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## Herculena Temple Hosts Dutch Oven Cookout

Herculena Temple had a Dutch oven cookout at Sister Sharon Johnson's place. Sharon and her husband Don and Grand Manager Tanya Bancroft and her husband Don cooked 2 main dishes. Chicken and rice and Enchiladas and then seasoned green beans and a wonderful upside-down pineapple cake all cooked in the Dutch ovens. The rest of the Sisters and their husbands brought salads and appetizers.

We have decided that this will be an annual event. We asked our Sisters to invite any women that they would like to have

join and we had 2 new people there. So we hope this will mean more new members for Herculena. We had 28 people present so it was a wonderful turn out and everyone had a wonderful time.

Members are getting ready to start back in September and get to work getting our doll and toy box and basket ready for our Christmas raffle.

*Submitted by Vesta Poteete*

## From the Desk of Grand Secretary Shelley

We are nearing the end of our fiscal year of Sept 10th. This is an important date, which allows us to prepare for Grand Temple every year. We need to have all forms, reports and finances accounted for before this date. Specific dates for each of the above items were mailed to you in your mid-year report packet. The Grand Chief appoints her committees from the list of Grand Representatives and Alternates. I need all of the Grand Representative's names and addresses as soon as possible.

Please be sure to have your Temple's Representative credential, attendance report, necrology report and all Grand Temple registrations and meal reservations turned in. MECs and secretaries, please check to see that these have been done. I will be calling each of the Temple secretaries as necessary. All of the above are sent to the Grand Secretary with the exception of the meal reservations.

Send meals reservations to the Pre-registration committee, Carol Jenkins. The form for the meals was published in the June issue of the OPN. Don't forget to make your room reservation directly with the hotel 541.342.5201 by 9-23-05 for the best rate.

Grand Chief Julie and Grand Chancellor Charlie have been busy working with the convention committee to have another successful Grand Session this year. Lets make their jobs easier by co-operating with all of them.

If you need any assistance with anything please call me.



Shelley Corby  
Grand Secretary

## Share the Spirit Picnic

Hillsboro Pythians hosted their 2005 Share the Spirit fundraiser on June 18<sup>th</sup> with a picnic in Shute Park. This year in order to raise more funds, the group provided the main dish while the members provided the salads, desserts and drinks. In addition to the members, we had some guests in attendance – several of them were small children! The day started out sunny, however just as our picnic came to a close, the wind came up and helped us to "clean" our picnic shelter.



Darrell and Jerry



Santa and Emily



Mary McIlvaine and Family Sharing the Spirit



## Hillsboro Pythians Post Relay for Life Team ~ Reported by Maureen Murphy



Hillsboro Pythian Relay for Life Team front to back: Charlie VanDomelen, Don Lacy, James, Andrew, Phil and Maureen Murphy, Darrell Henry, John Lacy, Aaron Murphy, Chi Corby, Sarah Murphy, and Shelley Corby. (Not pictured but involved, Mary McIlvaine)

We had a very fun and enjoyable time at the Hillsboro Relay for Life fundraiser. Relay for Life represents the hope that those who we lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one-day cancer will be eliminated.

The relay was held June 25 and 26 from 10:00 am Saturday to 10:00 am Sunday at the Hillsboro Stadium. The relay's goal was \$35,000. The relay actually made over \$48,000. The Pythian team raised \$838. There were 34 teams at the relay this year. Each team had at least 8 people to participate. The Pythian team consisted of John Lacy, Darrell Henry, Charlie VanDomelen, Don Lacy, Shelley and Chi Corby, Phil, Maureen, Aaron, Sarah, Andrew and James Murphy. The team campsites were located all around the track except for in the front where they had a stage. Each team had someone on the track at all times for 24 hours.

The theme for the Relay for Life was "Let's knock cancer out of the park". Our team's name was "Momma's Angels in the

Outfield". We picked that name partly in memory of "Viona Lacy." Viona (Momma) claimed many adoptive daughters and sons. Viona had kind words and encouragement for anyone she knew. She had a hug for everyone. Viona was a great Mom and friend. We all miss her very much.

The Relay for Life first had the survivors walk around the track for one lap. After that, as they called team names, the members of that team would join the survivors on the track. When they called out for the Hillsboro Pythian team John, Shelley and Chi came out on the track. We all took turns walking around the track, usually in pairs because it was more fun that way. Walking around the track at night was really pretty with all of the luminarias lit all the way around the track. There were so many luminarias that in some places they were double one row behind the other. Also in the grandstand they had the words CURE and HOPE lit in luminarias.

*(Continued on page 15)*



## Southern Oregon Pythian Picnic

The Southern Oregon Pythians held their annual picnic August 14 at Tom Pierce Park in Grants Pass. Some of the picnickers got lost on the way to the park due to inadequate maps and trail markings. In spite of the hot summer heat, about 30 faithful Pythians and friends had a bountiful feast and get-together.

We were honored by the presence of Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, Grand Chancellor Charlie VanDomelen, and Darrell Henry, Editor of the Pythian News.

We are planning another bicycle helmet giveaway later in August.

We will see you at Grand Lodge/Grand Temple.

Article Submitted by Robert Murphy,  
Secretary Talisman Lodge



Four Generations of Johnson's: Duane, Heather, Alex and Donna at Southern Oregon Picnic.



Grand Press Correspondent Beth and Donna Comparing Blue Ribbons from the Fair. Old Hand Beth congratulates Donna on her first.



Herifords, Florence and Don



Richard Weed,  
Newest Member



Robyn & Buddy

## Grand Chief's Message

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer break and are ready to get back to work. Grand Temple is right around the corner, I hope to see everyone there. Now is a good time to make your reservations if you haven't already done so. I'm sure Arlene and Carol would appreciate getting those meal orders in at the earliest possible date. It sure would make their job easier.

For us Pythians, summer break is sometimes one of our busiest times of year with the Garlic Festival and other fundraisers. I hope all were successful. The Southern Oregon Pythians were in 2 parades this year. I marched in the one in Grants Pass. What a blast !! It was so much fun and a great way to get the Pythian name out into our community. August 27th is our local

Kids Care Fair sponsored by our local hospital and the Pythians are giving away 500 bicycle helmets. Last year over 3000 people attended. We are all very excited for the exposure this will bring our Order.

I would once again like to thank everyone for their on going support. I have truly enjoyed this year. See you at Grand.

Julie  
Grand Chief



GC Julie

## Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund Scholarships

Hi everyone, another busy year is in progress and I would like to announce the names of the individuals who have been granted scholarships for continuing education this school year. There were many applications this year and the quality of the individuals is something the Oregon Pythians can be proud of. We have strong participation from around the state and our extended family of Pythians.

The scholarship recipients for the 2005-2006 school year are as follows:

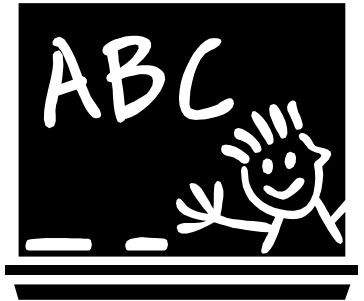
- Caitlin Swan                      Salem, Oregon
- Karl Loree                        College Place, Washington
- Daniel J. Hogate                Noti, Oregon
- Sarah Jean Murphy            Forest Grove, Oregon
- Matthew J. Grundlach        Pendleton, Oregon

In addition each year we present the Oliver Calhoun Memorial Scholarship Award to one of the recipients. This year this goes to Caitlin Swan. Caitlin comes from a family that for generations has been involved in community service and she continues that ideal. Her grandparents are Marion and Ralph Willcox, former Grand Chief and Chancellor in Oregon. Her

mother is Diane Swan, Past Chief of Centralia Temple #11. Caitlin is a member of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and has been involved in state service projects as follows: Make-A-Wish Foundation, Shriner's Hospital, and Gales Creek Camp for Children with diabetes. Her most current project that I am aware of is to raise \$10,000 for two projects, the Rainbow Scholarship Fund to help girls attend community colleges, trade schools, and universities; and S.M.A.R.T., Start Making A Reader Today. This is just a portion of what Caitlin is involved in. WOW!

