



# Oregon Pythian News

## Hillsboro Pythians Host Washington County Foster Parents Association

In early December the Hillsboro Pythian monthly group activity was arranged to invite the Washington County Foster Parents Association and children for an afternoon of games, entertainment and good foods. A good time was had by one and all. Its not clear if the children or adults had the most fun. It was a great day of fun and community service.

Thanks go to the Murphy family for their involvement. Phil made the games: ring toss, bean bag throw, fishing game, duck pond and others. He and Maureen visited the Roy Sausage and Sauerkraut event this fall to learn about the games and entertainment there and were able to put some things together for our event based on what they



Haris Blackwood  
entertaining children at Hillsboro Fun Day.

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## Oregon Pythian Fun Weekend

It is time for an encore for the activity day that promises adventure for all. We are planning our **Central Oregon adventure weekend for July 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Bend, Oregon.**

The weekend will begin on Friday with a meet and greet activity for our members and families. A hospitality room and activities are planned. We will be asking you to declare what you want to eat at our Saturday BBQ.

We are asking participants to book their own reservations at the facility of their choosing. Many will choose between motel, camping, condos or RV Park. What is your preference?

We plan to grant a stipend to help members defray the expense. On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 9am at the High Desert Museum. A brief orientation and photography talk will be conducted at the

museum. We will then explore the wonders of the High Desert Museum. Then at noon all are released to have lunch on their own and then embark upon the adventure of their choosing.

Each person or family is responsible to book or arrange the adventure of greatest appeal. All are asked to take pictures of their experience to share with your friends.

Then, at 6 pm Saturday evening, we will assemble at a park for a grand BBQ. This will be the time for visiting and sharing our experiences with our friends. We will download our pictures and quick slide shows will display our various adventure experiences. Sunday morning we will have breakfast and ready ourselves for the trip home or for some, the continuation of our vacation experience. It is sure to be a **Time to Remember!**

*(See page 18 for additional Fun Day information.)*

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## Hillsboro Pythians Do It Again ~ Relay for Life

Speaking of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life program ~ as part of the fund raising activities we are making luminaria

available to members who would like to extend encouragement and support to the members and friends who are survivors or who are currently waging the battle against cancer. We invite your support of this fund raising event.

Our goal is to raise \$2,000 this year. Your support will help a very worthy cause.

If you have an interest in making a donation we will see that a luminaria is prepared in your name in recognition of the person(s) you wish to recognize, for each \$10 tax deductible donation. Just send the name

of the person you would like to support or memorialize, along with your tax deductible **check made out to ACS-Relay for Life**. The Hillsboro Pythians Relay for Life committee will prepare a luminaria on your behalf. For us to do this, will need to know the name of the person you wish to remember, recognize and support. If you would like to have a personalized message placed on the luminaria please send message with your check.

Please make your check payable to **ACS-Relay for Life** and send your check and luminaria information to:

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## McMinnville's Diana Lodge Donates AED to Sheriff's Dept



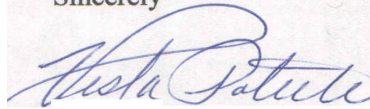
## Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund Takes Breather

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The OPECF chairman has asked me to write to you and let you know that we will not be awarding scholarships for the 2009-2010 year from the OPECF. Due to the falling stock market and the economic times, we feel that we are unable to award any at this time. We have taken quite a hit in the stock market and want to rebuild the principle before we continue with the scholarships.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support of this scholarship foundation. If you have any questions concerning this decision please feel free to contact any of the scholarship board members and we will be happy to answer them.

Sincerely



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## MATTERS OF THE HEART

The Hillsboro Pythians, Phoenix Lodge, Phoenicia Temple and Rose City Santha joined together on Valentines evening for dinner and fellowship.

The Knights invited the Sisters and Nomads to join them for the Valentine's celebration. The Dinner consisted of ham, green beans and scalloped potatoes. The best part was that the ladies supplemented the meal with delicious desserts.



Eighteen members and guests were in attendance and it certainly appeared that all enjoyed the social time, the food and desserts. The room was decorated in the holiday motif and we listened to some Louie Armstrong jazz music which added to the festive atmosphere. There were plans to show some vacation pictures but as is not uncommon with electronic and computer equipment it didn't quite come to pass – oh well, there will be another opportunity.

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## Grand Secretary Mike's Words

Hello Oregon Pythians,

I know spring time is here from listening to my spouse's sniffing but now is a good time to get your summer activities in order. As Knights and Sisters probably most of our charity work is done in the summer months when we partake in less lodge/temple stuff and focus on our community endeavors. Some that I know about are the Wapato showdown, community steak feeds, Garlic festival, relay for life and plenty of others.

Some items that we can help with are getting this information to the OPN editor. Without information he has nothing to print. I would challenge each lodge/temple secretary to solicit for and forward information to the OPN editor. A good habit would be to send it to

him as soon as you have it and not worry about the timing. I would suspect each lodge/temple could provide at least 1 or 2 articles a year?



I am asking for assistance in getting our members addresses correct. When you move could you please inform your lodge/temple secretary of your new address. Then secretaries please forward to the domain secretary. As the OPN business manager I have a list but still it is not correct which may cause you to miss the OPN and we pay a double postage fee as it must be change service requested.

