

Oregon Pythian News

News for and About Oregon Pythians

Amy Neal of Pendleton High School Declared winner of Oregon's Grand Lodge Poster Contest.



CC Andrew Lacey making presentation of \$100 from Damon Lodge to Amy Neal in recognition of her 1st Place poster.

The 2009-2010 poster contest topic was **VOLUNTEER. MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.**

The Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias sponsors an annual High School Poster / Visual Arts contest. It is open to any student enrolled as a freshman (Grade 9), sophomore (Grade 10), junior (Grade 11), or senior (Grade 12) in any junior or senior high or parochial school in the United States and Canada.

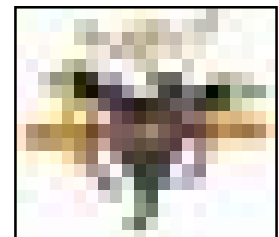
Amy Neal of Pendleton, Oregon has a passion for her art. Exposed to art her whole life by her artist father, Amelia Neal learned how to draw the basic anatomy of a human face at age seven. Since then she's most enjoyed drawing humans. She's taken art classes from age six to high school. Over these years of art classes, Amy has really grown to

love realism, Monet, pastels and oil paint. She spends a lot of her time involved in church activities, in the performing arts, and with family and friends. Amy, 18, graduated from Pendleton High School of Pendleton, Oregon in June. She will be a freshman at Brigham Young University in the fall where she'll major in English.

Submitted by Bill Peal

Special Points of Interest

- > Glencoe Stink Fest
- > Far Western Conclave
- > 2010 Fun Day!
- > OPCEF
- > Call to Convention
- > Poster Contest
- > Community Service



Grand Chancellor Bill Peal issues "A Call to Convention"



Grand Chancellor Bill Peal

The time draws near for our membership to come together for the annual meeting of delegates representing all subordinate lodges at the Oregon Grand Lodge Convention. This year's event is being hosted in Pendleton and will take place at the Red Lion Hotel, 304 SE Nye Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon.

encouragement of your members to be active. Growing the order through membership involvement will benefit from higher level of communications.

One way to help membership stay in tune with lodge operations is to send out the minutes for all to read rather than just reading them at the meetings. This information will allow your knights to plan for events and be involved in supporting your program of activities. A quarterly newsletter also serves to highlight the operations of your lodge and promotes involvement. It is natural for people to want to be included and be where the action is taking place. Yes, do a good deed every day and get caught doing it! People see what you are accomplishing and want to support your worthy causes. You have the opportunity to make your lodge the community center and promote our worthy Pythian Principles in the program that you offer. Do something new and you will gain support and membership from your community.

I am looking forward to seeing you at this year's Grand Lodge and hope that you will share your ideas for growing the order and making Grand Lodge relevant to the needs of our state.

Grand Chancellor Bill

"New Ideas
for New
Directions"

In the spirit of Membership Involvement, I am issuing a challenge to every lodge to bring a new member to Grand Lodge. It is with this kind of involvement and the infusion of New Ideas for New Directions that I believe our organization can profit and grow.

I believe that a higher level of communication is essential to our success and ask that each lodge inspect the process they use to communicate to the

membership and when appropriate to put new efforts in place to reach every member with the operation and

"... share
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Grand Secretary Shelley's Corner



Grand Secretary Shelly

Robyn Neeley and Marilyn Stevens from Thermopylae Temple #37 in Grants Pass served as Supreme Representatives at Supreme Temple in Los Angeles, California on August 8-12. I was unable to attend as I had another surgery on July 30th, so I am home recovering again. I will go back to work in September. I really wanted to attend Supreme this year especially since there was a tour planned on Saturday that

included Santa Monica Beach, Rodeo Drive, Hollywood Bowl, Farmers Market, Grauman's Chinese Theater, Downtown Music Center, and Olvera Street. As of this writing they have returned and have lots of news to share.

Our new Supreme Chief is Addie Sadbury from Texas. We also have a new Supreme Secretary. Linda Bridges, who also lives in Texas, was the Supreme Secretary for the last 10 years and has earned her Past Supreme Chief certificate. Her replacement is Connie Edwards from Iowa.

Grand Temple is still planned be held in Pendleton on October 15-17 at the Red Lion Hotel. I have been collecting the reports from the Temples. These reports provide information for the Memorial ceremony and for the Grand Chief to appoint her committees. Margaret Grochocki, Supreme Treasurer is planning to attend Grand Temple again this year. If all goes as planned, Maureen Murphy will be installed as the new Grand Chief. Our family and Temple are very proud of Maureen and her accomplishments these past few years, as she has worked her way up the chairs in Grand Temple. She has been working diligently on her program setting up her committees, the Installation Ceremony, her official Grand Officer's formal dresses and Grand Chief visitation schedule among other duties.

