

"THE COLORS OF LIFE"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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October 2013 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Where did September go! We enjoyed the hospitality in four Districts for their Official Visits. DDGM's I can't tell you how much I and Brother Otto appreciate all of your efforts! The LA/MS Friendship Exchange was just great! Thank you Laura Wall, PGM, and your committee for the attention to so many special details – the decorations, food, gifts, and entertainment! New friendships were made and old friendships were renewed! Several MS Grand Officers, including the WGM, stayed over for the District 18 Official Visit in Pearl River – what an honor! Hope everyone enjoyed the fellowship and lunch at the Mid Year Association Meetings at the Wesley Center in Woodworth. Brother Otto's and my Fun Trip on Amtrak to Chicago was soooo much fun! We toured the Sears Tower, the Shedd Aquarium, the Navy Pier and so much more. But the best part was just being together with good friends.

October usually brings cooler weather. Hope we have some for our two fun events on the 5th and 6th. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the *XYZ Cancer Luncheon* on Saturday the 5th at the Acacia Shrine in Baton Rouge and at the Membership Event on Sunday the 6th at the Exotic Wildlife Center in Folsom, LA. Thank you for supporting these two important projects and having fun in the process!

We will also have our first Work and Ritual Workshop in the Northern Section on Saturday, October 12, at Lee Emmett Thomas #198 in Delhi at 11:00 a.m. You can still submit questions or topics to Janet Shook, PGM at WGM1999@yahoo.com. The workshops are for you! The District 6 Official Visit will also be held in Delhi on Saturday, October 26.

Many of us will travel to several Grand Chapter Sessions in West Virginia, Alabama, New Mexico and Oklahoma! Come join us on an adventure if you can!

I so appreciate the Chapters that are opening in Long Form as requested - it just takes a few more minutes. It is so lovely to hear the beautiful words of our Ritual. Please encourage this, but if a substitute doesn't

know the long form, then at least open each Star Point with the sign and pass. Also, it is part of the Ritual that we have an Opening March. The Chapter honors their Worthy Matron when the officers march in and escort her to the East.

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. Please turn all monies in to your Chapter Secretary so they can be forward to the Grand Secretary. Please remember to make your Honorariums and Memorials to our OES Projects this year: Alzheimer's, Cancer, ESTARL, Disaster Assistance and Shriner's Transportation.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! May the Ghosts and Goblins be kind to you!

Star Love and Lilies For You!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linn" with a small star symbol above the letter "i".

Linn McNary
Worthy Grand Matron

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Oregon – Louella Marze, PM (161) – 325 Barron Chapel Road, Pineville 71360

Puerto Rico – Joyce Jones, PM (64) 155 Brown Road, Quitman 71268

Utah – Faye Davis, PM (177) – 640 Wise Road, Shongaloo 71072

OFFICIAL VISITS

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, DISTRICT 6: Delhi Civic Center, 232 Denver Street, Delhi. Dinner at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Sheila Presley (318) 450-1173. Judy Worlow, DDGM (318) 282-5287.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, DISTRICT 20: Encircler Chapter #191 – 600 Daniel Street, Kenner. Dinner at 4:30 pm with meeting to follow. Jerry Ann Butters, DDGM (504) 812-5867.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, DISTRICT 19: Lafourche Chapter #251 – 215 E. 93rd Street, Galliano. Meeting at 2 p.m. and Refreshments to follow. Sandra Ledet, DDGM (985) 233-9302.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, DISTRICT 8: Natchitoches Chapter #13 – 110 Masonic Drive, Natchitoches. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Donna Nelken-Baker (318) 356-8397, Cell (318) 332-1989, donnanelken@bellsouth.net. Helen Wallace, DDGM (318) 894-9206.

ATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, DISTRICT 5: Sunny South Chapter #12 – 10506 Boswell Street, Bastrop. Dinner at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Ruth Duncan Watts (318) 281-1233. Marion Hicks, DDGM (318) 267-9805.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, DISTRICT 16: Mystic Star Chapter #108 – 313 Benton Street North, Denham Springs. Dinner at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Housing Chairman: Evelyn Blackwell (225) 261-0096. Paulette Spedale, DDGM (225) 261-7767

DATES TO REMEMBER

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, LA) 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, kfporter@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 - Free 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.

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.

APPRECIATION:

Grand Chapter of the State of Oklahoma: We sincerely thank you for your generous donation to help those affected in our Tornado tragedy. Your love gift will make a difference in the lives of our Sisters and Brothers. You are a blessing.

Shriners Hospital, Shreveport: Thank you for your donation in the amount of \$589.78. We sincerely appreciate your interest in our hospital and the children we serve and for remembering us with this thoughtful gift. Again, we extend our sincere appreciation for your unselfish concern to the Shreveport Hospital and best wishes from the Board of Governors, children and staff.

El Karubah Shriners: We would like to thank you for the donation in the amount of \$589.78 to our Shrine Transportation Fund. This money is used solely for the transportation costs of our patients to our hospitals. Without help from people like you, we would not be able to continue our mission, which is helping improve the quality of life of the children we serve.

Barak Shriners: Thank you for your generosity. The \$589.79 was greatly appreciated. Thank you for doing a great job. You are making a difference.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Roster Changes:

Page 1: Grand Treasurer, Fran Slay: cell phone number - 601/443-1629

Page 34: Sunset Star #227 - Jennie Goodwin, PM, WM - Address: 353 Ockley Dr., Shreveport 71105-2917

Page 37: Alberta Retif #252 secretary - Beverly Pentney, PM. email: hughbev1021@gmail.com

<<<<<<< AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE >>>>>>>>

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.**)

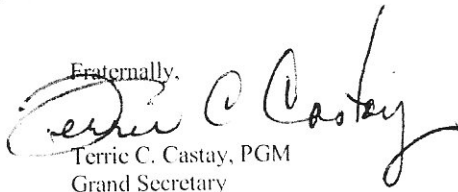
2013 Constitution Revisions are available for purchase - \$2.10.

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

RECEIVED FROM THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

Sept 3 - Tioga #60 suspended Diane Arrington for NPD

Fraternally,



Terric C. Castay, PGM
Grand Secretary