Community Service Project Sovereign Youth Days 2012

FACES without PLACES
And the Sovereign Youth Day Session

THANKS YOU!!!!

With the gifts and monetary donations, over $1700.00 was donated.
We would like to thank all of you for your donations.

From left to right, Sharon Sells, 2012 Youth Days Coordinator, Beth Griffith-Neiman, Director — Faces without Places, and Keith Ploof, Chairman SGL — IARA Youth Committee

YOUTH DAYS 2012
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Host Committee provided the youth with an excursion on Thursday evening. The youth and the advisors were treated to a Cincinnati Reds baseball game. The opponent was the New York Mets. This event was enjoyed by all.

The 2012 Youth Days were held at the See Youth Days page 6

Special points of interest:

- Farewell
- Events from Youth Days
- 2012 Youth Days winners
- New Committee Members
- Trip to the United Nations contest
- Trivia
- New Contest
- Website, Facebook
- Pull out Poster

CONTESTS, CONTESTS
YOUTH PIN DESIGN,
ADVISOR of the YEAR!!
Irene Meigs Community Service Award

and MORE CONTESTS
United Nations Educational Pilgrimage
New Contest for Youth Days.
YOUTH PIN DESIGN AWARD
RED ROSE THETA RHO
 GIRLS’ CLUB #8
from MICHIGAN

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SGL—IARA YOUTH DAYS CINCINNATI 2012

IRENE MEIGS
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
PASCO TRGC #14
from WASHINGTON

Shaminice accepting award from Keith Ploof

CONGRATULATIONS
2012 TALENT SHOW WINNERS

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION
HEATHER HUNT
ALPHA TR#1
OF COLORADO

SKIT COMPETITION
THE YOUTH OF MICHIGAN

DANCE COMPETITION
RHODODENDRON THETA RHO GIRLS CLUB #67
from CALIFORNIA
Attendees of 2012 SGL—IARA YOUTH DAYS

We Thank those who came,
And missed those who could not.
This poster was made and signed by all the youth that attended the session.

The 2011—2012 SGL—IARA Youth Committee wishes to Thank you all of from the bottom of our heart. Keith, Debbie, and Jeff will miss being here with you.

Remember ……Simon says, THANK YOU

Editor’s note.

This year, the Youth Committee said farewell to three of our members. Chairman Keith Ploof, members Debbie Ashdown and Jeff Beattie. I am sure that I speak for all youth that you will be missed. I know that Sharon and I will miss you. We hope to see you in the future and wish you the best of luck in all you do.
SGL—IARA YOUTH COMMITTEE
AND
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE
FOR YOUTH
PROUDLY PRESENTS:

THE ISENOR—ROSE
UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH TRIP

A trip of a lifetime to see the United Nations in New York, also, Gettysburg, PA., Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, Ottawa Falls, Canada, and much more.

What does it Cost?

The Isenor-Rose Fund will contribute $1,000.00 towards the total cost of the trip. All other expenses will be the responsibility of the Jurisdiction and/or the parents of the applicant. The applicant also provides spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments, and any other monetary item or function the youth may want.

Who is eligible you ask?

Competition is open to all Jr. Lodge, Theta Rho Club, and United Youth Group members attending high school who will be 16 or 17 years of age with a minimum of one year of high school remaining at the time of the trip. Applicants must continue membership in their respective Jr. Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group and promote the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth trip in their own Jurisdiction. The winner will submit to this Committee a write up of his/her trip for printing in the Youth Informer. A few pictures may also be submitted.

Applicants must be an active member and have belonged to an Odd Fellow Youth organization for three (3) years unless they are a member of a newly instituted Odd Fellow Youth Organization. This information should be in a CERTIFIED letter from the Advisor. Applicant must have a valid passport at both the time of application and time of travel. The United Nations Educational Pilgrimage Director may add additional requirements if needed.

All applicants must follow ALL requirements listed on the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage website—http://www.unpilgrimage.org, and also include a 500 word essay.

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Netherland Plaza Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. Once again, the Youth Committee started the weekend without their trunk that has all the games, flags and other items in it. So, there were some adjustments for the Orientation meeting.

During the orientation we informed the youth and their advisors of the times and places of the weekend's events and the rules with which all are expected to abide by. The youth were also given instructions for the flag ceremonies and other various jobs they had been assigned.

