best Holiday Wishes to All
Mike Stone, Grand Preslate, PGC*



*Happy Holidays!
Robyn & Jean*

Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund



December is an especially good time to remember our Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund. By contributing your funds to this worthwhile cause, you can obtain a tax deduction—and—help Pythians and their family members to continue their education!

To make a donation, send your check (payable to OPCEF) to:

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It's also a good time to think about gathering the material you need in order to apply for one of OPCEF's annual scholarships. For an application or information about the qualifications, contact a member of the OPCEF committee:

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New Knight from Diana Lodge #63 to Appear on Wheel of Fortune

Jeff Yates a new member of McMinnville's Diana Lodge, and son of GIG Ed Yates of Gaston Lodge, will appear as a contestant on Wheel of Fortune December 18, 2006.

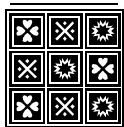
Jeff works at Y-com. He is a 911 operator for Yamhill County. He and his wife Amy are the parents of Allison, their three year old daughter. They make McMinnville their home .

Good luck to Jeff!! Tune him in!



Friendship Temple Happenings and Memories ~

Friendship Temple in North Plains had sort of a lackluster year. We didn't have the quilt show and luncheon in March, we didn't sell pies in the Garlic Festival, we met with only five Sisters most of the time, and worst of all, we lost one of our dearest Sisters, Wanda Mulholland, PGRO. We currently have two dear, hard working Sisters, one laid up with a broken leg and one recovering from major surgery. It sounds bad, but they are recovering and things are looking better. Some good things are on the horizon.



Several Sisters are working on a quilt that will be quilted at the quilt show in March of 2007. Great plans are in the works for that and we will decide about the Garlic Festival pies later.

We are delighted to have our Leatha Tyra elected as a Grand Officer.

Thanks to all the people who worked so hard to get the Oregon Pythian Cookbook finished. It is a beautiful book. Several of the recipes are from Sisters who are no longer with us and some of us who are really old have belonged to four different Temples or more, will probably enjoy ~ whether we are really cooking or just reading ~ remembering what wonderful Sisters they were. Some of them are remembered here:



Leatha Tyra
Grand Guard

- ♦ Emma McKinney was Grand Chief when Friendship Temple was organized in 1915 (Cookbook page 13).
- ♦ Genie James was Friendship's Musician and Grand Musician for many years. She furnished beautiful music for many events (pages 26 & 95).

- ♦ Anna Jossy was a charter member of Friendship Temple and a wonderful cook, especially Swiss dishes (page 27).
- ♦ Margaret Hall, sister-in-law of Bernice Mathiesen, was Grand Treasurer for five years (pages 33, 99, 117).
- ♦ Teresa Dillon was Bernice Mathiesen's mother and was pianist for many things. Her Angel Lemon Delight was truly a delight (page 64).
- ♦ Eunice Kimmerle, PSR, was also surely the most wonderful creator of fancy drills for Phoenicia Temple and many other events (page 65 & 120). Just try her cherry pickles.

There are so many people who are so nice to remember, thanks to the wonderful cookbook.

Here is a recipe that didn't get in the cookbook, from a Knight a long time ago from a different organization, a different cookbook: "Take one nice sized sweet potato, wash it, put it in the oven and bake it!" Even I could handle that!

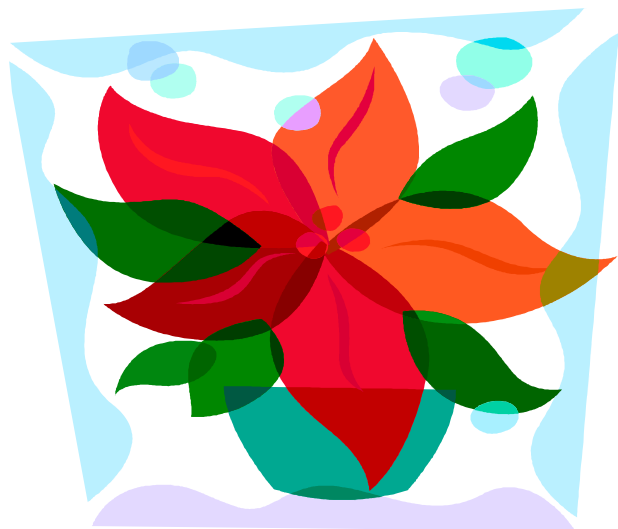
Our Wilma Klein Memorial Scholarship for Glencoe High School went to Stacie Krueger, a North Plains girl. She is now attending college in Colorado Springs and enjoying college life.



