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A Stroll Through Time Together

With Millie and Ray



Another year nearly gone, and it is Roundup Review Time for 2010, before we bravely march into 2011. Time does fly, doesn't it, especially when you are having fun, and have a busy year like this one has been so far. We would like to thank **each** of you, who have donated so much of your time to your chapter, from learning your work so well, to many hours working on our charities, helping others and the like. And we want to thank our faithful sideliners, who are always there, encouraging us. You are each AMAZING!

Our September Meeting, *Little Red School House*, was a welcome back from our summer vacation, and decorations included those little one room school houses & pin ons of the old slates, which asked, "**What are the 3 best things about school? June, July & August!**" Following our theme of a **Stroll through Time Together**, we talked about how school use to be back in the early 1900's and then shared some of our memories of our own school days & the difference today.

In **October** we followed our theme with a Victorian Trick or Treat. The costumes, as well as the decorations were definitely "**out of this world!**" You can see the results of that meeting in the pictures in this issue. Congratulations to Sisters Lynda Beller and Cynde Choate for winning the prizes for most unusual and downright scary! Even the coin march found us facing some very weird looking goodies—hobgoblins & eyeballs and such—oh MY! We thank each of you who dressed up for this fun occasion, sharing in the little play we did on Halloween Customs throughout the world, and added to the fun of the evening. Even the refreshments after the meeting were 'unusual' to say the least.

I want to thank the Decorating Committee (*Sisters Karen Anderson PM, Terry Andrews PM, Sarah Antonacci, and LaVonne Wanker PM*) for all the help they gave me setting up. And thanks to our refreshment committee, Sisters Lynda Beller PM & Maggie Bunch PM, for helping me with the fun goodies.

November eased us into autumn, and found us doing an initiation for Sister **Toni Wanker**, daughter of our Past Matron, **Sister Lavonne Wanker**. Toni, we are so thrilled to have you join us in membership, and so glad that you have moved to Havasu to be with your mother. We will be looking for great things from you in the future. Our officers deserve a hand of applause for the amazing job THEY did, and how well they knew their work. Congratulations to each of you--it was a beautiful & meaningful ceremony. Ray and I were so proud of each one of you, and I know that Toni was impressed! We also want to thank Sister Lynda Beller PM (*who substituted for Sister Carolyn Heck, who had just had an operation*) for knowing the ceremonial work of Electa, so well! Because of illness, we have kept our floating stars very busy this year. Thanks to Sisters Lynda Beller PM, Cynde Choate, and Louise Moran PM and Brother Harley Johnson PP, for filling in whenever needed. Sisters Judy Johnson, PM, and Betty Hastings, PM served delicious refreshments & Sisters Val Billinger, Cynde Choate, and Lavonne Wanker, PM helped with the decorations.

Our **December** Theme is Christmas Customs Throughout the World. We will be sharing some of those customs through song, story and rhyme. Sister Louise Moran, PM, will do a solo, "Oh Holy Night" and our opening and closing ode will be substituted with Christmas Carols. Sister Virginia Hagen, PGM, was asked by our organist and has graciously agreed to substitute for Sister Judy Johnson PM, for that station in December. At this meeting we will vote on the petition of **Sister Louise Parker** for affiliation. We are so thrilled that she has decided to join our chapter and grateful for her support on our sidelines all these months we have had the pleasure of knowing her. In December, we will have a cookie exchange by members, and each is asked to bring cakes, cookies, candy, or pies to be offered for our "Goody Sale" at December Bunco by members. We are having this sale because we were forced, through other circumstances, to cancel our fundraiser dinner in November. We enjoyed the December Friendship Night at Kingman Chapter #17. Havasu had a large showing, with twelve of us present. We want to congratulate the Kingman Chapter on doing their work so beautifully, and thank them again for the wonderful, thoughtful gifts they gave each of us! We hope you, and others will join us for our Friendship night on January 12 at 7 pm. We will have a dinner first with many fun things to do. Please see the article inside about our Friendship Night.

