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A Message From the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
With Star Love and Happiness,

Sandy Leduc

Worthy Grand Matron

Dayle Schrock

Worthy Grand Patron

The Wind Beneath Our Wings Session



Grand Chapter News



Leduc-Schrock Grand Family Celebrate Their First Holiday Gatherings

December 2025

What an eventful weekend for the Leduc-Schrock Grand Family! Friday evening, we held our first Grand Family Christmas Party. On Saturday, was our Official Visit to Mizpah Chapter No. 190, the home chapter of my Mama. Sunday we celebrated our Grand Warder, Gerry Leduc, with a Tea held by Clermont Chapter No. 118. Thank you to all who came to these events to support us. It was a wonderful weekend of love, fun, and friendship!

— Sandy Leduc
Worthy Grand Matron



Rosenthal-Clevens Grand Family Celebrate the Holidays

December 2025

An amazing time with my wonderful Rosenthal-Clevens Grand Family as we celebrated the holidays at Animal Kingdom Lodge! A big Thank You to Sister April Blankinship for setting up our time at Clermont Lodge and the dinner at Boma at Animal Kingdom Lodge was spectacular!

— Debbie Rosenthal
Past Grand Matron



Florida Eastern Star: Giving Back

December 2025

On November 25, 2025 the Grand Chapter of Florida Order of the Eastern Star proudly celebrated a moment of meaningful service. Sister Mickey Wise General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Alzheimer's and Past Grand Matron and Sister Sandy Leduc Worthy Grand Matron presented a contribution of **\$37,146** to the USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute.

On behalf of the Order of Eastern Star, in attendance for the presentation, were Lois Casaccia P.G.M, Jim Ford P.G.P, Betty Ford, Elizabeth McAbee, Gene McAbee, Leo Wise, Claudine Rogers, and Chantel Cothron.

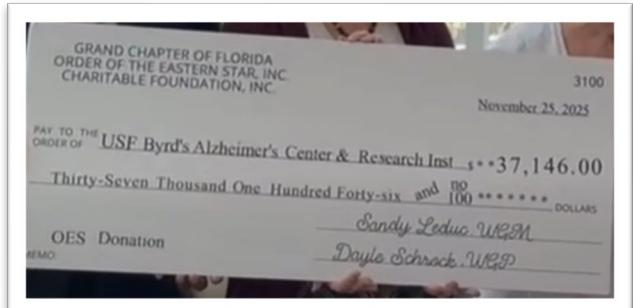
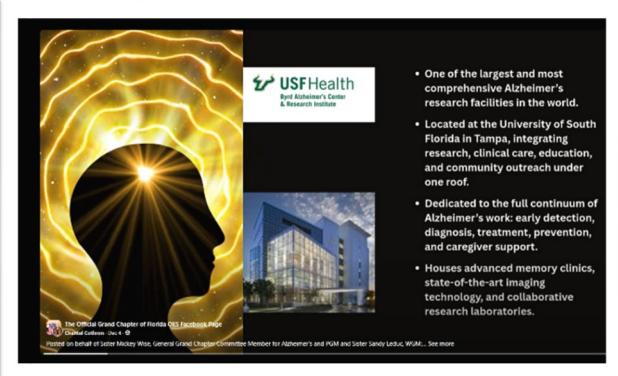
This gift supports caregiver education and family support programs that reflect the heart of our Order. Charity, Love, Fidelity, and Truth guide our commitment to serve those facing the challenges of Alzheimer's and to stand beside the caregivers who give so much of themselves every day.

We are grateful to our members across Florida for helping shine a bright light of hope, encouragement and compassion for families throughout our state.

#EasternStar #FloridaOES #ByrdInstitute #AlzheimersAwareness #CaregiverSupport #OESCharity #OESFamily #ServiceWithLove

Posted on behalf of Sister Mickey Wise, General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Alzheimer's and PGM and Sister Sandy Leduc, WGM

