



News for and About Oregon Pythians

Oregon Pythian News

Inspirational Travels and Pythianism

Editor's Note: Sarah Owens served as hostess for the evening at our Friday banquet at the 2018 Oregon Grand Convention. She delivered the following speech which was very well-received by the audience. I felt her speech was so inspirational that it deserved a wider audience. Enjoy!

If I'm remembering correctly, Wilsonville Grand Convention back in the 1990's sometime was the first Grand Temple that I attended. I was living in Beaverton at the time and when I was able to make separate travelling arrangements for all of my long dresses for the convention, I decided to ride my motorcycle down here to the Holiday Inn. It's not a very long ride, but the back roads were fun, and at the time much less busy.



Whenever I rode my motorcycle, I was always one to protect my skin, even in the summer. So riding here in October, I was in full leathers: boots, chaps, vest, jackets, gloves, the whole works! I like my skin and I don't like being cold.

When I got here, I didn't recognize anyone and decided I'd register, then figure out where I needed to be and when. So, carrying my helmet, I walk across the lobby to the Pythian Sisters registration table. There was just one lady sitting at the table, watching me. I didn't think anything of it at the time; the whole place was pretty quiet. I walk up to her, smiled and said, 'I'm here to register.' She said, 'For what?' When I said Grand Temple, she just slid the book toward me to sign. Poor gal, I still don't know who she was, but I'm pretty sure I completely freaked her out.



It took many

years, but I finally sold my motorcycle, it was too quiet for daily commuting and too small to be comfortable on long rides. But, I've gotten married since and my

husband Larry and I like to travel and we often drive. I used some of our trip photos to decorate your tables. We've driven across the country several times in my Subaru. Larry's from Georgia, so we've driven some of the east coast, been down to the southern-most point in the Florida Keys and this last spring we drove out to Chicago, Illinois. We had to make a detour to the Auburn, Cord Duesenberg Museum and it was fun to see they had an Oregon connection – one of their

Dussey's had pretty recent Oregon license plates. Our purpose in going to Chicago was so we could drive all of Route 66. There's a nice comradery you get with others who are also driving the Route, whether they're on motorcycles or in cars like us. It's a shared interest, a passion for many, that

makes striking up conversations very easy. But I have to say the most interesting folks were those who were working in the businesses and who were striving to keep the Route alive. It is in various states of disrepair, but the passion, enthusiasm and generosity of those folks is truly humbling. Many would just sit and talk about the Route like it's a person. They'd share history, gossip about what's going on and give recommendations of other people to visit and places to stop along the way.

Larry and I have been lucky enough to be able to travel to other countries as well. I find that wherever we go, it's my attitude that determines what kind of trip I'll have. We were on



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Grand Chancellor Don's Message

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND CHANCELLOR



It has been a very good year for the Pythians. We have opened a **new Lodge in Roseburg**, and a **new Temple in Gaston**. Both are doing well with lots of young members. Congratulations to both, let's give them all the support they need to become outstanding Lodge and Temple. **Delphos Lodge (Forest Grove)** is increasing in membership and becoming more active. They have done some repairs on their building; they installed a chair lift on their stairs.

We had great **Pythian Fun Days** in Silverton with about 60 in attendance, with a great visit to the Oregon Gardens.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2019. Our **Grand visits** start in January, **Pythian Fun Days** on July

17 thru 21, 2019 to ride the jet boats up the Rogue River, and our **Grand Convention** in Wilsonville in October.

**TO ALL MY PYTHIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Don Allen, Grand Chancellor

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*Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year to all.*

*May the upcoming
year have many
blessings for you
and your loved
ones.*

In Pythian Love,

GC Shelley Corby, Don Corby and Family

Grand Chief Shelley's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am truly honored to serve as your Grand Chief and hope I will do as well as all of the Grand Chiefs who have served before me. That includes my mother **Viona Lacy** who served in 1992-1993 and my sister **Maureen Murphy** who served twice, first in 2010-2011 and again just this past year.

Here is a bit about me for those who don't already know. I been active with the Pythians since I was small. Before I joined Sunshine Girls at age 10, I would go to many activities with my family at the Medford Lodge Hall. We would have potluck dinners, bingo activities and I also remember that there were dances held at the hall. Our group which included **Talisman Lodge Knights of Pythias and Talisman Temple Pythian Sisters** also had picnics and camp-outs at McKee Bridge where my father, **Don Lacy** spearheaded the restoration of the covered bridge in 1965. The Sisters cooked for the families while the Knights were busy on the restoration and construction. These are memories I will always remember.

I joined **Phoenicia Temple #10** in 1972 with my sister **Maureen** when I turned 16. So now you can see that I have been a Pythian for over 50 years if you include the Sunshine Girls. I served in many offices in the past including Grand Secretary from 1997 until 2011. I have enjoyed every minute as it feels so good to help spread the word of Pythianism. My entire family have been or are members of the Pythian Order. That includes my parents **Don and Viona Lacy** and my siblings, **Kathlene, Maureen, John, Brenda** and their families. Also my husband **Don** and both of our daughters, **Chi and Tiera**. We are a proud Pythian family.

My Grand Chief's Project is to continue with the Child Life Department at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. This is a cause I feel is important to continue. They need our support and I know that they appreciate it too.

