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Congratulations to Jeanie Floyd



Jean Floyd &
James Weighall, Sr.



Connie Evans, Deb Whitney, Jean Floyd,
Cathy Toussaint, Pat Marvin & Vicky Kiele



Jean Floyd &
Pat Marvin

Congratulations to Jeanie Floyd receiving her 60 Year Membership Jewel and the Meritorious Service Jewel from the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho.

During the lunch hour at District Meeting held in Mountain Home on March 14th, James Weighall Sr., District Deputy President, presented Jeanie Floyd with a 60 year membership jewel from her Lodge. Then the Rebekah Assembly Officers took care of unfinished business from the 2019 Session by surprising Jeanie with the Meritorious Service Jewel. Jeanie couldn't attend our Sessions in Moscow for the first time in many years, but the Assembly didn't let that stop them from voting to present her with the jewel for all she has done for her Lodge in Jerome, her community, Ronald McDonald house and for the thousands of pictures she has taken of our proceedings and meetings thru the years. The Jewel had also previously been worn by PP of the IARA, Margaret Watts of Twin Falls, and Past Assembly Secretary and PP of the Rebekah Assembly of Idaho, Carolyn Hancock. Also, thanks to the many people from around the State who made the trip to Mountain Home to honor Jeanie on this occasion.

Submitted by Pat Marvin

Just A Rambling Note From The Grand Secretary

This year has been a crazy one with the COVID-19 pandemic closing everything down. Hopefully everyone is staying healthy, I have had several calls wondering when we will be getting meetings our Lodges. The answer is, we do not know.

Most of the Jurisdictions across the United States and Canada have cancelled their Sessions until 2021 and the Officers are staying in their Offices for another year. Other Jurisdictions have postponed until the Fall and other have to be cancelled. The fate of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assembly is still being reviewed at this time.

We have had many question's ask if Idaho's Grand Lodge Session might be canceled or postponed, we don't know the answer everyone is watching with mandatory restrictions are still in place its just a waiting and seeing what happens.

Please remember our elderly and shut ins. Many of them just need a phone call, text message or some means of communication to know that they are still remembered, as it is difficult for them that they cannot see or visit with each other face to face

Let's continue to stay in touch with everyone. Hope to see everyone soon again.

In Friendship, Love and Truth
Jeff Mann, Grand Secretary



Melba 105

Nampa-Years ago, Gem of the Mountains Rebekah Lodge 5, member Bethal Wings, instituted a scholarship for a student in the Caldwell area. Over the years Gem of the Mountains members reached out to the high schools and a committee would read through the applicants and then choose a student. The members would then invite the receiver of the scholarship and their families to a dinner hosted at the Lodge Hall in Caldwell. When Gem of the Mountains consolidated with Melba Rebekah Lodge 105, one thing that the members wanted to do was to continue offering a scholarship to the Caldwell area. Melba 105 is happy to announce that they reached out to the Caldwell high schools (Caldwell Senior High School, Vallivue High School, Ridgevue High School, and Canyon Springs Alternative High School). We received fifteen (15) applicants. Even with the Corona virus the committee decided that we would still pick an applicant. This year the committee chose Hailey Hart Williams. Hailey will be attending Boise State University in Boise, this fall. Hailey will be majoring in business and her dream is to open a coffee shop.

Due to the virus, we did not invite Hailey and her family to a dinner at the Hall, therefore we did not have the pleasure of meeting Hailey, but in any case, we wish her the best, and hope when she opens her coffee shop, she will invite us to the grand opening.

Submitted by
Sandie Chandler and Sharon McGaffick





Marge Harlan
Grand Patriarch



Dear Patriarchs,

I hope you are all safe and healthy, despite the Corona. I know these last couple of months has been an exceedingly wearisome situation to say the least, but, as Patriarchs we must continue our obligations and find new ways to safely fulfil them.

Since our Encampments have not been meeting, I have been unable to make my official visits. Sooo, PGP Bob Covert, came up with a (really good) solution. On June 20, 2020, beginning at 11 AM, all patriarchs are encouraged to meet at the home of PGP Bob Covert & PGP Tom Ashley, 111 North Palmer Drive in Nampa for a pizza party.

We will have an open meeting, outside, in the fresh air with plenty of sunshine and plenty of space for social distancing. All Encampments need to be represented as this will be my official visit to the Encampments as well as our district meetings.

So, bring your family, bring your friends, bring your face mask and don't forget to bring a salad or desert. Be prepared to enjoy a lively gathering of food, fun and fellowship.

In FH&C, Marge Harlan, Grand Patriarch



Cathy Toussaint
Assembly President



Dear Sisters and Brothers;

Due to the Covid-19 shutdown, I am cancelling all of my remaining Official Visits for this year.

This is mainly due to the continued effects of the Corvid-19 on all of our members. Most of us are over the age limit (even though most of us won't admit it) and many of us have at least one of the other factors like diabetes, lung problems and compromised immune systems.

I want every one to be healthy and happy. If your area gets to a level where you can hold meetings, be sure to have them.

Sister Connie Evans has resigned as Warden due to health reasons and I have appointed Sister Roberta (DeDe) Hallquist of Royal Gem #13 as our new Warden.

With great love,
Your President Cathy Toussaint



To all Rebekah Lodge Historians:

Please remember to send in your lodge history reports for 2019. Even tho we have not been holding any lodge meetings or District Meeting, you should still be able to send in these reports.

Thank you
Sharon McGaffick, Assembly Historian

COMING EVENTS 2020
Subject to Cancellation

JUNE 2020

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| 13 | ENCAMP. DEGREE | BOISE |
| 27 | OWYHEE 2 | SILVER CITY |

AUGUST 2020

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| 07 | HISTORICAL SOCIETY | CALDWELL |
| 17-21 | SGL/IARA | WINSTON-SALEM |
| 22 | OWYHEE 2 | SILVER CITY |

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