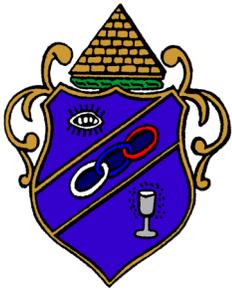

YOUTH INFORMER



IN MEMORIAM

We were sorry to hear of the loss of one our Youth.

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ANDREW LAMPHERE

September 2, 2010

Chief Ruler

Mountain Pines Jr. Lodge #112

California

Our sympathies and prayers to his family and friends

Please, take a Moment of Silence for Andrew. AMEN

Special points of interest:

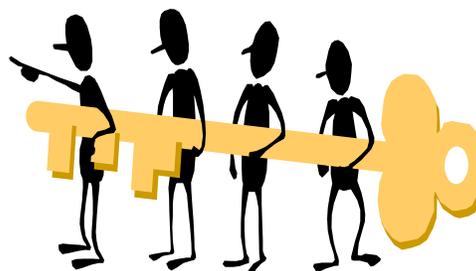
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SOVEREIGN YOUTH DAYS 2010

The Sovereign Youth Days for 2010 was held in Kansas City at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, in the great Jurisdiction of MISSOURI.

We would like to thank everyone for coming. And a **BIG THANKS** to those that had a part. From those who passed out programs, to the Moderators, **KUDOS**.

All of you did an excellent job. We received a lot of positive reviews on how you did your particular tasks.



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Youth Committee Report

Youth Days 2010

Youth Days 2010 began Friday, August 20 at 1 pm with orientation. During this orientation we informed the youth and their advisors of the times and places of the weekend's events, and the rules with which all youth are expected to abide by. Most importantly to the youth, during orientation they played a game which gave them a chance to get to know youth from jurisdictions other than their own, and of course, Bingo. The youth were given instructions for the various jobs they had been assigned.

Friday evening the annual Youth Banquet was held with 159 in attendance. The menu of pizza and lasagna was enjoyed by the youth. After dinner, the Master of Ceremonies Jordan Daniel of Michigan and Mistress of Ceremonies Florence Frogge of Washington introduced the youth representatives and leaders of our order and their escorts. Each leader was invited to offer their remarks.

After the banquet was complete the youth were invited to attend a dance. However, due to circumstances beyond the control of the youth committee and the host jurisdiction, no DJ came to play music. Despite this, the youth made the best of the time they had together. They played an impromptu game of American idol, a cup game, and because the dance floor was checkered, a game of human checkers with the girls beating the boys two games to none.

Saturday morning the weary eyed youth began their sessions. After opening, the leaders of our order were introduced and allowed to address the youth by the Master of Ceremonies Tyler Hudson of Texas and Mistress of Ceremonies Nikki Burgess of Michigan, were allowed to address the youth. Each leader offered 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 it. Following these addresses, the incoming leaders were introduced at which time they presented their programs. At this time the UNEP was invited to give its presentation to the youth. After the presentation the youth representatives of 6 jurisdictions gave reports of the activities, fundraisers and community service projects that the youth of their jurisdiction participated in. Brother Ed Beckstein, Sovereign Grand Soloist, led all in singing, "Let There Be Peace On Earth". A learning game called knockout was suggested and administered by Patrick Romack, father of an Indiana representative. In this game the youth are asked to follow basic marching commands. When you hesitate or make a wrong move you are knocked out of competition. When the game was over and a tie for the winner was crowned, a recess for lunch was called. When the youth returned from lunch, presentations were given by the Educational Foundation, Rose Parade, Visual Research Committee, and the SOS Children's Village. This was to inform the youth of all our order does as well as what opportunities are available to them through our order. An educational SGL-IARA version of "Deal or No Deal" was played with the youth answering questions pertaining to the order. If correct, they were able to select a briefcase held by the adults present. Finally, the jurisdictional count was completed, 36 youth and 33 adults were present at the sessions and the sessions were closed.

Saturday evening the talent show began. Seven acts provided a night of entertainment to the crowd of 600. Each act was presented with a framed participation certificate. While the score sheets were tallied, the chairman of the Joint Youth Committee, Keith Ploof, awarded the Irene Meigs Community Service Award to Sunrise Rise Theta Rho Girls Club of Port Aux Basque, Newfoundland. The Pin Design Award to Nu Eta Theta Rho Girls Club of Colorado, and the Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award to Dena Riskus, Advisor of Rhododendron Theta Rho Girls Club of California. The Master of Ceremonies, Michael Robertson of California, and Mistress of Ceremonies, Hailey Weeks of Texas announced the winners of the Talent competition.

