



News for and About Oregon Pythians

Oregon Pythian News

Oregon's GC Shelley Travels Far and Wide



Oregon Sisters at Utah Grand: Risa Rigger, Sherri Sievert, Margaret Grochocki, Kathlene Henry and GC Shelley Corby

In addition to all of the official Grand Chief's visits to Oregon's subordinate temples, **Grand Chief Shelley Corby** had the opportunity to travel to some far away places this year. In June she accepted an invitation to attend Utah's Grand Temple sessions in Salt Lake City. Four other Oregon Sisters accompanied her: **Risa Rigger, Sherri Lee Sievert, Margaret Grochocki and Kathlene Lacy Henry.** Grand Chief Naomi Hatch presided over the meetings. **Supreme Senior Yolanda Cowell Chatwood** was also in attendance. It was a fun time of renewing friendships and productive meetings.



Supreme Senior Yolanda Cowell Chatwood with Utah's Grand Chief Naomi Hatch



Grand Chief Shelley visiting Pythian Sisters at Forest Oak Temple in Maryland. Among those pictured here are Supreme Protector Roxane Beatty and her twin sister Rosalynn Benson

In June Shelley travelled to Washington DC for work. When **Supreme Protector Roxane Beatty** learned that Shelley was going to be in their area, she invited Shelley to attend a meeting of Forest Oak Temple in Gaithersburg, Maryland. As you can see from the photo, they had a good attendance that evening. Shelley said that the meeting was very efficient and friendly. Afterwards Shelley drove to Pennsylvania where she spent the weekend with our sister **Brenda Branson** and her family. Since it was Brenda's birthday weekend they visited Longwood Gardens, a spectacular botanical garden.



GC Shelley with her sister Brenda Branson at Longwood Gardens

SAFETY—A STATE OF MIND

What is Safety? It is a state of mind.

Some of the logical categories of safety are:

I. Home and fire safety: Use of smoke alarms, fire extinguisher, electrical safety in our homes, and fire escape plans to allow our families to escape a burning structure in a safe manor.

II. Bike safety: Wearing a helmet, holding bike safety instruction programs, promoting accident prevention programs for our children.

III. Avoiding distracted driving: Promote programs to help keep the attention on the road. Put the phone out of reach and commit to not answering it or making calls while driving.

IV. Chemical safety. Teach about household chemicals, and yard and garden chemicals and their safe use.

V. First Aid update: Caring for victims in emergency situations. How do you deal with a heart attack victim. The proper use of a defibrillator allowing the heart to return to normal sinus rhythm. The new procedures in CPR or cardiopulmonary resuscitation allowing for keeping the brain supplied with oxygen until further help arrives. How to recognize stroke, the silent killer, and that it is important to know and provide help when you recognize that one side of the body is unable to move. There may be problems understanding or speaking, dizziness, or loss of vision to one side.

VI. Water sports safety: Lifejackets, boat safety, diving safety, and river or float trip safety. Remember that if somebody is going to drown because of fatigue, inhaled water or a heart attack, he or she will not have any opportunity to scream, but will just disappear – contrary to what you see on TV. Keep a close look at least on children. Swimming in pairs is a good way to make sure everybody is being watched by somebody at all times. Rip currents are the returning flow from waves breaking off the beach, often at a reef or similar. Due to the underwater topology the return flow is concentrated at a few deeper sections, and a fast current to deep water may form there. Most deaths happen as result of fatigue trying to swim back against the current, which may be impossible. Instead either swim parallel to the shore, i.e. perpendicular to the current, or just wait it out (calling for help), as it loses its force outside the surf zone. As soon as you get out of the current, swimming back is no more difficult than normally. Try aiming somewhere where you are not caught again or, depending on your skills and on whether you have been noticed, you might want to wait for rescue.

VII. Stranger danger: How to stay safe in public or on travels away from home. Never walk alone. Provide supervision of children at all times. Practice traffic and parking lot safety.

The above categories are just a starting place, and many additional safety areas can be the focus for your lodge to consider in your efforts to promote safety in your community. Your efforts are sure to make a difference in helping prevent accidents.

I am eager to hear about any efforts being taken by your lodge to promote safety.

You can contact me at:

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Editor's Note: This article is the second in a series of Safety articles provided by Bill Peal to promote one of Supreme Lodge's programs. His article "Safety—A Matter of Attitude" was published in the December 2018 issue of the *Oregon Pythian News*.



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Grand Chief Shelley's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here's hoping everyone has had a wonderful summer. It's been interesting for me to say the least.

I am so grateful for all the kindness extended to me and my family during this unusual year. As you all know the loss of my dad, **Don Lacy** on March 29th was somewhat unexpected. My entire family is so grateful for all the condolences and support we have been given. We have been busy taking care of all of his properties, both here in Hillsboro, Oregon and in Kenai, Alaska. No rest for the weary, but our travels to Alaska were filled with excitement and sadness. As we go through Dad's personal property item by item so that we don't miss any treasures we are filled with good memories and a little sadness mixed in. Dad's full life of 92 years allowed him to collect items which gave importance felt differently by each of us, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dad was a faithful Pythian and I know he will be missed by all of his family, friends and fellow Pythians.

