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FROM THE EDITORS

Star Love, Sisters Marianne and Jean

NEWS ABOUT OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON SISTER JENNY

Congratulations to Sister Jenny on the birth of her Granddaughter!

.MIZPAH #1, MOOSE JAW

Brother Lloyd Pethick, PGP - Reporter

Worthy Matron Sister Cheryle Svab & Worthy Patron Brother Stuart Doherty send *"Happy Fall"* wishes to all the Stars and hope that they all had a great summer. Seems our nice warm sunny days fly by very quickly.

The "All Members BBQ" held in August was great. It was a time for everyone to be together for a visit and to enjoy the wonderful variety of salads and desserts that complimented the hamburgers & hot dogs.

Our members continue to meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Smitty's in the Mall for their luncheon and is a good time of fellowship. Keeping in touch with our shut-ins and delivering rose bowls to them on their birthdays, etc., helps to make their day, also sending out the meeting minutes helps keep them in the know.

Many Star Members and Friends attended Sister Shirley Burgeson's 90th Birthday Celebration held in Assiniboia. Worthy Matron, Sister Cheryle Svab, also presented her with her 55-year Membership Certificate. CONGRATULATIONS Sister Shirley!

The "Wheel of Fortune" fundraiser was a big success and PGM Sister Lynne Moffatt was the lucky one to get to scratch the 100 tickets. The Bakeless Bake Sale raised $515.00 and thanks to all who contributed.

Upcoming Chapter activities / events are …

- Regular Meeting October 20th and November 17th

- Christmas Raffle Tickets: draw December 1st
Contact: Sister Cheryle Svab – 306-631-4598 or Sister Dianne Sanborn - 306-631-6474

- December 1st: Our last regular meeting for 2025.

Though the Celebration of Thanksgiving has just passed, let us continue to Count our Blessings

Happy Thanksgiving

"Wishing you every blessing of this bountiful season,
May the blessings of Thanksgiving fill your heart and home with joy".

ACACIA #3, BIGGAR

Sister Urla Tyler, PM – Reporter

Members from Acacia #3 attended the celebration of life of Bro Don Tokaryk, PP in June at the Western Development Museum. Pictured at luncheon are Donna Foster, Marion Kelly and Carol Fowke-Burns, also attending were Idella Barr, Linda Ard, Urla Tyler and Elizabeth McMahon.

l-r: Donna Foster, Marion Kelly and Carol Fowke-Burns

Carson Muir was Acacia #3's scholarship recipient this year.

Carson with Sister Debbie Robinson, WM

Sister Marion Kelly received her 60-year member pin and certificate from WGM Jenny Maas (left) and WM Debbie Robinson at Acacia #3 Official Visit in June. Congratulations Marion on 60 years of service and dedication!

Sisters Jenny, Marion and Debbie

Sister Vera McNeil, PM, celebrated her 91st birthday, July 11, when a few Acacia members dropped in on her with unique cake!

On August 8, Sister Elizabeth McMahon, PM celebrated 80 years with family and friends, Urla Tyler and Vera McNeil attended.

Elizabeth McMahon, PM and Urla Tyler, PM visited with Sister Dorothy Elliott at her home in Lloydminster September 20. She had just celebrated her 98th birthday and is doing fabulous.

Donna Foster, Urla Tyler, Mary Ann Couse and Linda White visited and joined in choosing music for sing-along at Hands across the Border in Lloydminster on September 20. Both nights in Vermilion and Lloydminster had yummy roast beef suppers and lots of networking! Lucky winner of the door prize vase made by Sister Kim McMinis, PGM of Alberta, and was won by Sister Carol Fowke-Burns.

On September 6th at Saskatoon #4's Official Visit, Sister Carol Fowke-Burns won the raffle of a queen-sized quilt valued at $1000 made by Margretta Murney.

Acacia Members attended the Fashion Show in Saskatoon to support the WGM's special project.

October 21st s our Friendship afternoon meeting with lunch at 11:30 am and meeting at 1:00 pm. Please attend if possible.

SASKATOON #4

Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM - Reporter

Saskatoon Chapter closes over the summer months for a well-deserved rest. Our very first meeting in September was the first Saturday of the month and our official visit. We were pleased to welcome Sister Jenny and Brother Dave, our sister members from Regal Chapter here in Saskatoon. They were accompanied with a number of their officers who joined us for the meeting and for our luncheon.

