

Tennessee Amaranth
Newsletter
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FROM THE THRONE

HL Anna White-Ford, GRM

Believe in Our Tomorrows

We are just back from The Mardi Gras in the Smokies Grand Court Session and I am here to say, it was AWESOME. I cannot express how good it was to see Amaranth smiling faces again—even though many were behind masks—we were together and shared in fellowship and fun. As always, the Friday afternoon session was sobering because over the last two years we have lost so many sweet friends who have gone on to brighter tomorrows. I was so impressed by the \$28,000.00 that H. L. Amy, S. K. William and Tennessee Grand Court Members raised over two years for Diabetes Research—**during a pandemic**. This proves that when we reach out to our communities with fun activities, we make more of a difference for Diabetes Research. Great job everyone, let's keep that momentum going.

Gordon and I Believe in Our Tomorrows we need to cultivate them today and are here to support you and work with you toward that end. I want to thank each of you who accepted appointments and committee assignments, especially those who stepped in at the last minute to fill stations you were not expecting to fill. If you were at Grand Court, you have already heard this, but it bears repeating; you are the backbone and heart of Amaranth. You are the ones who should be recognized for all your hard work, dedication and giving.

H. L. Amy Jones is the Diabetes Chairman for this year. We have already scheduled Cruzin 'for a Cure Car Show on October 30th, 2021 in Oak Ridge again this year. This has been such a

hit; we want to continue with this and work to grow it.

Our first **Painting with a Twist** for the year is scheduled for May 21st at our usual Knoxville, Farragut location with Hayley as our instructor. Please go to their website and sign up for this fun evening. We always enjoy ourselves.

We will soon have a FlowerPower FUNdraising website where anyone and everyone can order Fall Flower Bulbs from June1-Oct15 and Holiday Bulbs during October and November. Bulbs will be delivered directly to our buyers. H. L. Amy Jones has cards that can be passed out. We also have flyers that can be handed out. See the information in this newsletter.

We are working on additional projects and dates, so keep your eyes open. Please share any great fundraising ideas you have with us; we would love to hear them. Remember, we each have one wing when we join together, we can 'fly'.

Included in this newsletter is information on our Sunshine and Angel Awards which were the idea of H. L. Pam Kirthlink, DSRM. Sunshine is necessary for flowers to grow and flourish. It warms our earth and boosts our mood. I am certain there is someone who has provided Sunshine to your life whom you could 'shine on' with an award. The Angel Award is in memory of someone special who is in heaven watching over you. Each Award is \$5 and can be personalized as we have done in the past. Make your checks payable to Grand Court of Tennessee and send your money and for to H. L. Pam Kirthlink, 136 St. Andrews Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934. All proceeds go to Grand Court Ways and Means.

It is May and time for us to do Memorial. I know that Christina Court—my home Court—will need assistance. I am certain that every other Court would welcome all assistance and visitors. Please try to attend as many May meetings as possible.

Our Leadership Training is scheduled for May 29th at Charity Court starting at 11AM. I know this is a holiday weekend but please try to make it. I think you will get some good information.

Our theme for this year is “To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow”. Our motto is Joy, Love & Courage. Our Emblems are Angel Wings and Cowboy Boots. We are looking forward to seeing you on the Amaranth trail soon.

H. L. Anna White-Ford, GRM

SK Gordon Ford, GRP

Greetings, Tennessee Amaranth members. I have been Grand Royal Patron for almost a week and am not yet used to this.

First, I want to thank everyone who agreed to take a Grand Office, whether elected or appointed. I think we have a lot of very good people in place this year. Anna and I are looking forward to a great year, with your help, we can all make this happen.

I think Grand Court session went very well Amy and William did a wonderful job with it. They did amazing work over the last two years. Coping with the challenges we have all faced highlights their work. I really appreciate the work that they and their officers and all our members have done to keep our Grand Court together. We have been blessed.

One of our goals this year, much like Amy and William’s during their term, is Unity. We all need that. “Do unto others as you would they should do unto you” is the greatest line in the Bible. If we treat each other with the same respect and care we expect from others, we will

be able to make our Grand Court soar like an eagle.

Another goal we have is to have fun, another thing we all need. We have been through a lot, and it’s time to get back to normal. Anna and I have been working on plans for some “field trips” for us to enjoy. Look for information to come.

We look toward lots of visits at your meetings and all the fellowship that comes with that. We hope you will visit our Christina meetings when you can. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Again, we are looking forward to a great year for Tennessee Grand Court. We will see you soon!

Gordon Ford, G.R.P.

FROM THE WEST

HL Cindy Brooks, GAM

Thanks to HL Amy and SK William for a very enjoyable Grand Court. It was marvelous seeing all our friends, from in and out of Tennessee. I am deeply honored that Grand Court elected me Grand Associate Matron and was thrilled to nominate SK Lou Scherf as Grand Associate Patron. Taking the West with him was truly a thrill. HL Anna and SK Gordon, your Installation was lovely and I will support you in every way I can.

