



# **Star Notes from Worthington**

## **Order of the Eastern Star**

Worthington Chapter #287

January, 2009

### **New Members and Special Nights**

Happy New Year sisters and brothers! And this new year will start out in the best possible way -- with the addition of two new members to our chapter. Please join us on January 14 for the initiation of new members, and much more!

#### **Wednesday, January 14** **Sweetheart Night**

In addition to initiation for two new members, we will be honoring our brother Masons on sweetheart night. We are planning an all-chocolate buffet for refreshments. In addition, some of our honored Masons will be judges for a chocolate chip cookie contest. Contestants will be: Barbara Craven, Pam Bell, Jennifer Jones, Jenny Gilbert and Crissy Willeke. Samples MAY be available!

#### **Wednesday, February 11:** **Friendship Luau Night**

Let's forget the snowy weather that is likely to surround us during this winter month. Pretend you are coming to a luau! Dig out the muumuus and Hawaiian shirts and join us in hosting this Friendship Night. Our guests will be members of Eugenie Chapter in District #17 and Jeffersonville Chapter in District #23.

#### **Wednesday, March 11:** **Jitney Supper for Charity**

Our March meeting will be preceded by a Jitney Supper - that's a potluck that you pay for! Please bring your favorite covered dish for a 6:15 p.m. dinner. Make a free will offering for your meal, and you will get a full tummy and a great feeling because all of the proceeds will go to charity.

#### **Other Dates to Keep In Mind:**

**Wednesday, April 8 (Holy Week)--**  
Stated meeting; no refreshments.

**Saturday, April 25 --**  
Grand Inspection at Thomas Worthington High School, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 13 -**  
Stated Meeting; honoring stations of Chaplain and Organist.

#### ***Give Us Your e-mail Address!***

Want to get your Star news even faster? Let us know your e-mail address and we'll add you to the Worthy Matron's distribution list. The list is used for sharing information about our members, chapter or district meetings, and ways and means projects. Please send a note to [mgbraatz@gmail.com](mailto:mgbraatz@gmail.com) to add your e-mail address.

### **News and Notes From District 17 and Region "N"**

Did you know that Worthington Chapter is a part of District 17 and Region "N"? Our region is comprised of Districts 17 and 23. Some say N stands for nice, or neighborly!

We were all so proud of our Ken Scott as he performed his duties as Worthy Grand Patron at the Region "N" School of Instruction on October 25 in the Northland Masonic Temple.

At the school, the Worthy Grand Matron, Peg Reiterman, appointed Mary Ryan, of Triangle Chapter, as Grand Representative of Vermont. Grand Pages and Aides also were announced, including our own Chlois Fletcher, Grand Page to Worthy Grand Patron Ken, and Crowell Shane and Joe Simmons, who will be the WGP's Grand Aides at next fall's Grand Chapter session.

The Annual Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> District Association will be held on Saturday, **February 21**, at Northland Temple at 1 p.m. All members of chapters in District 17 are invited to attend.

The Annual 17<sup>th</sup> District Spring Luncheon to be held at Worthington Temple on **Saturday, April 4**. Details to be announced. Call Bonita Shane at 538-1970 for tickets.

The 17<sup>th</sup> District Cancer Walk-A-Thon will be held **Saturday, June 6**, at Homestead Park in Hilliard.

**Good friends are like stars... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there!**

## Joyful Noisemakers Honored!

Worthington Chapter's theme for 2009 is "Make a Joyful Noise," with a focus on service. By serving with gladness (Psalm 100: 1-2) we make a joyful noise in our world today.

Each meeting, the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron ring/blow noisemakers to announce the name of a member who has made a joyful noise through their service to others.

On installation night, WGP **Ken Scott** and his wife, Grand Representative of Scotland **Rita Scott** were honored. In November, we recognized **Evelyn Myers**, our chapter's Hospital Circle representative and former long-time Cancer Project representative. In December, the Joyful Noisemaker Award went to **Agnes Wolfe**, longtime secretary of Robert Morris Chapter.

Each recipient receives a star-shaped basket of gifts and goodies to enjoy.

**Do you know someone who should get a Joyful Noisemaker Award?** Please contact the Worthy Matron with your recommendation!

## Members Support Faith Mission With Food and Grocery Cards

Members of Worthington Chapter brought carloads of nonperishable food items and grocery gift cards to the November meeting to support the work of Faith Mission in Downtown Columbus.

The donations were in response to a request from the Worthy Matron, who distributed shopping lists and grocery bags at the October meeting.

The donated items totaled 500 pounds of food (valued at \$250) and gift cards amounted to \$100. Thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause, to feed the homeless and give them hope!

## Support Learning Center With Labels, Box Tops and Pennies

The staff of the Scottish Rite Learning Center for the Greater Columbus Area is always looking for ways to stretch the dollar as they strive to help dyslexic children learn to read.

Worthington Chapter members are encouraged to save "Labels for Education" from Campbell's soup and other food

products, as well as the "Box Tops for Education" found on General Mills products. The center collects and submits these labels and box tops in exchange for money toward school supplies.

In addition, Worthington has initiated a "Pennies for Paper" jar that is available at each chapter meeting. Members are encouraged to drop their spare change in the jar. Proceeds will be given to the Center so that staff can buy paper for worksheets and other learning materials.

## Old Cell Phones Can Help Battered Women

OES members across the state who hold the station of Esther are joining in a charitable project this year to support women who are suffering from abuse. They are doing this through the collection of old cell phones that can be turned into funding for shelters for battered women. Our Esther, Dianne Zepp, asks that you support this project by bringing your old cell phones to chapter for her collection. In August 2009, the phones will be forwarded to Grand Esther, who is chairing the project. Watch the newsletter for news of other Star Point efforts for charity!

## New Babies

Congratulations to two Worthington OES couples who welcomed new babies recently: Erin and Jason Liming are the parents of Joseph Connell Liming, born September 29, 2008  
Tiffany and Mark Schreiber are the parents of Mark Robert Schreiber Jr., born November 20, 2008

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