My Motto is a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." If we all look around we can see things that need improvement. We can all take on important causes

to better the world around us. Everyone wants to help people in our community, so that is the reason I chose my motto.

My theme is "Let your true colors show." I feel that my theme goes along well with my motto. One definition of "true" is "firm in allegiance; loyal; faithful; steadfast: a true friend." We all have wonderful hearts and truly wish to help where we can.

Every Temple and Lodge has their favorite projects. The Hillsboro Pythians where I am a member, are active with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. We have a team that participates by having monthly bingo night potluck fundraisers. In June at the Relay for Life we take our proceeds to the event and take turns walking around the track. It is so moving to see the Luminaria Ceremony at 10pm when it gets dark outside. The candles warm your heart as you remember your loved ones. We originally started volunteering at Relay for Life in 2002 to honor mom who passed to the Temple Above the previous year. It was Darrell Henry who did research and found this wonderful volunteer opportunity. Then we lost him to cancer in 2011. Thank you to everyone who has remembered me with a Luminaria from when I was battling cancer. I have been a survivor for 8 ½ years now and am grateful for every day since.

My flower is the Lilac. My colors are Turquoise and Lilac. My song is "Wind Beneath My Wings."

This is my official visitation schedule:

Thermopylae #37 in Grants Pass	Sunday, March 3rd
Helmetta #29 in Eugene	Monday, March 11th
Wapato #47 in Gaston	Thursday, March 21st
Phoenicia-Rose #10 in Hillsboro	Thursday, April 4th
Ivanette #68 in Portland	Sunday, April 14th
Fern #46 in Yamhill	Tuesday, April 16th



The 2019 District Convention will be on Saturday, May 4th in Gaston, hosted by Fern #46 with Ann Myers, PSR serving as DDGC.

At the 2018 Grand Session, **Grand Chancellor Don Allen** announced that he wished for the Knights and Sisters to partner together doing the good work of the order for our communities. I am very happy to agree with him and hope all of you are too. We are making progress by starting up new Temples and Lodges in Oregon so that we can continue to do this important work. We will also have plenty of fun activities such as the "Fun Weekend" that all Pythians and their family and friends are welcome to attend.

In closing I wish to extend to everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a successful year in 2019. I hope that you will be able to enjoy time with your family and friends during this Season of Giving and well into the New Year. Happy Holidays!

In Pythian Love, Shelley Corby, Grand Chief

Announcement from Grand Secretary Charlie

This notice is from Grand Lodge's new website: OregonPythianBellringer.org

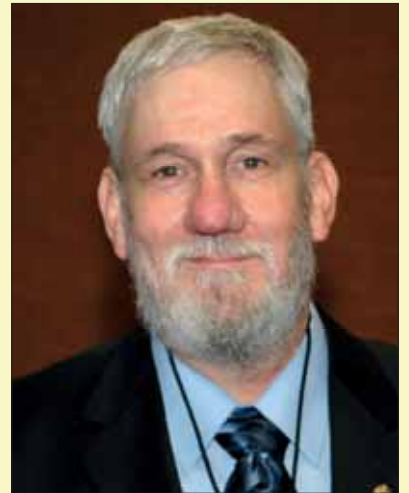
On October 22, 2018 at 10:38 AM Charlie VanDomelen wrote:

Lodge Secretaries,

At Grand Convention one agenda item was the support of the **Oregon Pythian News** (OPN). A motion was made and seconded to discontinue support of the OPN and use the Oregon Pythian website for information, of Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodges, activities and announcements. After much discussion and vote, the motion carried.

What I need from each Lodge is a confirmed E-mail address of each member of your lodges, so when an article is posted on the website an announcement can be sent to all members.

Please have your lists back to me by 12/01/18.



Gaston's New Wapato Pythian Sisters Activities



The **Gaston Pythian Sisters' Wapato Temple #47** have been busy since their inception in May in working together as a group to support our community. At the end of the summer, the ladies organized their first fundraiser--a grilled corn booth at the annual **Wapato Showdown** in Gaston put on by the **Knights of Pythias, Gaston Lodge #104**. The Sisters raised over \$400 allowing them to make two small donations to youth groups in the community--the Gaston Elementary Fun Run and the first Gaston 12U Club Volleyball Team.

Recently, the Knights asked the Temple to head up the annual **Steak Feed Dinner** that follows our Gaston Good Ol Days Parade. Mark your calendars and come join us on **Friday, August 22nd, 2019**. This event kicks off the car show weekend. Steaks will be ready immediately following the 6:30 PM parade. This fall,

the ladies have been meeting to discuss not only fundraising ideas that will bring in revenue for the group, but also events that will help bring community members together. At this time no formal fundraisers have been scheduled but the group has come up with some new things that have not yet been done in our community. This December/January we will meet to not only nominate and choose new officers but we will work to brainstorm and create a local temple vision and set organization goals for 2019.

This fall the Sisters were delighted to receive the original charter of their temple dating back to the 1800s. The charter will be framed and displayed next to the Knights of Pythias Charter in the Gaston Lodge Hall. The Sisters group is very fortunate to have an immense amount of support from **Gaston Lodge #104 Knights of Pythias**. Together the groups will be able to make a greater and more positive impact on the Gaston Community.

