



News for and About Oregon Pythians

# Oregon Pythian News

## McMinnville's Diana Lodge Preserves Pythian History

Diana Lodge #63, McMinnville, has formed an historical committee to address the identification and preservation of historical relics found within their own lodge. Just over a year ago, a few members, led by senior member Brad Robison, had occasion to go through back storage areas of their historic building. They soon identified aging and unprotected artifacts within unused cabinets and closets in those back areas of the lodge. Many of these items date back to the 1800s. It was clear something needed to be done to protect these times and document the history these items represent.

One particular item of great interest to these lodge Brothers was the discovery of old leather-bound minutes books, the first of which dated back to the creation of Diana Lodge in October of 1894. The names of the founding members memorialized in this relic read like a who's who of McMinnville at the time. Senior members recall stories of the lodge having a reputation for being a place where large-scale local business was discussed while enjoying lodge hospitality. This seems to be the case: many of the names on that old meeting roster can now be seen as street names in town.

Older ritual costumes were also discovered in back areas; most had been thrown into cardboard boxes, left to rot and moths. The need was clear: a committee was formed and soon devised a multi-part plan to inventory, clean, repair and seal original costumes left otherwise unprotected; to computer scan and then preserve old original lodge documents; to interview senior members, documenting their knowledge of the lodge; and to memorialize committee efforts within investigative reports and to share with members the rich history identified from these efforts.

One of the first projects of the committee was to build a lighted display case of hardwood and glass, one large enough to show some of the restored costumes and artifacts from yesteryear. With support from the board of directors, utilizing Brad Robison's craftsmanship (and garage) and the electrical expertise of Mike Sliper, the pictured display case was completed. It is now a proud addition to the lodge.

Committee members continue to meet and have an enjoyable time while continuing their research and investigation. Committee members include Ken Heininge, Historian; Brad Robison; Mike Sliper; Rob Stephenson; Larry Williams and Jeff Burgess.

*Article and Photo submitted by: Ken Heininge*



**Mike Sliper (left) and Brad Robison (right) with a display case they and their team created with lodge support.**

# Grand Chancellor Randy's Message

Hello to all Brothers & Sisters,

It is time for O.P.N. again. I have been around to all Lodges, except Glencoe and Phoenix. **Ed Yates** and **Don Allen** went with me.

January 25th we had a Grand Council meeting at the **Hermes Lodge 56** and then after we stayed for their yearly crab feed dinner and it was very good. The crab was so juicy that when the shell cracked, it squirted **Don Lacy** right square in the face.

As we talk in each Lodge **Don Allen** would announce all the information of our Pythian Fun Day weekend campout. So far it sounds like we will have about 80 people there. This will be at South Beach State Park, along with the aquarium on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.



**My project for this year, is to get as many Knights from each Lodge to meet in Hillsboro July 4<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Parade.** I had a big 6 foot banner made for the Parade. Now I have a spot reserved for us in the Parade. I haven't got the time, or place were they meet, to start the Parade. I signed up 20 to 30 people and two trailer floats so Sisters you are invited to join in, if you have a banner or something to say who you are. Hopefully this will get more members interested to join, also I think it will be on TV to publicizes us. **So I need response back from everyone to make a head count.** Hopefully this will help out some Lodges that are getting small on the head count. **Call 503-680-1879 or email milkman@frontier.com**

I am very sorry to say that one of our Brothers (**Jerry Girard, PSR, PIR**) has lost his beloved wife **Jacquie Girard, PSR, PIR**. She passed on Thursday night Feb. 27th in her sleep. March 9th I went to her services along with **Ed Yates** and **Don Allen**.

I am also working with **Betty Alexander** and **Irene Clink** to check out things for the Grand convention in October.

Everyone look at flier (on page 13) and let me know if something seeds to be changed or added. Then email me with the idea.

Randal Tipton, Grand Chancellor

Email: milkman@frontier.com

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# Grand Chief Leatha's Message

Happy Spring to all my Brothers and Sisters;

This year Donna Johnson and I have made my last 2 official visits. We went to Helmetta #29 on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The next morning we got up, went North to Fern #46. We were well received by both temples.

I would like to reiterate what Supreme Chief Audrey mentioned to us at Grand Temple. Don't forget our military and save those manufacturers' coupons. Here is the information I received from Supreme:

**Coupons can be sent to Military bases for US personnel to use up to six (6) months past the expiration date. Here are a few of the base addresses available:**

Army Base - Illesheim, Germany  
Coupon Program Chairperson  
ACS - Illesheim AST  
CMR 416, Box 1  
APO AP 09140-0015

Army base- Okinawa, Japan  
Volunteer Outreach Coordinator  
ACS 10th. ASC  
Unit 35115  
APO AP 06376-5115

Air Force Base - Okinawa, Japan (USAF)  
Family Services Program  
18 MSS/DPF  
Unit 5134 Box 80  
APO AP 96368-5134

Air Force Base - Incrlık, Turkey  
39 MSS/MSF  
Attn: Family Services  
Unit 8790, Box 175  
APO AE 90824

Navy Base - Alsugi, Japan  
US Naval Air Facility  
Navy FSC  
PSC 477 Box 32  
FPO AP 96306

Navy Base - Gaeta, Italy  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Navy FCS  
PSC 811  
FPO AP 09709

On one of the web sites it indicated that priority mail is the least expensive shipping method and approximately \$5,000.00 worth of coupons will fit in a package. Keep for your records the amount of the coupons sent in, dividing the dollar amount between food and non-food. I know Iowa has sent in packages of coupons every few months.

Our District Convention was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Eugene with Helmetta #29 and Thermopylae #37 as hosting temples. The presiding D.D.G.C. was Paula Talbot. My Grand Chiefs project is the North Portland Music Academy. Hope to see you all at Grand in October!

