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## OUR NEW LEADERS



**Grand Master  
Winthrop B. Osborn**

Grand Master Winthrop, aka Windy, was born on February 19, 1933 in Weymouth, Massachusetts. By age three he was adopted by George and Rachael Osborn of Braintree, Massachusetts. He attended public school there, graduated from Braintree High School and attended Boston University, graduating in 1953. That same year he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served on many bases throughout the United States, as well as in Japan, Okinawa, Thailand and Vietnam, retiring from the military in late 1974, after 21 years of service. On August 11, 1956 he married Marlene Scholz. They have two children—Wayne (Aileen) and Wanda (Randy). They also have two grandsons, Jeffrey and Jeremy. After retiring from the AF, he and Marlene purchased a hobby/craft store in Mountain Home, ID and spent 26 years as owners/operators of that shop until 2000 when they retired. Windy is a member of the First Congregational Church in Mountain Home and serves on the Board of Trustees. Earlier, while stationed at MHAFB, he worked with the Cub Scouts, and with the Boy Scouts in California and Okinawa. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Military Affairs Committee in Mountain Home. In 2001 he joined Mountain Home Lodge #19 and Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4.



**Assembly President  
Juanita Thomas**

Juanita (Nita) Thomas was born July 25, 1940, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. At an early age, after attending a Christmas party, (sponsored by Lily #33 and IOOF), with her aunt, she knew one day she would sit in those “Big Chairs” and be a “Rebekah”.

Upon graduating from Salmon High School, she married Will (Bill) Thomas on May 27, 1958. They moved to Gooding, Idaho in 1962, where they owned and operated a dairy and farm until 1992.

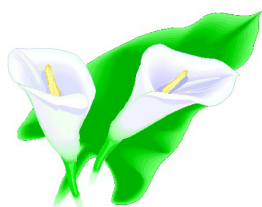
Thanks to another aunt, in May 1964, Juanita joined Marguerite No. 98 Rebekah Lodge in Gooding. Raising 4 children, calves and other duties, she still found time to be a Theta Rho Advisor and was Noble Grand in 1980. She has been involved in 4-H, PTA, church, community and lodge functions.

Juanita and Will have 4 children, Patricia, John, Janet, and Cindy. 8 grand children and 8 great grand children.

After retirement they moved back to Salmon. Juanita belongs to Anna No. 14 and IOOF No. 5 in Salmon and associate member of Silver Leaf No. 27, Challis; Idaho No. 96, Wendell; and Syringa No. 110, Jerome.

Juanita enjoys crafts, reading, and growing roses. She collects cookie jars and cookbooks, among other things.

We invite everyone to come visit, the “latch is always open”.



**Odd Fellowship**

**For The  
Future**



# OUR NEW LEADERS



**Colonel Donnie Marvin**  
**Department Commander**  
**2007-2008**  
**Department Council Patriarchs**  
**Militant of Idaho**

Donnie Marvin was born in 1935 in Chicago, Illinois and graduated from High School in Vancouver, Washington in 1953. He became a member of the Oregon National Air Guard in 1953 and was activated due to the Korean War. However, the war ended and his active duty was cancelled after only thirteen days, putting him in the inactive reserves until 1962.

Donnie worked at many jobs through the years such as a powder monkey in the woods of Mount St. Helens, and a warehouse manager for a furniture warehouse, but his love and main occupation has always been playing country music. He started playing the steel guitar in 1948 and has been playing the pedal steel guitar professionally since 1955 when he played with his friend and recording artist Bobby Austin, who wrote and recorded the song Apartment #9. He has played all up and down the West Coast, in seven western states, 2 Canadian provinces, and in the Boise and Southern Idaho area since 1969. He played on numerous television shows in Portland, Seattle, Sacramento, and in Los Angeles on a popular Sunday show called Cal's Corral. When he moved to Boise he played on a TV show called Ida-Ho-Down with a local DJ named Marty Martin, who later became known as Box Car Willie. He has played on stage with many famous artists and in recording sessions on over 400 songs and now has added recording on a CD that is posted on the Internet.