We are in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season--the ladies of **Wapato Temple #47** want to wish each of our Sisters and their loved ones peace, health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming New Year. Happy Holidays!

Article submitted by Stephanie Crop-Hedin and Amber Morgan

Grand Secretary Sherri's Message

Grand Temple was held at Holiday Inn in Wilsonville October 19-21. We met with the Knights and an enjoyable time was had by all. We will meet there again next year. Our **Grand Chief Maureen Murphy, PSR** had a very good session. The following is our list of Grand Temple officers for 2018-2019:

SPGC	Maureen Murphy, PSR
Grand Chief	Shelley Corby, PSR
Grand Senior	Kathlene Henry, PSC
Grand Junior	Heather King
Grand Manager	Sarah Murphy
Grand Secretary	Sherri Lee Sievert, PSR
Grand Treasurer	Barbara Christopher, PGC
Grand Protector	Jennifer Searles
Grand Guard	Arlene Kimball
GP Correspondent	Donna Johnson, PSR
3 yr. Grand Trustee	Vesta Poteete, PSR
3 yr. Grand Audit	Irene Clink, PSR
Appointed G. Musician	Paula Bice

We now have 3 Lacy Sisters in a row in our line of Grand Officers. **Shelley Corby** received her PGC honors as Grand Secretary and **Kathlene Henry** received hers as Grand Treasurer, so both are going through the chairs now to have their own year as Grand Chief. **GC Maureen's** daughter, **Sarah Murphy** is also going through the chairs.

GC Shelley's Grand Chief Project is to continue with the **Child Life Department at Doernbecher Children's Hospital**.

Her **Motto** is a quote from Mahatma Ghandi; "**Be the change you wish to see in the world.**"

Her **Theme** is; "**Let your true colors show.**"

Her **Flower** is; **Lilac**

Her **Colors** are; **Turquoise** and **Lilac**

Her **Song** is; "**Wind Beneath My Wings**"

Our District Convention will be Saturday, May 4, 2019, hosted this year by **Fern Temple #46** with **Ann M. Myers, PSR** as DDGC. The theme of the Convention will be "**Raindrops and Roses.**" Ann is also trying to get a full Initiation taking place in the morning. Since Ivanette #68/Portland was instituted in 2015 and just last May, Wapato #47/Gaston was instituted, it was thought it would be helpful for the new members to see and participate in another Initiation ceremony.

Risa Rigger transferred her state membership to **Fern #46** and I joined as a dual member. We have joined in on 2

meetings by phone so far and really enjoy feeling part of a Temple again. Supreme Temple has approved skypping or such for people who cannot make it because of health or distance, yet this allows them to be able to participate.

A major shift is taking place with our OPN this year. At this year's Grand Lodge Convention the Knights have chosen to stop supporting the OPN. They want to use email or the web site for all communication. At Grand Temple it was decided that we would publish the December issue and discuss the cost per issue at District Convention. The OPN's would be mailed to Sisters without computer access, Knights willing to financially support the OPN would continue to receive it. We will know what to charge after the December issue. To help keep expenses down, please notify me of any address changes or your email address, if you have one. The OPN is our main source of communication to keep in touch with Sisters throughout the state.

As you can tell, I am again your Grand Secretary. Each year, with **Risa's** help, I am getting the office in better working order. The Grand Trustees were able to do an inventory of my office this summer. My next priority is the Journal.

On a more personal level, my divorce will be finalized and I will take the name **Sievert** back. I am participating in physical therapy, aqua fitness and Tai Chi to improve balance. I will use walking sticks to help me in winter weather. I have been able to work part time as a caregiver to help financially.

This time of year reminds us to be thankful for what we have and to help others. Financially for the less fortunate, smiles, hugs, encouragement, helping with what is hard for others to do, prayers for first responders. We can make a difference in the lives of others!!!!



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sherri Lee Sievert, PSR, Grand Secretary

Eugene's Helmet Lodge Hosts Holiday Dinner

December 18 — **Helmet Lodge #33** had their Christmas on Saturday afternoon. Ham, turkey and all the trimmings. 31 Knights, their wives and friends had a great time and we ate too much.



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Fern Temple Holiday Wishes

Fern Temple #46 would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are on winter break and will resume meetings in February. We will still meet at 1 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held in the City Hall community room, where the Chamber meets.

We donated to Share and Care for their Christmas food boxes again this year. Share and Care is one of our community projects along with our Scholarship program.

All of us are doing well this Holiday season and hope all who read this has a safe and healthy winter also.

We received a recent update on **Rosenna Powell**. She is 98 years old now and living in an independent living section at Brookdale. **Beverly Cox** has been working at HeadStart and doing quite a bit of travelling to sunny places like Hawaii, the Caribbean and Hawaii—also San Francisco!

Seasons Greetings to all.

Submitted by Jan Van De Walle, Secretary



Wishing everyone a very...
Happy Holiday
 &
Happy 2019!!
John & Judy Murchison




Greetings from Southern Oregon

Thermopylae Temple and Talisman Lodge wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and most Happy New Year.

We hope you are well and happy and hope to see you soon.

Submitted by Robyn (Neeley) Ralston



Ivanette Sisters Activities



The Sisters of **Ivanette Temple #68** were happy to have 7 of their members attend the Grand Temple session in October this year. Our Representative was **MEC Corinthia Bethune** and it was the first time she has attended Grand Temple. It was apparent that she enjoyed the experience and we were so happy that she did a wonderful job representing our Temple.