You will find articles inside about some of the upcoming meetings. We hope you will be able to join us for them in the months to come. Meanwhile, we wish you a wonderful family Christmas and Holiday season, filled with love and sharing. With economic and social problems looming, we must join hands together in Eastern Star sisterhood and brotherhood to help each other through these trying times. In times like these, people often grow closer together as they realize that the most important things in life, are after all, friends and family, and those principles that we profess in our Eastern Star beliefs and work. From our house to yours, have a safe and very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*In Star Love,
Millie Barnes, Worthy Matron Ray Tidwell, Worthy Patron*

Calendar:

OES #61 meets monthly on the second Wednesday. At 7pm; Decorations—same day 10:00 am.

Bunco –Monthly Third Saturday—at 10 a.m. at Knights of Columbus—call Sister Gayle Tidwell (505-3282) for details.

January 12, 2011 –Havasu #61, Friendship Night-- (Fundraiser **Dinner & Program-5:30**) Theme: Roaring 20's Speakeasy; --Stew, Corn Bread, Salad. Cost: \$10 ea.. Refreshments to follow meeting. Including various games and booths. Tickets available at door as you enter.

February 9, 2011 Havasu #61—(Dinner Program) Theme: Happy Valentine's Day, Arizona! Dinner 5:30, \$10.00. —Pork Roast & Fixings. Millie will do a

lecture & film presentation on a "Shoot Out" in early Arizona History, that set far more records than the Shoot Out at the OK Corral. After meeting Refreshments: Audrey Palmer, Cynde Choate & Norma Nyberg. Decoration: Millie, Val Billinger, Sarah Antonacci

March 8, 2011—Sunrise #60— Friendship Night--

March 9, 2011 Havasu #61-- Theme: A Rainbow & A Pot of Gold (St. Patrick) Refreshments: Audrey Jones, Jean Richa, & Andie Mills Decorations: Millie, Lavonne Wanker, Cynde Choate,. Note: We will have a practice (date to be set up later) for OV.

March 24, 2011 Havasu #61—Official Visit— dinner at 5:30 PM.—Meeting at **7 PM** Theme: A Stroll Through Time Together. Refreshments: Andie Mills, Cynde Choate, Decorations: **Entire Committee**

March 25—Kingman #17 Official Visit at 7:30 P.M

March 26, 2011—Hands Across the Border with Nevada... More details later.

Active Members Outside AZ

Sister Carol and Brother Dave McLeroy are serving their Dual Chapter, Ruth Chapter #6 in Deming, New Mexico as Worthy Matron and Patron. Sister Carol is working hard to get more attention and recognition drawn to the Eastern Star. Below is a picture of Sister Carol and Brother Dave being presented a flag that was flown over our nation's Capitol.

Legion Riders present flag to local Ruth Chapter No. 6

Chapter 12 of the New Mexico American Legion Riders of Deming presented an American Flag to Carol and Dave McLeroy. The Riders gave a short narrative on the New Mexico Operation Wounded Warrior Program and performed the flag-folding ceremony to kick off this year's philanthropic project for Ruth Chapter 6 in Deming. This flag was flown over our nation's Capitol on Sept. 24, 2010, in honor of Carol and Dave, who were installed on Sept. 25 as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Ruth Chapter 6, Order of the Eastern Star.



Dorothy's Craft Class & More...

We want to dedicate some time to thank our dear Sister, Dorothy Snyder, PM and her daughter Louise Moran, PM. Sister Dorothy and her daughter, Louise Moran, are both Charter Members of Havasu #61, and continue to be very active in their Chapter and in Grand Chapter through the years.

For a couple of years now, Sister Dorothy has offered her home on the third Tuesday of each month for craft classes that allow us to attend to whatever various things we need to do to get ready for upcoming meetings. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of crafting and good conversation.

This year, in addition to all mentioned above, Sister Dorothy made a framed jeweled Christmas tree hanging out of some of her jewelry, complete with small Christmas lights. We are raffling this off as a fundraiser to help out our military men and women (one of our charities), a small thanks for them keeping our nation safe and free. We will have the drawing at our Dec. meeting. We still have raffle tickets available for purchase. *(article by: Millie Barnes, Worthy Matron)*