I wish I could have visited each temple before District Convention but sometimes life gets in the way so we must adjust to make everything work out. Thanks to all who helped in coordinated getting these visits accomplished. I finished up with my last Official visit to the Temples on August 1st with a visit to our newest Temple, Wapato #47 in Gaston. We had a lovely evening where the Sisters gave me a beautiful blue basket filled with gifts from each sister. I won't list all of the items so I don't forget anyone but I was overjoyed at the personal touch and thoughtfulness. Some of the items were hand made which makes them all so special. I have

wonderful memories of each of my Official visits. I have collected over \$500 total so far in donations from the Temples and also from the Grand Chief Project Raffle Ticket sales. Thank you all. Doernbecher's Child Life Department is a worthwhile place to support with these much needed funds. I know that they really appreciate it.

In July I was able to attend the Pythian Fun Weekend near Bandon and Gold Beach where we rode the Jet Boats up the Rogue River. Wow, was that exciting. Then we all got together for a wonderful Potluck/Picnic meal Saturday evening with great fellowship for all who attended. Thanks go out to Ed Yates, PGC and Grand Chancellor Don Allen for another successful Fun Weekend Event. My daughter **Chi** who lives nearby in Coos Bay surprised me by joining us for the weekend. On Saturday she was so happy to show her **Aunt Kathlene**, her cousin **Sarah Murphy** and me her favorite beaches near where she lives. We were so lucky to see gray whales swimming at Cape Argo State Park.

Now we must look forward to the Grand Convention in Wilsonville on October 18-20. I am happy to report that **Supreme Chief Joan Way** is planning to attend. Hopefully every Temple will be able to send their Representatives with the information that their Temples want so that their votes will count in an effective manner. I hope everyone has a great time of fellowship and fun too. I will do my best to make it a successful Convention.

Once again I'd like to thank everyone for the support I have received this year during my term as Grand Chief. I did enjoy all of my travels to the Temples and elsewhere. I was lucky enough to visit Utah's Grand Temple in June and I also went to a Temple meeting in Gaithersburg Maryland while I was on a business trip for work. Their hospitality and fellowship was wonderful.

In Pythian Love,
Shelley Corby
Grand Chief



OPCEF Awards 12 Scholarships

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Foundation (OPCEF) is happy to announce that twelve students have been approved to receive scholarships for the 2019/2020 school year, if they maintain a 2.5 grade point average. There was a strong applicant pool and we look forward to helping these students achieve their educational goals.

Applicants come to us from all over Oregon and we had the following distribution among Temple and Lodge affiliations:

Delphos Lodge #39 – 2
Gaston Lodge #104 – 6
Glencoe Lodge #22 – 4

All students are encouraged to apply every year for the OPCEF scholarship. Any Oregon Pythian member in good standing, their children, grandchildren, or relatives of a deceased Oregon Pythian who was in good standing at the time of their passing, is eligible to apply. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required both to apply and must

be maintained in order to receive the scholarship. Applications are due by April 15th of each year and scholarship funds are distributed near the end of that calendar year. Scholarship applications are available from any Knights of Pythias Lodge or Pythian Sister Temple, or by contacting the OPCEF directly at:

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

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

Article submitted by Sarah Owens



Notes from Grand Secretary Sherri



As I write this article, we are approaching the last week of Summer. It has been a busy one for me. I attended the Utah Grand Temple with **Risa Rikken**. We took a side trip to Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park prior to the convention. I was able to hike around the cathedral trail in Bryce Canyon. My new braces help with my balance and it was awesome to get back out into nature again! It was fun to stay with **Margaret Grochocki, PSC** in Utah. We enjoyed seeing the Sisters. We got to meet the incoming Supreme Chief, **Yolanda Chatwood** from Nevada. Risa's car had engine trouble and we were stranded for a few days, but Margaret was a very

hospitable host. We finally went back to Utah to pick up the repaired car earlier this month. We got to stop and see my daughter, **Rachelle** and my two grandsons! A wonderful highlight for me.

Both Risa and I attended the Pythian Fun Day held at the Bandon KOA in July. The highlight included a jet boat ride up the Rogue River out of Gold Beach. There were 120 Knights, Sisters, family and friends on the boat trip! A grand time was had by all. On our way home we went by Crater Lake. We went through Bend to pick up my friend Russ. He helped with my garage sale the following week and Risa's "To Do List" too. A big thanks to Risa for her continued support and help in all ways. It was a big relief to get a lot of the items sold! Part of my past being let go of, but I have all my memories!

Risa and I joined the Mainstreet Sidesaddlers. When they have parades in other towns, we participate by riding on the Mainstreet Cowboys kaliape! It is fun to watch people dance to the music and smile as we are going by. We are on the float committee for this year's Round Up Parade. This is one way to be involved in our community and have fun. We do a meet 'n greet at several local care centers with the Roundup Court. It is fun and you get to meet some wonderful people who appreciate your time.

Summer is winding down and Grand Temple is just around the corner. It will be held at Holiday Inn Portland I-5 South in Wilsonville again this year. It will be Friday, October 18– through Sunday, October 20th. **Grand Chief Shelley Corby, PSR** will be presiding. Once again wanted to let you know that she is selling tickets for her Grand Chief project for the Child Life Department at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. The tickets sell 5 for \$1.00 and I will be happy to write your name on them and send your gift when lucky enough to win!

