

# Rebekah Assembly of Maine

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## President's Corner



Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Hope all is well with everyone!

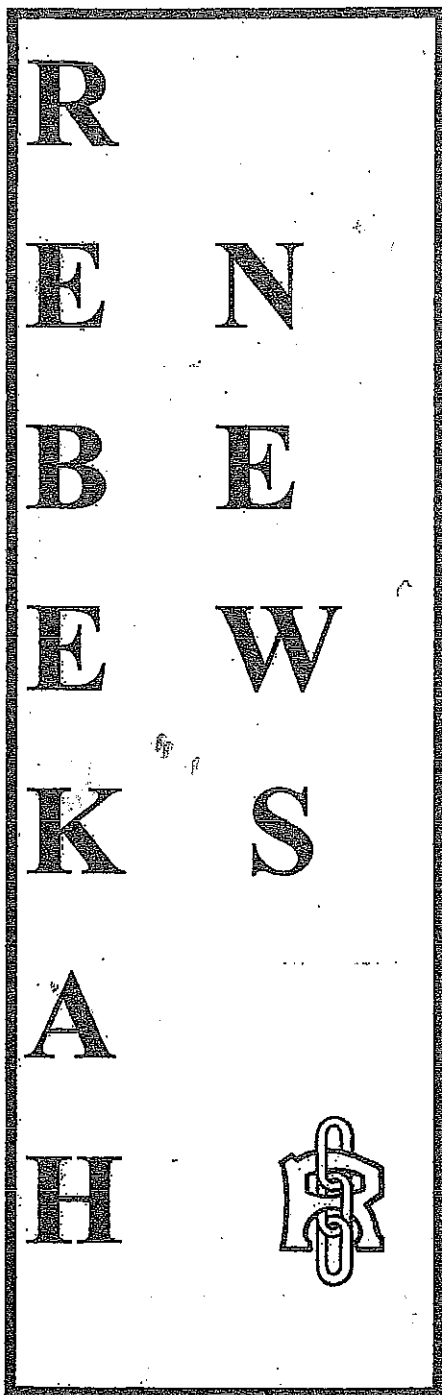
I spent the month of July down at Camp NEOFA, what fun I had. The kids were lots of fun to be with. I heard lots of stories about home life and personal stuff. I felt proud to think they would open up to me with their lives. Well, they have a BBQ every Friday night and at the end the kids are asked to vote for their favorite counselor, counselor in training and something new added their favorite activity. Three weeks in a row Art and Crafts was picked as their favorite activities. How wonderful to think they liked as their favorite activities. How wonderful to think they liked Art and Crafts above swimming, nature and archery. Wow! The last week of camp we had 59 kids. What a year.


In June, I received the Decoration of Chivalry and Medallion Award, at the L.A.P.M. Session in Oakland. Thank you to the person who submitted my name to receive the Decoration of Chivalry you don't know how proud I am to wear it and honored to receive such an outstanding award. I was quite a surprise and an honored. Sister Muriel Elkins and I also received the Medallion Award. She is very deserving of the award.

Don't forget Assembly in October. Hope to see you all at the Officers Banquet, a buffet is being offered so to have more options to choose from. It all sounds great. Hospitality night on Thursday will be game night a couple of fun games will be played and prizes will be awarded. Snacks and drinks will be provided. So, all you need is bring \$2.00 in dimes and three one dollar bills. Dimes for a dice game, ones for right, left, center. Possibly, maybe we will have time to play a round of golf. Money will go to the Wounded Heroes Project. Come join the fun!

We are off to International in a few days. Starting to get excited to see old friends and meet some new ones. I will tell you all about it in my next newsletter. I am the escort for the New Brunswick flag. I am very pleased and honored to have been asked.

