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## A Stroll Through Time Together

*With Millie and Ray*



Oh boy, have we been busy! We would like to thank everyone for their participation and all their hard work this year. We couldn't do it without you—but then we wouldn't want to, since that is where all the fun is...working together and getting to know each other better! We want to thank our loyal sideliners for always being there with bells on and jumping in and helping us out anytime we need the help. I would especially like to thank Brother LeRoy Hagen PWGP, and his wife, Virginia, PWGM of Montana, for their assistance---MANY TIMES, while visiting our chapter!

We had a great Friendship Night in **January** with visitors from Kingman, Yuma & Sunrise (including our WGP, Brother Bob Bradfield and his wife—Sister Billie PWGM of AZ) Chapters. It was a fun evening with a wonderful dinner and program, gift-giving, great refreshments afterwards and lots of fellowship. In **February**, your Worthy Matron had knee replacement (ouch!!), but our sisters and brothers pulled together and took care of everything. **Sister Jean Richa AM** stepped up to the plate to **More Than fill** my shoes as Worthy Matron, and she thanked me for her “dress rehearsal.” I, of course, thanked her too, but had to laugh at her description! Thank you also to the other members who filled any other seats that were empty. I cannot thank Sister **Sarah Antonacci**, **Brother Ray Tidwell, WP**, and **Sister Gayle Tidwell PM**, for all the responsibilities they took on to carry out all the details and business this meeting entailed. And thank you to Brother LeRoy Hagen PWGP of Montana for providing the candy for the coin march...I owe you once again!

March will be a very busy month for us. Our regular meeting will be held on **March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm. On **March 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will have

a practice at 7 PM at the Lodge, for our **OV**, which is scheduled for **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. The PRACTICE is very important, so we hope each of the officers will place this on their calendar and make sure to attend, so that we will be well prepared when our Grand Officers and others visit us. Meanwhile, there is MUCH work to be done in preparation. Sister Gayle Tidwell and her committee has agreed to take care of the food and refreshments—a big job. We thank her once again for her devoted assistance to this chapter, and also to her committee members! Our District Instructor, **Sister Helga Westfall PM**, of Sunrise Chapter #60, will be at the practice to make sure we follow the proper course and instructions. Thank you Sister Helga for taking time and making this trip to help us. Many more of our officers will be involved in all the details of the official visit and I thank you ahead of time for all I know you will do and do well! We will have a special program for Sister Sharon Sleppy PM, and Grand Chaplain this year, immediately following our close at OV.

We held a Silent Garage Sale (Garageless Sale), and the participation was amazing! Like me, it sounds like you enjoyed **NOT** having to work another garage sale!! Thank EACH OF YOU, near and far, who took part in this very needed fundraiser. It was a **HUGH** success, thanks to you! Our next fundraiser will be on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** -- our Annual Fashion Show and much work has already gone into this project. This is another of our big fundraisers, so we hope each of you will get out there and sell tickets for this fun occasion. There are details later in this newsletter. Our regular meeting in April will be on **April 13**.

Each month members of our group brings in food, and other things we feel might help children who are involved in domestic disputes or broken homes, donations to H.A.V.E.N. We also donate poptops to the Ronald McDonald foundation. Each month we hold Bunco to also raise money for our expenses and causes. I cannot tell you how impressed I am at all this Chapter gives each year in time, and money and love for our community and causes in the name of our Chapter. You are truly a stellar group and need to pat yourself on your back and give a hug to each other for all the good that you do!

Then May, which will be my last meeting as your Worthy Matron and I want to take the time now to tell you how wonderful I think each of you are in Havasu #61. It has been a joy to work with you. Sister Jean—It has been a real pleasure working with you and your sunshine attitude. I wish you the very best in the upcoming year and if there is anything I can do for you—Just Ask!!!

