

Orange Coast California Council

Chatterbox

Lighting the Path of Friendship

December 2007

Dear Sisters,

Hope that each and everyone enjoyed a Christmas and Hanukkah filled with many Blessings.

I really have to say that Charlene and the Friendship Stars did a terrific and successful November Brunch. Everyone attending had many compliments. We all enjoyed the Cocktail Party and No-host Dinner the night before. That is a big thank you to Christine and her helpers. Again we had another neighborly card game that evening in my room with Candy being the big winner. Then the following weekend a few of us traveled to Burbank to visit SCC. Another successful visitation so any of you wishing to travel with us in January please call Charlene Farwell. We will be going to Solvang to visit PCC on the 18th & 19th of January and then on the 26th and 27th we will be at the Mission Inn in Riverside to visit MCC. We would love to have you travel along with us.

This year seems to be flying by and I must say I am having a wonderful time representing OCCC as we travel around the state of California.

We will be having elections of Officers coming up before you know it so please consider being on the OCCC Board. You will really have the time of your Life.

I look forward to seeing all of you on January 12th at the Mesa Verde Country Club in Costa Mesa for "Skate into 2008" OCCC Brunch hosted by West Grove Area Council.

Beta Hugs to all,
Jo Ann



Orange Coast California Council
Brunch Meeting November 10, 2007

The November 10, 2007 meeting of Orange Coast California Council was called to order by President JoAnn Spates at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel, Buena Park, at 10:00 a.m. The candles were lit by Vice President Christine Morrow. Donna Wertz gave the invocation and all members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Ritual.

President - JoAnn welcomed everyone to "A Patchwork Holiday" hosted by the 2006-2007 OCCC Executive Board. JoAnn introduced Chairman Charlene Farwell and Charlene introduced her committee, the Friendship Stars.

Vice President - Christine introduced the Award of Distinction recipients and thanked them for their years of service and dedication. She introduced the OCCC Past Presidents, the Orange Aids, who were in attendance.

President JoAnn, the Flashing Celebrity, introduced the following visiting State Area Presidents and they in turn introduced their boards.

Marion Silva, Central California Council – the Glit and Glitter Celebrity
Sandy Miyahara, Southern California Council, the Notable Celebrity
Wilma Bratton, Far Northern California Council, the Howling Celebrity
Becky Silva, Pacific California Council, the Precious Gem Celebrity
Frances Lowe, Mission California Council, the Victorian Celebrity
Rosanna Alsted, Northern California Council, the Fluttering Celebrity

JoAnn also introduced Nana Tullock and Debbie German, 2008 Convention Co-Chairmen; they introduced their board.

Deviating from the normal order of business, *Parliamentarian Helen Murray* read the section of the by-laws pertaining to the Nominating Committee and the names of those individuals who are not eligible to serve on the committee this year. Nominations were taken from the floor and the following were nominated: Betty Phillips, Preceptor Zeta Tau, NOCC; Linda Israel, Laureate Beta Nu, WGAC; Charla Lackey, Laureate Eta Beta, SVC; Joanie Frei, Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC; Penny Williams, Preceptor Mu Omicron, WGAC; Sharon Hayes, Preceptor Iota Mu, WGAC; Jerelyn Sawyer, Preceptor Theta, Independent. Results will be announced under New Business.

There were no corrections or additions to the September 8 minutes as mailed with the October Chatterbox.

Recording Secretary – Linda Economon reported that the Executive Board of Orange Coast California Council met on October 22, 2007 in the home of Betty Phillips. Any business to come before the membership will be presented under the Chairman's report. Any recommendations will be discussed under New Business.

Corresponding Secretary – Betty Phillips reported that 20 pieces of correspondence were sent from July 13 through November 9 and 39 pieces were received. The total sent to date is 24 and the total received to date is 54.

Treasurer – Betty Jo Patchen reported receipts in the amount of \$20,269.36 since the September brunch meeting, total disbursements of \$15,955.55 and a balance of \$10,375.07 in the checking account as of today. The balance in savings is \$15,732.89. This report is placed on file subject to audit.

Registrar - Jan Reichert mailed 25 and e-mailed 73 copies of the October Chatterbox for a total of 98. The deadline for the December Chatterbox is December 8. Today there are 27 chapters represented with 165 members and 94 guests present for a total attendance of 259. Preceptor Zeta Tau, NOCC, has 100% attendance. The chapter with the most members in attendance is Preceptor Xi Kappa, NOCC with 16...