At Grand Temple we will have a memorial service to recognize the loss of Sisters and Brothers who have passed to the Temple Above. Among other Sisters and Brothers we will recognize Past Grand Chief Thelma Dempsey from Portland who passed away on December 11, 2009.

That's all for now, I hope to see you all at Grand Temple.

Grand Secretary Shelley

Freeman Receives Excellence in Education Award

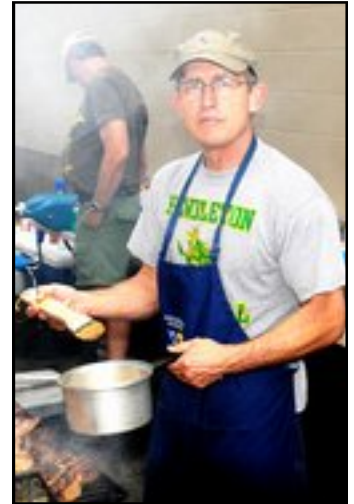
Dale Freeman of Damon Lodge received the Crystal Apple Award: "Excellence in Education"

The purpose of the Crystal Apple Award is to recognize outstanding individuals who are dedicated to the success of our children and their education. Outstanding members of our community deserve recognition and praise for their hard work and dedication to teaching our young people. We want to say Thank You for taking the time to recognize these individuals.

Dale has an outstanding and effective teaching style and is recognized as a master

teacher. Dale also serves as one of our outstanding cooks at many of the steak feeds that support the youth of the Pendleton community. Congratulations to Dale Freeman for receiving this outstanding award.

Submitted by Bill Peal



Phoenix Lodge on a Roll

Phoenix Lodge members have had a very busy summer. We had a Relay for Life team of 15, made up of family, friends, and members of Hillsboro Temple and Lodge.



We were able to raise \$1,200 dollars towards cancer research. We requested and received matching funds from the Pythian Foundation for a total of \$2,500 dollars for cancer research.

The theme for the Relay was % Fairy Tale Farewell to Cancer.+Phil Murphy being in the spirit of the theme wore his knight regalia at the event. His sons, Aaron Murphy and James also took turns wearing the suit of armor, to the delight of the event organizers, and other participants.

Phoenix Lodge has partnered with Washington County Bicycle Transportation Coalition. We donated funds in the amount of \$1,000 to help the Coalition purchase bicycle helmets. Members have volunteered to help fit the helmets at the bike rodeos. This is a new venture for both organizations; wege both looking for a successful bicycle safety program this fall. In the past we gave away helmets at the Saturday Market for many years.

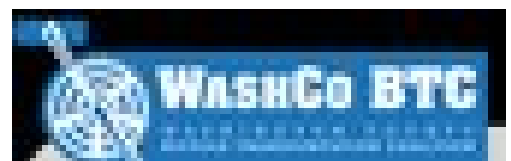
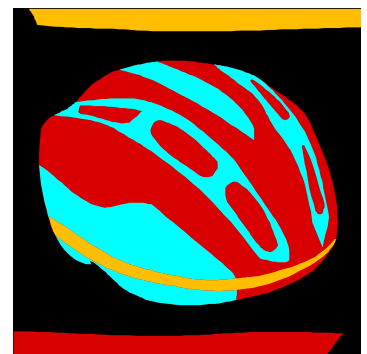
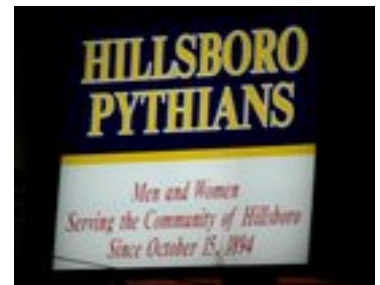
Lodge members have started repairs to the inside of the hall, and are now in the process of repainting the entire interior, starting with painting the entryway and stairway.

We have 2 new members:

- **Doug Sellers**, antique dealer, and
- **Darrell Gilmore**, travel agent.

Doug is heading up the renovation project of the hall. Also we have asked some members that have taken withdrawals from the Knights of Pythias to re-join.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie Van Domelen
Secretary/Treasurer
Phoenix Lodge #34



North Plains Garlic Festival—By Russ Sheldon



Glencoe Knight Bob Crocker Driving Pythian Troop Support Float

North Plains' stink fest draws mob of garlic lovers.

The 13th annual North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival was held on August 6-8, 2010 at the Jessie Mays Community Center. According to Patti Burns, who chiefly organized the celebration, over 35,000 attended the event over its three day run.

