

# Texas Rebekah News

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## FROM THE I.O.O.F. RETIREMENT CENTER

WE THANK EVERYONE INDIVIDUALLY AND ALL ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH LODGES FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. THE HEART REMEMBERS KIND DEEDS AND THOUGHTFULNESS. WE ALL REMEMBER SPECIAL PEOPLE LIKE ALL OF YOU. WITH WARMEST REGARDS, WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY.

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.**

## Calendar of Events

### 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

### April:

11 W & O Meeting

### May:

9 W & O Meeting

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

13 W & O Meeting

July: 16-29 Pilgrimage for Youth

## From the Vice-President

The 2026 Session is upon us! Sister Arlene Martin has chosen her colors which are black and yellow. For her session members are asked to wear black skirt or trousers and either a yellow or white top. The shade of yellow matters not!

Arlene has chosen the Sunflower and the Bumble Bee as her flower and emblem.

## CODE TALK

Things to know about the 2026 Session:

- EVERYONE who attends the session will have to go through the credentials committee. This means you will have to have your dues card that is properly sealed, dated and shows dues are current.
- 100% Attendance is required for ALL elected officers. This includes the Executive Meeting on Wednesday. If you do not have 100% attendance, you will not receive a check.
- If you are planning to run for the office of Warden, you will be required to attend a School of Instruction before elections. Candidates, I promise you that this school will help you so much. Without it, you will be blindsided by duties you were not aware were yours.

## *Rebekahs Support Retirement Home Craftiness*



Pictured from left: President of the RA of Texas, Christina Jones-Holloway, Past President of the RA of TX and member of Palmer, Crystal Baker and associate members John Reitzer-Smith and Meredith Moore

President of the Rebekah Assembly, Christina Jones-Holloway, joined members of Palmer Rebekah Lodge #25 as they display their donations to the Retirement Center.

Palmer members, Crystal Baker, John Reitzer-Smith and Meredith Moore, were on hand at the Christmas party in Ennis to donate a wagon full of fabric and decorations for the residents' craft projects. Also included in the wagon were bingo prizes.

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# *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



## *Sick and Distressed*

- Brother A.C. Dowell, Waco Lodge #137, passed away on January 3rd. Please keep his family and his lodge in your prayers
- Pat Richards fell and reinjured her knee; she will need surgery again.
- Evelyn Smith, Harlandale #179, has had several mini strokes. On January 12th she had a more serious stroke and was taken to hospital.
- Betty Reed, PPRA from Amarillo, has fallen and broke her leg in the same place she broke it three years ago. Doctors will operate and do the best they can.
- David Sivernell, Veteran Life member of Corsicana Lodge #63 has been admitted to Dallas VA Hospice with stage 4 cancer.

## President's Project Fundraiser

President Christina Jones-Hollaway's project this year is the Pilgrimage for Youth. She will be selling ads in her program to raise money for this project.

By supporting this fundraiser, you will also be supporting your own lodge the money will be divided as follows: 50% of the proceeds will go to the project; 25% of the proceeds will pay for the printing and 25% will go to the lodges.

See the list of ad sizes and their prices below.

1/2" X 2" (2 lines only)	\$ 2.00
2" X 2"	\$ 5.00
2" X 4" (1/4 page)	\$20.00
4" X 4" (1/2 page)	\$30.00
4" X 8" (full page)	\$50.00

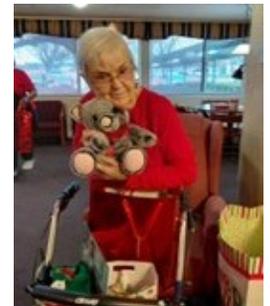
If you, or your lodge, are interested in purchasing an ad to support this fundraiser, please contact your Lodge Deputy or send your information directly to the

## **Christmas Day**

### **In Ennis**



**Pictured left:  
Jan, David  
& Patsy**



**Pictured right:  
Ann**



**Pictured left:  
Martha &  
Shirley**

**Pictured right:  
Sylvia P.,  
Bruce, Jan  
& Patsy**



**Pictured left:  
Betty, Joan  
& Iva**

# Helping the Homeless

Submitted by Dorothy Sumpter

On Sunday, November 30th 2025, the members of Silverleaf Rebekah Lodge #75, River Oaks Rebekah Lodge #467, Fort Worth OddFellows Lodge #251 gathered together to assemble blessing bags for the local homeless community. Items includes snacks, dental hygiene products, wipes, hand warmers, gloves, hats, kleenex, emergency blankets, and bottled water. River Oaks Lodge provided the beanie hats, gloves, hand warmers, and emergency blankets. Donations from Loyalty Rebekah Lodge #166 and Juan Ortiz (Grocery Manager Lake Worth Albertsons) for the plastic bags.