Stacie Krueger

Well, that's the news from Friendship Temple for now. We look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes for your personal holidays ~
Frances Reynolds, Secretary



Jacquie and Jerry Girard
Wish a Merry Christmas
And a
Happy and Successful
New Year
To Our Pythian Friends and Family

From the Desk of Grand Secretary Shelley ~



Shelley Corby, GS

Greeting all! The Holidays will be here and gone before we know it. I would like to take the opportunity to wish all Pythians, friends and family the best of health and happiness for the coming year. This is the time of year we will greet one another at special occasions. It is also when we do a lot of our most important work for altruism with Santa visits, holiday food baskets and so much more. When the new year comes around it is time to get busy with the business of Installations, Annual reports, conventions and summer community service projects to name just a few.

Speaking of Annual reports, I have received information from the Supreme Secretary indicating that the new reports will reflect the increase in fees. There is an increase in the Supreme Temple per capita tax and the Pythian International assessment. You will be receiving these reports soon if not before this edition of

the OPN is delivered. Your Temples may want to think about increasing your membership dues to offset the increase. We don't need to lose any more Temples just because of per capita tax increases.

Secretaries and MECs, please remember to return your finished annual reports on or before FEBRUARY 20, 2007. This is a very important date. It is so that I will have enough time to compile the information for the Annual report to the Supreme Secretary. MECs, please check with your Secretaries to see if they need help with their report. I also have a special request this year, we still need a complete list for each Temple's membership with names and addresses for every member. I would also like to have the initiation date including the year of every current member. I have been looking over the files and have found some discrepancies and this information will help to update the membership file. I have been in office for nine years now. It's amazing how times goes by so fast. I will mail these requests to you with the Annual report this year.

Once again, Happy Holiday to all. See you all very soon.

In Pythian Love,

Shelley

**Holiday Greetings
From the Corby Family.**

**Best Wishes to Our
Pythian Family and Friends
for a
Happy and Healthy New Year!**

*In Pythian Love,
Don, Shelley, Chi, Tiera and Dominic*

***Merry Christmas to all
and to all a
Happy New Year!
Jan Burns, PGC***



Lodge and Temple Web Page Opportunity Available

Hello, Oregon Pythians,

It appears fall weather and pouring rain is here. Along with that is the December publication of the OPN. Like most of you, this becomes a very busy time of the year and I hope to get through it Ok, I just came back from a sabbatical 8 weeks off with my wife traveling around the United States and feel once again energized. We all need to take some time off to relax and reflect on what we are doing and where we want to be going. Enough chat and now down to business.

I finally figured a way to reduce the OPN in size to be viewed by those with a dial up internet connection. It can be directly accessed via <http://www.oregonpythian.org/OPN/>. I added an OPN "button" to the home page and put a simple help movie under the Knightly News page to explain how to use the table of contents to maneuver around in the articles. I will be waiting for viewer responses to the latest postings before changing any of the older OPN publications.

The last time I tried a voting poll I only received 3 responses so I deemed that is not important enough to bother with. Send me your feedback even if it's "your site sucks," I am a grownup and can take the abuse, but would prefer constructive criticism but anything is better than nothing. I do need feedback or nothing will change until I grow tired of it and change it anyway. Your input to our Oregon Pythians site does count!



Mike and Cindy Harmes at Grand Canyon ~ What a Sabbatical!

Are those lodges and temples getting their web page ideas together? Your own site can be as simple as a page with names and contact persons. Other possible ideas might be a picture of the lodge/temple or officers, maybe your charter or logo. There are many great thinkers out there.

