



O.E.S. Sailor

Volume 1

Issue 2

On the web at: www.oeslh202.org

July, August & September 2009

Chapter Officers 2009-2010

Jan Hermanson
Worthy Matron
952-933-6910

Matt Rose
Worthy Patron
952-914-9373

Sara McCreight
Associate Matron
612-630-1598

Bob Holden
Associate Patron
612-927-6369

Dale Seubert
Secretary
952-926-4312

Robyn Johnson
Treasurer
952-448-0552

Jennifer Papas
Conductress
612-807-4348

Jerrie Hayes
Associate Conductress
612-920-0786

From the East

Jan Hermanson, Worthy Matron



Greetings Sister and Brothers:

Please note we have a new web address, our old provider went out of business so we set up shop under a new address. Sisters **Diane Ritchie** and **Patty Hopkins** did an excellent job of making this a seamless move. Thank you both for all your hard work.

Grand Chapter was successful and fun. AM **Sara** gave us all the highlights at our first meeting in May. Sister **Tracy Keeling** served as Grand Adah, we had two pages Sister **Deb Rickard** and Brother **Al Pederson** so we were well represented on the floor. We also had a great Friday night get together, good thing I was poolside because we needed the overflow space.

We did not win the volunteer hours competition, but we did accumulate over 2000 hours.

That project has ended and we are moving on to new Grand Chapter projects for 2009 - 2010.

We also honored 25 Mothers at our first meeting in May. We bid an early farewell to our Sister **Kristie Kearney** who moved to Iowa (we feel her pain) so I am looking for volunteers to fill the station of Ruth for the rest of the year. Please let me know if you are willing to fill the station for a meeting, or wish to take over for the rest of the year.

Our second May meeting was initiation. We welcomed two new brothers **Joe Munster** and **Rick Reinhart**. A big thank you to the officers for their work that evening, you did a great job.

The Garage Sale was a big success and a lot of work for

the people involved. Please thank **Dale** and **Joyce** for again allowing us to take over the house and garage for the better part of a month for this project. It is our biggest annual fundraiser. We raised **\$2425** on this project, only slightly below our budget projection. A HUGE thank you to all who donated, worked, cleaned up and purchased, we would not have been successful without you. It is not too early to start putting aside items for next year.

In June we honored Fathers at our first meeting. The guys seemed to enjoy their edible treats. We had school of instruction at our second meeting in June. Since the officers had done so well at initiation we were able to skip that part of the school.

The 4th of July was celebrated
continued on page 2

Sunshine

Sara McCreight, Associate Matron

Sisters and Brothers:

Cards have been sent to many this past quarter. Congratulations on their 50th Wedding Anniversary to **Donita** and **Bob Papas** in June and **Judy** and **Reuben Lantto** in July. Godspeed and best wish on a move to Estherville, Iowa to **Kristie Kearney**. "Hello, we miss you" cards were sent to

several members we have not seen in a while, and thinking of you cards to **Edna Gebert** and **Joyce Ranum**.

Get well cards went to **Mary Larson** after a fall, **Carole Crawford** for hip surgery, **Donita Papas** for a suspected kidney stone, and



Corinne Schmick also for hip surgery. A card was sent to **Bob Brantley** following a hospital stay. A get well card was also sent to **Maggy Fowlston** on the occasion of a kid-

ney transplant, and a birthday card to **Bruce Fowlston** because his birthday followed her surgery by a day. Additional get well cards were sent to **Betty Rowe** following a slight stroke (she is recovering

nicely) and to **Reuben Lantto** during a bout with pneumonia. A like card was sent to **Greg Seubert**, son of **Joyce** and **Dale Seubert**, who is suffering from a brain tumor. A thinking of you card was sent to **Joyce** and **Dale**. A thinking of you card was also sent to **Judy** and **Jerry Johnson** after **Jerry** was diagnosed with chronic leukemia.

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of the following

continued on page 2

From the East

continued from page 1

in fine style. I missed the parade part (I was home closing the quarter for work) but was able to make the picnic. Sister **Jennifer Papas** did a great job coordinating the parade. Sister **Maggy Fowlston** and her husband **Bruce** managed the picnic with assistance from Sister **Gayle** and Brother **Brad Johnson**. Bethel 1 supplied the beverages. Due to burger day we moved the festivities to **Seubert's** home. I have to say it is a much better picnic spot than the lodge. The yard is spectacular and we were able to enjoy the outdoors.

We will be attending the 2PM performance of Church Basement Ladies 2 at the Plymouth Playhouse Theater on August 16. Cost is \$24 and checks should be made out to me and sent to my home so that I have them no later than August 1. My address is 5289 Beachside Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55343.

The fall will bring Rob Morris night and a dinner on September 9. Please make reservations for the dinner through Sister **Mary Lou Sharp** by September 6. This year due to our budget constraints the meal will be \$5.00 per person. I have not yet asked Sisters **Tracy** and **Maraline Keeling** what they are planning to serve, but I am sure it will be good.