— Chantel Cothron

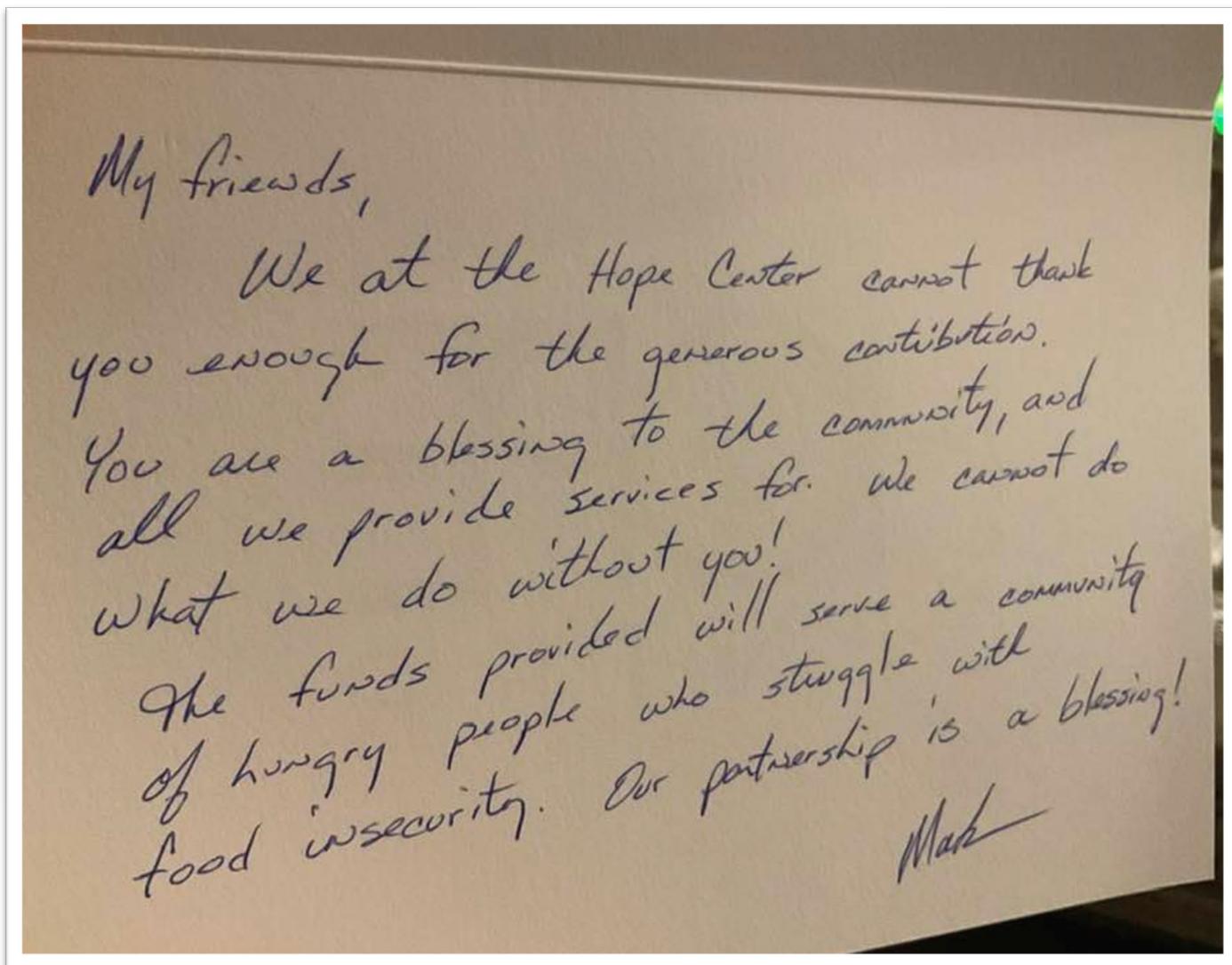


Winter Garden Hope Center Gives Thanks to Florida Grand Chapter



The Grand Chapter of Florida received this in response to our Grand Chapter donation of \$30,000. They are wonderful people serving a community in so many ways.

— Sandy Leduc
Worthy Grand Matron



Mickey's Might Lions

Sponsors Table of Love Fundraiser

October 2025

What a fun evening for the Tables of Love Fundraiser! Beautiful decorations with a fall/Halloween theme festooned the many tables. Everyone had a Ghostly Goblin of a good time. There was a wonderful dinner and even better fellowship. What an evening, Mickey's Might Lions!

— *Kathy Barlow*
Photography Committee





OES Community



Word Find Fun!

Solution found in Classifieds

What's good for you, is good for your brain.

See if you can find the list of words below in this word search puzzle.

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SPINAL CORD
VEGETABLES
VITAMINS



District 1

Jay, Myrtle Grove, Milton, Ensley

Worthy Grand Matron Receives Warm Welcome for Milton Chapter No. 189 Official Visit

December 2025

It was a wonderful evening to believe at Milton Chapter No. 189's Official Visit with Sandy Leduc, Worthy Grand Matron and Dayle Schrock, Worthy Grand Patron.

The dining room was beautifully decorated with a Christmas and lanterns theme. The dinner was a delicious ham accompanied with loads of good ol' homemade veggies, casseroles, and strawberry pound cake for dessert. Yummy!

WGM Sandy Leduc presented Sister Elouise Watford Thomas with her 50 year.

