

Texas Rebekah News



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Calendar of Events

June:

5-7 54th Annual Canadian War Memorial Weekend

6 Garage Sale, Smithville Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodges

13 W & O Meeting

21 Father's Day

July:

11 W & O Meeting

16-29 Pilgrimage for Youth

August:

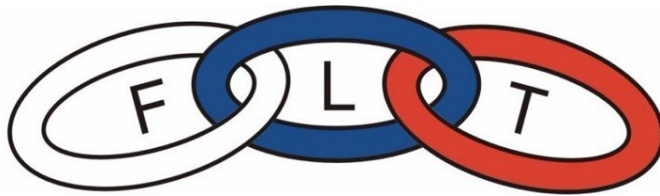
8 W & O Meeting

14-20 Sovereign Grand Lodge Session, Frisco, Texas

September:

12 W & O Meeting

26 Picnic in Corsicana



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 no later than the 20th of each month. **Items received after the 20th, will not be included in that month's newsletter.**



Arlene Martin

President

Rebekah Assembly of
Texas

Hello to all my Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all of you are doing well. If I can help you in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

In April, I attended the board meeting on the 11th. Then on the 18th my Oddfellow Lodge held a “Stick it to the Tax Man” Bingo night. Many Prizes were won and refreshments had. It was so much fun!

On April 23rd I paid my first official visit to River Oaks Lodge #467. We met at the Mexican Inn in Fort Worth. I presented my Program and my hopes for the coming year.

On April 26th I attended the ex-students day in Corsicana. I had never attended this before. It was so much fun, I had a wonderful time. I will go to to more of these going forward!

That is my month of April, I can't wait to tell you about May!

Please take care of yourselves and remember that I love you all. I assure you that I am not taking my job as President of the Rebekah Assembly lightly. I will help anyone who needs help.

Always remember, If you believe in yourself, others will believe in you too.

In FL&T

Arlene Martin, President

Rebekah Assembly of Texas





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Happy May to you all.

I hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day.

I went to Washington D.C. on May third to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What an honor to have been able to do that. My oldest son, Darin, drove me up there and back. It was a long trip, but the scenery was beautiful!

I attended Fort Worth Oddfellow #251's Cinco De Mayo dinner on May 7th and the Board meeting on the 9th.

I paid my official visit to my home lodge, Silverleaf #75, on the 11th and on May 16th I helped with the clothing exchange at Silverleaf #75 then Fort Worth #25 lodge hall on the 17th to pack all the clothes to distribute to different charities around the lodge neighborhood.

On May 24th I had my official visit with Loyalty Rebekah Lodge. We had a nice dinner at Luby's Cafeteria.

I would like to ask everyone to pray for my youngest son Jeremy. May 23rd he was admitted to Medical City Arlington. He has dealt with diabetic lesions on both of his legs. This time they are talking about amputation on one leg or maybe both legs. It's such a scary thought.

Have a happy June.

In FL&T

Arlene Martin

President of the Rebekah Assembly of Texas



Sick & Distressed

- Past Grand Master Grady Smith has been admitted to Rockwall's Texas Health Hospital. He is 4.1 septic, has a lung infection, and a U.T.I. Please keep both him and Peggy in your prayers.
- Dan Reynolds, Past Grand Master, is currently in the emergency room in Tyler for observation due to heart related issues.
- Jeremy Martin, Fort Worth Lodge #251 and the son of Assembly President, Arlene Martin, is in the hospital due to complications from diabetes.



Pictured at right:
Martha Schlottman,
Rosanna, Anne Clagett, Patsy Goss
Not Pictured:
Shirley Malone



Bristol Hospice provided a banner to be colored by the residents. When the work was finished, the banner was placed on the board for all to see.



Bristol Hospice's, Rosanna honored our Veterans, our veteran's family members, and our veteran's friends who served. Thank you for your service and we remember our fallen heroes.



