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### **2019 Dues**

Dues: \$25.00 Per Capita (rounded) \$38.00 Total \$61.00

If NOT a Life Sponsor Add \$9.00 Total \$70.00

Mail to Secretary- above.

### We are back!!

After a long absence we are back reporting to the chapter news of our members. It may not always be in this format, but it will be more regular. We are sorry you have not heard from us.

Enclosed in this publication will be some articles and pictures of our year



# Rose Valley Star News





### Rose Valley ChapterInstallation Redwood Empire Assn Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

L: Debbie Von Bima, Gr. Treasurer, Stephanie Ewing, Kingsley Chapter, Heidi Benjamin, WM, Vallejo, Eleni Ross, Star of the Redwoods, Robin Bens, Deputy, back center, Carol Romero, WM, Sotoyome Cloverleaf,

Front ctr: Terri Ewing, Worthy Grand Matron, Amber Balshaw WM Rose Valley, Jason Canellos, WP, Rose Valley, Paul Lacroix, Worthy Grand Patron, Oscar Fuentes, WP Kingsley, Guy Benjamin, WP Vallejo

### **Happy Holidays!**

What a fun and busy year we have planned. Jason and I look forward to working hard for our chapter.

This year we would like to spend time supporting our community. January we are hoping to help the food bank with packaging bags and boxes.

April we will have a lesson on Port pals at our soup and service evening- no meeting, just community service

Do you have a special project you support, could we spend a day or evening with them, please let me know?

But there will be more fun too. A Luau dinner, we always love a Mumu. You may be asking what is a spirts dinner? Thanks to Willi bee's this is a tasting dinner. Selected spirits (likely bourbon) will be paired with a 5-course dinner. Even if you don't drink please come out for the wonderful dinner and support of our chapter.

Thursday May 24th, \$30 per person

We are looking forward to being seen in 2019

Star love Jason & Amber







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Calendar Jan - March

All meetings 7:30 except Ante room are 7:00 pm

Jan 7 Obligation Night Chair: Marcia McFarland

**Jan 21**<sup>st</sup> Luau Dinner-Meeting

### Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> CRAB FEED

**Feb 4**<sup>th</sup> Meeting-Brothers Night – Dave Von Bima and our Brothers

**Feb 18**<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Birthday Dinner-meeting

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> Friendship Mtg Conductresses Chair & Officers

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> "Good to be Green" Chair: Sandy Caster

#### **Port Pal Work Parties**

The last Wednesday of the Month 7-9:00 pm

Von Bima's Office 460 City Center Dr Rohnert Park

Jan 30th

Feb. 27th

March 27th

SPECIAL April 1<sup>st</sup> At the Masonic Hall



Top left: Oscar Fuentes, Sal Palo Brazil Top Right: Glenn Gephart, Utah Center: Amber Balshaw, Kansas – Cavalcade of Flags at Gr. Chapter

Btm Left: Glenn Gephart, Vivian Bens Hower, Montana and Amber Balshaw Btm Right: Quilt made for Amber by Lois Lee Hunt and Patty Stahl



Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

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### Quotes from our Members Best memory of 2018

"I thought that going to Mason's Night at AT&T Park was a highlight: we had great seats on the Club level, we got rally towels for being the "Group of the Game, and the Giants won in 12 innings, a rare event in 2018!!" Lydia

"The Gr. Representative reception. ...good food, good fun, and outside!" -Rosanne

"So many, but I would sum it up by saying that "the support and love from my Rose Valley Sisters and Brothers through all the requirements of my Grand Officer position have been amazing. They have been there through schools, receptions and fundraisers, always with helping hands, humor and hugs. They have made this journey more manageable, and infinitely more fun, and I can't possibly extend enough thanks and appreciation to all." - Terri

"Attending Grand Chapter in Kansas with Amber and Marcia" -Sandy

"Last summer for the grand representative party with a live band was truly a highlight of the year it was wonderful to see the diversity of the food from every area of friendships that have come out of these states to our representatives shows the true spirit of the order of eastern star. The music with his guest singers and anticipation of all the dancers and singers, shows their true appreciation. This was a great opportunity to bring all the chapters in our area together thanks to our representatives of Kansas, Montana and Utah. Thank you again" -Marcia

