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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It has been an honor serving as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the 2024-2025 term. The Rosenthal-Clevens Grand Family has tried our best to make you all proud and put forth the charity and loving kindness that makes up the foundation of our beautiful Order.

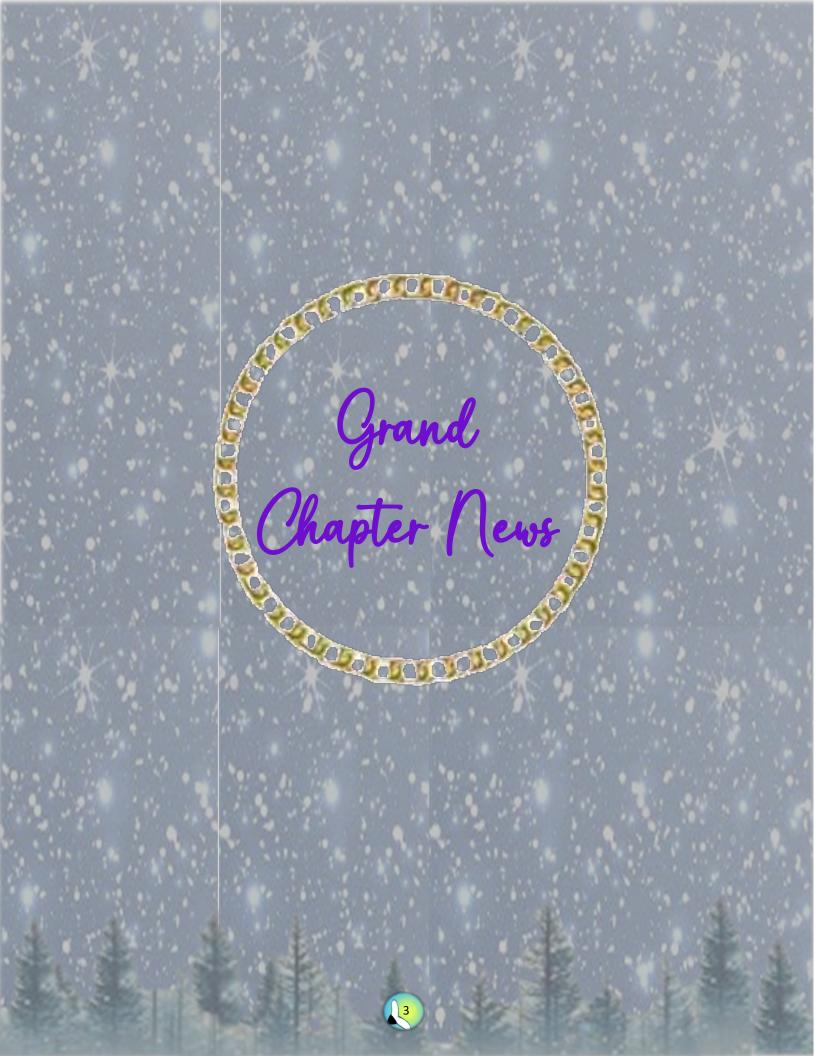
With the resources made available through Grand Chapter and our Charitable Foundation, we have donated monies to assist in providing Dogs Inc. the funds to help train service dogs, stocked the ever depleted stores of food banks and help to feed children in our local schools, assisted in helping families of children with end of life care to find the magic at one of the local theme parks in Orlando with Give Kids the World Foundation, assisted in helping to build a mock MRI unit for the child life department at Nichlaus Children's Hospital and give monies to the South division of the Ronal McDonald House. Through your generous donations, we are able to support active military and veteran families whose love one is being treated at seven veteran and on base hospitals in Florida through the Fisher House Foundation. It has been one of our greatest joys to represent you as we presented these funds and experience the pure happiness and humbleness in those receiving them.

Your continued support and enthusiasm for our "Pay it Forward" Committee just brings me such joy. So many of our Chapters are giving back to their communities and some have even been recognized by the local news stations and newspaper. What a wonderful and heartwarming way of showing the world what we are really about.

It is with humble hearts that we thank the members of this Grand Chapter for all your love and support you have shown us this past year.

Lovingly and fraternally,

Sister Debbie Rosenthal Worthy Grand Matron Brother Mike Clevens Worthy Grand Patron





#### January 2025

This is one of the highlights of my year as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star. The \$100,000 that we donated will be used by their Child Life Department to build a mock-up of a life-size MRI unit which will be a replica of a real MRI and feel like the real thing. My oldest daughter had to have an MRI when she was 2 1/2 and it was traumatic for her and myself as a parent. Hopefully, this can help prepare kids and their parents to make this a more comfortable experience. Thank you so much to our members for voting to continue the Star of Hope Children's Hospital charitable program.