Donnie was sponsored into the Odd Fellows by Frank Markham and initiated into Mountain Home Lodge #19 in March of 1984. He has worn many hats for the lodge, including secretary for over 15 years, janitor and building manager and received the Merit Jewel from his lodge in May of 2004. He joined the Encampment in 1994 and the Patriarchs Militant in 1994. He became Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment in 2002, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 2005, and has achieved the rank of Colonel with the Department Council Patriarchs Militant. In 2006 and 2007 he was one of the Representatives for the Grand Lodge to Sovereign Grand Lodge.



**Lady Pat Marvin**  
**President 2007-2008**  
**Department Association L.A.P.M.,**  
**IOOF, of Idaho**

Pat Marvin was born in Boise, Idaho in 1949, the oldest daughter of Frank and Jean Markham and grew up in Mountain Home, Idaho, graduating from High School in 1967. She attended Boise State College from 1967 thru 1972 and majored in Math and then in Music with a minor in Voice. She was a member of the Meistersingers, the A Cappella Choir, and the cast of two Operas, a soloist at many concerts, the Concert Band, and the Boise State Marching Band.

Pat's memories of her childhood include being in Girl Scouts, going to Girl Scout Camp, riding horses, being in 4-H and going to the Elmore County Fair, singing in school choirs and talent shows almost every year, and camping and fishing with her family.

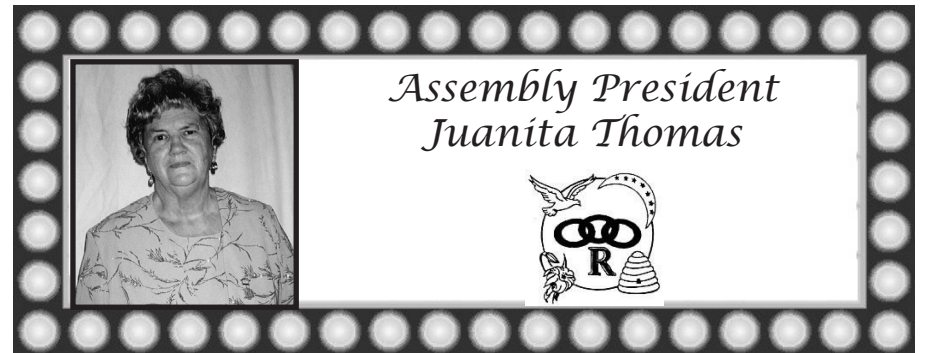
The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were her second family. There were many Potluck dinners and Christmas parties and travels around the State to attend meetings. At one time the family formed a family band with Dad playing the Tenor Banjo, Sister Janet playing the accordion, and Pat playing the Guitar and the Steel Guitar. The Markham Family Band played for many Odd Fellow sponsored Old Time Dances in Silver City, Idaho City, and anywhere else they could find a dance floor.

Pat joined Mountain Home Theta Rho Girls Club in 1962 and then Guiding Star Rebekah Lodge #4 in 1967. In 1972 she joined the Idaho Lea #1 as a charter member along with her mother, but later dropped out for a time. She reinstated the same year she joined LAPM and has been active in all of her units. She has been a Song Leader for various Presidents at Assembly and was Marshal under Marge Harlan. In 2006 and 2007 she was in the Choir for IARA.

Donnie and Pat Marvin met and were married in 1977. They have four children of their own, and Donnie has five children from previous marriages. Currently they have ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They formed a country music band together in 1983 called the Country Sunshine Band and have been playing for dances and the public ever since then. They enjoy going to lodge functions together and are looking forward to traveling together this year for visits.

