



News for and About Oregon Pythians

Oregon Pythian News

A Formula for Growing a Stronger Pythian Order.



It is spring and the time for growth and development, so let's go with the season and work together to Grow the Order.

What is needed to grow a stronger and more viable organization? The first thing that comes to mind is good seed. Each of us as members needs to plant the seed of new membership by formulating a plan to

follow in really seeking prospective members to give applications to for membership. Have you made a list of prospects that you could ask to join our lodge? With that list in hand you can consider the best approach to take in presenting your case and inviting attendance to your meeting or activity. People need a reason to attend and that can only come from you. As a lodge, plan for an introductory event which will interest and inform prospective members and then work with your brothers to get a group to attend. Promote a program that will be informative, fun, and interesting. This approach will be a good one and may help to energize some of your membership as well. We need to plan for follow up. It is all about connecting and making our prospective member feel welcome.

After the first meeting, follow through with an invitation to the next meeting. If you can plan for more activities than just one per month, you will increase your opportunities. If your program committee is not meeting and planning, a jumpstart the process with some new ideas. It all comes back to the "Plan your work and Work your Plan" formula. Then the next step has to be a calling committee to ask people to attend. We are all busy so giving some people a part to play increases the odds that they will say yes to your invitation.

It all boils down to effort. If you are willing to work to develop your organization it will pay off. If you are unwilling to put in the time guess what? Sometimes all that is needed is a spark plug, a person who will give things a push and create a direction to follow. We have all heard it said that "if you are not a part of the solution, you may be a part of the problem". My hope is that you will spring into action and help your lodge by Growing the Order through Membership Involvement

Grand Chancellor Bill Peal

Practice "Magic of Love" through Service to Others

Dear Pythians,

I have had so much fun at all of my official Grand Chief's visits to the various temples. All of you did such a good job, and your books were in excellent condition. I was so impressed with all of your volunteer work. Furthermore the kindness, support, comfort, and compassion you have given others. The handmade items you have given others, that took a great amount of your time and effort will be greatly appreciated for years to come by those who received them. Unlike store-purchased items, handmade items are special because a part of the person comes along with the item; making them unique.



At our District Convention we had such a beautiful day. We all pitched in and helped each other. The convention was a great success. All of the work was so beautifully well done. The food was delicious and graciously prepared and served to us by the Hillsboro Knights of Phoenix Lodge. Thank you Knights. I want to thank all of you for courtesies and beautiful gifts. All my official visits and the District Convention were thoroughly enjoyed, every minute of the events. It has been so nice to travel with all my family and my Pythian Sisters, Leatha Tyra, GM and Donna Johnson, GPC, to the various Temples for my official visits. I really appreciate all the help that my Sisters and Brother Knights have given me during my year as your Grand Chief. I could not have done it without you. Love you all.

Thank you everyone who has given me gifts toward my Grand Chief's projects.

In one of Kathlene Henry's articles when she was Supreme Chief, she said "*Helping Hands Make Happy Hearts*." I know that all of my fellow Pythians have happy hearts because all of those you help in your daily lives. A good deed in the service of others will stay with you much longer than anything else. A prime example of someone who lived by the principle of service to others was Princess Diana, of England. I feel that Princess Diana's unselfish help to others exemplifies my theme that "*Love Through Understanding*" works magic! She helped and comforted both children and adults who

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Words from Grand Secretary Mike

Fellow Pythians:

Brothers and Sisters,

Hello All, with summer finally here I hope everyone is remembering the Pythian principles that we live by. I am sure there will be many great opportunities to help others and promote the order.

I am asking for some help with our web site. I need help getting each lodge to provide me with the correct information for their lodge. Is there anyone out there that would like to learn web hosting? I am so busy these days that the time is not available to me to do a really good job of maintaining it. What I have been thinking about is setting up locations for each lodge to post to and then I would melt it all together. This would allow someone in your lodge to have full control over the material and content of their own lodge.

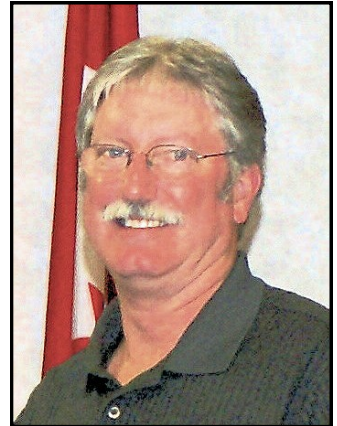
Life is moving fast with smart phones and the many browsers that have come out recently. HTML5 now is the standard and what is

remarkable about it is the concept behind it. It will support voice communication. What this means is the letters posted to the web site can now talk back to you. Amazing how fast times change and everything keeps progressing. With that said we to need to keep up if we do not want to be left behind.

