

# Star Tidings

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*Denali Chapter #16 proudly presents our newsletter which is published on a quarterly basis. Inside you will find information pertaining to Denali Chapter #16, Order of the Eastern Star, events attended by members, upcoming events, and a wealth of other tidbits of interest.*

*We hope you find the information herein rewarding and that it will inspire you to be actively involved within our chapter.*

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## STATED MEETINGS

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Our stated meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, except the 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of June and December.

We are dark in July and August (no meetings are held).

Our meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.

At the Anchorage Masonic Center

Located at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Eagle,

in Anchorage, Alaska

For further information please phone our Chapter Secretary, Joan Morgan, at 337-5706 or visit our website at

<http://www.akeasternstar.org>



## SMILES FROM SANDY ~

*As summer tries to peek around the corner, carrying its umbrella, I look out my window and count my blessings. I feel so fortunate for my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers.*

*I want to thank you all for your support and help during the first half of my year as your Worthy Matron. I sincerely hope you are having some fun in our activities, meetings and in our fellowship. I am really enjoying being your Worthy Matron and I am looking forward to sharing these next six months with you.*

*My wish for you is a summer that is dry, full of happy memories and one of many smiles. Although our chapter goes dark for the summer there will be times when we will be able to get together and share some hugs.*

*Some of the highlights of the coming 3 months ahead are:*

- *Catering to our Masonic brothers of Glacier Lodge #10, on the 2nd Thursday of each month for July, August and September. (A plea for help goes along with this message.) If you can help plan a dinner this summer, please contact Sister Betty Prentice at 243-4818, and it will make her day.*
- *September has us being Host & Hostess to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton and her traveling party - we are sharing this honor with Anchorage Chapter #8.*
- *September is also the Special Olympics Fall games; the celebration of Dr. Rob Morris's, our founder, birthday, and ends with our Friendship night with other Eastern Star Chapters.*

*Please keeps tabs of all our activities by reading your yearbook calendar. Those of you in need of yearbooks, please call me at 333.7246.*

*Please call me if there are **any** questions on **anything**.*

*FYI: Since we are not having a meeting before our Most Worthy Grand Matron's visit, there will be a practice **before** our September 10th meeting, which is her official visit.*

*I will also be sending emails to all of you with updates about all our activities.*

*Enjoy your summer and don't forget to Count your Blessings.*

*"Reflect on your present blessings of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, on which all men have some."  
...Charles Dickens*

*In Star Love & with Hugs,*

*Sister Sandy*

*Worthy Matron*

# Chapter News



## Birthday Celebrations

### April

Grace Brown  
Sheree Comer  
Joan B. Jackson  
Barbara Kennedy, PM  
Deborah McGoldrick  
Olivia J. (Nan) Mucha  
Betty Prentice, PM  
Michelle Tasker- Bell

### May

Marlene Killough  
Dawn McQuay  
Melodee Monson, PM

### June

Catherine Pleshnik  
Theresa Thurston

Please join us in wishing our members a very happy birthday, albeit belatedly, and may their hearts and lives be filled with love, peace and their stars shine bright all year.

## The Poke

Three years or so ago, our chapter voted to work at the little store in the Pioneer Home, here in Anchorage. We stock drinks, pot pies, hot pockets, ice cream bars, etc.

When a resident can't find what they want we take a special order and Joan tries to find the article.

Come down anytime when we are open and check us out.



Located in the Pioneers Home.  
Store is open on Monday,  
Wednesday and Friday  
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



**All help is voluntary and we can always use your help.**

It really would be nice to have two volunteers in the store at a time.



## Alaska Special Olympics

The *Alaska Special Olympics* is the special project of our Worthy Matron. On March 11, 12, and 13th, 2011, the Alaska Special Olympics held their Winter Games here in Anchorage.

On March 11th and 13th, Denali Chapter #16 had the opportunity to help the Special Olympians at their dinners.

As a Symbol of Unity, each of the 300+ Special Olympians were presented with a beautiful winter scarf. All of these scarves were hand made by many members of several communities.

