

Grand Representatives Association of Florida

Greetings from the President

As 2024 has rolled out and 2025 rolls in, let us be reminded of good memories and happenings of the year and begin making memories for 2025.

Soon the chapters will begin a new year with new officers.

Grand Chapter is coming up very soon after that. I hope you are all planning on attending the luncheon and Grand Chapter. I urge you to order your tickets early; the luncheon cost is \$33.00 this year. If you have plans to decorate a table, please contact Susan Metcalf at 321-960-4168 to get your name on the list. You must be on the list so there is no confusion at Grand Chapter. Please be ready to help at the Grand Representatives table as we can use all the help we can get, and it is very much appreciated.

For our new Grand Representatives, you may join the Grand Representatives Association at our table in the lobby. Our Annual and Perpetual Association dues can also be paid at that table.

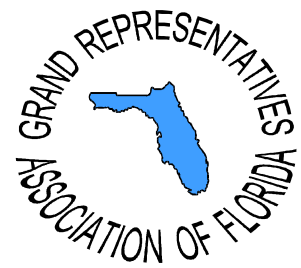
I hope you can find time to greet the new Grand Representatives, and the ones visiting from other states, and make them feel welcome.

Our yearly Memorial service will take place immediately following the luncheon. If you are aware of any deaths of Grand Representatives, please give the names to Claudine Rogers so that she may include them in the memorial.

Our annual meeting will be held after the luncheon. The election of officers is included in the business. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming an officer, please contact Mary Alice Main, the chairman of the nominating committee.

I hope this year brings you many blessings, joyful times, peace and love

Fraternally,
Debi Gulbrand, President



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Greetings from the Vice President

Time is passing quickly, and we are eagerly anticipating "The Golden Chain of Friendship" session in April when we can make new friends and renew old friendships. A special welcome goes out to all our new Grand Representatives.

Please come by the Grand Representatives Association table at Grand Chapter so we can meet you.

I am responsible for our annual memorial. If you know of a Grand Representative who has passed since Grand Chapter 2024, please complete the attached form and send it to me. Also, if you know of someone who should be on our emeritus list, please contact me.

There is always need for willing workers. If you have spare time before or during Grand Chapter and would like to help our Association, perhaps by greeting people, decorating for the luncheon, making corsages, playing music or working on an association committee, let me know. "The more hands we have, the lighter the work."

In Star love, Claudine

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S MEMORIAL FORM

Name _____

Appointment Jurisdiction _____

Years _____

Chapter _____

Date of Death _____

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Send to: Claudine Rogers

Greetings from the Secretary/Treasurer

It is with much eagerness that we anticipate our "The Golden Chain of Friendship" session of Grand Chapter.

CALLING ALL GRAND REPRESENTATIVES CURRENT OR PAST WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you would like to host and decorate a table for our Grand Representatives Luncheon on Monday, April 7, 2025. Please contact me to get your name on the list. You will need to furnish a centerpiece and 10 favors. You can use a theme from your state, province or country or the theme "Make New Friends". Additionally, it is nice if you can give a little token to all that attend. There will be bags at each place setting for these to be placed in. A business card with your title and some candy in a small snack size bag, something to represent your state, province or country. Plan on 350 of the small tokens, as you want to provide them to the Grand Family and any Dignitaries in attendance.

Updates and letters can be found on the FloridaOES website. If you have not received dues cards &/or pins they can be obtained at Grand Chapter.

A special welcome to all of our new Grand Representatives. If there is something we can do to help you, please come by our table. We would love to meet you!

Fraternally,
Susan A Metcalf
Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings from the Membership Committee

Welcome to our new Grand Representatives and visitors from other jurisdictions. Stop by and visit our table-we have a gift for you from our Association!

All members please visit our Grand Representatives Association table in the Lobby area just outside the Grand Chapter Room. Check our Printed Roster to make sure your dues are current (\$5/year) and your contact information is correct. Check your membership card and verify the date you have paid thru is 2026 or greater. In 2023, we also instituted a new Perpetual membership for a one-time flat rate of \$100.00. Please complete a form to submit payment and note if any changes are needed to be updated to our membership roster.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Terri Justice, Membership Chairman
Sara Cruz, Gr. Representative of New Mexico
Sharon Marshall, Past President
Roslyn Heath-Klenke, Past President

Grand Representatives Association Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Florida Grand Representatives Association took place on April 8, 2024 at the Renaissance Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine, Florida. President Judy Bellomy welcomed everyone. Sister Charlene Williams, GGCMM and PGM of Florida gave the tribute to the American flag. Brother Billy Williams, GGCMM and PGP of Florida presented the flag.

The invocation was given by Brother Mickey Brown, Grand Chaplain. Sister Judy Covey, PGM of Florida introduced our Distinguished Guests, and Sister Gail Jerrell, WGM introduced the Jerrell-Jordan Grand Family. Lunch was served. Music was provided by Sister Loretta Dow.