The courtesy of Reindeer Games was a blast to watch between Sister Sandy and Brother Dayle!

—Kathy Barlow
Photography Committee



Sandy Leduc, WGM; Roberta Brown, WM; Mickey Brown, Grand Sentinel, WP; Dayle Schrock, WGP



General Grand Chapter Committee Members
Donna Schrock, Youth, Ormand Van Arsdal
Community Outreach



PGMs: Charlene Williams, Audry Cleland
PGPs: Billy Williams, Bill Kranz



WMs: Anna Craig Ensley 244, Donna Stowers, Jay 208, Kathy Barlow, Myrtle Grove 302



WGM Sandy Leduc and Sister Eloise Thomas, 50-year member



Grand Officers (L-R): Chris Ross, G Electa; Elizabeth vonNeuman, G Esther; Debbie Whitman, G Ruth; Brenda Keepin, G Secretary; Rich Keepin, AGP; Gerry Leduc, G Warder



WGM Special Appointments Dragonfly Wings
Sandra Whately, Charlene Williams

Courtesy "Reindeer Games"



Charlene Williams, Show Host
Carolyn Kranz, Head Elf
Contestants:
WGM Sandy Leduc & WGP Dayle Schrock



Game 1: Move M&Ms with straw
Winner: WGM



Game 2: Stack the cups
Winner: WGP



Game 3: Tinker Toys w/
marshmallows & Spaghetti noodles
Winner: WGP



District 1

Jay, Myrtle Grove, Milton, Ensley



Ensley Chapter No. 244 Welcomes Jolene Goodwin, Grand Conductress for Official Inspection

October 2025

On Thursday 9, the Ensley chapter No. 244 Sisters and Brothers had a wonderful evening of fellowship for the Official Inspection with the Grand Conductress, Jolene Goodwin. A delicious meal was served prior to the meeting, and everyone enjoyed the courtesy celebrating Sister Jolene's indigenous heritage.

—Kathy Barlow
Photography Committee



District 1 Past Matron and Past Patron Club Welcomes WGM and WGP to Dinner

November 2025

District 1 Past Matron and Past Patron Club invited Sandy Leduc, Worthy Grand Matron and Dayle Schrock, Worthy Grand Patron to attend the club dinner on November 30! Thiry-one members gathered to enjoy an evening of fellowship and food.

The group presented both Sister Sandy and Brother Dayle with a love gift and an honorary membership.

—Kathy Barlow
Photography Committee



District 1

Jay, Myrtle Grove, Milton, Ensley

Jan Chapter No. 208 Sponsors Peanut Boil Community Outreach

October 2025

October 11 was a beautiful day for a Saturday Peanut Boil sharing fellowship with the community people with delicious BBQ sandwiches, chips, and of course, boiled peanuts! A big thank you to Judy Simmons for sharing her home for this community outreach!



—Kathy Barlow
Photography Committee



Associate Grand Matron Receives a Hearty Welcome To Jay Chapter No. 208 for Official Inspection

November 2025

On a lovely fall evening November 4, Jay Chapter welcomed Sister Mary Ann Holt, Associate Grand Matron for its Official Inspection. The dining room was decorated in Fall colors. Everyone one enjoyed the delicious dinner and fellowship prior to the meeting.

It was an honor to have Past Grand Matrons Audry Cleland and Charlene Williams; Past Grand Patrons Billy Williams and Bill Kranz; Grand Officers, Grand Secretary Brenda Keepin, Grand Ruth Debbie Whitman, AGP Richard Keepin, and Grand Sentinel Mickey Brown.

The meeting was great and the courtesy of some history about Santa and the different Santa ornaments was a delight!

—Kathy Barlow
Photography Committee



District 1

Jay, Myrtle Grove, Milton, Ensley

District 1 Honors Grand Officers With a Tea Brunch

December 2025

It was a beautiful December morning to celebrate with an honor tea brunch for District 1's Grand Officers: Debbie Whiteman, Grand Ruth and Mickey Brown, Grand Sentinel.

—Kathy Barlow
Photography Committee



District 3

Parker, Panama, Wewahitchka, Lynn Haven

Wewahitchka Chapter No. 229 Warmly Welcomes Grand Conductress to Official Inspection

October 2025

What a fun time of fellowship with a delicious home-cooked meal for Sister Jolene Goodwin's Official Inspection. The Wewahitchka No. 229 Officers did a fabulous job!

After the business meeting and the Bible closed, it was time for fun and laughter. The Courtesy was Trick or Treating for Sister Jolene Goodwin, the Cat and Brother Mickey Brown the 'man' Witch! Everyone had a wonderful time.



