

HARLANDALE STAR

Newsletter # 5

October 25, 2024

FROM THE EAST

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Harlandale Chapter started the month with a visit from the Deputy Grand Matron, Kimi Shaw, giving us instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I want to thank the Secretary, Karen Tilghman, and Treasurer, Doug Wylie, for keeping the books updated. You both are doing an amazing job.

Our second meeting, Patty Perez provided the Halloween Program, which was fun. There was also a costume contest with a couple of us dressing up. We had a witch (Betty Robertson), a movie star (Shannon Wylie), a fisherman without a pole (Doug Wylie) and others dressed in orange and black.

I would like to remind everyone to please bring school supplies for the local schools. We were also asked to bring your favorite candy to Chapter for the basket that will be donated to the School of Instruction. Lastly, we will be collecting toys again this year for Toys for Tots.

I want to thank everyone that has contributed to both meals this month. This is a lot of help to the person that is providing the main course.

Star love,
Shannon Wylie
Worthy Matron

D.J. Molina
Worthy Patron

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Rebecca Cortez continues her valiant battle with cirrhosis of the liver, as do Al Machts, his son and Russell Brown with their various cancers. A report of "holding their own" on any of these four should be considered a reason for congratulations. Remember that phone calls can be as helpful as visits. Families and care-givers also need our encouragement and prayers. It is important to remember these, their families, their care-givers, and others of whom we know with our cards, calls, visits and prayers. All these are powerful tools which enhance healing of body, mind, and spirit.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Knowing that the need for school supplies is an on-going one, we continue to collect these supplies. And, even after a delivery has been made to a school, we will continue to collect and deliver. It's easy to remember this need at the beginning of the year, but that is not the end of the need. It continues throughout the year. We try to make the task easier for you by asking you to purchase items and bring them with you when you come to Chapter. We will make the delivery for you. Those who receive the deliveries at the schools, no matter what time of the year, are always very grateful.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreaths Across America is a program where individuals and groups can purchase wreaths to place on our veteran's graves. The Chapters and members of City-Wide Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association in District 5, Section 7 have banded together to purchase the wreaths as a group.

In November 2023, Harlandale Chapter purchased 23 wreaths for our Chapter veteran members who were in good standing at the time of their deaths and buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. We had twelve additional wreaths purchased by members of our chapter for their veterans who were not from the Chapter.

Wreaths Across America expanded their program to allow purchase of wreaths for veterans who are not buried in National Cemeteries. Wreaths are shipped directly to the individuals. Details are provided on request.

If you are interested in purchasing a wreath, please contact Karen Tilghman, Secretary at 210-861-8642 or lovingwings89@aol.com or 3840 Beckwood Drive, San Antonio, TX 78259.

MARINE CORPS TOYS FOR TOTS

In 1991, believing that a new toy can help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children, The Marine Corps annually sponsors a toy drive.

We are extremely fortunate to have a fellow Mason/Eastern Star member, Armando Soto, from Charles W. Anderson Masonic Lodge and Wimodussis Chapter 141, as our local point of contact.

Toys for Tots collects **new unwrapped** toys to distribute to less fortunate children at Christmas. The targeted age group is up to 12 years of age in most areas. However they may include older children. Older children are the hardest group to shop for. Items that are popular with older children are sports equipment (bags and balls), books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watches, wallets, bath sets, board games, radio controlled cars/trucks, handheld electronics, skateboards and/or helmets, curling irons, hair straighteners, and hair dryers.

Realistic looking toy weapons and gifts with food are highly discouraged. If donated, these items will not be distributed.

Please consider making a donation to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. If you would like to donate and need assistance shopping please contact Karen Tilghman, Sec. at 210-861-8642 or lovingwings89@aol.com or 3840 Beckwood Drive, San Antonio, TX 78259.

SPAGHETTI DINNER TOTAL

Doug Wylie, chairman of the event, reports that the total profit of the event was \$1359. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who had any part in making the day a success.

HONOR ROLL

The following members are listed on the Honor Roll because they attended both meetings in the Month of October: **June Bell**, Roberto Cortez, Brian McKibbin, Patsy McKibbin, Patty Perez, Betty Robertson, Karen Tilghman, Michael Vaillette, Doug Wylie, Shannon Wylie, and Sheryl Wylie. Congratulations to each of these members. The challenge to each of you is to add your name to the list next month. Bold print denotes that those members have attended all meetings this Chapter year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 4 – Texas Stated meeting 7:00, meal 6:00
- Nov 5 - Floresville Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 4:00 to 7:00, Tickets \$8.00
- Nov 5 – Schertz stated meeting with Deputy Grand Matron Visit, 7:00
- Nov 5 – Adah stated meeting 7:30, meal 6:30
- Nov 7 - Alamo Heights stated meeting 7:30,

meal 6:30

- Nov 11 – Wimodausis stated meeting with Deputy Grand Matron Visit 7:00, meal 6:15
- Nov 12 – Stated meeting 7:00, meal 6:00**
- Nov 13 – Amistad Celebrity Social from 6 pm to 9pm. Dress up as your favorite character. Snack food provided . Fox Trot and Rumba dance lessons by Felipe Villa. Games will be played. Prizes will be awarded and door prizes will be given. Tickets \$10.00 each or \$15.00 per couple. Proceeds go to Humanitarian Fund.
- Nov 18 – Floresville stated meeting 7:30, meal 6:30
- Nov 19 – Adah stated meeting with Deputy Grand Matron Visit 7:30, Meal 6:30
- Nov 20 – Amistad stated meeting with Deputy Grand Matron Visit 7:00, meal 6:00

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WORDS OF THANKS

We show our love and appreciation in the many extra things that we do. Special thanks to those who provided meals. For the October 8 meal Patty Perez provided the taco meat, Roberto Cortez, the rice; Brian and Patsy, beans; Eva Gonzales, guacamole and chips; Gloria Garcia, peach pie. Thanks to all who contributed. On Oct. 22 we enjoyed Sloppy Joes, pasta salads, chips, watermelon, and desserts. October 8, Brian McKibbin was Worthy Patron; Eva Gonzalez served as associate Matron; Ralph Gonzalez, Associate Patron; Nelson Dunn, Marshal; Melissa Ramos, Adah; Eva Gonzales, Ruth; Sally Freeland, Esther; Terrie Reynolds, Martha; Warder, Janet; Sentinel, Freddie Freeland. Serving on October 22 were Eva and Ralph Gonzalez as Associate Matron and Associate Patron; Brian McKibbin, Marshal; Patty Perez Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa; Michael Vaillette, Sentinel.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Annette J. Uzzell
- 11 – Jean McDougall
Sheryl Wylie
- 14 – Christine Mittlemaier
- 15 – Mary J. Cooke
- 16 – Georgia Snodgrass
- 21 – Etta Pauline Bonn
Hester L. Sitterle
Jeri Walker
- 22 – Alfred E. Machts
Shirley F. Warshauer

MEETINGS, cont'd

- Nov 24 -Harlandale Past Matron/Past Patron meeting in the Lodge Dining Room, 5:00