We struggle to learn the new, yet strive to retain the old standards. To young and seasoned, I would say, it is not how it is said or done, as much as what is being said or done. The old standards still apply. Is the right message coming across to people? Are we representing our Order with the principles of **PURITY-LOVE-EQUALITY-FIDELITY**? Are we showing **UNITY** in all our actions? Where can I give a little to help in the long run? When we each give a little, there is so much to gain!!!!

Each year our Grand Chief picks a theme and motto to inspire us to attain to a higher standard. Currently, Grand Chief Shelley Corby, PSR has **"Be the change you wish to see in the World"**. SPGC Maureen Murphy, PSR had her motto **"LOVE"** and theme **"Serving with Love."** We live in a world of constant turmoil and strife. Let us each strive to think more of each other and their needs.

Let us each give a little so we can gain a lot!

In Pythian Love,
Sherri Lee Sievert, PSR, Grand Secretary

Wapato's Springtime Tea

Sunday, April 7, 2019 **Gaston Pythian Sisters, Wapato Temple #47** hosted their first fundraiser of the year--a Springtime Tea. Women throughout the community purchased tables and hosted their friends and family to an afternoon of tea, tea sandwiches and desserts. The afternoon's menu was comprised of mini fruit skewers, egg salad, cucumber dill and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a beautiful assortment of desserts that included lemon brownies, chocolate brownies, cookies and cheesecake.

Those in attendance enjoyed visiting with old friends and meeting new. The ladies played tea party games, toured the room to check out the decor and took photos at the tea party themed photo booth. Each hostess that purchased a table decorated their table with a theme of their choice. During the party the hostesses introduced their guests and talked about their China and table theme. Stories included sets being purchased as wedding gifts to finding and collecting pieces that reminded them of their grandmother's China.

The sold-out event was enjoyed by all ages. **Elena Rasmussen** purchased a table for her family to celebrate her mother's 77th birthday. **Cathleen Westcott** purchased a table and invited all the girls from her 1st grade class to enjoy the afternoon with her, and **Patty Crop** and **Molly Hall** purchased a table to honor their aunt / sister who had recently passed from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Overall, the event was highly successfully and attendees said they couldn't wait for next year! Proceeds from the event will go back into the Gaston community.

Article and photos submitted by Stephanie Crop-Hedin



Cathleen Westcott has seven girls in her Gaston Elementary 1st grade class and she invited them all to join her for an afternoon of fun.



"Best Table Award" The Brooks family joined their aunt Molly Hall and cousin Patty Crop in honoring their mother.



Elena Rasmussen and family celebrating their mother's 77th birthday

Grants Pass Sisters Host GC Shelley

Grand Chief Shelley's official visit to Thermopylae Pythian Sisters in Grants Pass was on Sunday, March 3rd. We met at **Bruce and Marilyn Stevens'** beautiful home on the crest of a hill.

The ladies served a lovely luncheon and offered much hospitality to all who attended. It was a fun and productive afternoon. After we were done with the meeting we enjoyed watching the antics of all the wildlife who visit the Stevens' place: wild turkeys, jack rabbits and squirrels. Such fun to watch.

Members present were:

GC Shelley Lacy Corby
SPGC Maureen Murphy
Grand Protector Jennifer Searles
Treasurer Marilyn Stevens PSR
Elizabeth Holt

MEC Paula Bice
Grand Senior Kathlene Henry
Sec. Robyn Ralston, PSR
PSR Julie Lozano
Bruce Stevens

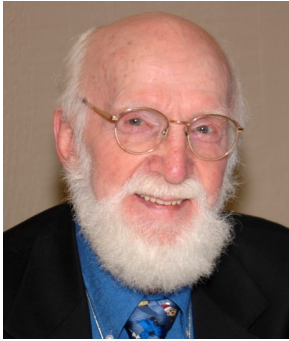


Murchison's Host Rose City Nomads Annual BBQ



John and Judy Murchison again hosted the Nomad's summer barbecue. Other members in attendance this year were **Irene Clink, Mark Erickson and Kathlene Henry**. We had a lively discussion about Imperial Convention this summer as well as plans for this fall. All who attended enjoyed a nice evening of Pythian fellowship and good food.

Remembering Two Dedicated Pythians



DONALD ELMER LACY, PCDSC—1927-2019

Don was born in Del Norte, Colorado and raised primarily in Washington. Don first demonstrated his spirit of service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served as an Electrician's Mate Petty Officer on several ships and was in the Seabees from 1944-1948. In 1950, Don was recalled to serve in the Korean War. After his military service ended, Don attended University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Claremont College in California, majoring in education and earning both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in his field of study. Because Don had entered the Navy at a young age, he had never graduated from high school. Nevertheless, with his lifelong penchant for learning, it could be said that Don had achieved nearly the equivalent of a Ph.D.

