



YOUTH INFORMER



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Front row: left to right: Cassandra Rumery #92, Kirsten Ratliff PTrTRA #68, Sharon Sells SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee, Breonna Davis TrTRA #68, Chelsey Vinsant #68

Back row: left to right: Sandy Lee #68, Wendy Lee #68, Mary Cavazos PPTRA #68, Anna Lee #68, Analisa Lee #68

Sharon Sells "Shining Stars" visit to California

Sharon Sells, The SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee, of the Jurisdiction of Colorado, arrived in California wearing a STAR pin. When she saw Mary Cavazos, Jr. PPTRA jump in and help the officers learn to do the flag escorting correctly, she presented Mary with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Star Pin with the Instructions that the pin was to be passed on that day to others whom she saw were doing a good deed or likewise. The picture above are all the girls who received the pin between Saturday session to Sunday installation. Sharon was so surprised and grateful...

Sharon thoroughly enjoyed herself at the California Session, and they will welcome her back with open arms.

Special points of interest:

- ARTICLES NEEDED
- NEW CLUBS
- NEW WEBSITE
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- SUBSCRIPTION FORM
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NEW WEBSITE:

www.ioofyouth.ca



MANITOBA YOUTH DAYS

Keith Ploof, Chair of The SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee was in attendance at the 2008 Manitoba Youth Days. He attended the Youth Night Performances of the three Manitoba Theta Rho Girls Clubs. Each Club presented either a Drill, Dance or Skit and then all three Clubs performed a Song for the Grand Master, Trevor Magee and the Assembly President, Dorothy Mann.

While there, Keith presented Certificate of Appreciations to: Brenna Stratford, Letitia No. 1; Stephanie Cecotka, Garnet No. 2; Brittany Williams, Serene No. 3; Amanda Matthes, Letitia No. 1 and Dorothy Mann, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Manitoba. A Presentation of a bouquet of flowers was given to Terry Leah by Brother Keith for all her work with the Youth of Manitoba and on The SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee. An Award was also presented to Sister Terry Leah, by the Jurisdictional Youth Committee of Manitoba and the girls of Letitia for her over 30 years of Service as their Advisor. Sister Terry retired in January as Advisor of Letitia No. 1. Jennifer Swan gave a presentation on her trip to the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage to New York this past summer.

Youth Honor Levels were presented to: Level One: Samantha White, Letitia # 1; Jennifer and Amanda Devenney and Julie and Susan Prystupa, Garnet # 2. Level Two awards were given to: Samantha White and Margarat DeMontmorency of Letitia # 1. Level Six Award was presented to Christa Kwiatek of Letitia # 1.

The Award of Honor was presented to Brenna Stratford of Letitia No. 1 and Heather Swan of Serene No. 3 by the Grand Master and Assembly President. Brother Keith had a wonderful time in Manitoba getting to know all the young ladies and watching them do mini golf. The Youth Night has for many years preceded the beginning of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions in Manitoba

LETITIA THETA RHO NO. 1 ALUMNI DRILL



Back Row l to r: Jean Chagnon, Amanda Matthes, Christa Kwiatek, Dana Gordon, Christine Harrison, Tiffany Lepla, Joan Hirt, Charter Member of Garnet # 2, Kelly Cotie, Lorelle Furst, Sabrina Lee, Jackie Lee, Cherylle Marciniw, Sarah Garner, Karen Knight, Lynda Kolly, Kimberly Leah, Terry Leah, Assembly Secretary.

Front Row l to r: Joan Garner, Charter Member Letitia, Brenna Stratford, President, Dorothy Mann, Assembly President, Charter Member Letitia, Trevor Magee, Grand Master, Jean Zapski, Charter Member and first President of Letitia and Carolyn Peck, PP, Charter Member, Assembly Treasurer

The Letitia Theta Rho Alumni Drill was put together at the request of the Assembly President, Sister Dorothy Mann, who is a Charter Member of the Club.