I hope to visit our TN Courts often and have a few trips to other Grand Courts planned.

See you along the Amaranth trail!

Cindy Brooks, Grand Associate Matron

FROM THE SOUTH

HL Gloria White, GC

Hello from the South! I hope this newsletter finds you well and having a wonderful Springtime in Tennessee and Georgia. Thank you once again for the honor of electing me Grand Conductress. I will do my utmost to promote our beautiful Order and represent you well.

Our Grand Court Session was beautiful. H.L. Amy and S.K. William made us very proud! Congratulations to Christina Court's very own H.L. Anna White-Ford, GRM, and S.K. Gordon Ford, GRP! We will have a wonderful year! Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed Grand Officers. H.L. Kelly, welcome to our Grand line. I look forward to working with you all.

Tennessee was given a Supreme appointment by H.L. Mary Wyatt, SAM, and S.K. George Kuhns, SAP. My sister, H.L. Rita Lowrance was given the honor of being appointed Supreme Choir Director for their Supreme Council Session. I'm so proud of her and for Tennessee Grand Court!

As Chairman of the Youth Scholarship, I am getting several projects underway so we may present our applicants with needed financial assistance. We will be kicking off our fund at the Official Visits with a 50/50 sale that will be awarded at each of the five Official Visit and hopefully one at Christmas time and shortly before our next Grand Court Session. We need to raise at least \$1000 to \$1500 to keep our Scholarship alive and thriving.

I am also planning to put together a small cookbook of treasured Amaranth recipes that I will assemble together and spiral bind for ease of use. I need your help! Send me either by email or snail mail your 2 or 3 most well loved recipes for our cookbook. I want each Court represented! This will sell for around \$5-10 with all profits to the Scholarship fund. My email is dewglo557398@gmail.com and my address is 157 Howard Dr, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742. For questions or ideas: call me at 423-902-8911.

If you have any fund raising ideas to submit, please let me know. Remember, we want other people's money, too!

God bless each of you. I will see you along the Amaranth trail!

FROM THE NORTH **HL Kelly Pickering, GAC**

Let me begin by congratulating H.L. Amy and S.K. William on an awesome Grand Court session and representing our Grand Court for the past 2 years due to the COVID pandemic. Your Madri Gras in the Smokies was fun filled and it was good being able to see everyone.

I would like to extend best wishes H.L. Anna and S.K. Gordon as you begin your term as Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. May your year be fun filled and exciting as we resume visiting and socializing.

I would also like to thank the Grand Court of Tennessee for the faith and trust in electing me as Grand Associate Conductress. I am looking forward to the next 4 years as I progress through the Grand line.

In the words of Maya Angelou, from Letter to My Daughter, *"You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them. Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud. Do not complain. Make every effort to change things you do not like. If you cannot make a change, change the way you have been thinking. You might find a new solution."*

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY **HL June Haas, PSRM**

My thanks to the membership for the election to Grand Secretary. The next months will be a learning process as I fill the large shoes left for me by HL Barbara Hall. Congratulations to her on her new status as Grand Secretary Emeritas. HL Barbara will be completing the directory and the proceedings in the next few weeks as we transition the Grand Secretary's office from her home to mine. In order to keep Grand Court of Tennessee business separate from other correspondence, I have created a new email address for the Grand Secretary: grandsecretarytnamaranth@gmail.com.

CHRISTINA COURT #4 NEWS

HL Linda Piatt, Reporter

Hello from Chattanooga's Christina Court No. 4! We're happy to report that, though some that ravaged over the past year by illness and death, we continue our Amaranth mission. We also celebrate the great success our Grand Court has experienced over the past two years under HL Amy and SK William's leadership, wherein the Tennessee Grand Court raised and submitted another \$12K for diabetes research, for a two-year total of \$28K! We're pleased to report that Christina Court resumed monthly meetings in March of this year, under the continuing and able oversight of HL Sue Gregory and SK Gordon Ford, and we elected, appointed, and installed our Court's 2021 officers in our April meeting. Only days later, a good percentage of our members made their way to the Tennessee Grand Court's 59th Session, which was a wonderful time of fellowship and great "Mardi Gras in the Smokies" FUN, as well as serious work laying the foundation for a successful 2021-2022 Tennessee Amaranth year.