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## “Law & Ordinance” Insurance saves Glencoe Lodge \$10,000

The Glencoe Lodge hall was built in 1914, fourteen years before there were any building codes in the North Plains area.

Last September a driverless truck backed into the hardware store that occupies the ground floor of the Lodge. Although the owner of the truck had insurance, after over two months it became clear that his insurance



company would only pay to replace the doors & windows to the pre-loss condition but Washington County would not allow the repairs as they would not meet current building code.

Our Lodge Chancellor Commander, Russ Sheldon, works for a company that manufactures emergency vehicles. After conversations with some of his customers and hearing tales of people and organizations having to pay thousands out of their own pockets to upgrade their building to current codes after an accident or loss Russ recommended the lodge add “Law & Ordinance” coverage. A normal policy without this coverage will only pay to repair damage and does not pay

for any code-required upgrades. “L & O” coverage pays for required upgrades associated with making covered repairs.

Five weeks before the accident, or about 0.1% of the age of the building, we voted to add this coverage. This decision turned out to be very fortuitous.



The only way to meet current code was to replace the entire storefront with aluminum framework and insulated “High E” glass. The cost for this upgrade was about \$10,000 more than the estimates to just repair the damage. Without L & O coverage the Lodge would have had to pay the extra cost to bring the storefront up to code.

Anyone who owns an older building that does not meet current building codes, energy conservation requirements or ADA access requirements should con-

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## Friendship Temple Donates to North Portland Music Academy

Friendship Temple #8 MEC project goes to the North Portland Music Academy. The North Portland Music Academy was started by Charles and Dana Canary. Charles teaches musical instruments; Dana and Charles both teach singing.

Charles & Dana started the music academy in about 1990. I met Charles & Dana as choir directors for a church choir I joined many years ago. They have such a love for music. Over the years they have had many students’ young and old who have gone on to enjoy music so much that they are now teaching others. If you can not afford to pay, different types of arrangements are made; no student is ever turned

away. If you want to play an instrument, don’t have one, can’t afford to buy one, they will help you find one. It is a blessing to have such warm people to be around.

They have Church concerts twice a year for Easter and Christmas.

They incorporate the youth and adults in the concerts, with singing as well



**MEC Leatha Tyra presents check to Charles and Dana Canary of North Portland Music Academy**

## Herculena Temple #27 Happenings

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Things are moving and shaking at Herculena # 27 in Milton-Freewater.

We are moving our meeting place to a mobile home club house. We will have lots of room to do all of our ritualistic work and also a kitchen. We are very excited about the move.

We are also growing. On April 13th we obligated a new member, Kailyn Griffith who is a 4th generation Pythian. She is the daughter of Raelyn Griffith and the granddaughter of PSR Linda Reyburn.

We are busy planning our June picnic and discussing other activities that will keep us active this summer

and fall.

We wish everyone a great and busy summer. We enjoyed having our Grand Chief visit us in March. The weather didn't cooperate as we had rain but a good time was had by all. There were 15 sisters present and we had a Hawaiian chicken buffet that was very good, with cake for dessert. We hope everyone has a wonderful and fun summer and we will see you all in the fall for Grand Temple.

Article contributed by: Vesta Poteete, PSR

## OHSU School of Nursing Recognizes Oregon Pythian Sisters

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In an effort to show their appreciation and reach out to the community, Dr. Michael Bleich, the new Dean of the School of Nursing at OHSU, recently hosted a dinner where Oregon's Pythian Sisters and others were recognized for their donations to nursing scholarships. **For many years our Past District Deputies' Association has made annual contributions to the School of Nursing at OHSU. If you'd like to see our organization's name in print, go to: [www.ohsu.edu/son/](http://www.ohsu.edu/son/) and look for the Honor Roll of Donors - 2007/08.**

Dr. Bleich also recognized two recent award recipients: Dr. Lissi Hansen, PhD, RN, assistant professor, was named "2009 Research Champion Nurse of the Year" and Carla Pentecost, MSN, RN,CNS, instructor, was named "2009 Clinical Faculty of the Year."

Giving to scholarships creates new opportunities for nursing students at the four OHSU campuses in Ashland, Klamath Falls, La Grande and Portland. Considering the looming dramatic shortage of nurses across the nation and particularly in the Northwest, the availability of adequate financial aid is necessary to attract the best and brightest future nurses possible for Oregon. The School of Nursing advances its mission of healing, teaching and discovery through considerable support from alumni,

friends, corporations, foundations, faculty, staff, trustees and others in the community they serve. They invite us to join this group of dedicated individuals in shaping the future of nursing and ensuring the health of our communities with a gift today. For more information, view their website: [www.ohsu.edu/son/](http://www.ohsu.edu/son/) .



