

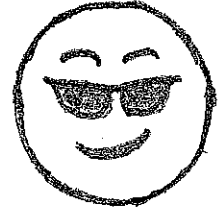


Rebekah Assembly of Maine

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President's Corner



Hi everyone!,

Well, summer has arrived at least the calendar says so. I am writing this while sitting in the Arts & Craft room at Camp NEOFA. It is raining and cold. I haven't yet had a day that I think it has been Hot! I suppose that is okay.

The traveling has slowed down and the Regional Meetings are all done. The change in the Districts to Regional Meetings has been a success. The average meeting attendance has been around 40 to each meeting. The last couple of year's meetings have averaged 20 members. There might need to be some small changes but as a rule it's worked. Thanks to Ernestine and Verna for their hard work.

The International session is coming up soon. I am looking forward to the travel to St. Louis. Debbie, Bea, Muriel, Joyce and Debbie's husband Owen are driving and will have lots of fun along the way. Oh, yes me too. Last year was fun driving to So. Dakota and a lot more miles it was a ball.

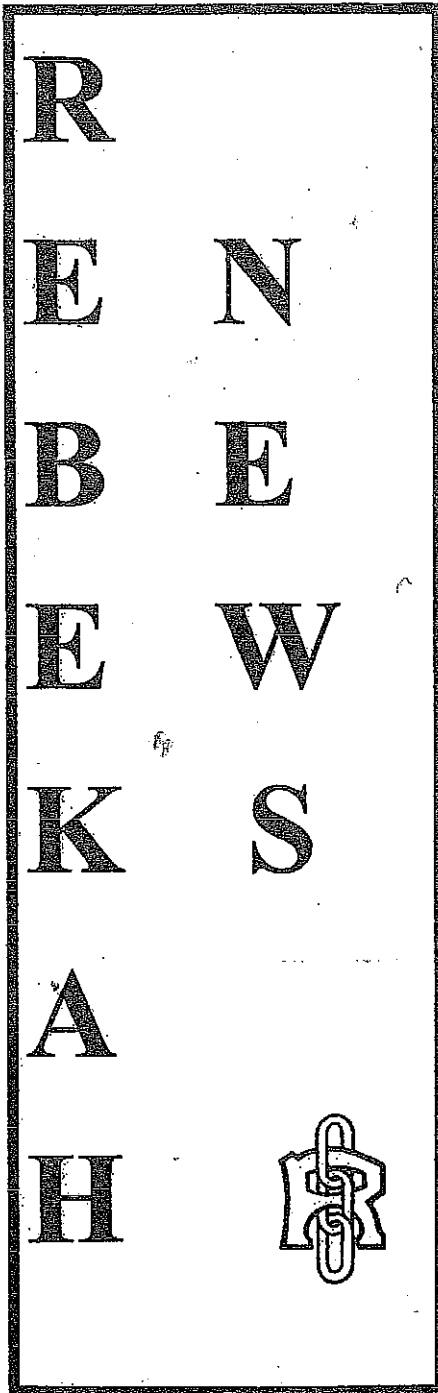
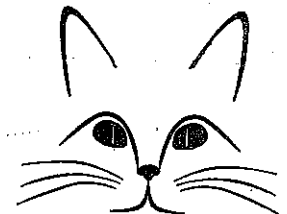
Don't forget that Assembly will be coming up in October. Hope to see you there. Information will be out real soon. Rebekah's that are not members of the Assembly are welcome to Attend. There are portions that you are able to attend. Before I was a member of the Assembly I attended and what fun. You meet new friends and see how the Assembly works. The new friendships and see old friends is worth attending. Maybe you will see that you would like to become a member. Fun Fun.

I want to thank the District Deputies for all their hard work in planning the Regional Meetings. Great job everyone!! Word is out to the new Deputies; make sure everyone is a part of the planning. COMMUNICATE.

Well, thanks to all for your help for our Special Project, still having fundraisers.

September 30, 2017 @ 1 PM. Place: Monroe Lodge, 16 Jackson Road, Monroe. Fundraiser for Wounded Heroes of Maine. Playing cards (WHIT0 \$10 to play prizes - lunch provided - easy to play. Put on your calendar, more info to follow!! Just a little bug in your ear. Should be lots of fun!! Well, that's all for now!

In F. L. and T. Sharon LaSota
President of the Rebekah Assembly



Thanks from:

Winnie Belville of Mechanic Falls and a member of Nina #86 expresses her many thanks for all the phone calls and cards that were sent to her while she was ill this past winter.

Pat Robichaud says Thanks to all who have sent her cards and the phone calls after the loss of her brother.

Message from Debbie Harney

Just a reminder: The Home picnic will be on Saturday, August 5th @ 11:30. The Home will be 90 years old this year. Lets show our Rebekah/Odd Fellowship for the residents!!