**ALL ABOARD!!**





**GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND MASTER**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to thank the members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho for electing me to be their Grand Master. I hope that I can serve you well and live up to your trust by being the best of the best Grand Masters. My theme for this year is Odd Fellowship, helping your brothers and sisters to do their best, increasing membership and following our Valediction guidelines. My project is the U.N. Pilgrimage For Youth. Lets see how many deserving youth we can send, if not this year then next year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on my visitations. By the time you read this it will be nearing the holiday season, so I wish all a happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Again thank you for your confidence in me for the coming year.

In Friendship, Love and Truth

*Winthrop B. Osborn*  
Grand Master

Dear Rebekah Sisters and Brothers;

Sitting at my kitchen table looking out at the beautiful smoke free sky and seeing the mountains, I know why I chose Psalms 121:1 for my scripture.

It is indeed an honor for me to be your Assembly President. I sincerely Thank You for your friendship, love and faith in me. I am depending on each of you to be beside me as I begin this year as your president.

I believe every Past President has had the same goal ~ Increase Membership! My goal is **Lets Do It This Year ~ Think new members.**

My visitations won't start until in February, but that doesn't mean I won't be thinking of each of you. I'm only a telephone call away!

Again, a big Thanks to my officers and all who so willing said "Yes" when I asked for a chairman or helper.

I look forward to sharing my cup of friendship with each of you in the coming months.

In F.L.T.

Juanita Thomas, President  
Rebekah Assembly of Idaho



We are very grateful to the Chevaliers of the Department Council and Ladies of the Department Association for electing us to these high offices. We will do our best to be worthy of the trust you have in us. We hope that we will be able to lead in a suitable manner that will bring pride to our respective units and to all other units of the Order.

Please remember to honor those who served. Once again, our deepest thanks.

Chivalrously,  
*Donnie and Pat Marvin*

**President's Fun Project**

Greetings to members - all branches of Our Order;

This year, with all your help, I am doing a Cookbook - (A Special Cookbook).

Please submit your favorite recipes, any category. You can give them to me when I visit your lodge or send them to me.

The books will be for sale at Assembly in Post Falls. Proceeds will go to "special funds". Maybe to help with newspaper (Rebekah Odd Fellow News), etc. Let's make this a great fun project. Do you have a special meal for lodge - serving at meetings - President and other visits? We know Rebekahs (and all) are Great Cooks, now let's share with friends and neighbors and help make money for special activities.

Thanks

Fraternally,  
Juanita Thomas, President  
Rebekah Assembly of Idaho



## Bathing Beauties of Syringa #110



Greetings to the Brothers & Sisters of Idaho and especially the Grand LEA -

Thanks for the honor of being elected to the position of Grand Matriarch.

I was born at Middleton, Idaho, into a Rebekah-Odd Fellow family of seven and have been busy ever since. My membership in the Rebekahs is over 50 years.

I am a Past Noble Grand of Gem of the Mountains #5, twice, also Crystal #30, (now defunct); Past President of LAPM, and Past Matriarch of LEA. I am honored to say I am a Past Noble Grand of our beautiful Pioneer Lodge Rose #18.

Besides owning and managing 4 beauty salons; I belonged to the Idaho Hair Fashion Guild and taught professional beauty operators. I am a past member of B&P Women's Organization.

We can & we will!

F.H.&C

Grand LEA Matriarch

Dorothy Kindall



L-R = Jean Floyd, Ruth Harrison, Jeri Duncan, Ruth Taylor, Elsie Wilmoth, Shirley Shropshire, Virgie Taylor, Gerry Milton, NG



Due to the construction on I84 the Syringa Rebekah Lodge #110 did not do their usual coffee & cookies at the Rest Area. It is one of most enjoyable times.

We did, however, have a float in the parade at Fair time. BRAND NEW SWIM SUITS was the theme. Eight members including our Noble Grand rode on the float. It was in honor of the Jerome Centennial celebration.

Aug. 18 saw us at our annual picnic at the Senior Center Park. We had a good crowd for that also.

