

"THE COLORS OF LIFE"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
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September 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is hard to believe that it is September already!!! Many chapters that are dark in the summer will be getting back into a routine. The Grand Family hasn't slowed down! We had 30 of our members attend Texas Grand Chapter including 13 Grand Officers, two GGCCM's and two PGM's. Thanks to all who attended! We had four great Official Visits in August. Otto and I brought greetings at the Amaranth Court and I attended the Installation of the new Court of Officers. I was honored to attend the Kenner Masonic Kids Fair – a wonderful community event. The Eastern Star Chapters in the New Orleans area hosted a booth and provided balloons, lemonade and lots of giveaways. Members from Louisiana also attended the Mississippi Little Red Schoolhouse Annual Picnic. It was a great time of fellowship with Mississippi members and to see the Schoolhouse – Birthplace of OES!

September is busy with four Official Visits, several Courtesy Visits, the LA/MS Exchange, Mid-Year Association Meetings and our Fun Trip to Chicago by way of AMTRAK and other District events. On September 14 we are hosting the LA/MS Friendship Exchange in Spring Creek (near Kentwood). And on September 21 the Mid-Year Meetings of various Associations will be held at the Wesley Center in Woodworth (see details below).

In planning for the Upcoming Workshops, please submit questions or topics that you would like to have addressed. The Workshops are for you, the membership. Please send to Janet Shook, PGM at WGM1999@yahoo.com. The Northern Section Workshop will be held Saturday, October 12 at Lee Emmett Thomas # 198 in Delhi at 11:30 am.

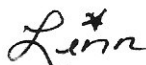
Continue to submit your items of interest to the OES Friendship Line at the new e-mail: laoesfriendship@aol.com

Again, thanks for all your help with the Peppermint Candy sales benefiting Shriner's Transportation.

See information below about the *XYZ Cancer Luncheon* to be held in Baton Rouge on Saturday, October 5. Tickets are available and you can now order your Prayer Bottle in memory or honor of a loved one. Please help support this fundraiser for the Cancer Project. Also, see information about the Statewide Member and Family Event at the Exotic Wildlife Center in Folsom, LA on Sunday, October 6.

Please remember to make your Honorariums and Memorials to our OES Projects this year: Alzheimer's, Cancer, ESTARL, Disaster Assistance and Shriner's Transportation.

Star Love and Lilies For You!



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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Alabama - Faye McDowell (23) – 11455 Hooper Rd, Baton Rouge 70818
Bolivia - Evelyn Marquez (59) – 425 Pennsylvania Ave, Slidell 70458-2742
New Hampshire - Jesse Campo (26) – 143 Dogwood Lane, Anacoco 71403-2928
Pennsylvania - Lois Premeaux (5) – 410 Federal Ave, Morgan City 70380-3539
Wisconsin - Shirley Privette (123) – 1307 Pegues St, Mansfield 71052

OFFICIAL VISITS

of the Worthy Grand Matron accompanied
by the Worthy Grand Patron and Other Grand Officers

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, DISTRICT #3: Farmerville Chapter #207, Hwy 2, Farmerville. The Lodge is located just east of the city limits at the corner of Hwy 2 and Terral Island Road. Dinner at 4:30 PM with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Linda Lamkin, PGM, 318-513-1506. Mrs. Marjorie Joyner, DDGM, (318) 396-4809.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, DISTRICT #4: Dixie Chapter #179 (Scottish Rite Temple), 205 University Avenue, Monroe. Meeting at 2:00 pm with refreshments to follow. Housing Chairman: Dianne Sutton, PM (318) 325-7134 or dandesutton@comcast.net. Ann Reeves, DDGM (318) 281-6752.

Church Service with District 3 and 4 at Community Baptist Church at 11:00 am - 164 Defreese Rd., West Monroe. Church of Marjorie Joyner, DDGM #3. Directions: Take Well Rd exit #112, go north to light, take a left on Hwy 80 (Cypress St), to 1st street on right (Defreese Rd). Church is on the right.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, DISTRICT #18: Pearl River Chapter #237, 64468 Highway 41(Watts Rd.) Pearl River. Dinner at 5:00 pm with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Beverlyn Cowart (985) 290-3425. Cynthia Nobles, DDGM (985) 445-8643. (Time change to allow more time to travel from MS Exchange)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, DISTRICT #10: H.C. & M.E. Duncan Chapter #161, 2385 Hwy 28 East, Pineville. Dinner at 4:30 pm with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Sandra Mask (318) 526-4039. Norma Kay Ramos, DDGM (318) 640-2868.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, DISTRICT #6: Details in October newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

BBO at Bossier City #175 – Saturday, Sept 7 noted on the Official Calendar has been postponed to a later date.

LOUISIANA/MISSISSIPPI FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE – Saturday, September 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Spring Creek Baptist Church, Amite, Chairman-Laura Q. Wall, PGM. Tickets - \$20. Deadline: Sept 9th. Ticket Chairman: Connie Quave, PM, 17283 Ben's Ford Road, Bogalusa 70427 (985) 735-1186.