Don and Viona married in 1950 in Oakland, California. They resided in Corvallis and Central Point, until 1969 when they moved to Hillsboro. They happily celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2000, shortly before Viona's passing in 2001. After Viona's passing, Don, at age 74, moved to Alaska at the invitation of his sister, Dixie and her husband, Everett to fulfill his dream of building a log cabin. He spent his days fishing, preparing his own smoked salmon and relaxing in the natural beauty of his own personal "last frontier."

Don worked as a high school teacher for 31 years at Crater High School in Central Point and Beaverton High School. His specialties were history, economics and English. Don was also the speech coach at both high schools.

He was a 50-Year member of the fraternal order of The Knights of Pythias. He served as Grand Chancellor in 1990-1991. Don was also a proud member of Hillsboro Kiwanis, SMART Reading Program and League of Women Voters. Don was also a supporter of Medford's Junior Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Hillsboro Library and the Knights of Pythias program called "Share the Spirit" where he served as Santa Claus along with Viona as "Mrs. Claus" for over 25 years. Again, in his "spare" time, Don was also a participant and contributor to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Loyal Order of Moose International, which he joined when he moved to Alaska.

Additionally, Don enjoyed being a Scout Master for Boy Scouts of America, helping others with their own projects, gardening, camping and just being outdoors, though "repairing things," painting, woodworking and leatherworking were close behind.

Since Don was an educator at heart and he loved both nature and people, he donated both his time and money to a wide array of charitable causes. Some of his favorites were the SMART Reading Program for Kids through Hillsboro Kiwanis, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity and the Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund (OPCEF).

Donald Elmer Lacy, 92, slipped away peacefully Friday morning, March 29, 2019 at an adult care home in Beaverton. He was surrounded in love by family and friends.

Don enjoyed being in service to others – first his family, then his country, his students and his community.

AL "JERRY" GIRARD, PSR, PIR—1941-2019

Friends and co-workers knew him as Al, family and Pythians called him Jerry. As the story goes, there's a Girard family tradition of calling the eldest male sibling in each generation, Jerry, but however he was known, he will be missed by many.

Jerry grew up in Pendleton and had an early interest in planes which endured throughout his entire life. While Jerry was in junior high and high school, he served as a volunteer member of the Ground Observer Corps. From the top of the local fire station's tower, his duty was to watch the sky for enemy aircraft intent on attacking the USA. His job was to identify those planes and call them in to the tower. Jerry ultimately got his pilot's license in 1965.

Jerry was always active. He earned his Eagle Scout Award at age 15. After two years at Oregon State University, Al went to work surveying with the US Geological Society. His work took him to Idaho, Utah, northern California and eastern Oregon. He and his team lived out of trailers attached to their pickup trucks, before that was a popular thing to do.

Jerry worked for several employers over the years: City of Pendleton, Washington County, Hermiston Builder and the Hanford Project. At Washington County Jerry is best known as a Project Manager, overseeing the construction of many large road and bridge improvement projects. He "retired" in 2009 after 22 years with the County, however he continued working for several more years, including with WH Pacific on the Tigard Main Street project.

Jerry married Jacquie Murchison in 1979. Jacquie was a life-long member of various fraternal orders. When Jerry decided to become involved in the Knights of Pythias, as with most things, he did so with a passion. He rose through the ranks and became state president of the Knights. He served together with Jacquie as international president of the Nomads of Avrudaka, and continued to serve the Pythian Order, and the local Eugene lodge, until his passing.

Another of Al's passions was New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU). In coordination with the university, Al and Jacquie created a foundation in memory of their son, Robert. Al remained an active supporter of the university and served on the Foundation Board at the time of his passing.

In the end, as Jerry's health continued to decline and his needs increased, he had a great group of people supporting him: his daughters, brother, neighbors, friends, sister-in-law, Pythians and his last caregivers, ComForCare, who with their 24/7 care, allowed Al to stay in his home as he desired, until he passed peacefully on April 11. He was preceded in death by his parents, son and wife.

Jerry was a good mentor, generously helping those he felt were deserving.



Phoenicia-Rose Hosts Grand Chief Shelley



Grand Chief Shelley made her official visit to her home Temple of Phoenicia-Rose on Thursday, May 16th. We started with a potluck buffet dinner.

Since Shelley is our MEC, **Heather King** served as MEC pro tempore. She and **Grand Protector Jennifer Searles** presented GC Shelley with an engraved gavel with her name on it and a donation check to the Grand Chief's project. After the meeting we gathered in the dining room for socializing and special treats of a bakery cake decorated with butterflies and super-fancy butterfly cookies which were made and decorated by **Sarah Owens** and **Judy Murchison**.



FRC Robotics Team Raises \$569 Thanks to Ivanhoe Support



In August **FRC Team 1432** was asked if we would fill in for a food booth at the Sellwood Sundae in the Park.

In previous years we had helped the Southeast Portland Rotary with the sale of Ice Cream Sundaes, with the profits going to Loaves and Fishes. We hoped to bring our Robot to show. When the organizer asked if we would sell food there, we jumped at the chance, scrounging up equipment and getting food handler's cards. **Ivanhoe Lodge Knights of Pythias** "a badger supporter of the team" lent us \$500, the use of their barbecue and gave us 90 kielbasa dogs. To this, we added 50 burgers and 150 hot dogs along with pop, lemonade, tea, and water. After five hours we sold out. We repaid the Knights and our cost with a profit of \$569. So we were able to show the Robot, help the Rotary, make some much needed many and had fun.

