

Havasu Chapter No. 61



News

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Greetings to our Sisters and Brothers from

Gayle and Ray



Theme: Angels are Forever

Sisters and Brothers,

What a great time we have had since our last newsletter. We, along with Sisters, Dorothy Snyder, PM and Val Billinger went to an all Masonic & family picnic sponsored by Kingman Lodges at the Haulapai Mountain Park. They had a good showing, and a great BBQ.

On July 8th we had the Worthy Patrons Social at the lodge. There was a good turnout for that also. We enjoyed the company of some of our Sisters from Kingman and Sunrise Chapters. We played bingo and had a great chicken dinner. Thanks, to all those who came, and made it so much fun. Special thanks to Sister Sharon Sleppy, PM for all her help and expertise in putting this together. (Pictures on the picture page).

We, along with Sisters Louise Moran, Sharon Sleppy, Terry Andrews, Louann Freitas, LaVonne Wanker, Eleanor White, Donna Tucker, Judy Johnson, Millie Barnes and Brother's Casey Cosby, PGP and John Sleppy, attended the 109th Grand Chapter Session in Glendale, AZ. This was a great session with a lot of By-law amendments. Mostly, housekeeping updates. Sister Billie Bradfield, WGM kept things on track and it went really well.

We hope to see you all in Chapter.

Star Love,

Gayle, Worthy Matron Ray, Worthy Patron

Happy Birthday to You

September

Frances Strickland – 3, Evert “Mike” Reynolds – 9, Jean Richa – 11, Helen Fraser -14, LaVonne Wanker – 17, Jack Heck – 19, Fredericka “Ricki” Schmadel – 22, Jacqueline Hampsten -23, Cynthia Hardy – 24, Betty Kewish – 24, Lynda Beller – 25, Norma Schaich – 25, Doris Ludwig – 27, John Sleppy – 30

October

Jack Burgess – 2, Audrey Palmer – 4, Frances Pell – 10, Elizabeth Stahulak – 13, Jerry Moran – 16, Mae Baldrige – 25, Dwight “Casey” Cosby – 25

November

Chatty Larson – 1, Betty Allen – 6, Willene Horton – 6, Nick Antonacci – 11, Sharon Sleppy – 11, Maggie Bunch – 12, Anna Edgmon – 17, Mary Lou Tudor Hayes -19, Ed Rucker – 20, Eleanor Stephan – 23, Dick Roberts – 24, Betty Hastings - 25

Calendar of Events

September:

Meeting 9th at 7:00 PM **Top Hats & Petticoats** Honoring Master Masons and Brother John Sleppy, PP and Grand Rep. to Nebraska
Bunco 19th at 10:00 PM

October:

Meeting 14th at 7:00 PM **Trick or Treat** Honoring Warder and Sentinel Wear Costumes
Bunco 17th at 10:00 PM
Holiday Bazaar on the 17th at 2385 Cosnina Dr. Sister Millie Barnes home. Lots of crafts and goodies for sale. Come on out.

November:

Meeting 11th at 7:00 PM **Thanksgiving Blessings** Honoring Star Points - Veterans Day
Bunco 21st at 10:00 AM
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sunrise Chapter #60, Bullhead City

September

Meeting 8th at 7:00 PM preceded by a Potato Bar at 5 PM cost \$5.00 and desert following meeting.
September 12th will be an Oktoberfest at 4 PM. Fantastic German food. The cost is \$10.00. Come join us for a great time.