**OHSU School of Nursing's Dean Dr. Michael Bleich, doctoral student Aaron Tabacco, Heidi Shuler, Director of Development OHSU School of Nursing and PSC Kathlene Lacy Henry**

Article and Photo contributed by Kathlene Lacy Henry

## Friendship Temple 30th Quilt Show

Friendship Temple #8 in North Plains held their 30<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show and lunch March 13 & 14, 2009. There were many quilts from the Sisters as well as from local friends and neighbors on display. Dianne Knorr (Bernice Mathiesen's daughter) displayed a quilt she made that was featured in the Quilt Makers Favorites Magazine Winter 2008. The quilt was made of 3 different patterns, Butterflies, Tulips and Gold Daffodils. What an honor.

During the Quilt Show the Sisters as well as guests gave a helping hand quilting the quilt that was on display. The quilt top was put together by Sue Dailey. We are selling raffle tickets on the quilt. The money we raise on the quilt help with the annual scholarship we donate to a student starting college in the fall. The quilt will be raffled before year end. Quilt tickets are still available. You can contact Irene Clink at 503-357-8429 for raffle tickets..

A delightful lunch was prepared and cooked by Brother Don Tyra. There were sandwiches, posole, a Mexican soup,



**Quilters Sue Dailey and Irene Clink**

which has been a success in the past and of course the delicious homemade pies made by the Sisters.

Thank you to all who helped with setting up and taking down the quilts. A special thank you to Don Tyra who does the cooking and preparing the food for our events. Also to my granddaughter Samantha Fisher who is always by his side ready to help.

Leatha Tyra, Grand Manager/MEC

## Helmetta Temple Hosts St. Patrick's Dinner for Knights



**Helmetta Sisters Gloria Guy, GG Esther McKibben, PSR Kaye Pomerleau and PSR Ann Ross**

**M a r c h 2009** ~ Helmetta Temple's Pythian Sisters invited their Brother Knights to a corned beef dinner with all the fixings in celebration of St.

Southern Oregon and from the Portland area to join in the great food and fellowship. In all, about 25 were present. After dinner, Brother Paul Lewis gave a presentation on the history of Helmet Lodge, its buildings and its members, with others chiming in when they remembered some of the members whose names were mentioned. The evening was enjoyable for those who attended.



**Brother Paul Lewis, PSR presents history on Eugene's Helmet Lodge**

Patrick's Day. In addition to the members from Eugene, several Knights and Sisters traveled from



# Grand Chancellor's Message

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Summer is nearing now, leaving behind the worst winter many of us can remember. Perhaps it was the deep snow that fell in the Portland area at Christmas or the deepening economy that has hit many of our members. With the coming of summer, the sun shines a little brighter and we hope for an Improving economy with better days to come. I am glad to report that the Pythian Assistance fund has helped a few of our fellow Knights as it was meant to.

With looking toward a better summer, Bill Peal has again planned a weekend of fun for all members, their families and their friends in the Bend area the weekend of July 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. A weekend of camping or Motel which ever is to your liking. This year we'll pay for a visit to the High Desert Museum, Saturday night Barbecue and the Sunday farm breakfast for all to round out the weekend. The Bend area is a wonderful place to visit with so many places to explore besides the High Desert Museum. **Don't forget your camera. It will be needed to record all the wonderful sights you see.** We'll share everyone's pictures at the barbecue and you will again be able to share your favorite photo at Grand Lodge in the fall where we will again be voting on the Peoples Choice. The winner will have his or her photo enlarged and framed. I am hoping everyone will mark their calendars and plan to attend what promises to be a fun filled weekend.

This year Grand Lodge will be held at the Oregon Garden Resort in Silverton. The Resort just opened this past fall and has a really nice setting for one to enjoy the Gardens while attending the Grand Lodge sessions. The main lodge facility houses the meeting spaces and lounge where we will be meeting. The guestrooms are located in a series of buildings behind the main Lodge with six rooms in each building. They are roomy and well appointed with fireplaces and private patios. There is ample parking at each building and one can walk or drive to the nearby Lodge building which has a large parking area available. I hope you will plan on attending. The

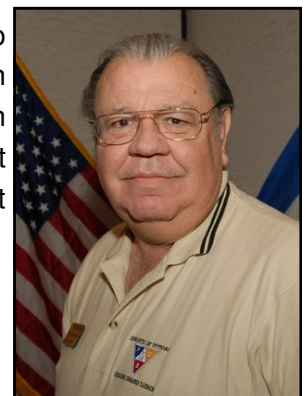
sweeping views of the Oregon Garden and the Willamette valley are spectacular. Your room comes with a free pass to enter the Garden from the Resort. You will quickly notice how the garden has grown in its beauty. Be sure to visit the Rain Curtain which you helped to fund. This is something of which the Oregon Pythians can be very proud.

I hope you will stay at the Oregon Garden Resort and sign up for the meals being served as part of the Grand Lodge/Temple meeting. **This is how we are able to keep the rising costs of the meeting places in check.** They charge us for the meeting rooms based upon the room rentals and the number of meals served during our convention. This is why it is so important that you help keep these costs down by signing up for the meals and staying at the Resort.

