

Ladybug Chatter



President's Corner

by Donna Koyn

I would like to thank all of the sisters and brothers that attended the installation of officers for the Missouri Show Me State Grand Representative Club in October in Columbia, MO. It shows that the sisters and brothers are truly there for each other. I would like to say to Sister Vivian, thank you for a great year last year. I truly enjoyed being your Vice-President for the Club.

I look forward to seeing all of the current and past grand representatives at the meetings that will be held around the state this year. I also, would like all of you to support the Grand Representative Clubs in your area as well as the state club.

I have a lot of things planned so look for us at those meetings throughout the State! **“Catch the Spirit.”** and enjoy the fun with us this year!

As most of you know I am also the Grand Warder for Sister Gloria and Brother Jim this year. So, it is an exciting year to say the least for me as I serve this club as President and the Grand Chapter as a Grand Officer.

Please make our newest members feel welcome. Share your enthusiasm around the state with them. It is very contagious.

Thank you also to the members that served as my installing officers at

my installation. It really meant a lot to me to have you part of my installation.

I hope that your holidays were great and that you enjoyed being with your families. Please keep our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers this season and all year long as they serve our country.

“Catch the Spirit”

*Donna Koyn,
2012 President
Show-Me-State
Grand Representative
Club*

“A Christmas Story” A Chat with Mary Ann

I wonder how many each of you has watched the old movie by that name or I should say, how many TIMES have you actually watched it. It always starts playing on several stations a week before Christmas and each year there is one thing we have missed seeing or don't remember it from the year before. And

each year it only seems to get better. Three things were my favorites. There was a lamp that was actually a leg with a shade on it, also where the little boy has his tongue frozen on a pole and the most important was the Red Ryder Rifle. Of course, one disaster after another kept happening but at the end, everything turned out

great. It was strictly a family type movie where at least one or more things probably pertained to us or our own family.

The other movie is also a classic, “IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE”. Again, it is a family movie where through all their trials and (continued, page 3)

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Special Dates of Interest for 2012

- ♦ 02/04 Meeting-St. Louis
- ♦ 03/03 Meeting-Joplin
- ♦ 03/31 Meeting-Cape Girardeau
- ♦ 05/05 KC Spring Brunch
- ♦ 08/05 Summer Meeting-Jefferson City
- ♦ 10/08 Grand Rep. Breakfast -Grand Chapter
- ♦ 10/08 Grand Rep. Meeting -Grand Chapter

“It is Time for Renewal of Spirit and Commitment”

by Marge

The New Year is upon us and we look forward to the opportunities that await us in 2012. ***It is a time for renewal of spirit and commitment.*** We are proud to count so many wonderful dedicated members as part of the Missouri Show Me State Grand Representatives Club. As a member of this club I have had the wonderful experience to gain the friendship of so many of our sisters and brothers from all parts of our state. Each time I travel across our state I look forward to seeing you again.

It is amazing how our attitude plays such an important part in how we visualize ourselves, how we view others and how it determines the choices we make each and every day. I hope that each of us will be able to embrace a positive attitude about what we do that will benefit our Order and enrich our enjoyment of being a member.

The Official Inspections will soon be starting and the Grand Officers will be on the road again, traveling across our state to meet and greet our members. I look forward to

seeing our work exemplified and taking the time to visit with each of you. Plan to attend our meetings when they are held in your part of the state.

Soon we will be receiving information on attending the Triennium Assembly of General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas. General Grand Chapter will be held just a few weeks after our Grand Chapter session. Take a moment to review the program when it come out and make plans to attend. It will be an experience you will long remember and it will afford you the opportunity to meet the wonderful Sisters and Brothers who belong to our Order.

In the meantime remember that attitude makes it all happen, one way or the other, and our positive attitude will let our light shine brightly in Missouri for the entire world to see. We do so many wonderful and beneficial things as a club to support our Grand Officers and Grand Chapter which in turns benefits our Order.

It is in doing for others that we can bring happiness to ourselves. Keep a positive attitude and help our Club continue to set a shining example for Missouri and rest of our Eastern Star world. Take a moment today to let someone know how important they are to you. The sunshine you share with another will shine brightly on your pathway.