**I don't know how we can do much better than this and congratulations to everyone.**

Chris Anderson,  
Chairman, OPCEF



If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen are defrocked, doesn't  
it follow that electricians can be delighted; musicians denoted,  
cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked  
and dry cleaners depressed?

From Virginia Ostman

## Phoenicia Temple Initiates New Member

We are currently enjoying our summer recess before getting busy resuming our usual busy schedule coming up this fall. During the spring we initiated a new member, Maureen Murphy's daughter Sarah Murphy, at the District 2 convention held in Eugene on May 7. (See introduction page 16) She was initiated by the Grand Temple officers. Many of Phoenicia's sisters participated by serving in the degree staff. Several of our sisters attended all three District conventions.

Along with our usual meetings we have enjoyed several social gatherings to celebrate special occasions. We have also met with the Hillsboro Pythians in meetings and social gatherings. Our second annual Share the Spirit picnic was on June 18. Many of us gathered together along with guests to enjoy the

fellowship and food. We also collected gifts and funds to help Santa get a start on this year's activities.

Our final June meeting was held at the home of Betty Alexander where we enjoyed our annual pizza party. Since there are several PGCs in our Temple, many of us will serve at the Garlic Festival August 13 and 14. Soon we will be getting ready to attend Grand Temple and will be putting the final touches on our crafts to sell at the holiday bazaars this coming holiday season. We will also resume our meetings with the Hillsboro Pythians as their meetings have been on recess for the summer too.

*Article by Shelley Corby*



## Cameran's Eagle Scout Project



Life Scout Cameran Heckenlaible with an "In Need" Dory

Boy Scout Troop 722 chartered by Phoenix Lodge has a Life Scout who started working on his Eagle project. Cameran Heckenlaible started the project of transforming a very old,

and neglected fishing Dory into a play structure, for Tucker-Maxon Oral School. The boat was donated to the school years ago. Unfortunately the boat was left out in the weather for a number of years and the paint has started to peel and some of the wood has started to decay. The school administrators and Cameran came up with a plan of transforming the boat into a fun and safe play structure that the entire student body could enjoy.

An Eagle project is very involved, starting with a written proposal that will be presented to the troop committee, the district advancement, and the group that is benefiting the project. Cameran is responsible for identifying and arranging for fundraising, locating donations from the community, scheduling the work parties and ensuring that all work is performed safely. He keeps a log of all the time, materials, and people who were involved with the project.

The boat should be completed and back to the school by the time classes begin in September.

Article submitted by: Charlie VanDomelen,  
Secretary/Treasurer ~ Phoenix Lodge

## Grand Chancellor Charlie's Message

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

Where did the summer go? I hope everyone was able to take a little time off and enjoy the great weather we had this summer. I was able to get away for a week camping at the Oregon coast.

The poster contest was a success. I think we learned a few things that we will apply to next year's contest. I, along with some of the other Grand Lodge Officers, had the pleasure of meeting the contest winners and presenting them with checks and plaques. I'm pleased to see that more lodges are making plans to get involved with this project.

We were able to schedule fraternal visits with most all of the lodges. We had a BBQ at Damon, where we learned of the different project they were involved for the year. A potluck at Talisman combined with a helmet giveaway and a fundraising yard sale. We gave away over 30 helmets! Grand Lodge officers enjoyed pizza out at Glencoe Lodge, along with learning what their lodge is doing for the year. We also visited with Diana and enjoyed a great prime rib dinner. We also visited with Ivanhoe Lodge enjoying supper prepared by Al Meska. We were told about their involvement with the neighborhood group association. Thanks to all of the lodges for the hospitality and good will.

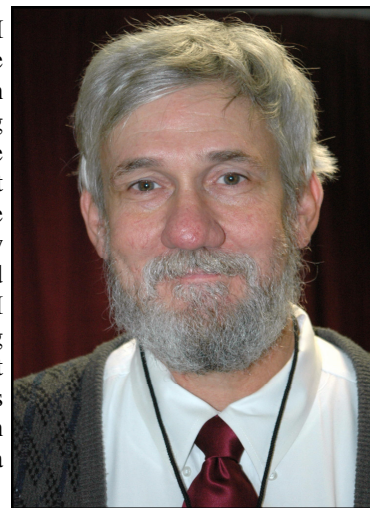
I talked and listened to a lot of the Knights from all over the state, and am happy to hear of the different things all the lodges are involved in. When we are out in the community doing the different projects we should be more active in

promoting the order. I noticed that most all of the lodges have a banner with their name and town along with the Knight's logo. We should have that banner at all of the events we are involved in. As we meet new people and explain who and what we are and, yes, I know, correctly pronouncing "Pythias", we should start making a list of the names with contact information who we can invite to a membership dinner.

This last year I have learned a lot about the Knights of Pythias. I met many of the members from the different lodges who are all doing good things for their communities. I have considered myself very fortunate to be a member of an organization that promotes Benevolence, Kindness, Generosity and Tolerance.

Thank you,

Charlie VanDomelen  
Grand Chancellor



Charlie VanDomelen  
Grand Chancellor

## Ivanhoe Lodge Celebrates 100 Years

Some time ago, after Ivanhoe Lodge had moved from its downtown location, I examined the charter of the lodge. It said



that the institution date for the lodge was July 25, 1905. I initially wanted a very big party to celebrate, with a banquet and dancing and speeches and all the ritual an event like this deserves.

However, as the years dragged on, our membership got less and less active and I had to give up on those ideas, but not on the idea of a celebration. So, on July 23, 2005, Ivanhoe Lodge had a small open house celebration for its centennial.

Ivanhoe Lodge had initially been instituted as Ivanhoe Lodge #10 on Jan. 4, 1882. However, the consolidation with Oregon No. 1 and Orpheus No. 59 made its new date of institution July 25, 1905.

The members, during the meetings this year, had considered a banquet or reception at a downtown Portland hotel, or a

reception at the lodge hall. Our finances, finally, determined that a reception, or open house type party would be the best. We discussed what should be available at the party and decided that finger foods, punch and a cake would be satisfactory. An ad was placed in the *Oregon Pythian News* and then we waited.

The date of Saturday, July 23, 2005 came and our Secretary, Al Meska was ready. Without much fanfare, he made the finger foods, the punch and purchased a cake. A small crowd came and went during the three hours of the open house and I will be eternally grateful to those who took time from their day to attend. I will not list them here, they know who they are.



Al Meska, Secretary and Chef  
Extraordinaire

For the summer, Ivanhoe will be helping a Boy Scout who wishes to modify an abandoned boat on the grounds of the Tucker-Maxon Oral School located on Holgate (See related article on page 7). He has asked and received permission to use our building to conduct a rummage sale in order to get some funds for the renovation. We have helped another Boy Scout to be able to attend camp. We have ordered bicycle helmets so we can give them to kids in the neighborhood. The only other thing we need to be concerned with is our attendance at our meetings and finding other people to join our lodge so it can grow and prosper.

*Article and pictures submitted by Mark Erickson*

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## Helmet Lodge No. 33 Report

We here at Helmet just try to keep plugging along. In December Vic Guthrie, Esther McKibben and I helped Santa deliver toys and cheer to about 95 patients at Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Center. The patients are so appreciative and we have a good time. The lodge buys lunch for the crew.

We now have thirteen members ~ including two dual members. Five live out of town and four are fifty-year members. Average attendance is 4. Maximum attendance is 4. We meet several times a year with the Pythian Sisters for dinner on special occasions and I have been attending their meetings the last few months.

In May we hosted the District Two convention, held at the same time as the Sisters District Convention. We discussed some of the changes we must make in order to remain a viable organization, and in the afternoon we held a three-rank initiation for two members from Grants Pass.