Our November meeting was held at Pizza Roma—a fun and yummy place to meet.

On December 15, Sister **Rebecca LohKamp** held another candy making class as a fundraiser for both Ivanette Temple and the Robotics Club which meets in the Ivanhoe Lodge Hall. This was the second Candy Making Fundraiser that **Rebecca** has held. We had twice as many participant this time so we were able to earn much needed funds for both groups. Congratulations Rebecca for your successful event.




We hope to have many more events in the new year. We also wish all of our Pythian family and friends a very Happy New Year in 2019.

Article submitted by Shelley Corby, Photos submitted by Marya Tracer and Kathlene Henry



Some friends make you laugh,
some make you feel loved.
Some friends keep your deepest secrets,
some keep you honest.
Some friends walk through life with you,
Some dream with you and some even cry with you
and there are my Pythian friends...who do it all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to My Pythian Friends!
Gwen Rhodes, Supreme Junior



Gaston Lodge Supports Boy Scouts and Community

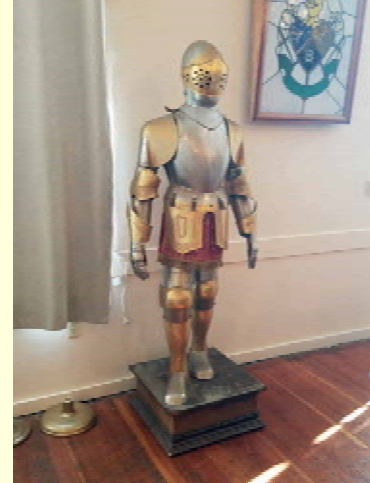
SCOUTING FOR FOOD



On Saturday December 1, **Boy Scout Troop 168** and **Cub Scout Pack 168** took part in Scouting for Food. This is a National Scout program to collect food for the needy. **Scout Leader Spencer Hansen** and **Cub Master Mike Rosenberg** led 2 Boy Scouts and 9 Cub Scouts for 2 hours walking house to house in Gaston collecting food for the Gaston Food Bank. After the collection, we delivered 350 pounds of food to the Food Bank.

The boys were very proud of their accomplishment, and the lessons well learned by these young men, but not as proud as **Grandpa Don** of his 2 grandkids **Ayden and Dylan**. It was a great day for the Scouts that Gaston Oregon sponsors.

GASTON'S NEW KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR



We had borrowed Pendleton's Knight all summer for parades and was getting used having one in our Lodge. So, when we had to return it to Pendleton, we decided we needed one in Gaston. Thanks to **Clinton Nelson**, we found one in South Carolina. We had it trucked out to Gaston, it seemed like it took forever to arrive, but the wait was worth it.

We just need to come up with a name and to get it shined up.

Articles and Photos submitted by Don Allen



From our family to yours:
Best wishes for Happy
Holidays and
a New Year filled with Peace,
Happiness and Good Health.
The Lacy Family

Pendleton Knights Host at Hancock Friendship Campground



Pendleton Knights and family members camped at the **Scott Hancock Friendship Campground**

A place for Pythian families to gather and enjoy fellowship in the mountains of the blues. Campfire cooking, horse shoe tournament, hiking, and stories around the campfire were all the orders of the day.

Our **Brother Knights from Damon Lodge** hosted the event and conducted activities and cooking demonstrations in the style of our pioneer roots with Dutch ovens over a campfire.

Tests of steel came in the form of open site 22 caliber shooting contest. Targets and water filled bottles were the focus of our attention as we all took turns practicing our skills of marksmanship.

Hiking and competition never fail to build the appetite and our cooks had an answer to fill the need with Dutch Oven dishes, desserts topped with ice-cream, umm!

If you haven't been able to join this Labor Day event you may want to mark your calendar with a save the date for next year so you can join the fun in 2019.

Article and photo submitted by Bill Peal

New Roseburg Lodge Has 3-in-1 Ceremony

On November 18, 2018, ten Knights from six different Lodges traveled to Roseburg's Alpha Lodge #47 to perform a 3-in-1 Ceremony for our new Lodge. It was a great day for Oregon Pythians. We knighted 15 men from Roseburg and one from Gaston Lodge #104. I would like to congratulate all our new Knights in the Pythian Order and thank all the Knights that traveled the 7-hour round trip to help our newest lodge.

The Knights that went out of their way to help is one of the things that makes the Pythians great.

Knights in photograph, from left to right

Back row: Tim Rasmussen, Steve Shilts, Darrel Foster, Andrew Clark, Mike Malone, Nick McKee, Brian Cress, Colton Thomas, Aaron Justice

Front Row: Danny Thomas, Kory Struthers, Aaron Atkins, Steve Stockton, Luke Mulvaney, Donovan Finn, Pete Castio, Christopher Wood

Article and Photo submitted by GC Don Allen



Oregon Knight's Grand Convention—Wilsonville



The 2018 edition of the Oregon Pythians' Grand Convention was held at Wilsonville, Oregon, on October 19 – 21st. Leadership was the order of the day as the program unfolded and new members, new Knights' lodges and new Sisters' Temples were introduced to the delegation. A true spirit of cooperation prevailed as lodges shared methods and stories of the successes of the past year with the delegates.