It was perhaps the busiest stink fest ever, said Patti Burns. The crowds were heavy on Saturday and demand for garlic offerings was in full swing. The Garlic beer ran dry at approximately 12:30 p.m. Sunday and all 42 kegs of beer were empty by 5:30 Sunday evening, just prior to the close of the festival. With clear blue skies and balmy afternoon temperatures, the Garlic ice cream was in high demand throughout the entire festival.

The festival opened on Friday, with 20 food booths, 50 arts and crafts booths and FREE children's entertainment. As families sat under the shade and atop the hay bales lined up in front of the stage, they enjoyed music by Responsible Party, Jon Koonce, Carlye, Concrete Cowboys, Rogue Bluegrass, Norman Sylvester, Andy Harrison and other entertainment at the Beer and Wine Garden from opening until closing. This year the sixth annual 10k run / 2K walk was held on Saturday at 8:00 AM with over 300 participants maneuvering the course. The parade began at 10:00 AM on Saturday with 42 entrants winding through the streets of downtown North Plains and ending at the festival center. Many festival goers gawked at the variety of the cars at the Car Show held near the festival grounds with a good selection of oldies.

The Knights of Glencoe Lodge operated the entire beer garden including; set-up, serving, monitoring, containment, handling receipts, expenses, tear down and clean-up. It's a big commitment (approximately 450 man hours) but a worthwhile endeavor with all of the proceeds going right back into the local community. It's also a great place to attract potential new recruits for our lodge. The Garlic Festival Beer Garden is a high profile event for the Glencoe Knights, providing a source of funds, connection with our community and recognition for our lodge.

Submitted by Russ Sheldon ~ Photos by Mike Harnes



**Pythian Sisters' Friendship Temple #8 of North Plains
Dissolves After 94 years ~ Submitted by Irene Clink ~ Pictures from
North Plains Beacon and Suzanne Daily.**



Pythian Sisters, from left to right: Joyce Reynolds, Olive Wise (100 years of age 2010), Bernice Mathiesen, Elaine Olsen, Diane Knorr, Linda Dorland, Leath Tyra, Irene Clink, Suzanne Daily. Pythian Sister Members not pictured: Frances Reynolds, Lorna Campbell, Barbara Jensen, Anne Reynolds, Elaine Logan, Sherri Sievert, and Rachelle Sievert.

Pythian Sisters Friendship Temple #8 of North Plains dissolved in December 2009, after being of service to the community since 1915. The ladies have donated a new bench sitting in front of the hardware store on Commercial Street. This is their last gift to the city, and hope many will enjoy using it for a rest stop. Through the years the Sisters have done many service projects with funds raised from their quilt shows and yummy pies served at the pie booth during the Garlic Festival. With these funds they gave donations to American Cancer Society, Tuality Hospital, Susan G Komen Association, Epilepsy Foundation, United Cerebral Palsy, Red Cross, Northwest Medical Teams involved with earthquakes and hurricanes, Doernbecher Hospital's Child Life Dept, Pythian Past District Deputy Nurses Scholarships, North Plains Senior Center, Library, and the Chamber of Commerce, North Plains Volunteer Firemen's Assoc., the North Portland Music Academy, \$500 Scholarships to Glencoe High School for 10 years, in memory of Wilma Klein. The past two years they have given four \$500. scholarships to grandchildren of members who qualified.

Thank you to all our families and friends who helped support us through all these years.



Public bench donated by Pythian Sister Friendship Temple #8 sits outside the hardware store on Commercial Street in North Plains.



Nomad/D.O.K.K. Far Western Association's 2010 Annual Meeting



This June Nomad and D.O.K.K. Far Western Association members and guests gathered in Hillsboro, Oregon for the Association's annual meeting and fun weekend. The weekend was hosted by Co-Presidents Kathlene and Darrell Henry from Rose City Santha. They planned a weekend of meetings, meals, and the opportunity to travel on the local Portland-Metro light rail system. or as locals call it, MAX.

The weekend began Friday with hospitality afternoons and evening at the Hillsboro Castle Hall. Thanks to the Murphys from Rose City Santha delicious snacks and refreshments were served, while Rose City's Mark Erickson and Vida Hae and Robyn Neeley distributed the most interesting hospitality gift bags.

The Association's annual meeting was called to order the next morning at 9:00 and recessed late morning so twenty-one attendees and guests could board MAX and travel east towards Portland. At the MAX stop for the Oregon Zoo, twenty of us disembarked to visit the Oregon Zoo, while one guest from Ohio continued east traveling on into Portland to experience life in the big city.