During this past year the officers of the Grand Lodge have been working to improve ways that the Grand Lodge can better support and recognize all its members. The OPN is being published to better communicate with our members. Our web site has been improved to provide the latest information to our members. We're using more e-mail communications to keep people informed. **These programs are being worked on to enhance your membership in the Oregon Pythians.** If you have any suggestions, please let any of the Grand Lodge Officers know your thoughts so that they can be taken into consideration. It is not about where we have been, but where we are going and what we want the organization to be.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it at the Pythian Fun day in Bend and as well as at the Grand Lodge meeting at the Oregon Garden.

Jerry Girard, GC  
Grand Chancellor



# Oregon Lodges Continue Membership Recruitment and Growth

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**Jim Witherell** recently joined Damon lodge #4. He grew up in Pendleton. Jim is retired from State of Oregon Veterans' affairs Accounting in Salem.

Now he has moved back home to Pendleton for fishing, hunting, and to help other people along with the Damon Lodge #4. He has been married for 35 years to Tina.



The five new Knights shown in the photo at the left of this paragraph joined Aurora's Lodge on Saturday, February 28th in a three-in-one rank ceremony. The new Knights in the picture, are from left to right: **Bill Brown, Larry Larson, Michael Durfee, Brian Perkins, Jacob Swartout.**

Three generations of Aurora Pythians are shown on the right Starting on the right are **Richard Swartout, Jacob Swartout and Robert Swartout.** (Grandfather Richard, grandson Jacob and dad Robert.)



Damon Lodge welcomes **Garry Myers** iwho is married and has two children, a daughter 14 years old and a son 11 years old. Gary likes to coach the boys football, baseball and girls basketball. Gary has worked for the Department of Corrections for 13 years.

Garry was originally raised in Eugene Oregon.

## Membership Recruitment and Growth (Continued from page 9)



**Brian Bradley** has been married for 18 years to Deirdre and has 2 kids, son Jack 17 years old and daughter Emily 12 years old. Brian is a teacher working at Corrections.

Brian likes classic cars, fishing, hunting and woodworking.

Damon Lodge welcomes Brian.

Mark Erickson reported on the initiation of **Tom Folk** (far right) **with his grandfather Bruce Stevens** from Talisman Lodge. Tom was initiated into the Knights of Pythias via a three in one ceremony at the District Convention in Eugene on May 2nd.



## Upcoming Oregon Pythian Activities

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### Helmet Lodge #33 and Helmetta Temple #29

Will celebrate the 145th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Pythias Lodge with a joint dinner at Sizzlers in Springfield, on **June 19th**. A brief account of the founding and growth of our order, and also of our Lodge will be presented by PGC Paul Lewis.

### Hillsboro Pythians—Relay for Life—June 20/21

Hillsboro Pythians invite all to participate in this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraising event. New location this year—Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro. Event starts at 10am on Saturday, June 20th and runs through 10am on Sunday, June 21st. Check with Shelley Corby for more details.



# **Upcoming Oregon Pythian Activities** (Cont.)

## **Fern Temple Pythian Sisters Celebrate 100 Years ~ June 27**

Fern Temple#46 Pythian Sisters will hold a community picnic at Beulah Park on **June 27<sup>th</sup>** starting at 11:30. There will be hamburgers hot dogs and salads, lemonade and water bottles. We will also have a cake to commemorate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Anyone may attend.

Congratulations to Kim Van DeWalle. She recently got her diploma in Medical Transcription. Kim received scholarship help from the Pythians.

Fern Temple meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm. We meet at the home of

## **Southern Oregon Summer Picnic ~ July 7 Noon to 3:00 . Pythian Hall on River Road.**

## **Oregon Pythian Fun Weekend: July 17, 18, 19.**

See information on front cover and page 18

## **Ivanhoe Lodge Summer Picnic ~ July 25 Noon to 3:00. Pythian Hall at 5400 SE 84th, Portland**

## **Gaston Lodge's 12th Annual Car Show ~ August 23-24th**

Gaston's Pythians Lodge 104 is getting ready for our 12th annual parade and car show, August 22nd and 23. Parade line up starts at 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Parade starts at 7:00. Then Saturday gates open at 6:30 for cars to come in and Firemen's Pancake Breakfast.

There are a lot of cars, booths, and fun, so come over and have fun with us. Any questions call Don Allen at 503-985-9548 or Gene Sanders at 503-640-5509



## **Grand Lodge/Temple Convention: October 16, 17, 18.**

See page 15 for registration and order form for meals. See page 11 for information re. hotel reservations. Room reservations must be received by September 15 to get the Pythian Special Rate. Make meal reservations prior to October 1st due to our new convention location this year.

## Continuations from previous pages:

**Foster Parents Association:** (Continued from page 1)  
learned there. Bulk prizes were ordered and distributed to the attendees. Charlie was a huge help in getting the games set up and ready for the action to follow.

Kathlene and Darrell had attended a Beaverton

Saturday Market event and heard and watched adults and especially children being entertained by a great musician. They made arrangements for Haris Blackwood to attend our event and she played and entertained the children with skill and camaraderie. Article submitted by: Darrell Henry

**Grand Secretary Mike's Words:** (Continued from page 4)  
Please visit the **OregonPythians.org** web site for the latest information from Supreme. I have been posting it there in place of getting color cop-

ies made and mailing them out. If you prefer the mailing please let me know and I will try to accommodate you.