The combined convention saw Sisters and Pythian Brothers meeting side by side and enjoying meals together. A sharing of ideas and learning about the new directions being promoted by **Supreme Chancellor Joel Feinstein** kept the sessions interesting as well as engaging. The focus on safety across the nation gives each lodge a new challenge to promote and implement.

Our membership presented ideas for success which sparked interest and promoted dialogue between members. The read and ride program was of great interest with several lodges committing to its promotion.

Supreme Master at Arms Mark Ward brought inspiration and insight into the operation of our Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges that make up our state association. His guidance will serve us well in the year to come.

2018-2019 Grand Lodge Officers, left to right in the above photograph:

Grand Chancellor	Don Allen
Grand Vice Chancellor	Scott Swartout
Grand Prelate	Ray Cable
Grand Secretary	Charlie Van Domelen
Grand Treasure	Ed Yates
Grand Master at Arms	Bill Peal

Article and photo submitted by Bill Peal



Oregon Sisters' Grand Convention—Wilsonville

October 2018— This year we were fortunate to have a joint convention with our Brother Knights at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville.

We started with a joint banquet on Friday evening followed by our Memorial. Saturday morning sessions began with **Grand Chief Maureen Murphy** presiding. The meetings were smooth and productive. We appreciate all of the arrangements which were made for us by Convention Chair **Cheryl Bergman**, with **Arlene Kimball** and **Carol Jenkins** handling arrangements for all meals. They did a great job making the convention nice for everyone who attended.

We had a joint banquet Saturday evening too. It was nice to have this at the same location where the convention was being held.

On Sunday morning the Sisters' sessions reconvened. After lunch we had Installation of Officers. The new Grand Temple Officers are listed in Grand Secretary Sherri's article on page 5.

Next year we are looking forward to having another joint convention with the Knights. It will also be held at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Hillsboro Pythians Happenings

Many of **Phoenicia-Rose Temple** and **Phoenix Lodge** members attended the Grand session in Wilsonville this year. We have quite a few members who are Grand Temple and Grand Lodge Officers. **Charlie VanDomelen** is the Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge. The Sisters who are Grand Temple Officers are: **SPGC Maureen Murphy, PSR, Grand Chief Shelley Corby, PSR, Grand Senior Kathlene Henry, PSC, Grand Junior Heather King, Grand Manager Sarah Murphy, Grand Secretary Sherri Lee Sievert, PSR, Grand Treasurer Barbara Christopher, PGC, Grand Protector Jennifer Searles and Grand Press Correspondent Donna Johnson, PSR.** We had a great time, especially since we were able to meet together in one location both Knights and Sisters. We will be meeting together again next year in the same location.

The Hillsboro Pythians held a Holiday Dinner and movie night recently. The Knights provided the ham while the Sisters members brought the side dishes and desserts to go along with it. We all enjoyed the classic movie *"It's a Wonderful Life"* and had great fellowship as we enjoyed the Holiday meal. This tradition has been going for quite a few years and all hope it continues for many more.

There was also another outing to go to the Hillsboro Symphony in November. The theme was *"Musica Romantica"* A musical celebration of Hispanic and Latin culture. The group that went enjoyed the music very much.

We have also started up our Bingo and lunch fundraising for the **Hillsboro Relay for Life** in June next year. We are currently having these events on the first Sunday of each month, so if anyone wants to join us give us a call and we can provide more information.

The Hillsboro Pythians wish to extend to all of our Pythian family a very Happy New year.

Article submitted by Shelley Corby; Photos submitted by Shelley Corby and Kathlene Henry



OPN Boosters List

Updated OPN Booster List:								
#	NAME	Booster Date	#	NAME	Booster Date	#	NAME	Booster Date
1	Betty Alexander	Nov 2019	9	Julie Lozano	Oct 2018	17	Sherri Sievert Lee	Oct 2019
2	Irene Clink	Oct 2019	10	Judy Murchison	Oct 2018	18	Rachelle Sievert	Oct 2019
3	Bea Cragun	Oct 2019	11	Maureen Murphy	Oct 2018	19	Jennifer Searles	Nov 2018
4	Shelley Corby	Oct 2018	12	Vesta Poteete	Oct 2019	20	Bruce & Marilyn Stevens	Oct 2019
5	Margaret Grochocki	Oct 2019	13	Linda Reyburn	Oct 2019	21	Carolyn Swanson	Oct 2019
6	Helmet Lodge	Feb 2025	14	Risa Rikken	Oct 2019	22	Donna Zinchuk	Oct 2020
7	Kathlene Henry	Oct 2019	15	Ted Rolle	June 2023			
8	Don Lacy	Oct 2018	16	Carlene Saria	Oct 2020			

To become an OPN Booster, make a \$10 check payable to:
 "Grand TEMPLE of Oregon—OPN" and mail it to:
 Sherri Sievert, Grand Secretary, PO Box 983, Pilot Rock, OR 97868

SUPREME LODGE PROGRAM: SAFETY, A MATTER OF ATTITUDE



A focus on safety is a national priority for the Knights of Pythias. **Supreme Chancellor Joel Fierstien** has asked all of us to work to improve the quality of life in our own communities. A good way to accomplish this goal is to promote safety.