Article and photos submitted by Alan LohKamp



Ivanette Fundraiser Chocolate Making Class—November 16



Want to get a jump on Christmas?

Come learn how to make the best chocolate you've ever had and go home with 12 dozen chocolates of different kinds. This is a beginner's class, although I've heard from some that even though they've taken classes before, they still learned plenty!

By the end of class you will have at least 100 truffles, plus three kinds of drop chocolates.

Plus you will go home with the recipes and instructions for making more. Wow your friends and family with your homemade gourmet chocolates!

All ingredients will be provided including premium grade, gourmet chocolate, cocoa butter, nuts, essential oils and cocoa. This is a dark chocolates class but we can show you how to make milk chocolate.

Last year we had participants from England, California and Pennsylvania as well as some returns from the previous class. A good time was had by all.

This is a FUNDRAISER for Ivanette Temple #68 and FRC Robotics Team #1432.

COST \$50 (You'll be getting chocolates valued \$2-3.00 for 35 cents each.)

Mark your calendar for November 16th—10AM-4PM.

Location: Reedwood Friends Church, 2901 SE Steel Street, Portland.

RSVP to Rebecca LohKamp by calling 503-774-2953.

Article submitted by Rebecca LohKamp



Ivanette Temple Looking for Pythian History for Cookbook



Ivanette Temple 68 is writing a Pythian history and cookbook. We are looking for pictures and stories about your Temples and Lodges, their members and community. We need dates, places, events and recipes.

Here are some ideas to get you started: Does your Temple have a Christmas dinner with special holiday treats? Do you do a Mother's Day tea? How about a 4th of July picnic or parade? Does your Lodge or Temple barbeque every summer? Do you remember a chili cook off? What are your favorite recipes? Do you have any recipes that are a perennial favorite at your potlucks?

Do you have a story to share? Were you a page or squire? What are your memories of being a Pythian? What do you and your members do? What has your temple done in the past? Did your Mom or Dad or any of the members ride any of the floats in the Rose Festival Parade? How about parades in your community?

Share your stories, the recipes and pictures that go with them. If you have a story from 100 years ago, do you have a recipe of the same age? Please send your recipes, pictures, and stories to Rebecca LohKamp electronically at Rebecalohkamp@gmail.com or post on the SE PDX Facebook site

Article submitted by Rebecca LohKamp

Pythian Sisters Tidings

To become a booster for the *Pythian Sisters Tidings*:

Make check in the amount of \$5.00 payable to Pythian Sisters Tidings.

Mail to: Sheila Stooksberry, PSC

315 Third Street

Findlay OH 45840-5065



Pythian Fun Weekend—Bandon, Oregon

The Domain of Oregon had a very successful Pythian Fun Day and campout at the Bandon/Port Orford Oregon KOA utilizing 48 campsites for 150 campers! This year's event started Friday morning July 19, at Jerry's Rogue Jet Boats in Gold Beach, Oregon, where we loaded up on 4 jetboats for a 52-mile trip up the Rogue River starting from the Pacific Ocean to the edge of the designated wild and scenic border. We had 121 Pythians and family members from 8 lodges riding in the high-powered jet boats.

The boat Captains were knowledgeable of the history of the river and shared with the riders many interesting facts of the local history along with a little folklore. We were treated to close-up views of wildlife. We had bald eagles and ospreys flying overhead plus many deer along the river's edge. The riders in 2 of the boats were fortunate enough to spot a bear! After 6 hours on the river 2 of the boats stopped at Whispering Ranch Lodge, and the other 2 stopped at Cougar Lane Ranch for a late buffet lunch.

The event on Saturday evening was a potluck dinner with the Grand Lodge providing the main course. We had over 150 people for dinner, there was so much food that no one left hungry. A great time was had by all, renewing old friendships from the different lodges, or catching up with old friends.

The 2020 Pythian Fun-Days is already in the planning stages. Next year's fun day will be in La Grande, Oregon, July 15 through the 19th. Camping will be at the La Grande Oregon Hot Springs RV Park, 65182 Hot Lake Lane, La Grande, OR 97850. The event will be touring the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, 22267 OR-86, Baker City, OR

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie VanDomelen
Grand Secretary
Grand Domain of Oregon



Pythian Fun Weekend—Bandon 2019 & Baker City 2020



The early bird gets the worm. Or in this case the first boat got to see the animals. And so, went the jet boat trip up the Rogue River.

The major event of this years' Pythian Fun Day was a jet boat ride 108 miles round trip on the Rogue River. It took four boats to carry the 120 Pythians and friends on the trip. Those of us who were not on the first boat got to see eagles, cranes and other birds. It is my understanding that



a bear was among the animals seen by the first boat! We stopped for an early supper at one of the resorts on the river. It was a nice break from the sometimes bumpy (and wet) ride in the boat! And then there were the "turn

arounds" of the boats. The last part of this 'event' was when the boat settled backwards in its own wake. Not for the faint of heart or those with motion sickness!