This summer we are having some spruce-up work done to the restroom and front entry of the hall. We are also having the parking lot seal-coated and re-stripped.

Plans are in the works to have a special back-to-lodge event jointly with the Sisters, and will invite any prospects to join us. We are looking forward to Grand Lodge in October and the Pythian Festival in November.

Three Knights and four Pythian Sisters were pleased to attend Supreme Chief Kathlene's reception in Portland.

In January Frank Mellor and I drove to Grants Pass to install their 2005 officers. During the Knight's meeting we obligated three candidates, two of whom were initiated in short form at District Convention in May.

*Article submitted by Paul Lewis*

## Fern Temple News

The Sisters of Fern Temple had their usual booth at Yamhill's Derby Day celebration. We sold water, soda pop, sausage and kraut, hot dogs, and nachos. We sold out of almost everything, bought more and sold out again! It was a very successful and fun weekend. We couldn't have done it without the help of Jan's son Tim VanDeWalle and Mary McIlvaine's grand daughters, Wendy and Jenny. Thanks to everyone for their help.

Ann Myers' mother, Annette Nelson, passed away July 23 at Jennings McCall in Forest Grove. Our deepest sympathy to her and her family.

We are looking forward to fall and the start of meetings again. We will be planning for the State Convention. Also we will have to decide if we want to have a Christmas Bazaar again this year.

stairs (fire escape) is so rotten it is a danger to anyone who might climb on it! Any help that we can get to take it down and rebuild would be greatly appreciated. This would make a good Eagle project for some Boy Scout. Our building is used by YCRC for their office and youth programs after school. There are kids around here all the time.



We hope that everyone had a good summer.

*Submitted by: Jan VanDeWalle, Secretary Fern Temple  
Picture by OPN Staff*

**We are still in need of a few good men!!!!** The outside

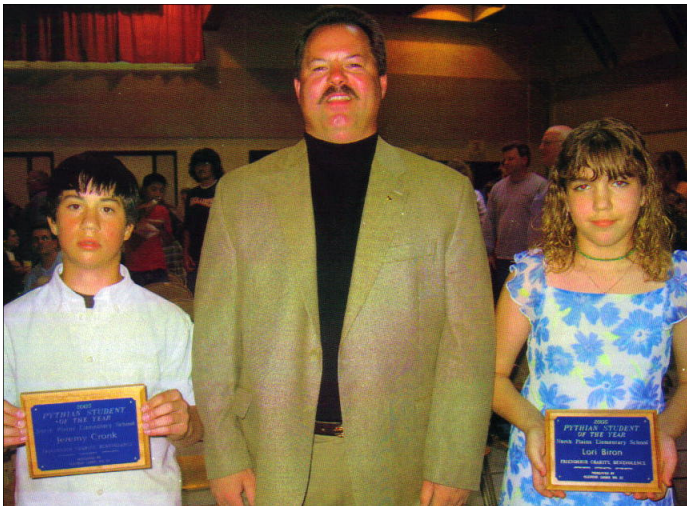
**GRAND LODGE/TEMPLE SCHEDULE UPDATE ON BACK COVER**

**REGISTER AT HOTEL BY SEPT 23RD FOR BEST RATE**

## A Slice of Summer's Activities at North Plains, Glencoe Lodge

The members of Glencoe Lodge have participated in many satisfying activities over the summer with realistic goals of sustaining our support for community involvement, increasing social contact among members, interaction with our Pythian Sisters, and participation in our largest annual fundraising event.

### North Plains Knights Award Students



Russ Sheldon, Chancellor Commander, flanked by Jeremy Crunk and Lori Biron, North Plains Students of the Year

At the end of the school year and to kick off the summer schedule, Glencoe Knights presented the "Students of the Year" awards to a male and female sixth grade student of North Plains Elementary School. Each of the students were selected by the staff of North Plains Elementary based upon a number of factors, including: academic achievement, participation in extra curricular programs, positive character traits and a solid attitude towards school.

Since its inception, the North Plains Elementary "Students of the Year" awards are proudly sponsored by Glencoe Lodge through a joint effort with the school, honoring students and creating recognition of the North Plains Knights of Pythias in the school community. Glencoe Lodge was well represented at the awards presentation. Many of the Knights in attendance had students who were recognized for various achievement awards presented at the evening ceremonies.

### Glencoe Knights Hold a Social

This summer the Knights of Glencoe Lodge decided to hold a special social night to bring the lodge together in a casual get together with each other and invite guests to see what the lodge is all about. The lodge provided a dinner and beverages to each member for a nominal charge, with invited guest fee

free. The goal of the event was to expose as many interested individuals as possible to the fraternal aspects of the lodge environment. While not directly recruiting, it was felt that perhaps we could show off the lodge and discuss the benefits of membership. The result was a good showing of what the Knights view as a strong bond of fraternity and community.

### Friendship Temple & Glencoe Lodge Summer Picnic

In order to strengthen our bond with our Sister's organization, Glencoe Lodge held a summer social picnic with Friendship Temple at LochLolly Farms near North Plains in July. The weather turned out pleasant. Several members of both organizations and their families showed up for an evening of food, fun and socializing. The Knights supplied ham and everyone supplied the sides and delicious trimmings with potluck to be had by all. The attendees had a wonderful time on a warm sunny evening!

### 2005 North Plains Garlic Festival

August is a busy month for the Knights of Glencoe Lodge. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual 2005 North Plains Garlic Festival took place on August 12-14.



The Knights of Glencoe Lodge operate the Beer Garden through an agreement and in cooperation with the North Plains Chamber of Commerce. Through this unique partnership, Glencoe Lodge is entrusted and responsible for the entire beer garden operation, including: set-up, product selections, coordinating with a beer distributor, wine vendors, setting prices, serving, monitoring, containment, handling receipts, expenses, tear down and clean-up.

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## Slice of Glencoe Summer (Continued)



Jan and Wylie Getting the Work Done

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The North Plains Garlic Festival is the largest community activity that the Glencoe Knights participate in. The Garlic Festival also accounts for our single largest source of fundraising revenue during the year. Through our operating agreement with the North Plains Chamber of Commerce, Glencoe Lodge splits the profits after expenses of operation with the Chamber of Commerce. The Knights of Glencoe Lodge, like the Chamber, set aside the funds to be redistributed back into worthwhile community projects and programs. A special committee is appointed each year by Glencoe Lodge and charged with organizing, coordinating and oversight of the beer garden operation.

Glencoe Lodge is dependent on its membership to pull off this event. In addition to the duties performed by the appointed committee, many of our members provide valuable time during the event with tasks of handling money, guarding gates, serving patrons, checking identification, monitoring, cleaning, general policing of the beer garden, tabulating results and managing expenses. The Garlic Festival Beer Garden is a high profile event for the Glencoe Knights; it provides a great source of funds, connection with our community and recognition for our Order.



Garlic Festival Revelers Settling in for Evening



Tony and Russ, part of the dynamic Pythian Team

*Article submitted by Russ Sheldon*

*Pictures by Russ Sheldon and OPN Staff*

## Southern Oregon Pythians Give Away 460 Helmets

I had the opportunity to help the Southern Oregon Pythians with their helmet program at the 12th annual Kids Care Fair event, sponsored by Three Rivers Community Hospital at the Josephine County Fairgrounds on August 27<sup>th</sup>. This year Talisman lodge donated 460 helmets, and the local hospital donated another 100. In 6 hours the helmet fitting team fitted and gave away over 500 helmets to the children of the Grants Pass area.

*Article and pictures submitted by GC Charlie*





## Gaston Lodge Wapato Showdown Big Success



For the sixth year in a row the members of Gaston Lodge No. 104 organized and operated a community service event that is fun, entertaining, and beneficial to the community of Gaston.