Have a great summer and hope to see you at the Pythian fun day.

Fraternally,

Mike Harmes GS
Grand Secretary



Notes from Grand Secretary Shelley



As I write this update, summer has just begun. Most Temples are recessing their meetings for the summer. We all look forward to summer so that we can enjoy time with family and friends as we go on vacation or attend reunions, picnics and other summer activities. I am personally getting ready to go to our local "Relay for Life" and will also attend other summer activities later this summer. Check your calendar so that you can go to some of the activities scheduled. Don't forget

the Pythian Fun Day in Baker City.

I have also been busy in my office receiving the information for our Grand Temple in October. The Temple secretaries have been sending in their Grand Temple Representative Certificates, Temple Attendance Records and will send in the Memorial information in September. If your Temple hasn't sent their information in, please do so as soon as possible. The Grand Chief needs to know who the Representatives are so

that she can assign the committee members for Grand Temple. We also need each member who will be attending Grand Temple to send in her own registrations so that we know who will be there. We will be going to Newport this year. I always look forward to meeting at the beach and I know that my sister, Grand Chief Maureen will do a wonderful job. The Oregon coast holds special memories for me as my family would go there many times during summer for camping and picnics.

On a personal note, my surgery has been postponed until later this year. The Specialist I saw in Washington DC in April reviewed my records, did a physical exam and has recommended that I have another CAT scan in October to see progression. I am relieved that I won't have to have surgery this summer but am nervous about waiting too long. I do trust my Specialist and am sure he knows what is best.

That is all for now. If you have any questions or need information, please do not hesitate to call me. Have a great summer!

With Pythian Love,

Shelley Corby
Grand Secretary

OPCEF Grants 11 Scholarships ~ by Sarah Owens

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Foundation (OPCEF) is happy to announce that eleven students were chosen to receive scholarships for the 2011/2012 school year.

There was a strong applicant pool and we are pleased to be able to help so many deserving students in achieving their educational goals. Investment earnings and donations combined to allow us to grant \$475.00 to each scholarship recipient.

2011/2012 Scholarship Winners:

Amanda Poteete – Vesta Poteete (Herculena Temple)
Brian Basquez – Carolyn Swanson (Herculena Temple)
Brandon Carow – Phil Carow (Delphos Lodge)
Brittany Steele – Jerry Steele (Gaston Lodge)
Johnny DeLay Jr. - Johnny DeLay Sr. (Gaston Lodge)
Krista Little – Kone Hancock (Damon Lodge)
Kevin Scott – Dean Scott (Damon Lodge)
Sara Heiter – Jerry Steele (Gaston Lodge)
Shelby West – Dorothy Hinton (Herculena Temple)
Tyler Funk – Corkye Funk (Glencoe Lodge)
Tyler Lantz – Scott Lantz (Glencoe Lodge)

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

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

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS to this year's scholarship recipients!



Helmetta Temple Hosts GC Maureen

Helmetta's Grand Chief's visit started off with a lovely luncheon. The dining hall was decorated with daffodils, shamrocks and gold coins to denote the luck of the Irish!

After lunch, the Sisters and Brothers assembled in the meeting room adjoining the dining room. MEC Ann Ross presided over the meeting. Members from Thermopylae and Phoenicia-Rose assisted in filling the officer's chairs.

Grand Chief Maureen spoke on her longstanding love of the Pythian Order and the benefit of promoting Love Through Understanding. She reminded the Sisters about the upcoming District Convention and invited everyone to attend Oregon Grand Convention at the beach in October.

After the meeting, the members adjourned to the dining room for treats, coffee and more socializing before everyone returned home.



Helmetta Sisters PSR Kaye Pomerleau, PSR Ann Ross, Senior Gloria Guy, Grand Chief Maureen Murphy, Manager Virginia Mellor, PSR Marilyn Stevens and SR Julie Lozano

Glencoe Lodge Volunteer Appreciation Night

Hi Everyone

What an awesome evening. From any angle one looks the event went way beyond expectation!! I was awestruck when I saw the line forming for spaghetti dinner and we were already out of table space. That's when it struck me that we had something pretty special happening here in North Plains that evening.