With Pythian Friendship, GC Leatha



# Message from Supreme Secretary Connie Edwards

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the things that I have enjoyed about attending Supreme Conventions is the Sisters, and seeing them each convention. And the fun things that happen at Supreme.

I would like to invite all Sisters to attend this Supreme Convention in Las Vegas. I'm sure once you get there you will have a fun time and will enjoy yourself. The Sessions will be busy but after hours, you can enjoy the sights. The Supreme Temple Craft Room will have many different things for you to purchase. I'll have some jewelry in the office for sale. But the best part of the convention is renewing all the friendships we have made with all the Sisters. Hope to see each and everyone of you in August in Las Vegas, and remember what happens there stays there.

Here is a toast to Margaret as she trades in her Supreme Treasurer jewel for her new jewel as a Past Supreme Chief.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and the Sisters from Oregon.

Have a great summer.

Connie Edwards, Supreme Secretary



## Words from Grand Secretary Ed

### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Grand Council appointed me as interim Grand Secretary at their Council meeting in January.

My first order of business was getting the Annual Reports completed and sent to Supreme. (The deadline was 3-31-2014. They were mailed 3-21-2014 WHEW!) Thanks to the support of our lodges that task has been completed.

I was able to lock in the Oregon Coast Aquarium for our activity Saturday morning of Pythian Fun Days. We will

have a guide for every 15 people on the tour. They also are giving us discounted rates.

I look forward to assisting you in whatever way I can as your Grand Secretary.

Fraternally,  
Ed Yates, Grand Secretary



## Notes from Grand Secretary Sherri

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is still winter, but lately it looks and feels like spring. I have learned over here in Central Oregon and from being in Eastern Oregon that it is the calm before the last storm, or a good freeze yet to be! I know we need the snow, but I will take the spring weather over the dumping of snow we had in February any day. I write this article thankful that despite my falls, which put my physical therapy for my ankles and feet behind, I am gaining strength and more mobility steadily.

I write the following news with a sad heart that we have lost three Sisters to the Temple above. Betty Jean Seitz, PSR passed away in a care facility February 26<sup>th</sup>, Jacquie Girard, PSR passed away February 28<sup>th</sup>, and Jean Schlinsog, PSR who took herself off dialysis, died 5 days later on April 30<sup>th</sup>. They will all be missed, especially Jean and Jacquie as they lived the principles of a true Pythian Sister and were always willing to do what they could to help, if able.

Still carrying a sad heart, I report the loss of Herculena Temple #27 located in Milton-Freewater, as of December 31, 2013. We are now down to just 5 Temples in our state. It goes without my saying that we all need to try our best to encourage new members to continue attending and asking others to join! I know that I am not helping in that way, but I am trying my best, by being your state secretary to keep things going.

By the time you read this, Grand Chief Leatha Tyra will have made her last two official visitations. We had our District Convention on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Eugene. Helmetta Temple #29 and Thermopylae Temple #37 jointly hosted with Paula Talbot from Helmetta Temple #29 as District Deputy Grand Chief. We did a full Initiation, which had not been done for several years and everyone really enjoyed it. We had a newer member of Helmetta Temple who

did the part of Senior and did a beautiful job. You never would have known that she was so new! As always Robyn Neeley did a wonderful job as Manager and I got several compliments doing the part of MEC! It is a wonderful time to see the floor work that most of us can no longer put on by ourselves and to hear the wonderful words explaining our Order. Our hosts gave us a scrumptious lunch and Paula's theme of "*Lighting the Way*" was beautifully carried throughout the day. A wonderful time was had by all and we accomplished some unexpected business as well.



I did not make getting the Journals out at District as promised and supposed to. It turned out for the best, as found out I had left out some important information and was able to correct this before they went out. I am happy to say all the Journals are in the hands of people or just now on their way, except the few that I am delivering in person in a couple of weeks! Until next time I have the pleasure of writing, this ends wishing you good health and happiness and a summer full of fun and wonderful memories!!!

In Pythian Love,  
Sherri Sievert, PSR  
Grand Secretary

## Pythians in the News

Washington County BTC (Bicycle Transportation Coalition) — February 10, 2014 Issue:



### Adopt-A-Bike 2013 Wrap Up

The 4th annual Adopt-A-Bike (AAB) was different from previous AAB Projects. In previous years, certificates were given out to the children of Washington County to redeem for a bicycle package - a refurbished bicycle, a helmet, a bicycle lock, and a 2-hour bicycle skills clinic. For 2013, WashCo BTC worked with the teachers and staff of W.L. Henry Elementary to distribute bicycles to 21 deserving students. Students were selected from an essay competition, where students had to write about why they wanted a bicycle. The recipients were chosen by the staff and teachers of W.L. Henry Elementary. A presentation date was planned, and the volunteers hit the ground running in an attempt to raise the funds and the support needed to make the event a memorable one for the receiving students. On a frosty Dec. 19th, volunteers from WashCo BTC, the Hillsboro Police Department, W.L. Henry, and Poynter Middle School Bike Club gathered to give away bicycles to 21 truly excited students.



2013's AAB Project presented many serendipitous moments for volunteers, with support from local media sources giving the organization and its project much needed publicity. KPTV Fox 12 donated 20 new bicycles to the cause, giving WashCo BTC quite a lot to cheer about for the recipients at W.L. Henry Elementary. The students at Poynter Middle School Bike Club took part in the effort, giving WashCo BTC bicycles that bike club members refurbished themselves. With the funds raised and the amazing number of bicycles donated, WashCo BTC was able to donate an amazing 35 bicycles to the children of Washington County - 21 bicycles to W.L. Henry Elementary Students, 10 bicycles to Adelante Mujeres, 4 bicycles to Southminster Presbyterian Church in Beaverton.

