
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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February, March and April 2014

Message from Grand Royal Matron June Potts

Happy New Year! My hope for you is that the Peace and Joy of the Christmas season will continue throughout the year.

S.K. LeRoy Kifer, pro-tem Grand Lecturer has advised that he has conflicts during March on the scheduled Saturday visits to our Courts. Friendship Court has chosen to have a "mini-school" on Sunday, February 9th.

Other changes we are aware of at this time are for Madison Court. They have had to change their April meeting to Tuesday, April 15th and the June meeting to Tuesday, June 17th. These are both scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

We will notify you of any other changes as they are arranged. Also, be sure to check the postings in this Newsletter on the individual Court schedules. Between courts being "dark" during January and February, and weather interference, we have all been out of touch with what has been happening, so this communication is vital for all of us!

The Grand Royal Matron's visits are as follows:

Saturday, April 5	Hope Court #11
Monday, April 7	Milwaukee Court #2
Friday, April 11	Racine Laurel Court #6
Saturday, April 12	Friendship Court #14
Saturday, May 2	Madison Court #7

Please join S.K. Chris and me for fun and fellowship whenever you can. We look forward to seeing you.

Safe travels as we continue to deal with this Wisconsin winter.

Message from Grand Royal Patron Chris Christiansen

We have been slipping and sliding through the ice and snow the Arctic Hurricane has been throwing at us. Thankfully, as this is written we are enjoying a warm spell, however how short. Don't let Mother Nature give you cabin fever - warm weather is coming and we will be able to get on the road to visit other courts to help them out. Remember the old saying "If you give one, you get one." Also, by taking different stations and just being there helps you with the ritual so we don't let rust slip into our brains.

Enough already. I wish you a belated Happy New Year, and good health.

Message from Grand Conductress Sally Lutzke

Looking forward to attending the Grand Court of Colorado in Denver.

Basket Raffles - Ways and Means

Remember to purchase tickets for the baskets:
Tickets (1) one for \$1.00 (6) six for \$5.00

Chocolate Lovers Delight - Drawing at the last Grand Lecturer Visit

Spring Card Bouquet - Drawing at the last Grand Royal Matron Visit

See you all at the Grand Lecturer and Grand Royal Matron visits.

**Message from
Grand Associate Conductress
Barbara Foster**

See exciting fundraising opportunity listed in this newsletter.

**Message from
Grand Lecturer-Protem
LeRoy Kifer**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

Due to conflicts beyond anyone's control, I will be needing help at the upcoming Grand Lecturer Visits.

This may be a time when the Assistant Grand Lecturers from each Court come into play. I will be communicating with each Royal Matron or the Assistant Grand Lecturer to determine what is needed to have these visits before the Grand Royal Matron visits in April.

Thank you in advance for understanding.

SK LeRoy Kifer
Grand Lecturer Pro Tem

World Largest Cookie Sale

Thank you to all who baked, packaged, purchased and helped sell. We raised a total of \$504.00 for Diabetes Research. We could not have done it without your help. This annual event is always held the day after Thanksgiving.

It is never too early to start looking for those cookie recipes.

HL Diana Kifer
WI Amaranth Diabetes Coordinator

**Message from
Milwaukee Court No. 2
Cheri Brus, RM
Michael Brus, RP**

Greetings from Milwaukee Court #2 and Happy New Year, I hope everyone kept warm during the month of January. It sure was a cold one. We are trying to keep everyone warm by telling them to think warming thoughts and that before you know it Spring and warm weather will be here. I am having a good time as a first time Royal Matron. There have been some trials along the way but we have worked them out. So far our new members are doing quite well. They want to travel and plan on going out alot.

With February being Valentine's month our Feb. 3 stated meeting I would love it if you could wear red or pink to the meeting.

Heads up for the month of March. March 3rd is our Grand Lecturer's visit and we will have a dinner at 6PM. If you will be able to make the dinner please let me know by Feb. 20th. We will be charging either \$8 or \$9. I am not sure of the cost. Also it would be nice to be able to have initiation at this meeting.

Also in March we will have a Mystery Dinner. The date is March 29. Cost will be \$20. We will have a little visiting time around 4:30 PM with dinner at 5 PM. Dress is casual (jeans acceptable). This is an event for all Masonic Bodies that meet at McKinley Lodge and any of their family and or friends. I would appreciate all RSVP's to come to me by March 24. That would be Cheri Brus 414-445-4199 or can send check with RSVP to Cheri Brus 2824 N 52nd St. Milwaukee, WI 53210. Can make check out to me or MILWAUKEE COURT #2. I can promise a good time to be had by all. Just so you know this is not a play just a mystery dinner.