And the Knights of Pythias were there in force. It was wonderful to see that. I thank you all for helping make the evening the huge success that it was.

The Gathering of Women raised \$310 for the Farmers Market. They learned a lot for future events while learning to work together during this event.

We all learned a lot, something to carry forward to future events. And community was brought together in a way that hasn't happened in years. It was a true community event brought together by people in the community. By one person's count, there were 150 to 160, or more people there. Standing room only! People were even sitting up on the stage. And everyone was having fun. What a great evening!!!

I give a very deep heartfelt "Thank You!!!" to ALL of you.

David Hatcher



Glencoe Knights at Volunteer Appreciation Night Event

Photo by Mitch Ward – Beacon Editor

Thermopylae Temple Hosts Grand Chief Maureen



GC Maureen and MEC Paula Bice displaying their gifts

March 6 marked the date of Grand Chief Maureen's official visit to Thermopylae Temple in Grants Pass. The festivities of the day started with a luncheon in the dining hall. Southern Oregon Pythians sure put on a great feast!

After lunch the Sisters went upstairs for their meeting. Paula Bice served as MEC. Grand Chief Maureen told the Sisters and Brothers of her love for the Pythian Order ever since she was a Sunshine Girl when we lived in Southern Oregon. She felt that it was especially fitting that her official visit to Grants Pass fell on her mother Viona's birthday since Maureen and her family joined the Pythians in Southern Oregon.

To make the day even more festive, the Temple chose this as the day to present special membership pins so Marilyn Stevens and Ann Ross.



Julie Lozano and Robyn Neeley present special membership pins to Marilyn Stevens and Ann Ross

College Graduates Among Us!

Hillsboro Pythians Boasts Two 3rd Generation Pythians as College Graduates

Tiera Corby graduated from Portland Community College with an Associate's Degree as a Registered Nurse. Tiera is the daughter of Shelley and Don Corby. She is also a 3rd generation Pythian as she is the granddaughter of Don and Viona Lacy.



Tiera Corby on her graduation day with proud parents Don and Shelley Corby

Thermopylae Temple and Talisman Lodge Proudly Announce 2 College Graduates



Rafael Lozano



Julie Lozano

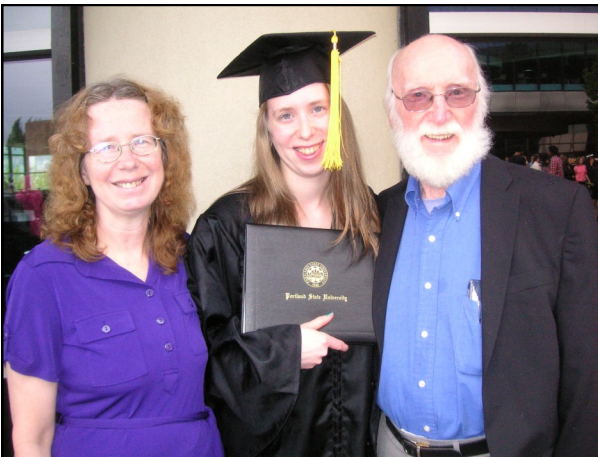
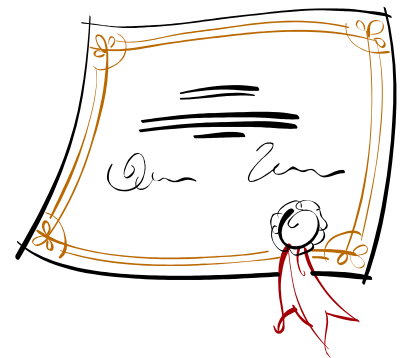
Rafael Lozano and Julie Lozano graduated from Rogue Community College with Associates degrees this June.

Rafa completed his degree in landscaping.

Julie got a 4 point average in general studies.

We're proud of these Pythian members for their efforts of self-improvement and working towards a better future for themselves and their families.

Congratulations to all of you!



PSU Graduate Sarah Murphy, with proud mom, GC Maureen Murphy and grandfather Don Lacy, PCDSC

Sarah Murphy graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. Sarah is the daughter of Phil and Maureen Murphy. Her brothers

Aaron Murphy and Andrew Murphy are Knights. Sarah is also a 3rd generation Pythian since she is also Don and Viona Lacy's granddaughter.