Letitia was instituted on April 6, 1950 and is sponsored by Confidence Rebekah Lodge No. 40 of Winnipeg and this Rebekah Lodge has benefited over the years by having the girls from Letitia join their Lodge.

The Drill team performed on the annual Youth Night in March and was made up of ladies ranging in age from 16 years to 75 years. Four of the drill team are current Letitia members of age to join Rebekahs, five are Assembly Officers this past year. 17 members of the drill team are still very strong supporters of the Girls Club and still hold membership in it as Rebekah Sisters of the Club.

On this drill team we had four Charter Members of the Club: Sister Jean McGeachen Zapski, the first President of the Club, Sister Dorothy Cowan Mann, the Assembly President, Sister Carolyn Myers Peck, Assembly Treasurer and Sister Joan Lanigan Garner, PDDP. Sister Garner not only had her daughter in the drill but one of her granddaughters also. The Drill Captain was Sister Terry Leah also a member of Letitia, Past Advisor and the Assembly Secretary. The pianist was Sister Joan Scott Hirt who is a Charter Member of Garnet Theta Rho No. 2.

Terry was asked by Dorothy to put together a drill that covered what they did from 1950 to 2008. This was easy, she said, the hard part was keeping them quiet at practice, as they were all so busy visiting and getting excited about performing again and fretting over whether they would make a mistake.

The girls did themselves proud and are now ready to take their show on the road.

40th ANNUAL SGL/IARA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAYS**ALL RESERVATION DEADLINES****ARE JULY 15, 2008 (unless otherwise stated)****HOUSING:**

- Charterhouse Hotel—Winnipeg
- Rate \$105.00 plus 12% tax per night – up to four per room.
- Each room is equipped with iron & board, hair dryer and coffee maker.

- Reservation 1-800-782-0175 and ask for
“IOOF” ROOM RATE

TRANSPORTATION

- Winnipeg International Airport (YWG)
- Shuttle service from the airport for \$15.00 one way \$20.00 round trip. Reservations are required, a form is provided in this issue.

FOOD:

- Several fast food places and restaurants nearby

REGISTRATION:

- All attendees (youth & adults) must pre-register with S.G.L. 2008 Committee.
- No registration fee for youth or adults attending Youth Days only.
- Registration form is provided in this issue.
- Registration table hours; Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00–10:00 a.m.

ORIENTATION:

- Friday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Please plan to attend for information, instructions, prizes and fun.

YOUTH BANQUET:

- Friday 6:00 p.m. DELTA HOTEL
- Banquet reservation form in this issue.
- Please note reservation form with any dietary

restrictions.

RIVERBOAT CRUISE PARTY:

- A Cruise will follow the banquet until 11:00 p.m.
- Reservation form included in this issue
- Transportation provided

YOUTH DAY SESSIONS:

- Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- JURISDICTION REPORTS;** Each Youth Representative will be required to submit a verbal report on the activities, projects, State of the Order, etc. A written report must be turned in to the SGL/IARA Youth Committee. Reports are to be limited to five minutes total for each jurisdiction.

- Talent program participants will begin practice at 3:00 p.m. at the Convention Center
- Refer to suggested guidelines in this issue.

TALENT NIGHT & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

- Saturday 7:00 p.m. in the Convention Centre next to the Delta Hotel

DANCE PARTY

- Dance Party following banquet until 12:00 AM at the Charterhouse Hotel
- Refreshments will be provided

DRESS CODE - FORMAL EVENTS:

- Formal events include the Banquet, Youth Sessions and Talent Night (unless required to be in costume).
- Females: Dresses (formal, long or knee-length)
- Males; Coat and tie with dress slacks
- Dress code is the responsibility of the chaperones but the dress code applies to everyone in attendance for all youth day events.

TALENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Five categories; Dance – Drill – Skit – Vocal/Instrumental group – Individual
- Time limit is five minutes total. Entries exceeding the time limit will be penalized.
- Only one entry per Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group per category.
- No advisor or adult can participate except for a musician or during set-up.
- All participants must be ACTIVE members between the ages of 8 – 21.
- All entries must consist of appropriate music and actions; no references to sex, drugs or violence will be allowed. Final approval will be at the discretion of the SGL/IARA Youth Committee at the time of practice. Opportunity will be granted for revisions.
- The drill category is for specific precision drill routines. Drill entries must not include any tumbling, gymnastics or obvious dance moves.
- ANY routine in ANY category shall not include participants being “thrown” in the air. This is to insure the safety of those involved and liability issues.
- Any vocal entry music must be instrumental with only background vocals allowed.
- CD or cassette tape must have only the performance song on it.
- Entire routine must be performed on the stage provided.
- Entry deadline is July 1, 2008.** There will be no exceptions to this deadline.
- Entry form included in this issue.
- Stage size will be 28 ft. x 40 ft.
- Four cordless microphones will be available. Participants may not use their own equipment.
- Each entire routine shall be performed during the practice sessions in the presence of the SGL-IARA Youth Committee members for compliance

to the above requirements – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Guidelines for Jurisdictional Reports

The following guidelines are suggested for writing the SGL/IARA Jurisdictional youth reports given at Youth Day.

- Theta Rho, Junior Odd Fellow and United Youth Group reports can be written and given separately or together. Representatives are called up at the same time, alphabetically by jurisdiction.
- Reports should be no more than five minutes in length.
- Scope of the report should include the entire jurisdiction.
- Report information should span from the last SGL/IARA Youth Day to present.
- Reports should be typed if possible and must be turned in to the SGL/IARA Youth Committee.
- Reports should contain the following information:
 - Reports should be addressed to the SGL/IARA Youth Committee.
 - Should be dated with the date the report is given.
 - Names, titles and jurisdiction of the youth giving the report.
 - Number of junior lodges, clubs and youth groups active.
 - Total number of members in Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho and United Youth Groups.
 - Comparison of membership with prior years.
 - Grand Junior Lodge/Theta Rho Assembly information such as numbers attending, when and where held, and any significant activities.
 - Interesting fund raising and club, junior lodge and youth group activities.
 - Significant membership drive recognition.
 - Visitation activities to other jurisdictions.
 - Recognition of special events.

2008 YOUTH TALENT ENTRY FORM

- One category per entry form (make copies as necessary) – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!
- Send to Youth Day Coordinator TERRY LEAH – 655 HARBISON AVE E, WINNIPEG, MB R2L 0Z3

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 1, 2008 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Please check one type of entry:

- Dance
- Drill
- Vocal/Instrumental group
- Skit
- Individual

Number of participants:

Name of: Junior Lodge Theta Rho Club United Youth Group:

Advisor Information: Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail

2008 Hotel Shuttle

\$15 one way or \$20 Return Trip

Name:

Arrival Flight No & Time:

Arrival Date:

Departing Flight No. & Time:

Departure Date:

Hotel:

Pre-pay with Registration Form by Cheque or Credit Card

SGL & IARA Headquarters Hotel

Delta Winnipeg
 350 St Mary Ave, Winnipeg MB R3C 3J2
 Telephone Direct: 1-204-942-0551
 Toll Free: 1-800-268-1133

Group: Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Room type:	Rate (tax not included)
Delta Room Single/Double Occupancy	\$134.00
Delta Premier	\$159.00
Signature Club	\$179.00
One Bedroom Suite	\$265.00

Taxes: 7% Provincial Tax & 5% Federal Tax

GMC & IALAPM Headquarters Hotel

The Fort Garry Hotel
 222 Broadway, Winnipeg MB R3C 0R3
 Telephone Direct 1-204-942-8251
 Toll Free 1-800-665-8088

Group: Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Room type:	Rate (tax not included)
Standard Room	\$150.00
Queen or Double/Double Room	\$154.00
King	\$159.00