—Kathy Barlow
Photography Committee



Parker Chapter No. 96 Warmly Greets Grand Conductress for Official Inspection

October 2025

It was a Ghoulishly good evening at Parker No. 96! Everyone had a wonderful meal and fellowship. Both the Grand Conductress Jolene Goodwin and Grand Sentinel Mickey Brown even had their own parking spots! The courtesy was Bible verses of the Cats and Lions..

—Kathy Barlow
Photography Committee



District 5

Washington, Crawfordville



Crawford Chapter No. 242 Warmly Welcomes Associate Grand Conductress for Official Inspection

November 2025

Crawfordville's Official Inspection was a wonderful evening! The meeting was very special with beautiful work by all officers as we celebrated Veterans Day. The courtesy to follow was filled with trivia and riddles for the Associate Grand Conductress as members filled basted with food for a holiday feast to distribute to a local family in need. It was a wonderful display of charity and loving kindness.

—Karen Sargent-Rankl
Associate Grand Conductress



Washington Chapter No. 43 Welcomes New Member

December 2025

A beautiful initiation ceremony welcomed their newest member, Moe, as the newest member of Washington Chapter No. 43. Everyone did an amazing job with their work and i am proud of all who participated.

Welcome Moe! We are all very excited to welcome you!

—Lisa Bergeron



District 6

Grace, Santa Fe, Branford, Mayo

District 7

Lake Butler, Micanopy, Keystone Height



Micanopy Chapter No. 140 Hosts Districts 6 and 7 Proficiency Study



October 2025

On Saturday, October 11 Micanopy Chapter No. 140 held the Proficiency Study Class for Districts 6 and 7. We had a great turnout with about 38 people. We had covered dish salads with a cake auction for the General Grand Fund which was very successful and delicious. We thank everyone who participated.

We covered lots of material from the ritual including floorwork, the Laws, Rules and Regulations. Our Past Grand Matron, Gail Jerrell from our district did a wonderful job teaching and helping us learn things we may have forgotten or did not know. We thank you and appreciate you, Sister Gail!

Brenda Granruth,
Stargazer Reporter





District 6

Grace, Santa Fe, Branford, Mayo



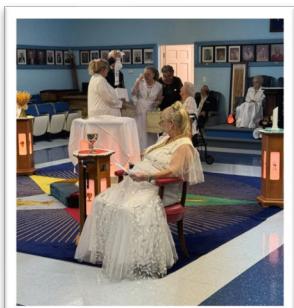
Mayo Chapter No. 196 Welcomes Worthy Grand Matron for Official Visit

October 2025

On Tuesday, October 14, I was honored to play the piano and attend the Official Visit for Mayo Chapter No. 196 with Sandy Leduc, Worthy Grand Matron as inspecting officer and accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron, Dayle Schrock. Also attending were other Grand Officers and special guests, Rose Ogo, Worthy Matron and Ryan Brown, Worthy Patron (pro-tem).

There was a nice turnout and a fabulous meal was served before the meeting. Everything was festively decorated for a beautiful courtesy for Sister Sandy and Brother Dayle.

—Brenda Granruth, Stargazer Reporter



Santa Fe Chapter No. 105 and High Springs Masonic Lodge Present Gifts to Gainesville VA Hospital Patients

December 2025

What a busy Saturday we had. From 8 until noon, Santa Fe Chapter No. 105 participated with the District Masons with wrapping Christmas gifts at the VA Hospital in Gainesville for the Veterans and went to each room distributing the gifts to the patients.

Later, we decorated the float for the Christmas parade for that night and presented a check to the High Springs Police Department for the Holiday Cheer Program for needy children in the area. Thank you to the High Springs Masonic Lodge for including our chapter in this exciting weekend!

Gail Jerrell
Past Grand Matron



District 8

Callahan, Riverside, Orange Park, Wesconnett

New Text

December 2025

Orange Park Eastern Star represented in the Green Cove Spring Christmas parade!

—Rhonda Engelauf-Allen



District 11

Ocala, Inverness, Bellview

Belleview Chapter No. 122 Supporting Their Community

—Nancy Robinson Brandlein



Belleview Eastern Star Hosts Monthly Spaghetti Dinner

The Belleview 122 Order of Eastern Star is inviting the community to its monthly Spaghetti Dinner, held every third Friday at the Belleview Masonic Lodge on SE Baseline Road.

The fundraiser runs from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and offers a full meal for ten dollars per person. Guests receive spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert, providing an affordable option for families and residents while supporting the organization's charitable initiatives.

The dinner is hosted at the Belleview Masonic Lodge at 5871 SE Baseline Rd. Proceeds assist the Order of Eastern Star's ongoing community programs and service projects.

The event is held each month, giving Belleview residents a consistent opportunity to participate and support local efforts.