April 7 is our Grand Royal Matron/Patron visit. We will have dinner at 6PM with a cost of either \$8 or \$9. Again not sure of the cost. There will also be a pound auction that evening. Again if planning on coming to the dinner please RSVP to me by March 20th.

Hope everyone is out there traveling and having a good time. See everyone soon and once again think warm thoughts.

H.L. Cheri Brus Royal Matron
S.K. Mike Brus Royal Patron

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
Karen Bishop, RM
Robert Miksch, RP**

Racine Laurel Court meets the second Friday of each month and our meetings start at 7:00 pm. We keep our meetings short to have fellowship after and still have our members home at a reasonable time. Why not join us.

February, 2014: No meeting this month we are dark.

Friday, March 14, 2014: Grand Lecturer's Visit. Dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00. Reservations for dinner should be made to Joyce Kupper at 262-886-5806 or Mary Louise Schenkenberg at 262-886-4746. We may be doing initiation for this meeting for our two petitions. Be prepared and look over your rituals.

Friday, April 11, 2014: Grand Royal Matron's Visit, accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron. Dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00. Reservations for dinner should be made to Joyce Kupper at 262-886-5806 or Mary Louise Schenkenberg at 262-886-4746.

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Barbara Lee Overton, RM
Roger Reukauf, RP**

Madison Court is dark in January and February. We will be having a fund raiser on Sunday February 9th at the Madison Masonic Center. There is a huge Craft Sale taking place from 10am to 4pm. Madison Court along with Madison Shrine will be selling food for this event.

We are hoping to have a fun event in February depending on the weather. We are not sure of what or when at this time but will let the Members of Madison Court know the details.

At our March 1st meeting we will be visited by the Grand Lecturer, S.K. LeRoy Kifer. The meeting will start at 10am with refreshments at 9am. We hope many can make this meeting and then plan on attending the Grand Lecturer visit at Hope Court just a short 45 minutes from Madison.

Our April meeting will be a stated meeting on the 15th.

**Message from
Hope Court #11
Ruth Burns, RM
Norm Burns, RP**

Hope Court is dark for the months of January and February.

Saturday, March 1 is our Grand Lecturer's Visit with a lunch at noon at a cost of \$8.00. Our meeting starts at 1:30 pm.

Saturday, April 5 is our Grand Royal Matron's Visit with a lunch at noon at a cost of \$8.00. This meeting also starts at 1:30 pm.

Reservations for the lunches should be made to Ruth Burns or Marty Shaw.

Hope Court is small and needs many of our visitors to fill stations at all of our meetings. Hope to see many of you not only at these special meetings but at all of our meetings.

**Message from
Friendship Court No. 14
Kristen Kifer, RM
Phillip Kifer, RP**

Due to a conflict with our Grand Lecturers visit on Saturday March 8, 2013, Friendship Court #14 will be holding its Grand Lecturer visit on Sunday, February 9th from 12:00 noon till approximately 3:00 PM. If you have any questions please contact: SK LeRoy Kifer 920-922-6012 or email: ldkifer@charter.net.

Our Grand Royal Matron's visit is on Saturday, April 12 starting with a dinner before our meeting.

Remember our meetings start at 7:00 pm.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY 2014.

We've Been Busy Raising Money for Courts & Diabetes Research

Submitted by Gail Piper DSRM

November was a busy fundraising month for Wisconsin Amaranth members who were busy serving meals as well as making and selling candy and cookies.

Madison Court served three meals and had a bake sale at a large craft show that was held in the Madison Masonic Center (MMC). It was a joint fundraiser with White Shrine that also meets at MMC, and each group earned over \$350. H.L. Barbara Overton cooked up some sloppy joes to sell, and the bake sale table was well stocked thanks to many members who baked up a storm for the event. Special acknowledgement goes to S.K. Mark Engelke who made a good supply of lefse that didn't last long on the bake sale table.



Madison Court members looking through serving window: from the left back row: Roger Reukauf, Marv Engelke, Jack Heady
Front row: Barbara Overton, Bev Sather, Marilyn Osterlie, Sally Acuff, Elaine Engelke, Judy Emerson

Members of Racine Laurel Court spent a day making huge batches of their special "rock candy" as a Ways and Means project. Their "culinary committee" consisting of H.L. Joyce Kupper, H.L. Mary Schultz, H.L. Karen Bishop, S.K. Chris Christansen, H.L. Mary Louise Schenkenberg and S.K. Bob Miksch, got covered with confectioners sugar as they made and packaged their delicious candy. They are all sold out, so the candy was popular and the effort a success.

Last but not least, on "Black Friday" Wisconsin raised over \$500 for diabetes research at a huge cookie sale held at a hotel in Brookfield, WI. Under the leadership of H.L. Diana Kifer, WI Grand Court Diabetes Fundraiser Coordinator, 180 dozen cookies backed by

Amaranth members were gathered, boxed up and then sold at this well-known, local gigantic bake sale. Net monies raised were \$504 for diabetes research. It was a good effort for a great cause!