– Debbie Rosenthal Worthy Grand Matron



## life4Net Receives \$20,000 Check from Florida Grand Chapter

#### January 2025

We are proud to announce a \$20,000 donation to Life4Net from our Order, an organization making a tremendous impact in the fight against homelessness. Life4Net provides vital services to those in need, including daily meals, a food pantry, clothing, mailboxes, rehabilitation programs, and so much more. Recently, the Order's incredible



efforts helped a family of seven, who had been living in their car, secure housing and employment for the father—an inspiring example of their commitment to changing lives.

It is important to remember that homelessness is not always tied to substance abuse. Many people face homelessness due to circumstances beyond their control such as rising cost of living, job loss, or unexpected hardships. Organizations like Life4Net are a lifeline for these individuals and families, offering resources and hope when it is needed most.

If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, Life4Net is an excellent place to start. Whether it's through financial contributions, food, clothing, or volunteering your time, your support can make a real difference in someone's life. It was incredibly moving to see so many people being help, and we encourage everyone to consider supporting this remarkable organization. Together, we can create positive change and help build a brighter future for those in need.

- Sandy Clevens, PG Martha





Give Kids the World



Receives \$15,000 from Florida Grand Chapter

#### January 2025

On January 24, 2025 as part of our Community Awareness Program, I was honored to present \$15,000 to Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Florida. They are very similar to and work with Make a Wish Foundation which allows terminal and life-ending wishes for children to attend Orlando-based theme parks. They have provided services to over 200 thousand families over their 40 years in existence. Each family is represented by a star on the ceiling of one of their buildings and our donation will allow five families to experience the magic.

> – Debbie Rosenthal Worthy Grand Matron



## Dogs Inc. Receives \$15,000 from Florida Grand Chapter

February 2025

This is one of the highlights of my year as Worthy Grand Electa helping to present a check to Dogs Inc from the Order of the Eastern Star.

> – Jocelyn Hargrove, GR of Colorado PG Marshal







Kevin Jordan. PGP Hosts Family Outing to Tarpon Springs

#### January 2025

Kevin Jordan, our Papa, hosted our Family outing in the Tarpon Springs area. We began with viewing the sunset from the Marina rose, a private cruise line and sharing a delicious dinner together. We were very disappointed when three of our Family members couldn't attend due to the Panhandle redeiving 8.8 inches of snow earlier in the week.

We spent the next day on a waling tour. It was very cold, but we enjoyed the shopping, a delicious lunch, and various Greek pastries. We had a very knowledgeable guide who led us through the city to most of the historical sites. We enjoyed visiting the sponge shops, oldest bakery in the city and St. Michael's Shrine. Some went on to visit St. Michael's Church a few miles away while others enjoyed staying behind to shop.

Saturday evening some traveled on to our Worthy Grand Matron's last official.

– Patricia Lyles PG Ruth









Leduc-Schrock Grand Family Announces Appointed 9 Grand Officers for 2025-2026



On January 25 during the Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visit announcements, Sandy Leduc, Associate Grand Matron introduced her nine appointed Grand Officers for 2025-2026. Amid the applause and congratulations, the following were called up one by one and announced as the newly appointed Grand Officers for the Leduc-Schrock Grand Family:

Grand Chaplain:	Beth Chag	Grand Esther:	Elizabeth VonNeumann
Grand Marshal:	Rena Buckley	Grand Martha:	Sara Cruz
Grand Organist:	Sharon Link	Grand Electa:	Chris Ross
Grand Adah:	Susan Metcalf	Grand Warder:	Gerry Leduc
Grand Ruth:	Debbie Whitman		

– Sandy Leduc Associate Grand Matron







Labels: Thoughts From a Past Grand Matron



#### The Store-Bought Yellow Dress

I grew up in a small town in southcentral Kansas just a few miles north of the Oklahoma/Kansas border. My hometown of less than 3,000 residents had just a few places to shop. We had a couple of grocery stores, a Gamble's Hardware store, a Duckwall's variety store, one very small department store, two pharmacies, a ladies clothing store, and a men's clothing store. We did have a Dairy Queen and even a Dairy King. Plus 3 or 4 gas stations. And of course, being a farming community, we had the infamous grain elevators. My Dad owned an auto body shop and my Mom opened a small tailoring shop.

My Mother was an excellent seamstress and made all my clothes. Shortly before my 8th birthday I desperately wanted a storebought dress to wear for my birthday. That way I would be like all of the other kids my age, who all wore nothing but clothes purchased at the local department store called Jetts. As I look back on it, when I told Mom what I wanted, she seemed a little disappointed, but at the time I wanted that dress so badly that I didn't notice her reaction.

Sure enough, the day came, and my Mother brought out a beautiful yellow dress for me to wear. It was my favorite color, yellow, and included a label from Jetts department store. I was so excited, and I couldn't believe that I actually had a storebought dress.

