



Ladybug Chatter



President's Corner

by Sherry Wilcher

Greetings to all Missouri Ladybugs and friends;

It is hard to believe that Grand Chapter for 2004 is a fond distant memory and Christmas has just recently been celebrated, with all of us awaiting with anticipation a New Year with New Beginnings. Our Club also has New Beginnings and hopefully allot of enthusiastic anticipation resulting in a Great Year in 2005. We gather together over the holidays for a celebration of love for our family and friends, respect for tradition and our heritage, the hope for peace in the world, and the desire for an

exceptional new year. During your holiday celebrations I hope you had time or took time to have some MO Goofy Fun! Those fun memories will be the treasures of a life time.

At our meeting at Grand Chapter I had promised to have our Chatter out by December 15th. It has been a busy holiday season and time just slipped up on me. I hope to do better on the next Chatter which is due out the last week of February. It seems that the clock hands have spun out of control since Grand Chapter and time has just evaporated.

Our fun will begin this year with an **Informal Breakfast** with Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on **January 15, 2005 from 7 am to 11 am** at Buckner Masonic Temple, 611 S. Sibley, Buckner MO. The cost is \$5.00 for all you care to eat. This is one of many fund raising events planned by our Project Chairman, Sister Marion Case. There is no need to get all dressed up as we hope this will be an event like an Ole Fashion Family Breakfast where stories are shared, friendships are enjoyed, love is unconditionally given, and memories are made. Cont. pg. 4

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Chat with Mary Ann

It hardly seems possible that we are ready to start a New Year, but we are ready and willing for it to begin because we have some wonderful things planned.

The very first event we have planned will be a Breakfast hosted by the Show Me State Grand Representatives.

It will be held at Buckner Masonic Lodge on Jan. 15th at 7 a.m. where you will have the opportunity to eat breakfast with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This is a first ever event. That is also the date for the Inspection of the 21st District. So..... If you are coming into town

from the East you can leave early, stop and have breakfast and then journey on to the Inspection. But if you are coming from the West, just drive a little farther and join in the fun. By the way, I will be cooking the eggs any way you like them, Rita Hanson will be flipping pancakes Cont. pg. 3

Special Dates of Interest

- ♦ 01/15 GR Breakfast
- ♦ 01/22 Meeting St. Joseph
- ♦ 02/19 Meeting St. Louis
- ♦ 03/12 Meeting Joplin
- ♦ 05/01 KC Spring Brunch
- ♦ 08/14 Summer Meeting
- ♦ 10/10 Meeting Gr. Ch.

Message From Marge

Holiday Greetings!

The holidays are a time to reflect and reminisce, a time to treasure the love of our family and friends and a time to carry on the traditions of the past. Each of us will be celebrating the beauty of the Christmas season in our own way. Hopefully you will be surrounded by a loving family and treasured friends during the holiday season.

This year I have renewed my interest in scrap booking. As each new event unfolds, my mind is thinking of a phrase or description to journal along with a picture on a page in my scrapbook. As I reflect back on seasons past I cannot help but think of the many events our members have shared together as a club. I can remember the first Christmas trees we purchased for the Masonic Homes, the enthusiasm of our membership as they each contributed the ornaments to decorate the tree. Then there was the day set aside for setting up and decorating the tree, providing refreshments and visiting with the residents. The look of wonder and delight on their faces as we encouraged them to help us decorate the tree. Many had not placed an ornament on a tree for

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years. We sang carols together and shared memories of Christmas with each other. It was a beautiful day when we brought joy to others, but mostly it was a day when we were enriched with the reward of reaching beyond ourselves. A day when we each journeyed home with a smile, knowing we were truly blessed. We were inspired and thought of new ways to increasing the happiness of others in the coming years.

