

Ladybug Chatter

August, 2006 to
October, 2006



President's Corner

by Lea Bousman

My last article as President of this Club as this year is coming to a close with many happy memories of all the great members who have attended the Club meetings. Many thanks, to Brother Paul Shortt, who has attended all of the meetings and taken many pictures for my album and for the Historian to use in the History Book of our Club. These will be in the hospitality room for you all to enjoy seeing at Grand Chapter. Many, Many Thanks to the Officers and Committee Chairmen of this year for all the work you have done and will continue to do for our Club. I appreciate the help, support, and friendship you have given me and the Club. Please come by the Boutique to shop, sample the goodies, and enjoy the hospitality. Without your support we would not be able to financially support the Youth Groups, Lois Jackson Newman Youth Fund, and the Educational Fund Board. We can only hope the entire Membership appreciates our efforts and will support the Club.

I hope each of you are going to Grand Chapter and are planning on attending our Breakfast on Monday Morning and Our meeting on Monday afternoon. Don't forget your items and food to the Boutique on Saturday or Sunday. We will be collecting dues while the Boutique is open.

I wish to thank Sister Alice Williams, Brother Elmer Dixon, Sister Lois J. Newmann, Our General Grand Chapter Committee

Members, the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and the 2006 Grand Family for attending our meetings and supporting us this year your presence at our meetings was greatly appreciated.

I want to wish sister Marilyn McMillan, her Officers and Committee Chairmen a Great Year.

Again thanks, to the Officers and Committee Chairmen you all made my job very easy. I appreciate all the work you have done for our Club. Thanks to Sister Mary Ann and Sister Marge for their support and guidance. With out their help I would have failed. This years success is due to your hard work. Thanks again for ever thing.

See you all at Grand Chapter !

Lea Bousman

2006 President, Show-Me-State

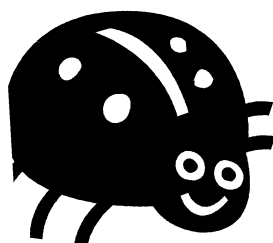
Grand Representatives Club

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Special Dates of Interest:

- ♦ 10/9-11 MO Grand Chapter
- ♦ 10/09 GR Breakfast
- ♦ 10/09 Meeting Gr. Ch.



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“THE LAST TIME”!

A Chat with Mary Ann

Hopefully that heading caught your attention. What it means is, this the last time I will “**BUG**” you about Grand Chapter, however that is for this year only.

Reservations are all closed and tickets are about ready to be placed in the envelopes for you to pick up. The last minute reservations are bringing our totals up to almost the same as last year.

This is the time to pay your dues for the coming year for the state club and also International Dues. I asked someone the other day why did not join or pay their dues. They wanted what they would get for the \$5.00. Well, when you pay your Chapter dues what do you get and what do you expect. The International dues are only \$5.00 for 3 years not just one. **Twice** in the 3 years of the Triennium ½ of the Treasury is given to a Charity

project of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The balance is used for mailings and etc. and some is passed on to the in-coming officers who will be installed in Minnesota.

When I was President, Missouri was almost 100%. I would be especially proud if we could even come close to that this year.

Marge and I and several others will be attending the Triennium in Minneapolis shortly after our own Grand Chapter. Rather than mail all the dues, we take a check with us and usually bring the dues cards home with us. As Past International Officers we are pleased to know that many of our members will be attending the Grand Representative Luncheon and we thank you for this support.

Sister Lea, our president is doing

well after her cancer surgery and she waiting to see if other treatments are necessary. Our thoughts and prayers are with her. Please join us at the meeting on Monday and the Installation of the newly elected officers.

See you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fraternal love

Fraternal Love,

Mary Ann Browning

Past President, I.G.R.A.

“The Changing Seasons” by Marge

The days are turning chilly; the leaves will soon be falling. Let go of the last days of summer and embrace the color and vibrancy of fall. The seasons come and go, but fall in Missouri has a magic all its own.

Our Chapters have started back up, elections are almost over and it is time to think of the new Chapter year. It is a time to renew our enthusiasm and dedication to the Order. Our current leaders have completed their tasks and can look back with a sense of satisfaction on their accomplishments. Our new leaders are looking forward to the future with a sense of hope and wonder.

As members of the Eastern Star we have the opportunity to support and help each leader achieve the goals set before them. Webster’s dictionary contains many possible definitions for the word *service*. It explains service as public employment; the occupation of a servant; the U.S. Armed Forces; work done for others; repair, helpful or friendly action; and a religious ceremony. These are all suitable

definitions for the word in its most basic sense; however the word can mean something more.

