

Havasu Chapter No. 61



News

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Birthdays-Happy Birthday to you. This is your special day. Enjoy it to the fullest.

June

Pam Brandenburger 3, Anna Arbogast –4, Marcia Burgess – 6
Doris Reynolds – 7, Doris Reynolds – 7, Burt Hastings – 16
Terry Andrews –17, Dorothy Rucker – 17, Roberta Hoffman-18
Karen Gray – 19

July

Erma Pedata -7 Beverly Lydon – 8 Alice White – 13
Dolly Centofanti -16 Lois Coletti – 6 Louise Moran -16
Sarah Antonacci – 20 Olive Clark – 26 Elaine Woody – 30

August

Jane Martin – 1 Lois Lee – 4 David McLeroy – 4
Marilyn Ormond – 4 Louann Freitas – 6 Theresa Bunch – 10
Jackie Mathis – 25

Greetings to our Sisters and Brothers from Gayle and Ray



Theme: Angels are Forever

We would like to thank the members for electing us to serve you during this next Eastern Star year. It is an honor for us to be your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

We would like to thank Sister Billie Bradfield, WGM, Brother Casey Cosby, PGP, Sisters Audrey Jones, PM, Terry Andrews, PM and Judy Johnson, PM for being our installing officers. What an honor to have such distinguished sisters and brother install us. It will be a cherished memory forever.

We would like to congratulate those elected, and those who accepted the appointed chairs and positions. A special thank you to our officers as they were all present, and everyone was properly installed. It is you and the members, who make this Chapter what it is today. You all will be “Angels Forever”

We have a busy and exciting year planned. Every position will be honored sometime during the year. As every meeting will be exciting, we hope you can all be there. A list of activities will appear later in the newsletter for our summer events.

Star Love,

Gayle and Ray



Brother John Sleppy, Grand Representative to Nebraska and Wanda Fisher, WGM, Grand Chapter of Nebraska

Grand Representative's Travel Notes

On our arrival at the airport in Lincoln Nebraska, Sharon and I were greeted by PGM Betty Kirby and her husband John who drove us to our hotel. After picking up our Credentials in the Dignitaries reception room we changed clothes and attended the informal opening of the 134th “Faith in Unity” Grand Chapter session beginning with several floor formations including all the Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions and their Counterparts.

A few differences noted that surprised us, was Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions are considered visiting dignitaries. They hold a dignitaries tea and reception for them. While attending any dinner, luncheon or banquet, there will be either a Grand Officer and spouse, or Past Grand Officer and spouse sitting at your table. (continued page 2)

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Other things not connected with Grand Chapter session, Sharon and I visited the State Capitol and met the First Lady of Nebraska and had a tour (mostly self guided) through the Capitol. There was a funny thing that happened while we were there. This funny stuff fell from the sky. They call it rain, and it sure felt good. All in all, we had a good time and met many Sisters and Brothers from other Grand Jurisdictions.

John Sleppy, PP, AP

Grand Representative to Nebraska in Arizona

Brother John, thanks for traveling and representing Arizona and Havasu Chapter #61. You make us proud to have you as a member of our Chapter. WP

OUR ARIZONA OES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

You may not know, but not all Grand Chapters have a Scholarship Fund. Arizona has been approached by other Grand Chapters to see how to start one. It was started by donations of funds from endowments and memorials that remain in the Grand Chapter account. We use \$2000 of the interest for scholarships each year. Other funds for scholarships come directly from the Chapters or individual donations. Scholarships are awarded 2 times per year.

Who makes up the committee? Five elected persons. 3 Past Matrons and 2 Past Patrons. Each serve 3 years and are on a rotating basis. You may serve for 2 terms of 3 years each. As this is one of the very few committees, it is an honor to be elected by the Sisters and Brothers of Grand Chapter. This committee meets twice a year and then again at Grand Chapter. The Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer are ex-officio members and may attend the meetings, but do not have a vote.

At these meetings we receive new and renewal applications from students applying for the scholarships. We discuss the merits of each application to make sure they meet the criteria for receiving an award.

Currently our criteria for the awards are: Freshmen Credit Hours of 0-31 = \$100; Sophomore Credit Hours of 32-63 = \$200; Junior Credit Hours of 64-93 = \$300; Senior Credit Hours of 94 + = \$400. If a student has a Grade Point Average over 3.5% , and we have additional funds, we will award an additional \$100 to those students. If there are hardship cases, we will take those into consideration and contribute a little more. Students who have graduated from college but are continuing on with their education are also considered.

Who may apply for a scholarship? Students, who are in actual attendance and regularly enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning. The student must be a member of, or a family member of one of the following:

A member of AZ OES in good standing; a member of International order of Rainbow for Girls; or a member of International Order of DeMolay. The scholarships are used to secure a college, university, commercial or professional education.