Over 350 cars of various vintages, makes and types showed with their owners and owner's families for a great two-day event. This congregation of auto enthusiasts appeared to be a great family event, and definitely provides an opportunity for Gaston Lodge and other organizations within the community of Gaston to provide community service and to raise funds for their community needs.

Some of the community groups that were observed in action include:

- ❖ Boy Scout Troop (sponsored by Gaston Lodge) Providing Security
- ❖ Cub Scout Pack (sponsored by Gaston Lodge) Selling Ice Cream and Bottled Water
- ❖ The Gaston Football Team Selling Sno-Cones
- ❖ Gaston Booster Club – Operating the Concession Stand
- ❖ Gaston Rural Fire Department Providing a Great Ham, Eggs, and Pancake Breakfast
- ❖ A Steak Dinner on Friday Night (Helps to provide scholarships)
- ❖ Gaston Volley Ball Team providing parking

And there were probably others that this visitor was not aware of.

Gaston Lodge provides Awards for many different categories in the show. Many of the awards have been imprinted with credit for the award being given to Gaston Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Oregon. They provide overall



Ed Yates with awards and prizes.



management of the project and volunteer hundreds of hours in getting the project operational and successful. T-Shirts are made available as a souvenirs of the event, and few dollars are made on those. The T-Shirts also advertise the Pythian name.

The sponsorship by Gaston Lodge No. 104 is prevalent in print, on signs and in the routine announcements at the event. Many events are run independently of the Gaston Lodge but from this viewer's perspective without the Knights of Gaston the opportunity for the Gaston Rural Fire Department, the Gaston Boosters, the various Gaston High School groups such as the girl's volley team, the football team, and others would not have this major opportunity to raise funds for their various community causes.

**Great Job Gaston Pythians!**

*Article and Pictures by OPN Staff*



## Far Western Conclave ~ DOKK/Nomads

The small town of Revelstoke BC hosted the Far Western Conclave for the year of 2005. Lorna Johansen of Revelstoke had been elected Co-President last year and enticed all in attendance to come to Revelstoke. She worked with the local Nomad Santha and managed to put on a very good meeting.

The meeting was punctuated by reports and debate concerning the low balance of the Treasury. The Treasurer, Gay Rutherford of Port Coquitlam, gave a solid report on the status of our finances. The debate was passionate and shall continue. Law changes are in the works to resolve the situation. A committee, consisting of Preston Thomas, Jacque Girard, Mark Erickson and Dan Cornett, will meet at some time during the recess to discuss law changes. I believe the officers of the Far Western Association are doing the best they are able with the resources they have.

During the elections, it was noted that with the departure of some of the Nomad Santhas and DOKK temples in the Far Western domain, that the next conclave would be held in Washington. With assistance of visitors from Washington it was concluded that the best choice for Co-Presidents for 2006 would be William Hase and Denise Koranda of Federal Way, WA. They were nominated and elected even though they were not present. The Secretary, Dan Cornett of Vancouver was



Oregonians at Far Western, Duane Johnson, Betty Murchison, Jerry Girard, Jacque Girard, Mark Erickson.

nominated and re-elected. The editor of the Far Western RoundUp, Alma Wilson, had decided not to continue. The nomination of Mark Erickson as Editor was put forth. He was elected for a three-year term. The Vice Presidents were then nominated and elected. They are: for British Columbia – East, Reg Greenwood and Janet Littlejohn; for British Columbia – West, Jim Rutherford and Ann Cornett; for Washington,



Preston Thomas and Ellen Trout; for Oregon, Duane Johnson and Irene Clink.

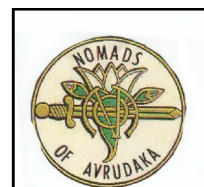
For the break, we got into our cars and visited a local park sponsored by the local DOKK temple, Shem El Nessim. Farwell Park, named after the surveyor for the town site of Revelstoke, is of good size and kept in good shape. A house also owned by the local DOKK's is adjacent to the park and used by the keeper of the park. A university center is across the street from the park.

Then we headed to Three Valley Gap for a guided tour. This hotel and tourist attraction was founded by Gordon Bell. He has built a ghost town, a 200-room lakeside hotel, his own hydroelectric dam, and more, without any government assistance. More than a dozen of us went on the tour and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the theater, railroad museum, railroad roundhouse, and ghost town.

That night we gathered at the Pythian Hall for a dinner prepared by the Cornett's. The next day, we installed those officers present and enjoyed a lunch also prepared by the Cornett's.

The next conclave, which should be the 51<sup>st</sup>, is expected to be held in the Tacoma area. Most of us expressed the desire to again see the magnificent lodge hall in Tacoma. Lodging options and conclave dates should be finalized by March 1, 2006.

*Article and Pictures Submitted by Mark Erickson*



## Imperial Convention Report

IMPERIAL—July 31 through August 3, 2005

Oregon Nomads and DOKK's traveled this summer to Irving, Texas where the 57<sup>th</sup> Imperial Palace of DOKK and the 46<sup>th</sup> Imperial Darbar Nomads of Avrudaka was held. Those attending from Oregon were: Duane Johnson, Jean Schlinsog, Robyn Neeley, Mark Erickson, Darrell Henry, Irene Clink, Judy and John Murchison, Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, and of course our presiding officers Most Gracious Maharani Jacquie Girard and her Maharajah Jerry Girard. As you might guess, we all received a "Big" Texas welcome and experienced that famous Texan Southern hospitality.

As is customary, Supreme Temple and Supreme Chief Kathlene held a banquet on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, honoring Maharani Jacquie. This year was unique because both presiding officers were from the State of Oregon and had known each other since

they were young Pythians. Also, in attendance were Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin and his wife Jennie, Imperial Prince George Fox and his wife Priscilla and Maharajah Jerry.

Maharani Jacquie was an excellent presiding officer. We worked hard during our sessions; allowing us to have free time to enjoy each other's company at luncheons, banquets and in the hospitality room. You haven't experienced Imperial until you've tasted the Canadian's famous "Moose Milk," eaten a hearty Texas breakfast with rousing entertainment at eleven o'clock in the evening, or, gone "boot scootin'" with a hot Texas band!

Our thanks to Maharani Jacquie and Maharajah Jerry for a well organized, productive and fun Imperial Session!

*Article submitted by Judy Murchison*

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## If My Body Were a Car

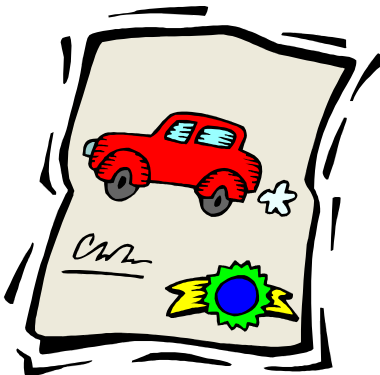
If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it. My fenders are too wide to be considered stylish. They were once as sleek a little MG; now they look more like an old Buick. My seat cushions have split open at the seams. My seats are sagging. Seat belts? I gave up all belts when Krispy Kremes opened a shop in my neighborhood! Air bags? Forget it. The only bags I have these days are under my eyes. Not counting the saddle bags, of course.

I have soooooo many miles on my odometer. Sure, I've been many places and seen

many things, but when's the last time an appraiser factored life experiences against depreciation? My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with various markings. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it, ---almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter.....either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.

*Thanks to Kaye Pomerleau for sharing this insight!*



## In Memory Of ~

### Thelma Snyder

**May 22, 1941 - April 8, 2005**

Thelma was initiated into the Pythian Sisters on May 22, 1941 at Centralia Temple #11. She was appointed Grand Musician in 1996 and served in that capacity until 2003.

Thelma Snyder was a talented musician. She played with the San Francisco Symphonic Orchestra when she lived in the Bay area. Her real instrument was the violin.



