

Section 2 of the Star Gazer – continued

REGINA #7

Sisters Donna Sanders,
GGCCM - Canadian Chair of ESTARL, PGM –
and Marianne Woods, PM, Reporters

Hello Sisters and Brothers from Regina #7! We enjoyed a beautiful summer with warm weather and received now much needed rain to help keep the flowers beautiful for another week or two! I hope it isn't too much for the farmers!!!

Regina Chapter met all summer and was able to make quorum however, with so many away it was a challenge!

Sister Laurie Costello Lloydminster No 96 and Sister Donna went to Nova Scotia & PEI Grand Session, appropriately attired in Roughrider Green and delighted to meet up with two other Sask PGM's - Sisters Angela Oleskiw and Llynne Lambert! There we found Sister Karen Catterall, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia & PEI in Sask!!!



Sisters Laurie and Donna



Sisters, Donna, Angela, Laurie and Llynne



Sister Karen Catterall

For those of you who remember Sister Peggy Lipskey and Brother Fred Lipskey, PGP who were former members of Excelsior No 21 in Saskatchewan, we had a delightful visit with them and they send Greetings!



Sister Peggy and Brother Fred

Our Sister Melinda Nagy WM had surgery so Sisters Donna Sanders and Marianne Woods were pinch hitting while she has been recovering! We wish her a speedy recovery!

Four of our Chapter members went to the International Peace Garden Pilgrimage August 12-13 and had a wonderful time with Sister Glenda Winchester MWGM and other General Grand Officers. There was a wonderful turnout from Canada and the USA!!



Sisters Donna Sanders, Jean Thibeault, Mary Ann Couse and Jeannie Daigle-Lunney

It was very disappointing to see the towers in front of the OES Chapel have been removed as well as the metal strip that ran down the 49th parallel. It was so fun to have your picture taken with one foot!



Sister Donna with one foot in each country

Regina Chapter #7's Official Visit was September 7, 2023. We had a very nice turnout and served 30 members at our banquet which was a huge success!



Sister Donna Sander's handiwork!



Regina #7 Officers with Sister Donna, WGM and Brother George, WGP



Saskatchewan Grand Family Officers with Sister Marianne, Acting Worthy Matron and Brother Syd Barley, Worthy Patron

Sister Marianne arranged for Sister Donna Rederburg, WGM and Brother George Frederick, WGP and several members of the Grand Family to visit with Sister Marlene Ridgway, Grand Treasurer Emeritus and Brother Glen Ridgeway, PP and Sister Vera Sisson, 60+ year member at Wintergreen Residence in Regina. Sister Donna Reeson had broken her leg and was in hospital, so was unable to attend. We send Sister Donna healing prayers for a speedy recovery.



Acting Worthy Matron, Sister Marianne Woods conducted a lovely and very meaningful addendum written by Sister Melinda Nagy, highlighting Hummingbirds and how special they are, plus several of the emblems of the WGM and WGP. Sister Melinda also provided beautiful poems to welcome our members during Introductions. And great news - our Worthy Matron Sister Melinda was well enough to make it to the banquet!!!



Sisters Donna and Melinda

We look forward to seeing some of you at the few remaining Official Visits. Come and visit us!!

ASSINIBOIA #8

Sister Elaine Lucas, PM – Reporter

We were fortunate to have a wonderful day for our regular fundraiser BBQ. Assiniboia Co-op graciously donated everything for the BBQ. It was so great to see the elderly come out and support us. The buzz of everyone visiting was so great!

PRINCE ALBERT #16

Sister Dorothea Herron, PM – Reporter

On June 11, Rev. Nora Vedress and the congregation of Calvary United Church invited our Chapter to join them for Sunday worship. After the service, we enjoyed coffee, lunch and fellowship.



We are happy to announce a new face in our crowd - our Martha, Sister Debora Adrian has given birth to a son, Parker. This is the first time that a new baby has been born to a member of our Chapter since the time that I was initiated.

Sister Gerry Howat had the misfortune to fall and suffered a fractured wrist; thankfully she is on the mend and is very busy downsizing after their move out of their house.

Our Past Matron's/Alma Circle met at Smitty's for lunch. Invited guests were Sister Alice's daughters, Janice and Marlene, and granddaughter Anna as a

token of appreciation for all they have done to assist Sister Alice, and thus, by extension, have helped and are helping our Chapter.



As part of our summer, our Past Matrons/Alma Circle spent a very enjoyable day at the home of Sister Alice Bedford, where she had invited us to join with her and her daughters and granddaughters for a most delicious lunch and social time. Thank you, Sister Alice.