Mark your calendars now for the Fall Dinner on Sunday November 8. There will be a vendor fair in conjunction with the dinner.

Star Love,
WM Jan

ESTARL

Jane Fastle, PM, Chapter ESTARL Chairman

ESTARL, the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, is the oldest ongoing project of the Minnesota Grand Chapter. It was started in 1952 as a way to provide financial help for those individuals going into ministry and professional religious leadership. Subordinate chapters raise funds and recommend students to receive the awards. Repayment of the monies is not required unless the recipient does not continue on in the field. Lake Harriet Chapter has always supported this project with donations and through recommendation of eligible students. This year we sponsored **Lourey Middlecamp**, a student at Boston University School of Theology, who received a generous award. **Lourey** is very grateful for this help as evidenced

in the note of thanks she wrote to the ESTARL Committee. I was privileged to hear Lourey in June as she preached her first sermon at her home church in Rosemount. She did an excellent job and is very worthy of the help we have given her. If you know of someone who is going into the field of religion and would like an application for a scholarship, please contact me at 651-322-5123, and I will obtain one for you.

Grand Chapter Cancer Benefit

Maraline Keeling, PGM



Until Every One Comes Home.®

Minnesota Grand Chapter's annual cancer benefit will have a USO dance theme this year. It will

include the dinner and dance, silent auction, basket raffle, and a donation board. The benefit will be held on November 14th at the former South St. Paul Hotel, now a Clarion hotel, located at 701 Concord St. S. in South St. Paul (just off I-494 and Concord). Reservations are required by November 1, and can be made by contacting me, any Grand Officer, or any member of the 2000-01 Grand Family. Tickets are \$25 per person. The hotel has offered a reduced room rate for those that wish to stay. We are also looking for donations of items for the auction and basket raffle. If you wish to donate, buy tickets, or have any questions please call me at 651-882-1343 or email me at maraline8@msn.com.

Sunshine

continued from page 1

people who passed away: **Bonnie Hartfiel**, **Thelma Nelson** (card sent to her friend **Arlene Wingert**), **John VanHofwegen**, **Jim Bayers**, who was the brother of Lake Harriet Lodge member **Bob Bayers**, and Past Grand Patron **Jim Foster**.

Please let me know if anyone needs a card. The answering machine is always on to take your call.

Stay Healthy & Star Love,
Sara McCreight, AM

Social Club News

Judy Lantto, PM, President

Social club will be meeting on Saturday, September 12th at noon at the lodge. Don't forget to bring Flat Stanley back with you. Everyone wants to know where he's been over the summer!

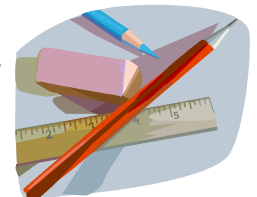
Brother "**Big Al**" **Pederson** is cooking, and he has told us that the menu will be: baby spinach salad with some nice stuff; pork tenderloin with his special pear and blackberry reduction sauce; garlic mashed potatoes; vegetables of season; rolls and butter. According to Al it will be the best meal in town for the price that day. (He also said he might sing a song for everyone!) Reservations are definitely encouraged; to RSVP call Joan Pederson at 952-929-7136 or email her at dgjgp@aol.com. The cost is \$5 if you have a reservation, but it is \$8 if you don't, and Al has warned that if you don't have a reservation you may not get everything to eat that the people who do have reservations get. Al has also said that vegetarians (and/or folks with pork allergies) can let him know what they want to eat when they make their reservation (he says he can cook anything).

School Supplies

A Community Service Project

Sisters and brothers, the chapter will be collecting school supplies at our two September meetings as a Community Service Project.

Please bring new school supplies with you to either meeting and they will be donated to a local elementary school.



Bylaws Updates

Maraline Keeling, PGM, Chairman Bylaws Committee

A bylaws committee was appointed by the Worthy Matron and began work right after installation. The committee consisted of WM **Jan Hermanson**, AM **Sara McCreight**, PM **Joyce Seubert**, PGP **Dale Seubert**, and myself. We presented the proposed changes at our June 3rd meeting and they were unanimously approved by the members that night. **The final vote will be taken at our September 23rd meeting. This is the written notification to all members of the upcoming by-laws vote.** Copies of the proposed new bylaws will be available at both September meetings for your review. Here is a brief list of the changes:

- 1) The bylaws have been almost completely rewritten, as the committee recommended deletion of any bylaws articles that were duplicated from the Ritual or the Minnesota Eastern Star Code, this included eight full sections and portions of five others, so they are significantly shortened. We have also eliminated the separate guidelines, and have incorporated everything that was included in the guidelines in the appropriate sections of the bylaws.
 - 2) We have recommended reinstating the meeting on the second Wednesday of January, but we added a provision that the Chapter be dark on Ash Wednesday.
 - 3) We redefined the membership and duties of the Long Range Planning Committee to reflect actual practice.
 - 4) We have recommended an increase in the initiation fee from \$30 to \$80 which will now include dues for the current year. This will allow our Secretary to provide our new members with a dues card at their initiation, and eliminates the need to try to prorate the dues of new initiates for the first year.
 - 5) We have proposed an increase in dues from \$40 plus per capita to \$60 plus per capita for 2010, and an additional \$5 annual increase for the years 2011 through 2015. This is in response to the steadily increasing but not limited to, our monthly donation to the Lake Harriet Lodge Company, and it spreads these costs evenly among all members, not just those that are able to attend and support fundraisers.
 - 6) The membership maintenance fee for fifty-year members has been increased from \$5 to \$10, plus per capita.
 - 7) Knowing that we cannot continue to increase dues without some attempt to reduce expenses, we have proposed reductions of Chapter expenses as follows: the allowance for WM and WP jewels are given only one time, repeat WMs and WPs will not receive these funds; the Secretary's stipend has been reduced by \$25 per quarter; the allowance for installation has been reduced by \$100; the reimbursement for attending Grand Chapter has been eliminated for the WM, WP, Jr. PM, Jr. PP, AP, and Secretary, but we have increased the amount of reimbursement for the AM, or the member who writes the Grand Chapter report, an overall savings of \$400 in Grand Chapter expenses.
- I hope to see many members at our meeting to discuss and vote on these important changes.

Campbell's Labels & Pop Tabs Judy Johnson, PM

The Shrine Hospital for Children uses Campbell's labels to purchase adaptive computers for the patients. Please save just the part with the bar code and points coupon. There will be a box at the Lodge Hall to put them in.

Also save the tabs from pop cans and other cans for the Job Daughters. There is also a well marked container at the Lodge Hall for them. Thanks much. Call me at 952-926-4490 if you have questions.

Past Matrons

Tracy Keeling, PM, President

The Past Matrons club held their annual meeting in February, and I was elected President, Deb Rickard was elected Secretary, and Diane Ritchie was re-elected Treasurer. The meetings for this Chapter year have been set as follows:

August 5th - pot-luck "picnic" at the lodge at 6:00 p.m., invite your Past Patron to join us. *We will vote on a proposed bylaws change for the Past Matrons club at this meeting (see below).*

November 7th (tentative) - this will be

our holiday party and will be held at a restaurant, time and location will be announced at a later date.

February 3rd - our annual meeting when we elect the new officers. *This meeting date will change if the bylaws change is approved.*

At our May meeting we discussed a possible change to our bylaws, eliminating one meeting per year. The motion, which passed and will be presented for final approval at our August meeting, is to have our annual meeting in late February, a summer meeting in either July or August, and a holiday meeting on a Saturday in early November. This eliminates the May meeting, which has al-

ways been difficult to schedule due to Grand Chapter.

The Past Matrons have been put in charge of coordinating one of the Chapter's Community Projects this year, a hat and mitten tree for elementary school children. So, please be putting your talents to work for the Chapter. We'll be collecting items through the November Chapter meeting, and then giving them to our WM for donation so that they get to the kids when the weather starts getting cold. Thank you to Sister Jane Fastle for her presentation about this at our June 24th meeting!

I hope to see you all on August 5th! Star Love, Tracy

Calendar 2009-10

O.E.S. Sailor

Published quarterly on the 1st day of May, August, November and February

Deadline for submitted articles 15th of the month prior to publication.

Editors:
Jan Hermanson
952-933-6910
jan.hermanson@gmail.com

Tracy Keeling
651-882-1343
tkeeling@umn.edu

August
August 5 **DARK**
Past Matrons pot-luck picnic 6 p.m. at the lodge—*Past Patrons are invited to join us!*

August 16 Chapter Outing to the Plymouth Playhouse for Church Basement Ladies 2

September 9 Rob Morris Night Dinner 6 p.m.

September 12 Social Club, 12 noon

September 23 Stated Meeting
Final Bylaws Vote

October 14 Honor PMs & PPs
Gigi & Bob Davis honored PM & PP

October 28 Honor Adah
Halloween Costume Party

November 8 Fall Dinner and Vendor Fair

November 11 Honor Chaplains
Initiation

December 9 Honor 50 Year Members
Celebrate Christmas

December 13 Santa Breakfast

January 13 Service Project Night

January 27 Official Visit
Dinner 6 p.m.

February 10 Honor Line Officers
Fuzzy Slipper Night

February 24 Advance Night

March 10 Elections & Reports

March 24 Worthy Matron's Report

Note: calendar is subject to change. Watch this space for further details and updates.



Reminder: Lake Harriet Lodge "Burger Day" on the first Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Lake Harriet Chapter #202, OES
4519 France Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55410

