

Youth Informer



United Youth Group

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2009 Youth Days Project



The service project for the 2009 Youth Days is Sunday Friends. Sunday Friends is a mentoring group for underprivileged youth of California. They provide school supplies and other necessities. More importantly they teach children the skills that they can use in their everyday life. They are asking for donations of school supplies for the many children who take advantage of this wonderful program. Specifically backpacks, pens, pencils and coloring utensils. The backpacks must fit certain requirements due to the rules of the schools. These requirements as well as more information about the necessities of this organization can be found on Page 2. Please read the requirements and remember to bring appropriate donations. It is important that we make this service project a success.

Don't forget your donations when you come to California!!!!

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Sunday Friends' School Supply Wish List

Thanks for asking what kinds of school supplies our participating children need.

Above all, we need **NEW BACKPACKS**:

- Fun, character backpacks for the preschoolers and grade schoolers.
- Primarily, solid black backpacks for middle-schoolers and high schoolers.
 - Some high schools require solid black backpacks without colorful logos or printing.
 - Avoid red and blue. For some schools, that also means green, purple and pink.

What else do schoolchildren need?

For Kindergarten through First Grade (22% of our children): Fat Pencils, Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Washable markers, Drawing Paper, Construction Paper, Folders w/Pockets, Pencil Boxes, Glue Sticks, Watercolors, Scissors, Erasers and Crayons.

For Second through Fifth Grade (27% of our children): Pencils and Pens, Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Pencil Boxes, Folders w/Pockets, Wide Rule Paper, Dictionaries, Spanish-English Dictionaries, Washable Markers, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Binders, Zippered Binders, Highlighters, Erasers, Rulers and Scissors

For Sixth through Eighth Grade (36% of our children): Pencils and Pens, Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Dictionaries, Spanish-English Dictionaries, Highlighters and Markers, College Rule Paper, Zippered Pencil Cases, Calculators, Scientific Calculators, Batteries for calculators (AA and AAA), Electronic Translators, Glue Sticks, Mini Staplers, Index Cards, Binders, Zippered Binders, Erasers, Rulers and Scissors.

For Ninth through Twelfth Grade (15% of our children): Pencils and Pens, Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Dictionaries, Spanish-English Dictionaries, Highlighters and Markers, Binders and Notebooks, Zippered Binders, Jump Drives, College Rule Paper, Calculators, Scientific Calculators, Batteries for calculators (AA and AAA), Electronic Translators, Glue Sticks, Mini Staplers, Index Cards, Protractors, Erasers, Rulers and Scissors.

What are we typically short on?

Character Backpacks for Young Children, Calculators, Batteries for calculators (AA and AAA), Mini Staplers, Pencil Boxes, Binders with Zippers, Electronic Translators and Pencil Sharpeners.

What can schoolchildren use after the start of school?

- On-going school supplies: Pens, Binder Paper, Markers, Colored Pencils, Watercolor Paintsets, Glue Sticks and everything else listed above.
- Educational Games: Developmental Board Games, Flashcards, Activity Books, Building Kits, Interactive (but not computer-dependent) Learning Games.

Thank you so much for helping the children of Sunday Friends start the new school year with the supplies they will need for success.

For more info, please consult www.sundayfriends.org or email mail@sundayfriends.org.

What You Need to Know For Youth Day 2009

Activities:

For those who arrive early Thursday morning there is a trip planned to Great America theme park. The theme park is located right next to the hotel. More information can be found in the registration form.

Friday night will feature a DJ for a dance, again snacks and drinks will be provided. So come out and dance the night away.

On Saturday night there will be a pool party at the hotel pool. This includes drinks and snacks. Make sure you bring your swimsuit if you plan on having a great time in the pool.

Talent Show:

The talent show will be held on Saturday night prior to the dance party. This is a formal event and proper dress is expected. To enter the competition fill out the form attached and send it in. Make sure your performance follows these few basic guidelines:

1. Five Categories – Dance, Drill, Skit, Vocal/Instrumental Group, or Individual
2. Time limit is five minutes; any performance over the limit will be penalized.
3. One entry per Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group per category.
4. No Advisor or Adult can participate except as musician or for set up.
5. All participants must be active members between the ages of 8- 21.
6. All entries must consist of appropriate music and action; no reference to sex 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 given for revisions.
7. The drill category is specific to precision drill routines. Drill routines must not include and tumbling, gymnastics, or obvious dance moves.

8. No routines in any category shall include participates being thrown in the air, this is for the safety of the participants, and liability issues.
9. Vocal entries other than aca pella, accompanying music must be instrumental, with background vocals only.
10. CD or cassette tape must have only the performance song on it.
11. Each routine must be performed on the stage provided.
12. Entry deadline is July 1st, 2009. There will be no exceptions. (entry form is included)
13. 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.

