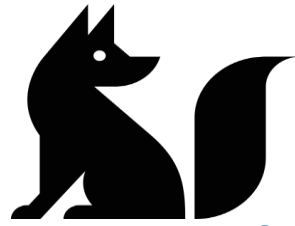


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Hello Fox Valley Members! Welcome to the end of summer and back-to-school time. Over the past few months our Chapter has been doing quite a lot for our order and our charities.

At our Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron Janice Shank and Worthy Grand Patron Bob McMillen along with the Joyful Hearts of 2023, we enjoyed a crowd of about 70 and shared some movie trivia throughout the evening. We donated \$580 to our various charities to brighten the smile of our WGM.

As Worthy Matron, I have been busy traveling around to Official Visits as a guest soloist, singing (if you can call it that) for our WGM and WGP and the appointed Grand officers for 2023. Helen and Ed Milam, our Associate Matron and Associate Patron and Carrie Becker, our Associate Conductress, have been busy traveling around to Advance Nights serving in many different stations along the way.

I travel once a month to Macon IL to participate in the Board of Governors meeting at our Eastern Star Home. As an elected board member, I am Chairman of Assets, Discovery and Audits, and Grand Chapter Office Equipment committees, handling inventory sales and tackling any issues that the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer may need help with. I had a nice ride down to the home last month,

taking Brother Orville Grammer with me to visit with his sister-in-law Sister Lois Pahl who now lives there.

Helen, Ed and I went to the Multi-state event hosted by Illinois in Springfield this past weekend where we thoroughly enjoyed a formal dinner (lots of sequins and tuxes!) at the Abraham Lincoln Museum. Dignitaries from 5 states were in attendance and our Grand Secretary planned an elegant event for us; the entire museum was ours to wander, explore and learn. What an amazing experience. The Milams also attended the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Regenerative Medicine Cruise in Alaska. OES has raised more than \$10,000 for research in this emerging medical field.

There is so much going on in Eastern Star! The pandemic may have slowed us down, but we are back with fervor! Sisters and Brothers, that is what the Order of the Eastern Star was designed for; resiliency, loyalty, faith and love for each other. I wish you a healthy and happy end of summer and look forward to autumn and maybe seeing your faces soon.

Pam Trinco
Worthy Matron

Calendar

Start time is 7:30pm, if not stated.
Family & Friends are welcome to join in on the 4th Tuesday of the month for fun nights.* It's just a couple hours of good times with your star and non-star family and friends all in one place .

Oct 10 Stated Meeting
Oct 24 Halloween Party*
Nov 14 Annual Meeting
6:30pm Potluck
Nov 28 Stated Meeting

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A motion was made at the June 13th, 2023 regarding closing the small remaining Earth Mover Credit Union accounts. The money would be moved into the existing Chase checking account and the existing Green State Credit Union savings account. The reason for the move is that we are charged when the account gets under a certain balance and we are out of checks.

The motion will be voted upon during the October 10th, 2023 meeting.

Advance Night

Advance Night was on April 25th, 2023. Sister Helen Milam, Associate Matron and Brother Ed Milam, Associate Patron, presided in the East. Sister Carrie Becker, Associate Conductress, was also be honored. We had a full core of guest officers and 48 members in attendance. The officers did wonderful work.

Official Visit

The Official Visit was on July 11th, 2023. There were 50 members in attendance. The Fox Valley Officers did a great job. Of course, we were honored with the presence of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Janice Shank and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob McMillan. We also had the pleasure of the company of General Grand Chapter Member and Ambassador to Taiwan, Sister Julie McMillan and Past Grand Patron, Brother Lou Aronson. It was a lovely evening.

Grand Chapter 148th Annual Session "Always In My Heart"

Members are invited to attend the session to be held at the new venue, the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, in Springfield, September 30th - October 4th, 2023. Our Informal Opening and escorting of Distinguished Guests is on the evening of October 2nd at 7:00pm. Contact the Chapter Secretary for credentials and the Worthy Matron for help coordinating traveling with other members.

Fox Valley Chapter Annual Meeting & Dinner

Our annual meeting is on November 14th, when we will have out election of officers. Prior to the meeting, at 6:30pm, we will join for dinner. As the meeting approaches, we will decide if we will have a potluck or Chinese food as we have done in more recent years.