## Highlights of our past year



On the last Wednesday of each month we meet at 460 City Center Dr in Rohnert Park from 7-9:00 We make Port-Pals for our members, friends and members of our community. Pictured: Jeanne Smith from Gold Ridge Star, Terri Ewing, Ramona Rollins, Napa and Debbie Von Bima

We thank Sister Tracey and Brother Dan Newell for the completion of a fantastic year. We were busy with bus trips to Giants games, making items to sell to raise money to get Terri through her year. Crab Feeds and Love of the Land picnics. We did a phenomenal job of making and giving away small little pillows called port-pals. These little pillows go under your seatbelt to help with sensitive areas like from having a port put in, or any type of surgeries. We have sent many all over the state to ALS patients. We even participated in an ALS walk-a-thon where we gave many out free of charge.

We have many fun things planned for this year. Attached is also a calendar for the year. It includes all the officers and their contact information.

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### Celebrations

Picture left: celebrating Pearl Harbor day by making and laying 4000 wreaths for Veterans at the Oroville Cemetery with the Grand Family.

Pictured right top: Debbie Von Bima and Debbie Sanborn Grand Marshal

Center Right: After traveling with our Grand Representative a new duo emerged: Thelma and Louise, aka Marcia McFarland and Sandy Caster

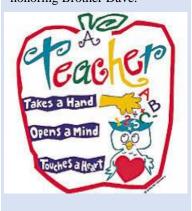
Celebrating 50 years in Star Margie and Jim Yates. Jim pictured with Worthy Matrons he served with. Anne Johnson, Amber Balshaw, Sherie Howe and Tricia Combs. Several of our members were able to travel to Fortuna to celebrate with them. Sadly, Jim has now passed away.

Btm Ctr: our New logo for Eastern Star

General Grand Chapter voted to use Service Dogs as our identifying logo for Eastern Star. You will hear more about this and how our chapter will be supporting later this year.

#### Btm Right:

Celebrating Dave Von Bima 50 years as a Master Mason. Several of our members traveled to Fairfax Lodge in Larkspur for a dinner dance honoring Brother Dave.





### **Rose Valley Supports:**

This year we will continue to support Port Pals. Once a month work parties. We will be supporting "Service" dogs. Each Month will be a community Service project. January will be: Food Banks. February will be Catholic Charities, March will be Council on Aging and April Public Schools Month.

Our Worthy Grand Matron is focusing on youth and education this year. Many projects will be for Scholarships. Eastern Star has several different types of Scholarships. Some are general. Some are musical, and some are religious.

Our Grand Treasurer the Treasurer's of California and Rose Valley Chapter are adopting a Middle School Classroom. This will be for *our member Nancy Blair*.

Nancy has been teaching English for over 24 years. She is a majority Rainbow Girl and Past Grand Officer. She is currently working with Pledge and will be working with Rainbow. Our Sister Nancy lost her home last year in the fires. She went back to work immediately counseling many parents and adults that lost their homes as well. Nancy needs some large ticket items for her classroom. We are asking for monetary donations that will be presented to her at the Grand Treasurer reception August 10, 2019. Donations can be mailed to: Heidi Benjamin, PM - 265 Carquinez, Ct Benicia 94510-2733 or Tracey Newell, PM P O Box 2038 Clearlake 95422. Checks payable to: Rose Valley Chapter No 33

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### Circle of Concern



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Hands across the Border with Nevada Terri Ewing AGM and Ellie Duncan, PGM Nevada and PM Rose Valley

We are proud that we have the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Terri Ewing from our Chapter. Many of us were able to go to Visalia to see her installed. The Grand Treasurer, Sister Debbie Von Bima is also from our Chapter. Both these ladies will have FULL schedules this year.







### Luau Dinner

January 21, 2019 6:30 PM





# Chapter Birthday Celebration



Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> Dinner 6:30 pm

Rsvp: Debbie Von Bima, Assoc. Matron 707 326-9052 Santarosaoes@gmail.com



Save the Date

May 24, 2019



"Spirits Tasting Dinner" With Lodge 57

• Tasting optional- dinner and company "priceless"