

# "Unexpected Possibilities"

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

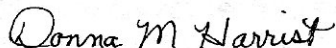
Switching who presides once a quarter has caused a mixture of observations from our members. Some have really enjoyed the opportunity and others are a little frustrated. I thank you for following this portion of the Chapter Objectives. It is my belief that it will allow everyone to gain experience and understanding of the leadership of a chapter. Each time we try something new, we should find something positive in the interaction with our members.

What a wonderful surprise we had when Brother Harles Creech, our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, and his lovely wife Estelle, were able to join us for the Official Visit in District 3. Their years of work and travel for our Order are appreciated across the OES World and we in Louisiana are very proud that they belong to us. To the members of District 3, thank you for all that was done to welcome us and for sharing your day with us.

Due to Hurricane Barry that lingered through the state, our group was small when we traveled to the multi-state gathering in Tallahassee, Florida. We did enjoy the events that were planned from Disney fun to an evening of elegance. I received no major reports of storm damage from our members and hope that no one had serious issues. You were all in our thoughts during the storm.

With August upon us, we are amidst the hottest days of summer and some chapters are at recess. Many chapters are participating in school supply drives that bring to mind the founder of our Order and his time at the Little Red School House in Mississippi. There Dr. Robert Morris compiled the ritualistic work of the Order of the Eastern Star and left us an organization of faith and charity that continues making a difference in the lives of others. I hope that each of you will continue to find it worthy of your time and dedication.

In Service and Love,



Donna Harrist  
Worthy Grand Matron

God has not called us to see through each other, but to see each other through.

## Join the WGM and WGP for the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum November 3 – 9, 2019

Be sure to get your deposit in to experience a Showcase of Kentucky Treasures, including a lunch hosted at the Rob Morris Chapel featuring Rob Morris author and speaker Dr. Nancy Stearns Thiess and experience a private tour of the Morris home. The National Corvette Museum, Louisville Downs, Brown Derby Dinner Theater and more. Forms are available on laoes.org

### Officer Excellence Awards

Now that the schools are almost over would be a great time to visit a member of the Work and Ritual Committee to earn one of the Officer Excellence Awards. You can be examined for the Conductress (both Conductress & Associate Conductress openings & initiatory lectures), Chaplain (long opening and four prayers) one or more of the Star Points (long opening & all of their part in initiation), Worthy Patron. You do not have to be installed in an office to earn the Award. Committee members are

Rovenia McDonald, PGM, Chairman

Gene Cagle, PGP

Oscar Abshire, PGP

Anita Fields-Gold, PGM

Lynn Bankston, PGM

Kath Warmack, PGM

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**August 10 – District 5 Official Visit** of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers at 3:00 p.m. to be held at Palestine Chapter No.55 located at 106 N. Beville St., Winnfield. Refreshments will follow the Official Visit. Gloria Folden, DDGM 318-302-1935

### August 14-16, Grand Chapter of Texas in Tyler, Texas

**August 24 – District 10 Official Visit** - District 10 invites you to attend the Official Visit of Sister Donna Harrist, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Keith Powell Worthy Grand Patron, and other Grand Officers at Eunice Chapter No 14, located at 4627 Church St, Zachary. Light meal at 1:30 pm with Meeting to follow. Kristin Morgan, DDGM, 225-266-1085. Housing Chairman, Jane McDaniel, 225-571-6594.

**September 7 – District 7 Official Visit** of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers with refreshments at 1:30 pm with the meeting to follow. Located in the Shrine Building on the West Louisiana Forestry Festival Fairgrounds, 276 HM Stevens Blvd, Leesville. Directions: from Alexandria take 28 West to Leesville. Turn left at the traffic circle that is 171 South to the intersection of Nolan Trace. Turn right on Nolan Trace due West about two miles. Turn right on H.V. Steven Street, Leesville Fairground to the Shriners Building. From Shreveport take 171 South to Nolan Trace in Leesville. From Lake Charles take 171 North Turn left on Nolan Trace and continue to Leesville Fairground. Housing Chairman, Betty Gosewehr, PM, Phone: 337-353-8989. DDGM: Marie Finch Phone: 337-238-4156.

**September 14 – District 6 Official Visit** of the WGM accompanied by the WGP and other Grand Officers to be held at Golden Star Chapter No 73 located at 3830 Patterson, Pollock. Refreshments will be served at 2:00 with the program and meeting to follow. Fran Slay DDGM 601-443-1629.

**September 20-22, Four State Friendship, Hot Springs, Arkansas**

**September 27 – Myrtle Celeste Luau, 6:00 pm**, 3950 Florida St, Baton Rouge

**Sept 28 – District 12 Official Visit – The members** of District No. 12, Order of the Eastern Star cordially invite you to attend their Official Visit of Donna Harrist, Worthy Grand Matron,, accompanied by William Keith Powell, Sr, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers Saturday, September 28, 2019. Light refreshments at 2:00 p.m. with meeting to follow at Slidell Lodge No. 311, located at 222 Front Street, Slidell, Louisiana. Karen Porter, DDGM 985-641-4321

**September 29 – District 11 Official Visit**

**Calendar Correction: Oklahoma Grand Chapter - October 20-23**

**IN APPRECIATION**

Members of Vidalia 37, Order of the Eastern Star would like to thank Sister Donna Harrist, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to celebrate our Chapter's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all our sisters and brothers after our Official Visit in District 3. Thanks to all members that stayed to share our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake and ice cream. We hope you enjoyed our gifts of the bookmark and the history of our chapter. Sister Donna Harrist, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Keith Powell, Worthy Grand Patron presented to our chapter the Commemorative 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plaque which we will cherish for all time.

Joye Denny, WM and Charles Wood, WP

**IN APPRECIATION**

Buck and I would like to thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls during his recent illness. He is much better. Your prayers were answered and a blessing to us.

Buck and Joye Denny

**LINE OFFICER CORNER:**

**From Kay's Jewels of the Sea**

**Saturday, August 3, 2:00 pm** – District 5 is hosting a fundraiser for Kay's Jewels of the Sea at Ringgold Chapter No. 131, 2042 Hall Street, Ringgold. Join them for Ice cream and all the fixings complete with an offering of themed baskets for auction.

**From Johnny's Teddy Bears and Hugs**

**Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm** - The Pajama Party- Ladies Night  
Pizza!! Popcorn! Chick Flick – "The Book Club", Silent Auction  
Prizes for most original, funniest and interesting sleepwear  
Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 1204 Crabapple Dr. Shreveport  
Donation \$15.00. RSVP by August 5 to Faye Jackson, Gayle Patrick or Jean Stafford