In addition to the many personal donations made by members of the community, WashCo BTC would love to acknowledge the donations made by the **Hillsboro Knights of Pythias**, the **Nomads of Rose City**, and **Safe Kids Washington County**. We would again like to thank KPTV Fox 12 for their magnificent donation of new bicycles, the Poynter Middle School Bike Club for their hard work on refurbishing the bicycles they donated to our cause, and local news sources for helping us reach a wider readership. We thank you not only for your generous donation and support, but for making a difference for the children of Washington County.

*Article submitted by Charlie VanDomelen*

# Pythian Fun Weekend ~ Newport!

ALL KNIGHTS' AND SISTERS' FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.

**Save the Date: JULY 18-20, 2014**

**SOUTH BEACH STATE PARK — NEWPORT, OR**  
**WE WILL NEED AN RSVP FOR ALL WHO ARE COMING.**

**CONTACT INFO:**

ED YATES 503-985-7585—OR—DON ALLEN 503-985-9548

If you haven't already registered for the 2014 Pythian Fun Weekend, please contact Don Allen or Ed Yates RIGHT AWAY. They have arranged for us to use "C" loop in the campground and also 2 yurts. The campsites have been on a first come basis, and need to be pre-paid. The campsites are \$58.00 for 2 nights and the yurts are \$96.00.

As this issue of the OPN goes to press, all of the original campsites were reserved. However people could be making last minute changes, so check in with Ed or Don if you'd still like to attend. In addition, there are many good accommodations in Newport. South Beach allows visitors so people can stay elsewhere and enter campgrounds to join in on all the rest of the activities



We have finalized the arrangements for the Oregon Coast Aquarium for Saturday Morning. We get a tour guide for every 15 people in our group. Make sure you bring your cameras.

"Meet and greet" Friday afternoon and evening. Pot luck dinner on Saturday evening and breakfast on

Sunday morning. Invite your friends to join in on the fun, they are all prospective members.

Ed and Don, your highly paid (LOL) entertainment coordinators.

**Any questions or reservations call:**

**DON ALLEN 503-985-9548 OR ED YATES 503-985-7585**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**—"MEET AND GREET" WITH DRINKS AND CHIPS.

**SATURDAY**—9:00AM WE WILL VISIT THE OREGON COAST AQUARIUM IN NEWPORT. THE TOUR SHOULD TAKE 2 1/2 TO 3 HOURS. THEN IT WILL BE "FREE TIME" UNTIL 6:00PM FOR POTLUCK DINNER. PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE.

NEWPORT PROVIDES LOTS TO DO DURING THE DAY. VISIT HISTORIC NEWPORT'S WATERFRONT AREA DOWNTOWN, SEE THE LIGHTHOUSE, WALK ON THE BEACH AND MANY MORE.

**SUNDAY**—BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 9:00AM.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

Thanks, Don Allen

Email: [dallen4624@juno.com](mailto:dallen4624@juno.com)

**Excerpts from Newport Chamber of Commerce website:**

**NEWPORT FACTS:**

**Population:** 10,400

**County:** Lincoln County

**Elevation:** 150 feet above the sea

**Miles to Portland:** 130 miles to Portland International Airport

**Most Visited Attraction:** The Oregon Coast Aquarium

**Major Industry:** Tourism, fishing and wood products

**Approximate number of restaurants:** More than 80—ranging from four-star dining to small, cozy cafes

**Approximate number of accommodations:** More than 1,500 rooms. Newport's lodging includes luxurious resorts, a wide variety of hotels and motels, quaint bed & breakfasts, hostels, YURTS (Year-round Universal Recreational Tents), RV parks and camping.



**"Must Do" Activities When Visiting Newport:**

1. Walk on the Beach
2. Visit Yaquina Head Lighthouse
3. Shop in old historic Newport
4. Go Wine Tasting
5. Try the Local Cuisine
6. Hiking
7. Biking
8. Fishing & Crabbing
9. Get out on the Water
10. Relax and Take in the Spectacular Scenery

**Additional places to stay:**

Check out the Newport's Chamber of Commerce website for a list of hotels, motels, B&B's, vacation rentals, etc.

**For more information, see Newport's Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.discovernewport.com>**

## Remembering Jacquie Girard, PIR, PSR

### Jacquie Girard

July 25, 1942 ~ February 28, 2014

Jacquie was elected Grand Chief of Oregon in 1993 and was elected Maharani of the Nomads of Avrudaka for the term 2003-2005.

Jacquie and her husband Jerry, working with the Foundation of the new Mexico Highlands University, started in the year 1999 the Robert Girard Memorial Endowed Fund for Scientific Research. The fund has grown and in October 2013 they received the prestigious Hilton Award, which is the honor given to a Non-Alumni who supports the University and its students.

Jacquie is survived by her husband, Al Jerry Girard; daughters Kimberlee K. Paggett and Kristin K. Girard; granddaughter Emily Paggett, plus 2 brothers and their families.

The family felt this saying typified Jacquie:



## More memories of Jacquie...

Since Jacquie and I both came from strong Pythian families—and—each of us went on to serve as the head of a Pythian Order, I felt we had a special bond. Jacquie was Maharani from 2003-2005 and I was Supreme Chief from 2004-2006, so we had 1 year in common as top leaders in our organizations. Our duties involved dozens of trips across the US and Canada to lead our members and spread the love and unity of our Pythian and Nomad philosophies. We developed long-lasting friendships with Pythians that we met at state and provincial meetings as well as our international conventions.