Just send me your ideas and I will put it together for you and then we can adjust it to suit your needs. Take the first step and send me your ideas. We can communicate via email and get the ball rolling towards some great lodge/temple sites.

Thank you,
Mike

Donna Receives Special Award for Special Contributions to Share the Spirit in Southern Oregon



Santa Don presented a certificate of recognition and appreciation to Donna Johnson for her outstanding support of the Pythian Order and Share the Spirit over the past several years.

Donna has been instrumental in arranging visits to various Share the Spirit sites. In addition she is known for helping to collect, and oftentimes making gifts to distribute to the clients of the various care centers and hospitals.

She does a great job at keeping the actual visits to the sites well organized, ensuring that the various gifts are appropriate and ready for the other elves to provide to Santa when he is visiting with the clients.

She has been Darrell's Mrs. Santa for several years and Darrell expresses his admiration and appreciation for her good works along with Santa Don.

*Great Job Donna —
You are very much appreciated!*

Grand Lodge Officers Installed for 2006-2007



Grand Lodge Officers from left to right: Back row: Mike Stone, Grand Prelate; Don Heriford, Grand Treasurer; Wylie Nichols, Grand Secretary; Ed Yates, Grand Inner Guard; Arlen James, Grand Outer Guard; Front: John Lacy, Grand Master at Arms; Charlie VanDomelen, Grand Chancellor; Jan Burns, Immediate Past Grand Chancellor; Mark Erickson, Grand Vice Chancellor.

At the conclusion of the 2006 Grand Lodge of Oregon business sessions the officers were installed in a public ceremony. The Pythian Sisters and other family and friends joined the Knights to share in the ceremony installation.

Past Supreme Chancellor Darrell Henry was honored to have the privilege of installing the new slate of officers who will serve during the next fiscal year. Sir Paul Lewis, PSR served

as Supreme Prelate and Sir Don Lacy, PCDS served as Supreme Master at Arms.

Following the installation ceremony Grand Chancellor Charlie introduced his program for the upcoming year. The Sisters and guests were excused and the Grand Lodge closed in ritualistic form.

*Happy Holiday
Wishes to All and
a Very Happy New
Year!
Charlie VanDomelen*



Swartout Silver Beaver (Continued)

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In addition to his scouting community service, Richard has served on the Scotts Mills Summer Fest Board and has been active with the Scotts Mills Community Center. As a member of the Marquam Methodist church he has been a member for 46 years and has served on the Board of Directors for 5 years.



Richard truly enjoys the time he spends working with Scouts and knows that he is making a difference for each and every one of the boys. As Unit Commissioner for over 20 years Richard is pleased that he can pass his knowledge on to the boys involved in scouting and appreciates being able to impact more youth through the Scouting program.

Editor's Note:

Being nominated for the Silver Beaver Award is, in itself, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a Scouter. The Silver Beaver is the highest award given to those who go quietly about their business implementing the Scouting program and performing community service. It is an award given to those who do not actively seek it. The hard work, self sacrifice, dedication and many years of service given will be recognized by their peers, who will ensure that this person receives the award they so richly deserve.



Youth Activities

Most of our lodges are engaged in some kind of Youth Activity. The one place these activities can be reported is at Grand Lodge. This past Grand Lodge every lodge, except one, reported youth activities at their lodges. We cannot just stand by and let the youth of this state grow up without learning about the activities and compassion of the Knights of Pythias.



We must be "Passionate to be a Pythian." When we, as Knights and Sisters, meet other people in order to have a youth activity, we must all be very passionate about our being there to help the youth and to get others to want to join. These activities must be very well planned with informational material ready to hand out to the public as well as someone there to take information for membership.

Do we have fun at our meetings? Do we enjoy meeting the members before, during and after the meetings? Would we want more people to join and enjoy our meetings?

How about inviting youth groups to come in and entertain us during our meetings? How about inviting other influential people in the neighborhood or town to our meetings? We need to get other people to join with us and perhaps we can grow, because if we don't, we will get stagnant and die.