Sister Olive Clark -1924-2010

A Celebration of Life Service was held for Sister Olive Clark on October 16, 2010 at the Masonic Lodge. There were 20 members of Sister Olive's family and 22 Eastern Star members present. It was a Beautiful Service and send off for Sister Olive, with music by Sister Terry Andrews and Judy Johnson. In 1997, Sister Olive served as Worthy Matron of Havasu Chapter #61 with Brother Casey Cosby, PGP, as her Worthy Patron. When Brother Casey served as Worthy Grand Patron with Debi Wagner Worthy Grand Matron in 2002-03, Sister Olive served as a member of their Grand family as Grand Electa. We were so happy to have Brother Casey PGP with us for the service, as well as, our present Worthy Grand Patron, Bob Bradfield. Thank you to the funeral team, everyone who brought food and helped clean up. The family enjoyed being together and hated to leave. **Farewell Sister Olive! We loved you! We were so proud of you!**

Bunco



Gayle Tidwell, Sarah Antonacci, Terry Andrews
Fun Fun Fun

Bunco is going great—a lot of new players! As you can see by the picture above, we are all having fun, from players to workers. I want to thank the Bunco Committee, who month after month, work hard and have fun together. Special thanks to Sister Sharon Sleppy, our Grand Chaplain, who we all go to for advice, and who works so hard in the kitchen; Sister Terry Andrews who shops for the prizes and wraps them all; & Sister Sarah Antonacci, our caller, who stands and watches all the games. Also, our Worthy Patron, Ray Tidwell who is always a great help to us all. I don't know what we would do without him. Thank you to all, Sisters and Brothers, who donate time, food, money and prizes.

If you have not been to Bunco please give us a try. If you don't enjoy playing Bunco, you can have fun with the workers. Bunco is held every third Saturday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall on London Bridge road. Doors open at 9:30 am and games start at 10:00 am followed by a great lunch, **all for only \$7.00**

See you there
Gayle Tidwell, chairperson.

From The Secretary's Desk

The dues for 2011 are \$25.00 and are now due.

Thank you,

Gayle Tidwell. Sec.

COMING IN 2011

January—Welcome to the 1920's

We are still in the “thought process” about just how and what we are going to do for **Friendship Night**. In keeping with our year's theme of “A Stroll through Time Together” we will be starting the 20's & 30's in January. Each of the remaining months will be dedicated to a decade of time. This will include music, time related things, events of the time and “dress up” if you care to join us in this. Since January is for the 20's & '30's thus—**Roaring 20's Speakeasy...we hope you will join us in this fun.** There is not enough time at a meeting to do it all, so we want to start it out with our delicious dinner, music of the time and a little history. If time allows we will do some of the games. For our Friendship part of the meeting, we will do our regular meeting and then present our gifts. Our organist has been given music of the time, so we will have this in the background. Invitations will be sent out to our “sister” groups along the river—Kingman #17; Sunrise #60. Members are reminded to have gifts for all just in case. Tickets for the games and raffle will be sold in the entry to the Hall. Refreshments will follow meeting, including the various games and booths from dinner. We encourage you to dress up in your favorite Roaring '20's outfit. Maybe we can persuade some of you to do the “Black Bottom” or “Charleston” or other famous dances of the time. Any volunteers?! Should be a fun evening...hope you will join us!

February—Happy Birthday Arizona

In February, we are planning a delicious Roast Pork dinner with all the trimmings, as one of our fundraisers for our charities. During dinner, Millie Barnes, WM, will do a lecture and video presentation on a shootout her family was involved in during World War I. We hope you will join us and share in some of our state's early history.

By the 1890's, Arizonians began to clamor for statehood, but some Congressional members, who had not visited the area, still thought of it as part of the "great American desert" and felt this area was filled with little more than cowboys, farmers, miners and cactus, totally unready to enter this great country as a state. Mainly, however, Eastern Republicans, with good cause, did not want Arizona and NM to bring 4 more Democratic Senators into the government! Much to their chagrin, Arizona became a state on February 14, 1912. She had been a territory from 1863 (middle of the Civil War) until her Happy Valentine's Day present in 1912...and at the time had been under territorial status longer than any other state to come into the union. The state was just coming into its own. In 1911, the Theodore Roosevelt Dam was completed, giving the Salt River Valley a dependable water supply, after years of flooding or drought. Before this time, Prescott and Tucson were the larger metropolitan areas of the state. Things began to change after this, because of 'The Valley's' fertile farmland, which encouraged 'The Valley' population to grow by leaps & bounds, becoming the state's largest metropolitan area.