In Star Love  
Millie Barnes WM and Ray Tidwell WP

## Fashion Show

### "A Stroll Through Time Together"

By Millie Barnes, WM

Our Annual O.E.S. #61 Fashion Show and luncheon will be held April 2nd at the Grace Episcopal Church on Bunker across the street from the Fitness Center on Acoma, and will include fun and a number of prizes, including Door Prizes, Raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing, so there should be many happy prize-winners. We will serve Chicken Alfredo, salad with balsamic dressing, garlic bread sticks, with peach melba for dessert, tea & coffee.

Sister Terry Andrews PM is handling the Fashion Show portion of our program. Our models will be Chapter members: **SISTERS:** Fran Pell, Sarah Antonacci, Cynde Choate; Terry Andrews; Louann Freitas, LaVonne Wanker, Judy Johnson; Louise Moran, Lynda Beller, Betty Hastings, Jean Richa and someone we consider our own because of her constant participation in all that we do--Valerie Billinger. We will display 24 outfits--fashions from **JC Penney, Chic Again, BonWorth and K-Mart**. In addition we will have Vintage outfits from a store **in Kingman, and we thank Jo McIntosh for her assistance in this**. We hope that this will provide a delightful opening for everyone. We are trying to add a "Jewelry Presentation" also, but it has not yet been confirmed. Our lunch and decorations is under the supervision of Millie Barnes WM & her Crew. Brother Ray Tidwell WP, printed our tickets. A friend, Jean Waldera, has graciously agreed to be our emcee. Her goal will be to take us through a "Stroll Through Time Together" (Our Worthy Matron's Theme) for our enjoyment and entertainment. One cannot have an extravaganza like this without the help of many, however. For example, we have a number of men who are constantly there, helping us with the lifting, the set up and often even the cooking: Brothers Ray Tidwell WP; John Sleppy AP; Nick Antonacci; Burt Hastings PP. Thank you one and all!

We want to thank everyone of our "Stars" who will be helping in the many different capacities from setup to tear-down. We want you to know how much we appreciate you-- Hosting a style show is a big job and takes much preparation and cooperation. Thanks to all who come. **If you have not bought a ticket yet, or you have not received tickets to sell, please contact Gayle Tidwell (505-3282). Tickets are \$10 each. We encourage our members to try to sell tickets to other groups that you may be a member of and we will reserve tables for your group so you may sit together.**

### Sickness

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I was asked to submit a few words for the newsletter coming out in March regarding my responsibilities as your Associate Matron, to see that cards and calls are made to any of our members who become ill, have surgery, or heavens forbid, an accident?

My hearing is not the best, but my ears have been alerted, and pick up certain murmurs;.....I am sick, sick to my stomach, sick of always being sick, sick,sick, sick.....whoa.....this is getting sickening! Well, just how sick are you? Well...well what? I just don't feel well, I ache. Now that brings on another problem; I ache, my head aches, I ache all over, especially my aching back.....

oh back off! It's like..... today we feel great, tomorrow rolls around and it is a whole new ball game. The pain comes and goes, the pain is always there, hopefully, tomorrow the pain will go away.....like me.

What I have written above, is all in fun. I truly love sending out cards and calling anyone who is not feeling like they should. The good feeling I get when someone says thanks, make it all worth while.

I am sorry to report that our Sister Audrey's husband needs a lot of special care, and Audrey feels the need to be closer to her family, and that means, she will be leaving us, and leaving a large empty space in our hearts. Our Brother, John Sleppy, is one brave man. He takes on each day as it comes, as a good day. His strength comes from that powerful hand of God. That's for sure! He told me not to send anymore cards, as he had a stack of them. A typical man thing. Nobody ever gets too many cards. Sorry John, you are over ruled by me, and my write hand. (Gotcha...or did you catch it?) . Back to business. Sister Karen Anderson had her knee replaced last month, and will be going thru rehab for several weeks.

Sister Millie Barnes is still feeling uncomfortable, trying to adjust to her new knee, but is bound and determined to be back in the East next meeting. Sister Audrey Palmer is still house bound, as is Sister Caroline Heck. Both would enjoy hearing from you.