Helmetta Temple's New Members

Helmetta Temple # 29 is truly blessed and delighted to announce that we have now added five new Sisters and two new Brother Knights to our roster of membership. Our new Sisters are Paula Talbot, Katrina Ormsbee, Rebecca Holt, Cierra Marzullo and Ronni Chapman. Our new Brother Knights are Patrick Ormsbee and Mike Talbot.

We hope that with the help of our new Sisters and Brother Knights from Helmet Lodge No. 33, that we will be able to work on various fund-raising projects to assist all of our charities, the Doernbecher Hospital, Children's Section, and also support our troops overseas with care packages, etc. to keep up their spirits. We welcome all our new members with open arms and invite any and all to come to our meetings and meet our new members whenever possible.

In P,L,E & F,

Kaye Pomerleau, Secretary



Top Photo (left to right):

New Sisters Katrina Ormsbee, Ronni Chapman, Paula Talbot, Cierra Marzullo and Rebecca Holt escorted by Manager Virginia Mellor

Lower Photo (left to right):

New Brother Knights Patrick Ormsbee and Mike Talbot, escorted by Manager Virginia Mellor

Photos by Judy Murchison



Ivanhoe Summer Picnic

Come one, come all to Ivanhoe's Summer Picnic.

Date: July 30th

Time: NOON – 3pm

Location: Ivanhoe Lodge Hall
5400 SE 84th, Portland, OR

Note: Ivanhoe Lodge has a new ramp to their hall, so it's easier to get into the building now.



Our Thoughts on Volunteering ~ Article by Roman Olivera and Evangelina Olivera

My family and I have had the opportunity to support Eastern Oregon University's (EOU) Rolland Schimmel Memorial Football Game and dinner for the past four years.

As Pythians we give part of ourselves, our time, energy, skills and feelings. We give to our family and friends, to our neighbors, to our community. Giving is one of the reasons why people volunteer. Their contributions to others and to their communities bring them feelings of self-fulfillment and the knowledge that they have made a difference.



** I have done volunteering for four years*

** Knowing Rolland, I think it is a great thing to help out and it feels like I am helping out Rolland even though he isn't physically present.*

** I make new friends and get to help out new people every time.*

** Being part of something bigger than myself and helping out the community.*

Evangelina Olivera



For our family, volunteering is our way of saying thank you. It's a way of recognizing the countless others who, in big ways and small, have made life richer and better through donations of time and effort. Thank you, Rolland.

Roman Olivera

North Plains Garlic Festival

**The Worlds' 14th Annual
Elephant Garlic Festival!**

August 12-14, 2011

2011 Theme:

***North Plains Celebrates its Scottish
Heritage***

Festival Hours:

Friday: 12:00PM to 11:00PM

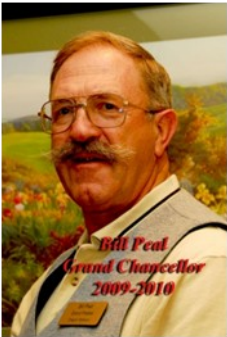
Saturday: Parade at 10:00am
Festival grounds opens
10:00am to 11:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Info from www.funstinks.com



SPRING LEADERSHIP TOUR REPORT



The Lodges host the Grand Chancellor and delegates during the 2011 Spring Leadership Tour.

The tour started on May 21st at Gaston Lodge for a 1:00pm meeting of the Grand Council. The council heard reports by the Scholarship committee, the Pythian Fun Day Committee, the OPN report the Web and communications committee, the lodge support and the report of the Prelate and Grand Lodge planning committees.

Grand Lodge planning committees.

It was pointed out that the method of communications between members, Lodges and our state organization is moving steadily toward more internets and less on telephone and letters. This leaves us in a house divided as half of our members are online but many are not. We must keep a strong OPN to help us bridge the gap and keep all informed. The advantages of using the web and the new social media of Facebook was addressed and it was recommended that it is time for us to establish a presence with Facebook at the state level to promote our events and open the door to member input and communications.

It was reported that 11 scholarships were going to be awarded this year at \$475 each. (See OPCEF Article on page 3.)

It was pointed out that we have a need for an appropriate memorial for our Past Grand Chancellors who have passed away. The recommendation was made that, the Friendship Campground at Meacham is owned by Damon Lodge and is open for use by all Pythians across the state. This may be an appropriate site to place a lasting memorial.