As a Gesture of Appreciation, each of our members who helped serve at the banquet, were presented with one of these scarves.

On June 9, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Alaska Special Olympics held their Summer Games in Anchorage. There were over 350+ athletes who participated in the summer games. On June 9th & 11th we again had the opportunity to help at their dinners.

It was a wonderful and fun experience and we are looking forward to helping out when the Special Olympics hold their Fall games.

~ Sister Sandy  
Worthy Matron

## Memorial Day Program

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*The Worthy Patron and I had a wonderful day when we represented Denali Chapter #16 at the Memorial Day Program at the National Cemetery on Fort Rich. The program was beautiful and there were many lovely wreaths and a very large crowd to honor our fallen veterans.*



*Sister Sandy Polsky, Worthy Matron  
Brother Jim McGoldrick, Worthy Patron*

## Wacky Tacky, Spring Fling



Saturday, May 14, 2011, Denali Chapter #16 shared a joint activity with our sponsored group, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Nugget Assembly #13, Anchorage. The event was a "Wacky Tacky Spring Fling," hosted at the Anchorage Pioneer Home.

We were all encouraged to dress in a very wacky tacky way and did we ever! Many smiles and lots of laughs were shared as the residents looked at all of us... and... we looked at all of them. The room was decorated with a mini-sized cutout of a 1958 Chevy; napkins and plates celebrated Halloween, Easter, Christmas, Valentines Day and any other holiday left over; Christmas garlands surrounded some tables and even the rag doll sitting on the piano bench had feathers in her hair.

## Wacky Tacky, Spring Fling



One of the days' highlights was the playing of Charades. Either a Star member or a Rainbow girl did the pantomiming while the residents tried to guess what was being acted out. Laughter filled the room. To add to the camaraderie, each table of residents had either an Easter Star Member or a Rainbow Girl as an additional guest to aid (or hinder?) in all the activities.



## Wacky Tacky, Spring Fling

Another wonderful highlight was the "Trash-Bag Fashion Show". Two teams of Rainbow Girls had 5 minutes to dress a model in a "New and Improved", trash bag design and creation. After these masterpieces were made, the models paraded their way around the room to show off the new fashions to all the residents.

No, you cannot buy these at your local discount store!



It was a great day of fun and fellowship for all of us.

## Wacky Tacky, Spring Fling



The Eastern Star members got better acquainted with the Rainbow Girls and the Rainbow Girls got to know us better.



## Wacky Tacky, Spring Fling



*As you can see - a good time was had by all. Thank you to all of you who helped to make our Anchorage Pioneer Home, "Spring Fling" a success.*

*I heard from several of the residents of the Pioneer Home that they enjoyed the day and were really happy we brought along the "young folks".*

*The Rainbow Girls were really shining that day and we really appreciated their turnout.*

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

*From Kyra and Frank Mailki*

We were approved for Command Sponsorship last week, so the boys and I will be moving to Korea with Frank in August. Frank will be leaving July 9th for his school in Arizona, and he will meet up with the boys and me in Seattle on or about August 12th for our flight to Osan AB, South Korea.

I certainly hope that I will be able to see some of you before we leave but, if not, please know that Frank and I are honored to have spent this little bit of time with all of you. I look forward to sending all sorts of goodies from Korea, and we will be sure to keep in touch while we are gone.

There is no OES in Osan, so if there are any "member at large" duties that I may perform for Denali 16 please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kyra K. Mailki

Hi there--

The newsletter came through in flying colors!!! I enjoyed receiving all the news and updates.

Star Love,  
Dianne Hamilton, PM



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**From Margaret Bunch**

The news letter came through just great. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Here is a little about what I am doing in my spare time.