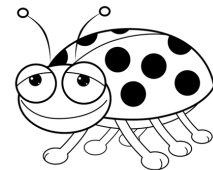
I will be weaving my basket with care this year and filling it with the many friendships I discover as I travel across our great state. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Star Love,

Marge Carney,

Grand Conductress &

Past Secretary/Treasurer of U.G.R.A.



Secretary Notes

Happy New Year Greetings to All the Ladybugs (guys and gals),

I have been receiving information from the newly appointed Grand Representatives. I want to say "Congratulations to each one, and welcome you to the Missouri Show Me State Grand Representatives Club. In the past we have waited to have several applications to the International Grand Representatives Association before sending the dues. It has taken up to six months to receive the dues cards. We have several IGRA dues cards that have not been picked up.

When you pay in person, be sure to give me your name. I know faces, but names don't come to me all of the time. In this, I need your help. If you want to mail your dues to me, the address is: **Sharon Madison, 19487 Farm Road 1085, Cassville, MO 65625.**

I am looking forward to our next meeting, so I can feel active again. We will see you in St Louis.

Ladybug Star Love,

Sharon Madison, Secretary

Chat with Mary Ann continued

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tribulations it ended with a family working together to save the lives of people in the small town. It was a place where everyone was a good neighbor and they shared with each other the good times and the bad.

When I look back on our usual trip to visit our residents at SUMMIT VIEW TERRACE to help them to decorate the Christmas tree, I really think that the Grand Representatives have a story of their own. We have worked on this project for about twenty five years now. I have a picture of the first Christmas tree when only handmade personal ornaments were used. Marge was holding a piece of greenery in her hand and Vicki Nigh was sitting on the floor and if I remember correctly, Linda Floyd was helping.

Back in the good old days, we had a HOME for the Residents in St. Louis as well as Kansas City so we decorated trees at each location. Many changes have taken place through the years but we are still working with our residents. Each year the Show Me State Grand Representative Club has given a monetary gift to each one. The Heartland Club has sponsored taking care of the details of the Christmas party which includes furnishing the food for the pot luck dinner and they also give a

monetary gift. I am so happy to let you know that the Northwest Grand Representatives Club participated this year with the pot luck and also gave a monetary gift. Cosby Chapter in the St. Joe area also made a donation. I have had several other Grand Representatives Clubs who want to send birthday cards and remembrances to our people.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and their Grand Family came to share the day with all of us and they also furnished the wonderful desserts. Many thanks go to Ken Davis, Vivian Price, Jim Wilcher and all those who participated in the caroling. We have wonderful musicians in our Order. I was informed that the Residents were quite impressed with the music and would like to invite them to visit again.

The 16th District and the Grand Family are going to visit the facility in St. Louis and I am sure their presence will be greatly appreciated.

I could write a book about all the accomplishments that have been made by the Show Me State Grand Representative Club through the years. And it was only through the opportunity, love and belief in us by our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lois J. Newman who passed

away in 2011 that we were able to fulfill all her wishes.

May we continue to work together in peace and harmony and may 2012 be a New Year in each of our lives.

“Judge each day not by the Harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant”
R.L. Stevenson

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Fraternal love,

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

Be a spark for your chapter and make the Enthusiasm come alive among your members!!!!

See Brother Jim once you're a SPARK!!



<i>New Grand Representative Appointments</i>			
<i>Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>	
<i>Tammy</i>	<i>Lauders</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Indiana</i>
<i>Ken</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Jan</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>
<i>Barbara</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Arkansas</i>
<i>Mickey</i>	<i>Holyfield</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Oklahoma</i>
<i>Carol</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Texas</i>
<i>Norma</i>	<i>Padley</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>
<i>Audrey</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Kansas</i>
<i>Jim</i>	<i>Wion</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Maine</i>
<i>Lenora</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>Virginia</i>
<i>Billy</i>	<i>Mallett</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Ohio</i>
<i>Joe</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Vermont</i>

Fund Raising Time!!

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As in the past, this year's Missouri Show Me State Grand Representatives Club will be supporting the Lois J. Newman Scholarship Fund, the Educational Fund Board, Job's Daughters International, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay International, and our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's favorite charities.