We were pleased to announce that the winner of this year's Robert Tebbertman Scholarship award went to Kristen Dubray, granddaughter of Dorothea Herron, WM. Kristen is in Calgary, studying Occupational Therapy.



Sister Dorothea and Granddaughter Kristen

We were saddened by the rather sudden deaths of two of our members. Brother Dick Tataryn was fishing with his son, and when getting out of the boat, he slipped, fell and sustained injuries that quickly led to his death. And a week later we received the news that Sister Vivian Shipanoff had died from her illnesses - she had broken her hip a short while earlier and had other illnesses.

The other sad news from our Chapter was the vote among our members that we will amalgamate, so that process has started.

LLOYDMINSTER #76

Sister Deborah MacDonald, Reporter

Hello Sisters and Brothers, September is here and harvest is going well. July and August just disappeared in a blink of an eye. Hopefully the next two months will be like an old fashioned "indian

summer" with pleasant temperatures, blue skies and the golden and red leaves decorating the trees.

On June 23rd, Sister Donna Rederburg WGM and Brother George Frederick WGP, along with 20 members of Saskatchewan OES, travelled to Vermillion to Queen Esther Chapter #22 and attended the Official Visit of Alberta's Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jackie Charlton and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Wayne Rinke. We all enjoyed a cold plate supper, a lot of visiting, and quite a few laughs. We then made our way over to the Masonic building for the meeting. It was a well attended meeting and the Saskatchewan members were pleased to watch the Alberta Members do their work.

The Hands Across the Border was a great success for both Chapters but one of the best parts was the hospitality room back at the hotel. The room was packed full of fellowship, fun and laughter. We also had music playing which meant that we sang quite a few songs.

When Sister Cheryl Rann PGM and Worthy Matron of Lloydminster #76 and Sister Colleen Hozack PGM Worthy Matron of Queen Esther Chapter #22 attended the Official Visit Of Sister Donna WGM of Corinthian's Chapter in Govan, they were honoured to present Sister Donna with two Cheques from each of our Chapters for her Special project of her year.

We are happy to get back into regular meetings and wish all of the members a happy Thanksgiving.

CORINTHIAN #89, GOVAN

Brother Bruce Farrer, PGP

We are happy to welcome back to our regular meetings two members who hadn't been able to attend for medical reasons Sisters Betty Abrey and Kayla Ingram both underwent surgery a number of months ago and are back attending our monthly meetings.

Unfortunately, Sister Margretta Murney is now unable to attend meetings but will be presented with her 60-

year certificate at her home in Saskatoon. Even those other members who have not always been able to attend have been doing their OES work, selling tickets on the quilt raffle.

We had donations from two members who do quilting, Sisters Margretta Murney and Merle Sawatsky provided us with two beautiful quilts which were won by Sister Ruby and Brother Rod Lee and Donna. Thanks to our members for selling the tickets and thank you especially to everyone who generously bought tickets on the raffle.

At our Official Visit we also raffled a variety of 13 baskets ranging from soaps to wine to ground beef to garden produce. Our guests were very generous in supporting this raffle as well. Winners were Lynne Moffatt, Cheryl Svab, Lynann Pethick, Carla Simsic, Mildred Sandiford, Bernice Scott, Barbara Webb, Janet Haryett, Grace Griffith, and Dianne Sanborn.

You're not off the hook though. We'll be approaching you to ask if you're interested in buying Grey Cup Lottery tickets which is our annual major fund-raising activity. Sister Sharon Clark, who is coordinating this year, hopes to have the tickets ready and distributed by the time you are reading this.

After our July meeting Corinthian members drove up to Nokomis to celebrate with her Sister Hazel Chute Mollison's 100th birthday and presented her with a bouquet of roses. Sister Hazel reminisced about some of her experiences in the Order and thanked the members for their visit and the flowers.



Sister Hazel Chute Mollison's 100th birthday



Sisters Hazel Chute Mollison and Bernice Scott celebrating

There just aren't enough Saturdays in the month. Some of our members attended the Hands Across the Border event in Lloydminster, but as it fell on the weekend of our own stated meeting, some officers had to miss their own meeting.

For our Official Visit we served a cold plate meal and took the pictures before the meeting. After the WGM, Sister Donna Rederburg was escorted to the East Sister Donna Sanders, accompanied by Sister Lorraine Sobchyshyn sang Bridge Over Troubled Waters. She then sang one of WGP, Brother George Frederick's special songs, Moon River. For the addendum, the Star point officers turned into Hummingbirds. To the tune of "Yellow Bird" the WGM was escorted to the five Star points and presented with Hummingbird earrings, Hummingbird necklace, bird feeder, garden decoration and chimes. Finally even Hummingbird wine was given her by our WM, Cheryle Svab. Throughout the year Sister Cheryle has been honouring various officers and this month she presented each of her Star Points with a gift.