Here are some things that come to mind when I think of Jacquie:

- Jacquie's special smile. She always offered a cheery thought to try and make each day a little brighter.
- Jacquie's theme when she was Grand Chief: "Communication is the Key!" So true!
- Jacquie's courage and grace as she battled



health issues over the years. What a class act—a model for each of us to follow.

- Jacquie and Jerry's dedication to the Oregon Garden. This led Oregon Pythians to unite in a statewide fundraising project which strengthened the bond of Pythians all over Oregon. And we have the beautiful water feature as a permanent tribute for all to enjoy!

- Jacquie's care and dedication to the beautiful ritualistic work of our Orders.

These things I remember about Jacquie—a fine Pythian from a fine Pythian Family—the Murchisons. We would all do well to follow along in her footsteps as we live each day—and—work together on our Pythian projects.

With Love and Admiration,

Kathlene D.L. Henry

Past Supreme Chief

## Helmetta Sisters Install New Officers



### OFFICERS (Left to Right)

Donna Leenknecht	Senior
Virginia Mellor	Treasurer
Terry Proulx	MEC
Kaye Pomerleau	Secretary
Paula Talbot	Manager

## Grand Chief Leatha Visits Helmetta Sisters



Donna Johnson and I went to Helmetta #29 for my official visit on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We were well received by all Sisters and Knights. We had such a fabulous pot luck, and yes, my favorite: Mexican food. The food was wonderful, my compliments to all of the chiefs.

We had a full meeting with everyone in their chairs. I was so surprised to find out they have 4½ new sisters. That was a wonderful surprise. They are learning the floor work and it looks so nice. You could tell they had been practicing really hard. They all had such a sweet spirit among them.

Group one, back row: Kaye Pomerleau, Secretary; Leatha Tyra, Grand Chief; Terry Proulx, MEC; Ann Ross, Past Chief. Middle row: Donna Leenknecht, Senior; Virginia Mellor, Treasurer. Front row: Kari Talbot, Junior; Ashaundra Talbot, Guard; Telsa Lewellyn, Protector; Paula Talbot, Manager, Esther McKibben

Article submitted by GC Leatha; photo submitted by Donna Johnson; members' names provided by Virginia Mellor

## Helmet Lodge—Ed Muth’s 100th Birthday!



Helmet Lodge #33 sponsored a surprise party for Ed Muth’s 100th Birthday! Several members of Ed’s family were there in addition to the Eugene Pythians.

Ed has been a member for over thirty years and held many posts in Helmet Lodge. Ed is currently our Master of Works, our Prelate, one of our Trustees and takes care of the Lodge during the week.

For Ed’s present the brother Knights presented Ed with a crisp new 100 dollar bill., just like they promised him last year.

Article and Photos by Mike Talbot



## Coral Gardner Takes the Plunge—Twice!

**Coral Gardner Villareal, one of Phoenicia-Rose’s Sisters took the plunge twice in 2014!**

In February Coral participated in the “Polar Plunge” with her friend Sara. Yes, that’s the BRRRRR cold Columbia River in the background!

In May, she took a different type of “plunge” when she and her fiancé **Angelo** got married! Congratulations to the newlyweds!



## Eugene's Helmet Lodge Celebrates Chili Win!



We, the members of **Helmet Lodge** would like to thank the rest of the Oregon Lodges for agreeing that Helmet Lodge #33, Eugene, Oregon, makes the best Chili of all the Pythian Lodges in the State! Here's a picture of our Lodge members accepting their trophy to hang on the wall in celebration of winning by default.

The handmade Chili Paddle with "Pythian Chili Champions" engraved on it will hang in a special place in our Lodge. Maybe next year you guys can find something online on how to make chili and give it a try!

## Eugene Pythians Mothers' & Fathers' Day Luncheon



**Eugene Pythians** enjoyed their annual Mothers' and Fathers' Day luncheon. This has been an annual event for the Fathers and Mothers along with families and friends. This year 20 members and friends attended a BBQ luncheon. Everyone always enjoys the luncheon which is the last event before summer for the Lodge.



# Ivanhoe FIRST Robotics Team 1432 Updates & Awards

Dear Knights and Sisters,

Did everyone see that the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade was led by FIRST Robotics Teams? It wasn't us, but we were sure proud of the teams that got to go. They were the winners from the world championship. Maybe someday it will be us.

Hope you all had a great Christmas. At Ivanhoe Lodge we celebrated both Hanukkah and Christmas. In December two of our mentors spoke about our program at SE Portland Rotary's Christmas fundraiser; they mentioned the **Knights of Pythias** as well. One of our students made a working Geiger counter; then it was time for Kick Off.

Kick Off for our competition was January 4 at University of Portland. We met at the **Ivanhoe Lodge** at 5 AM. We grabbed seats as quick as we could. This year's competition has us catching and throwing large balls and trying to get them through a goal.

The next week was finals. Students are required to maintain their GPAs if they want to build on the robot so this was a very stressful week for everyone because students only have 6 weeks to design, program and build their robot.

We keep in contact with the Umatilla team we mentored 2 years ago and the team in Chile that we helped when they had their big earthquake. Both teams had very nice write ups in their local papers. You can see videos from the Chilean team on our Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/team1432>)



FRC Robotics 1432 Team planting trees in Lents neighborhood

Besides building our robot we had made a commitment to help plant trees in the Lents neighborhood. It lost us a day but was worth it. Lents will be better for our efforts. If you look in the background the trees were hauled to where they were being planted on a trailer pulled by a bike! There was lots of

prototyping, drilling and learning new skills.

**February 10<sup>th</sup>**—We were invited to attend the Portland premier of the movie Robo Cop! We were invited because of our robotics work. They asked us to bring our robot from last year to show people at the Lloyd Cinema theatre. They gave us some really nice posters and we put one on our door to the shop at **Ivanhoe Lodge**.