We congratulate everyone who participated, along with those who accepted nominations, and those who were elected and appointed. We are indeed blessed to have so many talented members in our Grand Court, and at least one of our own, HL Rita Hamrick Lowrance, received a Supreme appointment as the Supreme Choir Director for the ensuing year, while she and several others among us were elected and appointed to Grand Court offices. We are honored, most notably, by HL Anna White-Ford and SK Gordon Ford, who are now the Tennessee Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron! HL Gloria White is now Tennessee's Grand Conductress, HL Linda Piatt is the Grand Prelate, HL Marsha Weidinger is the Grand Marshal, HL Brenda Campbell is the Grand Marshal in the West, HL Vickie Dyer is the Grand Historian, HL Rita Lowrance is the Grand Truth, HL Sue Gregory is the Grand Faith, HL Dot Bird is the Grand Page, and HL Virginia Ford is the Grand Crown Bearer. Other officers from our Court include SK Albert Piatt as Christina Court's Assistant Grand Lecturer, and HL Gail Cunningham as Tennessee's Grand Representative to Arizona and Colorado. The

fundraising baskets and candy jars prepared by HLs Gloria White and Rita Lowrance were a resounding success, not only monetarily, but in terms of the joy they brought to the recipients, so...hands together and hats off to these clever and hard-working ladies!

We hope to rally many of our members to show up for the scheduled Official Visits, which begin on June 5, 2021, at Parthenon-Love Court #19, in Nashville, as well as the scheduled Grand Lecturer Visits, which begin on June 12, 2021, at Peace Court #10, in Oak Ridge. Our Court will have the privilege of hosting our own HL Anna and SK Gordon for their Official Visit/Homecoming at Christina Court #4, in Chattanooga, on October 23, 2021, and we eagerly invite all to attend! Meantime, we're grateful for the improving physical health of our nation as a whole, and we send belated Mother's Day wishes from each of us to all the mothers and other "nurturers" among us!

PEACE COURT #10 NEWS

HL Pam Kirthlink, Reporter

Peace Court came in third place for the Mardi Gras King and Queen contest at Grand Court. We will be receiving at least two new petitions for membership and possibly more. Everyone is invited to attend our stated meeting the second Saturday at 1 PM. We have lost several wonderful members this past year, and we hold their families in our thoughts and prayers. It is our hope that everyone is staying safe and well, and we hope to see you soon.

CHARITY COURT #17 NEWS

HL June Haas, Reporter

The officers and members of Charity Court #17 congratulate HL Dulce Kaiser on receiving her Masters of Science in Computer Science from Tennessee Tech University. HL Dulce was the recipient of the Amaranth Scholarship during her undergraduate years and was a DOD Cyber Scholar. She will be fulfilling her commitment by working for a DOD agency.



PARTHENON LOVE COURT #19 NEWS

HL Linda Rudy, Reporter

Parthenon Love Court held their meeting on Thursday, May 6 with lunch at noon, meeting at 1 pm. An impressive Memorial ceremony was given. Thank you to everyone who came and helped us with this important meeting!

Our Official Visit will be at our June 6 meeting and we will need help initiating 4 new members! Lunch will be at noon with the meeting at 1 pm. The offices that I know we need help with are: 4 Ladies of the Square, Standard Bearer, Marshall in the West, and Musician. Please let me know where you can serve and please let me know if you are coming so we will have plenty of food. lindajru1950@gmail.com

Our Benevolence for June will be paper goods for Ronald McDonald house...paper towels, TP, napkins, paper plates, kleenex, etc. Please bring an item and I will deliver them.

Our Social outing will be Bingo at the Mellow Mushroom in Franklin, Wednesday, June 16. Bingo starts at 7 but happy hour ends at 6 so come when you can. We will need a head count for reservations.

Our Silver Drill will be for Grand Court Ways and Means. HL Anna has asked me to be chairman of that committee this year. I hope we can do some fun things together while gathering OPM! All ideas appreciated!

Grand Court was small but fun and very impressive. The food at our banquets was really good and HL Amy and SK William had a great session! Was that them running, screaming and doing cartwheels in the parking lot after it was all over?!?!

Congratulations to the new corps of Grand Officers, led by HL Anna and SK Gordon Ford. I'm sure they will have a great year!

I hope to see many of you at our OV June 6!

SUNRISE COURT #20 NEWS

HL Kelly Pickering, Reporter

Sunrise Court #20 will be having an initiation at our May meeting and observing our memorial service for our members that have passed. We will need help with both in filling the stations. There will be no meal but treat bags will be available to pick-up as everyone leaves.

p.s. Congratulations to HL Kelly Pickering and SK Mike Sparks on winning the King and Queen contest at Grand Court.

SK WILLIAM J HAAS, GRAND LECTURER

It is with pleasure that I have accepted HL Anna's and SK Gordon's offer to serve again as Grand Lecturer. I look forward to working with the members of each Court on the various aspects of the Ritual. HL Anna has asked that mini Schools of Instruction be held as part of my visit to each Court. Please let me know if there are particular areas of the Ritual that you would like me to focus on. Working together we can all learn more about our Ritual.