There are many pages in my “Ladybug Scrapbook” spanning a period of time from those early days to the present. I think back to those who contributed so much through the years, to those who continue to make an impact on what we do, and to those who are eager to begin and become a part of the great work we do for our Order. Many have gone on and their spirit shines like the twinkling stars in the night. They are an inspiration that guides and encourages us to continue lighting

the way for others.

As the old year passes and New Year unfolds, it is my hope that each of you will be blessed with happiness. May our efforts continue to make our club a shining star of accomplishment for our Order. Take pride in being a member of the Missouri Show Me State Grand Representatives Club. It is the strength of our members that allow us to accomplish great things.

May your Christmas be merry and bright and your New Year filled with contentment and joy.

Star Love,

Marge Carney

Past Secretary/Treasurer

International Grand Representatives

Hope you had a great holiday season. Look forward to seeing you in January.

Lea Bousman

Vice President

Secretary Notes from Marilyn

by Marilyn McMillen

The celebration of the birth of Christ and a New Year is sometimes overwhelming, but yet miraculous. Both are new beginnings for all of us!

We currently have 306 members who have paid their 2005 State dues for 2005. We have 263 members who have not paid their State dues for 2005. We have 320 members who have paid their International dues for 2003-2006. This is great, but if you know of someone who hasn't paid their 2005 dues, please remind them, they are due!

They can be paid to me at any State Club Meeting, the next one on January 22nd in St. Joseph, or they may be mailed to me. If you would like your dues card mailed to you, please send a stamped-self-addressed envelope with your dues, or you may pick it up at any State Club Meeting. Make checks payable to the Missouri Show Me State Grand Representatives Club (MSMSGRC). Yearly dues are \$5.00, International dues are \$5.00 for the period 2003-2006. BLESSINGS TO ALL FROM BERNARD AND I.

Mail

State & International Dues to:

Marilyn J. McMillen, Sec.

MO Show Me State

Grand Representative Club

6106 Shetland Lane

St. Joseph, Mo. 64506-1039

Chat with Mary Ann continued

and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will be serving you. And just think, you can have all of this for only the paltry sum of \$5.00. This is a great way to support the Grand Representatives as we continue to support each of our charitable projects and also support our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

I have had several questions about my health. Well, a few bumps along the way, but just like an old car that has had an engine replacement, I am up and running again. But thanks for all your thoughts and prayers.

Just to keep you on your toes, I am enclosing a few Notes about Christmas Carols. See if you can figure out their names.

1. Oh, member of the round table with missing areas.
2. Wanted in December: top forward incisors.
3. The lad is a diminutive percussionist.
4. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis.

5. Duodecimal enumeration of the passage of the yuletide season.

Our fervent hope is that you thoroughly enjoy your yuletide season.

If you need answers, let me know and if you figure them out let me know.

May each of you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Joyous and safe New Year. May God's richest blessings be upon you and give you peace.

Each message or story should end with a moral.

So, start the New Year with this thought in mind.

ABILITY is what you're capable of doing, MOTIVATION determines what you do. ATITUDE determines how well you do it..

See you in January?? I really hope so.

Fraternal love,
Mary Ann Browning
Past President, I.G.R.A.

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2005 Grand Representative Breakfast: Planning Soon To Be Underway.

It is hard to believe that it is already time for planning of the 2005 Grand Chapter Session and we are still in 2004. The first planning meeting of the various committee chairmen will be on the 17th of January. We are picking out three ideas for themes and hope that at least one of them will not have been used by the time it gets to us. On January 22, we will be meeting at St Joseph. I hope to have more information for you by then. I am looking forward to working with Sherry, our president, and many of you who will be helping to have a great turnout at the Grand Representatives breakfast.
CAROLYN WELLS, CHAIRMAN

Support Our Charities

Judy did a fantastic job last year in raising money for our charities and had some great ideas.