The Zoo was amazing and once through the

main gate (and before we all headed for a no-host lunch) we gathered for a photo shoot. One very nice passerby volunteered to be our photographer. Little did he know that he would have to keep his family waiting while one camera after another was passed to him to take just one more shot. He was a Good Samaritan and we appreciated his time and photo expertise. After lunch in the zoo restaurant we went our separate ways. As we walked through the different exhibits we could see some of our members and guests walking towards the elephant exhibit or off to see the penguins or one of the other many and varied exhibits. The day was perfect for Zoo watching as it was cool and a little overcast so the animals were more interested in staying out to watch us, watch them.

By 6:30 PM we gathered back at the Castle Hall for a delicious banquet served by Chef Phil Murphy and assisted by his wife, Maureen, and their sons. Rose City's Jacquie Girard, Irene Clink and Judy Murchison decorated the tables in a western theme with cute teddy bears, their shotguns leaning against fences, getting ready to eat dinner. Vida Hae and Robyn Neeley once again out did herself and each place setting had a little silk goodie bag with delicious favors. After dinner we all had a final chance to buy the winning tickets for the door prizes which were provided by Jacquie and Irene. Concluding the evening, Robyn and her mom, Jean Schlinsog, had us all in stitches as they orchestrated several skits for our enjoyment.

Co-Presidents Kathlene and Darrell reconvened the meeting at 9:00 Sunday morning where we finished our official business including voting \$100 to be donated to a local charity of Rose City Santha's choice. Next year's officers were elected and installed by Jacquie Girard. The meeting was adjourned and we all enjoyed an excellent luncheon prepared by the Murphys.

Our special thanks to our Imperial Officers: Most Gracious Maharani Shirley Atkinson, Maharajah Donald Baker, and Yuvarani Debra Greensill who traveled long distances to join us this weekend. Also, our thanks to Co-Presidents Kathlene and Darrell and those who assisted them in planning a most enjoyable weekend of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Far Western Association.

By Judy Murchison, Maharani

Rollin Schimmel Memorial Spring Football Game

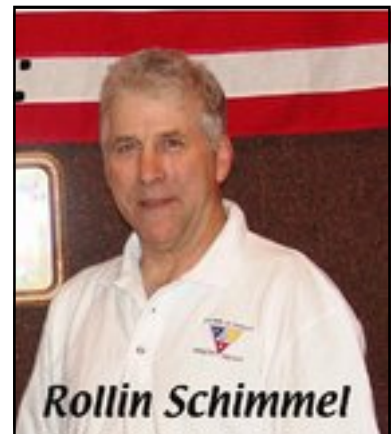
The EOU Rollin Schimmel Memorial Spring Football Game went smoothly and was very well attended by the Eastern Oregon University fans. The Rollin Schimmel Memorial Wrestling Foundation served drinks and snacks during the game and the K P Lodge cooked up a lunch for the team and parents. I believe we served nearly three hundred meals after the game. The cooks and servers were very busy for about three hours. Thank you very much to all the members who were there helping. We couldn't have done it without you.

The game itself was short due to the coaches not wanting any injuries. The weekend before, an EOU football player died due to a head injury incurred during practice. The EOU coaches talked about Rollin Schimmel and his accomplishments at Eastern. They also had a special memorial time for the student athlete who passed away the weekend before. The memorial was followed by an inspirational speech by the head coach that everyone there enjoyed.

If we project a crowd again next year like we had this year, we will need to operate things a little differently. In fact, we are considering running two lines for serving to get everyone through in a timely manner. This will require more help from our members and friends.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out and we look forward to teaming up with the RSMWF again next year to put on an enjoyable event for the Eastern football team as well as football fans and friends of Rollin Schimmel.

Travis Hancock



Grand Chancellor Bill Peal Does “Hard Time” for March of Dimes

Bill Peal! Superhero for babies! Bill was put behind bars in Pendleton on July 14th and many friends and supporters came to the aid of this jailbird and helped to make his time behind bars a short stay. Thanks to all the great support and caring friends who share Bill's concern for prevention of premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality. The March of Dimes is conducting great preventive research and making strides in helping mothers have healthy babies.

If you share Bill's interest and did not get to contribute, or wish to learn more about this cause, you can visit marchofdimes.com/Oregon for more information.

Helping families one baby at a time!



Pythian Fun Day 2010 ~ submitted by GC

F Friendship **U** Unity **N** Notoriously Fine Food.