After the talent show, a dance was held for the youth. But this time, a DJ was found who provided music for the youth to dance to. Snacks, pop and ice cream bars were provided for the youth to enjoy. 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 odd fellowship.

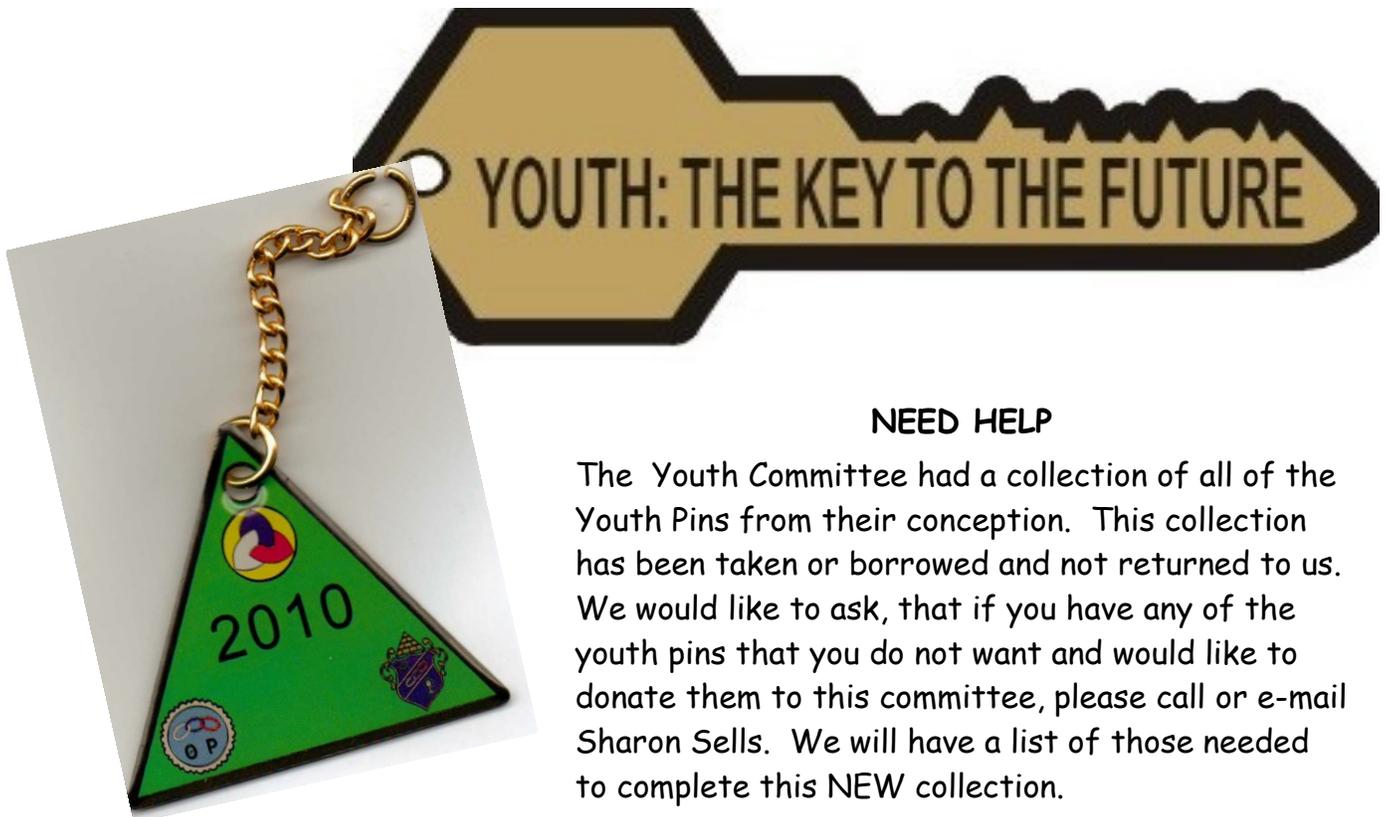
Submitted by Jeffrey Beattie

2010 CONTEST WINNERS

YOUTH PIN DESIGN AWARDS

Nu Eta
Theta Rho Girls Club #15

Aurora, Colorado



NEED HELP

The Youth Committee had a collection of all of the Youth Pins from their conception. This collection has been taken or borrowed and not returned to us. We would like to ask, that if you have any of the youth pins that you do not want and would like to donate them to this committee, please call or e-mail Sharon Sells. We will have a list of those needed to complete this NEW collection.