**"Law and Ordinance Insurance"** (Continued from page 5)  
sider adding L & O coverage. We are sure glad we did.

As a side note, just because the building was built 94 years ago without any building codes does not mean it was not well built. The window installer said he had never seen a masonry building with

an opening that was more "square". The 30-foot by 11 foot storefront opening is within 1/16 of an inch of being perfect. A real tribute to old-fashioned craftsmanship.

Article submitted by:

Jim Andrews, Glencoe Lodge Trustee

**Music Academy** (Continued from page 5)  
as musical instruments. For the first time in 2008 the Choir sang at the Grotto for Christmas. What a treat for all! The Music Academy will be my project again for the third time this year.

People who have an interest in attending The Music Academy concerts you may contact them through Leatha Tyra at 503-647-5471.

Article and Photos submitted by:  
Leatha Tyra, Grand Manager/MEC

*If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live a life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.*

*~ Henry David Thoreau*

# Grand Chief's Message



Dear Sisters and Brother Knights,

I have completed all of my Official Visits to the Temples and also to the two District Conventions. It was an enjoyable time traveling with Marilyn Stevens, Alt Supreme Representative to most of my Temple visits and with my daughter Christie Prins, PDDGC to the other Temples and District Conventions. They all made me feel very welcomed and it was very interesting to see the various ways that our Temples are serving our communities and the types of fund raisers they held.

It was decided at Grand Temple that we only hold one District Convention each year. This year was the last time we had 2 District Conventions. **Starting next year there will only be one District Convention** and Thermopylae Temple #37 will conduct and organize the District Convention and it will be hosted at Helmetta Temple in Eugene. The following year will be in the Portland area with the invitation to attend announced at the District Convention held in Eugene next year.

For at least the last ten years the **Grand Chiefs have had as their project Doernbecher's Children's Hospital**. It was my privilege to be able to have two speakers from Doernbecher's attend our District Conventions. Ellen **Bennett** spoke at District 1 Convention and is a parent of a patient at Doernbecher's who has been a patient at various times since his birth. He has had many surgeries there and is now 14 years old. Ellen shared some of her experiences with dealing with her son's problems and how much Doernbecher has done for them. She is very active in the volunteer program and is a charter member of Friends of Doernbecher and has also organized and participated in fund raisers for Doernbecher.

At District 2 Convention, **Megan Bulger from OHSU spoke to us** about how the funds we raise help the children while they are being treated. She said their average stay is about one week and they and their families are made welcome. Each patient has a room to themselves with extra beds so family members can

stay with them. Some of the activities include puzzles, arts and crafts, and birthday parties. The most favorite of all the activities is Bingo, in fact one little patient requested that he be discharged after the Bingo session so he could attend. Megan Bulger extended an invitation to any Pythian who would like a tour of Doernbecher's to see all that they do for the children. Just contact her so she can make arrangements for you to take a tour.

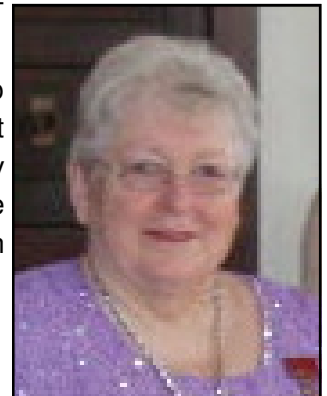
Just a reminder to **have your Temple Membership Chairman send in their report to the Grand Temple Membership Chairman**, Rosenna Powell, PGC so she can have her report sent in to the Supreme Chief. The date that they are due is on the report. As you know our membership is shrinking. I encourage you to invite friends and family to join and promote the Pythians by having flyers and handouts available whenever you have any fund raisers.

**Grand Temple Session will be held in Silverton, OR at the Oregon Gardens** this year Oct 16<sup>th</sup> to Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements are coming together nicely so that we will have a most enjoyable Session this year. Please keep a watch for the notice that is sent out so you can make reservations to attend.

Also the Knights have planned another **Oregon Pythian Fun Weekend for everyone** in July from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> in LaPine, OR. Hopefully you have received the flyer they sent out. If you have any questions you can call Bill Peal at 541-276-9112 or Jerry Girard at 503-640-8349.

I am looking forward to seeing you this summer at the Oregon Pythian Fun Day and at our Grand Temple Session in October in Silverton, OR.

In P.L.E.& F.,  
Sandra Ryan, Grand Chief





## Pythian Sisters District 1 Convention

Friendship Temple #8 hosted the 85<sup>th</sup> District #1 Convention on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with Leatha Tyra as DDGC. The theme was "ENGLISH TEA PARTY". The luncheon menu was finger sandwiches, fresh fruit, fruit breads, mini cup cakes, cookies, English sausage rolls, English short bread and, of course, tea from England. The luncheon was prepared by Brother Knight Don Tyra and the server was Leatha's granddaughter Samantha Fisher.

The table settings were many different styles and patterns of China tea cups, tea pots and lunch plates. The tea pots, tea cups and lunch plates were provided by Bernice Mathiesen, Irene Clink, Leatha Tyra, Lorna Campbell and Diane Knorr of Friendship Temple #8. Each place setting had a different mini crocheted doily, made by the Sisters of Friendship Temple #8. A doily and nut cup were given to all who attended.