Youth Day Sessions:

On Saturday sessions will be held. At which time each jurisdictional representative will be required to submit a verbal and written report. This report should include activities of your jurisdiction as well as projects and membership information.

The following guidelines must be followed:

1. 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.
2. Reports should be no more than five minutes in length.
3. Scope of the report should include the entire jurisdiction.
4. Report information should span from the last SGL-IARA Youth Day to present.
5. Reports should be typed if possible and must be turned in to the SGL-IARA Youth Committee.
6. Reports should be addressed to the SGL-IARA Youth Committee.

7. Should be dated with the date the report is given.
8. Names, titles and jurisdiction of the youth giving the report.
9. Number of junior lodges, clubs and youth groups active.
10. Total number of members in Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho and United Youth Groups.
11. Comparison of membership with prior years.
12. Grand Junior Lodge/Theta Rho Assembly information such as numbers attending, when and where held, and any significant activities.
13. Interesting fund raising and club, junior lodge and youth group activities.
14. Significant membership drive recognition.
15. Visitation activities to other jurisdictions.
16. Recognition of special events.

Youth Banquet:

On Friday there will be a Youth Banquet. Included in this issue is the reservation form. Please include any dietary requirements on this form.

Dress Code:

There are many formal events throughout the weekend of Youth Days these events include Sessions, Talent Show (unless in costume), and Youth Banquet. For these events the dress code will be as follows:

- Females: Dresses (formal, long /knee-length)
- Males: Coat and tie with dress slacks

The dress code is the responsibility of the Advisors, but the dress code applies to everyone in attendance of the Youth Day events.

Remember to submit all forms by the due dates.

See You in California!!!

Theta Rho Assembly President Visits Home Lodge



Photo by Sally Butters

Kelsey Lee, President of Theta Rho Assembly of California, made her Official visit to her home Club, Florin Theta Rho Girls' Club #68, on March 25, 2008. The Club had 12 members in attendance. Kelsey Lee was installed on February 17, 2008 in Bakersfield CA. Advisor, Sally Butters and Assistant Advisor, Lorna Hemphill are very proud of our girls and they keep us busy. Our Club was instituted on October 4, 1976, and we are still very much alive.

AWARDS INFORMATION

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, amount of money collected/donated, the number of participants and the hours of service provided. A cash prize is awarded to the winner.

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. Although we realize that Assistant Advisors are very special too, this particular award is for the Club/Lodge/Group advisor only.

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.

All entries for awards are due to the committee chairmen by April 15, 2009.

SGL & IARA Headquarters Hotel

**Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
5101 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara, CA.95054
Toll Free: 1-800-233-1234**

Group: Sovereign Grand Lodge Convention

Room type:	Rate (tax not included)
Standard Room King or Double/Double (one or two Person, each additional Person \$10.00)	\$149.00 USD
One night room deposit is required when making reservation	
Taxes: 9.5% Occupancy Tax, 13 Cents CA State Tourism Tax & \$1.00 City of Santa Clara District Improvement Fee	

GMC & IALAPM Headquarters Hotel

Youth Hotel

**Santa Clara Marriott
2700 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, Ca 95054
Toll Free 1-800-228-9290**

Group: Sovereign Grand Lodge Convention

Room type:	Rate (tax not included)
Standard Room King or Double/Double (One or two Person, each additional Person \$10.00)	\$149.00 USD
Youth Rate: Aug 13, 2009 to Aug 15, 2009 (1 – 4 People per room)	\$99.00 USD
One night room deposit is required when making reservation	
Taxes: 9.5% Occupancy Tax, 13 Cents CA State Tourism Tax & \$1.00 City of Santa Clara District Improvement Fee	

2009 ANNUAL SESSION – YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM
The Sovereign Grand Lodge
International Association of Rebekah Assemblies
General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant
International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries, Patriarchs Militant
YOUTH
Junior Odd Fellows, Theta Rho Girls, United Youth Group
PRE – REGISTRATION
USE ONE FORM PER PERSON
PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY JULY 15, 2009
(Please Print or Type)

Name: _____

Title _____ Unit of the Order _____ Jurisdiction _____
(SGL, IARA, GMC, IALAPM, YOUTH)

Lodge: _____

Address: _____

City, Province/State, Postal/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Arrival Date/Time: _____ Departure Date/Time: _____

PRE REGISTRATION FEE (On or Before July 15, 2009) \$55.00* USD
REGISTRATION FEE (After July 15, 2009) \$55.00* USD

**No Fee for Youth or Chaperones attending Youth Day only, but all must Register*

SPECIAL EVENTS

YOUTH BANQUET Friday Evening, August 14, 2009
Children's Meal - \$35.00 USD
Adult Meal - \$45.00 USD