DIRECTIONS: From I-55 take Exit 61 at the Liverpool/Kentwood exit toward Kentwood – travel East on Hwy 38. Go thru one caution light and two traffic lights. Cross over railroad tracks. Continue 4.5 miles to Hwy 1061 and turn right onto Hwy 1061. Go one mile. Church is at top of hill on the left.

MID-YEAR MEETINGS – Saturday, September 21 at the Wesley Center, 2350 Methodist Parkway, Woodworth (318) 449-4500. The time schedule is 9:45 a.m. for Grand Representatives, 10:45 a.m. for Past Grand Officers, and 11:30 a.m. for Past Grand Matrons/Patrons. Meeting rooms in main building. A hot, cafeteria style, plate lunch can be purchased for \$10.50. The dining hall is lovely and overlooks the lake. It is ideal for small groups and other Past Grand Families to come to the meetings and stay for lunch together. Please RSVP to the WGM if you plan to stay for lunch. Overnight accommodations are also available at the facility – see thewesleycenter.com for information.

OES/RAINBOW GIRLS CANCER LUNCHEON - The "*XYZ CANCER SURVIVORS LUNCHEON*" will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 12 Noon at the Acacia Shrine Center in Baton Rouge, LA. The event will feature a Style Show and Auction to honor our loved ones and to benefit the OES Grand Chapter and Rainbow Girls Cancer Projects. Tickets may be purchased from Jane McDaniel, PGM, Chairman (2625 Riverside Dr., Port Allen) or any Chapter Secretary in the Baton Rouge area. Luncheon cost is \$15. In addition, you may honor a loved one who has battled this dreaded disease with the purchase of a Prayer Bottle (decorated by the Rainbow Girls of LA) at a cost of \$10.00.

STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP EVENT: GLOBAL WILDLIFE CENTER IN FOLSOM, LA – Sunday, October 6, 2013 from Noon to 4 pm. A picnic lunch of jambalaya and hotdogs will be provided and wagon rides of the 900+ acre park can be taken for a fee to see all the exotic animals. Bring your family and friends to this fun event. Please RSVP to Karen Porter (985) 641-4321 kporter@bellsouth.net (State Co-Chair-Membership) to let us know how many to plan for. See the website: globalwildlife.com for directions and information about the wildlife park. Address: 26389 LA 40, Folsom, LA 70437

WORK AND RITUAL WORKSHOP – NORTHERN SECTION – October 12, 2013 – 11:00 am - Lee Emmett Thomas Chapter # 198 in Delhi. The Chapter will be providing lunch for a nominal charge as a fundraiser.

DISTRICT 7 TEA/RECEPTION scheduled for Sunday, October 27 has been postponed to a later date.

REMINDER: Secretaries when submitting monies to the Grand Secretary for pins or jewelry sold for Cancer or Alzheimer's please note that it is for pins or jewelry and not just a donation or memorial for either of those projects.

APPRECIATION: Thanks to each of you for the calls, cards and prayers during the death of my brother-in-law. Keep us in your prayers. Mert (PGP) and Dora Mestler

With permission of the Worthy Grand Matron: How can we ever thank you for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the cards, phone calls, and memorials that you gave in memory of Mr. Alvin Warmack. Most of all we thank you for your prayers and friendship. We love you! Danny & Kathy Warmack & family

ANNOUNCEMENT: Cruise with Pamela Gill and George Wilkinson - "Navigator of the Seas" leaving Galveston, June 15, 2014 and returning June 22, 2014. Contact Pam or George for additional information.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Roster Changes:

Page 4 - Joy Beth Williams: email address - pgmjoy@yahoo.com

Page 5 - Archie Cline: email address - archieandlee@gmail.com

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FYI: GGC is no longer selling stickers for the rituals, but you may purchase a ritual (Large print navy blue/large print white and small print), with the stickers, for \$6.50 plus postage/handling as long as supplies last. GGC is in the process of printing new rituals. Extra large print stickers and rituals are still in stock. If you have any questions, please call me.

2010 Book of Instruction - \$3.00 plus postage **(There were no revisions in the 2010 Book of Instructions and they are available for purchase.)**

2013 Constitution Revisions are available for purchase - \$2.10.

2013-2014 Rosters have been mailed and a copy may be purchased for \$6.00 plus postage.

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

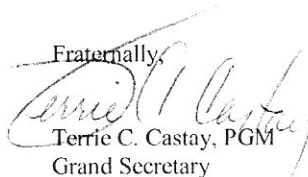
April 22 - Rebecca #2 suspended Ella Mae Broussard for NPD

June 24 - Rebecca #2 suspended Nathan Curtis for NPD

July 2 - Orange 224 reinstated Debra Ross

Aug 6 - Orange 224 reinstated Harry Ross

Fraternally,



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WEBSITE: www.laocs.org