Eastern Star Honors First Responders With Grill Donation

Pictured left to right: Nancy Brandlein, Lt. C. Lewis, J. Enriguez, T. Rora, a new propane grill, B. Kofke, F. Giattino, Donna Caswell, and Lt. C. Hynes. Members of Belleview 122 Order of the Eastern Star recently presented MCFR Station 16 with a new propane grill as part of the chapter's community service efforts. Throughout the year, the group has also delivered monthly snacks to first responders, presented a check to the Ocala Police Canine Unit to assist with repairs to its training area, and made donations to Tunnel to Towers, a Belleview High School FFA student, and the Southeastern Youth Fair Dog Show.

Local Churches To Christmas Eve Services

Belleview United Methodist Church is hosting a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 pm. We love visitors! Everyone is welcome as you are!

The church is located on CR 484 between Belleview Elementary School on Br

Village View Summerfield, located at 147th Place will be having a Christmas Eve service Dec. 24, 5 - 6 pm in the Wesleyan Chapel.

Join us for a meaningful Christmas Eve service featuring special music, singing, and a candlelight closing.

We look forward to welcoming you this Christmas.

Enjoy the season, and served at the door to the Wesleyan Chapel.

Take time to relax, and enjoy the sweet smell of Christmas.

St. Thomas Catholic Church at 11528 NW 10th Street in Belleview is holding Christmas services.

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District 12

Leesburg, Mount Dora, Clermont

Clermont Chapter No. 118 Support the Masonic Paisley Project

December 2025

Clermont Chapter No. 118 spent the entire year working with purpose and dedication to raise funds to support the Masonic Paisley Project.

Because of the generosity of our members and community, we were honored to provide toys and new shoes to children in need. These gifts are shared to remind us all that kindness, compassion, and service truly make a difference.

Grateful for the opportunity to support this meaningful project, we are proud to stand together in service.

—Chantel Cothron



District 13

Cocoa, Harbor City, Canaveral

Cocoa Chapter No. 35 Celebrates Veterans in November

November 2025

Cocoa Chapter No. 35 celebrated Veterans at their November 11 meeting. The chapter veterans were honored in the East.

The chapter and fellowship hall were decorated in a patriotic theme. There were quotes from all branches of the military and veteran themed goodie bags were given out.

On November 15, Cocoa Chapter held a fund raiser potato bar for Wreaths Around America. There was an excellent turnout who shared fun and fellowship. Contestants played patriotic bingo by creating a flag on their game card, and games using American history and movie/TV trivia. Prizes were won by players with the most and least points.

—WM Susan Metcalf, Grand Adah
Worthy Matron, Cocoa Chapter 35



Cocoa Chapter No. 35 Gives Generous Donation to Humane Society

December 2025

Cocoa Chapter No. 35 collected over \$400.00 in supplies for the local Humane Society on Merritt Island. Worthy Matron Susan A. Metcalf stated that she is proud of her chapter for their generosity.

—Susan A. Metcalf, Grand Adah
Worthy Matron, Cocoa Chapter 35





District 14

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



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LOCAL



Veteran's Voice

Fair winds and following seas to World War II Navy veteran Pat Rudd

By Terry Lloyd
For the News-Gazette

If you have spent any time at all around the Osceola veterans community, you most likely met or at least saw St. Cloud resident Dorothy "Pat" Rudd, who recently passed away at age 104.

She was a steady presence. Born in Illinois in 1921, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) in 1942. Outside of traditional medical positions, women had only briefly served in the military during World War I, and the military abruptly discharged most women right at the end of that war, only to issue the call to serve again at the start of World War II. Pat was one of the first Navy servicewomen to be deployed to Pearl Harbor, still devastated from the surprise Japanese bombing attack in late 1941. She performed administrative work and taught servicemen to read as a volunteer.

She was in Honolulu on the day the Japanese surrendered in August 1945, ending the war and was released from the Navy in December, at the final rank of Specialist (S) 3rd Class. She had met her future husband Gerald J. Rudd—U.S. Navy Boatswain Mate 2nd Class, while stationed in Honolulu and they married after the war and settled in Kissimmee. They were married 71 years when he passed in 2017.

In 2023 Pat received a special tribute from Disney's Magic Kingdom, where her late husband was involved with the construction of Frontierland prior to the theme park's



opening in 1971. She stayed active with veterans events and other community activities. As recently as this past August, she was honored along with fellow World War II veteran Lou Boria at a "Keep the Spirit of 45 Alive" dinner at Osceola's Museum of Military History, which marked the 80th anniversary of the end of WW II. Her passing has been noted on the National World War II Memorial web site.