When Thelma moved to Salem, OR. to care for her mother Edna, who was a member of Centralia Temple, she became our musician, practicing our Pythian Odes and marches daily on her piano, until she became comfortable with them. She was always willing to share her gift and talent when asked to do so. Thelma was very involved with her church, the Salem Religious Science Center, and had many friends there. She shared her musical talents with her church family as well as with her Pythian family. Thelma joined Centralia Temple on May 22, 1982, and was a dedicated and inspiring member until her untimely death on April 8, 2005.

Thelma served several terms as Grand Musician and was currently serving as Grand Representative. Thelma will be missed by all who knew her.

### Leona H. Pohrman

**June 26, 1919 - May 26, 2005**

Leona was born to Harry and Charlotte Colvin. She was a descendant of the Whitney pioneer family who came out with Joel Palmer. Her mother was widowed when Leona was an infant and was raised by her mother and step-father, James E. Taylor.



She attended White Grade School in Aurora and Canby High School. She married Jerrold Williams at 17 in 1936. He was killed in a logging accident in 1941. She married F.C. Pohrman in 1946. He preceded her in death in 1989.

She was a 60-year-plus member of the Order of Pythian Sisters of Oregon, being initiated on November 12m 1941 at Una Temple #26. She became a dual member with Willamette Temple in 1995. She earned her Grand Temple Degree in in 1967 and served as Grand Press Correspondent from 1995 to 2003. She enjoyed reading, dancing, taking care of her family and socializing.

Survivors include daughter, Carol Jenkins of Salem; sons, Forrest J. Pohrman of Salem and Kenneth E. Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by son, Gary Pohrman and sister, Margarite Bushman.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Thurs., June 2, 2005 at Barrick Funeral Home. Private interment was at Belle Passi Mausoleum, Woodburn. Contributions may be made to Pythian Grand Temple of Oregon for Doernbecher Children's Life Unit c/o Barrick Funeral Home, Salem.

### Relay for Life (Continued)

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As we were walking Saturday they had entertainment. They had a couple of bands. They also had a singer that was an Elton John impersonator (Mark Elton Arciero). He was really good! Mark is also a survivor of cancer (throat). At 10:00 in the evening, the only time that the teams are not on the track, they had a speaker who was a survivor of cancer. After the speaker everyone walked around to look at the luminarias. It was very moving. They had the ceremony called the empty table with a white tablecloth on it; on the table was an empty place setting for one representing a loved one is missing. On the white table cloth people were invited to write messages on it if they wished. While I wasn't walking I read what was on the tablecloth. Someone had written about Viona that all the

angels in heaven were getting hugs now. When I read it I was thinking, that's my mom!

The next year's Hillsboro Relay for Life is going to be June 24 and 25. I'm hoping we can have a team again. I think that it is a really good cause. I really had fun and hopefully it will get our name out there where people can see it.

If you would like to participate next year contact John Lacy 503 681-8209 or Maureen Murphy 503 357-1631.

For more information you can go to the web site for the Hillsboro Relay [www.relayforlifehillsboro.org](http://www.relayforlifehillsboro.org) or the American Cancer Society web site [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

*Article Submitted by Maureen Murphy ` Pictures by OPN Staff*



## An Open Letter ~~ To Oregon Pythians



Wylie Nichols  
OPN Business Manager

The year as your business manager for the Oregon Pythian News contained challenges to learn the process and to meet deadlines. I have learned, in awe, to respect the incredible effort by previous editors and business managers, who brought the publication through fourteen years since its inception.

A continuing process to convert our labeling / mailing process to a mailing service, while maintaining cost consideration, has been accomplished. The updating of addresses has been done with each issue and will be an ongoing process.

Another effort throughout the year was determining the cost per Oregon Pythian reader for each issue. Through the first

three issues it is \$1.50. The fourth (Convention) issue could increase the yearly cost per issue to \$1.75 due to size of the content.

Currently the Oregon Pythian News is not self-sustaining through annual support from the Knights and Sisters, by subscription rate. We have maintained this basic quality of the publication with the added support of Boosters and The Foundation Fund.

I will be addressing adequate funding at the Grand Convention in October, asking both the Knights and Sisters to increase basic support. If you believe the Oregon Pythian News is worthwhile and are pleased with the content, presentation and promptness I respectfully request your positive vote on funding proposals.

Wylie  
Business Manager

**If your parents didn't have any children, there's a good chance that you won't have any.**

Clarence Day

## Phoenicia Temple's Newest Member



Sarah Murphy

Sarah Murphy will be starting her collegiate career at Portland Community College in just a couple weeks. Sarah was the recipient of our scholarship this year. She has worked hard at keeping up her grades while also being a member of the Forest Grove High School swim team.

Sarah was on the team that walked at the Relay for Life, and was supportive to all eleven members that attended the event. It was reported that the Relay for

Life was a lot of fun, and everyone was glad that they participated. Shelley Corby and her daughter Chi walked for four hours straight. Chi Corby got sunburn while wearing an arm-band that had a "V" on it. She reported to work, and was

asked what the "V" stood for. The "V," she was proud to exclaim, was for her grandmother Viona Lacy. Among our members who helped with the making and sales of luminaries were Charlie VanDomelen, Don Lacy, Darrell Henry, and Mary McIlvaine. The team of walkers included Maureen Murphy, Shelly Corby, Chi Corby, John Lacy, Aaron Murphy, Phil Murphy, Sarah Murphy, James and Andrew Murphy. The Hillsboro Pythians were able to contribute over \$800 to the Relay for Life.

Some upcoming events that Sarah is looking forward to include the Home Interior Party on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by Mary McIlvaine and her daughter Sandy Harbaugh. It will be at the River Road Clubhouse at 1:30pm. November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the first of the Christmas Bazaars that Phoenicia Temple will be participating in this year.

We hope that Sarah's college experience will be enjoyable and help her meet her future goals. All the sisters and brothers of Phoenicia Temple wish her the best that we can convey.

*Article submitted by Barb Christopher, Secretary*

*Photo OPN Staff*

Lodge	Lodge Location	Mailing Address	Meeting Times	Secretary	Chancellor Commander
<b>Ivanhoe #1</b> <b>503-777-6606</b>	5400 SE 84 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, OR	5400 SE 84 <sup>th</sup> Ave Portland, OR 97266	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm	Al Meska 503-659-7943	Mike Stone 503-939-0191
<b>Damon #4</b>	11 SE 8 <sup>th</sup> Pendleton, OR	3014 SW Hailey Ave Pendleton, OR 97801	Monday 8:00pm	Ben Anderson 541-276-2127	Bill Peal 541-276-9112
<b>Glencoe #22</b>	31520 NW Commercial North Plains, OR	PO Box 231 North Plains, OR 97133	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8:00pm	Wylie Nichols 503-246-6174	Russ Sheldon 503-647-2985
<b>Talisman #31</b>	2301 Upper River Rd Grants Pass, OR	2301 Upper River Rd Grants Pass, OR 97526	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1:30 pm	Robert Murphy 541-474-7462	Jackson Scott 541-772-3402
<b>Helmet #33</b>	420 W 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Eugene, OR	420 W 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave/ Eugene, OR 97401	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 7:30 pm	Paul Lewis 541-689-1120	Frank Mellor 541-689-5460
<b>Phoenix #34</b> <b>503-693-3162</b>	151 SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Hillsboro, OR	151 SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Hillsboro OR 97123	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Potluck 6:30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Meeting 7:00pm	Charles Van Domelen 503-554-0349	Jerry Girard 503-640-8349
<b>Delphos #39</b>	1924 Pacific Ave. Forest Grove, OR	2604 Pacific Ave. Forest Grove, OR 97116	Thursday 8:00pm	Kurt Mueller 503-357-6807	Leonard Simmons 503-429-2702
<b>Hermes #56</b>	14979 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. NE Aurora, OR	PO Box 234 Aurora, OR 97002	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 8:00pm	Colin Brown 503-678-1082	Robert Swartout 503-873-6924
<b>Diana #63</b>	324 Third St. McMinnville, OR	735 NW 17 <sup>th</sup> St. McMinnville, OR 97128	2 <sup>ND</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:00pm	Lee Vasquez 503-472-0172	Steve Larson 503-843-2510
<b>Gaston #104</b>	210 Front St. Gaston, OR	P O Box 507 Gaston, OR 97119	Wednesday 7:00pm	Chris Anderson 503-985-7993	James MacDonald 503-502-5029

