



## Wild Lily Chapter #18 Order of the Eastern Star

January/February 2018

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From the East

### A Message from WM Pat McDonald

Happy Spring??? Hard to tell that it is only February with the amazing weather we've been having! Just a year ago I was battling clean up of 5 feet of water in my basement – WOW!!!

Eastern Star Members had fun in December – “going camping” flannels to celebrate and honor our Jr. Past Worthy Matron and Patron Cook! Hobo Stew was enjoyed for dinner little hobos brought in food donations in was generously donated to the Santa Cruz SCAP) – thank you Erica for making that while Erica was in the “delivery” mode, was handing out items to those in need.



and wearing our Jean and Chuck and all of our their packs. Food AIDS project (aka happen! Even Khalila from SCAP



Susan Dee Cummins reported on the awesome response the chapter gave for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Adopt a Family. As chairman all 3 years, Susan has been impressed with the generosity of Eastern Star members!

Wild Lily chapter was given a beautifully crafted House from the Santa Cruz Rainbow Assembly. Here WP Bob hands the Conductress Andi for her to bring it to our very special PGM Yvonne who is under the weather. Thank you Rainbow girls! And we heard it!



Gingerbread project over to Beckenhauer Yvonne loved



**A good, silly time was had by all!!**

In January, we had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual SOUP night with yummy Clam Mushroom Soup made by none other than Don Hanson!! I was orders to NOT attend, but our **Honor Star Points** night went very The Opening Ode was sung to the tune of “Twinkle Twinkle” and each lady a beautiful Star Wind Chime. Our ladies wore the amazing Point Aprons (with gold fringe) and AM Bernice, acting in my stead, to each as they were presented with their gifts by WP Bob. Thank for all you do for Wild Lily!!!



Chowder and under doctor well, I hear! Don made antique Star read a tribute you Donald

Twinkle Twinkle Sisters dear, We're so glad we have you here.  
Floral center of our Star; We're so proud you're who you are  
Star point sisters You're so fine -- Wild Lily, see them shine

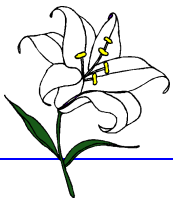
We will be balloting in February on a member affiliating from New Mexico and will be reading a New Member petition! February we will be having “Wine and Weiners” at 6:30 – basically pot luck heavy hors d’oeuvres and libation in a brown paper bag.....bring your own to share!

February 25<sup>th</sup> Wild Lily and Santa Cruz Redwoods chapters are doing a run-through on making Port Pals to donate to cancer victims. It will be in the Paradise Park Social Hall at 1:00 p.m. Hope you can come and have fun with us!

**Hope to see you at our meeting on February 21st!**

News from the Chapter

## Upcoming Meetings



Wild Lily #18 meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm, Confidence Lodge, 3001 N. Main St, Soquel.

<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
<b>2/21-</b> 6:30pm heavy hors d’oeuvres & brown bag libations; 7:30pm Meeting	<b>3/21-</b> 6:30pm potluck \$2; 7:30 OV of DGM; Flappers!	<b>4/18-</b> 6:30pm Pizza; Ante room -- youth night - games

## From Your Secretary

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2018 dues. I have mailed out or delivered all of your dues receipts. If you have not received yours, please contact me. A special thank you to those who made a donation to our Chapter. Second notices will sent to those members who still owe dues in February.

I would like to remind everyone that the Grand Chapter of California has a web site. The address is [oescal.org](http://oescal.org). As a member of the Order you can go into the site and find a calendar of all Grand Chapter events, contact information for our membership, the current edition of the Cal Star News (the state newspaper) information on benevolent assistance, cancer assistance and scholarships and much more. If you have trouble getting into the site, feel free to contact me and I will help you.

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## Washpot Chili: A General Grand Chapter Committee Tradition

By Shirley Radder, *Grand Representative of Arkansas in California*

Washpot chili? Ever hear of "washpot" chili? I never had, but I was going to find out what it was. I am the Grand Representative of Arkansas in California and planned to attend this event on October 14 in Greenbrier, Arkansas. Twice a year in Arkansas, two major fund raisers are held in the airplane hanger, at the home of Ira and Mavis Payne. These two events are "Hangerburgers" and "Washpot" Chili. Hangerburgers usually takes place over Memorial Day, while Washpot Chili is held in the fall.

Arriving at their hanger, I first spied a large wash pot hanging over a fire with some chili bubbling in the pot. Attendees bring chili to be added to the wash pot (which was Mavis' grandmother's wash pot) or a salad, appetizer or dessert. Hot dogs are also provided. Each participant pays a nominal fee to attend and eat.