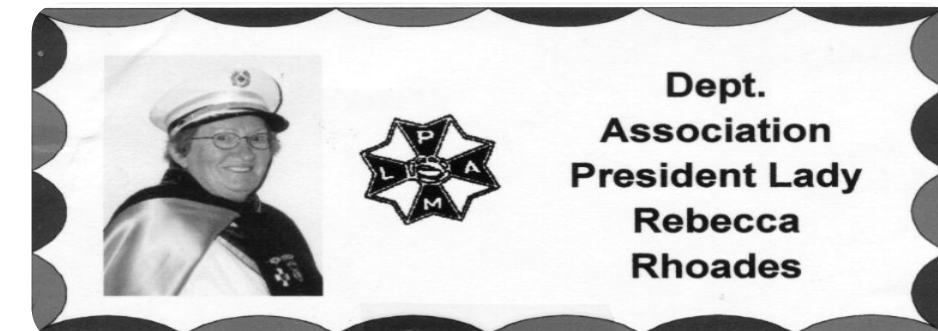
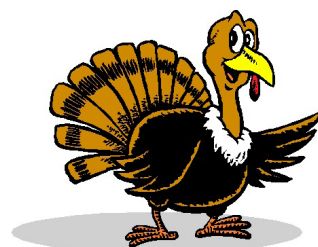
Our first meeting in September was our annual salad bar.

The 156th Anniversary of our degree was the program for our Sept. 24th meeting.

Oct. 8 will be our cake walk. We use different programs to receive the money from this.

Several our members were officers at Assembly.

Peg Roberson  
Publicity Chr.



This is my last letter as President of the Department Association.

Hello Everybody. I want to thank everyone that helped me this past year including my officers and my home lodge Lake City #10 and most of all everyone who bought raffle tickets from me. I especially want to thank Barbara Pettigrew for the Purple Afghan she made to help raise money for the Department Association. The winners were Purple Afghan - Jo Pillar; Antique Brass Eagle - Elaine Begeler; Antique Brass Eagle Head Bookend set - Bob Waygandt; Painted Eagle Head Bookend set - Jo Pillar; Eagle thermometer - Betty Doser; Chess set with Board - Geri Duncan, Windy Osborn, Pam York and Ruth Harrison. I hope you all enjoy these items. I had a lot of enjoyment making them.

Chivalrously  
Lady Rebecca Rhodes  
Department Association President

# NEWS FROM IDAHO REBEKAH LODGE #96

Even though it was a holiday, Idaho Rebekah Lodge #96 met for their annual pot luck dinner to start the second half of the year. We told of our summer adventures.

Due the fact that we were short on funds, Laura McAnulty made arrangements with the people running the Farmers Market so we would have a booth there. We did quite well.

We honored the 156th Anniversary of our Degree at our next meeting in Sept.

Peg gave us some different information about the United Nations Pilgrimage including the fact that there is now a corporation; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth, Inc. Peg got this information from the internet.

Peg also honored all the Noble Grands in attendance at the Oct. 1 meeting. There were 10 there in addition to Peg. We also made plans to attend Assembly in Boise.

Peg Roberson, Publicity Chr.

## Salad Bar Card Party



Standing = Alice McCord & Betty Mink

## Farmer's Market



Laura McAnulty & Alice McCord


## Past Noble Grands




PNG = L-R Front Row = Lillian McFee, Dalice Buckanan, Betty Mink, Laura McAnulty, Alice McCord, Helen Cooper & Lorraine McCloud. Back Row =Jeri Duncan Yvonne Reeves, Wanda Hays



## Stephan's to Celebrate 60th Anniversary January 12, 2008

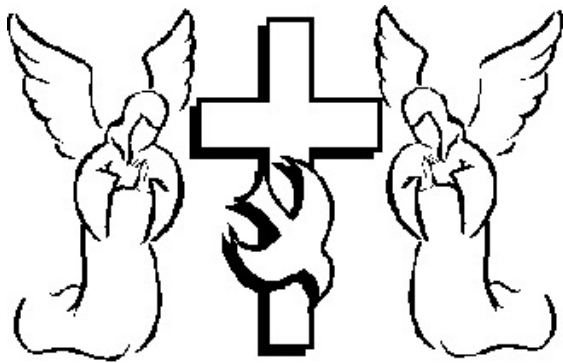


Bill and Jean Stephan invite you to join with them in celebrating their 60 years of wedlock on Saturday, January 12, 2008, from 2 to 4 PM, at the First United Methodist Church, 502 North 11th Street, Payette, Idaho 83661.