The KOA Campground that we stayed in helped to make a small-town atmosphere for the campers. We had tents, trailers, motorhomes and cabins. You were never very far from friends, both new and old. I frequently saw folks strolling under the many trees and stopping to visit other campsites.

Our hosts at the campground were wonderful! They were there to assist anyone who needed it. One very nice thing about the campground was the quiet. You would never have known that the campground was just off of Highway 101.

Many of the kids (but not too many adults) took advantage of the pool and hot tub. Nearby beaches and other sights were enjoyed as well.

Evenings around the campfire. Roasting marshmallows (or what some of us thought were marshmallows!)

A potluck where everyone got together and spent time with other Pythians and friends.

Every small town needs an ice cream social. We had ours courtesy of the Knights! Then for those who wanted to stay longer, a movie was shown outside in the playground area.

The last morning breakfast was compliments of Grand Lodge and served by the park. A good solid meal before everyone headed home.

The Knights announced that the Fun Day in 2020 would be held at the Grande Springs Resort just outside of La Grande. Over the hill from La Grande is Baker City. Sites to see in Baker City include the Baker Heritage Museum with its impressive displays related to the gold mining history of the area. The Pythian Castle Hall may be available for a tour. This building is made from stone as are many of the historic buildings in Baker City. Baker City may have started for gold mining but it was built to stay.

Just outside of Baker City is an Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. It has hiking trails that go down the same hill that the pioneers travelled. There are still parts of the original trail to be seen. It is truly the best Interpretive Center that I have seen!

In the mountains just outside of Baker City is Sumpter, an early gold mining town. One of the main mining methods for the Sumpter area was dredging. Miles of tailing piles can still be seen.

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Grand Chief Shelley Visits Wapato Temple



Many Sisters were present at the Grand Chief's Official visit to **Wapato Temple #47 Pythian Sisters** in Gaston on August 1st. It was a lovely evening. **Grand Chief Shelley** reported that she received a large gift basket with an individual gift from each Sister. A unique and thoughtful presentation!

Back row: Brenda Hammond-Leach, Molly Hall, Missy Hunt, Angel Sheets, Laurie Hoodenpyl, Cathleen Westcott, Tabby Walker.

Front row: Jennifer Searles, Grand Protector; Barbara Christopher, Grand Treasurer; Janice Moore, Shelley Corby, Grand Chief; Amber Morgan, Karenga Ross, Maureen Murphy, SPGC

Helmetta and Fern Temples Host GC Shelley

In July the Grand Chief made two of her Official visits. The first visit was to **Helmetta #29** in Eugene on Monday July 1st. **GC Shelley** and **Jennifer Searles, GP** were greeted at the Pythian Hall with a lovely lunch and yummy treats before meeting with the Sisters. Then the sisters presented **GC Shelley** with a donation to her Grand Chief's Project, a pretty wrist corsage and a beautiful purple, hot pink and white hanging petunia plant for her to take home.



Then on Tuesday July 16, **GC Shelley** and **GP Jennifer** traveled once again, this time to Yamhill for her next Official visit. **Fern Temple**



Helmetta Temple Visit: Virginia Mellor, Jennifer Searles, Grand Chief Shelley, Carol Jenkins, Arlene Kimball and Cheryl Bergman.

Fern Temple Visit:
Front row: Jan Van De Walle, Grand Chief Shelley Lacy Corby, Farrel Fuerst.
Back row: Carol Jenkins, Ann Myers, Linda Rosenbalm, Arlene Kimball, Bernice Balschweid, Cheryl Bergman and Jennifer Searles.

greeted them with a wonderful lunch of pizza, fresh veggies and fruit then dessert before the meeting. As the meeting started they called **Risa Rikken, PSR** at her home in Pilot Rock so she could be included at the meeting by conference call. The Sisters presented GC Shelley with a donation to her Grand Chief's Project and a lovely wrist corsage decorated with special greenery, aka \$\$ as a personal gift. The attendance at the meeting was wonderful and very well attended.

Article and photos submitted by GC Shelley Corby

Ivanette Temple Activities

Ivanette Temple held their installation of Officers in the springtime this year. Their new MEC is **Marya Wallen (nee Tracer)**.

In May the Sisters enjoyed High Tea at the English Garden Tea Café. Part of the fun was “dressing up” and wearing fancy hats provided by the restaurant.

On June 9th the Sisters hosted a visit from **Grand Chief Shelley**. A highlight of the evening was the obligation of new member **Christina Ely** by her mother **Karen Ellis**. **Rebecca LohKamp** presented **Grand Chief Shelley** with a gift of homemade strawberry preserves. When the meeting concluded the Sisters enjoyed socializing and a special treat of an ice cream cake from Baskin & Robbins!

In July the Sisters held a pizza party at Pizza Roma in the Woodstock neighborhood. It was a fun time for those who attended.

Photos on this page illustrate:

- Installing Officer **Maureen Murphy** presenting MEC **Marya** with gavel
- July pizza party
- **Ivanette's Officers for 2019-2020: Corinithia Bethune, Marya Wallen, Karen Ellis, Maureen Murpy, Rebecca LohKamp, Shelley Corby, Tasya Cantu, Kathlene Henry and Christina Ely**
- Ivanette Pythian Sisters in attendance for **GC Shelley's** visit: **Kathlene Henry, Corinithia Bethune, Marya Tracer, Grand Chief Shelley Lacy Corby, Rebecca LohKamp, Christina Ely and Karen Ely Ellis.**
- **GC Shelley and MEC Marya Wallen** at GC visit.
- **Cori Bethune** sporting finery at Mother's Day Tea.