Competition this year is totally different from anything we have done in the last 10 years. Instead of one regional event there will be district events and a combined Oregon and Washington regional event.

Team competition season consists of two or more district events. Our 2 events were Wilsonville on March 21-22 and OSU on April 4-5. Performance at the first two district events determines which teams qualify for regional championship competition. Similarly, performance

at the regional championship determines which teams qualify for the world championship competition. (The world championship competition is in the United States.)

The game consists of two alliances competing against each other in each round. An alliance is a group of three robots playing together. Each match is 2 1/2 minutes long The first 10 seconds of a round is called the autonomous mode where the robots operate completely on their own using a computer program written by team members.

The remaining 2 minutes and 20 seconds is called the teleoperation mode where the driver controls the robot using a joystick and a computer.

For the first day and a half of the competition, the teams cycle through multiple qualification rounds. In the qualification rounds, the alliances are randomly selected. By the end of the qualification rounds, each team will have competed an equal number of times.

At the end of the qualification rounds, teams are ranked by their win-loss-tie record. The top eight ranked teams become team captains for the eight alliances that will compete in the elimination rounds. The alliance captains get to choose from the remaining teams which teams they want on their alliance. In the elimination round, there are quarter finals, semi finals and then the final. All brackets are best two out of three.

Wilsonville was our first district event. There were a lot of issues we discovered when we got there. One was our size was too big so we had to cut our frame down, which meant our bumpers no longer fit and had to be remade. The result wasn't pretty but did allow us to compete.

Our next district event is Corvallis, April 4 and 5 and we expect to do much better than we did at Wilsonville. (We were sorry to hear the Lodge in Corvallis closed.) In between the two events the kids have 6 hours they are allowed to work on the robot and they will redesign the drive train, get rid of the hammer and change the robot from offensive to defensive. That's a lot to accomplish in just 6 hours. If you're in or near Corvallis you should check us out, the event is free and will be held at the Gill Coliseum. You can contact us at [info@team1432.org](mailto:info@team1432.org) for details.

### Next Event:

We look forward to seeing you at our competitions, Italian dinners, and Pythian Fun Days in July.

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/team1432> and <http://team1432.org/> - or email us at: [info@team1432.org](mailto:info@team1432.org)



Build team Captain Matt Robinett and Mentor Pat LohKamp working on robot at 1st district event – Wilsonville High School.

## Gaston Lodge

### CRISIS IN GASTON

**Gaston Lodge** endured some stress earlier this Winter. We woke up to no water in the Lodge building and were unable to unfreeze the main water line to the upper story of the hall.

Since the upstairs of the Lodge is in use 4 nights a week, this was a real crisis. After 7 or 8 days the weather finally warmed up and a miracle occurred NO WATER RUNNING OUT OF THE PIPES ANYWHERE!!! Except out of the faucets, that is.

After some planning by the Trustees and a great deal on building materials from **Parr Lumber Company** we (25 members) attacked the north side of our building with a work party on a Saturday morning. We

exposed the pipe that was causing our issue, insulated it and the wall, brought the wall up to current codes and installed new siding. By Sunday evening our problem was no longer. Two weeks after the repairs another cold snap happened and no more frozen pipes.

### GASTON YOUTH SPORTS PROJECT

## Grand Chief's Visits and Activities (continued)

### **Fern #29**

**Donna Johnson** and I went to **Fern #46** for my official visit on March 18th. We meet at the Trask Mountain Café for lunch. The lunch was so good! I plan to visit it again and take my family. The Temple now meets in the courthouse building. It was nice to see all the Sisters. We had a nice meeting with refreshments following the meeting.

### **Recycling**

On Friday, March 14th **Grand Chief Leatha** collected recyclables for the **Shelley Corby Fund** for about 7 hours. Not having enough on Friday, she did 6 more hours on Saturday! On Saturday, GC Leatha met with **Kathlene Henry** and **Lola Nichols** for breakfast—then the 3 of them started their recycling adventure. With the added collections of newspaper, cardboard and metal, we recycled 820 pounds of recyclables.

**Far West Fibers** in Hillsboro pays us for the recycled materials as a fund raiser for Phoenicia-Rose #10.

Thank you, ladies for the help. We had a fun morning.

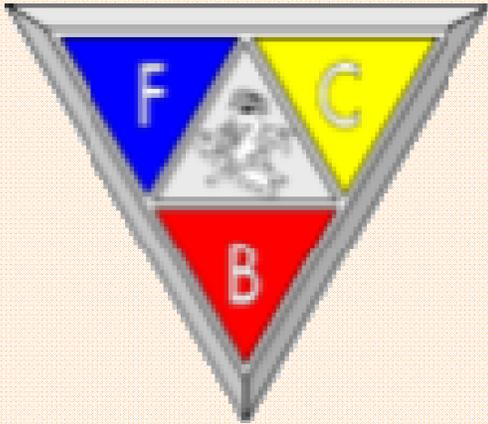
Submitted by GC Leatha

**Gaston Youth Sports** has started a project to upgrade the dugouts at Brown Park. **Gaston Lodge** and **The Oregon Pythian Foundation** have committed to aid in this project. One of our new members **Brad Davis** is leading the project. If any other lodge out there has any spare change **Gaston Youth Sports** could really use the assistance. If you can, make the checks out to **Gaston Lodge 104**. Thank you **Oregon Pythian Foundation** for your generous contribution.



Articles submitted by Ed Yates

## GC Randy's Pythian Flyer



**Friendship**

**Charity**

**Benevolence**

Long time ago Damon was caught stealing and was put in a dungeon. He was scheduled for execution in three days. His friend Pythias went to the King and asked to allow Damon to leave for three days to say goodbye to his family. Pythias

said he would take Damon's place until he got back. Three days went by and Pythias was taken out for execution. Just then Damon came back. For such a strong friendship, the king pardoned both.