Our Club President, Sister Donna, has encouraged us all to "Catch the Spirit," and we hope you will do so by supporting our fund raisers this year. The major fund raiser will be a drawing for the following items:

- Lady Bug Doll
- 2 quilts
- Afghan
- Iron
- Toaster
- Lady Bug Luggage
- Lady Bug Pillow Buddy
- Lady Bug Bath Towel
- Cabela's Gift Card
- Bass Pro Gift Card

We will sell tickets all year and the drawing will take place October 8, 2012 at Grand Chapter. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

We also have for sale for \$10 this great reusable eco-friendly grocery/shopping bag. The bag is 13" high x 17" wide x 8" gusset/depth.

It will fold flat for storage.

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

Sue Huber

Project Chairman



CATCH THE
FUND RAISING
FEVER!!!!



Boutique Needs Your Help!!

To all Ladybugs:

We want to remind all Ladybugs that it is not too early to begin working on craft items for your Boutique. It is early to be asking for goodies for the Hospitality Room but you can be gathering ideas of what you would like to bring.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact any member of this committee. In order to make the boutique a great success we need the support of both our present Grand Representatives and the Past Grand Representatives. Let's have a wonderful year.

Terri Politte, Judy Schlereth,
Cheryl Blosser, Karen Budak

VP Thoughts

Thoughts from the Vice President:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and that the New Year will bring only good things to you and yours.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in St Louis on February 4 for our first state meeting. I'm sure Donna K will have some surprises and plenty of fun planned for us. Travel is the key to keeping in touch, whether it is in your own district or across the state. It's fun, and not as costly if you travel in groups.

See you down the road.

*Fraternally,
Donna Miller
Vice President*

**MISSOURI SHOW ME STATE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
CLUB**

**Officer and Committee Chairmen
2011-2012 Officer List**

<i>Officer / Committee Chairman</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>District</i>
President	Koyn	Donna	16th
Vice-President	Miller	Donna	7th
Secretary	Madison	Sharon	27th
Treasurer	Steelman	Beverly	9th
Chaplain	Frost	Marvin	21st
Historian	Young	Kathy	16th
Parliamentarian	Guthrie	Betty	4th
Organist	Price	Vivian	4th
Photographer	Hay	David	29th
Breakfast	Gaertner	Karen	16th
Hospitality & Boutique	Blosser	Cheryl	13th
Hospitality & Boutique	Budak	Karen	16th
Hospitality & Boutique	Schlereth	Judy`	16th
Hospitality & Boutique	Politte	Terri	16th
Project	Huber	Suzanne	16th
Visiting GR	McChesney	Delores	11th
Outreach	Richardson	Geraldine	16th
Outreach	Stillman	Barbara	11th
Cheer East	Stringer	Kathleen	16th
Cheer West	Livingston	Bonnie	7th
Cheer Central	Buckler	Millie	9th
Cheer Northeast	Davis	Lori	10th
Cheer Northwest	Schoenlaub	Nancy	4th
Cheer Southeast	Hawkins	Omega	29th
Cheer Southwest	Loehr	Peggy	18th
Cheer South Central	Wehmeier	Shirley	14th
Auditing	Case	Marion	11th
Auditing	Crotty, PGM	Patty	11th
Auditing	Gaertner	Karen	16th
Remembrance	Monken	Linda	16th
Chatter	Wilcher	Sherry	11th
Chatter	Browning	Mary Ann	11th
Chatter	Carney	Marge	16th
Installing Officer	Browning	Mary Ann	11th
Installing Marshal	Carney	Marge	16th
Installing Chaplain	Cornelius, PGM	Eileen	4th
Installing Photographer	Hay	David	29th