This year I have decided to sell items and also do whatever extra functions we are able to do. I have had a lot of people wanting the tee shirts again so we now have a Show-me State tee shirt designed by Donna Miller, Grand Representative

of South Carolina. The tee shirts are \$10.00 for small to XL, \$11.00 for 2XL, \$13.00 for 3XL. I can also get larger and children sizes upon request. We have all kinds of jewelry ranging in price from \$2.00 to \$5.00. We also have Ladybug scarves for \$5.00. We hope to add to this list as the year goes on. We are going to have a Missouri Ladybug pin some time after the first of the

year. It is now being designed by Lynn Dothage of Oak Grove Chapter.

We are having a raffle on a snowman donated by Debbie and Joe Hurt. We will draw for it in December at the School of Instruction in Independence. A second drawing
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**Attention
All Ladybugs.....**

Please don't go into hibernation this winter. Start working on items to sell in the Grand Representative Boutique at 2005 Grand Chapter. I will be glad to receive donations through out the year. Everyone's help is much appreciated in this endeavor.

Sister Sharon Ewing
Boutique Chairman



See
Patty Crotty or Donna Miller
for Details
or Check out
the Next Chatter



Sister Gayle Holland won the Large Snowman donated by Debbie and Joe Hurt. The drawing was held on December 10, 2004 at the School of Instruction in Independence. Thank you for your support of one of our projects this year to support our charity donations.

KEEP THAT SUPPORT COMING!!!

New
Grand Representative Appointments

Tennessee
Christine Mays, 51st Dist.

Louisiana
Glenna Keown, 52nd Dist.

Illinois
Barbara Roth, 60th Dist.

Puerto Rico
Elvis Hendrix, 60th Dist.

**REMEMBER TO NOTIFY CHEER CHAIRMEN
OF THOSE NEEDING CARDS!**

Area	Committee Chairmen		Phone #
Cheer East	Schlereth	Judy	314-752-7249
Cheer West	George	Juanita	816-540-2342
Cheer Central	Winnie	Dorothy	660-656-3476
Cheer Northeast	Hubbard	Barbara	636-528-7565
Cheer Northwest	Schoenlaub	Nancy	816-232-2444
Cheer Southeast	Chaney	Gloria	573-667-5381
Cheer Southwest	Studivan-Reeder	Roberta	417-673-2929

President's Corner Continued

Life can spiral too fast in our hectic daily pace, so come on by and slow that pace by enjoying some good food and fellowship while supporting our Charities.

The Year of "MO Goofy Fun" Meetings for 2005 will begin in St. Joseph on January 22. We will meet at the Masonic Temple on 6th and Roubidoux at 10 am prior to the 9th District Official Inspection at 1 pm. The 2005 Grand Family will be honored at this meeting. For those attending our meeting a lite lunch will be provided by the Northwest Missouri Grand Representative Club. We hope our club members will support Our WGM, Sister Retha and WGP, Brother Creed by staying for the Official Inspection of the 9th District. The second meeting of

the year will be on February 19, 2005 at 10:00 am in St. Louis prior to the 60th District Official Inspection at 1 pm. The Meeting will be held at the Webster Groves Masonic Temple, 12 E. Lockwood. At this meeting we will be honoring The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. For those attending our meeting a lite lunch will be provided by 60th District Grand Representative Club so you will be able to support the 60th District by attending their Official Inspection.

The remaining meeting dates for the rest of year are March 12th in the 44th District, May 1st, Spring Brunch in Kansas City, Summer Meeting on August 14th, and October 10th at Grand Chapter 2005. More information will follow in our next Chatter about the

specifics of these meetings.

We owe a great deal of thanks to Sister Marilyn Willenburg and her core of officers and committee chairmen for a successful year. I know she worked hard to give us an enjoyable year. I want to personally thank her for this hard work. I also want to thank Sister Judy Schlereth, 2004 Project Chairman, for her record setting efforts in support of our Charities and Sister Mary Simmons, 2004 Breakfast Chairman, for a successful Grand Representative Breakfast at Grand Chapter in which 530 attended.

