

Ladybug Chatter



“Little Black Sheep Follows Marilyn Home” President’s Corner by Marilyn McMillen

Time has a way of slipping by, faster then we’d like sometimes. I think of the time waiting to be 16 so I could drive, waiting to be 21 so I could vote, waiting for my wedding day, waiting for my babies to arrive so I’d know whither it was a boy or girl (no sonograms then), waiting to be President of this “SHOW ME STATE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE CLUB”----W-h-o-o-s-h-- this past year has come and is now almost gone! Where does the time go??? In this last article, there are so many things I want to say to each of you, but I don’t know where to begin!! How does one thank all the members of this great Club, because everyone of

you has helped me the last four years, especially this past year. I deeply appreciate the help, support, friendship and the many kindnesses given to me. Being President of this Club has had a very humbling effect on me, one I cherish and will never forget! I can’t help feeling sad, as my year is fastly coming to an end, but happy knowing I’m leaving the Club in very capable hands with Sister Karen Gaertner as President. Thanks to all the Officers who have given of their time and talents to help wherever they were needed! Thanks to all the committee chairman and many others for accepting the positions and doing tasks they were asked to

do!
I hope all of you are planning to attend Grand Chapter in Cape Girardeau. Please come by the Victorian Inn, where the Grand Representative Boutique and Hospitality Rooms will be. It will be in rooms 164 and 124 - it will be open Sunday October 7 - 9am to 4:30pm, Monday October 8 - 9am to 4:30pm, Tuesday October 9 - 9am till 12 noon. Their will be goodies to sample, you can shop till you drop, and enjoy the warm hospitality that will be handed out to everyone who attends! Your support is needed! We can’t maintain the (continued to page 6)

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“Are You Ready?” A Chat with Mary Ann

Reservations are closed and the final arrangements are being made. Grand Chapter is just around the corner and I hope you won’t be left out. The Cape is something new and I know you will find lots of things to keep you busy. Be sure to take time to look around the City and enjoy yourself. But remember that we all need to be at the business sessions. All members need to be aware of the workings of Grand

Chapter.
I look forward to seeing all of you at the Grand Representatives Breakfast, our Business Meeting and Installation of the newly elected officers. Our Hospitality Room will be open to all visitors and it is always a place to meet and greet all our visitors and friends. 2008 will be another great year for us. Plan to attend all of

our meetings across the state, the Spring Brunch in Kansas City and our special meeting in August in Jefferson City.
As we enter this One Hundred Thirty Third Grand Chapter Session, perhaps we should remember a message that was left from one of our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, “The world needs our Order and we can make a

difference by our **actions** and by showing the world we have **harmony** among us, that we work for others and that we care about our fellow man.”
See you at Grand Chapter?
*Fraternal love,
Mary Ann Browning
Past President,
D. G. R. A.*

Share your news by emailing it to: moladybug@yahoo.com

“Ladybug, Ladybug fly away home ” by Marge

I recently read, “Lydia, the Ladybug” which is a delightfully imaginative children’s book about a little ladybug who shows how a simple belief in oneself and kindness toward others can bring about magical changes in one’s life.

It is a magical world where a children’s book about a little ladybug reveals the importance of thought in shaping destiny. Lydia’s simple belief in herself, positive outlook about life and faith in her dreams helps her to accomplish her goals.

Great strides can be achieved if we work at something, a little bit, each day – just like the ladybug, who despite her small size, through sheer tenacity, can go considerable distances. The ladybug doesn’t stop to compare herself with others who might be faster, larger, or have a more intimidating appearance; instead it accepts itself for its strengths and limitations and tries to do the best with what it has.

By accepting our strengths and weaknesses, we can all do better by making the most of what we have. We can strive to do better by improving upon what we have through our determination.

I thought about the wisdom the little ladybug could teach us. Simply by applying this little

ladybug magic, we can all accomplish considerable feats. We must concentrate on our strengths and overcome weaknesses by persistence, and the desire to do more with what we have been given. By living with courage and the will to do the best with what we are given our lives can have significance.

The little ladybug analogy has important implications not only for our lives as individuals but how our lives affect others, and contributes to a greater destiny. The little ladybug not only teaches us the value of determination in face of incredible odds, but it also teaches us something more subtle. If we want our lives to have any lasting effect then we must think about our actions as it affects the greater whole. Just as a stone cast in the water makes ripples long after it disappears.

It’s just the thought of taking what we have and trying to improve upon it that motivates our actions now and gives us the courage to accomplish our goals – no matter how they may be judged by someone else. In order to find meaning in our lives we have to look at ourselves independently from others, and see that everything is indeed, relative – even achievement. For as long as we are making headway, and there’s some distance that we have come every day, then our lives aren’t futile but have value just like the little ladybug.

By each of us playing our little part we can collectively make a great impact, and this is how we move mountains, or indeed, change the world.

Our membership must emulate the ladybug as we strive to have a positive effect on our Grand Chapter and our Order. Always be proud to be a Missouri Ladybug, showing your colors as a member of the Missouri Show Me State Grand Representatives Club. You truly have the ability to make a difference.