The 2010 edition of Pythian Fun Day was an event to remember. It was highlighted with fun, food, and a host of adventurous activities. It all started at the Hillsboro Comfort Inn with a meet and greet function where friends gathered to renew and update since they last met, or to establish new friends in the Pythian family. Saturday morning saw a fine breakfast prepared and served at Hillsboro's Phoenix Lodge where passes to ride Max and passes to enter the Zoo were handed out. Bill Peal gave a talk about taking good pictures at the zoo and challenged everyone to enter this year's Peoples Choice Photo Contest. The contest will be held at Grand Convention in Pendleton and participants are asked to bring an eight by ten photo to place in the contest. Phil & Maureen Murphy and Charlie Van Domelen cooked an outstanding breakfast for everyone, and then it was on to the Zoo and the rest of the adventure. The group boarded Max for the first stop at the Zoo where everyone saw all the improved exhibits. Then everyone chose their own adventure, riding Max to what ever they chose to take in for the remainder of the day.

Our brothers at Gaston Lodge hosted a terrific BBQ featuring Pork Loin, Steak and Chicken to order. What a fun time it was. Many of the adventure seekers took the guided tour of Gaston Lodge and saw all the remodeling and new features of their lodge. We had about 65 people attending our third annual fun day. Here is what some of them had to say about their experience this year:

Some comments from attendees:

From Henry Gale and Eileen Marshall, Damon Lodge 50



"We enjoyed getting together with fellow Knights meeting up with some we knew and meeting many others and their families.....the lodge in Hillsboro had a very nice breakfast for all those that could come...then off on field trips around Portland in 90 degree weather, they could have turned down the heat. We visited the zoo and then took the Max downtown. The BBQ in Gaston provided yummy food and lots of shade.. It was nice to be able to invite family and friends to be able to sit and visit with everyone."

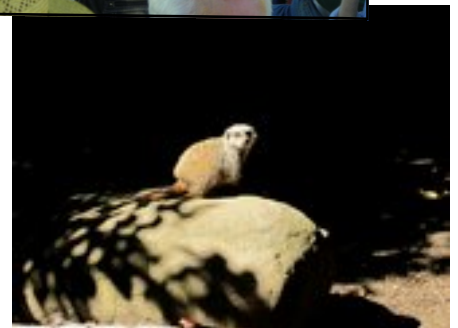
The lodging that was arranged for us to stay at had a great pool to cool down in...thanks to all that made the weekend one to remember."

Betty Alexander, Phoenicia-Rose Temple 5



"I thought that the BBQ was a wonderful event. Good friends met for fellowship in the park at Gaston. The Gaston lodge had a terrific meal ready for everyone. It was a real treat to get to tour the lodge and see all the improvements made in the building and the good use of the facilities."

I am very excited about attending next year when we visit Baker City for our Fun Day Activity."



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Curt Cooper, Damon Lodge...



"This was our first time to attend the Fun Day and we had a great time. As an officer and part of the Damon Lodge Leadership team I enjoyed visiting both Phoenix and Gaston and seeing the progress that they are making in running their lodges. You always get new ideas when you visit another lodge and this was no exception. My family enjoyed the visit to the Zoo and met some nice people from around the state. The BBQ was a great event and the food was excellent".

Mark Erickson, Ivanhoe Lodge ð



"In my opinion the Pythian Fun Day is a great Family event for one and all. Not to be missed. I brought a new camera and I wanted to try it out. I didn't know I would be riding Max from Hillsboro to the Zoo, to Gresham and then back to Hillsboro. This was something I hadn't done before and so was grateful for the opportunity. The picnic at Gaston in the park was exactly what was needed after a long day in the heat and sunshine. They should be commended and given a reward at Grand for stepping up and performing as they did. At first I did not think I would enjoy a Fun Day. But, being able to follow your own schedule and do your own thing, gives me the chance to bail, if I don't feel right. I think it is a very good idea to get others involved in the planning and execution of these events. After all, you don't need to be a Grand Lodge officer or representative to have fun! And I am all for having fun! My idea of having fun, is more sightseeing, then going to see the sights. I am excited to get to Baker City next year and get to see country I haven't seen. I am in total support for the Fun Day, as this order should be built on family and family participation".

Bob and Sheryl Smith, Damon Lodge ð



"Bob and I really enjoyed the Fun Day in Hillsboro. It is a wonderful activity and gives families a chance to get together and enjoy the day. The breakfast at the lodge hall was wonderful; thanks to the great cooks! We took MAX to the zoo and that is the only way to travel in the city. No worries about traffic, parking, and it doesn't take long at all!

We so enjoyed the zoo with our kids and grandkids. The animals were a little evasive because of the heat, but we did get to see bears, cats, giraffe, zebra and many others that did appear in the open for us! The Oregon Zoo is a great place to visit.

After the zoo we took the MAX back to Hillsboro and had a little rest period before heading to Gaston to Brown City Park for a very nice BBQ and party (as my grandkids called it)! The

grandkids loved the party and enjoyed playing on the equipment there. The food was again amazing and the cooks did a super job. We really enjoyed this Fun Day and encourage others to attend next year wherever that might be.