OUTSTANDING ADVISOR AWARD

Dena Riskus

Whittier

Theta Rho Girls Club #23

Palmdale, CA

We received several letters about Mrs. Dena Riskus. Unfortunately, we cannot print them all in full but you can see why she is she deserving.

Oh, my, Dena Riskus the third. She always get us out of trouble. She always calls us for all our events. I really do admire her for that. She is such a hard worker, like you don't even know. When we don't have a ride somewhere she always comes down to Whittier and picks us up. She really does care for us. She's always giving us such great advice. We really do take it. I love her so much. She's like my second mother. I hope that she could always be in my life. That's why I think that she deserves the Advisor of the Year award. Love Kastrá

A lady that I care is Dena. Dena is always there for me. She is a girl that I care. I think Dena is going to be a great advisor. She is a great lady. Nathaly

She always tells these girls to call her if they are going to the meeting or not. She and Rowena tells us all to speak up and stand up straight. She is the best advisor I ever had. That's why I want her to be Advisor of the Year. Love Vanessa

Dena should be advisor of the year because she does a lot for our group. Dena will drive all the way to Pomona from Palmdale to pick up 2 people for a meeting. That is awesome! She will do anything to make sure we are prepared and the best there is. And that's why she should be advisor of the year. Elys Sotos

I think Dena should be Advisor of the Year because if the hard work she does for us. She is hard working, responsible, and loves us all since I was 8. I always thought it was going to be boring, but it wasn't. Dena showed me how to be responsible and mature. Liliana

Dena is the most dedicated advisor in the world! She does so much and she never asks anything for return but love and unity. Ale

Dena helped me when I was upset and told me it would be alright and she was right. My life has been better since. Dena is a great advisor and she is a big inspiration. Maria

I've known Dena pretty much m whole life and she's the best advisor ever. She does a lot for me and the other girls. Dena is like a second Mom to me and I love her very much. She never sleeps because she is busy sewing dresses and little costumes for things for us and I thank her for that. Priscilla.

A person I care about a lot in Theta Rho is my advisor Dena. Dena has been there for me in the good and bad times. She has shown me right from wrong, how to be responsible, and how to act the a proper young lady even when things get out of control. One example is when I had no ride to the Rose Bowl Float for work week. So she cam down from Palmdale all the way to Whittier just to pick me up. Dena has not only helped me but all the girls in our group. When one of us gets into trouble or does something wrong in a huge event Dena tries to save us from embarrassment. Dena is like a second Mom to me and the Theta Rho girls are like my sisters. Unknown

IRENE MEIGS AWARD

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sunrise

Theta Rho Girls Club #8

Port Aux Basques, NL, CAN



Our work for the year 2009 was concentrated on giving back to our community, by giving back to the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's, and our sponsoring lodge, for all they have done for us in the past years. Although we have only been organized as Theta Rho since 2004, we were previously a Craft Group, and sponsored by George VI IOOF Lodge No. 162. Our Girls Club became aware of the fact that our small town, of less than five thousand people, would host Grand Lodge Sessions in 2009, and this would be the first time in the fifty-seven year old history of our lodge. Our Advisor felt that our help would be a noble enterprise, since, not only is Odd Fellow membership somewhat low in our town, but many members are able to participate in the preparation due to age and illness.

January—February: The members worked on craft items for the sale table at the GL Sessions in July.

April: Easter cards were made, and our Club purchased candy. This was taken to the residents of Mountain Hope Manor.

The seniors always appreciate these visits. This took two nights, for 20 girls, plus one afternoon to visit. Time: 5 hours.

May: Our girls Club made felt flatware holders for the Banquet tables. Two types of holders were made: 1. A replica of the Grand Master's lapel pin a school bell against a black background, and 2, felt lighthouses, representing the Rebekah Assembly President's emblem. These were used in July during the GL Sessional Banquet honoring the Grand Master and Assembly President. This took the girls three nights, a total of 4 hours. The Girls also made center pieces for the banquet table. This took the girls two hours.

May 23: This was a special day, as 15 girls got together with their advisor to practice suitable etiquette of escorting the dignitaries at the Grand Lodge seating of the Officers. This was very rewarding later as the Grand Lodge members were absolutely thrilled to be escorted by the youth. This practice took 2 hours for 15 girls.

June: The girls made decorations ...by taping silver garland onto 48 coat hangers. This was used as ceiling decorations for GL Sessions and looked very professional. This took 19 girls three nights a total of 3 hours.

July: The Girls Club members made welcome poster's for the Grand Lodge session, on which was displayed the Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President's emblems.

