

Ladybug Chatter



President's Corner

by Marion Case

What a wonderful time we had Saturday evening in Jefferson City. The hospitality room was full of tables and chairs and still not enough for everyone to sit at the tables. On each table there were ladybug pens for everyone, a gift from Mary Ann and Marge. When everyone came in they put their name in a basket and were given two tickets. Marge had trivia questions for us all evening and everyone enjoyed and learned quite a bit that evening. Between her block of questions Marge drew for attendance prizes and if your ticket was drawn you had your choice of a gift. I left after 10:00 and people were still there getting out their cards and games they brought with them to play. It was a very enjoyable evening for everyone. We had 110 present Saturday evening.

There were 185 at the brunch on Sunday, what a great crowd. We had for presale the center pieces. They were lambs, some were white, white with black ears and tail and of course the black lamb; these were all handmade

by Donna. We also had the plates for pre-sale with white roses and forget-me-nots.

The revised by-laws were voted on as printed in the Chatter and passed. A copy of the new by-laws will be available at Grand Chapter and you may pick up your copy from Vivian and Donna.

Congratulations to our new Treasurer, Sister Donna Miller. She will be sitting with Vivian and Donna at Grand Chapter so be sure and stop by to congratulate her.

Sixteen of the past presidents were honored at this meeting. Each gave their name and year they were president and each was given a gift. These sisters have worked hard for our club and I thank them for the support they have given me through this year.

Sister Marge did a beautiful Memorial to our past members.

We had attendance drawings for all that attended the Hospitality room Saturday evening. Ten visitors won a red pail with the ladybug

dots. Then we had 13 attendance gifts drawn for the visitors at the brunch.

I hope each of you are planning to attend Grand Chapter in Columbia on October 11 - 14. This year we will have a Boutique (room 606) and a Hospitality room (room 605). Don't forget to bring your food items for the Hospitality room and items to sell to the Boutique. When you get off the elevator on the 6th floor, you will see our secretary, treasurer and Donna (newly elected treasurer) collecting dues. If you have paid your 2010 dues, be sure to pick up your Ladybug button pin.

I hope to see you all bright and early at our Grand Representative breakfast on Monday morning and our meeting on Monday afternoon. Right after our meeting, the current Grand Representatives will practice for Fraternal Correspondence.

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Special Dates of Interest

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Donna Koyn, Sec. 2010

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Grand Representative Club

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“Challenger” A Chat with Mary Ann

A few weeks ago, I sat down at my computer to check the E-Mail and I opened one that I had seen before and almost forgotten. It was the story about a Bald Eagle called “Challenger.” As a baby he was blown from his nest in a storm and raised by the people who rescued him. He was trained by the American Eagle Foundation to perform educational free-flight demonstrations. He free flies into stadiums and arenas during the singing of the Star spangled Banner. So as you open the You Tube, you see “Challenger” swooping down and back up and around the stadium. To see this magnificent bird, the Emblem of our Country, a lump comes up in my throat and a tear in my eyes.

And it really makes me think of how wonderfully we are blessed to live in a country that allows such freedom.

The men in our lives have the privilege of joining the Masonic Order and thus allowing the ladies to join the Order of the Eastern Star. To me, the Order has been an extension of our family and friends. These privileges are passed on to our children who we hope will continue for generations to come.

The lessons we are taught are a sacred trust we pass on to those who come behind us. Our numbers are slowly dwindling. Perhaps because we don't tell people what a wonderful organization the Order is.

What other country would allow the freedom we have to pursue these privileges. We work and play together. We share our happiness and sorrows. We support our charities and our youth. These things are only accomplished by working and sharing our dreams together.

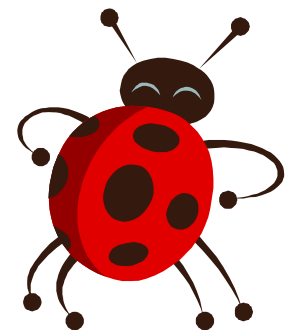
The Bald Eagle is protected by state and federal wildlife authorities. Close your eyes and picture him as he swoops down and spreads those beautiful wings, telling us he is our guardian of freedom. The Order of the Eastern Star is protected by the actions of you and me. We are the guardian of our Order.

Star love,

Mary Ann Browning
Past President,

Marge Update by Mary Ann

Sister Marge Carney has had her lumpectomy and is in the process of completing her Chemo treatments which should be completed just in time for Grand Chapter. She has been staying with Sister Linda and Jack Neiland who has been taking wonderful care of her. But she is home now and should return to work in about another week. She thanks everyone for their concern and the wonderful cards and messages she has received. She wants all of you to know that she is looking forward to seeing you at Grand Chapter and will have an article for the next Chatter.



REMEMBER TO NOTIFY CHEER CHAIRMEN OF THOSE NEEDING CARDS!