The Youth Pin design winner was announced — Red Rose Theta Rho Girls Club #8 from Michigan.

This year the youth committee implemented a new feature. We awarded “Caught You Making A Difference” poker chips to any youth “caught” doing something special. These poker chips were distributed by our committee, leaders, and other members of the Order. On Saturday night, a raffle was held. The youth received a ticket for every chip they were given. The winning ticket received a Kindle Fire complete with case and stand. There were also eight movie gift sets given to other ticket holders.

The banquet was attended by 165 youth and adults. This year the banquet was a buffet style meal with chicken, potato casserole, salad, rolls and brownies. After the banquet, everyone enjoyed the pool party, next door at the Hyatt Hotel.

Saturday morning the youth began their sessions. After the opening, the leaders of our order were introduced. Each leader gave their greetings as well as stressing to the youth that they can be the future of our order, but only if they choose to stay involved and strive to continue to improve. After these leaders spoke, the incoming leaders were asked to give their program for the next year. Other presentations were given by the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage, visual research, and the SOs Children's Village. Gretchen Clark, the first recipient of the Isenor-Rose UNEP Scholarship gave a report. The Community Project this year was Faces without Places. Beth Griffith-Neiman gave the history of the organization and a homeless survivor told her story. We were treated to a presentation by Brother Louie Sarmiento from the Philippines. He is a very enthusiastic and motivated Odd Fellow. Committee member Jeff Beattie gave a presentation on our Facebook page and the website. The Jurisdictional count was taken and found 45 youth and 41 adults present for the session. After the meeting adjourned, the groups performing in the talent show went to practice on stage.

Saturday evening the talent show began. The four leaders of the order led the youth in a march through the audience. Although six acts were scheduled to perform, only five acts provided a night of entertainment to the crowd of 500. While the score sheets were tallied, the Chairman of the SGL-TARA Youth Committee, Keith Ploof, awarded the Leaders of the Order with appreciation plagues for their support of the youth. Then, Youth Committee members Greg Simpson and Sharon Sells performed a little program to say farewell to the other three members, Keith Ploof, Debbie Ashdown, and Jeff Beattie who would not be continuing on the committee. They were presented an appreciation plaque and gift. The awards were as follows: Irene Meigs Community Service award to Pasco Theta Rho Girls' Club #14, from Washington. They received a plaque and $250.00. As mentioned earlier, Pin Design to Red Rose Theta Rho Girls' Club #8 of Michigan. They also received a plaque and $250.00. The winners of the Talent Show was then announced. These are listed on page 2.

After the Talent show, a dance was held for the youth. Pizza and lemonade were provided for the youth and advisors. This was the last opportunity for the youth to enjoy the company of new found friends and some old friends from across the world of Oddfellowship.

We would like to thank the Jurisdiction of Ohio for hosting Youth Days and the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions. You did a fantastic job of hosting the youth and our sincere appreciation goes out to Bob and Judy Ogden and Chuck Lusk. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Additional note to the Ohio Host Committee — the adults that stayed the week wish to thank you for a job well done!!

INFORMATION FOR 2013 YOUTH DAYS
August 16, 17
Schaumburg, Ill.

Motel .... Renaissance
1551 N. Thoreau Dr.
Schaumburg, Ill. 60173

Registration .. $60.00
(Have not confirmed if the youth and chaperones will have to pay this.)

Youth Banquet .......... $ 40.00
Rooms at Renaissance .......
 ..........$149.00 plus tax
Shuttle service available from airports.
Forms will be online and in next issue.

YOUTH INFORMER
At this time I would like to take a moment and introduce the new members to the Youth Committee.

They are:
Bob Kowalski, from the Jurisdiction of Michigan
Appointed as Chairman
James R. Daniel, from the Jurisdiction of Texas, and
Mary Houle’, from the Jurisdiction of Oregon

Welcome!

We want to create a calendar of events. Please let us know when you hold your sessions, campouts, rallies, or any other activity you have.