## SUBORDINATE TEMPLES of the GRAND JURISDICTION of OREGON

Temple	Temple Location	Mailing Address	Meeting Times	Secretary	MEC
<b>Friendship #8</b>	31520 NW Commercial North Plains, OR	15532 NW Old Pumpkin Ridge Rd North Plains, OR 97133	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:00pm	Suzanne Dailey 503-647-5377	Joyce Reynolds 503-647-5549
<b>Phoenicia #10</b>	151 SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> St Hillsboro, OR	19410 SW Celebrity Aloha, OR 97007	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm	Barbara Christopher 503-649-3339	Fay B Robinson 503-648-2328
<b>Centralia #11</b>	3100 Turner Rd. SE #102 Salem, OR	3100 Turner Rd. SE #208 Salem OR 97302	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10:00am	Daphne Schainck 503-362-2802	
<b>Roseburg #23</b>	638 SE Rose St Roseburg, OR	147 Umatilla #5 Sutherlin, OR 97479	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 3PM	Donna Johnson 541-459-3493	Elizabeth Evans 541-677-7222
<b>Una #26</b>	14979 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. NE Aurora, OR	12377 Donald Rd NE Aurora, OR 97002	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1:30pm	Agnes Zacher 503-678-5993	Rosenna Powell 503-852-4430
<b>Herculena #27</b>	209 Main St. Milton Freewater, OR	927 Pleasant Street. Walla Walla, WA 99362	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 7:30pm	Linda Reyburn 509-525-4775	Carolyn Harvey 541-938-4722
<b>Helmetta #29</b>	420 w 12 <sup>TH</sup> St. Eugene, OR	4085 Potter Place Eugene, OR 97405	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 1:00pm	Kaye Pomerleau 541-686-2976	Esther McKibben 503-747-2841
<b>Orionette #31</b>	Masonic Building Elgin, OR	PO BOX 174 Elgin, OR 97827	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 1:00pm	Phyllis Looslie 541-437-2311	Pauline Terry 541-437-6102
<b>Thermopylae #37</b>	2301 Upper River Rd Grants Pass, OR	4069 S Pacific Hwy, #142 Medford, OR 97501	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2pm	Robyn Neeley 541-512-8907	Sandra Ryan 541-479-6540
<b>Rose #43</b>	3378 NE Corona Ct. Hillsboro, OR	3378 NE Corona Ct. Hillsboro, OR 97124	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:00pm	Jacque Girard 503-640-8349	Sarah Murchison 503-844-6127
<b>Willamette #45</b>	Masonic Building Dallas, OR	4682 Beaverbrook Ct SE Salem, OR 97301	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00pm	Carol Jenkins 503-363-8314	Bernice Balschweid 503-623-4728
<b>Fern #46</b>	Pythian Building 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Yamhill, OR	17671 Woodland Loop Rd Yamhill, OR 97148	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1pm	Jan Van De Walle 503-662-3701	Rosenna Powell 503-554-8602

## Who Are the Timber Beasts?

The Timber Beasts BB Gun Shooting Team is a group of eight to fifteen year olds, both boys and girls, sponsored by the Knight of Pythias of Forest Grove and Gaston, Knights of Pythias Foundation Fund, and have also been supported by the Knights of Pythias in Eugene and The Dalles.

This team is brought together to learn discipline, patience, self-control and responsibility that come from mastering the sport of shooting. To accomplish this, the team is instructed on safe and responsible handling of firearms, primarily BB Guns, for a 12-week period, practicing one night a week. Scores are tallied and recorded for averages and personal bests in four positions: Standing, Kneeling, Sitting and Prone, in addition to taking a written test each week.

Five to seven shooters scoring the highest averages attend the Oregon State BB Gun Match. Placing first at this match as a team earns the group the privilege to represent the State of Oregon at the Daisy/US Jaycee International BB Gun Match. The match this year was held in Bowling Green, Kentucky on July 2-3.

Our team from Forest Grove was represented by Jake Adams, Jacob Bristow, Holley Brandt, Travis Peters, Dakota Spreng, Cody Brown and Jacob Strother. The coaching staff was Howard Baker, Kelli Dow and Ron Brandt. The team began the competition with the prone and standing position on Saturday morning, followed by the written 50-question test in the early afternoon. Scores were posted late afternoon on Saturday and the Timber Beasts were currently ranked 6<sup>th</sup> out of 36 teams in the prone position, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the standing position (this being quite an accomplishment in itself) and placing 12<sup>th</sup> after the written test scores were added. The tally of these three scores secured a position in the top 10 ranking overall for the team. Sunday's competition began with the sitting position and finished with the kneeling position around noon. Unofficially, at the end of the competition, the Timber Beasts were 2 points ahead of the other 35 teams. Due to a delay in posting scores for kneeling, the team had to wait until closing ceremonies for the final results.



LR Top Row: Jacob Strothers, Travis Peters, Jacob Bristow, Jake Adams; LR Bottom Row: Holly Brandt, Cody Spreng, Cody Brown

After the closing ceremonies on Sunday evening, the Timber Beasts had a final score of 2,349 out of a possible 2,500, tying with a team from South Dakota for First Place. Since there are no ties in the competition, the tiebreaker is determined by center shots (bulls-eyes). South Dakota's team had 16 more center shots than our Oregon Timber Beasts team, finishing second overall. This is the best finish in the 24-plus years of our team participating in the Daisy/US Jaycee International BB Gun Championship Match.

Thank you to all our sponsors for the opportunity to participate in such an accomplishment.

*Article and picture submitted by Howard Baker, Delphos Lodge #39*

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## Pythians Help Tucker-Maxon Oral School



Tucker-Maxon students hearing about the new play structure from Principal George.

Community service is, and rightly should be, a huge part of the life of a Pythian. However, with the changes that have taken place over the years, finding a worthwhile project that is manageable for our group can truly be a challenge. With this in mind, you can imagine how glad I was to have an opportunity to really make a difference in the life of others just fall into my lap!

Shortly before the end of the school year I received a phone call from my 5-year old granddaughter asking if I would help her raise money for new playground equipment for her school. Emily attends Tucker-Maxon Oral School in Portland. This previously was a school for the deaf but now is a fully accredited private school. After asking many questions about the new playground equipment they wanted to purchase, I discovered that they did indeed have a rather unique problem which needed correcting as soon as possible.

With all the advances made in the ability to treat hearing loss, a great number of the students have cochlear implants. These are electronic devices that are implanted in the head to enable hearing. Unfortunately, their playground structure was made with plastic parts and the static electricity sometimes produced was enough to damage the implants. This put the equipment off limits to those with the implants. It was a very difficult situation at best.

As soon as I told Grandpa Jerry what Emily had called about, his reaction was the same as mine had been. We decided to see what we could do to help out with this project. We were still discussing this situation as we arrived at a Hillsboro Pythian meeting shortly after the phone call. Discussing the situation with those members present prior to our meeting, we had the interest of many others. By the end of the meeting several groups had pledged their support to help this project both financially and by volunteering their time to help assem-

ble the play structure once it was purchased. Word of mouth can be a wonderful thing. People were talking about Tucker-Maxon and their situation with the playground equipment and before long we were receiving phone calls from other parts of the state. People wanted to help with the funding. This was terrific!