We are in the very final days of our living World War II veterans, and that war, with which we are still living in the after-effects, is quickly fading from living memory. The veterans of the Korean War are not far behind, so we should seek out and cherish the remaining opportunities of being able to listen and speak with these American patriots whose unique experiences and sacrifices can still guide us in troubled times.

Attention on deck and hand salute at the passing of Pat Rudd—rest in peace and honor!



Navy veteran Pat Rudd, left, during World War II (Photo/Rudd Family) and being honored for her contributions at a recent Silver Spurs Rodeo (Photo/Taylor McFee).



OBITUARY

For daily obituaries and services, visit www.aroundosceola.com

RUDD—Dorothy J. "Pat" Rudd, 104 of St. Cloud, Fla. passed away on Dec. 2, 2025. She was born on Aug. 29, 1921 to Harry and Gertrude (Junkers) Chamberlain in Peoria, Ill.

Dorothy worked as an accountant in the financial industry. She was a veteran of the United States Navy WAVES serving during WWII. She was of the Methodist faith and active in many Veteran organizations. She was a member of Eastern Star Chapter 46 in St. Cloud. She was preceded in death by



her husband, Gerald James Rudd and her daughter, Judith Ann Root. Dorothy is survived by her loving family: grandson, Gary R. (Tammy) Root and granddaughter, Jennifer L. (Paul Shaun) Cushman both of Wasilla, Ark.

Growing up on a farm in Varna, Ill., then joining the US Navy WAVES she served at Pearl Harbor where she met her husband "Jerry." They eventually moved to the Orlando area where she worked for Martin Marietta Company in the field of graphic arts and later Sun Bank (now Truist) from which she would retire.

A quilting, crochet and crafting enthusiast, she

provided many of the ill with shawls of prayer and pocket crosses. She loved to help all people. She was an avid gardener growing and canning vegetables and cultivating varieties of roses. She was a treasurer for the Order of the Eastern Star for over 70 years.

Pat founded and assisted in organizing exhibits for women in WWII museums. She was loved and admired by her great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, great-granddaughters, Sydni Root, Samantha Root, Jessica Devier, Lily Kincaid, Grace Visentin, Jane Cushman, Lucy Cushman; great-grandsons, Seth Root, Simon Root, Sawyer Root, Silas Root, Daniel Cushman; great-great granddaughters, Isabella Macias, Everly Root, Eleanor Root, Daisy Root and great-great grandsons, Josiah Macias, Joscy Root and Wilson Root. Her passing has created a void in her family and community; she will be loved and remembered for generations to come.

A Celebration of Pat's life and legacy was held on Dec. 9, 2025. Arrangements were under the care of Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Home and Crematory, 2000 13th Street, St. Cloud, Fla. 34769; 407-957-2511; online condolences can be made at www.osceolamemgds.com.

District 14

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

Pine Castle No. 321 Warmly Welcomes Associate Grand Matron for Official Inspection

October 2025

It was a great night at Pine Castle No. 321 in Orlando tonight. A wonderful crowd of Sisters and Brothers as we celebrated their Official Inspection.

The delicious meal of meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, and green beans were all prepared by Worthy Patron, John Miles. To end our meal, we were treated to an ice cream sandwich, (ice cream) drumstick, or a fudgsicle!

It was a delightful evening of fun and fellowship. The Chapter showered me with gifts which I greatly appreciate. Thank you, Pine Castle 321 and District 14 for your hospitality, your live, and support.

— Mary Ann Holt
Associate Grand Matron



District 17

Crescent, Plant City, Desoto, Annie H. Schneider, Bradenton



Crescent Chapter No. 54 Welcomes Associate Grand Matron for Official Inspection

October 2025

Sister Sandy Dean and Grand Instructor, Sister Katie Mason picked me up to transport me to the Lodge. When we entered, we were greeted with delightful smells of dinner being prepared by the Worthy matron, Sister Phyllis Blanchard. The decorations outside and inside the dining room created by Sister Debbie Drodge-Baumiller, their Marsha, were beautiful! I was warmly welcomed by old and new friends.

The roast beef dinner with roasted vegetables was as delicious as it smelled. The courtesy was very nice.

— Mary Ann Holt
Associate Grand Matron





District 15

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



Associate Grand Conductress Warmly Welcomed for Official Inspection at Bethlehem Chapter No. 169

December 2025

Bethlehem Chapter had a wonderful Official Inspection. The officers did beautiful work! From the dinner to the evening reception and everything in between was wonderful. The Christmas Tree courtesy was terrific.

Wishing "Happy Holidays" to all my Sisters and Brothers.