Brother Mark Erickson (Deputy Supreme Officer) related the importance of each lodge recording volunteer hours by its membership. The Supreme Chancellor's volunteer program recognizes the outstanding work being done by our many volunteers at the local level and we are asked to record and submit names for that recognition.

Grand Chancellor Bill Peal called the lodges and encouraged a delegate to attend our Grand Council so we can better serve the local needs of our lodges. Lodges who sent delegates were Diana #63 of McMinnville with CC Dave Faxon and Secretary Lee Vasquez, Phoenix #34 of Hillsboro with Darrell Henry, and Ivanhoe #1 of Portland with Mark Erickson. Officers Bill Peal, Ed Yates, Mike Harmes, Bob Smith and Randy Tipton also attended.

This input from the local level is vital to the decision making process if we are going to find success in promoting the order.



Hermes Lodge Brother Knights assembled for Grand Chancellor Bill's official visit

On May 22nd Hermes Lodge #56 met with our delegation at the lodge hall at 5:30pm and toured the facilities. Then the group moved to Woodburn for a fine dinner and great Pythian fellowship. The lodge had ten members present.



GC Bill with Hermes youngest and oldest Brother Knights

At 9am on May 23rd Betty Alexander, Irene Clink and Grand Chancellor Bill Peal drove to Newport to the Agate Beach Inn Best Western Motel, where they toured the facilities and made arrangements for our October Grand Lodge Meeting. Room

Spring Leadership Tour (Continued)

arrangements were made and planning was conducted for our meeting of the state- wide delegates.

Phoenix Lodge#34 hosted our delegation for a dinner at Red Robin



GC Bill having dinner with Phoenix Knights: Phil Murphy, Randy Tipton, Charlie Van Domelen, Darrell Henry and Don Lacy

Restaurant on May 23rd at 6:30pm. Following a fine dinner we moved the meeting to the lodge hall for a tour and discussion of plans for lodge improvements and activities.

May 24th was Ivanhoe's turn to host the delegation and they provided a fine dinner at Greg's Backyard Restaurant. There were four members present at this meeting. The progress and planning for the lodge was discussed.

On Wednesday May 25th Diana Lodge of McMinnville hosted our delegation for a social hour and then a wonderful dinner at the lodge hall. The programs of work for the lodge was reviewed, and then we toured the new exhibits that show case the history of the lodge. This lodge is a picture of success and has a lot to offer as a model lodge for others to emulate. Congratulations Diana Lodge for your growth and success.

To all the Oregon lodges it is obvious that the Pythian Spirit is alive and strong in our State. Now let us keep a good thing going!

Bill Peal
Grand Chancellor
Oregon Domain
Knights of Pythias



GC Bill at Ivanhoe visit with PSR, PIR Jerry Girard, G.Treas., Mark Erickson, PSR, PIR, Doug Neville and John Murchison



Diana Lodge Brother Knights at official visit of GC Bill

Pythian Sisters District Convention



GC Maureen and DDGC Ann Myers with "Spirit of the Garden" fairies on podium

Fern Temple from Yamhill hosted the Pythian Sisters annual District Convention on May 7th. The convention was held at Hillsboro's Pythian Hall.

The Sisters had decorated the hall with spring flowers and fairies to commemorate the theme of the day was Spirit of the Garden.

DDGC Ann Myers presided over the day's activities. The meeting went well and was sprinkled with readings from Ann's special book about fairies and their magic.

Phoenix Brother Knights prepared and served a nice luncheon for the Sisters. After the meeting concluded, a few of the members participated in a bingo fundraiser for Relay for Life.

Display of donated gift items to raise money for GC's Project Doernbecher ChildLife Program



Grand Temple Officers Shelley Corby, G.Sec., Leatha Tyra, GM, and Beverly Cox, G.Sr. escorted by PSC Kathlene Henry



Sisters Leatha Tyra, GC Maureen and big winner Bev Cox enjoying themselves at bingo fundraiser.



Gaston Lodge—2011 Wapato Car Showdown!