Shortly, as this needed to be done before the end of the school year, funds were coming in from all over. With the help of Ivanhoe Lodge, Phoenix Lodge, Rose Temple, Talisman Lodge, Helmet Lodge, and some matching funds from the Knights Foundation adding to the



Grand Chancellor Charlie, Mark Erickson, Cameran Heckenlaible, Eagle Scout Candidate, Jacquie Girard and Emily, Jerry Girard and Principal George.

donation Jerry and I made, we were able to present Tucker-Maxon with a check in the amount of \$2100.00. While this did not fund the structure completely, it certainly made a huge difference in the amount left to be raised.

Before the end of the school year arrangements were made to meet with the Principal and present the checks to the school. Darrell Henry, Charlie VanDomelen, Mark Erickson, and Cameran Heckenlaible joined Jerry and I for the presentation. Upon arriving at Tucker-Maxon, we discovered that we were to be making our presentation, on behalf of the Pythians, at an outdoor assembly near the old play structure with the younger

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## Tucker-Maxon (Continued)

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students present. Emily was allowed to be "on stage" with us for the presentation as she was our key to the project. George, the Principal, gave a very nice presentation regarding details of who we are, the principles of our order, and why we were there. The children responded to our mission with great enthusiasm rewarding us with clapping and cheering. Afterward the children returned to their classes and we took pictures of the "before" situation. I am sure everyone left feeling a good thing was being done.

There was also another project that came about as a result of this. Cameran, a member of the Boy Scout troop sponsored by Phoenix Lodge, is currently working toward his Eagle Scout Rank and needed a project. He accompanied us to Tucker-Maxon for the presentation and found his project. There was an old boat at the back of the school property that he was able

to use. He is converting it into a play structure and hopes to have it ready to present to the school for the students to use this fall. Once again a need was found and filled.

While Cameran is still working on his project, the play structure we helped to fund has been purchased and, with Pythians helping, has been assembled and is ready for school to begin.

We owe those who helped us accomplish this task a huge vote of thanks. Your contributions have made a great difference to so many people.

*Submitted in Pythian Love – Jacquie Girard  
Pictures by OPN Staff*



## North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival

The annual Elephant Garlic Festival held in North Plains once again had a food booth run by the Pythian Sisters as well as the beer garden that Glencoe Lodge staffs together with the North Plains Chamber of Commerce. This year the Chamber of Commerce opted to hold the festival one week earlier than in previous years. Due to this change, many of the usual vendors were not able to be present. There were a few new groups with food booths but the food choices were slim. Time did not allow me to check out the arts and crafts booths but others said the variety was also lacking in this area as well. However, there were many nice things available for the children and the music was for the most part good.

The public turnout was good Friday night and Saturday brought a fair business. Sunday, however, was very slow with almost no people sampling the food items in the afternoon. The temperature was just plain HOT and, between the change in date and the heat, people did not attend.

The Past Grand Chiefs' club once again ran the sno-cone section of the booth. The proceeds previously have been divided between the Kathlene Lacy Supreme Temple fund and the Jacquie Girard Imperial fund. As both of these funds have reached their necessary limits, this year the total amount earned will be put toward helping a staff finance the trip to Supreme Temple in Nova Scotia next August. It has been a

good way for us to help support each other in reaching our goals as well as a means for some of us to work together and have fun at the same time. We extend a hearty thank you to all that helped us so faithfully during our years working this festival.

Next year will bring a different pace to this time of year. The Past Grand Chiefs' Club has opted not to participate any longer and Rose Temple no longer has the people available to help. Friendship Temple is also considering no longer participating. If the festival continues to be held on the second weekend in August, it leaves very few people available to work a booth. The time will directly conflict with the Supreme Sessions in Nova Scotia and most of the people that have previously worked the booth will not be home to help.

This has been a very good experience and it was a great means of promoting our public image. People came looking for our booth. What could be better than having the public know who we are and come looking for us even if it is only to eat. This is how we grow. Recognition first and then we can work on gaining members. Hopefully there will be some way that we can expand upon this later. In the mean time, thank you to all that have helped us gain this exposure.

*Article Submitted by Jacquie Girard*



Vesta and Shelley



Kathlene and Jacquie



Maxine and Dorothy



Frances Reynolds



## Pythian Sisters Day at Imperial Convention 2005



SC Kathlene Presiding Over  
Pythian Sister Day Meeting

Pythian Sisters' Day at Imperial Convention 2005 in Irving, Texas marked the half-way point in SC Kathlene's 2-year term. The day was filled with activities.

First was the Board Meeting of the Executive Officers of Supreme Temple. Among the items discussed was the potential for a Pythian Sisters' Museum at the Texas Pythian Childrens' Home in Weatherford, Texas. Since we were only an hour away from that site, Peggy Hutton, the Director of the Home,

provided a tour for the Supreme Temple Officers and other interested members.

Saturday afternoon SC Kathlene presided over the Subordinate Temple Meeting where two new candidates were initiated. The Supreme Temple Officers performed the initiation ceremony while Pythian Sisters from 4 Temples in Texas provided the impressive staff. During the meeting our dignitaries were introduced. When it came time for the Imperial Officers to come forward, Oregon's own Jacquie Girard and Jerry Girard were presented as Maharani and Maharajah. Among Past Imperial Regents introduced were Oregon's PIRs: Jean Schlinsog, Duane Johnson and Mark Erickson. After the meeting was over, two drill staffs performed "fancy work" for our enjoyment. One staff was the girls from the Texas Pythian Childrens Home. The second was the Pythian Sisters' drill staff from Mineral Wells. Both were impressive – each for their own style.

Saturday evening was the formal Pythian Sister Day Banquet Honoring Maharani Jacquie Girard hosted by the Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters. We began with a processional of Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin and his wife Jennie, followed by Imperial Prince George Fox and his wife Priscilla, then Imperial Maharani Jacquie Girard and Maharajah Jerry Girard. Next came the presentation of our national flags, by Addie Sadberry, SM and Sandra Symons, SG. Then our Pythian flags were presented. Robyn Neeley presented the Pythian Sisters' flag and Dan Magner, SMA presented the Knights of Pythias' flag. Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was our own Judy Murchison who did a smashing job. PSC Hazel West gave a lovely Invocation. The meal was good and everyone seemed to enjoy



MC Judy Murchison,

SC Kathlene, Imperial Maharani Jacquie, and Maharajah Jerry

themselves. After dinner, SC Kathlene, SC Tim, IP George and Maharajah Jerry spoke in tribute to Jacquie. Finally we got to hear from Maharani Jacquie herself. She spoke of the pride she feels for her long relationship with the Pythian order and its good works. She talked about the importance of family and how much she shares with SC Kathlene, starting with our being Pythian Sunshine Girls. After the dinner was over, Dan Cowan, SP gave the Benediction. Last was the drawing by the Supreme Temple Officers for gifts they had provided. Decorations for the evening were the beautiful purple flower centerpieces (designed by Vesta Poteete, Linda Reyburn and Carolyn Harvey; and created by the Oregon Pythian Sisters) to which Judy added mirror tiles, purple and gold crystals and tall purple candles. It was another entertainment success for the Oregon Pythian Sisters!

Kathlene thanks all those who helped make Pythian Sisters Day a great day for her and for everyone who participated in that day at Imperial. Special thanks go to Irene, Judy, John, Darrell, Jacquie, Jerry, Robyn, Jean, Margaret and Mark for their efforts on being MC, handling registrations, decorations, printed programs - and - the myriad of details which made Pythian Sisters' Day 2005, hosted by the Oregon Pythians, a big success!

*Report submitted by SC Kathlene*

*Photos by Mark Erickson*



## Drug/Medicine Impaired Driving

We all are familiar with the dangers of alcohol impaired driving, but what about drug impaired driving?

In general, impairment can be defined as changes in the person's ability of perform routine daily tasks at the normal level of functioning. Symptoms may include drowsiness or excitability, altered depth perception, or slowed or increased reaction time. The effects of impairment vary from person to person. In general, impairment effects your ability to drive, but these changes can be difficult to identify. You could be drug impaired and not even know it.