It wasn't until I was a few years older that I learned she had actually made that yellow dress. She had gone to Jetts Department Store and obtained a label that she sewed in the neck of my beautiful yellow dress. That way it looked like she had bought it there. The label on a piece of clothing might reveal something about it, but it hardly tells the whole story.

Yes, I eventually did learn a lesson from the experience. As I grew older, I was very proud of the things that Mom made for me. When I received a compliment on a pretty skirt I was wearing, I would say, "Thank you, my mother made it for me." If the skirt was purchased in a store, I would simply say "Thank You."

So often we take situations at face value and don't recognize that they are not what they appear. Labels are just that. They are labels. They don't show us the love that went into making something by hand for the ones we care about. Or the work that went into creating a company or an organization.

One actor comes to mind when we talk about labels: Don Knotts. Of course, he is most known for his role as the bumbling, bugeye Deputy Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show," from the 1960s. Knotts left the show in 1964 to pursue a career on the big screen. He did not do as well as he had hoped. He became a typecast. The public wanted him to be Barney Fife in every movie he made. For most of his career, with the exception of his

time on Three's Company, he was unable to obtain opportunities for other character roles.

Typecasting is a common occurrence in Hollywood. It is also a common occurrence in human behavior. All of us have a tendency to wear labels and project labels on others. Sometimes it is intentional, and sometimes it is not. Most of the time, we label people without ever uttering a word.

Labels are a brand or trademark associated with an item or a person and even a company or organization. The term "labeling" is describing someone or something such as a group of people or a product. However, the use of the term is often intended to highlight the fact that the label is a description applied from the outside, rather than something intrinsic to the item being labeled.

I believe the name Eastern Star is a label. The name doesn't tell us the work, the sweat and tears that went into the creation and building of our Order. Sisters and Brothers, you are what makes this organization great. Your love of what we stand for, your commitment to the success of your Chapters, these are the things that are the foundation of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Every organization has energizers-those who enliven others with their positive energy. Energizers are positive influences, effective leaders, and value creators. They are ideal champions of organizational change and innovation.

You may well know your strengths, but do you know who you are when you are at your best? Think about that for a while, what is you at your best? Are you shining as brightly as you could be?

No one else is going to *bring out the best in you*, unless you are willing to take some action. Surround yourself with good, inspiring, motivational and happy people. How would your closest friends, family and colleagues describe you when you've performed at your best?

> Remember to Dream Big, Believe in Yourself, Achieve Your Goals, and Inspire Others.

> > - Lynda Wingate, GGCM Heart Committee and PGM of Colorado Worthy Matron, St. Cloud Chapter No. 46





#### Pat Rudd - Grand Representative of Bolivia in Florida

Presented by Jolene Goodwin, Associate Grand Conductress November 9, 2024, St. Cloud Chapter No. 46 Official Inspection

#### Kenny Allen – Grand Representative of Tennessee in Florida

Presented by Debbie Rosenthal, Worthy Grand Matron December 7, 2024, USO Dance Benefit WGM's Special Project

#### Sharon Link – Grand Representative of Nevada in Florida

Presented by Debbie Rosenthal, Worthy Grand Matron January 20, 2025, Pine Castle Chapter No. 321 Grand & Past Grands meeting

#### Loretta Dow - Grand Representative of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island in Florida

Presented by Debbie Rosenthal, Worthy Grand Matron January 20, 2025, Pine Castle Chapter No. 321 Grand & Past Grands meeting

#### Katherine Rosenthal – Grand Representative of California in Florida

Presented by Debbie Rosenthal, Worthy Grand Matron January 25, 2025, Mount Dora Chapter No. 103 Official Visit

#### Sandy Dillon – Grand Representative of West Virginia in Florida

Presented by Debbie Rosenthal, Worthy Grand Matron January 25, 2025, Mount Dora Chapter No. 103 Official Visit





USO Dance has Great Turnout for Support of WGM Special Project





#### December 2024

The Traveling Roadrunners from Districts 13, 21, and 22 hosted a fun-filled USO Dance to support the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project: Fisher House. Tables were draped in blue with colorful red, white, and blue carnations and flags as centerpieces. Even the white Christmas tree was decked out with flags and stars with patriotic stuffed bears sitting under the tree. Raffle tickets, grab bags, and baskets were all there to raise funds in support our military families.

A big thank to Brother Stan Hudson, Sisters Joy Hudson and Susan Metcalf who spend the day preparing the delicious meal for everyone who attended this fundraiser event.

Everybody had a great time!













Posted on Facebook by Michele Guest, PG Chaplain

January 31

I AM YOUR STRENGTH AND SHIELD. I plan out each day and have it ready for you long before you arise from bed. I also provide the strength you need each step of the way. Instead of assessing your energy level and wondering about what's on the road ahead, concentrate on staying in touch with Me. My Power flows freely into you through our open communication. Refuse to waste energy worrying, and you will have strength to spare.