Sincere and heart felt thanks and appreciation to the Past Presidents for their generous donation to the Odd Fellow Rebekah News

Many thanks to President Virginia Moberly for allowing Assembly Photographer, Jean Floyd and Editor, Marge Harlan to take the Assembly pictures. Proceeds from the sale of the pictures will go to the newspaper.



## Gwendolyn Parslow Bliss 1923 ~ 2007

Gwendolyn Parslow Bliss, loving mother, wife and friend to many, passed away Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, after a short illness.

Gwen was born in Los Angeles, California, on Jan. 17, 1923. She grew up in Southern California and moved to Idaho to be closer to her family following the death of her second husband, Robert Bliss.



She is survived by her daughter, Susan Parslow Monahan; and her son, Thomas Parslow. Her daughter, Sharen Parslow Strosser, died of cancer in 1998. Her beloved husband and the father of her three children, Thomas Parslow Sr., died in 1975. She will be missed by many.

Gwen was initiated into Snowdrop Rebekah Lodge #71, Ketchum and transferred to Union #45, October 1, 1996. She was Noble Grand 1997-98 and 2000-2001. She was our Secretary at the time of her death.

She was remembered in a celebration of her life Saturday, October 13, at the Hagerman Senior Center.

Laura McAnulty

Union #45

## Membership Monthly October 21, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grand Lodge sessions have come to a close in Boise and what a pleasant experience. We sometimes forget how nice it is to see so many friends and meet new members as well. This is one of the benefits that we introduce to people when we work to bring them into the Orders. Northwest Association meetings the first week in November will be much the same. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from four jurisdictions will be getting together to discuss news and issues of the lodges. If you have never attended you should give it a try. Just like Grand Lodge and Assembly, the meetings are open to all members, though you pay a small charge for registration.

If you did not have a chance to attend the sessions in Boise, you did not get a cd with over 300 pages of tips to improve your lodge and make it easier to invite new members. These pages were from the membership seminar held in California this spring. Thanks to our new Deputy Grand Master Bob Weygandt for all the help making copies. If you have trouble seeing the information on your computer or being able to print it out, call. If I can help I will, or I will try and refer you to someone better versed in computers. The savings in using a cd to deliver this information is about \$25.00 a copy.

If you are wishing to get together a membership training session for you local lodges, set aside a few hours and give either Grand Secretary Kenny Averill (208-459-9021) or myself (208-585-2733) a call and we will work to help organize the details with you. Please remember that changes in membership and new members of any branch should be reported to the Grand Secretary. This helps with his monthly reports to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for their reports. Thanks for all you help with membership. Please continue with your efforts. Together we can grow.

Randall B. Wallace  
Membership Chairman

### Mizpah #12

**96-year old Freda McComb  
receives 40-year Rebekah Vetern Jewel.**

In September, Lodge Deputy, Della Kemp, presented Sister Freda McComb with a 40-year Rebekah Veteran Jewel, while NG Twila Hornbeck, watched in awe.



## Tribute to a Centurion

On the evening of Tuesday September 25, 2007, Ada Lodge # 3 hosted an Open Meeting at the Boise Lodge Hall. Friends, family and members from the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges gathered to celebrate and honor Jim Thompson on his 100th birthday.