Gaston's Wapato Showdown 2011 –

Info from www.OldRide.com

Event Dates: August 19, 2011 - August 20, 2011

Location: GASTON, Oregon

CAR SHOW OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES. BEST OF SHOW AWARD, PLUS 100 TROPIES SELECTED BY TROPY SPONSERS. PARADE ON FRI NIGHT WITH A STEAK FEED

AFTERWARDS, BREAKFAST BY FIRE DEPT ON SAT 6AM TO 1030AM. FOOD BOOTHS, SPONSER BOOTHS, LOTS OF RAFFLE PRIZES, ENGINE BLOW CONTEST, SPARK PLUG CONTEST, AND ALSO LOUD PIPES CONTEST. INFORMATION CALL DON ALLEN AT 503-985-9548.



Hillsboro Pythians Support Relay for Life

Hillsboro Pythians have held several spaghetti dinners with bingo as fund raisers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life events. This year the group contributed over \$2,000 towards finding a cure for cancer.

On the weekend of the June 25-26, event over 20 Hillsboro Pythians members, their family and friends gathered at the Hillsboro Fairgrounds. Several took turns walking the track so that our team would have someone walking for the 24 hours of the event. Some made items to sell to raise more funds.

The members also placed a tribute to our late Brother John Lacy, who had been an ACS Relay for Life committee member for several years as well as serving as Hillsboro's team captain several times. Members took turns wearing John's silver KOP jacket and hat as they walked the track. When ACS opened the weekend event they announced moment of silence was offered by ACS in John's memory.



Group photo of some of the Hillsboro Pythians and family who participated in 2011 Relay event



Bingo winners Jacob and Dominic with bingo caller Phil Murphy

Here are some fun photos of Hillsboro Pythians at their bingo and at the June Relay event.



GC Maureen "jailed" to raise money at Relay event



PGC Charlie Van Domelen with grandson Jacob and the "big truck" at Relay

Ronald McDonald House Thanks Esther McKibben

When Esther McKibben moved from Eugene to Bend earlier this year, she was quick to find a way to volunteer in her new community.

Over the past few months Esther has donated 10 quilts and 45 handmade hats to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Oregon. They sent her a thank you letter praising her for her support which in

their words "helps ensure a "home away from home" for families needing to stay near their ill or injured child so they can heal together during untold stress and uncertainty."

Kudos, Esther!

Information provided by PSR Ann Ross



West Hills Trip to Portland ~ by Randy Gundlach, Vice Chancellor

After a yearlong fund raising effort which included a steak feed held at Pendleton Chapter of Knights of Pythias, Mrs. Gundlach's and Mrs. Powell's 5th graders from West Hills Intermediate School traveled to Portland on May 26.

Their trip began as they climbed aboard the two cruiser busses and pulled away from the school at 8:30 in the morning. The first stop was the Portland Zoo. Despite the constant rain, the 5th graders and their chaperones took a ride around the zoo on a train to start the visit.

After a few hours taking in the sights of the animals brave enough to endure the wet weather, the students took the short trip across town to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) where they began a fun filled evening of forensic science investigation put on by the OMSI staff.



A break from the science investigation gave the 5th graders a chance to showcase their talent with a half hour of karaoke performances. This was followed by a "very cool" OMNI Max movie about the efforts to save orphaned elephants and monkeys around the world. Around 11:00 they found spots to sleep among the exhibits upstairs and fell asleep after a long exhausting day. The morning brought a tour of the Blue Back submarine and a very quiet trip back to Pendleton.

The 5th graders were very grateful to the Knights of Pythias for their help to raise enough money to finally take the trip.

Thank you very much Knights!

Glencoe Bingo Fundraisers Help Community

Glencoe Lodge held an ice cream social on June 7th. The Knights had a table there to let people know who they are and to encourage membership.

They also held another Bingo game on June 25th. Their bingo fund raisers are used to support local charities such as Loaves & Fishes and the North Plains Senior Center. CC Corey Funke encouraged Glencoe's Brother Knights to spread the word to friends, family and co-workers! The idea was to show support for the effort and time put into these events by attending and participating!



Glencoe Knights get together at the Rogue to listen to the music and socialize. It's not a Knight sanctioned activity just impromptu evenings of fun.

The Lodge is now working towards the annual Elephant Garlic Festival in August. See page 7 for details.

Diana Lodge Supports SMART Program ~ by Lee Vasquez

Diana Lodge #61 is happy to again support the SMART Reading program in Yamhill County with a check for \$250 toward books and supplies for the 2010-2011 year. Shown presenting the check to Jody Kneelund, supervisor for Yamhill County is Ron Burcham of Diana Lodge #61.

The program has been presented in nine Yamhill County schools and gave out 5,437 books during 7,076 volunteer hours.