Whenever you start to feel afraid, remember that I am your Shield. But unlike inanimate armor, I am always alert and active. My Presence watches over you continually, protecting you from both known and unknown dangers. Entrust yourself to My watchcare, which is the best security system available. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.

> PSALM 28:7; MATTHEW 6:34; PSALM 56:3-4; GENESIS 28:15



Parker, Panama, Wewahitchka, Lynn Haven

#### Wewahitchka Chapter No. 229 Welcomes WGM Debbie Rosenthal for Official Visit

November 2024

We so enjoyed ourselves at Wewahitchka Chapter's Official. I absolutely love visiting the Sister and Brothers in the Panhandle. Wonderful hospitality and fellowship!

– Debbie Rosenthal Worthy Grand Matron



#### Wewahitchka Chapter No. 229 Initiates Four Masonic Brothers



#### January 2025

Wewahitchka No. 229 was pleased to initiate four brothers: Vince Everett, Corey Lowe, Sam Peoples, and Charles Shockley. It was a joyful event to witness. All four District 3 chapters were represented in attendance along with our Past Grand Matron, Betty Beasley and our Past Grand Patron, coy Beasley. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful breakfast prior to the initiation.

– Katrina Glass

#### Lynn Haven Chapter No. 262 Member Receives 75 Year Pin

December 2024

I had the distinct honor and privilege of giving Sister Ann Davis her 75-year pin at Lynn Haven Chapter. She is such a sweet, kind, loving Sister who today can give her lecture as beautifully as when she was perhaps 21! Her words to me afterward were remarkable and not to be forgotten.



– Sandy Leduc Associate Grand Matron









Washington, Crawfordville

#### Paying It Forward: Crawfordville Chapter No. 242 Supports River Springs School with School Supplies and Clothing

#### December 2024

The members of Crawfordville Chapter No. 2472, Order of the Eastern Star, collected back-to-school items and clothing last August. Items were donated to River Springs School where Katherine Spivey, Vice Principal, accepted the Chapter's donation with gratitude.

Worthy Matron Eileen Bramblette stated, "It is a privilege for us to help our community."

> – Kathy Barlow Photography Committee



WM Eileen Bramblette with Vice Principal Katherine Spivey







Callahan, Riverside, Orange Park, Wesconnett



#### Paying It Forward: Orange Park No. 226 Has Successful Drive for Toys for Tots

#### December 2024

At our Tuesday evening meeting, our Toys for Tots drive for 2024 came to an end. Thanks to the generous members, we had five boxes full of toys for the needy children in our community.

- Rhonda Engelauf-Allen









St. Augustine, Southside, Ribault, Mandarin

#### Southside Chapter No. 28 Welcomes AGM Sandy Leduc for Official Inspection

#### November 2024

Such a fun-filled evening at Southside Chapter last evening! Officers did a superb job with many sideliners. The courtesy was each officer presenting Brother Dayle and me with an item for Thanksgiving dinner that was donated to a needy family in Jacksonville. This is what Eastern Star is about! Than you Southside!

> – Sandy Leduc Associate Grand Matron





District 10

Daytona, New Smyrna, Deland, Barberville, Deltona

#### Barberville Chapter Welcomes WGM Debbie Rosenthal for Official Visit

#### December 2024

Everyone had a wonderful time at our Grand Marshal's home chapter, Barberville Chapter No. 51. Thank you so much for all the love and fellowship and the gifts made by the worthy Patron. I will always treasure the Cinderella Castle jewelry box!

> – Debbie Rosenthal Worthy Grand Matron























District 12



Leesburg, Mount Dora, Clermont

#### WGM's Last Official Visit: Mount Dora No. 103

#### January 2025

The rumor of standing room only for the Worthy Grand Matron's last official was not an understatement and could not be held in Mount Dora's chapter room. OES Pioneer Chapter No. 99 stepped up to the challenge to host the event at Winter Park Masonic Lodge. Worthy Matron Gayle Schreppel and her team spent nearly three months preparing for the event handling dinner and decorations, and it did not disappoint. They outdid themselves.

Barely a chair was empty in the dining hall. Tables decorated with purple satin runners, a petite vase filled with pink and white flowers, a small purple organza gift bag at every place setting. The sumptuous dinner was meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, with a side of green vegetables and cake for dessert. If you left hungry from this meal, it was your own fault!

Mount Dora's officers' march and floorwork were both elegantly done. Worthy Matron Gerri Rosenthal turned the gavel over to the Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Debbie stated since this was her home chapter, it was the prerogative of the Worthy Grand Matron not to have any officers exemplify their work. The officers just smiled and she moved on to presentations. Both Sister Kelly Boeder, Grand Esther and Brother David Rosenthal were given Mount Dora life memberships. Honorary Mount Dora memberships were presented to the eight appointed grand officers. This was followed by two Grand Representative appointments: Katherine Rosenthal as Grand Representative of California and Sandy Dillon as Grand Representative of West Virginia.