The youth are looking for places to be and people to guide them. One lodge, Hermes in Aurora, opens up their lodge and invites some young people in to play games and watch movies. Another, Gaston Lodge, also holds their lodge open to some young people. Ivanhoe Lodge in Portland allows a Boy Scout troop to use their lodge hall as a food bank. We can grow and we will if we remain passionate to be a Pythian.

Mark Erickson

*The Members of Ivanhoe Lodge Wish for all
of our Pythian Friends a
Wonderful Holiday Season and a
Happy and Successful New Year!*



A Potpourri ~ By Grand Secretary Wylie

Damon Lodge in Pendleton received the Grand Chancellor and entourage for the first Official Visit of this term on Monday November 13, 2006.

The Deputy for the Northern District was pleased to meet with the Chancellor Commander and Secretary in a pre-dinner meeting. We discussed some of the inner workings of the Secretary and Treasurer; also items of a general nature. The time spent was positive, productive and informative for the three of us.

Dinner was served and steak was the bill of fare! Thank you, Damon, you are gracious hosts.

The Lodge was opened in ritualistic form with all officers in the chairs. Regular business was conducted and then the lodge received the Grand Officers. The Grand Chancellor presented his project for the year and other Grand Officers spoke in turn.

The Lodge was closed in due form.

The Grand Lodge "Journal of Proceedings" is ready for printing and will be available for distribution by December 1, 2006; as well as the updated statutes!

Some of the revised or updated by-laws have been received at the Grand Secretary's office and the Judiciary Committee should be meeting to review them in the near future.

And as the by-law updating is completed, we will then turn our focus on updating the membership records in each lodge.

The annual Grand Officer and District Deputy conference will be held in Hillsboro, Oregon on December 2, 2006. The morning conference will be followed by an afternoon Grand Council meeting. The conference will focus on officer assignments, the implementation of the Grand Council program and the first showing of a membership "power point" presentation.

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

Wylie



Wylie Nichols
Grand Secretary

Holiday Greetings

Best Wishes to Our
Pythian Family and Friends
for a Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy New Year!

John and Judy Murchison



*My wish for all Pythians, their
Family and Friends is for a
wonderful Holiday Season
with Peace, Health and
Happiness in the New Year!*



*With Love &
Hugs,
SPSC Kathlene*

Share the Spirit Elves Honored ~ By Don Lacy

Three Pythians were chosen for special honors as "Special Elf Awards" at the Altruistic Luncheon at Grand Sessions. They were: Donna Johnson for taking over much of the scheduling, purchasing and arranging for Roseburg's visits since "Santa Duane's" health curtailed much of his activities; Kathlene Lacy for her long service in many functions for Share the Spirit; and Darrell Henry, for his long service and especially his superb job as "Santa Darrell" since David Dykes became ill.

More than \$600 in cash contributions and numerous toys were contributed to the program during the Altruistic Luncheon. .

Southern Oregon (Talisman & Thermopylae) Pythians are to be congratulated for doing a tremendous job. The newest "Santa and Mrs. Claus," Bruce and Marilyn Stevens stepped in and are doing fantastic. Julie Lozano, who, with long time elf sons Raphael and Michael, took on the responsibility of much of the work of organizing which Bob and Marie Murphy did before they moved to Tigard. Don and Flo Heriford continue to schedule, coordinate and serve as elves at Medford hospitals.



"Santa" Don with elves Marilyn Stevens, Robyn Neeley and Darrell Henry "showing the cash!" Thanks to all who Share the Spirit!

If you have some time available to be an elf and help spread cheer at hospitals and shelters contact Wylie Nichols @ 503-246-6174 in the north or from Roseburg south Donna Johnson @ 541-459-1381.

Damon Lodge Visited by Grand Lodge Leadership Team

The plans were set for a member appreciation and Grand Lodge Welcome with a Steak Feed at our Pendleton Lodge. Our members decided that by sponsoring a steak feed we could show the membership our appreciation for their continued involvement at the same time that we hosted our State Leadership Team from Grand Lodge. Something like a Win, Win. The event gave everyone a chance to observe all the recent improvements to the lodge. *Article and Pictures by Bill Peal.*



Damon Lodge Cook Steaks for Grand Officer Visit
Master Chef John Billings cooks steaks while Gary Wilkerson and Gale Marshall look on.