Diana Knight Ron Burcham presents check to Jody Kneelund for SMART Reading Program

Japan Relief from Diana Lodge Partnering with Rotary



CC Dave Faxon receives acknowledgement for

Diana Lodge partnered with the McMinnville Rotary Club to raise \$20,000 to help the people of Japan recover from the devastation they are suffering. This money

went directly to help the people with no administration costs attached.

Lee Vasquez announced he was making a contribution and challenged club members to make a \$200 donation per family. In addition, the McMinnville Knights of Pythias, a club to which **Lee** and several other club members belong, donated \$1,000 to the Rotary effort.

Diana Lodge's CC Dave Faxon received acknowledgement of the Lodge's donation of \$1,000 to the McMinnville Rotary Club for the Japan Relief Fund.



Rotary President Bruce Dickson accepting KP donation from Gary Rueter, Chuck Pattishall and Lee Vasquez

Photo by Ray Fields

A Work Day, a Play Day, All Wrapped Into One

Damon Lodge knows how to get work done and have fun doing it. It's been a long wet spring, and no one can deny that along with all the moisture comes growth and lush conditions in the mountain property. Our spring Work/Play Day was a two-day event this year. Friday June 17th and Saturday June 18th saw lots of activity on the Meacham Friendship Camp Ground. Many slash piles had been made last year when it was too dry to burn. This weekend was clean and burn time. Wow! Did we make a lot of progress in cleaning the campground of the slash and brush.

At day's end it was time to eat and play. We adjourned to a cabin owned by Vice Chancellor Randy Gundlach, about a half mile south of our Friendship Campground. There we got out the Dutch ovens and cooked a venison roast and beef short ribs. We took a hike looking for mushrooms and found a very new fawn hiding in the grass.



Article and Photo by GC Bill Peal

Volunteers Work for Damon Lodge #4 ~ By GC Bill Peal



Gale Marshall and Geronimo Zubiria breaking up concrete

Always some fixes to do when you have rental properties. A good problem. Our lodges in Oregon have the advantages of owning property and with that privilege come the work of keeping it repaired and improving our facilities. Damon lodge had work to do on the walk in front of their rental property in May.

It is nice to have new renters and all the buildings occupied.



Bill Peal and Geronimo Zubiria load old concrete on the truck.

Photos by GC Bill Peal and Gale Marshall

Far Western DOKK-Nomads Regional Meeting – Article and Photos by Mark Erickson



The Far Western Conclave for 2011 was held in Tacoma, WA, jointly by DOKK Temple El Adre #58 and Nomad Santha Ala Dagh #118.

Accommodations for the attendees

were set up at the Rodeway Inn in Fife, just a short drive from Tacoma. The meetings and the meals were at the Pythian Hall in downtown Tacoma.

The dates for the Conclave were June 17 through June 19, 2011. The number attending was not great. In fact, only one member from Oregon was in attendance. Kay Murphy and Don Depee, co-presidents for the Conclave opened the meeting in the Tacoma Pythian Hall at 9:00 AM on Saturday, and proceeded to go through the agenda very quickly. The Secretary, Debra Greensill handed out copies of last year's minutes and the Treasurer, Becky Stewart made her report as to the status of our finances. The Round-Up Editor, Mark Erickson, being unable to produce a Round-Up for a significant amount of time handed in his resignation and turned over the funds under his control to the Treasurer. The Conclave has lost a few santhas and temples since last year. There are now no temples or santhas in Vancouver, the surviving ones in British Columbia being located in Revelstoke. Vadi Hae Santha in Oregon has consolidated with Rose City Santha located in Hillsboro.

Invitation to next year's conclave was not forthcoming, so by motion we accepted a tentative invitation from Revelstoke to be held in 2013. If they are unable to hold it the Nomads and DOKK's of Tacoma would host it again. The new presidents are Jim and Gay Rutherford, now of Kelowna, BC with the Conclave to be held in Revelstoke. Debra Greensill and Denise Koranda won election as Secretary and Round-up Editor respectively.

Lunchtime was an adventure, as it was to be a trip to Olympia and a tour through a winery. Circumstances wouldn't allow it so we



Co-Presidents Don Deepee and Kay Murphy escorted by marshal Marlene Hegwood (center)

made our way to the Tacoma Mall and had lunch in the food court.

Dinner was held a 924 SW Broadway in Tacoma, an address very near the Pythian Temple. Dinner was enjoyable as was the entertainment afterward.