The Worthy Grand Matron announced that she had the privilege to give Nicholas Children's Hospital a check for \$100,000 and Give Kids the World \$15,000. The Associate Grand Matron asked and was given special permission to announce her appointed Grand Officers for 2025-26.

The meeting closed with a standing ovation and was followed by a clever Mardi Gras courtesy written by Sister Joan Schwebel. Both the WGM and WGP were "sent on a Madi Gras vacation" and then led around the room behind a Mardi Gras banner. The two tossed beads and trinkets to all the attendees. Everyone had a good time!

> – Carla Girtman Worthy Matron, Pine Castle Chapter No. 321



Pat Cooper, Photographer







Leesburg, Mount Dora, Clermont

#### Paying It Forward: Mount Dora Donates Check to Round Lake Charter School

#### December 2024

Mount Dora Chapter No. 103 Order of the Eastern Star, presented a check for \$250.00 to Round Lake Charter School for their Angel Gifts to help needy students. The Principal Mrs. Bartberger and Teacher Denise were in the picture in front of the Angel Tree.

I am so glad some of my Chapter Officers Kathy Draper, Susan Keast, Patricia Berglund, and Tom Berglund joined Barry Rosenthal and me at the presentation as we "Pay It Forward" to help those who help others. I encourage other groups, chapters, and individuals to also "Pay it Forward."

– Gerri Rosenthal, PG Ruth



#### Leesburg Chapter No. 84 Celebrates Member Jean Arnold's 100th Birthday

#### January 2025

The 100th Birthday Celebration for Sister jean Arnold was held at Wildwood Masonic Lodge No. 92. It was so enjoyable! It was great being able to share some wonderful memories.

> – Gerri Rosenthal PG Ruth





#### Paying It Forward: Clermont Chapter No. 118

#### December 2024

What a heartwarming experience at Paisley Hope! Representing Clermont Chapter No. 118 with Paisley Hope (501c3) serving 440 children of Paisley FL. Toys, shoes, games, and food! Feeling blessed.

> – Tracy Southwick Clermont No. 118



Tracy Southwick, AGM Sandy Leduc, and Wilma Stone











Leesburg, Mount Dora, Clermont

#### Mount Dora Honors Grand Esther with Green Tea

#### February 2025

There was a full house here at Mount Dora Chapter No. 103 as we celebrated our Grand Esther, Sister Kelly Boeder, with a green tea. In a special presentation to our WGM Debbie Rosenthal and WGP Mike Clevens as they were made Honorary Deputy Sheriffs by the Lake county Sheriff's Department. Captain Mike Bond presented certificates to them on behalf of Sheriff Peyton Grinnell. A big thanks to Clermont Chapter No. 118 for their help as Sister Kelly is a plural member there.

– Gerri Rosenthal, PG Ruth











Leesburg, Mount Dora, Clermont

#### Paying It Forward: Clermont Chapter No. 118 Reports

#### December 2024

Pay it forward, what does it mean to you? Giving back, Showing Love, Caring, and so much more. It does not have to cost a lot or take a lot of time. You need to think outside of the box and see what is needed and then work toward that goal of Paying it Forward. Well, Clermont Chapter has been working very hard in our community.

On October 26th we passed out candy at two stores for Downtown Halloween Party for a wonderful time of community coming together and enjoying each other.

We went to the Masonic Home in St Petersburg and shared Christmas cookies to decorate and a goodie box to take back to their room. They had a wonderful time with their own frosting palate and fun sprinkles to make them festive. We shared cookies and lots of stories of joy by all as well a Christmas music to keep you in that festive mood. It is such an enjoyment to see the joy on their faces when we come in twice a year with a project and treats in hand.

Our Chapter started nurses bags several years ago and the tradition continued. We pick a different time of year than nurses week so that we don't get lost in all the things the nurses get during that week. We feel they deserve to be showered with pixie dust all year long. We all donate supplies and make sugar scrub with cute packaging, lotions, chap stick, a 30 minute massage was donated, dry shampoo, tablet and pen, mints, chocolates and cookies too. Also, a lot of love filled the bags with a sweet message hanging down in front.

We marched in our Christmas parade with Job's Daughters Bethel # 19 and passed out candy mints to all with a business card stapled on it with OES information on one side and Job's Daughters information on the other side. To see everyone's face light up when we said Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays to them just fills our hearts with pride. Giving something so simple as a smile and a few words goes so far with people and we are so lucky to do it for them.

Clermont Chapter helped again this year with the cookie walk. This is another great community event that we support, we pass out cookies and hot chocolate to everyone who comes to the event. We wear our OES shirts with pride and have nice signs to put out that Clermont Chapter is the one who is supplying the cookies and hot chocolate to them.