Kingman Chapter #17

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Sisters and Brothers,

If you have an email address and received this in the U.S. Mail, please send me your email address and I will send this newsletter to you via email. It will save the Chapter postage and you will also get this newsletter quicker and in color. It is much nicer with the color pictures. If you have anything you would like to put in the newsletter you can also email it to me at my email address Tidwell@citlink.net. To those that have access to the internet you can go to benson-arizona.com/havasu61

THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER HAS A SUITE OF ROOMS IN THE TEMPLE AND LIVES THERE WHILE SERVING HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE

JSA at ASU

By: Anita Kopach

During my time at Junior Statesmen Association Symposium I met great people that taught me beneficial information. I got to meet people from all branches of government and talk with them. My favorite was meeting Hon. Michael D. Ryan. He is a Justice of the Supreme Court. Other than that I made amazing friends. My roommates for starters, and then the girls next door. When I go to Indiana hopefully I get to see one of the friends I made at JSA. Also, I debated with politicians and other kids from JSA. I talked about all the controversial issues in politics with other kids who are interested and that made me so happy that I'm not the only one of my age that follows up on current events. I plan on going back next year to see all my old friends and to discuss future events. But for now I am busy planning on starting a JSA chapter at my school. Thanks for letting me have the opportunity to go to ASU and challenge myself with other people!

Sisters and Brothers,

Gayle and I had the honor of visiting Mountain Lakes Chapter in Twin Peaks, California. Sister Louann Freitas, PM accompanied us and was our tour guide. Sister Louann is a member and holds the position of Electa.. Brother Harley Johnson, PP is Worthy Patron and Sister Judy Johnson, PM is Associate Conductress. Sister Judy's daughter is Worthy Matron. Sister Judy is our Organist and she and Harley attend our chapter all they can, even though they are not members. It was a great meeting with a pizza dinner before the meeting and really good finger sandwiches afterwards. We thank Brother Harley and Sister Judy for the very warm reception given to us and true OES friendship.

Ray Tidwell, Worthy Patron

TRIVIA:

Question:

Who was this famous Sister (1884-1962) That assumed a role as an advocate for Civil Rights, was an international prominent author, speaker, and politician and worked to enhance the status of working women and opposed the Equal Rights Amendment because she believed it would adversely affect women?

Did you know Arizona has 37 Chapters and 3908 members as of June 1, 2009.

Visit a Chapter and be part of the fun and fellowship. Meet old friends and make new ones.

Honoring

Brother Harold Dwight "Casey" Cosby

Harold Dwight Cosby was born in a farm house in Hobert, Oklahoma, on October 25th – which means he has a birthday coming up – and, is a Scorpio! He had 2 older sisters and an older brother and was spoiled rotten! Something he hangs on to, to this day!

The family moved from Oklahoma to New Mexico. Casey attended schools in Portales, New Mexico, graduating from Portales High School. It was here he earned the name "Casey". During his growing-up years, he worked alongside his Dad in the fields in New Mexico.

After High School he attended Eastern New Mexico University and worked for the local newspaper. Casey says he doesn't ever remember not working in his life time.

It was while attending Eastern New Mexico University that he met Kay Shepard in a coffee shop. They married and had been married 45 years at the time of Kay's death in 2002. Casey has four children: Joe, Joetta, Tracy, and Asa, 6 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The Cosby family moved to California where Casey attended Whittier College, Long Beach State, and UCLA earning a Masters Degree in education.

His profession as an educator found him teaching math at Kirkland High School in New Mexico before leaving that State. In California, he was a math teacher at Los Coyotes Intermediate; a counselor at Corvallis Intermediate and Excelsior High School. From there he became Assistant Principal at El Camino High School then at John Glenn High School. He was transferred to Norwalk High School as Assistant Principal and later became Principal of that school. It was from that position that he retired in 1994 and he and Kay moved to Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

During this time when Brother Casey was working, attending school, helping to raise four children, and dealing with life in general, Kay joined an organization called Eastern Star. After a while, she came home and announced that she would like to be a Worthy Matron and wanted Casey to be her Worthy Patron. There was just one problem. He needed to join Masons, wait a year, and then join Eastern Star. After some very lengthy discussions between the two, Casey became a Mason in 1972 and joined the Order of Eastern Star in 1974. He and Kay became WM and WP in 1976. In a few years, Kay was asked to be Grand Esther and after that service, was invited to be the 1986 Grand Marshal. In California, this is the first step in becoming a Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Casey was ecstatic with this news! This is a man who at the time, was head of the teachers union, had long hair and wore a headband. Having a wife who was in the Grand Line in Eastern Star in California was not in his life's plan. But, somehow this couple made it through the next four years!