At the cookie sale:
From the left
Sally Lutzke, Joyce Kupper, Barbara Overton, Diana Kifer, Alexis Kifer, Kristen Kifer



Save the Date

What: Mystery Dinner
Where: McKinley Lodge
4550 North Pilgrim Drive
Brookfield, WI
When: Saturday March 29, 2014
For all Masonic bodies, their families
and their friends.
Time: Social hour 4:30 PM with Dinner at 5 PM

Dress attire is very casual. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP to Cheri Brus 414-445-4199 or email at cbrus@att.net by March 24, 2014.

Upcoming Events

Costume Party

Sunday, June 8, 2014
Delafield Brewhaus
3832 Hillside Drive
Delafield, WI 53018

Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron Reception

Sunday, July 13, 2014
Fond du Lac Masonic Center
500 W. Arndt Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Family Day at the Milwaukee Botanical Domes

Saturday, August 9, 2014
(Details Forthcoming)

Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of the Amaranth Annual Session

October 9, 10 and 11, 2014
Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center
PO Box 296, 60 Gasser Road
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965-0296
1-800-648-4765
Email: www.wintergreen-resort.com

Grand Lecturer's Visits

Sunday, February 9, 2014	Friendship Court #14
Saturday, March 1, 2014	Madison Court #7
	Hope Court #11
Monday, March 3, 2014	Milwaukee Court #2
Friday, March 14, 2014	Racine Laurel Court #6

Grand Royal Matron's Official Visits (Accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron)

Saturday, April 5, 2014	Hope Court #11
Monday, April 7, 2014	Milwaukee Court #2
Friday, April 11, 2014	Racine Laurel Court #6
Saturday, April 12, 2014	Friendship Court #14
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Madison Court #7

Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

Supreme Session
June 29 – July 3, 2014
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, Ohio

Advance Nights Grand Associate Matron And Grand Associate Patron

Monday, June 2, 2014	Milwaukee Court #2
Saturday, July 12, 2014	Friendship Court #14
To be Announced	Madison Court #7
Saturday, August 2, 2014	Hope Court #11
Friday, September 12, 2014	Racine Laurel Court #6

(Please remember dates and times
are subject to change)

Prayers needed:

Just to let you know, my Mom - Annette Anderson is in ICU at All Saints in Racine. She has had a massive silent heart attack. She is holding her own at this point but the heart only has a 15-20% function. Please pass the word to other Star members for prayers for her and my Dad as they figure out what she will be able to do or how to live.

Annette's home address is:
7205 Mariner Drive, #10
Racine, WI 53405

ATTENTION!! Amature Photographers in the Order of the Amaranth.

Did you take any photographs at your Court Advance Nights or Installations? The Grand Historian would really appreciate your sharing them with her. They can be emailed - or sent snail mail. If you send them snail mail it would be nice to have two copies. They will be assembled into photo albums for HL June and SK Chris.

Alice Byrnes, Grand Historian 2013-2014
byrnesac@sbcglobal.net

Thanks a million for your assistance.

JDRE Walk

Job's Daughters Bethel #3 of Fond du Lac will be participating in the JDRE Walk at the Fond du Lac High School on May 10th. We would love to have any of you who are able to join us in running/walking/ jumping, crawling, pushing/ rolling or skipping the 2 mile course. Those of you who can't do any of those things, we would be happy if you could just cheer us all on. The sign in is at 9:00am and starts at 10:00am. We would be honored if you could support this cause for the youth by donating to us or by making a donation on line to our team. We will be going on line very soon under the title of Bethel #3. Checks or cash can be given to Nancy Saggio when you see her or mailed to: N5109 Oak Hill Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54937. Thank you in advance and more information will be given out in the near future.

Excerpts from the magazine "Diabetes Forecast"

American Diabetes Association.

The American Diabetes Association extends deep appreciation to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation for 35 years of commitment to supporting diabetes research. Since the decision in 1979 to make diabetes research their sole philanthropic venture, the members of the Order of the Amaranth have worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of all people affected by this devastating disease while we move closer toward a cure.



HONOR AND APPRECIATION

We applaud each and every member of the **Order of the Amaranth** for supporting our efforts to **Stop Diabetes®**.



Golden Dollars

The Order of the Amaranth's dedication to funding research is legendary

Members of the Order of the Amaranth (from left) Larry Dobbins, Supreme Royal Matron Lynda Dobbins, Supreme Royal Patron David Ekren, and Carol Ekren visited the American Diabetes Association home office in 2013. "Their goal is the same as ours to get rid of diabetes," David Ekren says.