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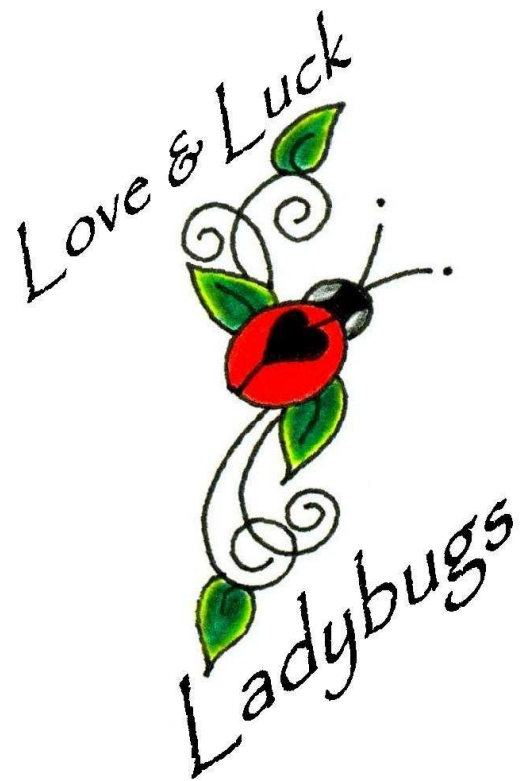
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“TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS”

2011 - 2012

Gloria Chaney
Worthy Grand Matron

Jim Williams
Worthy Grand Patron

2012

January



1 - 6	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
7	Reception for Associate Grand Conductress	Blue Springs
16	Planning Meeting for Grand Chapter Session	Columbia
21	Courtesy Initiation	Lexington
28	Official Inspection of 19 th & 20 th Districts	St. Mary



February

3	Official Inspection of 10 th District	Troy
4	Grand Representative Meeting	Webster Groves
4	Official Inspection of 16 th District	Webster Groves
10	Official Inspection of 15 th District	St. Clair
11	Official Inspection of 13 th & 14 th Districts	Waynesville
18	Official Inspection of 7 th & 11 th Districts	Independence
18	Sweetheart Banquet	Pleasant Hill
24	Official Inspection of 27 th District	Kimberling City
25	Official Inspection of 18 th & 22 nd Districts	Bolivar



March

2	Official Inspection of 23 rd & 28 th Districts	Mansfield
3	Grand Representative Meeting	Joplin
3	Official Inspection of 17 th & 21 st Districts	Joplin
10	Official Inspection of 1 st & 4 th Districts	St. Joseph
17	Official Inspection of 8 th & 12 th Districts	Pleasant Hill
23	Official Inspection of 9 th District	Jefferson City
24	Official Inspection of 3 rd , 5 th & 6 th Districts	Kirksville
30	Official Inspection of 24 th & 25 th Districts	Poplar Bluff
31	Grand Representative Meeting	Cape Girardeau
31	Official Inspection of 26 th & 29 th Districts	Cape Girardeau





“Treasured Notes”



With the holidays behind us, my hope is that each of you had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, and saw the New Year in with fun and laughter. I know my family is truly blessed and are very fortunate that we all can be together every year to spend our holidays together. Although December is always such a busy month, it is still one of my favorite times of the year. It's the beginning of 2012, which brings us to our yearly Official Inspections and Grand Representative Club meetings. I look forward to being with each of you, seeing old friends and making new ones, as we travel to your area in the state. I encourage each of you to attend the several Missouri Show-Me State Grand Representative Club Meetings this year, but especially the one in your area. We need you to be involved! We have a new schedule of meetings this year, adding a new location, so please try to attend and show your support for not only our club, but the 2012 Grand Family as well. So put on your good shoes.....it's time to “play ball!”



Bev Steelman



Treasurer



Check Out Missouri D.E.S.'s Web Site: www.missourioes.org

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

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

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

Area	Cheer Chairman	Phone Number	Districts
East	Kathleen Stringer	(636) 296-5415	10-15-16-19
West	Bonnie Livingston	(816) 858-2279	7-8-11-12
Central	Millie Buckler	(573) 445-1369	6-8-9
Northeast	Lorie Davis	(636) 724-0081	3-6-10
Northwest	Nancy Schoenlaub	(816) 232-2444	1-2-4-5
Southeast	Omega Hawkins	(573) 722-3025	20-25-29
Southwest	Peggy Loehr	(417) 745-6731	17-18-21-22-27
South Central	Shirley Wehmeier	(573) 885-0213	13-14-24-28

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

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