YOUTH TRIP TO PARAMOUNT'S GREAT AMERICA
Youth and Advisors (Sponsored by Blythedale Rebekah Lodge # 305 and Diana Carranza of Centennial Rebekah Lodge # 100)

Thursday August 13, 2009
12:00 PM (Noon) to 9:00 PM Meet in Lobby at Marriott at 12:00 PM

TOTAL FUNDS ENCLOSED _____ CDN \$
Visa ____ **Master Card** ____ **Card #** _____ **Exp.** ____ / ____

Card ID# _____
Name on Card _____ **Signature** _____

Make checks payable to: **2009 S.G.L. & I.A.R.A. Convention Committee**
Mail to: SGL-IARA Convention Committee
PO Box 24367, San Jose, CA 95154-4367

2009 YOUTH DAYS APPLICATION FORM

- One Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group per form.
- PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!
- Send to Youth Day Coordinator Greg Simpson – 1306 Palmer Dr. – Laramie, WY 82070
- DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 1, 2009 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Name of Junior Lodge Theta Rho Club United Youth Group:

Advisor Name: _____

Advisor Address: _____

Advisor Telephone: _____ Advisor E-mail: _____

MC/Moderator: Banquet Session Talent Night

Name(s): _____

Chaplain: Banquet Session Talent Night

Name(s): _____

Flag/Banner Bearers: _____ Name(s)

American/Canadian _____

California _____

Junior Odd Fellow _____

Theta Rho _____

United Youth Group _____

Flag Honor Guard:

American _____

Canadian _____

California _____

Junior Odd Fellow _____

Theta Rho _____

United Youth Group _____

Talent Program Distribution: _____

Escorts: Banquet Session Talent Night

Name(s): _____

Musicians: Banquet Session Talent Night

Name(s): _____

2009 SuperShuttle

Arrangements have been made with SuperShuttle Transportation Systems for our guests to the California SGL/IARA sessions in August 2009. The quotes given at this time for drop off at the Santa Clara Hyatt or Marriott, which are subject to change in 2009, are as follows:

Shared ride transfers which are per person/per direction

- To/from San Jose Airport - \$25.00 with \$2.00 discount
- To/from San Francisco Airport - \$37.00 with \$3.00 discount

Nine passenger shuttle which is per shuttle/per direction (This may be more reasonable if you have a large group coming in together).

- To/from San Jose Airport - \$80.00 with \$5.00 discount
- To/from San Francisco Airport - \$95.00 with \$7.00 discount

You will need to make and pay for your own reservation. To make your reservations, go on line to www.supershuttle.com The group code you will need is: 2XADN.

There will be a welcoming committee at the San Jose airport to assist our arriving guests but there will be no one at San Francisco. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Judy Poarch at (408) 712-1374.

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Visitation Information

Any Jurisdiction interested in having a member of the SGL/IARA Youth Committee attend a function needs to send a written request either by mail or email to receive a visit. The committee members would be more than happy to attend an event within your jurisdiction. Please send your request to the committee secretary, Sharon Sells. Please provide ample time for plans to be made. The committee looks forward to helping with your program.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR ADULTS
(Except for Advisors, Youth Committee Chairmen)
New Renewal Address Change

Name _____

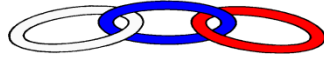
Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

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

Youth Informer
655 Harbison Ave East, WINNIPEG, MB R2L 0Z3



SGL-IARA JOINT YOUTH COMMITTEE
And
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

Presents the

ISENOR-ROSE
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE
FOR YOUTH TRIP

APPLICATION

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____

REQUIREMENTS:

1. PLEASE ADVISE THE NAME OF YOUR YOUTH CLUB, LOCATION OF YOUR YOUTH CLUB, LIST THE OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD IN YOUR YOUTH CLUB, YOUR JURISDICTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED AND THE DATE YOU JOINED YOUR YOUTH CLUB. THIS MUST BE CERTIFIED WITH A LETTER FROM YOUR ADVISOR/CHAIRPERSON UNDER SEAL OF THE CLUB WITH THE CLUBS INSTITUTION DATE.
2. YOU MUST SUBMIT A 500 WORD ESSAY ON THE UNITED NATIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS
3. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A 3 to 5 MINUTE SPEECH CONTEST WHILE ATTENDING THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Competition is open to all Club Members who will be 16 years of age by December 31st of the year of the trip, or who will not turn 18 years of age until after August 1st of the year of the trip, and applicants must continue membership in their Youth Club and promote the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth trip in their own Jurisdiction and submit a write up to the Youth Informer upon completion of said trip.

Applicants must be an active member and have belonged to a Youth Club for three years unless they are a member of a newly Instituted Youth Club. This information should be in the Certified Letter from the Advisor.