Vice President – Christine introduced members attending their first OCCC brunch. She asked that names of departed sisters be submitted to her by December 1 so that they can be included in the January Memorial Service.

Parliamentarian - Helen Murray received no suggestions at the September Brunch. There were no proposed changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules, so the committee did not meet. She thanked those who volunteered to serve on this committee and introduced and thanked the tellers for today, Phyl Eldridge, NHAC; April Johnson, NOCC; Nancy Rowbottom, WGAC; and Jeanne Whitaker, SVC. Helen has Officer Recommendation Forms for the 2008-2009 Executive Board available. They need to be returned by November 25. She asked everyone to consider running for an office on next year's board.

Members of the Nominating Committee were asked to meet at the close of today's meeting to set a date and time for their meeting.

Historian - Betty Rolnick - no report.

Yearbook Chairman - Jerelyn Sawyer – held judging in her home on Saturday, October 13. Awards will be given out at the January Brunch. A meeting will be held in January to polish up the rules and make needed changes.

Directory Chairman Dottie Soteriou announced that all changes to the directory have been included in the Chatterbox. Please notify her of any other changes. There are 20 copies of the directory still available for sale.

President, JoAnn, read a letter from Boots Morris thanking everyone for their thoughts and prayers. JoAnn announced that Boots has resigned as OCCC Philanthropic Chairman and Jerelyn Sawyer has agreed to take her place.

Philanthropic Chairman – Jerelyn Sawyer reported the in the philanthropic account IS \$2,479.40. She asked for donations from the membership.

Community Service Chairman – Bobbie Varner reported that the current balance is \$7,768.41. She asked for donations from the membership. Bobbie introduced a new friend.

Protocol Chairman - Jackie Harman - will report in January on the recommendations and changes from the Protocol Meeting in Fresno in October. She thanked Sandee Rogers for attending the meetings in her place. The deadline for submitting Brunch Bids is December 1 and she has received only two bids to date.

Immediate Past President - Charlene Farwell reported on the visitations to CRCC in September, CCC in October and FNCC in October. The next visitation is to PCC in Solvang on January 18 and 19. The visitation to MCC at the Mission Inn in Riverside will be the following weekend. Charlene announced that the completed scholarship applications are due no later than the March Brunch. At the September Brunch \$245.00 was donated for a donation total to date of \$820.00. Charlene asked for donations from the membership.

Director Sponsor – Donna read her thought for the day, "Christmas Spirit". Chapter announcements were made.

Unfinished Business : None

New Business: The Nominating Committee results were announced. Betty Phillips, NOCC, will act as chairman; Jerelyn Sawyer, Independent, Linda Israel, WGAC, Charla Lackey, SVC and Penny Williams, WGAC will serve on the committee and alternates will be Joanie Frei, NHAC and Sharon Hayes, WGAC.

WGAC presented their skit for the January 12, 2008 brunch, "Skate in to 2008" at the Mesa Verde Country Club in Costa Mesa.

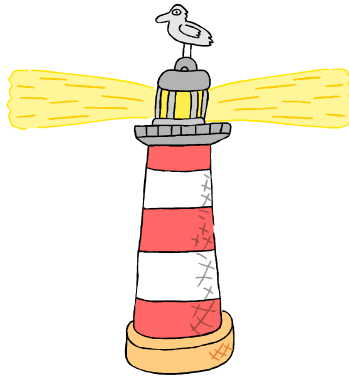
The 2008 Convention Board presented their skit to invite everyone to "Celebrate" in Fresno on May 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2008.

Chapter drawings and the donation drawing were held. *President - JoAnn* thanked everyone for attending today and thanked the Friendship Stars for a wonderful brunch. We look forward to the January Brunch, "Skate in to 2008".

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m. with all members standing for the Closing Ritual and Mizpah.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Economon
Recording Secretary



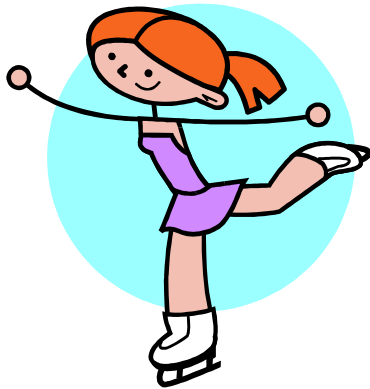
VISITATION SCHEDULE

January 18 & 19, 2008
January 26 & 27
May 16-18

Solvang
Riverside, Mission Inn
Convention – Fresno

PCC
MCC
CCC

Contact Charlene Farwell, IPP if you would like to join the OCCC Executive Board on any of these visitations.