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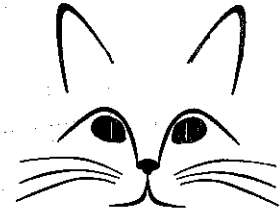
Hope you remember that the lodge that takes in the most new member by October 1<sup>st</sup> gets a pizza party. Secretaries, if your lodge has taken in new member please let me know the number by October 1<sup>st</sup>, if I don't get notification your lodge might miss the chance to have a party)

Don't forget the two upcoming fundraisers, Lady Arambec #26 Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> (info in last months newsletter) and October 30<sup>th</sup> Loyal #92 Monte Carlo Whist card party easy and fun to play. It is \$10.00 to play.

To all Rebekah Lodges, I am granting a special Dispensation for you to change the date and or venue of your meeting, (if needed) for your installation of officers.

To my Officers at Assembly: Please wear white gowns or white skirts and blouses. Sisters (this includes committee members) that are not officers may wear the color of their choice.

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



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**SOMETHING TO PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE:**

There was a man who had worked all of this life and, being a miser, had saved all of his money. He loved money more than just about anything. Just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen. When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me."

He made her promise with all her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money in the casket with him. Well, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a minute!" She had a box with her. She came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down, and they rolled it away. So her friend said, "Girl, I know you weren't fool enough to put all that money in there with your husband!" She Said, "Listen, I'm a Christian. I can't go back on my word. I promised him that I would put that money in the casket with him!?" "I sure did," said the wife. "I wrote him a check".

**Dates to remember:**

September 4<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day

September 6, 2017 - Executive Meeting @ 3 PM at the HOME followed by the Home Board meeting @ 6 PM - September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Northeast Odd Fellows' Association at Camp NEOFA in Montville

September 20<sup>th</sup> - Sterling Lodge in Madison will be having degrees @ 7 PM

There will be a supper served at 6 PM - Please bring your candidates

September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Planning Board meeting at the Odd Fellows Home @ 9 AM

September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Singing & Dancing Karaoke at Meadowbrook Campground in Phippsburg

The day starts at 3 PM - Entrance Fee is \$5 - RSVP to Jean Moffatt 837-8885

September 30, 2017 - Monroe Lodge in Monroe will be a fundraiser for Wounded Heroes

The day starts at 1 PM with lunch provided - Playing cards WHIST \$10 to play

October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM - Executive Board Meeting at the Grand Lodge Office

October 18<sup>th</sup> thru October 21<sup>st</sup> Rebekah Assembly sessions at the Auburn Hilton Garden Inn

October 29<sup>th</sup> - Albion Lodge will be having a public Breakfast from 7 to 9 AM

Right after breakfast, there will be a JJYC meeting @ 10 AM *Please join us.*

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, the HOME had their annual family & friends BBQ @ noon. It turned out to be a very nice day visiting with the residents and family members. At 1 PM, The Public Relations committee met in the downstairs meeting room of the HOME for a long overdue meeting. Thoughts and suggestions were presented by Diddie Barry who had some great ideas. The committee talked about who was serving on the committee for a one year term, two year term, 3 years and 4 years. Then they named a Secretary/Treasurer and a President. Sister Debbie Harney led the meeting. There were lots of good ideas shared.

**Report on New Members**

Starlight #82 - 1 reinstatement

Lady Arambec #26 - 1 new member

R.B. Capen #52 - 1 new member

Rockbound #16 in Stonington - 2 new members

Nina 86 - 1 new member

Riverside #140 in Baileyville - 1 new member

Ivy #5 in South Portland - 1 new member

**Please send Thinking of You cards:**

**TO:** Barbara Howard

8 Page Road - Windham, ME 04062

**AND:** Maybelle Sturgeon, PPRA

Woodlawn Towers

30 Water Street #504

Brunswick, ME 04011

**PLEASE NOTE - CORRECTION TO BE MADE:**

When the lodges receive their annual letter from the office of the Rebekah Assembly Secretary, Please make note that the Past District Deputies meeting that will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please send your reservations for the luncheon to Sister Bea Wilson, 263 East Bridge Street, Westbrook, ME 04092 - Telephone # 207-854-1298

(Not Debbie Harney)

THANKS