

A word from your Prez.

The November 8th meeting of the Beech Girls and Beech Bums was held at Pioneer Chapter. We had lunch with the Storytellers. Ted Beecher was the big winner of the 50-50 drawing. He took out his expenses and gave the rest to us as donation. Thanks Ted. We then met separately.

We were so happy to have Donnie Gay with us. Sister Carolyn introduced him as her choice to run for Grand Sentinel and we are thrilled. Welcome to our Group, both to you, Brother Don, and Sister Jennifer, who is associate conductress at Meridian Chapter.

There was much discussion about bags for the group. Sister Judy Smith brought many samples. We know we will like what we chose and Sister Judy will embroider them.

Our 'Coming Out' Party was November 15 at Friendship Chapter with 'a full house' attending where Brother Donnie Gay was again introduced as her choice to run for Grand Sentinel. He was given a rousing welcome. Sister Carolyn announced our name, The Visionears.

We are on our way to the East and are all very excited.

More news after our January meeting on the 17th at Adah Chapter in Independence. Lets all carpool and make it our largest meeting yet.

Dorothy Lewis, President

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sarah's Minutes by Minute

VISIONEARS MEETING November 8, 2008 (I guess we were the Beach Girls and Beach Bums then.)

We met at Park Rose Chapter.

The meeting was called to order we had pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

AGC Carolyn introduced her escorts husband Ted and Sister Jean Cartwright . Carolyn also introduced her 2 grandchildren Savannah and Brandon as they had them to enjoy for the day.

She also introduced Don Gay whom she has chosen to be Grand Sentinel and her running partner. His wife is Jennifer who is the Chairperson for Oregon OES News and Eastern Star Journal.

Eight Grand Committee members were present.

Judy smith; Grand Secretary emeritus and other officers.

Visiting and Cheer:

Carolyn said Ted had a knee replacement and is taking therapy under his doctor s care.

Wanda Freeman passed away.

Bob Saunders has cancer and is not doing well but is better.

E' Laine Armstrong is having trouble with her eyes, she is having treatments.

Barbara Wiley's son passed his medical boards and is now a Master Physician Assistant she is very proud of him.

Linda Phipps has a new granddaughter.

Jennifer Gay has a new grandson this makes 4 this year.

Unfinished Business

Mary Lou Olson will be collecting membership dues. They are twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year.

Treasurer's report:

\$507.00 in bank. There was a \$20.00 service fee charged but was returned to our account. We will not have to pay a service charge.

A letter was read from Barbara Collins Yearbook Chairman about the 2009 yearbook. We voted to take out a full page ad in the Oregon Gems 2009 yearbook. It will cost \$100.00.

Ways and Means

Sister Carolyn Beecher turned in \$11.00 today; We talked about the doll from Dorothy Dewing. We will be selling raffle tickets soon.

Mary Lou Olson has a lighted replica of the Grand Chapter building in Wash DC to sell tickets on.

We will be more on ways and means after our coming out party on November 15.

Unfinished Business:

Carolyn and Judy Smith showed us the jackets we will be wearing and the emblems on the back. Price is \$45.00. The jackets with banded front edges \$35.00. Both jackets are white. The designs are:

1. A music staff with stars as notes and our name above.
2. Our mascot juggling stars with our name above.
3. The Eastern Star emblem with name above.

All three fronts have on the upper left 5 jewel studded stars with our group name, your name and chapter.

Carolyn reminded us we do not have to buy the jackets but it is a good way to recognize our group.

Judy Smith showed us several bags and designs for us to choose from. Carolyn suggested we might buy 100 bags and what we don't use could be used as gift bags. Voted on and passed. Judy would buy and embroider them for \$25.00.

Carolyn talked about delegate bags. We could order 400 at less than \$1.00 each.

We will not have a December meeting. We need to think about car-pooling when we travel any distance.

Carolyn thanked everyone for coming

Meeting was adjourned.

PS Several people picked up the jackets. Our new and formal name is Visionears.

Sarah Compton