In 1988, as is tradition in California Eastern Star, it was time for Kay to select someone who she would like to place in nomination to be her Associate Grand Patron. Brother Casey tells of going to this couple's house for dinner one evening and Sister Kay asking Brother Loyal Stark if he would accept this nomination. Brother Casey says it was the last time he ever saw Brother Loyal at a total loss for words. Casey and Joan Stark hit it off beautifully and thus was created a tie that binds and one that will never be broken.

When Casey & Kay moved to Lake Havasu City in 1994, they joined Havasu Chapter #61. Casey served on the Scholarship Committee of Grand Chapter and in 1997 was Worthy Patron of Havasu #61. The first time he ran for Grand Sentinel he was defeated but came back the next year and won on the first ballot. He went on to serve as Associate Grand Patron and was installed Worthy Grand Patron in August, 2002, by Brother Loyal Stark. That September, Sister Kay passed on and Casey began his travels as WGP and found comfort and friendship with his Sisters and Brothers of the Order.

Brother Casey was named a General Grand Chapter Visioneer and, it was at General Grand Chapter in Portland, Oregon in 2003, that the gentleman with the white hair who looked handsome in his tux and had a unique smile, caught the eye of a California Past Grand Treasurer. Sister Donna and Brother Casey have been close friends since that time.

Our Brother will be moving to Yucaipa, California, September 12 and we wish him good luck in this next phase of his life.

By: Sister Donna Tucker, PM & Past Grand Treasurer of California.

Answer to Trivia question:

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt

First lady of the U. S. from 1933 – 1945

Sickness and Distress

Our Sisters and Brothers have had some serious illness this summer..

Brother Casey Cosby was in the Hospital and is moving to a place in Yucaipa, California this month.

Sister Dorothy Snyder had heart Surgery a month ago and is still in the hospital struggling. Brother Don McCormick has takes some bad falls and Sister Norma Nyberg is having back Problems.

Sister Virginia Hagen PGM of Montana, is recovering from a brain aneurism, so the Hagen's will not be with us this Winter

Sister Dot Hagenbuch lost her Husband his summer and our sympathies go out to her.

Please keep these Sisters and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

Gayle Tidwell WM

Grand Chapter News

There was a lot of housekeeping changes voted on at this session. The \$1.00 assessment by new members for the Retirement Center was dropped. There was a \$1.00 increase in per capita starting in 2011. It was a good session and very busy.

Articles

Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to have some articles, written by you the members, telling us what the Eastern Star means to you. You can either email me your article or mail it to my home address. Each of you have received a directory and my address is in it or send it to the chapter address and the secretary will get it to me.

Our next newsletter will come out in December just before our meeting. If you have anything you want put it it please have it in no later than December 1st.

My Sisters and Brothers, I wish to extend my most sincere and deepest thank you to the Chapter and all of you who have supported me in my Commission as the Grand Representative to Nebraska in Arizona. It is a good feeling to know that your Chapter is behind you in your endeavors to represent our Beautiful Order to other Jurisdictions. Again please except my Heartfelt Thank You for your support.

John Sleppy, AP

Grand Representative



Dining Room pictures of our 2009 Worthy Patron's Social



More pictures of our Social



Hospitality Committee members and Guest

Pictures at Grand Chapter

Sister Billie Bradfield, WGM



Hospitality Committee Sister Helga Westfall, Chairman

Sister Carol DuBois, wife of WGP Brother Ken DuBois

Picture of the Grand East



Brother John Sleppy, PP, Gr. Rep. to Nebraska



Sister's Tori Loll, Grand Lecturer, Charlotte Guild, Gr. Conductress



Sister Barbara Benton, MWGM
Sister Billie, WGM



Brother Ken DuBois, WGP
Brother William Owen, MWGP



Sister Sharon Sleppy, PM Personal
Page to Bro. Bob Bradfield, Grand
Sentinel (see the rope-she can't away)



He keeps her handy



Sister Millie Barnes decorations in the East

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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