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***Don't forget to have cards sent
to those who need them.***

New Grand Representative Appointments

<i>Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>
<i>Betty Kuester</i>	<i>60th</i>	<i>New York</i>
<i>Barbara Palmer</i>	<i>39th</i>	<i>Puerto Rico</i>
<i>Nancy Brown</i>	<i>33rd</i>	<i>Indiana</i>

President's Corner

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As I write my last article, I would like to thank Sister Bernice, Project Chairman, and of course ED for hauling all that stuff all over the state of Missouri; raising money to support our various charities. Thanks to Sister Donna for all her hard work in getting ready for the Grand Representative Breakfast and making all the center pieces and favors. To Sister Dorothy, Hospitality Chairman, for accepting the job of overseeing two rooms this year and I know that she will do a great job. Thank you to Sister Delores and her crew at the Masonic Home for making the plates that will be given to our visiting Grand Representatives at Grand Chapter; and there will be some for sale. Thanks to Sister Beverly and Sister Lynne for visiting our residents at the Masonic Homes and to all the Cheer Chairmen, Sisters Barbara, Thelma, Gwen, Carolyn, Gloria, Lois, Sharon and Rosalee for sending out all the Get Well and Sympathy cards to our sisters and brothers. To our audit committee, Sisters Sharon, Alby and Rebecca, thank you for your good report at our August meeting. Thanks to Sister Ruth for taking care of the remembrance pins and to Sister Sherry for putting the Chatter together. I want to thank Sister Laura, Chaplain, for serving this year; Brother Jim, Historian, for taking all the pictures that will capture all the memories of this year and Sister Martha, Organist, for sharing her talent on the piano and her beautiful voice with us. And a special thanks to Sister Carolyn, Parliamentarian. I know that I probably drove her crazy asking all kinds of questions. Thanks to Mary Ann and Marge for all the support and guidance you have

given me as President of the Grand Representative Club. And YES to keep me in line! To Sister Nancy, Vice President, for being by my side all year; Sister Vivian, Secretary, for the great minutes she has written this year and to Sister Donna for her accurate recordkeeping. These Sister and Brothers have made this a very successful year and a year that I hope all of you enjoyed.

I wish to thank Sister Patty and Brother David and their 2009 Grand Family for all the support they have given me and the club this year and for attending all of our meetings. I would also like to thank Sister Lois, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, our General Grand Chapter Committee members, Past Grand Matron & Patrons for their support and attendance at our meetings. Most of all I thank YOU, sisters and brothers, for attending the meetings this year and for all your support.

I wish Sister Nancy, her officers and committee members a great year in 2010.

Thank you for a wonderful year! See you at Grand Chapter!

Marion Case

2009 President,

Show-Me-State Grand

Representative Club

LADYBUG BOUTIQUE

Hi everyone,

This year has gone by so fast, in three weeks it will be time for Grand Chapter. I have enjoyed working with each one of you, I have made so many new friends who are so willing to help with anything I need for the Grand Representatives Hospitality and Boutique. When I accepted this appointment I had no idea so many things were involved in it, I have been busy with this for nine months and the time has gone so fast. I just want to thank everyone again who bought items to Jefferson City and hope you will remember to bring snacks for the Hospitality room. Please stop by the Hospitality and Boutique room to see us.

See you soon,

Dorothy Winnie,

Chairman, Hospitality and Boutique

Secretary Notes from Vivian

by Vivian Price

Summer is nearly over, and school is beginning. It was a great Summer meeting in Jefferson City. We all had a wonderful time. Grand Chapter is quickly approaching. Be sure to get your reservations for our Grand Representative Breakfast. It will be a great time. Have you paid your 2010 Club Dues? They are due and are \$5.00. If you chose to mail them, please send a SASE along with your payment, so your dues card can be sent to you. The IGRA Dues are as yet uncertain. At General Grand Chapter, the amount will be voted upon there. You will be notified of the dollar amount, as soon as possible. Come to Grand Chapter to meet and greet many friends.

Vivian Price, Secretary

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Cents from Donna

by Donna Koyn

I would like to congratulate Donna Miller on being elected to the station of the Treasurer. I will look forward to working with her next year. Thanks to Vivian Price for all of your help and it has been a real pleasure to get to sit beside you at the meetings and a working on our books. It has been a real pleasure to get to visit the other sisters and brothers across the state while attending the State Club Meetings. I will look forward to seeing you all at Grand Chapter in Columbia. I will glad to take your dues. you can mail them to me at Donna Koyn, 50 Meditation Way Court, Florissant, MO 63031-6535

Fraternally,

Donna Koyn, Treasurer



Grand Representatives Breakfast for 2009

Grand Chapter is only a few weeks away and everything seems to be in order for our breakfast. Thanks to all of the current and past grand representatives who will serve as table host/hostesses. Remember to bring your eight table favors and your best smile. When you arrive at 6:00 AM to set up your table, Linda Graves will give you any final instructions or help you might need. You will serve as hostess for the table number on your ticket. To the past grand representatives who have offered their help, you will receive your letter after September 10 when I receive the final count of the reservations.

To those of you who are escorting, plan to meet with Beverly Steelman at 6:45 AM in the hallway outside the Windsor rooms for instructions. I don't think we will need as many this year as we did last year, therefore some of you may not be needed this year, but your willingness to help is sincerely appreciated.

I'm looking forward to our breakfast and again thank you for all your help and hard work to make it a fun time for everyone in attendance.

Donna Miller

Breakfast Chairman



Cute Items Remain and are coming to Grand Chapter at Close Out Prices!!

My how time flies, the year is almost gone, only a short time until Grand Chapter. I have truly enjoyed being project chairman for Marion this year. I have met a lot of nice people during my travels,

Those of you who were unable to attend the Pink Lodge you really missed out on a good dinner and a very enjoyable Lodge meeting. My thanks go to Marion and her crew and all of their hard work.

I still have items for sale and hope to see each of you at Grand Chapter. Each time you purchase something, our charities benefit from your generosity.

Bernice Sprenkle, Project Chairman



Our Train is fast approaching Columbia.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT
2009 GRAND CHAPTER

We will be waiting on you!!
Come finish the journey with us!!



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

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATED WITH THE CLUB
TO ENSURE YOU REMAIN INFORMED!**

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