Safety comes as a part of our daily lives and is important in all we do. It is our goal to encourage every lodge to consider the promotion of some form of safety as a part of its program of work for the near future and beyond. Our success in promoting programs of safety will produce a benefit in our homes and communities that will have a positive lasting effect for all.

This program can take many forms, so a lodge can evaluate its own community and choose an area of concern that meets the unique nature of the place in which they work and live. For some water safety may be the focus while others may feel that fire safety is a higher priority. When outdoor sports are a predominant part of a community, promoting environmental related skills may be the choice.

It all boils down to evaluating the need and picking a safety program that everyone can support and feel that the effort is meeting a need, one that protects people and prevents pain and suffering. An advantage of this kind of program is that there are resource people with methods and materials to share in each of our communities. Fire departments have programs aimed at prevention and safety. Police science programs encourage safety and protection for all our citizens.

Also county and state health departments promote programs to prevent and protect our health and safety. We have state and national parks with programs to help the public enjoy the outdoors and prevent accidents and the dangers that exist in nature.

The more you consider the program, the evidence looms loud and clear; your only limitation is your imagination in choosing where to place your emphasis. Ask for guidance from your community and you will be given many ideas and resources. Involving the community in such a worthy undertaking can also serve as a very positive public relations tool for your lodge. Such programs attract attention of the media, and teaming with other community organizations may lend good will for all.

Getting a program planned and started is the first step, and sharing your ideas with others is a great way to extend the benefit.

I have been asked to serve as a resource person for ideas and resource sharing, so I will be eager to hear of any successes your lodge has. I will also be willing to help in planning for your success in Safety, A Matter of Attitude.

You can contact me at: Bill Peal bpeal@me.com or by calling 541-215-0810

HELMET LODGE # 33 & HELMETTA TEMPLE # 29

OF EUGENE, OREGON

WISH YOU AND YOURS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2019!



Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Foundation (OPCEF)

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Foundation (OPCEF) encourages all students to apply every year for the OPCEF scholarship. Any Oregon Pythian member in good standing, their children, grandchildren, or relatives of a deceased Oregon Pythian who was in good standing at the time of their passing, is eligible to apply. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required and applications are due by April 15th of each year. Scholarship applications are available from any Knights of Pythias Lodge or Pythian Sister Temple, or by contacting the OPCEF directly at:

OPCEF
c/o Gaston Lodge, PO Box 507, Gaston, OR 97119

The Board invites you to support continuing education for Oregon Pythians! Donations of any size are deeply appreciated and are welcome at the address listed above.

Please keep OPCEF in your thoughts during this time of giving. Scholarship funds are heavily dependent on your donations and donations of any size are deeply appreciated.



Forest Grove Festival of Lights Parade

The Oregon Knights of Pythias had a float in this year's parade. We met at 12:30 pm in the Forest Grove KP Hall parking lot to decorate our float with lights, Christmas trees, Knights of Pythias banner and Gaston's newest knight. We had a great time doing this with a lot of laughs. Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, and Pendleton Lodges had members present.

The weather was great because we had no rain for the parade, but was very cold, we had 10 Knights, 1 wife, 3 sons, 2 grandkids and 1 dog.

We passed out candy and flyers to the spectators along the parade route.

Again, we got our name out into the community, and we had a lot of comments that it was nice to see our Lodge active in the community.

Article and Photos submitted by: GC Don Allen



*Happy Holidays and
Best Wishes for the New Year!
Margaret Grochocki, PSC and
Bea Cragun, PSR—Utah*

Greetings from SC Joel Fierstein and SC Joan Way



*From the
Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Joel D. Fierstein, KGS*

BEST WISHES FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAY SEASON

Be appreciative, enjoy, celebrate, and engage. The greatest gifts are what you have and giving of yourself.

"Extraordinary service," and others may say, "... the world is a better place because they passed this way."

Seek peace, and the world is a better place through diversity.

And, to you and all those dear to you, get the most out of life, and have a healthy, prosperous 2019!

**"FRIENDS WORKING TOGETHER FOR
A BETTER COMMUNITY"**



*From Supreme Chief
Joan Way*

To My Pythian Brothers and Sisters:

It's that time of year again when we celebrate the holiday season and I wish each and every one of you the very best. Our families are blessed to have each other, the Pythian Order is blessed to have you, I ask that you think of the human beings in this world, and in our communities that are not as blessed as we are. Giving a little can make a huge difference in someone's life. We are privileged to have food on our tables, each day, but there are those who do not. Money is not everything although it helps, give to your local food banks and shelters to make a difference. 2019 is going to be here before you know it, again I wish you all the best in the new year.

In P.L.E. & F
Joan

*Reprinted from the
Pythian International*



To Our Pythian Friends & Family
Our best wishes to you for a
Happy Holiday Season!
Bruce & Marilyn Stevens

Ivanhoe Lodge Cleans Up

On October 7th and November 18th Ivanhoe Lodge had clean-up days. Members of Ivanhoe Lodge worked side by side with First Robotics Team members who were there to help.

The plan was to cut back the shrubs on the north side of their property, haul trash and yard debris. They're planning to purchase fencing for the perimeter.

A day of hard work, fellowship and success!