We all had a great time listening to Christmas music as we worked. We even had two volunteers, Gala Greene and Soleil Graves-Delva, that live in the neighborhood come join us. All together were 126 bags created to distribute to the Salvation Army (Tia Thomas Director of Operations), Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County (Dana Walter Coordinator), Community Crossroads (Jennifer Martinez Director), and the River Oaks Police Department (Charles Stewart Chief of Police).



Pictured L: River Oaks PD Chief, Charles Stewart  
Pictured R: Tiffany with Union Gospel Mission



Below: Members of Silverleaf Rebekah Lodge, River Oaks Rebekah Lodge & Fort Worth Odd Fellow Lodge assembling bags



Pictured L: Dan with Salvation Army

Pictured R: Andrew & Murray with Community Crossroads



# Ennis Ugly Sweater Contest

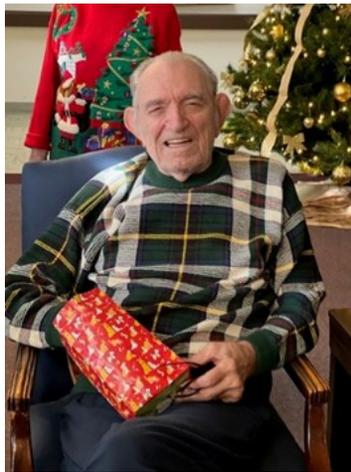


Pictured above are Jan Wilson, Ray Parrish, Betty Oates, Donna Miller, Patsy Goss, Ann Clagett and Martha Schlottman contestants of the Ennis Retirement Center "Ugly Sweater Contest".



1st Place Winner

Ann Clagett



2nd Place Winner

Ray Parrish



3rd Place Winner

Betty Oates

# First Annual NYE Party!

The members of Smithville Rebekah Lodge #180 hosted their first ever New Year's Eve Party. The party, designed for those who want to celebrate the new year but aren't night owls, the party started at 4:00 p.m. There was no charge and the community was invited. We were pleased to welcome non-members who were old friends and to make new friends.

Guests enjoyed good food, Bingo, prizes a photo booth and even some bubbly! One of the guests was kind enough to bring sparkling grape juice to help toast the new year.

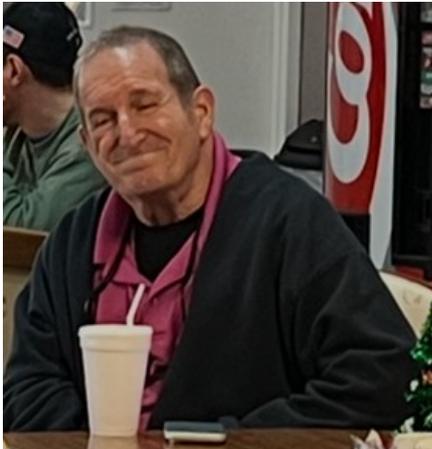
A special thanks goes to Vice Grand, Andrea Baker for coordinating the entire event and calling Bingo.



# Celebrating the New Year in Ennis



Toasting the  
New Year  
With  
Sparkling cider



There was food,  
fun and plenty  
of good cheer!



The musical entertainment, provided  
by Dandy Don, had everyone smiling!



# Directory of Rebekah Lodges in Texas

**Andrews Rebekah Lodge #148**

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**Athens Rebekah Lodge #23**

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Barbara Curtis, Sec  
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**Balch Springs Rebekah Lodge #78**

12001 Crumpton Drive, Balch Springs, TX  
Micki Jones, Sec  
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**Casa View Rebekah Lodge**

meets @Cotton Patch Restaurantl, Rockwall, TX  
Peggy Smith, Sec  
[peggy111749@gmail.com](mailto:peggy111749@gmail.com)

**Cypress Rebekah Lodge #22**

meets at VFW, 21902 NW Frwy, Cypress, TX  
Rena Healy-Findlay, Sec  
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**Denton Rebekah Lodge #18**

1415 Eden, Denton, TX  
Karen June Bays, Sec  
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**Harlandale Rebekah Lodge #179**

no physical building at this time  
Yvonne DeLuca, Sec.  
[yvonedeluca@aol.com](mailto:yvonedeluca@aol.com)

**Home Rebekah Lodge #128**

3440 W. Second Ave. Corsicana, TX  
Nancy Chew, Sec  
[nancy.chewglioofx.org](http://nancy.chewglioofx.org)

**Loyalty Rebekah Lodge #166**

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**Palmer Rebekah Lodge #25**

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