CODE TALK

Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws

Chapter VII, Section 5: The Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly shall be all Past Noble Grands and Past Grands who have attained the Rebekah Degree of an active Lodge and who have received the Rebekah Assembly Degree. The Rebekah Assembly shall specify in its By-Laws who shall have the right to submit legislation, make motions, debate and vote.

BE AWARE!

Grand Secretary James Curtis reports there is a spam email being circulated under the name and email address of Sovereign Grand Master Tom Calabrese. The fake email requests that \$500 gift cards be purchased for Brother Calabrese's project. James spoke with the Sovereign Grand Master who confirmed the email is not legitimate and should be disregarded.



Harlandale #179 Continuing Service

Submitted by: Yvonne DeLuca

The members of Harlandale Rebekah Lodge #179 have adopted a family for the year 2026 and provide them with items each month including birthdays, special occasions and holidays. The gifts were delivered on Monday, May 4th.

For the month of May, the family was given items for the summer including a swimming pool and lots of outside play things for the children. The mother was also given Mother's Day gifts.



Pictured left: recipients Aubree and Delana with Rebekahs Yvonne DeLuca and Cheryl Even.

Pictured right: Harlandale Rebekahs, Yvonne DeLuca, Robin Cloberdants and Cheryl Even.



Did you know?

If you have ten years continuous membership as a Rebekah or Odd Fellow, you are eligible for the lowest rates available at the IOOF Retirement Center in Ennis!

For more information, call Lavonne Cannaday, Director at 972/875-8641

Memo to Texas Rebekahs

Submitted by Peggy Idom

Pam Isenhower, IARA President, has asked the Jurisdiction of Texas to seat her officers on opening day of the I.A.R.A. Session, Monday, August 17, 2026, in Frisco, Texas. We will escort each Elected and Appointed Officer to their chairs. **Please contact Sister Peggy Idom this week, at 832-419-2368 if you would like to take part.** She will give you more information when you call. Thank you in advance for being an Ambassador of Texas Hospitality for our International Sessions.

Have a Marvelous Monday, and remember,"
Always Follow Your Heart in All You Do!"

Warden's Musings

This is a call for help to all Lodges. There will be Youth Representatives at Sovereign Grand Lodge. The young people will be doing a community service project to benefit patients at Children's Health Dallas. They will be stuffing/making stuffed animals to donate. Monetary donations are needed for the materials. If you or your lodge would like to donate some money for their endeavors, please mail a check to Pam Isenhower and be sure to put the purpose of the donation in the memo section.

We will have about 75 youth in attendance and are also asking for goodie bag donations. If you or your lodge are interested in providing items for them, please reach out to one of the officers and/or send them with one of your members when they attend the monthly meeting in Corsicana. August is just a few months away, so sooner is better.

We are looking for snack items, pens, pencils, markers, key chains, tablets, caps, magnets, tumblers, etc

In F, L & T

Micki Jones-Hollaway

IARA 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. 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



Cypress Rebekah Lodge No. 22 Supports Deployed Troops Through Sock Drive

Submitted by Sabrina Knight

Cypress Rebekah Lodge No. 22 recently completed a six-week service project, collecting socks for deployed soldiers through the "Warm Feet for Warriors" campaign, a program of Soldiers' Angels, a San Antonio-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting members of the United States military. The lodge collected 160 pairs of socks to help provide comfort to servicemen and service-women serving far from home. Cypress Rebekah Lodge No. 22 extends heartfelt wishes of Friendship, Love, and Truth to the troops who will receive these items, along with sincere appreciation for their service and sacrifice.



On the left: Sister Sabrina Knight, Noble Grand of Cypress Lodge 22, is shown with Sgt. First Class Nunez as she delivers the collected donations to a Houston location of the United States Army National Guard.



On the right: Sister Sabrina Knight, Noble Grand of Cypress Lodge 22, is shown with an Army Reserve soldier who was at the Houston location at the time of delivery and was excited and appreciative of our involvement with Warm Feet for Warriors campaign.