Convention guest speaker Ellen Mitchell from Friends of Dornbechers Child Life at OHSU spoke as a mom whose child was born with complications and how those complications have impacted her life and family. Her son is now 14 and lives an almost normal life, thanks to the Child Life program at OHSU.



**DDGC Leatha Tyra with her family:  
husband Don Tyra, daughter Elizabeth Fisher and  
granddaughter Samantha Fisher**

There were 26 Sisters and 2 Knights attending the convention. Phoenicia-Rose #10 did the opening and closing, the Sisters did a fantastic job.

Thanks to all who attended and to those who helped!

Leatha Tyra DDGC

## Gaston Lodge Supports Eagle Scout

My name is Forrest Moore and I have been in Troop 168 since I was eleven years old. Our Troop is located in Gaston and is sponsored by the Knights of Pythias. I obtained the rank of Eagle Scout on December fourth 2008. To obtain the rank of Eagle Scout I had to complete a large service project, which included building new picnic tables at Hagg Lake.

Some of my favorite activities during my Scouting career were canoeing, swimming and going camping, I learned a lot of useful life skills by being involved with Scouting. I would like to extend my thanks to the Knights of Pythias in Gaston for supporting our Scout Troop and making it possible for me to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.



# Oregon Grand Convention Hotel Information

## Oregon Garden Resort

895 West Main Street, Silverton, OR 97381

**Reservation Method:** Individual

**Cut-Off Date:** 9/15/2009

Hotel Room Reservations deadline **September 15, 2009**. You may reserve guestrooms by calling Moonstone Hotels Central Reservations at 1-800-966-6490 and identify yourself as a member of the **Knights of Pythias Convention**. If you prefer, you can register online at

[www.moonstonehotels.com](http://www.moonstonehotels.com) (Click "book a room," then select "Oregon Garden Resort reservations." On next page, click "group" and continue. Group name is **PYTH** / password is **PYTH**. Follow instructions to complete reservation process.) Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or advance deposit received 30 days prior to arrival. Reservations received after the 9-15-09 cut-off date will be provided on space available basis at prevailing rates. All guestrooms, including patio areas, are designated smoke-free. Hotel check-in time is after 3:00 PM on the day of arrival. **Check out time will be extended to 12 noon for this special group.**

All rates are subject to the prevailing taxes and fees, currently at 10%. Unless otherwise stated above, the extra person charge is \$15.00. All quoted rates are based upon existing bedding. Rollaway beds are not available.

**Registered guests will be provided a free key to the Oregon Gardens during their stay.**

### Reservation Rate Information

Room Type	Single	Double
Queen	\$129	\$129
King	\$109	\$109
Four people in Double Queen Room: \$159.00 plus tax		
Hotel room charge includes entry to The Oregon Garden for registered guests.		

## The Oregon Garden ~ What it means to Oregon Pythians

When Jerry Girard was Grand Chancellor the first time, Project Advance was looking for a statewide project. The Oregon Pythians made The Oregon Garden our statewide project. We raised \$50,000 to sponsor the Rain Curtain. In addition Pythians from all over the state met at The Oregon Garden on the first Saturday of November for several years to donate their time to help maintain and beautify the garden by working in the flower beds.

Because of these efforts the Oregon Garden still has a special place in the hearts of Oregon Pythians.



## From the Desk of Grand Secretary Shelley

We just finished attending the two District Conventions this spring. Friendship Temple # 8 hosted District #1 Convention in North Plains on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Leatha Tyra, Grand Manager served as DDGC. We had a lovely "English Tea Party" with beautiful china at lunchtime, which everyone enjoyed. Helmetta Temple # 29 hosted District #2 Convention on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Eugene. District Deputy Kaye Pomerleau, PSR chose Grand Chief Sandy's motto "Extending the Hands of Friendship" as her theme. Next year we will have only one District Convention hosted by District # 2 / Thermopylae Temple # 37 in Eugene with Ann Ross, PSR serving as our DDGC. It will be held on the first Saturday in May. The following year we will have the District Convention in the Portland area hosted by District #1.

Congratulations, all Temples were able to submit their Annual Reports on time this year. We currently have 7 Temples and just over 200 Sisters. I wish we could find a way to increase our membership. For your information, I am including a table with all of our current subordinate Secretaries and their contact information.

I am looking forward to the Grand Convention, which will be held at The Oregon Garden on October 16<sup>th</sup>

through 18<sup>th</sup> this year. This is a week later than usual so mark your calendars. It will be nice to meet in such a beautiful place. I always enjoy going to this lovely place.

My home Temple, Phoenicia-Rose, is busy preparing to attend the Hillsboro Relay for Life on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We have hosted several Spaghetti feeds with Bingo to earn funds for the American Cancer Society. We have a lot of fun as we walk around the track at the Relay events. The beautiful Luminary Ceremony at 10 PM is my favorite part of this 24-hour event.

That's all for now. If you have any questions or need information, do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. Be sure to put "Pythian" in the subject line so I don't inadvertently delete your e-mail.