Imperial Convention—Roanoke, Virginia

The Imperial Convention of the Nomads of Avrudaka and Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassen was held in July in Roanoke, Virginia. **Imperial Prince Mike Thornton and Maharani Linda Bridges** presided over the meetings. After the Opening Ceremonies on Monday **Supreme Chief Joan Way** and her **Supreme Temple Officers** presented **Maharani Linda** with a beautiful bouquet of yellow roses signifying her home state of Texas. Sessions proceeded smoothly with long afternoon breaks so we could go out and see the sights. There were also the traditional midnight breakfasts and regional luncheons. **Dr. Ken and Jill Moder** got into the fun spirit of the convention by donning tiger suits for the luncheon that they hosted. One of my favorites is the Canadian Moose Milk Party! On the final afternoon we were treated to a Joint Installation of the new Imperial Officers. The **new Imperial Prince is Roger Siegel** from New York and the **new Maharani and Maharajah are Sandy and George Symons** from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. The 2021 Imperial Convention will most likely be held in New York, although the convention site has not been finalized yet.

Here are a few pictures from the convention so you can see what a good time we had.

Article and photos submitted by Kathlene Henry



Hillsboro Pythians' Relay For Life

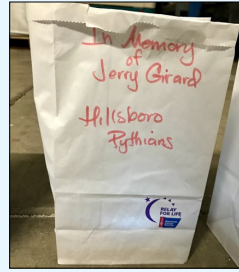
The **Hillsboro Pythians** once again participated in the American Cancer Society's Hillsboro Relay for Life. We raised about \$2,000 this year. Most of these funds were raised at our monthly Bingo/potluck fundraising events. There were also individual donations from many members in honor of loved ones. We also earned over \$100 at our booth selling items which were donated by our team captain **Jennifer Searles**. She donated hand crafted ceramics from a friend, an assortment of really nice greeting cards and her hand sewn stuff bags which are useful for so many things. This time we walked mostly in memory of **Jerry Girard, PSR, PIR** and **Don Lacy, PCDSC** both of whom passed away earlier this year.

The Relay event was shorter this year, from 9am until 3pm and it was also held in late July instead of June. We were especially happy to have **Brenda Lacy Branson** be able to attend this year. She just happened to be in Oregon that week, so it was a happy coincidence to have her there.

As usual we decorated the Luminaria for so many Pythians, family and friends to honor loved one lost to cancer and to support survivors. The Luminaria Ceremony also has a slide show with music and photos of so many people. It is such a moving experience to see.

We plan to continue having our Bingo fundraisers at the Hillsboro Pythian Hall each month on the first Sunday at noon. All Pythians, family and friends are welcome to attend. The next one is planned for Sunday, October 6th with the theme for the potluck being Halloween.

Article and Photos submitted by Shelley Corby



Pythian Fun Weekend (continued from page 11)

The dredge is still available to be viewed. Many Pythians and friends had a chance to see the dredge and ride the Sumpter Valley Railroad on the Pythian Day held in Baker City in 2011.



One site to see on the La Grande side of the hills includes the Eagle Cap Excursion Train. It starts in Elgin and winds through the beautiful canyons to beautiful Wallowa Valley. Wallowa Valley was the homeland of Chief Joseph.

Traveling by car to see Wallowa Lake and Eagle Cap Mountains would be a full day trip from La Grande. There is a tram that rises 3,700 feet and provides an expansive view of the Eagle Cap Wilderness. This area is considered the "Little Switzerland" of Oregon.

Elgin also has an Opera House that was built in 1912. It has been beautifully restored and considered to be acoustically perfect. Plays and musicals can be seen here several times

a year. This was just a movie theatre when I was growing up but since has been beautifully restored.

And I should mention that the RV park is part of the Hot Lake Springs Resort. The building has had many functions through the years, including spa, nursing home and mental hospital. It is now a bed and breakfast and history center. There is also access to the soaking tubs that made Hot Lake a primary stop from the 1860's to the turn of the century.

Article submitted by PSR Risa Rigger





KNIGHTS REGISTRATION AND MEALS ORDER FORM

Oregon Grand Pythian Convention

October 18 through October 20, 2019

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All Pythians, Family and Friends are welcome to attend all meals.

IMPORTANT: Meals reservations must be made by 10-5-2019.

Your Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City, State, ZIP			
Telephone:		Email Address:	
Lodge Name and Number:			
MEALS		Price	Quantity
			Total
FRIDAY:			
Joint Banquet: Chicken Marsala Dinner		\$35.00	\$
Memorial follows dinner at 8:00PM / Hospitality—To Be Announced			
SATURDAY:			
Breakfast: Early Bird Start		\$25.00	
Lunch: Soup and Sandwich Buffet		\$29.00	
Joint Banquet—Choose One: Roasted Balsamic Pork Dinner		\$38.00	\$
Chicken Fried Steak		\$38.00	
SUNDAY:			
Breakfast: Early Bird Start		\$25.00	
Lunch: Artisan Deli Buffet		\$29.00	\$
TOTAL (If all 6 meals are purchased):		\$181.00	
TOTAL COST OF MEALS			\$
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:			

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS — CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFO:

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

Arlene Kimball at 1335 Roseway Ct. SE, Salem, OR 97302-1820

If any questions, call Arlene Kimball at 503-362-1227

2) **CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00**

If your lodge does not pay your \$25 convention registration fee please make check payable to:

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CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE DELIVERED BY OCTOBER 5th.