Let us define service as something that we do out of the goodness of our heart, because we wish to make our Order a better place. Whatever small tasks we do for another might brighten their day. If we can make one person smile, lighten someone’s burden or help another person, then we will have done our part. When you do for others it comes back to you more than you will ever realize.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.” Service is something one does with no motivation other than a desire to change the world for the better.

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OR USED ANY LONGER.**

***Grand Representative Hospitality Room and Boutique
will be open at Grand Chapter on Sunday, October 8 and 9, 2006***

Time is moving faster than I am! My calendar tells me that it is only 5 short weeks until Grand Chapter in Columbia and we, make that WE, have a Hospitality Room and Boutique to host on Sunday and Monday. Lots of you have brought me your crafts for the Boutique. So far the only definite help for setting up on Saturday is my traveling companion and she is not even a former or present Grand Representative. I hope to set up on Saturday, noon till it is done. Then volunteers are needed on Sunday and Monday also. We still have a few chances to sell on the Ladybug Quilt/Spread so we can have the drawing for that on Monday. I hope everyone is working on their items for the Boutique. We need to have some items to interest the gentlemen who visit our hospitality room (aside from the food). Donations of any of the following would be appreciated. Coffee - 3 (13oz) Folgers Classic; Large jar of instant tea; 100 packets pkg. of Splenda; 100 packets other sugar substitute; and same amount of sugar packets; Napkins(300) ;50 or so plastic forks and some toothpicks. Suggestions for food: We need to have some sugar free cookies and plain pretzels; Home made candy and cookies; Chex or party mix; coated pretzels; Ritz type crackers; caramel corn, cheese cubes; summer sausage slices (or to be sliced); Brownies, or other bar cookies. Hope I have thought of everything, but chances are something will be forgotten unintentionally. My car is small and it will be a challenge to fit everything in and still have room for me and some minimum luggage. See you in Columbia in October.

*Ruth Kerr, Chairman,
2006, Grand Representative Hospitality Room/Boutique*

Minutes from Karen by Karen Gaertner

I have enjoyed being secretary for the Missouri Show Me State Grand Representatives Club for the last year. It has been a great experience. We had a great time in Jefferson in August and collected dues from many of the members present. At that time we also had a membership roster which we put on a computer disk for \$1.50. This is an adobe file which open on many computers. We are continually updating the records for new addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc, so we decided to give this a try. Please make sure to let us know if you have some changes. I will have a limited number of paper rosters at Grand Chapter, so if you want one please send me an email at karengaertner@sbcglobal.net. The price for these will

be \$2.50. For those members who did not pay their dues in Jefferson City or were not able to be with us at that time, never fear as we will be collecting dues at Grand Chapter for both the State and the IGRA for the next triennium of General Grand Chapter. They are \$5.00 each. If you are not able to be with us at Grand Chapter you can send the money along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Welcome to Nancy Levi who will be installed as Treasurer at Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,

Karen Gaertner, Secretary

CENTS BY MARION

What a great year 2006 has been! It has been a pleasure for me to serve as your Treasurer this year and I am looking forward to next year as Secretary. The best thing about being Treasurer and Secretary is that you get to meet and, if not too busy, visit with everyone when they pay their dues. Congratulations to Nancy Levi in her election to Treasurer for 2006-2007.

Grand Chapter is fast approaching and I hope everyone has all their reservations made and plan on attending the Grand Representative Breakfast. We will be by the elevators on the same floor as the Grand Representative Hospitality room, as we were last year, to collect your dues.

See you all in Columbia!

Marion Case, Treasurer



2006 Grand Representatives Breakfast

To All of Missouri's Hummin' Ladybugs!

What a fun time we had in Jefferson City at our Summer Meeting! You were reminded of the Grand Chapter Social Reservation deadline of September 8th and many of the current Grand Representatives signed up to serve as Table Host/Hostesses for the Grand Representative breakfast "Hummin' Your Favorite Tunes". You also got a sneak peek at the show stopper hummingbird table centerpiece and plate. If you were not able to attend the summer meeting, be sure to bring your money to the breakfast and purchase the beautiful hummingbird table centerpiece for \$10 and the plate for \$8. Your support in all of the fundraising projects helps our Club to meet its expenses and make its charitable contributions.

