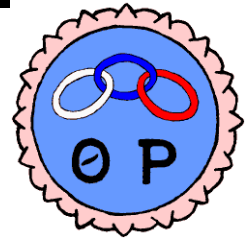




YOUTH INFORMER



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YOUTH DAYS DENVER COLORADO

The Jurisdiction of Colorado is to be congratulated on the wonderful Youth Sessions they hosted in August 2007.

The Youth were treated to an excursion to a local water park . A scavenger hunt and a tour of the Capital building.

Friday evening saw 78 Youth and 94 Adults in attendance at the Youth Banquet after which a dance party was held.

Saturday morning began the Youth Sessions. There was representation from: California, Colorado, Indiana, Manitoba, Michigan, Texas, Washington, Wyoming and Region 10. There were 177 present during the Sessions. The Youth welcomed the Leaders of our Order and also the incoming Leaders. We also welcomed speakers from the Arthritis Committee, Visual Research Committee, Rose Bowl Committee, UNEP Committee and the Education Committee.

After lunch we welcomed Richard Berrelez, Executive Director of the ALIE Foundation along with MOOSE (the bloodhound). The gave a most interesting talk about the Foundation, how it was formed and why, and what role it plays in today's society. We were also treated to a demonstration of MOOSE locating one of the Youth by scent.

A most informative presentation was given by Stacy Mortenson, Jennifer Pacheco and Alyssa Parker on the Youth Honors Program. All three of these girls have been the recipients of the Award of Honor in the Jurisdiction of Colorado.

The Talent show was held in the Grand Ballroom. Membership trophies for the largest percentage of gain for 2006 was presented by Brother Rob Robbins SGM to Sutter Junior Lodge # 8 of California and the IARA President Sister Sandi Young presented the Theta Rho Trophy to Tatoka Theta Rho Girls Club # 28 of Wyoming. The Pin Design Winner was Amanda Matthes of Letitia Theta Rho # 1, Manitoba.

The Irene Meigs Community Service Award went to Acorn Theta Rho # 79 of Washington.

The Advisor of the Year was Sister Barbara King of Garnet Theta Rho # 2 of Manitoba.

The winners of the Talent show were:

Vocal: Youth of Texas

Skit: Youth of Colorado

Dance: Garnet # 2 Manitoba

Individual: Tiffany Lepla, Letitia # 1, Manitoba

Drill: Letitia # 1 Manitoba

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A pool party was held after the talent show.

An enormous thank you is extended to Chad Parker and Stacy Mortenson and their Committee for all their hard work in making these Sessions very special. Also to Sharon Sells, SGL-IARA Youth Day Coordinator for keeping us all on schedule.

ERIN WILLIAMS PTRA MAKES PRESENTATION

Dreams Reached

SARATOGA - On September 21st, 2007, Erin Williams, PTRA presented an Eye Vision System to the residents of the Saratoga Home for their Independent Living Library. Erin has worked very hard asking all the Lodges to support her project through the sales of her pins and raffle tickets to purchase this system and another for the Home in Napa. This



machine was presented to the residents during a meeting that the Homes Board held with the residents. During her presentation Erin spoke of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and explained where the Theta Rho fit into these organizations. She talked of our motto to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, care for the widow and educate the orphan. In her presentation she discussed that even though our society has changed through the years, the basic principles of our motto still holds true and that the girls of the Theta Rho support these principles with a desire to all become good Rebekahs.

Erin would like to thank all the people and Lodges who have supported her project and would like to ask that you keep supporting until the system for Napa has been presented. The Homes Board will be having an open meeting with the residents of the Napa Home at the beginning of February and Erin would like to take this opportunity to present the machine for the library at the home at that time. A Machine costs over \$2,500.00 and Erin is still short a little less than \$2,000.00 of that. If you are interested in supporting the completion of her project please send donations to the Rebekah Assembly Office to the care of the TRA Presidents Project. You can also purchase the TRA Presidents Pin for \$3.00 or Purchase raffle tickets at \$1.00 each for a chance to win a White Tiger drawing done by a member of our order. Please contact either Erin Williams or Nancy Johnson at 510-673-3958 to get tickets sent to your Lodge.



AWARDS INFORMATION

2008 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Annually, the SGL/IARA Youth Committee presents the following Awards at Youth Day. The deadline for submissions is **APRIL 15, 2008**. Submit to Chairman Keith Ploof.



**PROJECT LINUS—
MANITOBA**

IRENE MEIGS AWARD:

Send us a list of your community service activities in which your lodge or club participated without compensation. Provide the description of the projects, amounts of money collected/donated, the number of participants and the hours of service provided. The 2007 winning entry was not available to publish

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.

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR:

Submit in writing why you feel your Advisor should receive this award. Tell us the special things that he or she does to make your meetings more fun. Let us know what your advisor has taught you and how you have grown in knowledge of our order. The 2007 winning entry was not available to publish. Although we realize that Assistant Advisors are very special too, this particular award is for the Club/Lodge/United Youth Group Advisors only.

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.

PIN DESIGN

Submit your design for the Youth Pin. The winner receives a cash prize. The design must include the year of the pin, the Junior Odd Fellow, Theta Rho and United Youth Group emblems, and the colors to be used. Keep the design simple, as the finished size is approximately 1: diameter. Please make sure your name and address are on the **BACK** of the design.

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 .



Amanda Matthes of Letitia Theta Rho Girls Club No. 1 of the Jurisdiction of Manitoba was presented with her third Youth Pin Design Award plus a monetary gift. Making the presentation was Assembly President Dorothy Mann who was making her Official Visit to Letitia and Grand Master Trevor Magee. Sister Dorothy had accepted the Award on Amanda's behalf in Denver, as Amanda was unable to be in attendance.

2007 YOUTH PIN DESIGN WINNER

ALIE FOUNDATION SENDS THANKS

Sharon:

I enjoyed coming out to your organization's event at the Adams Mark Hotel. It was very good to be there to share the story and history of the Foundation. Everybody was really nice and the response was great. I felt right at home and I appreciated the friendly welcome.

Your organization's members are very nice and giving people. I want to thank every member for making the decision to select ALIE Foundation to benefit this year from their generosity. I was not expecting such a great gift of support but I am glad to know that there are people like your members that care about helping other people through non profit efforts.

We will put the funds to good use to support the general operation of the Foundation. This is a big help to our budget this year and it has been possible because of each member in your group.

Every single item that was donated along with the kennel will come in handy in different projects and events. I am not able to thank everyone enough for the welcomed support. I want everyone to know that I am very thankful for each person and that it was a joy to come out to your event. Have a great day and my blessing to you, each member, and your efforts for every community that you reach out to in the future.

<http://www.alie.org>

Richard Berrelez

ALIE FOUNDATION



SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR ADULTS

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

New Renewal Address Change

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Fill out completely and mail with \$3.00 (U.S. or Canadian) per year to:

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Congratulations: NEW YOUTH GROUPS

Missouri:

Cecil L. Kibbey United Youth Group No. 1

Mackey L. Bayless United Youth Group No. 2

Minnesota:

Lake Minnetonka United Youth Group No. 1

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

Email: tleah@shaw.ca

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:

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VISITATION REQUESTS

Any jurisdiction desiring to have a member of the SGL/IARA 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.

YOUTH COMMUNICATION CORNER

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