Sickness and Distress

In February, Sister Fran Beltz informed us that she was starting to feel stronger.

In March, Sister Anna May Patch was in the hospital briefly but is back home doing well.

In June, Sister Lois Pahl was hospitalized due to kidney stones and complications that became life threatening. When she was well enough to return to the home, she did and continues to recover there. She is doing much better. Brother Zack Schulz sprained his ankle at work but has fully recovered.

Please remember our members in your thoughts and prayers. If you have anything to report, or would like contact information for any of our members, please reach out to the Chapter Secretary. Having your family members notify us of changes in your health would also be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for Donations

Thank you to the following members for their donations to Fox Valley for Chapter expenses or to Grand Chapter funds. Small or large, we just want to let you know that your contributions are really appreciated!!

Marie Tenzinger

Mary Mason

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

. We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Our donation collection box is located in the lobby, outside our Chapter room.

Jam N Brittle Fundraiser

It is time to order home-made Raspberry Jam and Peanut and Pecan Brittle! If you are interested in purchasing some delicious goodies, you can email your orders to JamNBrittle@gmail.com. An 8-ounce jar of raspberry jam is \$7. A bag of brittle is \$14 per bag. Each bag is approximately 2 pounds of brittle. If you have any questions, you can reach the fundraiser chairman, Brother Orville Grammer, at 630-202-9559. These items make wonderful treats for guests during the holidays or excellent gifts. Deliveries can be made to local OES events or picked up in Batavia. Sister Pam and Brother Orv are planning one trip to Springfield to make deliveries to the Home in Macon in November. Place your orders now!

Grand Chapter Funds

This past year the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron had a fundraising focus for the following: Service Dogs, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight and Shriner Helmets. They are very happy with the results of the generosity of the membership and they will be announcing the results at Grand Chapter. If you are looking to donate, please remember the funds that are truly important to the Order and keeping the Home running. The Endowment Trust Fund, Eastern Star Home Fund and Administrative Fund. Every donation counts!

Fundraising Ideas

We are always looking for new ideas for fundraising and/or growing our membership. If you have any thoughts or ideas, give your Worthy Matron a call. Something that would get you out to attend, has a good chance of being something that others would like to do too. We can use the 4th Tuesday of the month for a fundraising event. Right now, these fun nights are a great way to introduce someone to the membership. Bring someone to attend. Recently, we have had bingo and trivia nights.

Website Still Down

Google is updating their sites and we are going through some growing pains right now. We may even move to a different service. So, for now, you will find the website out of date until we get the new layout created and completed. The system will not allow us to update our old page while this is in process. As of now, in the future, you will still find us at www.FoxValleyOES.org. If we change, we will be sure to broadcast the new web address. When we are back up and running, please consider viewing some of your newsletter issues on the website. It will help us to save on postage expenses, It will not eliminate all mailings but if you are interested in receiving an email notice that the newsletter has been updated on the site rather than a mailed copy, please notify the Chapter Secretary. Your suggestions for things you may want to see included on the website are welcomed.

Just a reminder to make sure that the email we have on file for you is up to date. Just send the Secretary an email, at lorri.schulz@gmail.com.

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - Harmony Assembly #118

Harmony is still Rockin'! While we don't have very many active members right now, the girls we do have are still excited and having fun at Rainbow.



(L to R) Sabrina, Amber, Cassie, Alyssa, Ashley

GRAND ASSEMBLY 2023 - Harmony had 5 girls attend Grand Assembly in July. This picture is from the Friday night Money March, where donations are collected from the different assemblies (and even the OES Grand Family!) that will be counted towards the Grand Charity total. This year the Grand Charity was for the Shriner's Transportation Fund and IL Rainbow raised \$25,000!

At the end of July, Harmony girls and adults got together at Funway in Batavia for an evening of Black Light mini-golf and arcade games. It was also a bit of a send-off for Alyssa C. who headed off to college in August.

If you know of any girls between the ages of 10 and 20 who you think could benefit from the lessons of Rainbow, please feel free to contact the Mother Advisor, Carrie Becker: cbecker821@gmail.com or 815.245.4861 (mobile).