They also made wall charts showing photos/newspaper clippings of all three Theta Rho Girls Clubs and the one Junior Lodge that have existed in the province of Newfoundland-Labrador to date. Unfortunately, our Sunrise Club is the only one at present surviving. This we named as our "Wall of nostalgia", and it was later enjoyed by the membership attending Grand Lodge sessions. Following the charts on display, were our Awards, Trophies, and Plaques, which we have received to date. We really wanted to show off our successes. This took 12 girls 2 nights for a total of 8 hours to complete.

Then 4 girls spent 2 days with their Advisor and one other adult decorating our Lodge Hall for the festivities. This took 4 girls 8 hours to complete.

July 12: Eight girls attended St. James' Anglican Church, while the Grand Chaplain conducted a necrology service to remember IOOF and Rebekah members who passed away in the past year.

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And the WINNER is



INDIVIDUAL

SHELBY ANDERSON
ALAMO THETA RHO GIRLS CLUB
TEXAS



DANCE

RHODODENDRON
THETA RHO GIRLS CLUB #67 &
QUICK SILVER
JUNIOR ODD FELLOWS # 113
CALIFORNIA



SKIT

KINGSMAN
JUNIOR ODD FELLOWS #96
CALIFORNIA

All entries are due by April 15, 2011

Send all entries to Keith Ploof Box 54 St. Armand Road Highgate Center, VT 05459

Pin Design:

Advisor of the Year:

Irene Meigs Award:

Submit your design for the Youth Pin. The winner receives a cash prize. The design must include the year of the pin, the Junior Odd Fellow, Theta Rho, and United Youth Group emblems, and the colors to be used. Keep the design simple, as the finished size is approximately 1” diameter. Please make sure your name and address are on the **back** of the design.

Submit in writing why you feel your advisor should receive this award. Tell us the special things that he or she does to make your meetings more fun. Let us know what your advisor has taught you and how you have grown in knowledge of our order. Although we realize that Assistant Advisors are very special too, this particular award is for the Club/Lodge/Group advisor only.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Send us a list of your community service activities in which your lodge, club, or group participated in without compensation. Provide the description of the projects, amount of money collected/donated, the number of participants and the hours of service provided. A cash prize is awarded to the winner.

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July 12: Eight girls attended St. James' Anglican Church, while the Grand Chaplain conducted a necrology service to remember IOOF and Rebekah members who passed away in the past year. After the service, the girls attended the seating of the Grand Lodge Officers. There they gave out homemade wrist corsages for the Rebekah ladies, and boutonnieres for the Odd Fellow gentleman, all crafted in their own colors. As well, the girls were used as escorts in the seating of the Grand Lodge Officers. This took 8 girls, a total of 10 hours.

September: Six girls attended the Theta Rho Assembly of the North East, held at Cape Cod. On their return, at Shubenacadie, NS., they gathered at Crescent Rebekah Lodge to practice the Senior Sisters Degree. The following morning, 15 Seniors congregated to receive the Senior Sisters Degree. This was followed by a social. This took 6 girls 2 hours to complete.

Also activities in October, 15 girls, on three nights for a total of 5 hours. November—Armistice Day and Ceremony. Six girls—2 hours. A special meeting held at George VI Lodge to induct 13 new Senior members into Sunrise Theta Rho Girls Club No.8, 10 girls—1 hour. Fourteen members to decorate a float in the Santa Claus Parade. This is the first year for this. Fourteen girls—7 hours, and more. December they bought Juice for the Ministerial Committee to give out and made Christmas Cards for Seniors at Mountain Hope Manor. Ten girls—2 hours.

We feel this has been a very special year for our Club, for and with the help of our Advisor, we have tried to bridge the gap between the Seniors and Youth, and we feel we have had a great deal of success. We have been successful in inducting 37 new Senior Sisters into our Sunrise Theta Rho Girls Club. ... Monetary contributions — \$340.00.

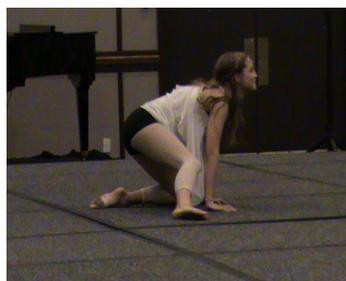
Talent Entry Requirements

The talent show will be held on Saturday night. This is a formal event and proper dress is expected.