DO DONATIONS RAISED through golf outings, bake sales, and 90-year-olds shaking contribution cans outside discount stores add up? Prepare to be impressed. Such efforts, coordinated by the Order of the Amaranth, have raised almost \$14 million for diabetes research. The order is a social, fraternal, and philanthropic Masonic organization dedicated to "truth, faith, wisdom, and charity"—and supporting the search for a cure for diabetes. Since 1979, the order's Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, its philanthropic arm, has raised

money exclusively for the American Diabetes Association's diabetes research program. "There is no volunteer organization with a longer history with the American Diabetes Association that has given at the level of the Order of the Amaranth," says Association CEO Larry Hausner. "The members set an incredible example, and we are so grateful for the impressive contributions they are making to our mission." The Order knows that diabetes touches everyone. "There isn't anybody who isn't affected by diabetes, whether personally or a

relative or a friend," says Lynda Dobbins, the supreme royal matron of the Order. Dobbins, of Hartsville, Ohio, should know: She has type 2 diabetes, which developed after she was diagnosed with gestational diabetes in 1983. As supreme royal matron, Dobbins travels North America to meet with local courts and support their fund-raising efforts, from grand galas to "kiss-a-pig" events. "Right now we have 356 courts across the country and around the world that are all focused on finding a cure," she says. Each member's personal story provides even more motivation. Whenever George "Stoney" Pavlik, the president of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, travels beyond his home in Mount Union, Pa., he brings along a copy of a 1986 American Diabetes Association book, *Children with Diabetes*. On the cover is a picture of his daughter, Audra, when she was a little girl. The book is a visual reminder of why he has dedicated his life to raising funds for diabetes research. Audra died in 2012 of

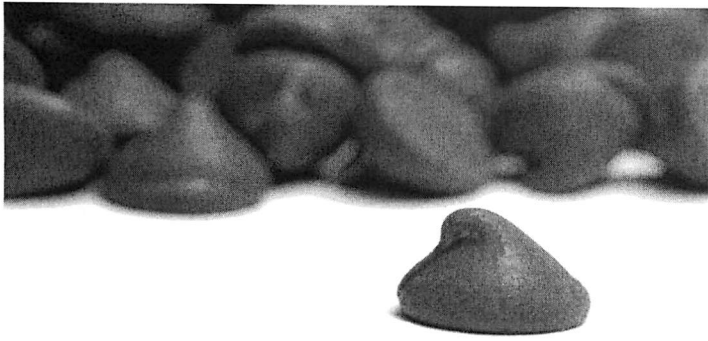
complications related to type 1 diabetes, at the age of 34. "This is the reason why I'm so dedicated to this," he says, his voice catching. "There's an impending tsunami, a puzzle that is pressing the whole medical community. Finally, we might get all the pieces together." Dobbins says that with every effort, big or small, members of the Order hope they're one step closer to finding the "golden dollar" that funds the research that will find a cure. Typically, the money the Order gives to the Association supports from three to five researchers each year—more than any other organization working with the ADA. Current researchers funded by Amaranth are looking into helping people with neuropathy regrow nerves and identifying how inflammation may trigger type 1 diabetes, among other topics. This and other research focuses on improving the lives of people living with diabetes and the ultimate goal—finding a cure. **A**

TO LEARN MORE about the Order of the Amaranth, visit amaranth.org. To read the latest about the ADA's research efforts, visit diabetes.org/research.



ADVOCACY IN ACTION On Capitol Hill

Last fall, Jonel Wright, then vice chair of the American Diabetes Association's Board of Directors; Latino Diabetes Action Council member Irene Smith; and fellow volunteers Margybeth Lacy, Ann Rathbun, and Jessie Wall joined more than 200 advocates from across the country in Washington, D.C., to meet with their members of Congress to urge a greater federal investment in the National Institutes of Health. These advocates acknowledged the many advances in treatment and tools to manage diabetes because of NIH research, especially at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. They also made the case that additional investments in NIH and NIDDK are critical to further improve prevention and treatment methods, and ultimately end the diabetes epidemic.



Exciting Raffle Opportunities!

The Grand Conductresses have 3 unique raffle opportunities planned to help Ways & Means:

Basket #1 during the Grand Lecturer's visits: *Chocolate Lover's Delight*

Basket #2 during the Grand Royal Matron's visits: *Spring Card Bouquet*

Basket #3 during the Grand Associate Matron's Advance Nights:

Bucky Badger Bonanza

Tickets will be one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00 and will be available at each of the scheduled visits.

Each drawing will be held on the last scheduled visit of the Grand Lecturer, Grand Royal Matron and the Grand Associate Matron. The winner does not have to be present to win but may want to be present to take their basket home!!!

Good Luck to all and thank you for your support of Wisconsin Grand Court!

Owl Hugs and Hedgehog kisses,

Your Grand Conductresses Sally and Barb