— Karen Sargent-Rankl
Associate Grand Conductress



Meet the candidates





Candidate for Grand Secretary

Brenda Keepin
Wewahitchka Chapter
No. 229



Candidate

for
Grand Treasurer

Margaret Nathurst
Fort Myers Chapter
No. 31





Candidate for Associate Grand Conductress

Rhonda Allen
Orange Park Chapter
No. 226



Candidate for Associate Grand Conductress

Jane Stewart
Desoto Chapter
No. 201

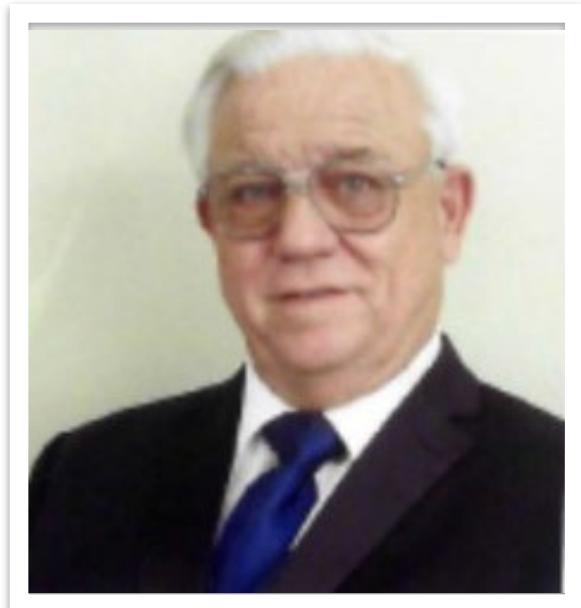


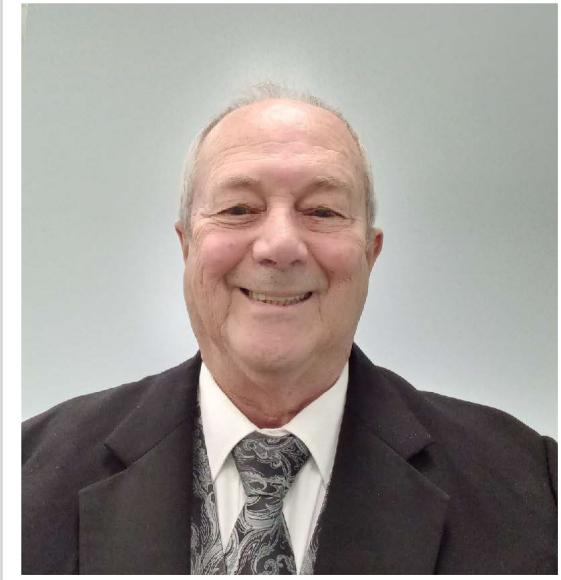


Candidate
for
Grand Sentinel
Daniel Allen
DeSoto Chapter
No. 201



Candidate
for
Grand Sentinel
Michael Harrison
Harbor City Chapter
No. 263





Candidate for Grand Sentinel

Bruce Ward
Bethlehem Chapter
No. 169



*Announcements and
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2025-2026 Cruise for the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project (Regenerative Medicine)

8-Day Southern Caribbean
Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao
On the Majestic Princess
January 17 – 25, 2026

Day	Itinerary
1	Leave Ft. Lauderdale
2	At Sea
3	At Sea
4	Bonaire
5	Curacao
6	Aruba
7	At Sea
8	At Sea



Balcony cabins starting at \$2166 Per Person Double Occupancy

Includes Beverage Package, Gratuities, Wi-fi, Special Dining, and More!

Other cabin types available, call for pricing

Refundable deposit (\$198) to hold your room choice

Final balance due by October 1, 2025

Travel insurance recommended

Submit this form: <https://forms.gle/JUiNb5ZkUeCrvU7W8>

Contact Sister Diana Kreisle, Travel Agent

Lets Go Today Travel - 352-302-6190

Email: Diana@LetsGoToday.com

Seller of Travel No. ST3861

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Sent with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron



An 1861 Southern Evening



Saturday February 14, 2026

Tickets \$40.00 (37.21 + \$2.79 tax)

All Proceeds to Benefit WGMSF-Regenerative Medicine

Southside Chapter No. 28

Located at

Arlington Masonic Lodge #305

3421 University Blvd. N.
Jacksonville, Florida 32277

Registration 4:00 PM / Dinner 5:00 PM

Formal Attire

*Wear Your Best Southern Ball Gown
or Fine Dinner Wear*

Dinner - Dancing - Baskets - 50/50

Hotel Reservations

Courtyard by Marriott I-295/East Beltway
9815 Lantern Street - Jacksonville, FL 32225
904-247-6782
OES Rate \$130