Remember this inspiration, “to thine own self be true”. Oh little ladybug, how we could all learn from you.

Marge Carney

Past Secretary Treasurer

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“Time to Shop & Time to Rest”

Grand Representative Boutique & Hospitality

I wish to thank those of you have donated items to sell at the Boutique in Cape Girardeau. I am happy to say we have many and varied items. I will be bringing my truck to the southeast part of the state to be sure and arrive with all of the donations. Do not despair we will take donations even up until the last minute in Cape. If you wish to price the items you bring great, if not, I will bring price stickers. The Boutique and Hospitality Room will be located near the registration sight in the Victorian Inn. We will have signs and we will pass out some handouts for the people in other hotels to put up in their elevators.

Remember, every current Grand Representative is asked to bring donations for the Hospitality Room. We will take any type of snack food, however, we prefer that items donated require little or no refrigeration. Many of you have volunteered to bring snack crackers, pretzels, cookies, or cookie bars. If you do not wish to bring food we will take monetary donations to purchase fruit, cheese, and other last minute fill ins in Cape Girardeau.

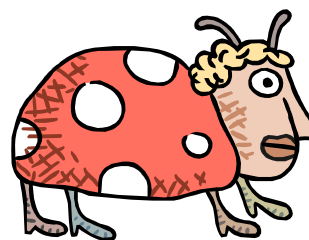
Sister Bonnie Livingston generously made and donated a canvas purse to take chances on to be given away at Grand Chapter. The purse is similar to the ones made for Grand Officers. It has the Star Emblem on one side. The canvas is double strength (FOR ALL THOSE THINGS WE JUST HAVE TO CARRY!) and there are two large wooden handles. Chances will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Lois Cokenour and I will be selling chances until Grand Chapter, thereafter they will be on sale in the Boutique and Hospitality Room.

I will be calling and e-mailing just shortly before we leave for Grand Chapter. Also, remember my assistants around the state : Mary Kay Myers (2nd district) 573-215-2751; Katherine Chellew (9th district) 816-279-2074; Joyce Smith (18th district) 660-295-4821; Martha Glawson (27th district) 573-642-1115; Janet Thompson (45th district) 417-886-

2210 ; Debbie Hay (49th district) 573-243-7648 and of course my right hand In the southeast , Lois Cokenour.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD to seeing all of you in the Hospitality and Boutique. Remember , if you are not attending some luncheon or other thing come and volunteer, or just shop, socialize, shop, socialize, shop, well you get the idea.

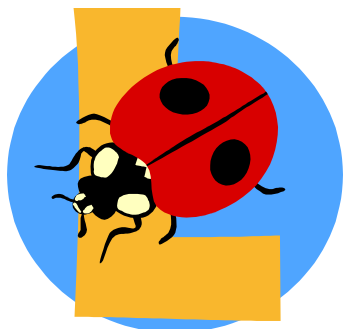
Rebecca Hocker,
Chairman of Hospitality & Boutique



KAREN'S NOTES

Once again we had a great time in Jefferson City for our summer brunch. We had some impressive bubble blowing participants and others who tried but just couldn't get that bubble to grow more than a few inches. Everyone had a great time laughing with each other at how well one person did, while the other couldn't do it. It has been a pleasure serving the club as Vice-President for the past year. Sister Marilyn McMillan has done a great job and I look forward to following in her footsteps and the other members who presided before us. Welcome to Sister Vivian Price, who will be installed as our next Treasurer at Grand Chapter. Don't forget to visit our Grand Representatives Hospitality Room and Boutique at Grand Chapter as the committee has been working hard to have a great room for us to visit and get to know each other.

See you there Karen Gaertner, Vice President



News From the Ladybug Emporium: Support Our Charities

Hi Lady Bugs and Laddie Bugs time is fast running out and I have received very good response on the Club fund raisers.

I still have a few who haven't responded but we are doing very well on the quilt drawing. If you haven't seen the quilt it is beautiful and I will be selling chances on it at Grand Chapter. It will be drawn for at the Grand Representative Meeting. There are also some extra things that will be given away at that time.

If you have tickets still out, let me know and how many you have sold and etc. as I will want to be able to report on all of the sales at Grand Chapter.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the "Cape". I will have shirts and scarves to sell and hope you buy lots so the new project chairman can start with new "doo dads".

All for now, but have You Hugged Your Bug to day? If not today is the day to HUG YOUR BUG!

*Star Love, Kay Stanton
Project Chairman*

Secretary Notes from Marion
by Marion Case

I have enjoyed being secretary for the Missouri Show-Me State Grand Representative Club this year and I am looking forward to next year as vice-president. Congratulations to Vivian Price, who will be installed as Treasurer at Grand Chapter.

What a great time we had in Jefferson City! The bubble blowing contest was a great success and be sure and check out the display of pictures that will be in the boutique at Grand Chapter.

For those of you who did not pay their dues in Jefferson City or were not able to be with us at that time, we will be collecting dues at Grand Chapter. If you are not able to be with us at Grand Chapter, you can send your money along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please let us know of any address, telephone or email changes so that we may keep our records updated.

If you have any questions, please call me at: 1-816-690-8225 or email: DMCase1179@wmconnect.com.