On behalf of the Grand Representatives Association, Sister Judy presented love gifts to Sister Gail Jerrell, WGM and Brother Kevin Jordan, WGP. She remarked that she was especially happy and proud of Sister Gail who was a member of the Grand Family with her. A check was presented to Sister Gail for her special project, the Moffit Cancer and Research Center. Sister Judy gave personal gifts to Sister Debi Gulbrand, Vice President and Sister Claudine Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer. Table hostesses then chose a person at their table to receive the centerpiece.

A moving Memorial Service was presented by Vice President Debi Gulbrand. Those who were solemnly remembered were Sisters Kay Morgan, Faye Juett, Mary Fillingham, Evelyn Jay Sebastian, Everette Tarter, and Patricia Milnes. A rose was presented to a member of each of our sisters' chapters.

Sister Debi introduced our Past Presidents in attendance. Visiting Grand Representatives were introduced, given an honorary membership in our association and a Florida Grand Representative pin. Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions in Florida were introduced. Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions other than Florida were introduced and given honorary memberships and Florida Grand Representative pins.

A special prayer request was lifted up for Sister Marilyn Lambert, President of the International Grand Representatives Association 2015-2018, and her family. Her daughter is seriously ill.

Sister Judy thanked all her committees and others who helped during the year and with this luncheon. After a short recess, the business meeting was convened.

Old Business:

Minutes of the 2023 Business Meeting were printed on our website and included in the newsletter; however, they were incomplete and a copy was not sent to the Grand Secretary for printing in the Proceedings. Therefore, Mary Ann Holt moved that the minutes printed in the newsletter be amended as follows:

Following the Installation of the 2023-2024 Officers, Sister Judy Bellomy, President named the following committee appointments:

Finance-Sister Luanne Burg, Chairman, Sisters Martha Buono and Judy Jackson
By-Laws -Sister Mary Ann Holt, Chairman, Sisters Marilyn Lambert and Luanne Burg
Nominating-Sister Mary Alice Main, Chairman, Sisters Grace Perry and Diane Miller
Membership-Sister Terri Justice, Chairman, Sisters Susan Ferrell and Susan Metcalf
Corsages- Sister Tina Polsen
Emeritus-Sister Debi Gulbrand.
The motion to amend the minutes was seconded and carried.

An update on the Association's banking was requested. The Association is still banking with Truist since Sister Margaret Nathurst, Grand Treasurer said the Association could not be included under Grand Chapter. When this Grand Chapter session is over, the newly elected officers will go to Truist to change signers. It was moved and seconded that the officers purchase a CD.

Treasurer's Report 4/22/2023-4/12/2024**RECEIPTS**

Dues	\$1859.00	
Corsage Sales	\$585.00	
Luncheon Profit	\$353.19	
TOTAL	\$2797.19	\$2797.19

DISBURSEMENTS**LOVE GIFTS**

Worthy Grand Matron	\$100.00	
Worthy Grand Patron	\$100.00	
Outgoing President	\$100.00	
Outgoing Vice President	\$50.00	
Outgoing Sec/Treasurer	\$50.00	
Membership Chairman	\$50.00	
WGM Special Project	200.00	
SUBTOTAL		\$650.00

MISCELLANEOUS EXP.

Corsage supplies	\$105.45	
Newsletter	\$110.66	
SUBTOTAL		\$216.11

LUNCHEON EXP.

Flyers & Tickets	\$359.85	
Bags & Labels	\$111.21	
Decorations-Head table	\$186.65	
SUBTOTAL		\$657.71

TOTALS		\$1523.82
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BALANCE FORWARD 4/12/24		\$26,345.36
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We tried something new this year to give table hostesses an opportunity of hosting a table. A problem arose when the hotel set up tables of 10 instead of 8, as requested, thus not providing enough tables for all the hostesses. Sincere apologies for the inconvenience this caused.

The Association newsletter is being emailed to everyone who is current with dues and has an email address. It is also posted on our website under Grand Representatives. Only those current members with no email were sent one in the mail. Postage is getting very expensive. It was suggested that those without email could go to a public library or get someone else to print them a copy. Our website is www.floridaoes.org.

It was suggested that goodie bags given to the visiting Grand Representatives include less sweets. It was suggested that a welcome letter with a membership form be given to new Grand Representatives when they receive their appointments. We were told nothing can be put inside the official packet, but with the Worthy Grand Matron's approval, we could give a supply to the Worthy Grand Matron and her deputies to hand out with the packet.

Finance Committee Report: Sister Luanne Burg

The committee reviewed the books and found all records to be in good order. The Committee suggested that the officers work with the assistance of the bank to invest \$10,000 returned to the Association by the Association 2018 General Grand Chapter Committee to determine the best investment to invest in.