Special note: We will be having a Public Relations committee meeting after the picnic downstairs in the lodge room. Committee members please let us know if you are unable to attend. Deb Harney, Chair person 207-653-5285 dharney19@gmail.com or Sharon LaSota President 207-385-5904.

Please Send cards to:

Theresa Low a member of Narragansett Lodge in Gorham. Her address is:
43 Dany Drive Apt. #74
Auburn, ME 04210 She is having health issues. Thanks

Reception for the Grand Patriarch

And, his Marshall Mura Knights.
August 27th at the Masonic Hall on Oak Street in Oakland. The meal will be served at noon. Cost of the luncheon tickets is \$10. Reception afterwards with entertainment. Please RSVP by August 16th to:
Marilee Perkins - 207-437-2429
41 Quaker Hill Rd. Albion, ME 04910

The Sneeze

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they look almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears. This class could NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

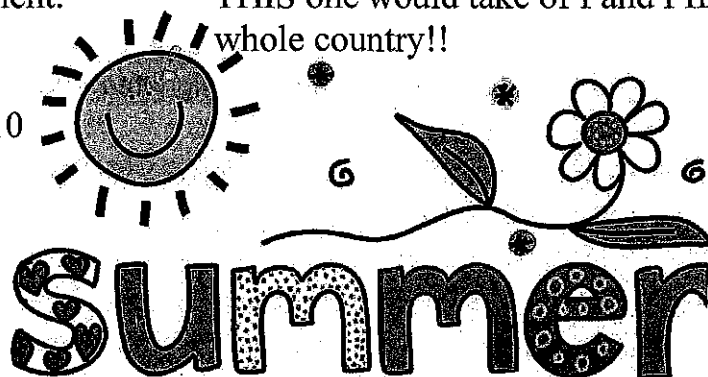
A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone, He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "GOD BLESS YOU". And he walked off the stage....

The audience exploded into applause, The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Isn't this a wonderful story? Pass it on to all your friends... and GOD BLESS YOU! This is a true story; it happened at the University of Maryland. Oh, how I wish THIS one would take of f and FILL the whole country!!





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July 15, 2017

ANNUAL MEETING

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHEAST ODD FELLOWS' ASSOCIATION, INC. ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS - THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER LABOR DAY EACH YEAR, AT CAMP NEOFA IN MONTVILLE, MAINE.

The Annual Meeting of the Northeast Odd Fellows' Association, Inc. will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10, 2017 at Camp NEOFA.

The President, David Lent, has given me the following meeting times:

SATURDAY: Meeting 2 pm Supper 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: Breakfast 7-8 am Church/ Memorial Service 8:30 am
Dinner Noon

Annual Meeting to reconvene at conclusion of church service

Chair of the Camp Directors, Alice Bennett, has asked that Camp Directors meet at 9 am Saturday morning.

Please send names of all deceased Officers/Past Officers of all branches of the Order to the Assistant Secretary, Verna Jones, PRIOR to the Annual Meeting. (11 Fred Brigham Rd., Phippsburg, ME 04562).

Package deal for meals will be \$24. Individual meals will cost \$9 each. Send money and reservations to Sister Verna Jones, 11 Fred Brigham Rd., Phippsburg ME 04562.

Area motels are:

COLONIAL GABLES	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 4000
YANKEE CLIPPER	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 2353
GULL MOTEL	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 4030
BELFAST MOTOR INN	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 2740
ADMIRAL'S OCEAN INN	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 4260

(Admiral's Ocean Inn accepts late night checkins)

The President would like all Committee Chairs to have their reports ready when called for. PLEASE HAVE A TYPED COPY FOR THE SECRETARY, SUITABLE FOR PRINTING IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

According to the Constitution of the Northeast, any member in good standing of any branch of the Order in the eight Northeastern Jurisdictions is a member.

All Members of the various Jurisdictions are urged to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting. This is your Association - this is your camp - show your interest and support of your Camp by being present.

Fraternally,

JANE S. MCCOLLISTER
Jane S. McCollister, Secretary

David Lent, President

Rebekahs of Maine

PART OF THE WORLD WIDE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

REBEKAH LODGE #26 LADY ARMEBEC

INVITES YOU TO A DANCE WITH KARAOKE

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2017

We will be dancing/singing from 3 to 7 PM at

Meadowbrook Campground

33 Meadowbrook Rd, Phippsburg, Maine

We will offer water and soda for donations.

BYO (adult)B

Make sure to bring a chair!

Entrance will be \$5 and special requests will be \$1

We ask that you please only put your own name in for singing.

Jean Moffatt will take special requests in advance, but no promises.

RSVP to Jean at 207-837-8885 or genie1988@yahoo.com

Vicki at 207-751-4876 or vicki.soule@yahoo.com

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE WOUNDED HEROES

PROJECT OF MAINE, SHARON'S PROJECT!