UPCOMING EVENTS — ATTRACTIONS
Sovereign Grand Master Charles Renninger - Fun Night Oct. 26th, Testimonial Banquet Oct. 27, events to held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel
General Commanding, General Jerald Sarnes, President Lincoln's bus tour sites - November 17th 9:00 am Testimonial Dinner Nov. 17, 6:30 pm. Crowne Plaza Springfield, IL.
International Assoc. of Rebekah Assembly President Laura Argue - March 22, 23, 2013
Delta Convention Center Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
California TRA session 2nd weekend in February Region X - April
Colorado TRA session 2nd weekend in June Washington TRA session 3rd weekend in June
Texas GJL & TRA sessions June 13—16, 2013 DeSoto, TX.

Articles/Pictures Wanted
Did your Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Girls Club, or United Youth Group have any activities that you want everyone to know about? Did your jurisdiction hold a special event? Do you have any stories to share? How about your meetings? Anything exiting? How about sharing some pictures of your functions or outings?
Send them in so others can see what you are doing. Maybe you can inspire others to grow or give them ideas to help their Jr. Lodge, Club, or Group.
If so, please send pictures and information about the event to:
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Laramie, WY. 82070 E-mail slow57@bresnan.net

WEBSITE: ioofyouth.ca
We are making changes to our website. If you have any suggestions or games that you might like to see, please forward them to our Chairman, Bob Kowalski at:
Bob Kowalski 2032 Oxford Road
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
Or e-mail: bobfebo@comcast.net

FACEBOOK PAGE: SGL-IARA Youth
Use Facebook to share your activities with others. Use Facebook as a question and answer page. Keep in touch with everyone that attended Youth Days in the past or just this year. Share your organization’s website with others.
Come one, come all! Show your efforts!

Community Service Projects
Service to Community, and the World!!!
Bring your details, headings, and pictures.

Win: $100 for your club, plus $100 donation to your service project or charity!!

Join us for SGL-IARA Youth Days 2013 in Schaumburg, IL.
Deadline for Application.

ALL applications must be in the hands of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Joint Youth Committee Chairman no later than December 15, 2012. Bob Kowalski 2032 Oxford Road Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

The United Nations Educational Pilgrimage Director may add additional requirements if needed.

ISENOR — ROSE
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH
SGL-IARA YOUTH COMMITTEE APPLICATION

NAME ________________________________ BIRTHDATE ____________

ADDRESS ________________________________

CITY/TOWN ________________________________

STATE/PROVIDENCE ________________________________

ZIP/POSTAL CODE ______________

PHONE ________________________________

I BELONG TO (YOUTH ORGANIZATION) ________________________________
LOCATED AT ________________________________ MEMBER SINCE ____________

ADVISORS SIGNATURE ________________________________

DATE OF APPLICATION ______________
Greetings to All Youth, Advisors, Members, Families and Friends:

As your new SGL/ARIA Youth Committee Chairman, I would like to introduce myself to you by sharing my background. My wife Judy and I are the driving force and adult leaders of the Shamrock #4 Junior Odd Fellows of Michigan. We meet regularly and our youth are getting to know each other well as they grow up together. Eight of them came to Youth Days last month. I believe in our Rituals and proud traditions. Our group has a hot meal after every meeting, and return pop cans to generate the money for this. We have fun learning new things about ourselves and the world, as we strive to educate our boys.

As important, we understand it is truly better to give than receive. Towards this end, we do community service and also contribute money earned from projects, fund raisers, and donations. As our adult supporters from our home Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge, Eastwood #496 & #499, see our enthusiasm, they provide valuable guidance and financial help too.

My vocational background was as a psychologist, assisting children and those with special needs for over 30 years. Previously, I served on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Association for Retarded Citizens. I have also worked diligently for the last five years for the Tall Oaks Odd Fellow-Rebekah Camp of Michigan, having been President of the Board, and now help in a Promotional capacity as a Director and am Vice President of the Corporation. I am also proud to have participated the past four consecutive years on the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth, working two years as a tour assistant and leader, and for the last two years on the New York City Staff.

I am very thankful for the opportunities members of the Order have seen fit to allow me. As we move forward into the future together, with some challenges in front of us, we need to strive to work as one, as our Youth deserve nothing less. I look forward to mutually building a strong program for all. Good communication is a cornerstone of any effective program, and I encourage everyone, while to work within your jurisdictions, to reach out to me as you may want. I can be contacted directly at (313) 505-4446 or at bobfebo@comcast.net

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Robert L. Kowalski
SGL/ARIA Youth Committee Chairman
Poster Session for 2013 Youth Days

This year we want to have an increased emphasis on Youth from your area sharing your community service projects with other youth. Please follow the “Guidelines” which describe the rules, poster construction, scoring, and the winning awards.