In Pythian Love,  
Shelley Corby, Grand Secretary  
503-259-9850  
Email: BLUEORKYD@AOL.COM



	TEMPLE	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE E-MAIL	MEETING TIME
8	FRIENDSHIP	IRENE CLINK, PSR	570 N 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave #66 Cornelius, OR 97113	503-357-8429	2ND & 4TH THUR 7 PM
10	PHOENICIA-ROSE	SARAH MURCHISON, PGC	432 Edison St Hillsboro, OR 97124	503-913-0621 cedlih@yahoo.com	1ST & 3RD THUR 7:30 PM
27	HERCULENA	LINDA REYBURN, PSR	927 PLEASANT ST WALLA WALLA, WA 99362	509-525-4775 reyburly@whitman.edu	2 <sup>ND</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> MON 7:30 PM
29	HELMETTA	ANN ROSS, PSR	323 - 37 <sup>TH</sup> ST SPRINGFIELD, OR 97478	541-747-5802 annross@comcast.net	3 <sup>RD</sup> MON 1 PM
37	THERMOPYLAE	ROBYN NEELEY, GT, ASR	4069 S PACIFIC HWY #142 MEDFORD, OR 97501	541-512-8907 mumsie1@charter.net	1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUN 2 PM
45	WILLAMETTE	CAROL JENKINS, GPC	4682 BEAVER BROOK CT. SE SALEM, OR 97317	503-363-8314	1 <sup>ST</sup> THUR 7:00 PM
46	FERN	JAN VAN DEWALLE	17671 WOODLAND LOOP RD YAMHILL, OR 97148	503-662-3701 vandej@msn.com	3rd TUES 1 PM



# PYTHIAN SISTERS DISTRICT 2 CONVENTION

The 99th session of the District 2 Convention was held on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the Knights of Pythias Hall on 12th & Lawrence in Eugene, OR, conducted by DDGC Kaye Pomerleau, PSR, of Helmetta Temple #29. This beautiful, sunny day started with registration, coffee and donuts (contributed by Helmet Lodge #33) at 9:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., we were fortunate to have Megan Bulger, Special Programs Manager of the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation, who described the facilities, programs and tremendous work performed at the Doernbecher Children's Hospital. The Doernbecher Children's Hospital has been the continuing major charitable project of Grand Chiefs of Oregon for many, many years and now of Grand Chief Sandra Ryan's as well.

Immediately after Megan's speech, the seating of the Convention Officers was conducted by the lovely ladies of District 1, headed by Betty Alexander, PSR, and Fay Robinson, PSR. The Convention Officers were formed from Helmetta #29 and Thermopylae #37, and included Maureen Murphy, GJ, as Convention Protector, and Fay Robinson, PSR, as Law Committee Chair. The remaining session was conducted in ritualistic form with 18 women attending, including Grand Chief Sandra making her official visit. We were delighted to have Duane Johnson, PSR join us for the afternoon session. The ladies were joined by 8 Knights for a wonderful

luncheon provided by Helmetta Temple #29 and immediately thereafter, entertained by the song birds known as The Memory Tones of Eugene. (Brother Paul Lewis is a member of The Memory Tones.) There were gifts, door prizes and wonderful comradeship shared by all attending and we enjoyed leftovers from the luncheon before driving off to our separate households. Sadly, this is the last District 2 Convention. Commencing in 2010 only one District Convention will be held for the entire state.

Article contributed by: DDGC Kaye Pomerleau, PSR



**GC Sandy Ryan &  
Megan Bulger**



**GC Sandy Ryan &  
DDGC Kaye Pomerleau**

## Report of the Past Grand Chancellor, Charlie VanDomelen

At the 2007 Grand Lodge convention 9 Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs) were given to the lodges that participated in the Grand Chancellor's Project for 2006/07. Following is the list of where all of the AED went:

- **Ivanhoe Lodge** AED went to Cornerstone Care Option, a care facility in outer SE Portland, Oregon.
- **Damon Lodge** kept its AED at the lodge for all of the many different functions that are held in their building in Pendleton, Oregon.
- **Glencoe Lodge** gave its AED to the public library in North Plains, Oregon.
- **Talisman lodge** kept its AED at the lodge for the many organizations that meet in their building in Grants Pass, Oregon.
- **Helmet Lodge** gave its AED to North Marion County Aquatic Center, Eugene Oregon.
- **Phoenix Lodge** gave its AED to Virginia Garcia a migrant care facility in Cornelius, Oregon.

- **Hermes Lodge** gave its AED to North Marion School District, Aurora, Oregon
- **Diana Lodge** gave its AED to the Yamhill County Sheriff's River Patrol, McMinnville, Oregon.
- **Gaston Lodge** gave its AED to the Fire Station, Gaston, Oregon.