Again we want to thank all the Pythians involved for their hard work to make this Family Fun Day happen."

Kathlene Henry, Phoenicia-Rose Temple...

"Pythian Fun Day gets bigger and better each year. Darrell's list of registrants showed that more than 60 people attended this year's Fun Day. The wide array of subjects "Statues, Bridges and Animals" he planned



gave people lots to choose from – and – with MAX, it was easy to get around. It was a real team project. GC Bill hosted Friday night's hospitality. GS Mike picked up the MAX & Zoo tickets. Phil, Charlie and Maureen fixed a hearty breakfast for Saturday's crowd. Some folks hurried off to the day's



events, while others dallied at the hall, continuing to visit with folks we don't get to see every day. Some of us went downstairs to see the antique store owned by Brother Knight Doug Sellers. We enjoyed a sunny day at the Zoo, nice to see animals in a more natural habitat than the zoo I remember seeing when I was a kid. Some members travelled farther, going into Portland for the Brew Fest and others went to "the end of the MAX line" in Gresham! Later we all gathered to break bread together with a terrific BBQ provided by the Gaston Knights. A great, energizing day of partnership and fellowship!"





Diana Lodge Supports Poster Contest

Stephanie Small, pictured at left with CJ Laughlin and David Faxon of Diana Lodge, was awarded 1st place to represent the Diana Lodge #63 in the statewide poster contest. Stephanie's submittal took 2nd place in the Oregon competition. Stephanie is a 2010 graduate of McMinnville High School. She plans to use the \$300 awarded by Diana Lodge and the \$100 from the Grand Lodge to further her education in the fall.

Submitted by David Faxon

... be sure to have your completed scholarship application along with all required documents submitted to the OPCEF Committee by April 15th,

Oregon Continuing Education Fund (OPCEF)

As reported in the last OPN, OPCEF (Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund) was unable to give any scholarships in 2010. As it is unknown what the financial situation will be in 2011, it is unknown exactly how many scholarships will be available and what their amounts will be. Due to the changing nature of the IRS tax structure, the OPCEF will be required to give some scholarships in 2011; however, all the figures are not in at this time.

For those interested in applying for an OPCEF scholarship, be sure to have your completed scholarship application along with all required documents submitted to the OPCEF Committee by **April 15th, 2011**.

All donations to the OPCEF are tax deductible and most welcome.

John P. Murchison



Grand Secretary Mike

Words from the Grand Secretary Mike

Fellow Pythians:

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing good and all had a great summer. Oregon is the best place to live in the summer time. I suspect we all will be transitioning back to our normal meeting times and prepare for our year end events. One communication item is the need for filing the 990EZ form with the IRS. If this is not taken care of the IRS will remove your tax exempt status and start imposing fines and fees. We can avoid this by just filing the form. Please be sure your lodge and temple have filed the form.

A little discussion about Facebook. Facebook is a social media tool that does a very good job of connecting people together and helping them stay in contact. I myself just recently joined in the fray of Facebook. It is very easy to use and is a great way to share comments, videos, favorites and pictures. Just about anything can be shared using Facebook. On the flip side of Facebook is the potential security risks of using it. Example being if

someone with bad intentions could gather a lot of information about you from Facebook and then you may experience some identity theft issues. These problems can be readily solved by setting up your security within the Facebook application. Set up the security and then have that peace of mind that you are safe and post away. Facebook is a great way to stay in contact with others no matter how far away they are. Any one into twitter yet?

I wish to send thanks to those that put the Pythian fun day together this year. I myself had a blast. This year we had a huge selection of things to do and it was a great adventure. For those that could not make it plan for next year; rumor is it will be in Baker City that is rich in history. Next year hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

