

Camellia Star Chapter No. 63 – July 2024

Warm Summer Wishes to One and All –

Our Worthy Matron Joni had a wonderful trip to Scotland in early May, and our Worthy Patron Lee had a fun adventure in Prague, Provence, etc., about the same time. Both enjoyed their trips immensely; however, they did miss the May 1 meeting. It was an ante-room meeting, and members and guests also enjoyed a scavenger hunt following clues through the Lodge and adjoining rooms crafted by Sister Peggy.

The next meeting, on June 5, was our Memorial Service and Tribute to Star Point Officers. Refreshments of fruit salad, meat, cheese, crackers, and cupcakes were served at 7:00, and the meeting started at 7:30. We had so many visitors that nearly all our stations were filled. Karen Parlato volunteered to be our Organist and played wonderful live music, which was a real treat. The special Tribute to the Star Point Officers was really lovely with Sisters Leslie N, Helene N, Jean T, and Margaret R filling in the chairs with our own Sister Alice as they read short paragraphs about their heroines.

The Memorial Service was also beautiful with all the ladies in their white dresses around the Altar. Thanks to Sister Linnie H and Brother Lee A substituting for the Memorial with Sister Laird to drape the Altar.

Other visitors who also helped fill in offices for the evening were Sister Tricia C, and Brothers Larry N and Kirby B. We had so many visitors, some were able just to sit on the sidelines and enjoy, including Sister Nancy B and Grand Electa Deanna B.

It was also good to see our own Sister Mary back

after being gone from our meetings for several months. I believe I heard she might be able to make it to more meetings in future! And, of course, a big thank you for our own officers who came to the meeting and did a lovely job.

The "We are so glad you came" gifts were won by Brother Kirby and Sister Leslie! Congratulations, and Thanks for coming to the meeting! We're so glad you came!

Again, thank you to everyone who came and filled in or just came to enjoy. Thank you to all who helped make the evening extra special. Your presence and your assistance are very much appreciated!

Next on the calendar is Saturday, June 15, at 12:00 Noon at Humboldt Masonic Lodge for a 50-Year Presentation to Sister Peggy Mecham-Carlotti. The presentation will come first, followed by lunch (sandwiches, salads, and beverages to be provided). Please come and celebrate with our newest 50-year member! RSVP to Sister Peggy at (707) 499-1037 or peggy@bramblemanor.com. Remember: "Friends are the flowers in the garden of life!"

Hopefully sometime during June, we will be putting together prizes for the Humboldt County Library's Summer Reading Program. When we deliver the prizes, we will also deliver a check for the donation portion of our contribution to the Library and its Summer Reading Program. The delivery will happen in July.

Our July 3 meeting is Friendship Night and "Hats Off to American Heroes!" Refreshments will be at 7:00 and meeting at 7:30. Please come have fun with us, and maybe have in mind an American Hero (from history or from the present) who is meaningful to you. We hope to see you there!

July 14, 2024, at 2:00 is the District-wide fundraiser Afternoon Tea to benefit Paws for Purple Hearts at the Humboldt Masonic Lodge in Eureka. Sister Terri Ewing,

Past Grand Matron, will be present as a speaker. There will also be a silent auction. All members, prospective members, and friends are invited. RSVP to Sister Joni at (707) 499-9478 or joni@reninet.com. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Our August meeting is anticipated to be an ante room meeting and board game night. Join us for fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite game to share, and let's have some fun!

At our September meeting we will gather school supplies to donate to a school (yet to be determined). Start now to collect pencils, pencil sharpeners, notebooks, pens, folders, construction paper, staplers, staples, and other school supplies to be donated to a local school.

In October, bring your teddy bears and other stuffed companions for our "Teddy Bear Picnic" themed evening!

Thanks again to everyone who supports our Chapter. We could not manage without all our friends! We look forward to seeing you all at future events!

Star Love,

Joni Hewston, Worthy Matron

Lee Astorino, Worthy Patron