Article and photos provided by Alan LohKamp, Patrick LohKamp and David LohKamp



Ivanhoe's FIRST Robotics Team #1432 Update

October marked the start of another team project with the competition set for December at Catlin Gable School.

Check Facebook's page "SE PDX Pythians" to see the timeline. Here are some examples of their progress:

October 16—Another week of Bunny Bot building and the all-important ball collector is mounted. It's made up of 12 4-inch white wheels that will flick the balls up into a bin. The length of the axle required it be steel, that means sparks. The work goes on slowly as kids learn the tools. This Saturday there's a training session for FIRST teams and we will be there.

November 23—Another week and the sparks are flying. Our safety officer is expanding his duties to checking on last year's Bot. We will use fishing net to capture the ball, slow them down and deliver them to a rain gutter where they will be collected and sorted. The net will be supported by fiberglass tent bowls, one on each side, curved into a graceful arch.

After testing we found just the right shape. As we left on Saturday everyone's thoughts were on the final ball sorter design. The next meeting and we find that both fiberglass poles had shaded in an attempt to save what we could, so we tried it anyway. With the addition of a semi-clear plastic sheet, we found that we needed a much smaller amount of netting. Next week the ball sorter!



PLEASE SUPPORT THE TEAM:

In October the First Robotics Team #1432 signed up with the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. You can help by connecting your Fred Meyer's reward card to our team, so that the team will get a donation from Fred Meyers when you use your card. Go out to your account and look for "First Robotics Team 1432" or our account number "WT610." Participating in this program will not affect your gas points or reward points. You will still receive all your rewards from Fred Meyer. This program is in addition to all of those rewards for the customer.

Article and photos provided by Alan LohKamp

Inspirational Travels and Pythianism *(Continued from page 1)*



vacation waiting for something and I was commenting that it was taking, 'forever!'. Larry pointed out, we're on vacation, do you really want time to go faster? It just means we have to go back to work sooner. It's all about my perspective, how I

choose to see the situation. In France, one of the rudest people we encountered was the guy at the information booth. I think that irony was what made it most annoying for me. Really!?! Isn't your job to help people? But isn't that the stereotype, disgruntled public employee? And I can't say that that is exclusive to just one country. I have to let it go; it makes for a good story. But, with that attitude, it was probably a good thing he was in a fully protected booth, for his own safety.



And on the other hand, we had complete strangers walk up to us on more than one occasion and ask if we needed directions or help. These were ordinary people, they didn't have to ask, but it was so sweet, so thoughtful that they did. As I travel, I continue to see the goodness in people and realize how similar we all are. It's these heart-warming moments, these one-on-one interactions that continue to build my faith in humanity.

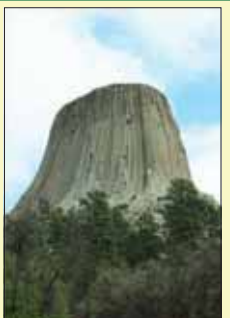


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So whether it's local, national or international, I encourage everyone to travel as much as possible. I firmly believe in the Mark Twain quote that, 'Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness.' Being part of the Pythian family gives us frequent opportunities to travel and visit other



Temples and Lodges, other Grands and Supreme. I would have loved to have been in NYC this past August for Supreme! I missed it, but we honeymooned in the City for two weeks and it was an amazing experience! Whether you enjoy the big cities or the tiny towns, or like me, everything in between, we all travel different roads. But I love that we all have found our way to the Pythian Order. Whether it's the friendships or the ritualistic work or the community service that interests you, I'm glad that we're here together, Knights and Sisters, working to keep Pythianism alive in Oregon. Like Route 66, fraternal orders in general are not as vibrant as they once were. I hope this Grand session is invigorating and ignites your passion, your enthusiasm and generosity in growing our Order, keeping it relevant to the communities that we serve.



I'll close with a toast to you all and may my Scottish grandfather forgive me, but this toast was too perfect for someone who works in my field:

*'May the luck of the Irish
Lead to happiest heights
And the highway you travel
Be lined with green lights!'*



At this point, as Sarah finished her speech, she was rewarded with enthusiastic applause! Everyone engaged with her to hear more details. The people enjoyed the photos Sarah had used as centerpieces on each table and shared their own travel stories.

Pictures:

- Tybee Light, Tybee Island, GA
- Four Corners, Navajo National Park
- Monument Valley, Navajo Tribal Park, Oljato-Monument Valley, AZ
- Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Keystone, SD
- Devils Tower National Monument (Bear Lodge Butte), WY
- Gateway Arch & Old Courthouse, St Louis, MO
- Gay Parita, Spencer, Ozark Township, MO
- Gemini Giant, Wilmington, IL
- Philips 66 Station, McLean, TX
- Painted Desert near Petrified Forest National Park, AZ
- Road Kill Café, Seligman, AZ
- Roys Café, Amboy, CA
- U-Drop-Inn Cafe, Shamrock, TX

2019 Grand Convention—"Save the Date" Info

Here's preliminary information for 2019 Grand Convention:

Dates: Friday, 10-18-2019 through Sunday, 10-20-2019

Location: Holiday Inn—Wilsonville, Oregon

Hotel has ample free parking Convenient location on I-5 south of Portland

Free wireless service Accessible (Handicap) rooms available

Pets are allowed Kids ages 18 and under "Stay and Eat Free"

Please stay tuned for more info in OPN Spring Issue.