Our Chapter donated money, gifts and shoes to a project to help out a community without a lot of money. We collected money from our members as well as the Chapter donated also. Some members went shopping for toys and others for different shoe sizes and all was gathered for Pasley. Members of the Chapter went to the event and helped the children pick out their gifts. What a pleasure it is to give to those who would have no Christmas at all if it were not for this very special project.

We once again supported Wreath's Across America this year. Starting the day off with a wonderful tribute ceremony with the American Flag being raised and prayer. We are then asked to take a wreath to the resting place of those veterans with a flag at it, give a little silent prayer and then go to the next resting place and do it again until all have been honored. What a blessing to know that if you can't be there to lay the wreath for your family members that someone is there doing this for you.

Unlike the Grinch, Clermont Chapters hearts grew more than two sizes this year. We will continue to help out our communities with projects great and small and full our cup with charity, hospitality and passion for all the years to come.

> Star Love, Clermont Chapter No. 118 Submitted by April Blankinship, Grand Chaplain









Cocoa, Harbor City, Canaveral

#### Paying It Forward: Cocoa Chapter No. 35 Donates Food to Brevard Sharing Center

December 2024

Almost 300 pounds of food was donated to the Central Brevard Sharing Center by Cocoa Chapter 35. It was greatly appreciated and will be a blessing to the many people in need.

A can of ravioli fell out of a bag as we were unloading. A homeless man helping me picked it up and said how really good it was. I asked him if he wanted it and his face lit up like he had received the greatest gift ever!

For so many homelessness is not a choice. Always count your blessings and always pay it forward. Thank you to all that donated.

– Diann Green, Cocoa Chapter No. 35 (No photos available)

#### Cocoa Chapter No. 35 Member Receives Steam of Life Lapel Pin

January 2025

Congratulations to Diann Green of Cocoa Chapter No. 35 who just received her Stream of Life lapel pin. She's one our Eastern Star blood donor heroes. Thanks Diann for Giving Hope, Giving Life, Giving Blood.

> - Carolyn Kranz, Chairman Stream of Life Committee



#### Canaveral Chapter No. 297 Present Gift to Associate Grand Patron

#### January 2025

At the potato bar today at Canaveral 297, Brother Dayle Schrock was presented with a beautiful king-sized quilt specifically for him by Sister Caty Carkhuff. Sister Marie Evans assisted Sister Caty with the wagon pattern.

- Susan Metcalf



Brother Tom and Sister Caty Carkhuff with Associate Grand Patron Dayle Schrock



District 14



St. Cloud, Pioneer, Orlando, Mizpah, Pine Castle

#### Pine Castle Chapter 321 Welcomes AGM Sandy Leduc to "Christmas on Dragonfly Pond" for Official Inspection

#### December 2025

What a great evening we had at Pine Castle Chapter No. 321 for my Official Inspection. Dragonflies were everywhere and the sidelines were full of visitors from District 12, 14, Cocoa, Canaveral, St. Cloud, Pioneer and Clermont Chapter. It was incredible to see so many Sisters and Brothers! The meal was delicious pot



roast and a beautiful cake special ordered as you see!

Thank you for making this Official so memorable and special for me to be in my District and for all you did to make this a successful Official!

> – Sandy Leduc Associate Grand Matron







#### Pine Castle Chapter No. 321 Honors Grand Warder Jolee Miles With "Teddy Bear Picnic"

#### January 2025

Pine Castle No. 321 was delighted to have a full house on January 26 to honor our very own Grand Warder, Jolee Miles! Several dozen bears who "attended" included Pooh, Paddington, and Boyd Bears. Everyone had a great time with food and fellowship.

Thank you to all those who attended and the Pine Castle members who made this an especially wonderful day for Jolee!

*Carla Girtman Worthy Matron* 



















District 14



St. Cloud, Pioneer, Orlando, Mizpah, Pine Castle

#### Mizpah Chapter No. 190 Initiates New Member

#### November 2024

On November 30, 2024 Mizpah Chapter 190 initiated a new member, Rebecca Periera. Her father, Tony Periera, as Worthy Patron delivered the Obligation and her mother, Linda Periera, was the Conductress who led her through the labyrinth.

Both parents are excited and proud to be part of their daughter's initiation into the Order of the Eastern Star. Of course, so is Sister Rebecca who was bouncing with excitement at becoming an OES member!

Carla Girtman, Chaplain Mizpah Chapter No. 190





#### St. Cloud Chapter No. 46 Welcomes AGC Jolene Goodwin for Official Inspection

#### January 2025 December 2024

After a delicious dinner, the Associate Grand Conductress Jolene Goodwin was warmly welcomed by the Worthy Matron, Lynda Wingate. During the inspection meeting, Star Point Joy Sizemore exemplified a flawless recitation of Ruth's initiatory work. Sister Jolene presented

Sister Pat Rudd was the star of the day with an appointment as Grand Representative of Bolivia presented by Sister Jolene. Sister Lynda also presented to Sister Pat with her 75 year pin which included a chapter certificate from St. Cloud 46.