*Happy Holidays from
your OPN Staff:
Wylie Nichols, Business Mgr.
Darrell Henry, Editor*



*We thank you for your
participation of sending articles
and photographs;
as well as by being
OPN boosters!*

Damon Lodge #4 Makes Improvements



Harold Olson, Jim Aldrich, Jim Lagore, Mike Wasson, Doug Aldrich



Jim Aldrich, Bill Peal

The trustees of Damon Lodge repaired the parking area and tore out and replaced the bad sidewalk leading to the lodge hall.

Jim Aldrich gets the credit for organizing and constructing forms for the new walkway. Jim's son Doug also provided much needed help in ground preparation and moving gravel. Bill Peal also helped prepare and pour the new sidewalk. Bill drove his farm tractor to the lodge and spread and leveled the gravel. Mike Wasson and two prospective new members

donated their lunch hour to help make the pour. Many hands make light work. John Billings and his son spread the last truckload of gravel and put a finish on the project. A compactor rented by Jim Aldrich gave us a solid finish and really firmed up the new gravel surface.

Our lodge has identified several improvements to our facility and it is gratifying to see them take shape, thanks to the efforts of an active membership.

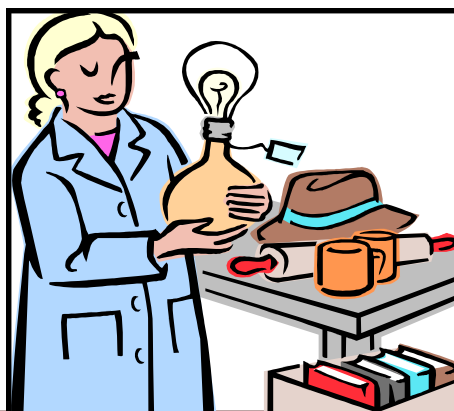
Article and pictures submitted by Bill Peal

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Friday Feb 16th
&
Saturday Feb 17th

9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Changing the World

Margaret Mead, the wonderful sociologist, writer and speaker once said, "Never doubt that a small group dedicated citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Every change has been generated from one person's idea,

shared with a small group and then completed by a group effort.

Are you afraid to share your ideas with others around you?

You may have the world's next great idea, so share that new idea with someone today. It may change the world for the better

Motivational Minutes ~ Don Essig, PhD.

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*Happy Holidays from the
Southern Oregon Pythians of Roseburg,
Grants Pass and Medford.
And from Santas Bruce, Don and Duane too!*

VADI HAE SANTHA NO. 112

Vadi Hae Santha members were delightfully surprised when 10 members of the Rose City Santha #34 showed up for the meeting held on Saturday, November 4, 2006. Among the visiting team were Kathlene Lacy, SPSC, and Darrell Henry, PSC. Irene Clink and Duane Johnson, Co-Presidents of the 2007 Far Western, were also present.

Under good of the order, Irene Clink indicated that it was the consensus at the 2006 Far Western that the 2007 conference be held at the Oregon coast. She further presented some preliminary list of choices and ideas for consideration. Jean Schlinsog, in charge of the entertainment at the 2007 Far Western, gave us a preview of her plans. Past Imperial Regents present were Jacquie Girard, Jerry Girard, Mark Erickson, Duane Johnson and Jean Schlinsog.

Following our meeting, we were treated to some delicious refreshments.