In Oregon we have eleven Lodges throughout the State. Our main motto is Friendship. We help out Scouting (boys and girls). Some Lodges help the sport activities in the schools. Some send packages to our troops with items they can't get overseas..

We have a website: [OregonPythians.org](http://OregonPythians.org), which will show you a lot of things that we have done. You can send email to get ahold of someone or call the Chancellor Commander of your nearest lodge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

## Being a Pythian Sister—by PSC Laura Vande Waa

### BEING A PYTHIAN SISTER

Have you ever stopped to ponder the wonderful lessons we teach,  
The beautiful truth, the way of life that's within each Sister's reach?  
Have you ever paused to think awhile what an example our lives could be?  
Have you ever stopped to ask yourself, What does being a Pythian Sister mean to me?

As I ask myself this question, the first thought that comes to my mind  
Is the Sisterly LOVE which we stand for. Does it benefit all mankind?  
Does it eliminate hatred, resentment and anger too?  
It would if we earnestly practiced it, for that's what it's meant to do.

Then next I thought of EQUALITY, that principle so divine.  
Without it we couldn't be sisters, and your problems wouldn't be mine.  
If we believe in our teachings, our motor must ever be,  
Work for the good of the Order and work for EQUALITY.

FIDELITY is our next lesson and I'm sure we can all recall  
The solemn obligation and vows we took that night in our temple hall.  
We promised to always be faithful, to promote interest and harmony,  
Without these we cannot succeed at all, we must have FIDELITY.

Then last comes the virtue, PURITY, most important of all I would say,  
For it tells us how we must live our lives as we journey along life's way.  
And if we observe its lessons, the footprints we leave behind,  
May help to serve another or ease someone's troubled mind.

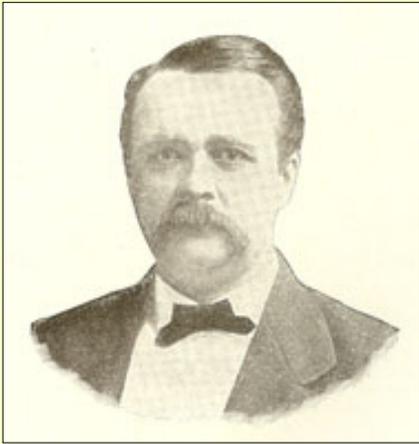
Do we really believe in our teachings? Do we mean what we say and do?  
Since no one may judge another's thoughts, I'll leave it up to you.  
Examine yourself sincerely and honestly search your own heart,  
And if you find the true Pythian SPIRIT you'll know you're doing your part.

By: Sister Laura Vande Waa

Supreme Chief

Written when she was Most Excellent Chief of her Temple.

## Historically Speaking—150 Years!



The Order of Knights of Pythias is an international, non-sectarian fraternal order, established on February 19, 1864 in Washington, DC, by Justus H. Rathbone and was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress. Its aim was to heal the wounds of the Civil War between the North and South and promote friendship among men and relieve suffering.

Today, in addition to supporting our military, we do charitable work, sponsor dances, do fundraising events and hold socials for members and their guests.

Excerpt from website: [www.KOP150.org](http://www.KOP150.org)



## Supreme (International) Convention—Knights & Sisters—Las Vegas, Nevada—August 3-6

**Dates:** August 3-6, 2014

**Location:**

Riviera Hotel—Las Vegas, NV

**Hotel Phone:** 1-800-634-6753



**Mention "SKOP714 Option 4"** to get our **Special Room Rates:** Friday, 8/1 and Saturday, 8/2—\$69; Other dates: Wednesday, 7/30 & Thursday, 7/31 plus Sunday, 8/3 through Thursday, 8/7—\$49. ALL NIGHTS—plus \$10 resort fee + tax

**Hotel Deadline: June 30th**

**Meals:**

**Supreme Banquet**—Sunday, August 3rd—\$55

Meal Choices: Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, Trout D'Amande

**Sunshine Girls Luncheon**—Sunday, August 3rd—\$32

Canadian Breakfast—Monday, Aug 4—\$24

**Sisters' Secretary/Treasurers' Luncheon—Honoring outgoing Supreme Treasurer Margaret Grochocki**—Monday, Aug 4—\$30

**Incoming Officers Banquet**—Weds, Aug 6—\$55

**Make Checks Payable to:** Supreme Convention 2014

Send US Funds, please

**Mail to:**

Rich Bales, 1044 Atticus Avenue, Henderson, NV 89014

**For more information contact Rich Bales at:**

Phone: 702-566-5693 home / 702-278-2891 cell

Email: [gs-nv@pythias.org](mailto:gs-nv@pythias.org)

**Convention Website:**

[nv2014supremeconvention@cox.net](mailto:nv2014supremeconvention@cox.net)

[www.knightsofpythiasnevada.org](http://www.knightsofpythiasnevada.org)

Celebrating 150 Years of Pythianism

The convention will begin with the Joint Opening and Memorial on Sunday afternoon. Meetings will run from Monday morning through Wednesday. Installation of Officers will be Wednesday afternoon. The final event will be the Joint Incoming Supreme Officers Banquet on Wednesday evening.

Plan to arrive a day or two early and stay a couple of extra days to visit with other Pythians and take in the sights and sounds of Las Vegas!

If you have any questions about Supreme Conventions, just ask a member who has attended Supreme Convention in past years.

## Eugene Supports Lane Community College Head Start



Wednesday, the 4th of June

This afternoon Frank and Virginia Mellor along with Mike and Paula Talbot attended the end of the school year ceremony at the Lane Community College Head Start Class.