Membership Committee Report: Sister Terri Justice

There are currently 10 perpetual members, 1 life member, 1 emeritus member, 101 current (dues paid) members, and 229 non-current members (dues not paid up) totaling 342 members. All non-current members will be moved to an inactive file. Our association email is grassociationnews@gmail.com

By- Laws Committee Report: Sister Mary Ann Holt

There are no changes.

Corsage Committee: Sister Tina Polsen

We are looking for someone else to chair this committee. Sister Tina will gladly help. This has been a good moneymaker and provides a need to acknowledge special persons at Grand Chapter.

Emeritus Committee: Sister Debi Gulbrand

We have one emeritus Sister. If you know of someone who would need help with the dues, contact the Vice President. This could possibly be a past Grand Representative on a chapter's emeritus list.

New Business:

The nominating committee reported that only one person was running for each office, therefore elections were held by acclamation.

Those elected and installed:

President-Sister Debi Gulbrand

Vice President-Sister Claudine Rogers

Secretary/Treasurer-Sister Susan Metcalf

The installing officers were Installing Officer-Sister Rosalyn Heath Klenke, Past President, Installing Chaplain-Sister Luanne Burg, Past President, and Installing Marshal-Sister Mary Ann Holt, Past President and AGC.

President Debi named her committees:

Finance-Sister Judy Bellomy, Chairman, Sisters Roslyn Heath and Lisa Owens

By-Laws-Sister Mary Ann Holt, Chairman, Sisters Luanne Burg and Vickie Hunsaker

Nominating-Sister Mary Alice Main, Chairman, Sisters Bobbi Elmore and Betty Ford

Membership-Sister Terri Justice, Chairman, Sisters Sara Cruz, Roslyn Heath-Klenke and Sharon Marshall

Emeritus-Sister Claudine Rogers

The Association presented love gifts to the out-going officers.

The meeting ended with the membership repeating the Mizpah Benediction in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudine Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer



Grand Representative Association of Florida

Spring Luncheon "Make New Friends"

Monday, April 7, 2025

11:00 AM

Grand Chapter Session

*Renaissance Resort at the
World Golf Resort, St Augustine, FL
Ballrooms A, B, C*

Make New Friends but Keep the Old

One is Silver and the Other is Gold



Cost \$33.00 Tickets to be ordered on the social events form, when ordering insure to advise of Any dietary needs

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Sent With The Approval Of The Worthy Grand Matron

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA
2025 CORSAGES AND/OR BOUTONNIERS ORDER FORM**

We will again be selling silk corsages and boutonnieres at "The Golden Chain of Friendship" Session of the Grand Chapter of Florida, April 8-10, 2025. Recognize your Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Grand Instructor, a special Sister or Brother or even yourself with a gift of flowers.

Three bud silk rose corsage \$10.00

One bud silk rose boutonniere \$ 5.00

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to pre-order your corsage and/or boutonniere and pick it up at Grand Chapter. Please use the order form below for advance orders. We will have a limited number of corsages and boutonnieres on hand and cannot guarantee the availability if a pre-order is not placed.

The corsages and boutonnieres will be available for pickup at the Grand Representatives Hospitality table Sunday through Thursday morning at the World Golf Village Renaissance Hotel during Grand Chapter. **Please note: The hospitality table will NOT be open during any sessions of Grand Chapter.**

Deadline for advance orders is March 31, 2025.

Cut along this line. _____

ORDER FORM FOR CORSAGES AND/OR BOUTONNIERES

Please circle a color choice for either the Corsages &/or Boutonnieres

I wish to order the following from the Grand Representatives Association of Florida:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Circle Color</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	Three bud silk rose corsage (\$10.00 each) White Red	\$ _____
_____	One-bud silk boutonniere (\$ 5.00 each) White Red	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Name: _____

Telephone number: (Home or cell) _____

**Mail the completed form and your check for the appropriate amount, payable to:
Grand Representatives Association of Florida:**

Secretary/Treasurer
Susan A Metcalf
2981 Ontario Circle East
Melbourne, FL 32935

Grand Representatives Association of Florida Membership Dues/Update Form

Please complete and return to the current Secretary /Treasurer with your dues
or to update any changes.

Today's Date: _____ New Member: Yes / No Information Update: Yes / No

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ (Home or Cell)

Your Chapter Name and Number: _____

State/Jurisdiction of your Appointment: _____ in FL

Years of your Appointment: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Annual Dues: \$5.00/year – How many years? _____ or Perpetual Dues: \$100 _____

Cash or Check No. _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Dues are due in January of each year. Expiration is on December 31st of the year paid thru.

Per our By-Laws, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. Or you may pick up at Grand Chapter.

Please make checks payable to: Grand Representatives Association of Florida.

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH.

Mail form and check to: Current Secretary /Treasurer
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