Taxes: 7% Provincial Tax & 5% Federal Tax

YOUTH HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Best Western Charterhouse Hotel
 330 York Ave, Winnipeg, Mb R3C 0N9
 Telephone Direct 1-204-942-0101
 Toll Free: 1-800-782-0175

Group: IOOF

Room rate: (4 to a room) \$105.00 plus 12% tax

2008 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**PROJECT LINUS—
MANITOBA**

Project Linus was named after the adorable security blanket-toting character from the Peanuts comic strip. The project originated in Denver, Colorado and was started in 1995. The Manitoba Chapter started in October 2006.

The healing power of a blanket, made with love, filled with hugs and given to children in need. You can knit, crochet, quilt, sew, donate fabric or make a financial donation.

All blankets must be hand made—not purchased. They must be free of smoky smells or any chemicals. Hospitals will not accept any blankets that can jeopardize the health of a patient.

The blankets, along with a tiny 8 to 10 inch Teddy Bear, are donated to children, infants through teens. The majority of Project Linus blankets are about 40 inches by 60 inches. There are several sizes required:

Preemie:	15" x 24"
New born:	25" x 35"
Toddler:	35" x 45"
Youth:	40" x 60"

If you can't donate materials or blankets why not hold a fundraiser and donate the monies raised. With this money the workers would purchase the materials they need and once a week they get together to sew, quilt and knit the blankets.

All donations will stay in Manitoba

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SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR ADULTS

(Except for Advisors, Youth Committee Chairmen, Grand Secretaries,
and Assembly Secretaries.)

New Renewal Address Change

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Fill out completely and mail with \$4.00 (U.S. or Canadian) per year to:

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Scholarship Opportunities

The Educational Foundation of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows offers the following scholarships.

- Christine Smith Graduate Studies
- Ingstrom Trust Regional
- Charles J. & Christine Wirz

For eligibility requirements, applications and additional information, please contact:

R. Kenneth Babb
Educational Foundation IOOF
P.O. Box 20455
Winston-Salem, NC 27120
Email: rkbabb1@bellsouth.net

Congratulations: **NEW YOUTH GROUPS**

Missouri

South Central MO United Youth Group # 3

We need you to tell us when a new Youth Club is instituted so that we can let everyone know your good news.

Let us know if you institute a Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club or a United Youth Group.

Email: tleah@shaw.ca

WEBSITE

As everyone is aware our Website has not been operating for the last year. We are working on it and it is presently under construction.

Now it is not the cute one we used to have but it is serviceable and will soon contain all the information that you would like it to.

If your Youth Club or Jurisdiction has a website and would like to have it linked to the Youth Website please let me know.

Check out what we have done so far at:

www.ioofyouth.ca

Please contact me at tleah@shaw.ca

ARTICLES WANTED

This is your Youth Newsletter. Send your articles in so that other Youth Clubs will know what you are doing. Share your fundraising ideas, your camping experiences or what went on at your Grand Lodge and Theta Rho Assembly Sessions.

Let me know if any of you are interested in having a pen pal corner. We can put a Classified Section in our Newsletter.

Send all items you want published to:

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655 Harbison Ave East,
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VISITATION REQUESTS

Any jurisdiction desiring to have a member of The SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee visit for their Grand Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Assembly, workshops, regional meetings, conclaves or jurisdictional functions must send this request to Secretary Terry Leah. The request must be in writing (regular mail or e-mail).

Each committee member will be happy to assist you with your Youth Program.

Any questions regarding youth work can be sent to your Jurisdictional Representative as listed in the Youth Committee Directory in this issue or to the Chairman of this Committee.

YOUTH COMMUNICATION CORNER

This publication is sent free of charge to all youth who directly submit their address, all Theta Rho Club, Junior Lodge Advisors and United Youth Group Chairpersons, Grand Secretaries, Rebekah Assembly Secretaries and all Youth Committee Chairman. If you are not receiving it please let us know.

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