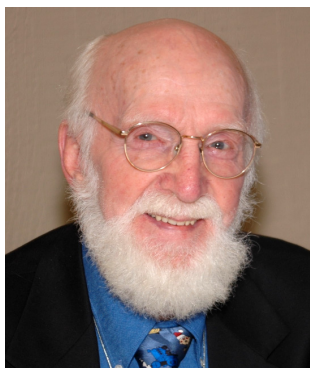
Submitted by Kaye Pomerleau, GPC



*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!
Marilyn & Bruce*

Upcoming Pythian Events

- ♦ **Month of December—Share the Sprit activities**—If you can help as an elf, please contact:
Eugene and North—Wylie and Lola Nichols 503-246-6174
South of Eugene—Donna Johnson 541-459-1381, Bruce Stevens 541-476-2557, Don Heriford 541-779-5416
- ♦ **Aurora's Crab Feed—Saturday, January 27, 2007**—For details & tickets, call Kenny Swartout 503-678-5917
- ♦ **Supreme Lodge Poster Contest— Spring 2007**— For information contact Don Lacy at 503-648-9057
- ♦ **Pythian Festival—Spring 2007**—Contact Darrell Henry if you're interested in being on this committee.
- ♦ **Far Western Nomad/DOKK Convention at the Oregon Coast—June 2007**



*Best Wishes for a
Joyous Holiday Season and
Happy New Year!
From Don Lacy and the Lacy Family*



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Contact Schools for Poster Contest

Brothers; I do hope that your lodge has chosen a local Poster Contest Chairman and have already set up the schedule. **Now** is the time to get to the schools to promote the contest. Those new rules allowing computer graphics and other innovations should cause a dynamic interest in the 2007 contest. The topic, **“Be A Friend When It Counts”** is so appropriate for our fellowship. Ask the Pythian Sister Temple to help you with the project. They have great skills and this can help to build a unified fraternal group.

Secretaries, please send the name of your Poster Contest Chairman to me so that I can get in contact with him. If you need any more materials or assistance give me a call @ 503-648-9057.

Fraternally,
Don Lacy

This year's subject:

***“Be a Friend
When it Counts”***

SUPREME LODGE PRIZES

First Prize \$1,000

Second Prize \$ 500

Third Prize \$ 250

4th thru 8th Prize \$ 100

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First Place \$300

Second Place \$200

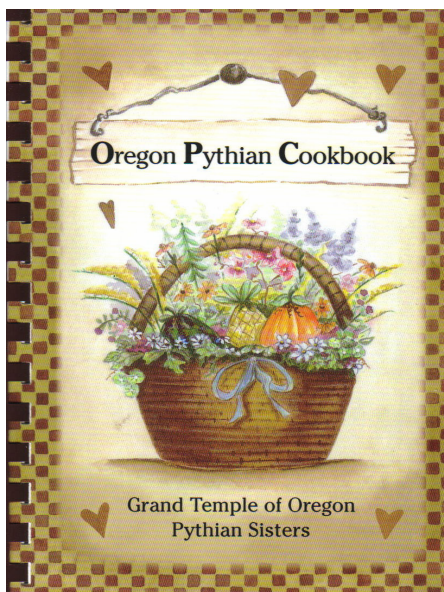
Third Place \$100

Subordinate Lodges have prizes too.

Oregon Pythian Cookbook

During the recent Grand Temple session, I was pleased to give a report on the progress of the Oregon Pythian Cookbook. I delivered many cookbooks and sold many more. To date, not counting what I sold at Grand Temple, I have personally sold well over 30 cookbooks. I would like to make this a challenge. I am pleased to say that I have recently sent a check to Grand Secretary Shelley Corby for \$600. This is the amount collected to date from sales and Temple orders after the cost of the cookbooks was paid in full. We currently have 83 cookbooks checked out to Temples for sale and I still have about 90 available.

The beauty of this fundraiser is that it is an opportunity to have support from people other than Pythians. Almost all of the



cookbooks that I have sold have been to people outside the Order. I have sold to friends, neighbors, and former classmates from high school.

The best suggestion that I can make is don't be afraid to ask. Many people like to have cookbooks. They will make a great Christmas gift. Try making a kitchen gift basket, by including a cookbook, wooden spoon, spatula and whisk with a cake mix, or maybe a jar of jam, or a box of tea. Spread the ideas to other people and see where it leads.

SELL! SELL! SELL!

Sherri Sievert

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