Driving while impaired is a leading cause of car accidents. But alcohol and illegal drugs are not the only contributing substances. Many common over-the-counter medications can cause impairment. Antihistamines and some cough and cold remedies may affect driving skills by inducing drowsiness or excitability, or by altering reaction times (pseudoephedrine, any one?). Another affect is altered depth perception.

To avoid driving while impaired by medications:

- Consult your physician or pharmacist to learn the side effects of medications.
- Read the directions and warning labels of any medications you are taking.
- Ask your physician about alternative non-impairing medications.
- Follow the directions for dosage and never take more than the recommended dose.
- Never mix medications without first checking with your physicist or pharmacist.
- Never mix alcohol with your medications. Alcohol can enhance their impairment effects.
- Familiarize yourself with the signs and symptoms of drug impairment before you get behind the wheel.

A driver can be convicted of driving under the influence by having drugs that cause impairment in his/her system even though no alcohol is present. Don't risk being involved in an accident or being convicted of driving while impaired.

If you are taking medications that cause impairment, don't drive. Have a relative or friend drive for you.

The risk of an accident, the maiming or killing of self or an innocent is just not worth it!

*Article taken from of LUT's Happening, A Newsletter for Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation Employees, with permission of Anne Madden, Office of the Director.*

## So You Think You're Pretty Smart! See How You Do On This Test.

### First Question:

You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in now? \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Question:

If you overtake the last person, then you are now in \_\_\_\_\_ position.

### Third Question:

Very tricky math! Note: This must be done in your head only. DO NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it!

Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total? \_\_\_\_\_

### Fourth Question:

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter? \_\_\_\_\_

### Bonus Round Question:

There is a mute person who wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing one's teeth he successfully

expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Now if there is blind man who wishes to buy a pair of sunglasses, how should he express himself?

**First Question ~ Answer:** If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

**Second Question ~ Answer:** If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST person?

**Third Question ~ Answer:** Did you get 5000? The correct answer is actually 4100. Don't believe it? Check with your calculator.

**Fourth Question ~ Answer:** Nunn? NO! Of course not. Her name is Mary. Read the question again!

**Bonus Round ~ Answer:** He just has to open his mouth and ask, So simple.

## Oregon Garden Reorganization Update



Dear Friends:

August 2005

I am writing to tell you that, effective September 1, Marion County will take over management of operations of The Oregon Garden. The County is working with the City of Silverton, Chemeketa Community College and the developer of the proposed Oregon Garden Inn on developing a plan to solve financial difficulties The Garden has encountered, and to keep The Garden open to the public.

All partners realize the importance of maintaining a good solid relationship with members, donors and volunteers who have understood what The Garden is contributing to the quality of life in the Willamette Valley and to environmental education.

Many of the programs that have prospered during the past five years will continue, including the Fifth Grade Education Program sponsored by the Roth Family Education Foundation, and the Rediscovery Forest Education Programs sponsored by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. Also, the Gordon House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright will continue to be open, as a separate museum, for visitors and events.

All details of the new management structure and programming have not yet been defined, but the intent is to continue the many projects and special events that have drawn widespread interest and support.

In light of the management change, the existing staff is being laid off, effective August 31. This has become necessary because The Oregon Garden Foundation does not have sufficient funds to cover staff salaries beyond that date. We are disappointed that declining admissions has brought this about, but we can say with confidence that we believe Marion County is exploring sound solutions that will enable The Garden to survive and thrive.

You will hear from the new management after September 1. We will try to post news on The Oregon Garden website that will keep you up to date on developments. The Garden will continue to be open through October; plans for the winter will be announced after the first of September.

We hope you will continue to enjoy The Garden during every season. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

Rick Gustafson, President  
Board of Directors  
THE OREGON GARDEN FOUNDATION

*Dear Oregon Pythians and Friends ~*

*The attached letter from the Oregon Garden is inserted in the OPN since so many of us have been involved in this project.*

*It has been a good project and cause for the Oregon Pythians and we should be confident that the Garden will survive and prosper. This has been a massive grass-roots level development and has now grown to the point that it needs professional financial management.*

*I for one will continue to support this cause with my time and resources, as available. I hope you will also.*

*Darrell Henry*





## OPN BOOSTERS

The OPN staff thanks all of you who have reached into your pockets to support the Oregon Pythian News. Your support of the past few years has gone a long ways to financially support the production and distribution of our newsletter. You and your funds are very much appreciated.

As our Business Manager, Wylie Nichols reported on page 16 of this issue our costs to produce, publish and distribute the publication is in the range of \$7.00 per subscriber per year.

If you feel the Oregon Pythian News has a value of \$7.00 per year we encourage you to renew your Booster donation as your

prior donation expires. If you are not a Booster and enjoy the Oregon Pythian News we encourage and solicit your support through a financial donation.

We have marked those previous donations that have gone by a renewal date, or are about to expire, with an asterisk. Please send your renewal donation, payable to OPN, to Wylie Nichols, Business Manager at the address on the back of the publication.

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## Pythian Festival ~ November 4th & 5th

Here we go again! It's time for fun, education and planning for our Pythian world.

The Pythian Festival will be held on November 5th and 6th at The Resort at the Mountain, located at:

68010 East Fairway

Welches, Oregon 97067

The telephone number is 503-622-3101

Their FAX number is 503-622-5227

Their web site is [www.TheResort.com](http://www.TheResort.com)

There are three type of rooms available at the rates shown

Resort room \$75 per night plus 7% tax = \$80.25/night for two

Deluxe Queen \$89 per night plus 7% tax = \$95.23/night for two

Fire Side Studio \$99 per night plus 7% tax = \$105.93 for two

3 Bedroom Villa \$329 per night net.

Check in time is 4:00 PM Check out time is 12:00 noon.

### YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN LODGING RESERVATIONS

Say you are with the OREGON PYTHIANS to get the special rate.

#### **THE SPECIAL RATE DEADLINE IS OCT. 12TH**

Call 503-622-3101 from Portland dialing area.

Call 800-669-7666 from outside Portland dialing area.

Registration for Festival is \$50 per person and includes lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Snacks and drinks will be available in the hospitality area on Friday evening and Saturday during non seminar hours.

Activity and other schedules will be announced at Grand Convention.

## Pythian Festival Registration Form

**I'll be at the Pythian Festival!! Here is my information and my check is enclosed.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I will be accompanied by:

\_\_\_\_\_

We will be representing \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge and/or \_\_\_\_\_ Temple.

My check, **payable to Pythian Festival** at the registration rate of \$50 per person, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for registration of \_\_\_\_\_ person/people is enclosed

## Pythian Festival No. 6!



This year's Festival will focus on 4 main areas:

1. Modern Communications—Content and Methods
2. Publicity ~ What it is and how to get it
3. Public Relations ~ What it is and how to develop it
4. Marketing

Our objective will be to help each lodge and temple develop materials that you can produce and distribute yourselves. These will include:

1. a newsletter format that will serve your lodge/temple family
2. some basic knowledge of computers and how they can be our servants
3. Brochures that will help you to publicize the Pythian Order in your communities
4. Brochures that will help you develop public relations activities that will make the Order known in your community

Our goal will be to send you home with finished products such as:

1. Samples of news releases that should get the attention of your local news publications, including newspaper, radio and television
2. Brochures that will highlight:

Your Pythian Group

The community service your group provides

Please plan to be there. We promise you knowledge, information, support and a good time!

# **Grand Convention Updates**

**Registration for Pythian Sisters will begin at 9:00  
am Friday October 7th**

**Registration for Knights will begin after Grand  
Opening and Memorial Service on Friday.**

**Practice for Grand Opening and Memorial  
Service will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday,**

**Grand Sessions Opening and Memorial Service  
will be at 2:00 PM on Friday.**

**Schedule and meeting room assignments will be  
posted at hotel.**

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