Helmet Lodge and Helmetta Temple donated \$100 to the program to help with school supplies for the kids to use!

At the ceremony we also handed out 20 Bicycle Safety Helmets to the kids.

Article and Photo Submitted by Mike & Paula Talbot

## Oregon Grand Convention Information

### HOTEL:

#### **Red Lion Inn & Suites McMinnville**

2535 NE Cumulus Avenue, McMinnville, OR 97128

Phone: 1-503-472-1500 | Fax: 1-503-474-1171

Spacious suites include Red Lion's signature plush Sealy pillowtop bedding, EcoFresh Environmentally Responsible Products (ERP), complimentary wi-fi, TV, a microwave and refrigerator.



**Guests are invited to enjoy our indoor pool and whirlpool and join us for a complimentary continental breakfast served each day in the Harvest Room.**

- ◆ Handicap-accessible rooms available upon request.
- ◆ Pets are welcome for a fee of \$15.00 per stay.
- ◆ Parking is complimentary.

**SPECIAL ROOM RATES:** \$95.00 per night plus tax. Mention "Oregon Grand" to get our special rates.

**DEADLINE TO RESERVE ROOMS: September 17**

### **MEETING ROOMS:**

- Knights' meetings will be held at the Pythian Lodge Hall in **AURORA**.
- Sisters' meetings will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in **McMinnville**.



### **MEALS:**

- **FRIDAY NIGHT - 2 EVENTS:** Knights host welcome party in Aurora, Sisters host pizza party in McMinnville.
- **SATURDAY NIGHT—2 BANQUETS:** Knights at Pythian Lodge Hall in Aurora;  
Sisters at Golden Valley Brewery in McMinnville.

**\*\* EVERYONE—All Knights, Sisters, Friends and Family are welcome to attend ALL meals. \*\***  
**(PLEASE PREREGISTER AND SEND YOUR MEALS CHECK TO ARRIVE BY OCTOBER 6TH.)**



**PYTHIAN SISTERS REGISTRATION AND MEALS ORDER FORM**

**Oregon Pythian Grand Convention**

October 17 through October 19, 2014

LOCATION: Red Lion Inn & Suites, 2535 NE Cumulus Avenue, McMinnville, OR 97128

Your Name:
Mailing Address:
City, State, ZIP
Telephone:
Temple Name and Number:

MEALS - IN McMinnville		Price	Quantity	Total
<b>ALL KNIGHTS &amp; SISTERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEALS.</b>				
<b>FRIDAY:</b>				
<b>Dinner:</b> All members and guests - "Pizza Party" at the Red Lion Hotel after the Joint Memorial Service. (Pizza, salad and French bread.) <b>** PGC's—Please bring cookies for dessert.**</b>	\$15			
<b>SATURDAY:</b>				
<b>Breakfast (at the hotel):</b> Complimentary Continental Breakfast for REGISTERED GUESTS at Red Lion Inn & Suites McMinnville	<b>FREE to registered guests</b>			
<b>Lunch: Friendship Luncheon for All</b> (Location: Golden Valley Brewery) Soup, salad and sandwich buffet ("to go" orders welcome)	\$20			\$
<b>Dinner:</b> All members and guests - (Location: Golden Valley Brewery, 980 NE 4th Street, McMinnville, OR 97128—Phone 503-472-2739) <b>Choice of (Circle your choice)</b> 1) Tuscan Chicken 2) Beef Brisket	\$33 (plus cost of drinks)			\$
<b>SUNDAY:</b>				
<b>Breakfast (at the hotel):</b> Complimentary Continental Breakfast for REGISTERED GUESTS at Red Lion Inn & Suites McMinnville	<b>FREE to registered guests</b>			
<b>Lunch:</b> Convenience Lunch for All—Soup, salad and sandwich buffet ("to go" orders welcome) (Location: Golden Valley Brewery)	\$20			
<b>TOTAL (If all meals are purchased.):</b>	<b>\$88</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL COST OF MEALS</b>				<b>\$</b>

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:**

**PYTHIAN SISTERS — CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFO:**

**1) MEALS:** Please make check for Total Cost of Meals payable to Pythian Registration Committee and mail to:

Carol Jenkins at 4682 Beaverbrook Ct. SE Salem, OR 97317-5901  
If any questions, call Carol Jenkins at : 503-363-8314 or Arlene Kimball at 503-362-1227

**2) REGISTRATION:** Please send separate check for convention registration fee in amount of \$10, Payable to Grand Temple of Oregon and mail to: Grand Secretary Sherri Sievert, PSR, 5063 S. Hwy 97 #30, Redmond OR 97756-9601

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE DELIVERED TO CAROL & ARLENE BY OCTOBER 6th.**