For Tickets send a SASE to: *Charlene Williams, PGM 850-994-3521*

3374 Indian Hills Cir Pace, FL 32571. Checks to be made out to:
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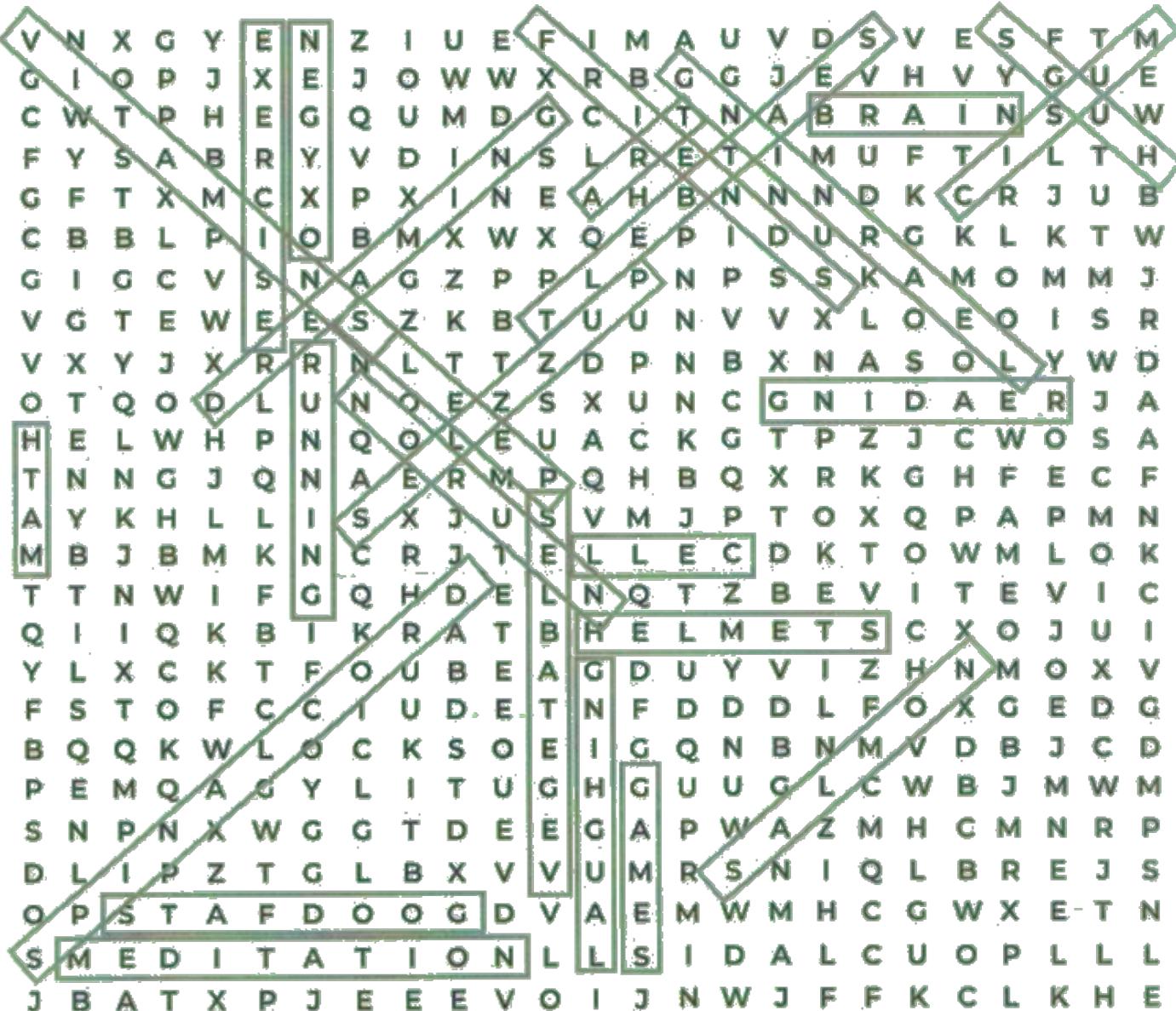
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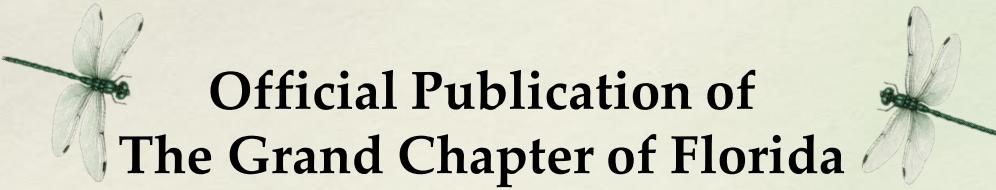
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