

# Texas Rebekah News

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Happy New Year

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Gingerbread Houses made by the residents at the Retirement Center in Ennis

## Directory of Rebekah Lodges in Texas

### **Andrews Rebekah Lodge #148**

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Peggy Smith, Sec

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### **Cypress Rebekah Lodge #22**

meets at VFW, 21902 NW Frwy, Cypress, TX

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no physical building at this time

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### **Home Rebekah Lodge #128**

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### **Palmer Rebekah Lodge #25**

no physical building at this time

Amy Cantrell, Sec.

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### **River Oaks Rebekah Lodge #467**

1501 Hemphill, Fort Worth, TX

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### **Silver Leaf Rebekah Lodge #75**

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### **Smithville Rebekah Lodge #180**

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### **Tyler Rebekah Lodge #142**

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### **Waxahachie Rebekah Lodge #381**

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# A Rebekah Christmas in San Antonio

On December 20, 2025, Evelyn Smith, Robin Cloberdants, and Illene Townsend made several deliveries of food baskets and Christmas gifts to two families sponsored by Harlandale Rebekah Lodge #179.

Pictured below are Sisters Illene Townsend and Evelyn "Oma" Smith with one of the families sponsored.



Pictured above:  
Robin Cloberdants with  
sponsored family



Plano Encampment #114 and Plano Canton #114 put the degrees on for both themselves, Walter's Winnsboro Encampment #93 and P. Herschel Black Canton #1. Rebekah Assembly President Christina Jones-Holloway (pictured center) has taken the degrees for both the Canton and Encampment and is now a member of Walter's Winnsboro Encampment #93 and P. Herschel Black Canton #1.

## CODE TALK

Code of General Laws for Rebekah Lodges,  
Article VII Section 5 b.

No Rebekah Lodge shall close its meeting until it disposes of all pending cases of sickness and distress among its members.

## *Sick and Distressed*

- Sister Billie Goldstein of Pride Lodge No. 228 has reported Brother Mel Grobe has been diagnosed with a very aggressive mouth cancer. She asks for prayers for Mel, his doctors and caregivers.
- Becca Hagli, President of the I.O.O.F. Ex-Students' Association, has reported the death of Jessie Evans Arnold who passed away November 30th at the age of 101. Jessie was married to Seth Arnold who was a resident of the I.O.O.F. Children's Home from 1929 to 1941.
- Sister Nancy Chew's mother, Joyce Brown, passed away in December.
- I.A.R.A. President Pam Isenhower's mother-in-law passed away December 7th.
- Sister Rosa Ford, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Texas, passed away on December 28th.

## 2026 Rebekah Assembly Session

If your lodge is providing items for the 2026 Session's goody bags, please have your representative drop them off at the Grand Lodge offices in Corsicana on Friday, March 13, 2026 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## *Warden's Musings*

I've been in this Order for a little over thirty years. Two biggest lessons learned:

1. No one's contributions should be dismissed as not enough or too small.
2. Members should be corrected when they make a mistake, HOWEVER, there is always a way to correct someone without making them feel small, dismissed, unwanted or humiliated. If you aren't sure you can do that, perhaps you should leave it to a member who can.



Smithville Rebekah Lodge's Annual Bake Sale at the Festival of Lights. Pictured below: Mary Jo Creamer and Mari McDonald. Above: Smitty the Gingerbread Man stopped by for some cake.



# Calendar of Events

## January

- 1 Rose Parade (Look for Float #73!)
- 11 W & O Meeting, Grand Lodge Offices
- 11 R.A. Executive Committee Meeting

## February:

- 6-7 Testimonial Dinner for IARA President Pam Isenhower, Houston
- 8 W & O Meeting, Grand Lodge Offices
- 15 Fort Worth #251 Italian Night Valentine's Dinner

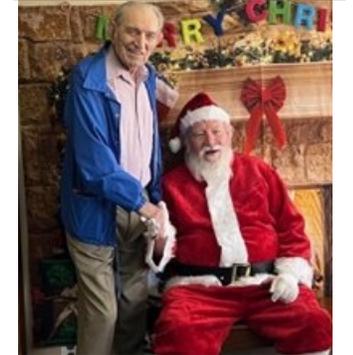
## March:

- 13 Drop off Goody Bag items for Session
- 14 W & O Meeting
- 14—17 Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly

June: 5-7 54th Annual Canadian War Memorial Weekend

Rebekahs! Let us know what is happening in your lodge. Are you having a fundraiser, are you doing a service project? If it's scheduled, we will put it on our calendar of events. These items should be sent in as soon as they are scheduled by your lodge. If they have already happened, send photos and some information so that we can share your work with other Rebekahs.

Items should be emailed to [texasrebekahnews@gmail.com](mailto:texasrebekahnews@gmail.com) no later than the 20th of each month. **Items received after the 20th, will not be included in that month's newsletter.**



President Christina Jones-Hollaway and Grand Master Terry McElligott (pictured above with Santa) hosted the annual Christmas Party at the Retirement Center in Ennis.

After an amazing meal made by the staff at the Center, the President and Grand Master presented them with some much needed new kitchen equipment.

The event included raffles for items made by the residents, grab bags and, of course, pictures with Santa. What fun it was to see all the children lining up to have their picture taken with Santa.

A special thanks goes to Lavonne Cannaday and the entire staff at the Resident Center for coordinating such a wonderful day for all who attended.

And, we are so grateful to Santa for being such a great sport!