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- 2) \$15 CONVENTION REGISTRATION:** Please send separate check in amount of \$15, Payable to **Grand Temple of Oregon** and mail to: **Grand Secretary Sherri Lee, PSR, PO Box 983, Pilot Rock OR 97868**
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Oregon Pythians Grand Convention Hotel Information

Oregon Pythians' Grand Convention—Hotel Information

October 18-20, 2019



HOLIDAY INN PORTLAND I-5 SOUTH
25425 SW 95th Avenue, Wilsonville OR

Hotel Reservation Cut Off Date: Oct 5, 2019

Meal Deadline Date: Friday, Oct 5, 2019

Call Holiday Inn Reservations: 503-682-2211

In order to get our special rates, identify yourself as a member of Oregon Pythians

Guest Room Rate: \$109 +Tax

Above price is for up to 4 in a room.

Check In: 3PM / Check Out: 12PM

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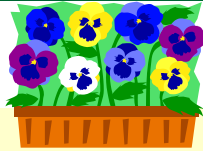
Indoor Pool and Spa

Hotel Renovated in 2009

Small Pets Allowed—\$15.00

2 day early check in and 2 day late check out.

OPN Editor's Message



Dear Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends,

Echoing the sentiments expressed by our **Grand Chief Shelley** in her GC Message on page 3, I thank all of you who have expressed sympathy and understanding to our family due to the extraordinarily rough year we have had in 2019. We lost our father **Don Lacy** in late March, and many of you attended and participated in Dad's Celebration of Life and Pythian Service in May. Since then we have been dealing with trying to decide about Dad and Mom's place in Hillsboro as well as Dad's cabin and remote property up in Alaska. Some of us travelled to Alaska to check on his properties and box up some of Dad's books and other possessions to ship them back to Oregon. It was a rewarding and exhausting trip. Sadly, the same day as we flew home from Alaska, we lost our precious 14-year old Buddy dog—my "little ray of sunshine." That heaped one more huge heart ache on top of all the rest.

Now we need to set all that aside as we prepare for Grand Convention in October. It's such a great time of renewing friendships and seeing people from all over our state plus a few neighboring states/provinces too.

This year we are fortunate that **Supreme Chief Joan Way** is travelling all the way from Alberta, Canada to join us for the Grand weekend. Please take a moment to visit with her and make her feel welcome.

I congratulate our **Oregon Pythians** on the fine work that you're doing in your communities. Please keep waving that Pythian banner and offer your hand in friendship to keep our beloved Order moving forward and strong.

We had a great time at **Pythian Fun Days** in Bandon this year. Thank you to **Brothers GC Don Allen and Ed Yates** once again spear-headed those efforts. Next year we'll be going to La Grande in Eastern Oregon so plan now for that great trip.

I also offer special thanks to our Grand Convention and Meals Committee: **Cheryl Bergman, Carol Jenkins and Arlene Kimball**. There is a BIG JOB and a largely thankless and very stressful job, so please say THANK YOU to these Sisters when you see them at Grand.

I'll bring the **OPN Booster List** to our Grand Convention in October so you can check to see if it's time to renew. We appreciate your support so we can keep mailing the OPN to our Boosters + longtime members who may not have access to email.

PS—Special thanks to those of you who sent articles and photos and to our super proofer **Shelley!**

PPS—Yes, I did check with **GC Don** and **G.Sec Charlie** for their articles. The timing didn't work out.

With Pythian Friendship,

Kathlene D.L. Henry, PSC

Editor, Oregon Pythian News

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Upcoming Pythian Events

- ⇒ Sept 21 (Saturday) 1-3PM—Ivanette Temple's Anniversary Tea at Portland Pythian Hall—5400 SE Insley, Portland, OR
- ⇒ Oct 18-20 (Friday-Sunday)—Oregon Grand Convention—Wilsonville OR
- ⇒ Nov 16 (Saturday) 10AM-4PM—Ivanette's Chocolate Making Class—FUNDRAISER for Ivanette Temple and FRC Robotics Team 1432 - See page ___ for details
- ⇒ May 2 (Saturday)—Pythian Sisters District Convention
- ⇒ NOON on 1st Sundays of each month—at Hillsboro Pythian Hall—Hillsboro Pythians fundraiser lunches for Relay for Life and other community service projects—Check with one of our members for the monthly meal "theme. :

⇒ **October 18-20—Oregon Grand Pythian Convention:**

Hotel: Holiday Inn—Wilsonville OR

Hotel info on page 18; Registration forms on pages 16 & 17

Please send details of your Pythian events to the OPN Editor and we'll add them to the calendar in the next issue!



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