*Fraternally,
Marion Case, Secretary*



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If you have any changes on address, telephone, chapter or district, please write them on the back of this sheet.

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2007 Grand Representative Breakfast



We had a great Summer Meeting in Jefferson City. You were reminded that the Social Reservations deadline was September 7th. Many of our current and past Grand Representatives have signed up to be Table Host/Hostesses for the Grand Representative Breakfast.

You also got to see the Centerpieces and Plates. If you were unable to attend the Summer Meeting, be sure to come prepared to purchase a Centerpiece for \$10.00 and a Plate for \$8.00. Your support in these fund-raising projects, helps our Club to meet its expenses and make its charitable contributions. To all who are serving as a Table Host/Hostesses or assisting with escorting duties, "THANK YOU" in advance for all of your help on Monday morning, October 8th. Remember your small gift for 8 members seated at your table and You will be collecting tickets at your table and selling the table Centerpieces (if not pre-sold).

Sister Carolyn Wells, Chairman of Escorting will have a line-up of who you will be escorting. Line up time will be at 6:45 A.M. in the hallway outside the area of the Breakfast. Committee members will be setting up for the Breakfast promptly at 5:30 A.M. ALL OTHERS ARE ASKED NOT TO ARRIVE BEFORE 6:15 to 6:30 A.M.

A special "THANK YOU" to the Breakfast Committee members: Gloria, Diana, Carolyn, Ruth, Betty G., Nancy, Janice, Lois, Fern, Betty W. Delores Mc, Delores I. and David: You have been a wonderful group to work with, and I appreciate your willingness to serve on this Breakfast Committee. You made my job as the Breakfast Chairman, much easier. Thank you also to the Club Line Officers and Chaplain, who will be helping with their parts of the Breakfast program.

Thank you in advance for all you assistance.

Vivian Price, Breakfast Chairman



LET CHEER CHAIRMEN KNOW OF THOSE NEEDING CARDS!

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Northwest	Jo Smith	(816) 232-5955	9-7-10-12-4-13-11
Southeast	Debbie Hay	(573) 243-7648	50-51-49-48-53-52-46
Southwest	Wanda Reno	(417) 682-6117	44-55-54-45-43-42-41

President's Corner Continued




(continued from page 1) generous funding that the Club does every year without your support! I'm sure you know we give financial support to the Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, The DeMolay, Lois Jackson Newman Youth Fund, the Educational Fund, and the membership has added a new Charity, the "MO-CHIP" Fund. As you generously support these charities, remember our future rests in the lives of these children/youth. All most of them need is a chance, be supportive and help give them that chance!

If you haven't made plans to attend Grand Chapter in Cape Girardeau, you still have time to do so! The Grand Representative Breakfast is Monday morning and the State Meeting is Monday afternoon. Show your support for the New Officers by attending the State Meeting and their Installation. Take your items and food to the Boutique on Saturday or Sunday. Chairman Sister Rebecca Hoecker will be glad to receive them. Our Club Secretary, Marion Case and Treasurer, Nancy Levi will be collecting dues while the Boutique is open. If you have already paid or will be paying during the Boutique, be sure to get your little black sheep magnet!

Fraternal Correspondence is Tuesday afternoon, if you can help with that, we would appreciate it.

Help is needed to line up the current Grand Representatives and their counter-part and if needed, fill in for the March of the Flags. Thanks so much for helping at this event.

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS to Sister Joyce Hartoebben - Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Paul Jackson - Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Lois J. Newman Past Most

Worthy Grand Matron,  our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and the 2007 Grand Family for attending our meetings and giving us your support this past year!

My most sincere wish for a wonderful 2008 goes to our President-Elect - Sister Karen Gaertner, her officers and committee chairman. I know everyone of you will support her as you did me! Congratulations to Sister Vivian Price, who was elected Treasurer for 2008, at our Summer Meeting. Vivian is a very organized person, she will be an added asset to our Club.

Due to Sister Karen, Sister Marion, and Sister Nancy, being President with their help and support has been fun and easier. We were a great "TEAM"! Thanks !

Sister Mary Ann and Sister Marge - what can I say to each of you, except Thanks for all your help and support. The gentle suggestions, the kind words, the never-ending support, your friendship, your laughter, - I could go on, but words can never convey to each of you, my true feelings for everything you've done for me! Just know, I'll be there if you ever need me!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Chatter and the format, which Sister Sherry Wilcher developed! She has been my publicist! We sent her the articles and she arranged them for the Chatter! Thanks so much Sherry for your help with the Chatter this year and for all the many other things you have done!

Now, my Sisters and Brothers - Thank you for the wonderful memories of this past year. Thank

you for your respect and support! As I've said all year, when this time arrives, I will saddle my horse, ride off into the sunset and never look back with any regrets, because I know I'm leaving this Club in good hands for the future!

MOTHER GOOSE, the LITTLE BLACK SHEEP and I are headed home!

See You on the "Sunset Trail"!

*Marilyn McMillen,
2007 President,
Show-Me-State Grand
Representative Club*



BEST WISHES TO OUR OFFICERS FOR 2008!!!

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