Everyone enjoyed participating in the cute courtesy presenting the Associate Grand Conductress a collection of match box cars and an interesting fact about race cars to take home in a special carrying case.

Carla Girtman, Conductress







Queen Esther, Brooksville, Magnolia, New Port Richey, Bethlehem, Gulf Beach

#### Gulf Beach Chapter No. 241 Welcomes WGM Debbie Rosenthal for Official Visit

January 2025

– Pat Cooper, PG Ruth Photography Committee























Queen Esther, Brooksville, Magnolia, New Port Richey, Bethlehem, Gulf Beach

#### New Port Richey Chapter No. 117 Dance and

#### February 2025

New Port Richey Chapter No. 117 had a Valentine's Dinner/ Dance. There was a very yummy steak dinner, an amazing DJ, and just all round fun. Thank you to all those who came. We look forward to planning next year's even bigger event!

> – Kathy Hertzog Photography Committee











































#### Paying it Forward:

#### Bradenton Chapter No. 87 Helps Manatee County Special Olympics Athletes

#### January 2025

On January 23, Bradenton Chapter No. 87's Worthy Matron Karen Leonard presented a check for \$650 to the Special Olympics of Manatee County, her community service project for this year.

The money will allow three athletes to attend the Special Olympics National competition in North Carolina. Thank you to all who purchased a cookbook to help with our charitable projects.

- Karen Sargent, PG Esther













#### Paying It Forward: Lakeland Chapter Adopts 8 Children

#### December 2024

Lakeland Chapter No. 26 adopted eight children from the Lighthouse Ministries for Christmas. Our members filled gift bags and delivered them on December 19 to wish the children a very Merry Christmas.

It was a heartfelt project which we each felt more blessed by having done than what was extended to the children.

- Lynn McCormick









Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Peace River

#### Peace River Chapter No. 30 Welcomes WGM Debbie Rosenthal for Official Visit

December 2024

– Pat Cooper, PG Ruth Photography Committee









































#### District 21 Pays It Forward:

#### November 2024

On November 6, Sebastian chapter No. 204 hosted their Friendship meeting with Officers from around District 21 filling the Chapter stations. Prior to the meeting Sister Candy Haddix, a member of the "Pay It Forward" Committee hosted a delicious dinner for those attending. It was an evening of fun and fellowship as we had the opportunity to visit with Sisters and Brothers we had not seen in a while.

To observe our participation in the "Pay It Forward" program, our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Candy Haddix requested everyone attending the meeting bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift for the Indian River County Toys for Tots.

The members of District 21's chapters Ruth No. 7, Unity No. 37, Okeechobee No. 128, and Sebastian No. 204 showed up in force with a total collection 107 toys. Sister Candy shared that "the chapter donating the most toys would receive a special recognition" which turned out to be Sebastian Chapter No. 207 who was also the host chapter. They graciously forfeited the award, a jolly Santa trophy, to the second place chapter, Unity Chapter No. 37. Everyone cheered and celebrated their reward.

Kim from Toys for Tots organization collected the toys.

– Claudia Jacobs Okeechobee Chapter No. 128













- Candy Haddix, Photographer





#### Lakeside Chapter No. 271 Gives Warm Welcome to AGM for Official Inspection

#### November 2024

We had a wonderful evening for our Official Inspection at Lakeside Chapter No. 271. It was a fun-filled evening with my favorite dinner prepared for me and loving Chapter members in attendance! Thank you for all you did to make the evening for Brother Dayle and me so memorable!

> – Sandy Leduc Associate Grand Matron











### Tri-Gate Chapter No. 276, Home of the WGP Mike Clevens, Gives Warm Welcome to Debbie Rosenthal, WGM for Official Visit