Members bring items to be auctioned off by seasoned auctioneer, Andy Miller, PGP with the proceeds going to the WGM and WGP special project. With the help of friends, I managed to obtain several items donated for a large basket of California goodies...all of which were either grown or produced in California. Some of these items included dried apricots, dried dates, almonds, sparkling cider, salt water taffy, elephant garlic, See's candy, honey and pistachios. Winning bid for the basket was \$100!

This year's wash pot chili event served a dual purpose. Both Ira and Mavis are General Grand Chapter Committee members. Mavis is Membership and Ira is Service Dogs. In lieu of a formal reception to honor their General Grand Committee appointments, they elected to celebrate at Wash Pot Chili and the WGM Marilyn and WGP Chuck, graciously allowed all funds raised that day to go towards Ira Payne's committee – Service Dogs. (Note: \$1,000.00 was raised that day.)

This was one of the most relaxed General Grand Chapter Committee receptions I have ever attended as there was NO ESCORT and the dress code was sport casual. Food was excellent with the flavors of all of the combined chili donations, and with a beautifully decorated cake for the main dessert.

Next year's Washpot Chili event will be held on October 20, so if you are in the Greenbrier, Arkansas area, be sure to attend.

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From our Affiliates

## **Santa Cruz DeMolay**

Thursday, February 22: Chapter Meeting; please arrive at 6:30pm for set up and Brotherhood. DeMolay polo shirts and slacks.

Tuesday, March 6: Lodge Dinner Service; please arrive by 6pm. Slacks and dress shirt/tie or DeMolay polo.

Thursday, March 8: Chapter Meeting; please arrive at 6:30pm for set up and Brotherhood. Formal attire.

Saturday, March 18: Devotional Day will be at 6 flags in Vallejo on March 18th. If you know of someone that might be interested in joining DeMolay, please invite them to join us. The chapter has a history of paying for prospects to come to Devo Day.

Thursday, March 22: Chapter Meeting; please arrive at 6:30pm for set up and Brotherhood. DeMolay polo shirts and slacks.

## **Santa Cruz Rainbow Girls – See attached flyers!**

***Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 to 7pm – Service Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction at SCMC*** Proceeds from this Make a Difference Month fundraiser go towards the Grand Service Project: Families Forward, and to help support the homeless in Santa Cruz County.

***Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – Dollar-a-Dip Dinner, 7pm OES Shadow Night and Regular Stated Meeting*** Theme: Purpose/Hawaiian Dress: Hawaiian and/or Business Casual. Proceeds from our Fundraiser Dinner help to pay for fun at Grand Assembly.

***Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Grand Assembly in Fresno.***

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# MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONTH SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION



Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Dinner served between 5 & 7pm.

Silent Auction from 5 to 6:30pm. Need not be present to win.

Santa Cruz Masonic Center: 828 N. Branciforte

\$10.00 Adults / \$5.00 Kids Ages 5 to 11  
Over 85 and Under 5 Eat FREE!



Hosted by Santa Cruz Rainbow Girls (IORG) and generously supported by Thrivent Financial Action Teams and Santa Cruz–San Lorenzo Valley Masonic Lodge.

## MENU:

Salad, Spaghetti with Homemade Meatballs or Ziti Pasta Option, French Bread, Dessert and Beverage.

To purchase or reserve tickets, contact Elaine Calverley, Mother Advisor of Santa Cruz Assembly: 831-471-8350 or email: [santacruz28rainbow@gmail.com](mailto:santacruz28rainbow@gmail.com).

Tickets also available at the door.

Proceeds from this service fundraising project go towards *Families Forward* and the homeless in Santa Cruz County.

# LIVE GENEROUSLY





**Santa Cruz Rainbow Girls  
cordially invites our Star Ohana to our**

## ***OES Shadow Night***

**Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7pm**

**Santa Cruz Masonic Center**

**828 North Branciforte Ave.**

***Miss Kaitlyn Calverley, Worthy Advisor***

**Theme: Hawaiian / Moana**

**Please come to our Dollar-a-Dip Soup and Salad Bar Dinner  
before the meeting at 6:00pm. Proceeds go towards our  
upcoming trip to Grand Assembly 2018.**

**To ensure we have plenty of food, please RSVP to  
Elaine Calverley, Mother Advisor by March 12<sup>th</sup>:  
[santacruz28rainbow@gmail.com](mailto:santacruz28rainbow@gmail.com) or 831-471-8350.**



## **California Eastern Star PATIENT COMFORT PROGRAM**

### **OES Port Pals project**

<https://oescal.org/sites/default/files/files/Port%20Pal-Pillow%20Blitz%20Instructions.pdf>

Join Wild Lily and Santa Cruz-Redwoods chapters on

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 at 1:00**

Paradise Park Social Hall

Everyone can help -  
cut, iron, sew or stuff -  
we have a job for you!



**SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY APRIL 22 at 1:00**

is the PORT PAL EXTRAGAGANZA

The goal is for OES California to make **10,000** !!!

Questions?

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