He was born in Caldwell, Idaho on September 26, 1907. In 1903, just four years before Jim was born, Orville and Wilbur Wright built and successfully flew the first airplane. Jim was 5 years old when the Titanic sank in April 1912. The United States entered World War One in 1917 when he was 10 years old. Henry Ford begins tinkering with the gas engine for a self propelled vehicle when Jim was a teenager. The State of Idaho had recently joined the Union 17 years earlier in 1890.

After graduating from high school, he attended the College of Idaho in Caldwell where he earned a bachelor degree. Later, he enrolled in the University of Idaho in Moscow and earned a masters degree. He taught at various schools throughout the Treasure Valley. He also worked for the U.S. Post Office for many years and later years was employed by the State of Idaho in the postal service.

Jim is fond of saying that he traveled to Ireland and kissed the Blarney Stone for good luck and for the excitement of the moment!

He joined the Odd Fellow Lodge in Boise on September 23, 1963. Jim has held many appointed and elected offices throughout the years in both the Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges in Boise. At the present time, Jim is the inside guardian for the Ada Lodge # 3. He likes to play pinochle and have quiet conversations.

A few years ago, he taught himself to use a computer and now has two of the machines in his home. He lives in Boise with his wife, Frances, of many years.

Jim is a kind and peaceful individual who has a conciliatory attitude. He is a true believer in the principles of Odd Fellowship.

Richard Miller  
Newspaper Treasurer



## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Vickie Beaver, Vice Chairman

As we finish out our 80<sup>th</sup> year of scholarships and loans the Educational Foundation is looking forward to continuing to impact the students for the next 80 years.

This last year the board adopted the Flora Sheets High Achievement Award. Victoria Schaaf of Reedsport, Oregon was the first winner of this \$5,000.00 scholarship. I wish to thank all the other students from this region for their wonderful applications and encourage them to continue to apply.

Our Vocational Technology Scholarship program is off and running also. We hope that if you have a member of your family that is in need of financial aide in attending a vocational/technology school to please fill out an application. Two students from Oregon received a scholarship this last year.

One of our newest programs is the Continuing Education Grants. This is to support members who wish to enroll in continuing education courses in job related fields or a new field to further their occupational goals. This is the only program that is awarded any time during the year.

And the Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship is receiving many scholarship requests. This year Andria Burton from Idaho Falls received \$4,000.00 for her continuing education at Boston College.

All scholarship forms are due May 15<sup>th</sup> and the winners are notified prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulation to the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon for being 2<sup>nd</sup> in Rebekah Jurisdictions for contributing \$1,650.65. This could be a challenge for other jurisdictions in the NW to support the Education Foundation with your contributions. We urge you to continue to make it possible for those who could not otherwise, without your help, achieve the most important destination in their lives - an education.

If you have any questions or need more information please feel free to contact me. I am willing to personally present any and all of the above information if requested.

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# HAPPY Birthday



**Eva Carter 101 Years old!!**

Sister Eva Carter of Unity Rebekah Lodge #8 celebrated her birthday on September 7, 2007. She was one hundred one (101) years old. Extended family and friends attended her party. Three of Eva's younger brothers from Oregon and Washington were present as well as a nephew that she had not seen for 30 years. She lives with a daughter and although her legs and eyes don't function as well as they used to, Eva is still able to move about the house and sometimes accompanies her daughter to the grocery store. A caretaker stays with Eva in the daytime while her daughter is at work. Eva cannot clearly see the television screen but listens and is up to date on world and local news. An amazing lady. Eva was born in Dodge City, Kansas and was employed outside the home for most of her adult life. She retired at age 75 as a cashier for the Salvation Army. Eva Carter joined Purity Rebekah Lodge #67 on September 10, 1968. Purity #67 consolidated with Unity Lodge #8 in early January, 2006. Eva attended Lodge on a regular basis until her health started to fail.

Sister Pam York of Unity Lodge #8 presented flowers to Eva at the birthday party and a few days later Eloise and Jimmy Ogilvie and Margaret Kegstrom visited Eva hence the above picture.

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