We all need to keep our Sisters and Brothers in our prayers.

Now then, stay WELL, you don't really want to hear from me.

Star love,

Jean Richa PM

***Sometime prior to the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, a movement to admit the female members of the families of Masons to the rites & secrets of the Ancient Order of Free & Accepted Masons began on the European continent.—the greatest impetus being in France. The movement spread to America, but the Rite of Adoption, as practiced on the European continent, did not meet with favor in this country & was never introduced. The 'American Adoptive Rite' instituted by Rob Morris, consisted of a ceremony of initiation intended as a preliminary trial for candidates & had 5 degrees—Jephthah's Daughter, Ruth, Esther, Martha & Electa to represent 5 star points, an emblem of this order, which corresponds with the pentagon on the Master's carpet—the signet of King Solomon. Little change has been made since he set them up.***

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

#### March

Sharon Weathers – 2, Anne Knight – 11, Robert Neill – 12  
Audrey Jones – 14, Harold Johnson – 20, Alma Helton – 29

#### April

Norma Nyberg – 2, Wayne Bishop – 4, Myrtie Monia – 5,  
Dorothy Snyder – 9, Betty Hanson – 13, Richard Palmer - 13  
Lorraine Darling – 19, Rudy Andrews – 24

#### May

Carol McLeroy – 5, Joe Helton – 16, Irven Edgmon – 17 Norita  
Anderson – 19, Donna Kopach – 19, Janice Kulp – 26

### Bunco

It has been a good year for Bunco. I want to especially thank the Worthy Patron Ray Tidwell for taking charge of several Buncos so that I, along with Sister Louann and Sister Judy could travel the state this year with our Grand Chaplain Sister

Sharon Sleppy. I do not know what we would do without him. I also want to thank Sister Sarah Antonacci for also taking over for us and being our caller, and Sister Terry Andrews for doing the prizes. Thank you to Sister Sharon who always works in the kitchen along with Sisters Maggie Bunch, Louann Freitas, Judy Johnson, Lavonne and Toni Wanker. Along with the Worthy Patron, thank you to our Brothers John Sleppy, Nick Antonacci, Burt Hastings and Harley Johnson. These are the People that are always there with their food to help each other. Along with work, we enjoy fun and fellowship with each other. Thank you also to Sisters Betty Hastings, Dorothy Snyder, Val billinger, Millie Barnes, Fran Pell, Lynda Beller, and Audrey Jones for bringing food when they are asked, and to Jean Richa, Louise Moran and Caroline Heck for their donations of money and prizes. You are all a great group of Sisters and Brothers that work hard to raise money for your Chapter.

Star Love,

Gayle Tidwell, Chair.

### FAREWELL

We have three of our members moving away. Sister Audrey Jones will be moving to Washington to be near her family. She came from Moovalya Chapter #42 where she served as Worthy Matron twice and has served this chapter as an officer for many years, the last seven years as Treasurer. We will miss her beauty, humor and spirit but know that the move is the best thing for her. We also say good-bye to Andie Mills and her Mother Myrtie Monia who will be moving back to Nebraska. They are leaving before we hardly knew them but we are glad they have been part of our family and wish them well.

### From the Secretary's Desk

A reminder that the 2011 dues of \$25.00 are now due, if you have not already paid them.



Sister Millie Barnes, WM Friendship Night still teaching



More Brothers and Sisters at Friendship Night



Brother Bob Bradfield, WGP Friendship Night



Our Sisters and Brothers from out of town. We sure enjoy having them come to visit our Chapter.

**Havasu Chapter No. 61, Order of the Eastern Star, was instituted on May 1, 1969. It was chartered on March 21, 1970 and constituted on April 18, 1970.**

**We meet the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Havasu Masonic Center, 2901 Chemehuevi at Jamaica. Call Millie Barnes, ((928-855-1660) Worthy Matron, or Gayle Tidwell, Sec. 928 505-3282, for more information.**

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