# *An Italian Valentine's Dinner*

*Fort Worth Lodge #251*

*Invites You To Join Us  
For an Italian Meal  
February 15th at 3 P M*

*1501 Hemphill St.  
Ft. Worth, TX 76104*

*All You Can Eat \$20*



# I.A. R. A. President's Fundraiser

Texas' own Pam Isenhower, 2025-2026 President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies is selling plush ladybugs, ladybug timers and pins, and ladybug and cardinal magnets. Below are photos of the items available and their prices. If you are interested in supporting our IARA President by buying any or all of these items, please email Peggy Idom at [perkypeggy34@yahoo.com](mailto:perkypeggy34@yahoo.com)



Left: Ladybug Timer, 2 1/4" round, 1 1/2" tall \$10  
Right: Ladybug Pin, 2" round, \$10



Below:  
Ladybug Magnet, 4 1/2" x 3" \$5  
Cardinal Magnet, 5 1/4" x 3" \$5



Below:  
Pam's Pal, 5 1/2" tall plush \$25



Below:  
Small pin, 1" x 1/2" \$5  
Large pin, 2" x 1" \$10





## Let's Raise Some Funds for the Rose Float!!

- Can we raise \$10,000 by Tuesday December 9th?
- Can we raise \$20,000 by Saturday December 13th?
- Can we raise \$30,000 by Saturday December 20th?
- Can we raise \$40,000 by Thursday December 25th?
- Can we raise \$5,000 each day after that (December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31) until our beautiful float rolls down the parade route?

Please use the following QR Code to donate now!



# 54th ANNUAL CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL WEEKEND

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Canadian War Memorial Celebration and Wreath Laying Ceremony to be held on **June 5,6,7, 2026**.

Headquarter's hotel will be the Best Western Plus, Ottawa Civic Centre, 1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa, Ontario. Room rates are \$189.00 per night Queen Bed(s) \$ 199.00 per night for King Bed (Canadian funds plus applicable taxes). Rooms in our block are limited and must be ordered before **May 6 , 2025**. Blocks are for Fri, Sat and Sun nights.

The annual banquet and entertainment will be held at the hotel 1274 dining room on Saturday, June 6st. Tickets for the banquet are \$70.00 and must be ordered in advance by **May 15**.

The Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 7th at the National War Memorial commencing at 11:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided.

Wreaths are made of artificial flowers and can be used for many years. Those Jurisdictions who currently have a wreath are urged to have a representative available to present their wreath. The name of the person should be sent to the Secretary no later than **May 15, 2026**. If no representative is available, the committee will find an able body to present your wreath. Jurisdictions that do not have a wreath and would like to order one may do so by contacting the Secretary. The cost of a new wreath is \$200.00 and must be ordered no later than **March 1, 2026**.

**For more information, details and registration forms, contact Mathew Forgie, Secretary 519-437-9221 or at [matthew.forgie@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.forgie@gmail.com)**

## Schedule of events

June 5 2026 - Meet and Great at the 1274 restaurant 7PM until 9 PM. Banquet ticket pick-up

June 6 2026 - Banquet Social at 5 PM, Dinner at 6 PM in 1274 restaurant. Banquet ticket pickup

June 7 2026 - The 1274 restaurant will be open at 7 AM for breakfast June 7 2026.

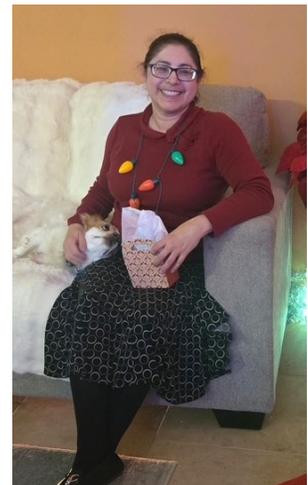
The Bus leaves the hotel at 10 AM sharp. Wreath laying at 11 AM following the changing of the guard. The bus will arrive back at the hotel between 12.30 and 1 PM

# A Harlandale Christmas!

On December 11, 2025, after their regular meeting, the members of Harlandale #179 had their Christmas Party at the home of Illine Townsend. The members enjoyed sandwiches, chips, dips, fruit, cookies, cake, tea and Coke.

Members attending were Melissa Bullerwell, Illine Townsend, Cheryl Even, Yvonne DeLuca and Bailey Reddell.

Everyone enjoyed the evening which included an ugly sweater/Christmas outfit contest and had lots of fun!



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## Service and Fellowship

In addition to sponsoring two families with gifts and food baskets, the members of Harlandale #179 participated in the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Project for 2025.



**Ever wonder what goes on at the Retirement Center? Hang on to your hats because this is just a glimpse of December!**



**There's always someone puzzling**



**Be on the lookout for the Three Musketeers**



**Decorating**



**Family gets to join in on the crafting too!**



**The Center is a crafty place**



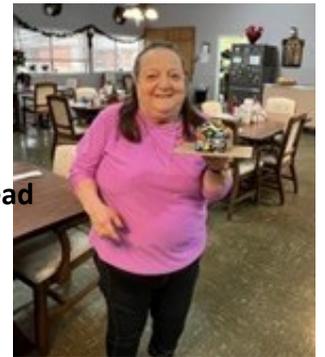
**Rick Eldridge stopped by to entertain the residents on piano**



**The Daughters of America distributed gifts to the residents**



**Gotta make time for exercise**



**Martha's Gingerbread House!**



**David Newman!**



**The Ennis High School Choir stopped by to regale everyone with Christmas songs**