**KNIGHTS REGISTRATION AND MEALS ORDER FORM****Oregon Pythian Convention**

October 17 through October 19, 2014

**LOCATION: Pythian Lodge Hall—Aurora, Oregon**

<b>Mailing Address:</b>				
City, State, ZIP				
Telephone:				
Lodge Name and Number:				
<b>MEALS - AT AURORA'S PYTHIAN LODGE HALL</b>				
<b>ALL KNIGHTS &amp; SISTERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEALS.</b>		<b>Price</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>				
Hospitality at Aurora Hall—6PM-9PM—All members and guests welcome—Drinks, chips and snacks—Come visit with all!		<b>FREE</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>Note:</b> Knights are welcome to attend Friday “pizza party”: dinner at Red Lion Hotel in McMinnville. Dinner cost is \$15 — To register for this meal, please use Sisters' Registration Form on page 17.		<b>See page 17</b>		
<b>SATURDAY:</b>				
<b>Lunch—12:30PM—2:00PM:</b>				
Soup, sandwich & salad		<b>\$13</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>Dinner: :6:30PM—Grand Banquet at Aurora Pythian Hall</b>				
Baked Rotisserie Chicken, Elsie's Potato Salad, Garden Salad, BBQ Beans, and Assorted Rolls		<b>\$25</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL (If all meals at Aurora Lodge location are purchased.):</b>		<b>\$37</b>		
<b>TOTAL COST OF MEALS:</b>				<b>\$</b>
<b>SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:</b>				
<b>KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS — CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFO:</b>				
<b><u>KNIGHTS ONLY:</u> Please make checks for <b>BOTH Meals and Registration</b> payable to <b>GRAND LODGE</b>.</b>				
<b>If your lodge does not pay your convention registration fee of \$25 please make check payable to:</b>				
<b>Grand Lodge of Oregon and mail to:</b>				
<b>Ed Yates, Grand Secretary, PO Box 126, Gaston, OR 97119-0126</b>				
<b><u>CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE DELIVERED TO ED BY OCTOBER 6th.</u></b>				

## Editors' Message

Hello, Everyone ~



First of all, my sincere apologies for the tardiness of this issue. Mailing was originally scheduled for April, however at deadline I was still waiting for a couple of important items. I finally received those items in early May, however by then my weekends were taken up with other commitments and I totally lost my momentum!

In late May, Dad returned to Oregon from Alaska due to health issues. I lost the entire month of June caring for and worrying about him. (Others in the family helped too.) Thankfully Dad's doing some better now, so I'm feeling better myself which allows me to get back to finishing the OPN to getting it off to the printers.

A couple of items are coming up quickly:

- 1) **4th of July Parade**—GC Randy is hoping for a good turnout of Pythians to ride in the Hillsboro parade. If you can be there, please call Randy right away to check time and place for the meet-up Friday morning.
- 2) **Pythian Fun Weekend**—If you haven't already made your plans, now is the time to do so. Call Ed or Don for details and to make reservations.
- 3) **Alfred Hitchcock's play "39 Steps"** - Hillsboro Nomads' Fun Committee is organizing this event. We're scheduled for Sunday, July 20th—the last day of Fun Weekend. If you can go, please contact Judy Murchison right away for info & tickets. 503-643-6008.
- 4) **Supreme Convention**—It's always a great time to see Pythians from all over North America. Margaret Grochocki, who hails from Oregon completes her 10-year term and earns her PSC honors. Let's be there to celebrate with Margaret!

Thanks to all who sent articles and photos!!

With Love & Hugs, *Kathlene*

### THANK YOU, KELLY ANDERSON!!

Kelly, we truly appreciate all of the time and effort that you invested for us this spring when you retyped all of the Oregon Knights' addresses using this year's Lodge directories so we'd have a "new & improved" OPN mailing list for this issue. (The Knights' Grand Secretary will benefit from this effort too!)

**THANK YOU**

For those of you who don't know Kelly, he has provided our OPN mailing service for several years. Darrell contracted with Kelly originally and he's done such a wonderful job, that he's retained the business all these years. If you need a mailing service for other organizations that you belong to, consider using Kelly going forward!

He's positive-minded with a "can do" attitude.

Thank you, Kelly!!

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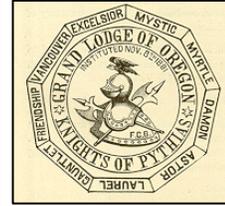
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## Upcoming Pythian Events

- ⇒ **July 18 to 20—Pythian Fun Weekend**  
— **Newport** — See page 6 for details
- ⇒ **July 20th—See Alfred Hitchcock's**  
**play "39 Steps" at Cannon Beach**  
**Theatre.** For information and tickets,  
contact Judy Murchison **by July 7th.**  
503-643-6008
- ⇒ **July—Ivanhoe Summer Picnic—**  
Check with Mark Erickson for details
- ⇒ **August 3-6—Supreme Pythian**  
**Convention — Las Vegas, Nevada**
- ⇒ **August 8-10—North Plains Garlic**  
**Festival—www.funstinks.com**
- ⇒ **August 23—Gaston's Wapato**  
**Showdown Car Show—**  
**www.wapatoshowdown.org**
- ⇒ **October 17-19—Oregon Grand**  
**Convention — Aurora & McMinnville**  
—Hotel information on page 16;  
Registration forms on pages 17 & 18  
*Please send details of your Pythian*  
*events to the OPN Editor and we'll add*  
*them to the calendar in the next issue!*

## PYTHIAN FUN WEEKEND

**DATES: JULY 18-20, 2014**

**WHERE: SOUTH BEACH STATE  
PARK, NEWPORT, OREGON**

**FRIDAY NIGHT—"MEET AND GREET"**  
WITH DRINKS AND CHIPS.

**SATURDAY—9:00AM WE WILL VISIT THE**  
**OREGON COAST AQUARIUM IN**  
**NEWPORT. THE TOUR SHOULD TAKE 2**  
**1/2 TO 3 HOURS. THEN IT WILL BE "FREE**  
**TIME" UNTIL 6:00PM FOR POTLUCK DINNER. PLEASE BRING A**  
**COVERED DISH TO SHARE.**

**NEWPORT PROVIDES LOTS TO DO DURING THE DAY. VISIT**  
**HISTORIC NEWPORT'S WATERFRONT AREA DOWNTOWN, SEE**  
**THE LIGHTHOUSE, WALK ON THE BEACH AND MANY MORE.**

**SUNDAY—BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 9:00AM.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

**Any questions or reservations call:**

**DON ALLEN 503-985-9548 OR ED YATES 503-985-7585**