The poster session is held with all projects presented simultaneously. A youth representative or a few will stand by their poster/project, share the details of what the project’s focus involved, and any outcomes of the group’s efforts. Purpose is to get to better know Youth from other regions through sharing creative and helpful ideas, involving Odd Fellow values of assisting the needy, or making our communities or the world better through service to others.

The poster session itself will last for one hour. The audience moves about at their own pace, from poster to poster, asking questions, seeking information, learning who and how we help, and to better understand the nature of your specific help or assistance.

Leaders of our Order will be part of the audience, and after reviewing the contents and construction of the poster, will affix a “star” to the poster of the project of their choosing. After all the judging has been completed, the Lodge/Club whose poster has the greatest number of stars attached wins the $100 cash prize, and another $100 is also donated towards their project.

Posters will remain up throughout the Youth Days, as reminders to those members who couldn’t attend the Poster Session of the kinds of work or assistance your group provides.

TRIVIA TIME

Who is the new Sovereign Grand Master? A) Bob Kowalski B) Delmar Burns C) Charles Renninger
Where will the 2014 Youth Days be held? A) Winston Salem, N. C. B) Detroit, MI. C) British Columbia
Who is Sharon Sells? A) Secretary of De Fence B) Secretary of SGL-IARA Youth Committee C) Secretary IARA
How many members serve on the SGL-IARA Youth Committee A) 3 B) 9 C) 5

Answers in next issue.
Guidelines for SGL-IARA Youth Committee Poster Session

One sheet, per project, using standard size, 22 inches x 28 inches poster board. Poster board will be made available for all entries. No need to travel with your poster board.

Tape, rubber cement, scissors, rulers, markers, push pins, a stapler, and other basic office supplies, will be available to the Youth to assist in the assembly or construction of their Poster.

Easels or a means to affix posters to a wall will be provided.

All projects/programs implemented to be presented need to be Youth operated. Adult advisors and supporters may provide supportive guidance.

Projects may serve your Community, or to larger purposes like World problems or issues.

Maximum of three entries per Lodge/Club/Group, whether presented by an individual or group.

Now what to bring. Sheets of paper with printing, computer or otherwise, with the name of the Lodge/Club/Group as a heading, the title of the project, for captions of any photographs, etc.

Also, consider bringing printed material large enough to read from several feet, a brief description of what the project or program involved, so the audience will know at a glance what you did and accomplished.

If you used handouts about the project that helped you, bring those to be attached.

All written materials brought are to be affixed neatly to the poster provided.

One hour is the time limit to transfer the materials you brought with you in advance, to the actual poster where your contents will be displayed.

To bring your posters to life, please bring a few or several photographs of the project underway, those it may have helped, of any actual work done, or describe the outcomes on another sheet of paper, etc. Remember, “A picture is worth a thousand words”, and have your poster board tell the complete result.

Once poster is assembled, there will be a one hour, informal question and answer informational period, where the Youth share their projects, ideas and common interests with one another, and with members of the audience, as they move about from Poster to Poster.

The winner(s) will be selected by the Leaders of the Order who will vote by placing a star on the project they choose. Poster with the most stars wins!

Posters will remain on display throughout Youth Days, to visually inform visitors and other members of your community activities and involvement.

The SGL-IARA Joint Youth Committee
Have you initiated any new members? Is your Jurisdiction working on the Youth Honors Program? Anyone Graduate from your lodge, club, or group? We would like to add any of this information to our Newsletter for mailing and recognition purposes. This new section will be included whenever this committee receives any of the information below.

YOUTH INFORMATION

New Member:  Jurisdiction: ______________________________________
Name: _______________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________

Graduate Members:
Jurisdiction: _________________________________________________
Graduate Name ________________________________________________

Youth Honors Program: Level ________ Name ______________________
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**Visitation Information**

Any Jurisdiction interested in having a member of the SGL/IARA Youth Committee attend a function needs to send a written request by mail or email to receive a visit. The committee members would be more than happy to attend an event within your jurisdiction. Please provide ample time for plans to be made. The committee looks forward to helping with your program.

Send your request to the committee Secretary:  
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