

The Eastern Star Echo of Alaska
October 2008

Deputy Do-Ins

Official Visits are over. The last one was September 16 at Star of the North No. 17 in Soldotna. I enjoyed very much visiting your chapters. Many thanks to all my sisters and brothers for a great 2008. Fall is here and we now turn our attention to our last meetings of the year. Elections will be held in December with installations following. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron will make her official visits in May 2009 and I know the Associate Matrons are busy making plans for her visit. As plans firm up, information will be going out to the chapters.

This will be the last newsletter. Now that our web site is up and running – thanks to Betty Prentice and Sandy Polsky, Denali No. 16 – the information contained here will be on the individual chapter pages on the web site. If you haven't checked into it, please do. It's just wonderful and I couldn't be more pleased. The address is www.akeasternstar.org. So, reporters, keep up the good work and e-mail your chapter news to Betty Prentice at bgprentice@gmail.com.



Dwight Morris, Acting Worthy Patron,
Claudianne Jones, Deputy, and Nona Elliott,
Worthy Matron, Fairbanks Chapter No. 18,
Official Visit September 5, 2008

Midnight Sun Chapter No. 6 – Reported by Deanna Morris, Secretary

The sisters and brothers of **Midnight Sun Chapter #6** have had a summer that passed by nearly unnoticed just as many others did I am sure. Time very definitely passes more quickly as we age!

In June we had the privilege of initiating a new Sister into our chapter and we read another petition at our last meeting. We were also pleased to be able to grant a scholarship once again to Jennifer Heindl Sweeney to help with her training at Boise Bible College.

We have been working hard on our by-law changes and are now ready to submit them for approval of our MWGM. The only true change is to have our meetings start at 7:30 rather than 8:00 p.m. Other changes were basically cosmetic for easier reading / to be in agreement with the red book of General Grand Chapter.

We have had several members with major health problems this summer including B. Butch Spivey who lost his left leg below the knee and is hoping to heal sufficiently to be fitted with a prosthesis and be able to go home by Christmas, S. Tamera Tennant who had several hours of surgery following a severe dog bite, S. Jacquie Yates who broke her wrist and ankle requiring use of a wheelchair, S. Margaret Dial who is having problems with elevated eye pressure, S. Robin Early who has had a variety of concerns including transportation difficulties, and our S. Evelyin's husband is still recovering from an extreme case of pneumonia which kept him in the ICU for several days in February. One of my greatest joys as secretary is to see the fraternal bond of our Order truly at work as we pray for our brothers and sisters.

We are enjoying a truly beautiful Indian summer in the Interior which is doubly great after one of the heaviest months of rain on record in July. Soon, we realize winter will be upon us but our work will continue to go

forward none-the-less. We hope everyone else is enjoying the fall colors and the resumption of their monthly OES meeting also.

Star of the North Chapter No. 17 – Reported by Cheryl Smith, Esther

Star of the North #17 was dark for June and July and started up again in August. It is always nice to see everyone and catch up with our summers. We had a nice picnic in July which was indeed special as the sun finally decided to shine about half way through the afternoon. Thank you Les and Roxie Little for opening up your home once again to us. Good food, good fun, good friends!

We are looking forward to Deputy Claudianne Jones' official visit to our chapter on Tuesday, September 16, 2008. Please join us at 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge in Soldotna if at all possible. There will be a no-host dinner before the meeting beginning at 5:30 at the Nikko Gardens, which is a restaurant on the Kenai Spur Hwy, directly across the street from the Lodge. Hope to see you there!



Star of the North Chapter No. 17, Official Visit, September 16, 2008

Naomi Chapter No. 9 – Reported by Debbie Ackerman, Worthy Matron

So Many Wonderful People!

The Eastern Star 26th Annual Flower and Garden Show is history and what a wonderfully successful show it was. Even with our less

than sunny summer the Skagway gardeners managed to bring in spectacular displays of flowers. The fruits and vegetables, owing to the weather, allowed people to show the end product, Deb Boettcher's wine was quite a hit. Without the support of the people of Skagway this Garden show would not be an annual event and a graduating senior would not receive financial assistance.

The members of Naomi Chapter #9, Order of the Eastern Star, would like to thank the 62 locals, as well as the visitors from 34 states and 9 countries that strolled through the AB Hall sipping coffee or tea and nibbling home-made cookies. And we'd like to thank the makers of those delicious cookies: Barbara Brodersen, Terri Richards, John & Jan Tronrud, Kristen Jacquot, Lizzie Carlson, Craig Lawson, Marla Belisle, Wanda Warner, Lynette Roseberg, and Marcia Berry. Then there are the behind-the-scenes friends: The guys at AP&T, for hanging our banner that reminded people there was something special happening; Betsy Albecker, Mark Schaefer, and Elaine Brummett, our intrepid judges; Tina Cyr, who donated beautiful watercolor pictures for us to sell; White Pass, for the ad space, and Jeff Brady, for looking out for us.

Keep your fingers crossed that next year we actually have summer. We look forward to the beautiful and unique displays that so fascinate visitors and locals alike. See you at the AB Hall August 9, 2009.

Denali Chapter No. 16 – Reported by Betty Prentice, Associate Matron

Denali members were busy this summer, even though we didn't have meetings. We continued to serve monthly dinners for Glacier #10. In June, some of our members accompanied Nugget girls to Grand Assembly in Juneau. Others have been busy sewing chemo caps and making fleece blankets for WM Barbara's charity projects. In addition, we participated in the Masonic Information booth at the fair.

Two of Denali's members, Sharon Combs, and her daughter Kristine Chase, won a number of

ribbons at the Palmer Fair for their woodworking projects.

Pictured are Sharon Comb's entries.



October 1 meetings and welcome our new members Cecilia Ridge and Carl "Bud" Black. Our member Lavona Reeder received her 50-year pin and Kathleen and Rex Plunkett received their 25-year pins. Associate Matron Glenda Ledford is busy planning for her year. Installation of officers will be on December 27, 2:00 pm, at the Palmer Masonic Temple.

Juneau No. 7 - Reported by Georgene Brookman, WM

We were busy with the Rainbow Grand Assembly this summer and enjoyed our time with the young ladies. On the 27th of September we had a fund raiser with auction. We will honor our members at the October 14 meeting with a potluck dinner prior to the meeting. Halloween will be celebrated at our October 28 meeting. And if you love peanut butter, come to our November 11 meeting. Ending up the year will be our meeting on November 25 when we will honor the officers of 2008 and election of officers on December 9.

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Matanuska Valley Chapter No. 14 - Reported by Claudianne Jones, Deputy and Secretary

Many of our members traveled outside the state this past summer (what summer?) and have returned ready for the fall and winter activities in Eastern Star. Our Worthy Matron Victoria Ault must be well known by now at Alaska Airlines! Worthy Patron Marvin Fitzpatrick and his bride Gwyn has moved to Sterling. We will miss them in 2009 but know they will visit Star of the North Chapter No. 17. We held initiation at our September 17 and