**If you would like to be added to our mailing list,
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One of the many honors bestowed on our Order is permission to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia. This year, that honor was given to President Arlene Martin and Grand Master Jason Ottwell.

Pictured at left: Charles Stephenson, Past Grand Master Texas, Renaud Cager, Arlene Martin, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Texas and Jason Ottwell, Grand Master of the State of Texas

Ramblings of Your V.P.

Correct Placement of the Spotlight is Key

It's been an interesting fifteen months serving this assembly. As an Order we are in a conundrum. Our rituals say that we must do good works but we mustn't tell others that we do them. Most of us were raised with that in mind. We were told that you diminish the work you do if you turn around and tell others that you have done it. Given some of the conversations I've had during my tenure, this has become more prominent in my mind and my heart.

Our dilemma comes from the changing times. In these days of social media and absolutely everything somewhere in the ethernet, we're supposed to "advertise" our good works to be relevant. This seems difficult. How do we go about moving into the twenty-first century without giving up one of our core values and beliefs?

I have struggled with this for a number of years. To keep this Order alive, we must change with the times, there's no doubt about that. Keeping our integrity is the challenge. This takes us into a deep dive of our ego. Rather than asking "should we advertise our Order?", I believe that the question needs to be, "what are my motives for advertising?"

Does my motivation stem from doing the work and promoting the Order or does it stem from a more personal I/Me place? Am I willing to take a back seat when it comes to taking credit or do I need everyone to know that this project was my idea? Do I want to head a project because I know can do the job well and enjoy seeing my lodge recognized or do I want to head the project because I will get credit for its success? Am I content with the job I was assigned, or am I resentful and disgruntled because I wasn't given a more prominent role? Am I willing to see the Order evolve in order to keep it alive or will I insist that it remain "the way it was when I joined" even if it means our demise?

I believe that IF our motives are true and correct, advertising the good works that our Order does is a wonderful thing. If we are willing to allow the Order to "take credit" for the good we do, then we have taken our ego out of the mix and we can retain our integrity. If we advertise the good the Order does, more people will want to join us in our work.

It will be a fine line and, being human, ego will always find its way into a situation BUT, if we can minimize our humanness and spotlight our works as a unit, I think we can grow our Order.

In F, L & T

Mari McDonald





Gone Fishin'



Submitted by Lavonne Cannaday

Bristol Hospice sponsored a fishing day and lunch for seniors at Bluebonnet Park in Ennis. Ray Parrish and Shirley Malone from the IOOF and Rebekah Retirement Center had a wonderful time and enjoyed the afternoon!



Smithville Lodges Award Scholarships



Above: Calley Harris, Secretary of Smithville Odd Fellow Lodge #393 presenting to Juan Rangel



Above: Calley Harris, Secretary of Smithville Odd Fellow Lodge #393 presenting to Kristen Browning



Above: Andrea Baker, Noble Grand of Smithville Rebekah Lodge #180 presenting to Carter Natal whose great-grandmother, Clara Burns was a member.

Reaching Out to Her Community

Vicky Barrett Fluty, Secretary of River Oaks Rebekah Lodge #467, pictured at right, was recognized for her 27 years of service work on April 25, 2026 at the 35th Annual Code Blue Volunteer Luncheon held in Fort Worth, Texas. Vicky received the 2026 COP of the Year Award for South Division. She has been involved in Citizens on Patrol since 1999 patrolling her neighborhood and surrounding community, basing for other COP members, assisting with food drives, toy drives and safety fairs and attending meetings and trainings throughout each year.



Color My World

It's been found that coloring is a great past time for your physical, spiritual and mental health. And, it's just plain fun. These ladies at the Retirement Center are sharing their love of coloring and fellowship. Pictured are: Shirley Malone, Patsy Goss, Londyn, Martha Schlottman Ann Clagett and Anne Arnold.



Directory of Rebekah Lodges in Texas

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Casa View Rebekah Lodge

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Cypress Rebekah Lodge #22

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