I want to thank all involved in helping me raise the funds to purchase the AEDs. This was a worthwhile project that benefited all of the areas in which Oregon Knights of Pythias have a lodge in. It was a pleasure working with all of you to complete this project.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlie Van Domelen

# Oregon Pythians: *Get out and have some fun!*

## Things to See & Do in Bend

### Area:

- Golf Courses
- Whitewater Rafting
- Spas
- Biking
- Hiking
- Fishing
- River & Lake Activities (Canoeing, Kayaking & River Float Trips)
- Swimming
- Trail Running
- Boating
- Museums
- Star Gazing
- Sightseeing
- Spelunking (Cave Exploration)
- Tennis
- Motor Sports (ATV, Dirt Biking, Motocross, etc.)
- Rock Climbing
- Rock Hounding
- Horseback Riding
- Bird Watching



## Agenda

Friday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Arrive NOON to 5 PM
	Hospitality at Cascade Meadows
Saturday July 18 <sup>th</sup>	9AM - Free admission to High Desert
	Welcome to The Adventure Photo tips by Bill Peal
	10AM-NOON Visit the Museum
	NOON –
	1-5PM Your chosen Adventure
Sunday July 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM Free BBQ at Cascade Mead-
	9AM Free Breakfast & Goodbyes at Cascade Meadows Resort

## Make Your Reservations ~ NOW!

There were 25 campsites on hold at the **Cascade Meadows RV Resort**. They were on hold for us until April 30th. Please call **541-536-2244** and see if you can still reserve your site.

A nearby motel is **Timbercrest Inn** 3mi. away from the RV resort at La Pine, call **Kay** at **541-536-1737** to reserve a room (only 22 rooms available). Plenty of other nice places to stay in Bend.

Saturday we will start at the High Desert Museum

and then everyone gets to choose their own adventure.

Saturday evening we will have a big BBQ with plenty of fellowship and showing some of the great pictures of our day's adventures.

Sunday morning we will finish with a nice outdoors breakfast.

**Please remember to bring your camera.**



← 2008 Pythian Fun Day Photo Winner

By Jim Aldrich ~ Damon Lodge, Pendleton, OR

Will your picture be the  
winner this year?

# Oregon Grand Convention Meal and Registration Forms

## To all members of Grand Lodge and Grand Temple:

Our 2009 convention will meet at **Oregon Garden Resort, October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** (*note different dates*) located at 895 West Main St, Silverton, OR 97381

Please attend to see The Oregon Garden (*what you all have accomplished*) and the new hotel. We will have tours of The Garden and/or a tour of the City of Silverton and its murals on Friday afternoon.

**Call Betty Alexander at 503-648-0005 if you want to go on one of the Friday tours.**

Also this year, and very important to follow is you must have meal reservations in by **October 1, 2009** and room reservations by **September 15, 2009**.

Follow instructions when you receive your OPN. Make copies and mark your calendars so you will not be disappointed when you get to Grand.

2009 Grand Lodge / Grand Temple Meals Form		Price	Quantity	Total
<b>Friday October 16<sup>th</sup></b>				
Joint Representatives' Dinner, Past Grand Chiefs, all members and guests				
Roast Pork Loin ( <i>Buffet</i> ) Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads, Desserts	\$30.00			
<b>Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup></b>				
Past District Deputies Breakfast (Sisters Only)	\$10.00			
Friendship Luncheon ( <i>Buffet</i> ) Roasted Turkey wrap-salads-dessert	\$18.00			
Grand Banquet (mark your choice)				
Chicken Breast	\$37.00			
Butter Roasted Salmon	\$37.00			
Rice Pilaf, Salad, Carrot Cake				
<b>Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup></b>				
Fun for Funds Breakfast ( <i>Plated</i> )	\$16.00			
Altruistic Luncheon Soup, Sandwich, Dessert	\$18.00			
<b>Totals:</b>				
Sisters cost for all meals \$129.00				
Knights cost for all meals \$119.00				
<b>Please print your Name:</b>		<b>Please write in your Lodge or Temple affiliation:</b>		
Please send check or Money Order for meals, payable to: Pythian Registration Committee and mail to: Carol Jenkins at 4682 Beaverbrook Ct. SE, Salem, OR 97301 <b>**Mail Form and Check to Arrive by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**</b>				

## OREGON GRAND REGISTRATION FORMS:

<b>PYTHIAN SISTERS REGISTRATION FORM</b> <b>Make Check Payable to Grand Temple of Oregon.</b> <b>Send check &amp; registration form to:</b> <b>Shelley Corby, GS</b> 17180 SW Hart Way Aloha, OR 97007	<b>KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS REGISTRATION FORM</b> <b>Make Check Payable to Grand Lodge of Oregon.</b> <b>Send check &amp; registration form to:</b> <b>Mike Harmes, GS</b> PO Box 443 North Plains, OR 97133
Name:	Name:
Rank:	Rank:
Temple:	Lodge:
<b>PS Grand Temple Registration fee: \$10</b>	<b>KoP Grand Lodge Registration fee: \$25</b>





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ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR AND  
ABOUT OREGON PYTHANS

*Community Service in Action*

SEE THE OPN AT  
[oregonpythians.org](http://oregonpythians.org)

100th Anniversary  
Fern Temple  
**Pythian Sisters  
Family Picnic**

June 27, 2009

11:30 am

Benlah Park  
(Yamhill City Park)

3rd Street

Yamhill, Oregon

Hamburgers and salad provided

**Please come Help us Celebrate.**

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