To enter the competition, fill out the form attached and send it in. Make sure your performance follows these basic guidelines:

- ⇒ Five Categories – Dance, Drill, Skit, Vocal/ Instrumental Group, or Individual.
- ⇒ Time limit is five minutes; any performance over the limit will be penalized.
- ⇒ One entry per Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group per category.
- ⇒ No Advisor or Adult can participate except as musician or for set up.
- ⇒ All participants must be *active* members between the ages of 8- 21.
- ⇒ All entries must consist of appropriate music and action; no reference to sex, drugs, or violence will be allowed. Final approval will be at the discretion of the SGL-IARA Youth Committee at the time of practice. Opportunity will be given for revisions.
- ⇒ The drill category is specific to precision drill routines. Drill routines must not include tumbling, gymnastics, or obvious dance moves.
- ⇒ No routines in any category shall include participants being thrown in the air, this is for the safety of the participants, and liability issues.
- ⇒ Vocal entries other than acappella, accompanying music must be instrumental, with background vocals only.
- ⇒ CD or cassette tape must have only the performance song on it.
- ⇒ Each routine must be performed on the stage provided.
- ⇒ Entry deadline is **July 1st, 2011**. There will be no exceptions. (entry form is included)
- ⇒ **Every COMPLETE routine shall be performed during the practice sessions in the presence of the SGL-IARA Youth Committee members for compliance to the above requirements, NO EXCEPTIONS. If routine is changed at time of performance, without notice to this committee, points will be de-**

2010 YOUTH TALENT SHOW CONTESTANTS



2011 YOUTH DAYS APPLICATION FORM

- ⇒ *One Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Club, or United Youth Group per form.*
⇒ *PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!*
⇒ *Send to Youth Day Coordinator: Debra Ashdown 137 Crestwood Cres. Winnipeg, Mb, Canada R2J 1H8*
⇒ **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 1, 2011—NO EXCEPTIONS**

Please check one: Junior Lodge Theta Rho Club United Youth Group

Unit Name: _____

Advisor Name: _____

Advisor Address: _____

Advisor Telephone: _____ Advisor E-mail: _____

MC/Moderator: Banquet Session Talent Night
Name (s) _____

Chaplain: Banquet Session Talent Night
Name (s) _____

Flag/Banner Bearers: Names (s)
American _____
Canadian _____
Missouri _____
Junior Odd Fellow _____
Theta Rho _____
United Youth Group _____

Honor Guard: Names (s)
American _____
Canadian _____
North Carolina _____
Junior Odd Fellow _____
Theta Rho _____
United Youth Group _____

Talent Program Distribution: _____

Escorts: Banquet Session Talent Night
Name (s) _____

Musicians: Banquet Session Talent Night
Name (s) _____

United Nations Educational Pilgrimage



SGL—IARA YOUTH COMMITTEE

AND

THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

FOR YOUTH

PROUDLY PRESENTS:

THE ISENER—ROSE

UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH TRIP

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.

Partial paid trip to, the United Nations in New York, Gettysburg, PA, Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, Ottawa Falls, Canada, and much more.

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.

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.

UNITED NATIONS continued

Deadline for Application.

Deadline for **ALL** applications must be in the hands of the Sovereign Grand Lodge—International Association of Rebekah Assemblies Joint Youth Committee Chairman no later than **April 15th of the year prior to the trip.** (Name and address found in the Directory of members listed in this publication.)

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.

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

ISENOR—ROSE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH APPLICATION

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STATE/PROVIDENCE _____

ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____

I BELONG TO (YOUTH ORGANIZATION) _____

LOCATED AT _____ MEMBER SINCE _____

ADVISORS SIGNATURE _____

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

Attention All Adult Subscribers

This publication SHALL serve as notice that due to rising costs we must raise the subscription fee to \$10.00 per year. This will be the last publication, then the new rate will be effective with the January 2011 publication.

The other option is to go **PAPERLESS** and print the

Youth Informer at home from the youth website at:

www.ioofyouth.ca

These funds are used for the Youth at Youth Days.

What do you get when you cross a Snowman with a Vampire?

Frostbite

We would like to take this opportunity to
Wish everyone

HAPPY HALLOWEEN,
Hope it is safe for all.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING,
FOOOOD, FOOOOOTBALLLLL, FAMILY.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

HOPE ALL ARE SAFE ENJOYABLE

CORRECTION

In the last issue, the picture below stated that Patty was accepting the plaque for Judith Cormier. This is Judith Cormier.

Please accept our apologies.



Judith Cormier accepting
Outstanding Advisor plaque
of Need A Bear
Theta Rho Girls Club # 11
of
Louisiana.

Committee Directory



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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
slow57@bresnan.net

Visitation Information

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

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