President Taft, who had previously been a judge, said NO to "recall" in our constitution and vetoed the bill. So these 'dumb' Arizonians took it out, so we could become a state. As soon as he signed the bill on statehood, we re-installed "recall". All this took part after many fights and arguments about entering the union as a huge state combining NM and Arizona territories, with the capital in Santa Fe. Arizona hated this idea and finally won the vote to separate the two areas, with NM coming in just before we did.

All ranchers, my (Paternal) Grandfather, Great Grandfather & a Great Uncle, were members of the Arizona Constitutional Convention. For all those years, under the Republican administration in Washington DC, *who appointed the territorial governors*, Arizonians had suffered through Republican governors who little understood or liked the territory and made very bad decisions, as far as those Arizonians were concerned. When they gathered to set up the State Constitution, they made sure that the governor had little power. It was because of those choices, that it was not until the late 1960's before the Republicans became a contender in Arizona politics. It took almost that long for the governors to get some power in this State.

When World War I broke out, there was a calling for our young men to enlist. The draft was enacted and they were required to sign up for the draft. In a beautiful in area SE Arizona, a couple of men refused to sign up and had threatened the sheriffs of Cochise and Graham Counties that if they were forced to sign up, some sheriffs would die at their hands. And several did! **This is where my story begins. I will tell you about the characters involved in this drama and what happened.** I hope you will join us at our February meeting to hear how this drama unfolds. It would become the largest manhunt in the history of the state, with over 2,000

people actively searching for the murders. As a result of this battle, the men captured would spend more time up until modern times, than anyone had, in the state penitentiary; wives, whose husbands were killed in the line of duty would be given a pension (not done before); and the death penalty was reinstated in Arizona. *(article by Millie Barnes, WM)*

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving can mean so many things
Like the sounds of the morning a new day brings.
The chirping of birds, the buzzing of bees,
The early morning breeze, that rustles the trees.

Only nature created the sights we see
The endless skies, and mountains of infinity
There is a place warm hospitality extends,
It's caring and sharing, a message does send.

Family and friends meet to wine and dine
Celebrating traditions, from the Annals of time.
Hands linking in a chain of friendships stable,
And, all giving thanks for a bountiful table.

(By: *Sister Betty Walker*)

Esther

Esther is the Third Star Point Heroine. She represents the Ideal Wife because she not only succeeded in fulfilling her duty to her husband, but also maintained her high standards and performed her duty to God and her nation.

Did you know that Esther is the second name that was given to the daughter of Abihail. Esther means "star" in Persian. Esther's first name was Hadassah which means "myrtle" in the ancient language of Chaldee. The name of Esther, (star), was very appropriate for this outstanding biblical a personality. Her intercession on behalf of the Jewish people was like a star of hope and encouragement to a people enslaved by, subjugated and distant from their native land.

Her color is white and her flower is the lily which symbolizes purity and peace. Esther's ideals are purity and self-sacrifice. The jewel of this heroine is the flawless, durable and valuable diamond. The crown and scepter united together, is the emblem of this story while the Sun is the symbol of the deeper meaning of the tale.

The seventh beatitude is associated with Esther. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

We have had three of our members serve as Grand Esther from our Chapter. Sister's Evelyn McCormick, 1989, Dorothy Snyder, 1998-99, and Terry Andrews, 200-01.

(article by Terry Andrews, PM)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

December

Rita Mitchell – 2, Caroline Heck – 7, Andy Mills – 10, Betty Cameron – 12

January

Sandy Breece – 4, Jacqueline Wagner – 6, Betty Jo
Blanchard – 6, Millie Barnes – 12, Eleanora Todahl – 12,
Karen Anderson – 15, Paul Shuttleworth – 19, Don
McCormick – 26, Billie Jo Andress – 29, Marilou Fellman –
30, Lynda Beller – 18

We will be setting a date to do the Proficiency exams in
January for anyone who would like to get their card in
either, Basic or Advanced. This meeting will be held at my
home and everyone who would like to do this, is invited.

Ray Tidwell, WP

February

Dorothy Hagenbuck – 1, Norma Blumenstock – 17, Betty
Wyckoff – 18, Bea Roberts – 25, Donna Tucker – 26, Eleanor
White – 26

Proficiency

**The qualities that make us all different...
Are the qualities, that makes us all special.**

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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