



# PEORIA STAR NEWS

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS :**

- > **December 6- Stated Meeting Friendship Night-Christmas Attire**
- > **December 15 – 3pm-10pm – Stars Out on the Town- Black Bear Diner 61st Ave and Bell Road**
- > **December 20-Stated Meeting**
- > **Jan. 3-Stated Meeting**
- > **Jan. 17-Stated Meeting**
- > **Feb 7- Stated Meeting**
- > **February 12–2:00 pm Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron**
- > **February 13– 7:00-11:00 AM Sweetheart's Breakfast**

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**DICTIONARIES DELIVERED TO SCHOOL FOR DEAF**

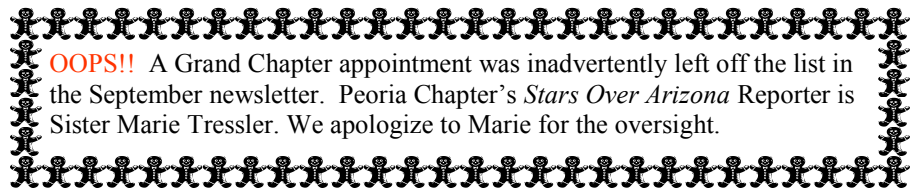
On Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Sue Peterson, Kathy Pierson, and Melissa Lewis traveled to Phoenix Day School for the Deaf to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students with dictionaries. This Peoria Chapter annual project has become something very special for the students at PDS. The eighteen students in the third grade classes were very excited to receive a dictionary of their very own and had been anticipating this day all year! After receiving their dictionaries, the students eagerly thumbed through the pages and pointed various things out to each other. They were especially excited to find a place to write their names on the labels, which Peoria Chapter provided on the inside cover of each book. Prior to our arri-

val, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers had impressed upon the students that these books are valuable and should be treated with care, so the students had become very curious to know how much each dictionary cost (we told them, around \$40.00 each). These students are learning multiplication and were looking forward to working with their teachers to multiply the cost of each book by the eighteen students to come up with a total cost. One student thought he had the right answer and was very proud of himself when he came up with "\$58.00 total!" A very good try, but he was reminded that he needed to *multiply*, not add! It was a cute moment and

very fun to see these students so engaged. We received thank you notes and cards from each student. You can see them on the Peoria Chapter bulletin board on your next trip to the Lodge. The staff members at PDS continue to be so extremely grateful for our generous donation and very much hope that we will be able to continue this project for years to come!



Students with their new dictionaries



**OOPS!!** A Grand Chapter appointment was inadvertently left off the list in the September newsletter. Peoria Chapter's *Stars Over Arizona* Reporter is Sister Marie Tressler. We apologize to Marie for the oversight.

**PEORIA CHAPTER HOLDS SUCCESSFUL STEAK FRY**

Peoria Chapter held their Fall Steak Fry on October 17th at the Peoria Lodge. Our steak master chef was Russ Nichols, a member of Peoria Lodge, who has done a MARVELOUS job for us the last couple of years. Our thanks to him for a great job! Russ was assisted by plate deliverymen Ron Baxter (husband of our Esther, Judy Baxter), Brother Craig Montgomery, Associate Patron, and Brother Paul Zimmerman, Marshal. They all worked very hard to deliver the steak plates to the right people. We served our FAMOUS beans, baked potatoes, cole slaw, and many homemade desserts, all provided and served by members of the Chapter. We served so many steaks that we actually ran out before all people could be served. The Chapter appreciates the support of everyone who attended. The project earned about \$1200 for the Chapter.



## FROM THE WEST

## DOTTY LOU COX, ASSOCIATE MATRON

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for all your support of the Dictionaries for the Third Graders at the Arizona School for the Deaf Project. Thanks to the donations from Marsha Young, Bob and Peg Jorgensen, Leian Faulkner, Jerry Miller, and Ileana Douglas and the vote of the Chapter to transfer money that had been budgeted for the printing of the rosters and was not needed for that project, the dictionaries have been delivered to the children who were very excited to be receiving them. My personal thank you to those who were able to go to the school to deliver the

dictionaries. Sisters Kathy Pierson, Melissa Lewis, and Sue Peterson had volunteered to deliver them. If anyone else was able to attend that event, I wish to thank you also, as I am sure it was a very rewarding day for all.