To all who are serving as a Table Host/Hostess or assisting with escorting duties "THANK YOU" in advance for your smiling faces on the Monday morning of October 9th. Sister Charlotte Hodges, Chairman of Table Host/Hostesses will be letting you know of your responsibilities (i.e. table you are assigned to, the reminder to bring a small gift for the 10 members seated at your table, and responsibility of collecting the tickets at your table and selling the table centerpiece—if not already pre-sold). Sister Carolyn Hedgecock, Chairman of Escorting will have the line-up of who you will be escorting that day. Line up time for Escorting duties will be between 6:40 and 6:45 a.m. Monday, October 9th in the hallway outside of Windsor Rooms I-IV. Breakfast Committee members will be allowed in the room at 5 a.m. to complete setup duties. ALL OTHERS ARE ASKED NOT TO ARRIVE BEFORE 6:15 to 6:30 A.M. that day. You have an assigned seat so enjoy the extra hour or two of sleep!!!!

A special "THANK YOU" to the breakfast committee members: Sister Charlotte Hodges, Hostess Chairman; Sister Carolyn Hedgecock, Escort Chairman; Sister Beverly Steelman, Table Reservations/Seating; Sister Helen Foster and Sister Rebecca Hocker, Table Centerpiece Sales; Sister Sally McMillen and Sister Becky Thomas, Room Setup; Sister Delores McChesney, Plates. You have been a wonderful group to work with and I appreciate your willingness to serve on the Breakfast Committee. You made my job as Breakfast Chairman much easier with your dedication and attention to details. Thank you also goes out to the Club Line Officers, Chaplain, Organist and Photographer who will be helping with the finishing touches to the Breakfast program.

As you pack your bags for Grand Chapter, I hope you find yourself smiling and "Hummin' Your Favorite Tunes"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Laura Sands, Breakfast Chairman

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LADYBUG EMPORIUM

Hello fellow ladybugs,

You have all helped so much this year to make our money-making projects successful. I thank you very much.

We missed all of you who could not make it to the brunch in Jeff City. We had a great time, as usual. We also sold a lot of different items to make our club proud.

I have not purchased anything new for Grand Chapter, but I have ordered more sizes in the embroidered T shirts. I will have a few more sewing machine pins, and I still have the ladybug pins that everybody seems to really like. If some of you who are going to be hostesses for our breakfast at Grand Chapter don't have gifts for the table, these pins would be a great idea for you. I will, also, have a few more children totes if anyone is interested.

I will have some vest samples, and for those of you who will be going to General Grand Chapter, I'm quite sure I would be able to have them in time to bring to you.

I've been told that we can, and will, have a table set up with the vendors in Parliament I, II, & III in the Holiday Inn, so please come by and BUY, BUY, BUY!

I have enjoyed being project chairman for this year, and, again, I truly appreciate all of your support.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Blosser, Chairman

VICE FROM THE VP

Hi Sisters and Brothers (Ladybugs)

What a great time we all had at the Summer Brunch in Jefferson City. I hope you were among those who were there, if not, you missed a fun time, seeing all our fellow present and past Grand Representatives. Summer is fastly disappearing, and before we know it Autumn will be here with it's beautiful colored leaves, foliage and time of harvest. Another year is almost gone and Grand Chapter is just a matter of days. I hope everyone is planning to attend Grand Chapter. New ideas, new grand officers, new Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and a new year for the Missouri Show Me State Grand Representative Club. We were all children once upon a time, remember Mother Goose Fables, this next year will be a year for "The Children". I hope everyone plans to be at Grand Chapter to celebrate a new beginning for all of us. It will be a fun year, a time of remembering our years as children, to celebrate life, to rededicate ourselves to our beloved OBLIGATION, and make every attempt to live up to that OBLIGATION. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Grand Chapter. Please, come up and say Hello, let me know who you are, because you are important to me and to the Grand Representative Club of Missouri.

Thank God for all your Blessings!

Marilyn J. McMillen - Vice - President - MSSGRC

The Missouri Show Me State Grand Representatives Club will continue to provide service to others as we support our Order and our Grand Chapter. We will serve to help Missouri remain a shining example for the world to see. By working together we will be able to accomplish great things.

Soon it will be time to pack our bags and make the journey to Columbia for our Grand Chapter session. It will be a time to celebrate the success of this past year and plan for the future. Many plans have been made for our enjoyment and I hope you will be there to enjoy them. See you soon!

See you on the porch!

Marge Carney

Past Secretary/Treasurer

International Grand Representatives Association



New Grand Representative Appointments

Maryland *Mary Lancey* *9th District*



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