I keep myself busy here in Bullhead City with the Masonic family. I am Associate Conductress of Havasu Chapter 61, Lake Havasu, go to the regular Sunrise Chapter 60 meetings here in Bullhead City, attend Kingman Chapter 17 regular meetings, will be installed as Royal Matron of Hualapai Court #17, Order of the Amaranth, here in Bullhead City on May 28 and on April 2 will be installed as Worthy Shephardess in White Shrine of Jerusalem in Las Vegas, Nevada. I attended Grand Court Order of Amaranth in California the first week end of March and I will be going to my first Eastern Star Grand Chapter in August in Phoenix. So as you can see I don't sit around doing nothing in my retirement years.

I live in a large apartment building that consists of only studio apartments. It is all I need for me and my adopted poodle. The apartment is just across the street from a Super Wal-Mart store and across the other street from a new VFW, about a mile from the Moose Lodge and another block further is the shrine building where all of the Masonic meetings are held here in Bullhead City. I am just across the Colorado River from Loughlin, NV and about an hour and a half from Las Vegas.

If any one comes this way give me a call at (928) 219-4224 or send me an email to [margaret.bunch@yahoo.com](mailto:margaret.bunch@yahoo.com).

Star love,  
Margaret

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Thank you so much. A lovely job of the newsletter!!! Please be sure to let everyone involved know a job well done. It was so nice to see and know now what is happening in our Chapter...Congratulations to our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron and Officers. I was very delighted to see your pictures too.

Michael and I wish you all well and miss each and every one of you.

Star Love,

Marcia Kean, Past Matron

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:

We would like to give our thanks to the all our members who gave us feedback on our first quarter newsletter. It is wonderful to hear from you and your feedback is important to us.

*The more we get  
together, the happier  
we will be.*





### **Bourbon Roll**

2 Tbsp Bourbon  
1 can sweetened condensed milk  
1 lb vanilla wafers, crushed  
2 cups whole pecans  
1 cup whole candied cherries  
1 cup candied pineapple  
Mix bourbon into milk, stir in all  
Other ingredients. Form into 4 logs,  
roll in powdered sugar to coat.  
Refrigerate, slice and serve

*Mary Lynn Henry, Richmond, VA*



### **PLEASE BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER**

Be an active member  
The kind that would be missed;  
Don't be just contented  
That your name is on the list.  
Do attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd:  
Don't stay at home  
And Crab both long and loud  
Don't leave the work for just a few  
And gripe about the clique.  
And take time out to visit  
A member who is sick.  
There is quite a program scheduled  
That means success, if done,  
And it can be accomplished  
With the help of everyone.  
So attend the meetings regularly  
And help with hand and heart,  
Be an active member  
And take an active part.  
Think this over, Member  
Are we right or are we wrong?  
Be an active member,  
Please don't just belong.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>July</b>	14- Thursday	Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner Pulled-pork sandwiches; with offers of baked beans, coleslaw, and ice cream sundaes. We need help setting up tables, making iced tea, and also need help with cleanup. There will not be a dessert raffle this month.
	<b>August</b>	18- Thursday
<b>September</b>	4 - Sunday	Participate in the <b>Jerry Lewis Labor Telethon*</b>
	10 - Saturday	Official Visit of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Rennie Ofton. We will be having a joint meeting with Anchorage Chapter #8...and we invite <b>all</b> of our members to this very <b>special</b> meeting.
	10-11 – Saturday & Sunday	<b>Special Olympics Fall Games*</b>

	12 - Monday	Stated Meeting – Honoring our founder, Dr. Rob Morris, whose birthday is on August 31 <sup>st</sup> . Everyone, please bring a short or favorite poem to read and share with us. We will also celebrate September Anniversaries.
	24 - Saturday	Possible Special Olympic activity <b>Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day*</b>
	26 - Monday	Stated Meeting. <b>Friendship</b> Night Have some fun!
<b>October</b>	10 - Monday	Stated Meeting Celebrate October Anniversaries
	13 - Thursday	Host Glacier Lodge #10 dinner
	24 - Monday	Stated Meeting Wear a Halloween costume and be ready for laughs.

**Please Note:** *The August, September, October, November and December dinners for Glacier Lodge #10 are open. Betty Prentice would love to have some help. If you are able to assist, please contact her.*



*Please mark your calendars and join us in our stated meetings and activities this year. We would love to see each and every one of you.*

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400, that carried over no balance from day to day, and allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and every evening canceled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent of course!