We are still selling raffle tickets for Dick, the Dictionary Dog, a.k.a. Webster, to raise money for the books that we will be delivering to the AZ school for the Deaf for Read Across America Week. We will be purchasing picture books and books for all reading levels for that project. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or an arm's length for \$10. The tickets may be purchased from Sisters

Pat Zimmerman, Melissa Lewis, or myself. The drawing for Dick will be held at our Official Visit in February.

I would also like to take this time to thank everyone for all the support you have given to me and to the Chapter by volunteering to bring dishes for our potluck dinners and for the refreshments that we enjoy after each meeting. It is such a joy to work with this wonderful group of Sisters and Brothers who are always so willing to be of service to others.

In Star Love,  
Sister Dotty Lou Cox  
Associate Matron

## FROM THE SOUTH

## PAT ZIMMERMAN, CONDUCTRESS

Here I am again speaking from the South and gathering miles of gum shoe as I perform my duties as Conductress. What a joy it has been and will continue to be for the rest of the term as I hear from so many, "This is the most exciting position to be in" and I am beginning to believe it.

We have gained two new members - one dual, David Lowry - and one new initiate Carol Mae Jones. Oh what fun we have in growing and

someone was watching me from above as I made it through the initiation process. We also have a couple of planned dual members waiting in the sidelines.

Our first monetary fund raiser was mailed out on August 1, 2010 entitled "Fondest Peoria Chapter Memory Tax." This was a fun one for me to create as I thought it would be a great idea to know what the thoughts of the Peoria members have of their chapter.

When the fund raiser comes to a close, those members who have allowed me to put their responses in print will find a copy ready at a chapter meeting. If by chance you did not receive a letter - please let me know and I will gladly mail the paperwork to you.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all  
PS: don't forget your hug from me at any meeting or gathering.

Sister Pat Zimmerman

## FROM THE NORTH

## SANDY GORDON, ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

My "official" name is Sandra Gordon, but I prefer to be called Sandy. I was raised in Texas but came to Arizona in 1973. My first job was with the telephone company from which I took early retirement in May 2001. I am currently employed by United HealthCare and have been for the last 6 years. My husband, Ed, belongs to Acacia Lodge, so I joined Acacia Chapter in April 2003, and the following 2 years, served as Electa. Then I started up the line, serving in the East with my husband Ed, com-

pleting our term this past May.

I have always loved Peoria Chapter from the first visit. I joined here October 2007 and have served as Electa, and Warder. Ironically, I will be 59 at the beginning of my Worthy Matron term. That could be a double bonus! I am looking forward to serving Peoria Chapter. I always say, you must have fun, and that is what I try to do. I hope you find my service to this Chapter acceptable, and I shall do my best.

Now for a bit of advertisement:  
Be on the look-out for my fund raiser

mailing sometime during January, no later than February. Along with it being a fund-raiser project, I hope you find a little fun involved. I ask only for what you are able to give, but know that all monies go to the Peoria Chapter charities.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday Season. May the joy and blessings of the season pour out upon you and your families.

Sandra "Sandy" Gordon  
Associate Conductress



*From the desk of the Secretary, Kathy Pierson:  
Christmas is God's gift to us. May its blessings bring you joy  
and peace the whole year through.*

**Chapter dues are \$25.00 and are now payable for 2011.  
Unpaid dues for 2010 are \$22.00 and are past due.**

**If paying your dues is a financial hardship, please contact the Worthy Matron or the Secretary.  
We do not want to lose a member because of non-payment of dues if they cannot afford to pay.  
All information is held in strict confidence.**

*Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.*

*Please welcome our newest members in Peoria Chapter:*

**Dual Members:** David A. Lowry  
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Glendale AZ 85310-3923  
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Cate Shaw  
Grand Canyon No. 4  
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Phoenix AZ 85021-5648  
Phone: 928-527-1811

**New Initiate:**  
Carol Mae Jones  
11041 W Mountain View Rd  
Sun City AZ 85351-4659

*I am still looking for the whereabouts of  
Sister Mildred Tomkinson, a charter member of  
Peoria Chapter. If anyone can help me find  
her, please let me know. Her mail has been  
returned from Chris Ridge Village as she has  
moved with no forwarding address.*

*Our Golden Chain has once again been broken  
with the passing of  
Sister Frances Henley on 9-17-10  
Sister Margaret "Maggie" Still on 9-20-10  
and Brother John Sparks on 11-01-10.  
Our deepest sympathy is extended to  
their families.*

### **CORRECTIONS FROM OUR ROSTER PRINTING:**

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