For those of you who were unable to attend Grand Chapter in Joplin, we hope you know we missed you.

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The officers want to thank those who attend our installation. It meant allot to us to have you there. I personally want to thank my installing officers, Sister Mary Ann, Sister Marge, and Sister Johnnie Brown for taking time out of their busy schedules to make it a most enjoyable memory. I just wish I hadn't been so nervous and could actually remember it.

The 2005 Officers and Committee Chairmen are:

Officer	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DISTRICT
<i>President</i>	<i>Wilcher</i>	<i>Sherry</i>	<i>59th</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Bousman</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>45th</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>McMillen</i>	<i>Marilyn</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Gaertner</i>	<i>Karen</i>	<i>60th</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Gutherie</i>	<i>Bettie</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Historian</i>	<i>Sprenkle</i>	<i>Bernice</i>	<i>42nd</i>
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Jane</i>	<i>59th</i>
Committee Chairmen			
<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Wells</i>	<i>Carolyn</i>	<i>37th</i>
<i>Boutique</i>	<i>Ewing</i>	<i>Sharon</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Project</i>	<i>Case</i>	<i>Marion</i>	<i>59th</i>
<i>Summer Meeting</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Carla</i>	<i>31st</i>
<i>Visiting GR</i>	<i>McChesney</i>	<i>Delores</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Remembrance @ GC</i>	<i>Blosser</i>	<i>Cheryl</i>	<i>38th</i>
<i>MH East</i>			
<i>MH West</i>	<i>Stillman</i>	<i>Barbara</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Cheer East</i>	<i>Schlereth</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>60th</i>
<i>Cheer West</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Juanita</i>	<i>34th</i>
<i>Cheer Central</i>	<i>Winnie</i>	<i>Dorothy</i>	<i>36th</i>
<i>Cheer Northeast</i>	<i>Hubbard</i>	<i>Barbara</i>	<i>29th</i>
<i>Cheer Northwest</i>	<i>Schoenlaub</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Cheer Southeast</i>	<i>Chaney</i>	<i>Gloria</i>	<i>50th</i>
<i>Cheer Southwest</i>	<i>Studivan-Reeder</i>	<i>Roberta</i>	<i>44th</i>
<i>Auditing</i>	<i>Livingston</i>	<i>Bonnie</i>	<i>21st</i>
	<i>Youmans</i>	<i>Milton</i>	<i>46th</i>
	<i>Reno</i>	<i>Wanda</i>	<i>43rd</i>
<i>Chatter</i>	<i>Browning</i>	<i>Mary Ann</i>	<i>59th</i>
	<i>Carney</i>	<i>Marge</i>	<i>60th</i>
<i>Meeting Hostesses 9th</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Vivian</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Meeting Hostesses 60th</i>	<i>Budak</i>	<i>Karen</i>	<i>60th</i>
<i>Meeting Hostesses 44th</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Velma</i>	<i>44th</i>
<i>Meeting Hostesses KC</i>	<i>Pease</i>	<i>Thelma</i>	<i>21st</i>

I want to thank each one for accepting and offering their support. I know together we will have a great year. I know we will have allot of fun together this year.

Now may the warming love of friends, surround you as you go down the path of light and lighter, Where the happy memories grow. I wish for you "MO Goofy Fun", until next time.

See you in January.
Sherry Wilcher,
2005 President, Show-Me-State Grand Representatives Club

“Rockin Around The Clock”
 January, February, March
 2005

JANUARY

7 th	SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION	Jefferson City
8 th	Associate Grand Conductress Reception	Ashland
13 th	7 th Dist. Inspection	Fairfax
14 th	4 th Dist. Inspection	Bethany
15 th	21 st Dist. Inspection	N. Kansas City
19 th	18 th Dist. Inspection	Moberly
20 th	13 th Dist. Inspection	Mendon
21 st	10 th Dist. Inspection	Stewartsville
22 nd	Grand Representative Meeting 10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph
	9 th Dist. Inspection	St. Joseph
27 th	12 th Dist. Inspection	Polo
28 th	11 th Dist. Inspection	Liberty
29 th	22 nd Dist. Inspection	Kansas City