Students must carry a Grade Point Average of at least 2.5, taking 12 or more credit hours. They must supply the committee an Official Transcript of the last school attended. The new application and renewal applications may be obtained from any member of the Scholarship Committee or the Grand Secretary.

Scholarships rely on what members donate throughout the year. Your dollars help more students or students receive more scholarship dollars, because we must spend all that is received that year during the two semesters of the year.

Scholarships are usually spent by purchasing at least one book – just 1. Each book **costs a lot**. I know, I have been there and need renewal classes which require a new book every year. The students also use their funds to buy such small items as pens, PAPER!, Computer ink, an eraser. Every student we assist, helps our future.

See you in Grand Chapter.
In Star Love, Louise Moran
Secretary of Scholarship Committee

Question: #1 Answer on Page 4

Who is Clarissa Harlowe Barton? (1821-1912)

Her father Stephen Barton on his deathbed, gave her this advise?

“As a patriot, he had me serve my country with all I had, even with my life if it need be; as the daughter of an accepted Mason, he had me seek and comfort the afflicted everywhere, and as a Christian he charged me to honor God and love mankind.”

Upcoming events for the next few months.

July 8th Social at the lodge. OES, Masons, Shriner's, Family and Friends. We are going to play **Bingo**. The food menu will be- Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cowboy Beans, Rolls, make your own Sundaes, and watermelon.

YUM YUM

All of this for only \$6.00, and with the best camaraderie, anywhere. Please **RSVP** to Ray Tidwell, Worthy Patron at 928 505-3282 or email at **citlink.net**. Come one, Come all.

August 5-8 Grand Chapter in Glendale, AZ.

Sept.9th We will Honor Master Masons and Bro. John Sleppy, PP, Grand Representative to Nebraska in Arizona.



Ft. Row-Gayle Tidwell, WM & Ray Tidwell, WP
 Installing Grand Officers Lt. to Rt. Back row Judy Johnson, PM,
 Organist, Audrey Jones, PM, Chaplain, Terry Andrews, PM,
 Marshal, Bro. Casey Cosby, PGP, Asst. Installing Grand Officer,
 Sister Billie Bradfield, WGM, Installing Grand Officer, and Bro.
 Bob Bradfield, Grand Sentinel, Asst. Installing Grand Marshal.



Lt. to Rt Bro. John Sleppy, AP, Millie Barnes, AM
 Gayle, WM and Ray, WP



Sisters Audrey Jones PM, Treas. &
 Louann Freitas, PM Secretary



Our Chapter Officers Ft. Row Lt to Rt: Millie Barnes, Louise
 Moran, PM, Audrey Jones, PM, Terry Andrews, PM, Louann
 Freitas, PM, Maggie Bunch, PM, Fran Pell, Betty Hastings, PM,
 Jean Richa, PM. Back Row: Sharon Sleppy, PM, Donna Kopach,
 John Sleppy, PP, Sarah Antonacci, Burt Hastings, PP and Jack.



Charters Members: Lt. to Rt. Sister
 Dorothy Snyder, PM, Bro. Don
 McCormick, PGP, Louise Moran, PM



Star Points: Sisters Caroline Heck, Sarah
 Antonacci, Terry Andrews, PM, Sharon
 Sleppy, PM, Betty Hastings, PM.

Question: #2 Answer on page 4

Who was known as “The Hostess of Fairbanks?”

Sister and Brothers,
 This is a different look to our newsletter as we need to
 cut our cost. With the cost of paper, ink, and postage
 going up it is necessary to keep things in perspective.

Brother John and I encourage you to be a part of this
 newsletter and write an article. We prefer you write your
 own things, rather than copy out of a book someone
 else’s stuff. As long as it is not political or outside what
 we are allowed to publish, we will put it in as you have
 written. You can email either Brother John or myself, or
 send it in a letter. Our address is in the Directory. Each
 of you should receive one this month.

Just send it to Bro. John Sleppy or Ray Tidwell.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SISTER JUDY
 JOHNSON, PM.** Sister Judy, who is not a member of our
 Chapter is always here to play beautiful music for us. We
 thank you so much for what you do for us.



To the answers below, both of these beautiful ladies were members of the Eastern Star.

Answer to Question #1: Better known as Clara Barton, she was a pioneer American teacher, nurse, and humanitarian and is best remembered for organizing **“The American Red Cross”**

Answer Question #2: Eva McGown (1883-1972)

She for three decades helped newcomers, military wives, construction workers, students and visitors find shelter in Fairbanks, Alaska during periods of time, such as World War II when the demand for housing outstripped supply. Eva was featured in an article in “Readers Digest” and on the biographical television show “This is Your Life”. She died in a fire at the Nordale Hotel where she had lived for the last 28 years of her life.

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 Gayle Tidwell, ((928-505-3282) Worthy Matron, or Louann Freitas, Sec. 928 768-3751, for more information.

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