OCCC Brunch
Skate in to 2008

Saturday, January 12, 2008
Mesa Verde Country Club, Costa Mesa
Hostesses: West Grove Area Council
Chair: Carol Smith
Co-chair: Sharon Hayes

NEWSWORTHY



A Night on the Red Carpet
2008 All-Council Valentine Ball
To Honor our Valentine Princesses &
To Benefit our Philanthropic Projects
Saturday, February 23, 2008
Mile Square Golf Course, Fountain Valley
No-Host Cocktails: 6-7 p.m.
Dinner: 7-8 p.m.

“A note from the Parliamentarian”

A reminder that **Nominations from the floor** may be made at the January Brunch after the Nominating Committee Report is made. Also, candidates please remember that your skits are limited to two (2) minutes each.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

The Philanthropic Fund wishes to thank all the members and their spouses and friends who supported the concert put on by the "Alley Cats" in Brea on December 6th! It was a great success and netted our four projects over \$1,000!

YOU ARE ALL MOST APPRECIATED FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Jerelyn Sawyer, Philanthropic Chairman

Mile Rocks Lighthouse

The southern side of the entrance to the Golden Gate is dotted with a family of dangerous wave-swept rocks that includes Black Head Rock, Lobos Rock, and Pyramid Rock. The two northernmost, and thus most dangerous to navigation, are Mile Rocks. Located only 0.4 miles from the closest shore, it seems Mile Rocks are so named because the rocks are one mile south of the main shipping channel leading into San Francisco Bay.

In November of 1889, the Lighthouse Service placed a bell buoy near the rocks. However, the strong currents in the area would pull the buoy beneath the surface of the water and even set it adrift. Frustrated lighthouse engineers concluded that the rocks “must always be a menace to navigation as long as they exist,” as building atop the rocks or dynamiting them below the surface didn’t seem practical. On February 22, 1901, the *City of Rio de Janeiro*, in-bound from Hong Kong in heavy fog, struck Fort Point Ledge and sunk in just eight minutes. The Lighthouse Board concluded that the shipwreck, the worst in San Francisco’s history, might not have occurred if a fog signal could be heard considerably seaward of the hedge.



The tragic wreck provided ample motivation to overcome the obstacles inherent in constructing a lighthouse atop Mile Rock. In 1904, James A. McMahon was awarded the contract to build the lighthouse, and set off with a skilled crew to assess the construction site. After seeing the seagirt rock on which the lighthouse was to stand, the crew promptly quit. A second crew, consisting of deep-sea sailors recruited from San Francisco’s Warf and thus more familiar with the sea, was assembled, and work began in September of that year. A small schooner, the *Rio Rey*, was anchored near the rocks and served as floating quarters for the crew.

A good portion of Mile Rock, which measured 40 by 30 feet, was blasted away to provide a level foundation. Next, four-foot thick walls made of steel-reinforced concrete were built to a height of 35 feet to form the base of the tower. A cistern and fuel tanks were located within the base, with a heavy door at the base providing access for refueling. Atop the caisson, a three-tiered steel tower, capped by a lantern room, was constructed. Looking at the historic photograph, it is easy to understand why it was called the steel wedding cake. The first tier of the tower housed the engines for powering the station’s fog signal. The second tier was composed of two stories, with an office kitchen, and day room on the bottom floor, and two bedrooms and a bathroom on the second story. The third tier was used mainly for storage. The caisson and first tier were both oval, while the upper tiers and lantern room were circular. The top tier was used as a storage area, and the lantern room with its crosshatched window panes protected a third-order Fresnel lens, which was first lit during the winter of 1906.

Mile Rocks Lighthouse was always a “stag station”, as there was hardly enough room for the resident four “wickies” (also known as keepers) themselves. Couples came up with some innovative methods for maintaining contact. One wickies wife would walk the family dog out to Land’s End in the evenings and use a flashlight to signal a greeting to her husband. Keepers were transported to the tower by boat and from its rocking deck they had to snag the Jacob’s ladder suspended from the tower’s catwalk. In rough seas, the bobbing boat would occasionally knock the keeper off the ladder, before he made the 30-foot ascent.

In the 1960’s, The Coast Guard dismantled the lantern room and top two tiers of the lighthouse and constructed a helicopter landing pad. Although the base of the tower is now painted with colorful orange and white bands, the beauty of the structure was greatly compromised when the tower was decapitated.