Mike Harmes GS

Grand Secretary

Damon Lodge No. 4, an Early History

Damon Lodge in Pendleton was instituted April 28, 1876. J.H. Turner and Israel C. Disoway were instrumental in organizing Damon Lodge No. 4. Turner and Disoway had heard of the Order through traveling men, and, happening in Portland, were given the ranks in Excelsior No. 1. On their return, a few names were secured, application made for a Dispensation, and arrangements completed with Ivanhoe No. 1 of Walla Walla, to assist at the institution. The Lodge was instituted April 28, 1876, by N.T. Caton, Deputy Supreme Chancellor for Washington (specially commissioned), in Switzler's Hall, over the store of William Switzler, N.W. corner of Main and Court Streets, Pendleton, Oregon. J.H. Turner and I.C. Disoway, joined by Card, and on the remainder of those appearing as the first officers, and also on C.C. Townsend, S.L. Morse, and A.P. Craig, the three ranks were conferred. The following were the first officers: William Switzler, Past Chancellor; I.C. Disoway, Chancellor Commander; J. H. Turner, Vice Chancellor; M.P. Bull, Prelate; Elijah Welch, Treasurer; George C. Hopkins, Secretary; James Lehman, Financial Secretary; H.G. Peters, Master at Arms; D.M. Taylor, Inner Guard. A Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Dated November 10, 1881, to J.H. Turner, W. Switzler, Fred Page-Tustin, J.W. Ellis, R. Alexander, B.J. Merrill, I. Hathway, J.M. Watson, William B. Mays, C.W. Marshall, H.E. Bickers, Frank Dunn and W.C. McKay. The progress of the Lodge during the early period was very slow. This state of affairs continued until 1881, when the members began to take greater interest, and the Lodge prospered in spite of numerous dissensions. These differences resulted in the organization of Harmony No. 24, from amongst the members of the Lodge. However, in September, 1894, the two were consolidated under the name of Damon Lodge No. 4.

The Picture of the brick building is where the lodge was first held in 1876. It was a large wood construction building. The present building has a date of construction of 1883. It is interesting to note that this was before the City of Pendleton was officially organized. This is the first brick building to be con-



structed in Pendleton. We held lodge for six years on the second floor, prior to the State Grand Lodge issuing our official charter in 1881.

The second picture is of our lodge hall today at 11 SE 8th street. We have been in this building since 1954.

All over Oregon, the roots of the Knights of Pythias run deep. We can be proud of our strong heritage.

Submitted by Bill Peal

Damon Lodge Spring Picnic

The membership of Pendleton's Damon Lodge held a Beginning of Summer picnic at their Friendship Camp Ground on Saturday the 12th of June. The weather was warm and a few people had sunburn after the event. Members played horseshoes and enjoyed meeting new members and renewing old friendships. Roy Durfee and his wife joined us from Long Creek. Roy attended last year's Fun Day and is an old friend of Bill Peal. It was a great meal and all who came had a good time. The kids played games as the adults talked.

Plan to join us for the next Friendship Camp outing!

Submitted by Bill Peal



Gaston Wapato Showdown



Thanks to Mike Harmes for the pictures of some of this year's entries in the 14th annual Wapato Showdown car show sponsored by Gaston Lodge.

This very successful program has benefitted both the community and the Pythian lodge over the years. The lodge has developed a more cohesive group and the community has benefitted from income generated by the lodge and citizens for schools and community activities.



Willamette Temple Continues to Support National Kidney Foundation

MANY THANKS to the many Pythians and their friends who have saved the %Bull Tabs+ and brought them to various Pythian functions. Your efforts and participation has made it possible for Willamette

Temple #45 to send a check for \$100 to the National Kidney Foundation. The price of aluminum is not very high and it takes a lot of pull tabs to reach that figure. They request we now send a check directly to one of the branch offices. There is a branch office of the National Kidney Foundation in California, any monies sent in are used to provide extras for the Northwestern Region.

This worthwhile effort was started years ago by long time Pythian, Helen McKibben, Past Supreme Representative.

Helen has been a hard working Sister until her health slowed her down. She spearheaded a special exercise machine for the Salem dialysis center, plus cash donations from the pull tabs.



Helen has been a tireless Pythian supporter over the years, providing needed equipment to the Dallas Fire Department, Dallas Hospital and various public agencies with the help of the Willamette Temple Sisters.

Hats off to our Sister Helen McKibben!!

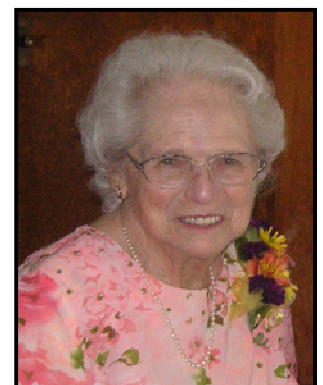
Submitted by Carol Jenkins

Fay Robinson Celebrates 90th Birthday!



Longtime Pythian Sister Fay Robinson, her family and friends gathered at Hillsboro's IOOF Hall on Sunday, August 22 to celebrate Fay's upcoming 90th birthday! Several Hillsboro Pythians were in attendance to enjoy the afternoon's festivities. There were 3 decorated cakes and lots of hors d'oeuvres available to feed the crowd as they visited with one another.

Submitted by Kathlene Henry



CALL TO ANNUAL PYTHIAN CONVENTION

Welcome to ALL Sisters and Knights who plan to attend Oregon Pythian Grand Convention this year.

