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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Jan 5 7:30 pm | Las Cruces #20 – Stated Meeting | Aztec Lodge |
| Jan 6 7:30 pm | Renick #37 – Stated Meeting | Coronado |
| Jan 7 7:30 pm | Hatch #52 – Stated Meeting | Hatch |
| Jan 9 | OV – Adah #5WGM/WGP ‘kick off’ | Albuquerque |
| Jan 15 | OV – Hatch #52 | Hatch |
| Jan 16 | OV – Hot Springs | T or C |
| Jan 16 | Las Cruces #20 Enchilada Dinner | Aztec Lodge |
| | Serving from 4:30 pm to 7 pm | |
| | Adults \$7.00 and Children (under 12) \$3.50 | Take outs available |
| Jan 19 7:30 pm | Las Cruces #20 – Stated Meeting | Aztec Lodge |
| Jan 22 | OV – Ruidoso #65 | Ruidoso |
| Jan 23 | OV – Tularosa #72 | Tularosa |
| Jan 25 7:00pm | Past Matrons | Aztec Lodge |

REMEMBER RAINBOW – MEETINGS 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS AT 2 PM

Scottish Rite Temple



- CHAPTER OFFICERS
 Worthy Matron
 Tenna Bradshaw
 Worthy Patron
 Bob Bradshaw
 Associate Matron
 Shirley Thomas
 Associate Patron
 James Thomas
 Secretary
 Diana Youngren
 Treasurer
 Anneliese Rauber
 Conductress
 Kathy Walker
 Assoc Conductress
 Peggy Dettmer
 Chaplain
 Bob Kinman
 Marshall
 Francis Rauber
 Organist
 Diane Rogers
 Adah
 Charity Samaniego
 Ruth
 Patricia Higdon
 Esther
 Laura Hawkins
 Martha
 Karen Ross
 Electa
 Laura Thornton
 Warder
 Marilyn Vaughan
 Sentinel
 Wayne Walker

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December 2009 – January 2010

There is a special joy in remembering
 Those who hold a special place in our hearts. . .

That’s why there is joy in remembering you!

May the gifts of peace and joy be yours this holiday season.

Sickness and Distress

Sister Queene Morrision is our Sunshine person. Please let her know (at 526-8126) of any sickness or distress or our Secretary, Diana Youngren with email: diyongren@comcast.net or at 644-2012 or our Worthy Matron Tenna Bradshaw at 233-4436.

We have quite a few members that have been sick. Cards were sent to: Nancy Dahl, Billye Steelman, Betty Hill, Ruby Johnson, Ruth Walker, Lloyd Bates, Virginia Shields, Amanda Tuthill, Dawn Rittenbach, Roxanne Schumacher, Bob Kinman, Marcia Ersland, Mary Durio, Mike and Tammy O'Hara, Lorraine De Weerd (Renick #37). Betty Thyron fell and broke her arm and is in The Village at Northrise and receiving therapy. Dee Dee Swope had surgery and is home recuperating. John Townsend also had surgery and is home and doing quite well. Ann Hansen completed her chemo in December and will start with radiation. Tamara Burden's husband, Ben, has had surgery and Tamara and the children have all had the flu. Please remember these Sisters and Brothers and their families in prayer.

Dues for 2010

Dues for 2010, in the amount of \$20.00 are now due. Please check your dues card. If you don't have a new light grey-colored dues card, then you need to send for one today. Send to Diana Youngren, Secretary, PO Box 1611 Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Christmas Hams

Members of our Chapter donated hams to Dona Ana Elementary School. Students at the school donated the rest of the food for the Christmas Baskets.

ENCHILADA SUPPER

We are having our first money making project of the 2010 year on January 16 at Aztec Lodge. Please volunteer to help with the set up, cooking, serving, and clean up if at all possible. We need workers if our projects are to succeed. We need to tell all our friends to come and enjoy the good food. We will serve from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Adults \$7.00 and Children (under 12) \$3.50. Takeouts are available.

Veterans Honored

Worthy Patron Bob Bradshaw read a program written by Sister Marcia Ersland to honor our Veterans at our Nov. 14 meeting. Veterans presented were Brothers: Bill Dettmer, Army, Bob Kinman, Army, Everett Putney, Army, Frank Rauber, Army, John Short, Army, Keith Thyron, Army, Wayne Walker, Air Force. Worthy Matron Tenna read the following: *A Veteran, whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve is someone who at one point in his/her life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of "up to and including his/her life/" That is HONOR.*

Kitchen Shower

Our Chapter is having a kitchen shower for badly needed items. Sister Vera Jane Morris has a list of items we would like to have donated. We hope to have most of them by our Enchilada Supper. We would like to thank all of you who donated to this needy cause.

Ongoing projects for the year

Our community is in need of some small items. Peggy Dettmer is collecting small toiletries and plastic grocery bags for La Casa, and empty pill bottles for the Community of Hope. These are items that don't cost much and many of us throw them in the trash when we could be helping to defray costs for these organizations. We will continue to collect soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in El Paso, soda cans as a chapter fundraiser, and paperback books as a chapter fundraiser.

"WARM HEARTS"

Laura and Walter Hawkins, members of our chapter have founded a group called "Warm Hearts" that meets at Branigan Library on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. They knit and crochet hats and booties for newborns. They are in need of yarn. It doesn't matter how small, they will use it. If you have yarn to donate, you can contact Laura at 647-4992.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Chapter was treated to a special Christmas program on December 15 by Sister Marcia Ersland, program chairman. Assisting in the program were singers: Maryellen Connor, Ruth Walker, and Diana Youngren. The Three Queens were portrayed by Bob Bradshaw WP, Walter Hawkins, and Wayne Walker WGP, who passed out gifts to those present.

WE THREE QUEENS OF EASTERN STAR,
BEARING GIFTS WE'VE TRAVELED AFAR,
DOWN MAIN, SOLANO, BOUTZ, AND
CAMPO, TRAVELING HERE BY CAR.

OH, DURN THE TRAFFIC, DURN THE LIGHTS
IT'S SO CONGESTED, CAN'T SEE THE SIGHTS
WE'VE KEPT PROCEEDING TO MAKE THE
MEETING,
PRESENTING THESE GIFTS TO THE MEMBERS
OF STAR.

OH, SANTAS, SNOWMEN, PENGUINS TOO,
POLAR BEARS, REINDEER, AND ELVES A FEW,
HAPPY FACES, WITH SMILES THEY GRACE US,
WITH THESE SPECIAL GIFTS FOR YOU.

NOW, DEAR MEMBERS, COME DOWN
HERE,
COME RECEIVE YOUR CHRISTMAS CHEER,
A MERRY CHRISTMAS, BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

PAST MATRONS

Past matrons will meet January 25, 2010 at Aztec Lodge at 7:00 pm.