

Camellia Star Chapter No. 63, OES

Our May meeting was a lovely evening with the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chaplain and his wife and our Deputy present, and enough visitors to fill in every office and still have some sideliners! It was quite a sight from the East! Thank you to EVERYONE who came, participated, observed.

We had our Memorial to remember Lee Astorino, Judy Pflueger, and Gene Chancellier. Unfortunately, because I had a bit of a coughing fit when I should have been making my remarks, I did not have the opportunity to say that the poem I read during Memorial was a slightly altered version of "She is Gone" by David Harkins. Thank you to our lovely Conductresses and Chaplain for doing their work so beautifully.

Also thank you to Sister Karen Parlato who played for us at this special meeting.

There was a report on delivering the prizes and donation to the library. There were 8 prizes, 2 each for varying age groups, for the Humboldt County Library Summer Reading Program on display at our meeting so everyone could see them. Sister Peggy and I took them to the Library with the check the following Tuesday to deliver them, and they were – as always – well and gratefully received. The Children's Librarian said she'd save them for the grand prize drawing!

Coming up is our meeting on July 2, and it is a BIG one! It is our Deputy's Official Visit (finally!), so we will be proving the Chapter and Balloting. I need everyone who can possibly come to be there because there are so many moving parts to this meeting that have to be members of Camellia Star!

In addition, it is Friendship Night! I look forward to seeing

our visitors on this special occasion.

Our Deputy wants a brief practice at 6:30. Then, if there is time before the meeting, refreshments will be at 7:00, meeting at 7:30. If we do not have time for refreshments before the meeting, we will have them afterward.

The theme this meeting is International Joke Day (July 1) and What's Your Favorite Dad Joke? We'd love it if you would share some jokes with us. Attire is casual. Opening is short form. (We have had long form meetings all year so far; it is time to relax a bit.)

In addition, this is the night our members are to bring all the things they want to add to a basket to be auctioned at the special tea in July. We are planning two baskets. One has more of a garden theme, and the other is more of a tea theme. Camellia Star members are asked to bring something to contribute to one basket or the other! Sister Jaelen has volunteered to make the baskets all pretty for display at the tea.

Speaking of which, the First Annual Lee Astorino Memorial Tea is on Sunday, July 20, at 2:00 in Fortuna. We will need lots of help with setting up and cleaning up, so please put the date on your calendar and plan to help if you can. It would be greatly appreciated.

Our August meeting has a Game Show Night theme to it. More information to come. See you all soon!

Star Love,

Joni L. Hewston, WM

PHOTOS:

#1 – Donation to the Humboldt County Library Summer Reading Program

#2 – Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visit to Camellia Star