Convention Dates: October 15 - 17, 2010

Location: Red Lion Hotel
304 Nye Avenue
Pendleton OR 97801
Telephone: 541-276-6111

Make your hotel reservations by: Sept 23rd

Please note that by making your reservations at the convention hotel and ordering your meals through the convention committees ~ it helps to defray our convention costs. Please support our convention.

MEAL RESERVATIONS:

The May issue of the OPN included meal and convention registration forms for both Knights and Sisters.

Please mail meal selections and payment to:
Carol Jenkins
4682 Beaverbrook Ct. SE
Salem, OR 97317
Telephone: 1-503-636-8314

Make checks payable to:
Pythian Registration Committee

Mail your meal reservations by: October 1st

CONVENTION TOURS:

FRIDAY from 2:00—4:00
Pendleton Woolen Mills (Free)
Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame (\$5)

SATURDAY from 2:00—4:00
Hamley's Leather Goods (Free)
Prodigal Son Brewery (Free)

To sign up for tours call:
GC Bill Peal: 1-541-276-9112 or 541-215-0810
Irene Clink: 503-357-8429
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2010 Supreme Convention in California! ~ by Kathlene Henry



Eight Oregon Pythians travelled to Los Angeles for the 2010 Supreme Convention: Robyn Neeley, Marilyn Stevens, Margaret Grochocki, Richard Swartout, Mike Stone, Mark Erickson, Darrell Henry and Kathlene Henry. (Shelley Corby had also planned to attend and serve as Margaret Grochocki's Page, however surgery made the long-awaited trip impossible for her this year.)

Robyn, Marilyn, Richard and Mike served as our Supreme Representatives, faithfully attending each session and recording information about the convention to report back at Oregon Grand Convention. Mark once again served as Document Clerk for the Knightsq Supreme Session. Margaret Grochocki was elected to her 4th term as Supreme Treasurer.



This year's Supreme Convention started with local tours of the Los Angeles area on Saturday. A tour bus loaded with 56 Pythians, their family members and friends travelled to a picturesque Marina del Ray, walked out to the Santa Monica Pier, window-shopped at Rodeo Drive, saw the %stars+ on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, lunched at the Farmers Market and danced to the beat of Latino music at historic Olvera Street. The group's entertaining tour guide was California's GC Mike Hecht who explained the many sights which highlight the history and living style that is %Southern California.+



The business meetings progressed smoothly this year . lots of committee reports and discussions about our budgets. Convention ended with Installation of the new Supreme Officers and final Banquet on Wednesday. The new Supreme Chancellor is Ed Wright from New Hampshire and the new Supreme Chief is Addie Sadberry from Texas. Don



Grant remains as the Knight's Supreme Secretary, while the Sisters have a new Supreme Secretary Connie Edwards, from Iowa who replaces Linda Bridges who completed her 10-year term and earned her PSC honors. The next Supreme Convention will be held July 29 . August 1, 2012 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

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Community Service—A Pythian Principle

While I review the past issues of the *Oregon Pythian News* I continue to be very impressed with the amount of community service we as Pythians provide. I am proud of this service and I think you should be as well.

Four times a year I seek input from each lodge and temple regarding your activities and community service. The Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Chief asked us to report our activities during the past year and an amazing amount of hours were claimed for community service. Some items are reported but it is apparent from other readings and reports that much more is done than is reported in the OPN.

The last issue of the OPN contained reports of many community activities:

- No Bake+Bake Sales
- Start Making a Reader Today (%SMART+)
- Boy Scouts
- Senior class Drug and Alcohol Free Party
- Thank you dinner to community
- Girl Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- College Scholarships
- Support of Athletic Teams
- Tree Planting Trip
- Good Will, Good Turn
- Support Robotics Team
- Dollars to Charitable Organizations
- Many Miles for Pythian Service
- Awards for Poster Contests
- Kidney Foundation



- Relay for Life Donations and Walking!
- Share the Spirit Donations
- Santa Visits through Share the Spirit
- Fund Raising for Schimmel Memorial
- Provide Opportunities to Youth Groups
- March of Dimes
- Fire Fighting Equipment
- Cards and Calls to Shut Ins
- Provide space for community use
- Fire Department Equipment
- Bicycle Helmets
- Library Financial Support
- And How Many More?

If your project isn't in this list please let me know, and provide an article and photo for the next OPN. We would love to hear about it.

I am proud of what we do and I hope that you are as well.

Let's share your experiences with others and perhaps they will learn something from your activities. Perhaps they will be able to practice Benevolence through the inspiration of your project and perhaps by making our candle shine through community service we will be able to gather more members to help us do even more.

Your Pythian community activities are of interest to other Pythians. PLEASE write up an article and provide how to directions and pictures so that we may all learn and benefit from your activity.

Darrell Henry, Proud to be a Pythian!

Your OPN Editor