

"A Time for all Seasons"

Grand Chapter of Louisiana
Order of the Eastern Star

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August, 2017 – Newsletter

From the Desk of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hope everyone had a safe Fourth of July!

We stayed busy all month long with meetings and fun activities. I was able to attend three Courtesy visits this month. They were heartwarming and fun to be at, as usual the food and fellowship was great, thank you chapters for having those meetings just for us.

Susan Rabb-Williams did an excellent job doing the memorial service for Kay Dozier, the chapter room was full of members, family and friends. Kay will be missed.

The Multi-State Exchange was "Rewind to the 50's" and we all had a blast from the past. We had over 30 members from LA. We didn't win any banners or trophies, but still had great fun being there. We received the news of 4 new General Grand Chapter Committee members and a special appointment for the next triennium 2018-2021.

Recap of Official visits: "A Season for Everything, A Time for every Purpose;" The Seasons change and some of the activities that change with them are good and some we don't like. Our "attitude" in our changing Seasons of life; how we handle our good fortunes and our difficulties, and in how we treat others, makes all the difference in everyone's lives!! The "Time" is now for us to find the silver lining in every transition and change, and let's achieve the good in every situation. Let's recommit ourselves to our obligation and purposes of being Eastern Stars. "A Season for Conversations and A Time for Uplifting;" In our conversations, speaking negatively not only affects our relationship with our Sisters and Brothers, but most especially with God. It also affects our spirit, our well-being and our peace of mind. This is the Time for Uplifting each other with love, and the Time for our Eastern Star principles to shine!

Chapter Secretaries and Treasurers, remember there is a Workshop for you at the Official visits. Any of the other members that want to know about the workings of your chapter can attend also. Check the times for each Official visit, they do vary.

The plans for a Tour Bus to take us to Oklahoma 4-State is cancelled. There was not enough committed to taking the bus for us to receive a good price. I hope everyone still plans to go. Get a car load together to help with expenses.

Be sure to check the upcoming events listed, hope to see you there!!

"Learn from the Past: When you want to make the present better than the past. Look at what happened in the past. Learn something valuable from it. Do things differently in the present."

God Bless, I love you all,



Debbie Poche
Worthy Grand Matron

Grand Representative Commissions:

Alberta, Gail Dupree, 29450 Jackson Dr, LaCombe, 70445-3962, Expires March 29, 2019

Upcoming events:

August 3-5: Amaranth Grand Court, New Orleans

August 12: District 12 Official Visit, Ponchatoula – Nova Stella Chapter #36, 286 East Pine St., Ponchatoula; 1:00 pm Secretary/Treasurer Workshop; 2:00 pm Official Visit, Refreshments to follow. Housing Chairman, Ms. Beth Bauerle, 985-345-4506. Fran Quave, DDGM, 985-320-8762

August 15-17 – Texas Grand Chapter, The Woodlands

August 19 – Go Red Heart Banquet

GO RED HEART LUNCHEON - Wear your Best Red Outfit

Location: Acacia Shrine Center - 7991 Commerce Avenue, Baton Rouge

Date: Saturday, August 19 **Time:** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm **Cost:** \$25

Make checks payable to LA Grand Chapter and mail to Karen Porter, State Chairman of HEART
61004 N. Military Road, Slidell 70461 (985)-641-4321 E-Mail: porterstreets@yahoo.com

Please RSVP by Saturday, August 12, 2017

Note: All proceeds go to Louisiana affiliates of the American Heart Association

- Linn McNary, PGM, GGCCM-Heart

August 25-26: MS Banquet and Lil Red School House Picnic

August 25-27: Shrine Circus – Alexandria

August 27-September 3: Napa Valley Trip

September 9: District 1 Official Visit, at Magnolia Chapter #27, 1805 Creswell St., Shreveport. Secretary/ Treasurer Workshop, 1:00; Meeting, 2:00 Refreshments and meal to follow. Housing Chairman, Jean Stafford, Cell- 318-564-1384; Home 318-222-8412; Email jeffst65@yahoo.com. Sue Brow, DDGM, 318-840-6606.

September 10: District 8 Official Visit, at Pinehurst Chapter #33, 320 Shirley Drive, DeRidder. Secretary/ Treasurer Workshop, 1:00; Meeting, 2:00, with refreshments to follow. Sandy Rogers, DDGM, Home- 337-463-3423, Cell- 337-375-4882.

September 16: Mid-Year meetings are as follows - 9am - Past Grand Matrons & Patrons, 10am - Past Grand Officers, 11am - Grand Representatives, 717 Hodges St., Lake Charles.

September 16 – District 10 Official Visit

September 22-24 – Four State Exchange, Tulsa, Ok

September 30 – District 15 Official Visit

Attention: Be sure and check the web site (laoes.org). Information and forms for our Four-State Exchange and the Lil Red School House picnic are available. There is also a link to the pictures of the Grand Officers, 2017-2018 and Official Visits and events for this year.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY:

Received from the Subordinate Chapters:

June 2017, Sts. John #35, Suspended James Watson, LMA

June 2017, Greensburg #158, Suspended James Watson, LMA

June 2017, Rachel Jackson #241, Suspended James Watson, LMA

At the Secretary/Treasurer Work Shops we would like to address any questions or concerns of our Secretaries, Treasurers, and other Members in each District. If you have specific questions or concerns please send them to myself at lgrandsec2016@outlook.com or to Fran Slay, Grand Treasurer at slay28@bellsouth.net prior to your Official Visit.

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Revised Book of Instruction, \$1.75

Rosters, 2017-2018, \$1.50

Constitution Revisions, 2016 \$1.00

Secretaries and Members, Please make all checks payable to **The Grand Chapter**. Thank you.

Fraternally,



Pamela Gill, PGM

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