Honourary members of Corinthian Sisters Colleen Hozack, PGM and Cheryl Rann PGM presenting Sister Donna Rederburg with \$500 from the Hands Across the Border Event on July 22



Sister Donna Rederburg, WGM and Brother George Frederick, WGP with Corinthian Chapter #89 Officers

Now that our summer has gone, the Corinthian members are looking forward to a number of fall activities, including a social event in Strasbourg scheduled for September 19th and more Official Visits and the Homecoming.

YORKTON #92

Sister Ruby E. Lee, PGM - Reporter

Our hot, dry, smoky days of summer are coming to an end. Time passes quickly when you are busy.

We held our second BBQ Hot Dog Sale – with fried onions this time – on June 16, 2023. Friday Superstore shoppers were very friendly and supportive. This turned out to be a very successful, fun, fundraiser.



Sister Cheryle Svab presenting the WGM with a cheque for her Special Project





Our June and August meetings were very well attended. It was so exciting to see almost all of our Chapter chairs filled with members from our own Chapter. We were able to install the members who were absent in December, to practice our marches and to share ideas in preparation for our Official Visit on September 16. It was delightful to hear our Chapter room filled with chatter and laughter. Unfortunately, distance and weather conditions prevent this from happening very often. News is scarce as our members have been busy with family activities, travelling and harvesting.

Here are some pictures from the Barn Dance at which Brother Roderick Lee played drums on Saturday, September 9 - a beautiful day for a lovely drive in the country. It was so nice to see the combines out in the fields with the sun shining and the dust flying.



ACCESSION #96, MELFORT

Sister Florence Bott, PM – Reporter

Today all these lovely tokens,
September days are here.
With summer's best of weather
and autumn's best of cheer.

In June, Accession Chapter welcomed Sister Donna WGM to our meeting when she presented Sister Kathy MacGillivray, PM a Grand Representative Commission to Oregon in Saskatchewan. Congratulations Sister Kathy!



Sister Kathy receiving her Grand Representation Commission to Oregon in Saskatchewan from WGM Sister Donna

Family & Friends celebrated PGM Sister Dorothy Busby's 90th birthday in July in fine style. All the best to you Dorothy on your Special Birthday!



Sister Dorothy, PGM's 90th Birthday Celebration

Sister Ollie Rumberger PM is healing well following hip surgery in July. "Ollie said she feels spoiled by extra visits & treats from family and friends."



Sister Ollie PM following surgery

On September 9th Accession Chapter welcomed WGM & WGP Sister Donna & Brother George and Grand Officers along with other visitors to our Official Visit meeting. Thanks to those who helped to fill our officers chairs. WGM Sister Donna presented Sister Shirley Geddes PM with her 60-year pin & certificate. Sister Shirley shared some memories of Accession Chapter over the years.



Sister Donna, WGM presenting Sister Shirley, PM with her 60-year pin and certificate

Till next timeShoot for the moon; even if you miss it, you will end up among the stars!

REGAL #132, SASKATOON

Sister Thea Howe, GGCCM-IHQ - Reporter

We did not hold any meetings since the last Star Gazer but we had a summer with lots of fundraising events.

We look forward to seeing you at our Official Visit followed by the Homecoming complete with roast beef supper.



REGAL CHAPTER NO 132

Cordially invites you to attend

the Official Visit of

Sister Donna Rederburg WGM

Brother George Frederick WGP

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Meeting 2:00 PM

Homecoming to Follow

Banquet 5:00 PM

Cost \$25.00

Please contact Sister Thea Howe PGM

Call or text: 306-290-9445 or

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Saskatoon

SERVICE DOG RAFFLE – 2023-2024



1st Prize – Love and Kindness Box - \$250 value: 2 coffee mugs, 2 wine glasses, Chocolate cherry wine, tea, coffee, hand towel, candle, gift cards – Shell, Canadian Tire, Tim Hortons, Boston Pizza, Royal Dalton figurine, Service dog pin, Service dog magnet



2nd Prize: Calvin Cornish print - \$175 value



3rd Prize: Necklace – Value \$100.00

Tickets: 3 for \$5.00

Lottery License: SR23-1388

Draw Date: April 27, 2023 at Parktown – Saskatoon, SK

Tickets can be purchased at the Homecoming, Grand Chapter Session and from: Carole-Anne Wilson #4 Kayla Ingram #4 Llynne Lambert #8

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