We made our way to the Pythian Temple on Sunday to conclude our business and install our officers. After receiving a phone call from Robyn Neeley, the Treasurer wrote a check to reimburse her for the ad in the Imperial Journal from Far Western. By motion, we decided to discontinue the Far Western Luncheon held at Imperial Palace after this year. The officers were then installed with Denise Koranda and Mark Erickson acting as Installing Officers. Afterward, we made our way back to the address where dinner was served for lunch before heading home. Lunch was again enjoyable as was the company.

Fun Fact ~ July 2011

This year July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. According to what we hear, this odd happenstance occurs once every 823 years!



Contributed by: Kaye Pomerleau, PSR

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were affected by landmines in foreign countries. She also helped remove landmines; which is extremely dangerous work. There are precious pictures of Diana holding children on her lap who had been hurt. Her willingness to hold people who were inflicted with AIDS and leprosy, showed true compassion and pure love for those who were suffering. Seeing that told me that she truly loves and cares about the person she is helping. She had gone to hospitals where there were very sick children. She would sit on their bed when possible to comfort and listen to them. Diana would also keep in contact with them to see how they were doing, and if both the child and she were standing she would kneel down, so she would be closer to them. You could see that she truly cared about people and what was happening in their lives through her

kind words, gentle touch, encouragement and her beautiful smile. Diana wanted to let people know that they are special, loved, cherished, and important. Diana made everyone she met feel that way. Because of Princess Diana's work and her true love and compassion for people she was given the name "The People's Princess." Let us all be "The People's Princess or Prince" by extending that caring service to others.

Thank you Brothers and Sisters, for all your support during my term as Grand Chief. I love all of you so much. I hope to see you all of you at Pythian Fun Weekend in Baker City in July – and - at Grand Convention at the beach in October.

Grand Chief Maureen Murphy

Oregon Grand Convention ~ Hotel Information

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A Few Words from the Editors

Greetings, Oregon Pythians ~

Our apologies for this issue being a bit later than we planned. When you hear my explanation, I hope you will be understanding of our situation. Darrell and I had hoped to have this issue to the printers the 3rd week of June so it could be in your hands by July 1st.

For those of you who haven't heard, Darrell has suffered a stroke. In fact, on July 8th we learned that it was actually 2 strokes—a minor one in February, followed by a larger stroke mid-June. The 2nd stroke had more serious consequences and involved a 3-day hospital stay as well as several trips to the doctors so tests could be run and advice given. Darrell also had laparoscopic surgery to remove his gallbladder. (This surgery was unrelated to the strokes.)

Thankfully Darrell's doing better now and we've been able to complete the OPN for you. Most copies will be sent out by email, the balance will be printed and sent by bulk mail, just like the spring issue. This saves quite a bit of money.

Thank you to those of you who have been supporting us with cards, calls, emails and prayers. We also very much appreciate those of you "reporters" who have sent OPN articles and photos for this issue.

The next issue should be out just before Oregon Grand, so please have articles and photos to us by August 20th.

With Pythian Friendship,

Kathlene

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October 14-17, 2011

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SATURDAY			
Past District Deputy Grand Chiefs Breakfast (Sisters Only)		\$11.00	
Friendship Luncheon - Deli Buffet		\$17.00	
Grand Banquet **Circle One: Salmon - or - Roasted Pork Loin		\$32.00	
SUNDAY			
Fun for Funds Breakfast -- Wave Runner		\$20.00	
Lunch - Deli Buffet		\$17.00	
Meals Package Price - Sisters		\$124.00	
Meals Package Price - Knights		\$113.00	

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Saturday, July 23—Meet at the Interpretive Center at 9am. Tour, take pictures. Afternoon pursue your own adventure. 6pm return to Mt. View RV Park for free BBQ and share the pictures of your day.

Sunday, July 24—Free breakfast at Mt. View RV Park 8am-10am and return home. Welcome to visit or stay at Meacham Friendship Campground coming or leaving Pythian Fun Day.



MOUNTAIN FLOWERS



GOOD MORNING!



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July 30—Ivanhoe Summer Picnic—See Page 6 for details.

August 12-14—North Plains Garlic Festival—Details on page 7.

August 19-20—Gaston Wapato Showdown—See page 10 for details

October 14-16—Oregon Grand Pythian Convention—See pages 16 and 17 for details.