At the meeting Sister Norma Wilson, PM was presented with her 70-year pin and certificate by the WGM, which was a wonderful honour for both her and our Chapter.

Sisters Jenny, Norma and Norma's daughter, Patricia

Sisters Patricia, Jenny, Norma, Brothers Dave and Robert

Approximately 35 or more were in attendance at our Official Visit. The Worthy Matron performed an addendum featuring our Obligation which the Worthy Patron led.

We are the home Chapter of Grand Esther, Sister Kayla Ingram, Sister Linda Galloway, Grand Ruth, and Sister Anita Ingram, Special Page to the

WGP. We were pleased to welcome the WGM and her Grand Family to our meeting on September 6th.

The Officers of Saskatoon Chapter #4,
plus visiting Acting Officers:
Brother Gerald Griffiths (89),
Sister Michelle Woronuik (132)

Warm Bunny Hugs as we approach the cool winter months.

REGINA #7

Sister Donna Sanders, General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Quebec and
Sister Marianne Woods, WM – Reporters

Happy Post-Thanksgiving Wishes from Regina No 7!! Sisters and Brothers What a beautiful end to Summer and a lovely start to Fall!!

We continued to meet all summer and had members visit from Mizpah #1 and Saskatoon #4 and even Lloydminster! Some of our members were traveling, so it is good to have everyone home.

At our July stated meeting, we bid a fond farewell to our Sister Betty Cumming, PM who moved to Saskatoon to be closer to family. Our Sister Betty has made such a major contribution to our Chapter, not only as a stalwart officer but as our Sick and Visiting Convenor. A tribute was given by Sister Marianne, WM at the meeting and we celebrated Betty with cake and ice cream in the Lower Hall following the meeting.

We will miss Betty deeply but know that she will make a wonderful contribution to Star in Saskatoon. We will look forward to seeing her along the Star Trail!

l-r: Sisters Marianne, WM, Betty, PM and Brother Erskine Sandiford, WP

Regina #7 Officers celebrating Betty!

We have two new affiliates joining our chapter which is exciting!

Many of us went to the Hands Across the Border and Lloydminster's Official Visit. Brother Rod Stafford played guitar at the singsong and Sister Donna Sanders and Jeanie D'Aigle Lunney sang!! Sister Mary Anne Couse was there as well!

Brother Rod Stafford PGP, Sister Colleen Hozack, PGM Brother Jerry Fulton, Sister Cheri Cowan, PGM Sister Donna Sanders Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM

Prior to our Official Visit on Saturday, October 4, Sisters Jenny WGM, Marianne WM and Brother Dave WGM had the pleasure of visiting with Sisters Eileen Moffatt and Verna Coates at their residence. We shared great conversation and memories with these two treasured Sisters. Definitely a highlight of our Official Visit Day!

l-r: Sisters Eileen, Jenny and Brother Dave

Sisters Eileen and Marianne

Brother Dave and Sisters Verna and Jenny

Sisters Marianne and Verna

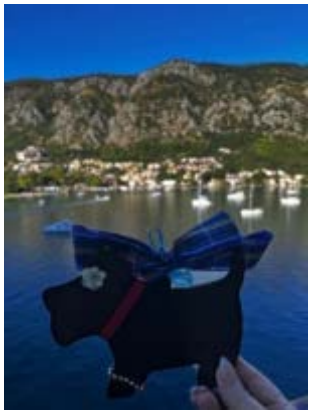
Our day continued with a beautiful lunch provided by Officers of Regina #7 and coordinated by Sister Mary Ann Couse, AGM, The lunch was delicious and we had a great turnout for both lunch and meeting! Sister Donna Sanders prepared a beautiful addendum for the WGM and WGP. Thank you, Sister Donna!

Thanks to our visitors who helped fill in the vacant chairs.

Sister Jenny, WGM, Brother Dave, WGP, Regina #7 Officers and Protem Officers from Saskatoon #4, Lloydminster #76, Corinthian #89, and Regal #132

Sister Jenny, WGM, Brother Dave, WGP, General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Grand Family

We have been doing our part to take our Scottish Dog "BB" a present from Alberta's WGM Sister Bonnie on trips around the world. He was in Montenegro and Italy this summer!



Montenegro

Rome

Several of us attended the Fashion Show fundraiser in Saskatoon and had a great time again! Such great colours in clothes!!! Sister Donna Sanders was the MC again and had the crowd laughing with Brother Rod Lee who played the Lounge Music!!

Sister Donna, MC with Laura's store manager

Bye for now!!