January 2025

– Debbie Rosenthal Worthy Grand Matron



















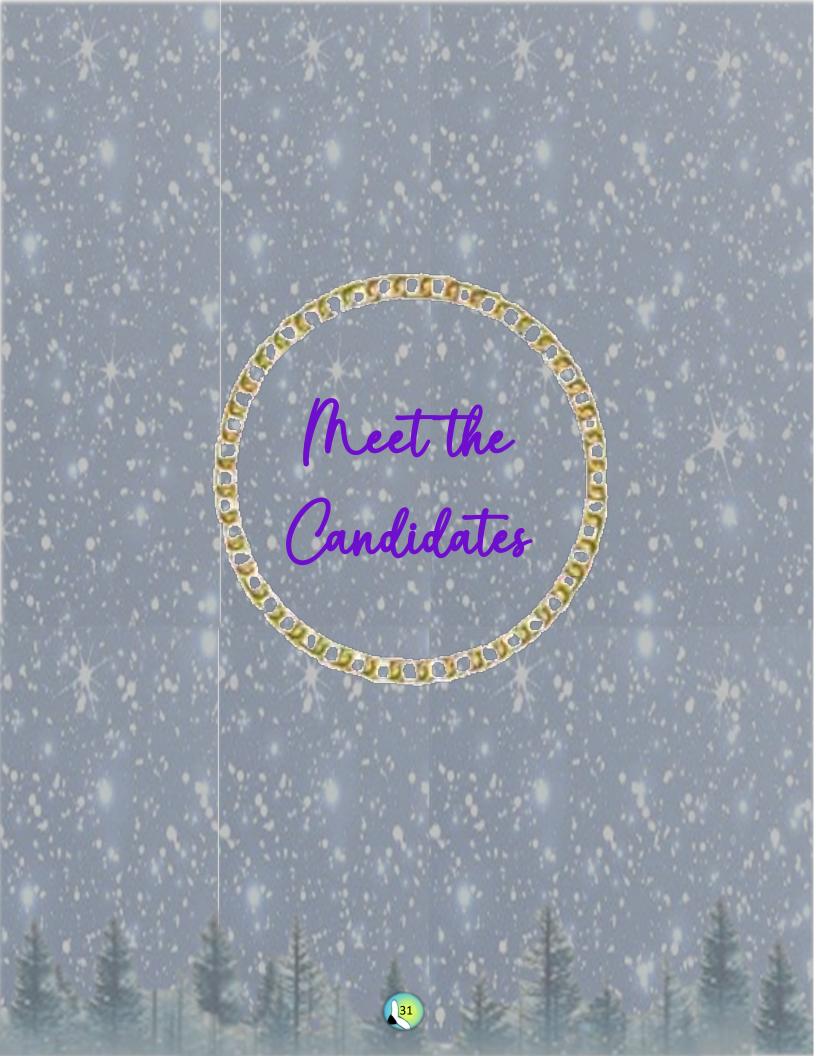






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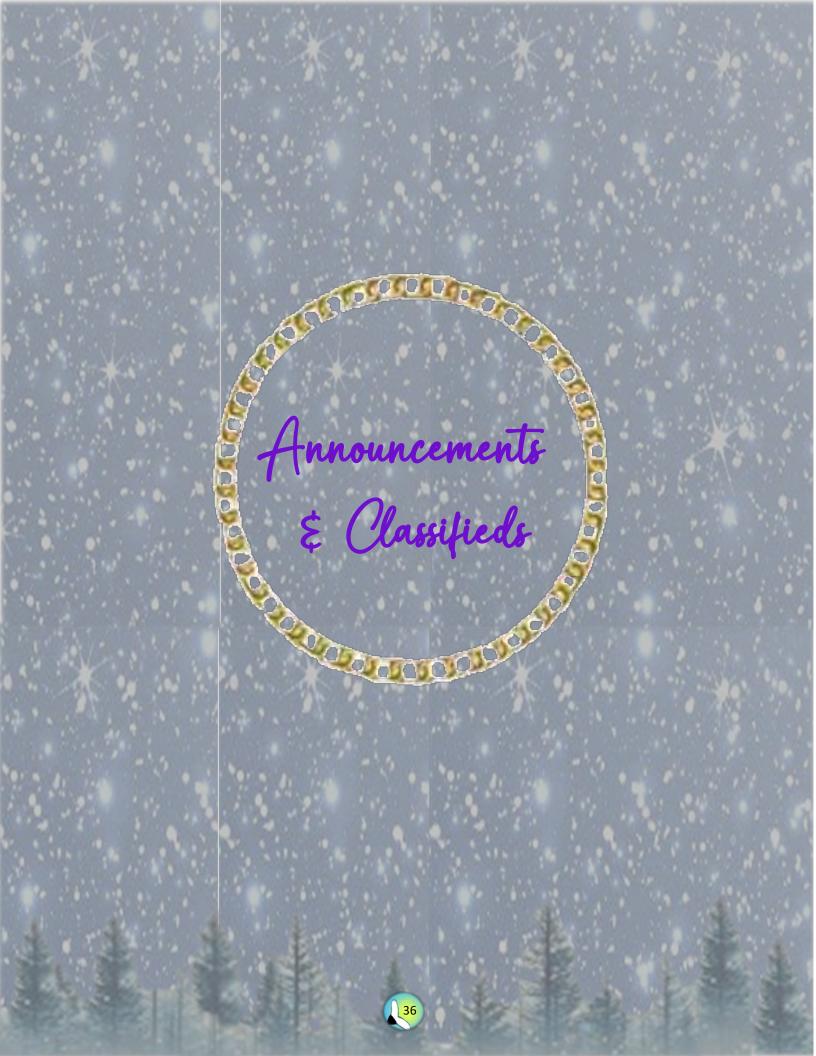




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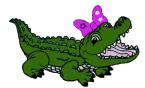
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