Well, you do have such a bank, and its name is "time." Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. If you fail to use the day's deposits the loss is yours.

- *Anonymous*



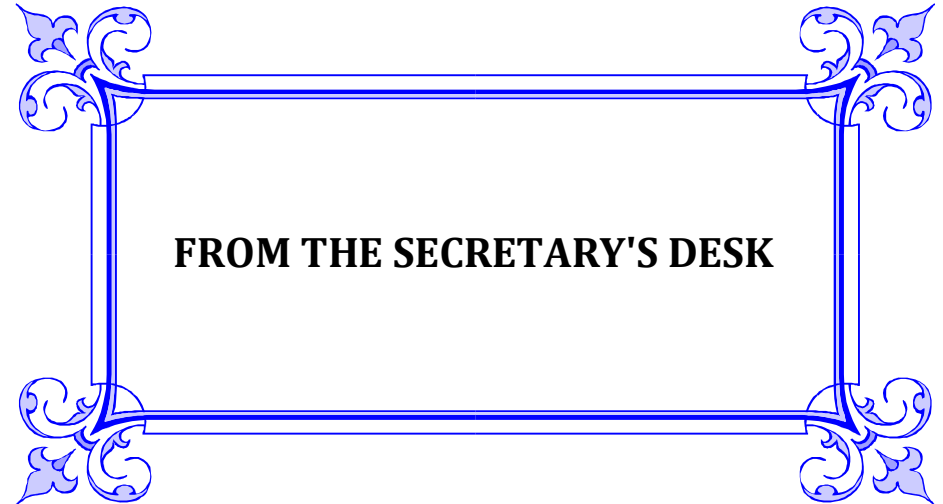
## DID YOU KNOW?

OES members may only belong to two chapters. Sister Mary already belongs to Denali Ch. #16 and Matanuska Valley Ch. #14.

On June 6, 2011, (D-Day), members of Anchorage Ch. #8 presented Sister Mary L. Tasker with Honorary Membership in their chapter.

She said that as Brother Clarence was presenting the certificate, Sister Beverly and she were hugging each other and crying.

"It is a very great honor and I'll always treasure the membership."



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

We are making an effort to update our membership records and need to know your birth date. The month and day are sufficient.

Also we need your phone number and e-mail address, if you have one.

Please contact me with any questions you may have about Eastern Star.

*Fraternally,*

Joan Morgan  
Secretary



## ERRATUM

In our March edition of Star Tidings, (Volume 1, Issue 1) there were a few errors. A revised edition of the newsletter was published on the website. The editors of this newsletter, to ensure all members have been notified of the changes made, are also listing them below.

### 2011 Officers Pictured and 2011 Officers

Susan Hargis is not in the Officers picture, as she was recovering from surgery. The member who filled Sister Electa’s position asked not to have her name mentioned, so the position was changed to state “position filled”.

### Removal of Personal Information

A couple of our members asked that personal information pertaining to them be removed as the newsletter is published on the internet on the OES website.

### Note to members:

If you would like for us not to mention your name in our newsletter as it is published on the website, please send an email to Sister Kristine Chase at [chase-k@alaska.com](mailto:chase-k@alaska.com) or Sister Sharon Combs at [scombs@gci.net](mailto:scombs@gci.net) and we will be happy to ensure your name is not listed.



*This is what is happening in our corner of the world. We would love to know what is happening in your corner, and to include it in our next newsletter.*

*Please send your news/activities to:*

*Sharon Combs  
[scombs@gci.net](mailto:scombs@gci.net)*

*Or  
Sandy Polsky  
[alaskaramblers@gci.net](mailto:alaskaramblers@gci.net)*

*We would **love** to hear from you.*

*Submission deadline for our next newsletter is September 24, 2011.*

***An Eastern Star Sister and Brother  
Is a Gift to our Heart,  
A Friend to our Spirit,  
A Golden Thread in our Tapestry of Life.***