A panel of markers, who select the winners, reviews all applications.

Failure to comply with requirements will result in the said Delegate having to reimburse the Committee for all expenses.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The Isenor-Rose Fund will contribute \$1,000.00 towards the total cost of the trip. All other expenses will be the responsibility of the Jurisdiction and/or the parents of the Youth Member. The Youth Member also provides spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments and some optional entertainment events.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

All applications must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Sovereign Grand Lodge-International Association of Rebekah Assemblies Joint Youth Committee no later than April 15th of the year prior to the trip. NO EXCEPTIONS. Mail all applications to:

Mr. Keith Ploof,
Chairman, SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee
Box 54 St. Armand Road
HIGHGATE CENTER, VT 05459-0054

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

THE SGL-IARA JOINT YOUTH COMMITTEE IS RESEARCHING WHEN THE VERY FIRST JUNIOR LODGE, THETA RHO CLUB OR UNITED YOUTH GROUP WAS STARTED IN EACH JURISDICTION.

PLEASE GET YOUR ADVISOR TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS BY CONTACTING THEIR GRAND LODGE OR ASSEMBLY OFFICE. EVERYONE HAS RECORDS.

WHEN WE GET ALL THE REPLIES WE WILL PUBLISH THEM SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE THE RESULTS.

IF YOU KNOW OF A JURISDICTION WHO NO LONGER HAS YOUTH CLUBS ASK THEM TO LET US KNOW ALSO. JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE NO LONGER OPERATING DOESN'T MEAN THEIR INSTITUTION DATE ISN'T IMPORTANT TO US.

NOT SURE WHAT BROTHER KEITH HAS IN MIND ABOUT THIS BUT HE SAID WE WOULD FIND OUT IN CALIFORNIA SO PLEASE EMAIL ME OR DROP ME A LINE. I WILL PUT A LIST ON THE WEBSITE ALSO.

DEADLINE FOR LETTING ME KNOW IS JULY 15, 2009

THANKS AND GOOD RESEARCHING

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Committee Directory

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Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon,
Texas, Washington

Sad Announcement

The committee is sad to have received the resignation of one of our members, Darren Findlay. Due to recent employment promotions he is now unable to commit to the duties of the committee. The committee will miss Darren. He served this committee for many years and we are sad to see him go. He worked hard to help the youth flourish and succeed. He will be missed, along with his commitment to seeing the youth prosper. He was an asset to our committee as well as a friend. We wish him well in his future endeavors. His work will not be forgotten. Thank you Darren, you will be missed.

Articles Wanted

Did your lodge have any activities that you want everyone to know about? Did your jurisdiction hold a special event? If so please send pictures and information about the event to:

Jeffrey Beattie

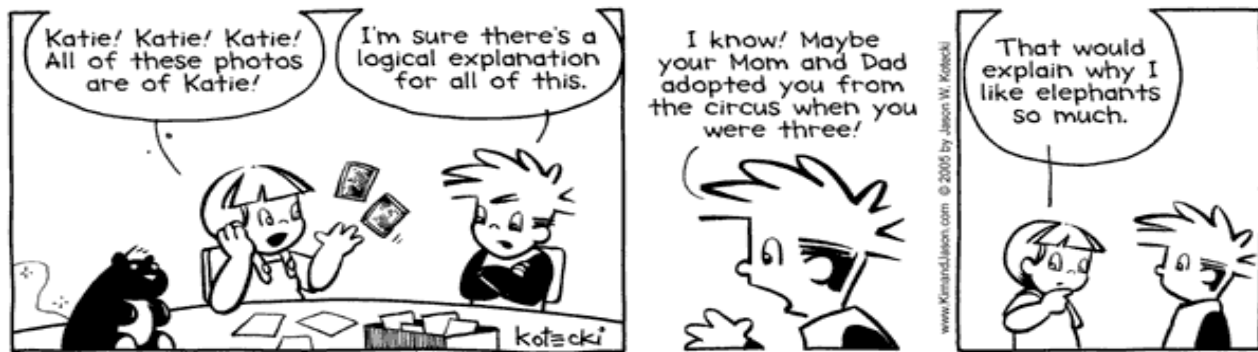
19809 Ridgemont, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

beattijw@gmail.com

ioofyouth.ca

Just For Fun!!

1. 52% of Americans drink coffee.
2. The average person has 100,000 hairs on their head. Each hair grows about 5 inches every year.
3. House flies have a life span of two weeks.
4. Every time you lick a stamp you consume 1/10 of a calorie.
5. The human brain is 80% water.
6. Men get hiccups twice as often as women.
7. The average person has 1,400 dreams a year.
8. All US presidents have worn glasses. Some just didn't like being seen in them.
9. Abraham Lincoln faces right on the penny, but all other presidents on coins face left.
10. A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.



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