OPN Editor's Message

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends,

*I'm very proud of my sister **Maureen Murphy** for serving her second term as our Grand Chief last year and I'm proud of my sister **Shelley Corby** who is serving as Grand Chief now. Both of them follow in the footsteps of our dear, sweet **Mom Viona Lacy**, who was loved by so many people. Our Mom had a special way of making everyone feel loved and important. Each of us tries in our own way to emulate her good example. Shelley is especially talented at maintaining a positive attitude and a calm demeanor, both of which are so beneficial in our dealings with others.*

As one year comes to an end and a new year begins, we pause to spend special times with family and friends. We think of those who are far away and those who have passed to the Temple Above. We count our blessings and offer hope for the New Year.

I hope that each of you will enjoy this special season. I hope that your health is good and that you are happy, or at least content.

Please give some thought to Pythian projects for the 2019 year. Be Proud to be a Pythian and help us get our name out into the community so that others will hear about us and want to join in our good works.

In 2017 we went back to having 3 issues of the OPN—Spring, Summer and Holiday issues. We planned to do the same for 2018, however life turned out to be too hectic and I only managed to get two issues published. (That kept our costs down though.)

Grand Secretaries Charlie and Sherri included comments about changes to the OPN starting at the Knights 2018 Grand Convention.. Please read their messages and give the OPN some thought. (For the record, the Pythian Sisters have tried to pay our approximately 1/3 share of the OPN costs. Our records show that the Sisters contributed: \$943.00 for 2014/15, \$852.50 for 2015/16, \$752.00 for 2016/17 and \$566.00 of our \$864.65 amount for 2017/18. We will remit the remaining \$298.65 for 2017/18 soon.)

As your Editor, I ask you to please continue your support of the OPN. We appreciate all support: OPN Boosters, Holiday Greetings, advertisements and donations—even coin marches from regular and district meetings. OPN Boosters (see chart on page 12) contribute an extra \$8 or \$10 to help defray the cost of printing and postage for our older and/or housebound members who cannot get the OPN via the internet. or at their lodge or temple meetings.

Request: *If you change your email address or postal mailing address, please promptly notify both the OPN and your Grand Secretary. If you're currently receiving a paper copy of the OPN via postal mail and you're willing to switch to email, please let me know. Any names we can remove from the "snail mail" list save precious OPN budget money.*

If you have suggestions for the OPN, please submit those also. We're always looking for new ideas.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Kathlene OPN Editor



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At the October 2018 Grand Lodge Convention the Knights voted to discontinue their support of the OPN. At the meeting when Grand Lodge Knights shared this news with Grand Chief Maureen Murphy and 4 Pythian Sisters, the Knights stated that since they would be using a new website going forward they were turning the OPN over to Oregon Grand Temple Pythian Sisters.

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Upcoming Pythian Events

- ⇒ December 31—North Plains New Year's Eve Celebration—
Details on Cover Page
- ⇒ January 6 (Sunday) — Hillsboro Pythians' Relay for Life
Fundraiser Dinner—New Date and Time: 1st SUNDAY of
each month at NOON (*January 7th is also Don Lacy's 92nd
Birthday*)
- ⇒ January—Aurora's Annual Crab Feed—Contact Hermes
Lodge for date and time
- ⇒ February 3 (Sunday) - Hillsboro Pythians Relay Fundraiser
Dinner—1st SUNDAY of each month at NOON
- ⇒ May 4 (Saturday) — Pythian Sisters' District Convention in
Gaston hosted by Fern Temple #46
- ⇒ June 22 (Saturday) —Relay for Life walk-a-thon—Hillsboro
Stadium
- ⇒ July 18-21 (Thursday—Sunday) — Pythian Fun Weekend in
Bandon—Contact Don Allen or Ed Yates for details
- ⇒ August TBD - Imperial DOKK-Nomad Convention
- ⇒ August TBD (Friday-Sunday) — North Plains Garlic
Festival—Details at www.FunStinks.com
- ⇒ August 23 (Saturday) — Wapato Showdown Car Show in
Gaston—Details at www.WapatoShowdown.org
- ⇒ Please send details of your Pythian events to the OPN Editor
and we'll add them to the calendar in the next issue!

2019 Pythian Fun Weekend Save the Date



Dates: July 18–21, 2019

Location: KOA Campground located near Bandon, Oregon. They have 8 acres of native Oregon trees. Sit back and relax with your family at a secluded campsite beneath pine and alder trees surrounded by huckleberry and blackberry bushes. Add a 1/2 acre playground, heated pool, 14-foot long hot tub, hot showers and summer pancake breakfasts, and you'll have a magical setting. (Info from www.KOA.com/campgrounds/bandonoregon.com website.)

Lots to See & Do: Friday morning Grand Lodge will arrange a discounted Rogue River Jet Boat Tour. The price for the tour will be \$75 per person.

Camping: Grand Lodge reserved the entire KOA Campground for this event. Prices are \$53 per night for RV sites and \$34 for tent sites. All cabins have already been reserved.

To reserve a spot, order jet boat tickets—or-if you have any questions please call:

Ed Yates 503-806-5359 or

Don Allen 503-715-6312

RIGHT AWAY BEFORE ALL THE SITES ARE FILLED.