

# "BEACONS OF LIGHT"

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## **From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:**

Where did September go? Fall is coming and I know we are all ready for cooler weather. What a wonderful time of the year. As we go to fairs and other community activities in preparation for the coming holiday season, I hope you will let your "light shine" brightly for all to see.

There were four Official Visits in September. We started with District 7 in Natchitoches on the sixth. The membership lived up to their reputation with great food, decorations, and entertainment. Everyone had a great time and Joyce Boyt, DDGM, is to be commended for a job well done. The next Official visit was District 11 in Alexandria on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Sister Nina Sayer, DDGM, was unable to attend and Sister Donna Harrist did an excellent job of completing Sister Nina's plans and filled in as Acting DDGM at the meeting. The decorations, food and entertainment were wonderful. If you missed it, be sure to ask someone about the program. We had a great time. At the end of the month we enjoyed the Official Visit of District 2 in Shongaloo on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Amanda Strange, DDGM, did an excellent job of leading her members in an excellent Official Visit. Great decorations, and food, and a good time was had by all. Finally, on the 27<sup>th</sup>, everyone enjoyed the Official Visit in District 1 in Shreveport. The ham and complimentary dishes were delicious and the program was so special. Wanda Hagemeyer, DDGM, did a great job.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> 92 of us attended the "Ole Country County Fair" in Natchez, Ms. It was great to visit with our sisters and brothers from Mississippi. They always have great food and entertainment. This year the Appointed Grand Officers participated in an old fashion "Egg Rolling Contest." Your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron participated in a "Pie Eating Contest." If you missed it, you missed a great time.

It is that time of year when we need to make sure that we send our project money to the Grand Secretary. Please determine your Chapter donations and turn them in as soon as possible. If you need more "Project Pins", Danneda Perkins has them at each Official Visit. She can be reached at 318-544-9144.

Quote of the Month: "Let your actions always speak for you, but be forever on guard against the terrible traps of false pride and conceit that can halt your progress. The next time you are tempted to boast, just place your fist in a full pail of water, and when you remove it, the hole remaining will give you a correct measure of your importance. – *Og Mandino*

Keep Your Lights Shining with Star Love,



Pamela Gill  
Worthy Grand Matron

PS: The Worthy Grand Matron came through her surgery *okay!* The labs are clear, but she will need three weeks for recovery and then she will be back!

### OFFICIAL VISITS

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

**Friday, October 3, District# 6:** Alf Garrett #123, Logansport, (5th Street, 1/2 block off Hwy 84) Light refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Dora Mestler, DDGM. Phone #318/686-4375

**Saturday, October 4, District 8:** Many First United Methodist Church Fellowship Building - 1020 Main Street - Many. Housing Chairmen: Edward & Paula Burnitt - 318-567-2257. Meal will be served at 4:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Directions - coming from the North on Hwy 171 -Turn left on Alabama and then left on Magnolia Street. Church will be at the end of the street on the right. Coming from the South on Hwy 171, turn right on Alabama and then left on Magnolia Street. Church will be at the end of the street on the right. Parking will be available in front of the church, along the street, and at the First Baptist Church parking lot. Mona Drake, DDGM. Phone #318/238-2912.

**Saturday, October 11, District 5:** Lee Emmett Thomas #198, 1349 Broadway Street, Delhi. Meal at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Pat Copes, DDGM. Phone #318/428-2564.

**Friday, October 24, District 9:** Ruby #72, 1796 Sycamore St., Jena. Meal at 6:00 p.m. with meeting to follow. Janice Daniel, DDGM. Phone #318/992-6396

**Saturday, November 1, District 18:** Encircler #191, 600 Daniel St, Kenner. Meal at 4:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Rejeana Bonnette, DDGM. Phone #504/231-4875.

**Saturday, November 8, District 10:** West Cenla Shrine Center - Leesville. Receiving Line 4:00 p.m.; Dinner 4:30 p.m. with Meeting to Follow. Georganne Andrus, DDGM, Phone #337/239-9882  
Directions: From North of Leesville travel south on Hwy 171. Turn right on Nolan Trace (landmark-traffic light by police station). Go 1.2 miles, turn right on HM Stevens Blvd. Enter fairgrounds. The Shrine Center is the 3<sup>rd</sup> building on the left. From South of Leesville travel north on Hwy 171. Turn left on Nolan Trace and continue with directions above.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

The Bell Ringers Luncheon for Cancer will be held at Creswell Temple, 1350 Creswell Street Shreveport, Louisiana, on December 6, 2014 at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$20. (Send a self addressed stamped envelope.) Ticket Chairman is Betty Nichols P.M., 8808 Chadwick Dr., Shreveport, La.71129.

Ceramic Bells are for sale at \$10 each to honor the survivors of cancer or as a memorial to the victims of this dread disease. All proceeds from this luncheon will go to help find a cure for Cancer which has claimed so many. Please purchase a bell and honor your loved ones and friends.

We thank you for your support and look forward to serving you a delicious lunch, provide some good entertainment and great fellowship on this occasion.

Faye Bacle, PM Chairman

Below is an order form for the bells:

Name Purchasing the bell \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Betty Nichols (see above for address)

**CRUSING:** Join Pamela and George for a great time on the "Navigator of the Seas" January 11-18, 2015. We will leave out of Galveston for Ports of Call, Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel. To book your cruise - contact Nanette Gwaltney, Vacations by Design, 210-656-6668 or 210-373-5580. \$250 reserves your place and payments are accepted till October.

## **NOTICE:**

Effective August 26, 2014 the merger between Ruth Chapter #16 and Calcasieu Chapter #164 is complete. The remaining chapter is Ruth Chapter #16.

## **APPRECIATION:**

Through the courtesy of the Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to express my appreciation for all of your concerns, prayers, words of comfort, and love that you have extended to me during the loss of my mother on July 20<sup>th</sup> and the loss of my wife, Barbara, on August 21<sup>st</sup>. As I work through these difficult times, your comforting words and fraternal love will make it much less difficult. Thank you seems so little for all that my Sisters and Brothers have done. George Woolman, PGP

The members of Pearl River Chapter #237 wish to thank all of you for your concern and messages of sympathy during the brief illness, and sudden death of Duane Cannon, WM, of our Chapter. Your loving expressions will always be in our hearts. Thank you to those who were present for her service. Her family was awestruck at the love shown for Duane. Thank you also for the monetary donations and the food provided for the family and friends following the service. In OES love, Beverlyn Cowart, PM, Sec.