FEBRUARY

2 nd	2 nd Dist. Inspection	Edina
3 rd	1 st Dist. Inspection	Wayland
4 th	14 th Dist. Inspection	Shelbina
5 th	26 th Dist. Inspection	Ashland
9 th	46 th Dist. Inspection	Mountain Grove
10 th	53 rd Dist. Inspection	Gainsville
11 th	54 th Dist. Inspection	Forsyth
12 th	45 th Dist. Inspection	Springfield
14 th	Happy Valentine’s Day	
16 th	15 th Dist. Inspection	LaBelle
17 th	29 th Dist. Inspection	Troy
18 th	30 th Dist. Inspection	St. Charles
19 th	Grand Representatives Meeting a.m.	St. Louis
60 th	Dist. Inspection	
23 rd	23 rd Dist. Inspection	Higginsville
24 th	24 th Dist. Inspection	Marshal
25 th	27 th Dist. Inspection	Fulton
26 th	31 st Dist. Inspection	Jefferson City

MARCH

2 nd	37 th Dist. Inspection	Clinton
3 rd	34 th Dist. Inspection	Pleasant Hill
4 th	36 th Dist. Inspection	Sedalia
5 th	59 th Dist. Inspection	Independence
9 th	41 st Dist. Inspection	Hermitage
10 th	42 nd Dist. Inspection	Stockton
11 th	43 rd Dist. Inspection	Lamar
12 th	Grand Representatives Meeting a.m.	Joplin
	44 th Dist. Inspection	Joplin
16 th	40 th Dist. Inspection	DeSoto
17 th	50 th Dist. Inspection	Morley
18 th	51 st Dist. Inspection	Kennett
19 th	49 th Dist. Inspection	Cape Girardeau
22 nd	47 th Dist. Inspection	Grandin
23 rd	52 nd Dist. Inspection	Greenville
24 th	48 th Dist. Inspection	Desloge

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER

30 th	55 th Dist. Inspection	Aurora
31 st	38 th Dist. Inspection	Waynesville

*Summer Meeting
Second Weekend of
August not First*

By Carla White, Chairman

Mark your calendars for the summer meeting and brunch to be held August 14, 2005 at Ramada Inn, Jefferson City. This meeting is open to all past and current Grand Representatives and spouses or friends. The brunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. The cost this year will be \$17.00. Saturday evening the officers will host a hospitality room with lots of "entertainment". This is a great time to meet new friends, enjoy some games, food, and friendship.

Support Our Charities continued

will be held at our August Meeting. We have the following for the August drawing:

- a hand made quilt donated by Mary Ann Browning
- an overstuffed ladybug
- a precious moment doll with a ladybug dress
- a ladybug bulletin board

We have Vivian Price, Bernice Sprenkle, Joyce Smith, and Janet Valentine selling these items right now. They will have their bag of goodies as they visit your chapters and districts. If you would like to help, please call or email me.

On January 15, 2005 we will have a Breakfast at Buckner Temple from 7 to 11 with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This is an event of fun and fellowship. We will also have a bake sale at the breakfast. Anyone wanting to donate items or help serve at the breakfast, please call me.

Our annual obligations are the Lois J. Newman Scholarship Fund , the Order of Jobs Daughters, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Order of DeMolay for Boys, the Educational Fund Board, WGM and WGP favorite charities, plus several other responsibilities. These funds alone are in excess of roughly \$3,000.00.

Our Show-Me State Club membership has been very supportive in the past, we hope you will continue to support us again this year.

Sister Marion Case, 2005 Project Chairman

Sherry Wilcher
2005 SMSGRC President
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