

The Home News

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“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men...”
- Galatians 6:10

Since the last newsletter, I have had the opportunity to attend Central Council at Chautauqua. The theme was Seeking God’s Guidance, based on the text “In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.” - Proverbs 16:9. It was a very helpful Central Council.

The Branch Presidents attended an all day forum. We shared ideas on Branch Issues, as well as helpful ways to be a more effective Branch. We received additional information regarding the New Horizons Program, On The Road. At Missouri’s Executive Board meeting in March, there was interest expressed that we host this program sometime in 2018. Individuals who have attended the New Horizons Program at Chautauqua are eligible to attend this event, since it will be geared more to the area where the event will be held. I would like to get your response if you think you would like to attend this event or would like to have additional information. Please let me know if your Union/Council would like to host this event in your area. If we do host New Horizons On The Road, we would like to have participation from all our City Unions and our Hannibal Council. Please e-mail me your thoughts if you are interested in attending this one day event. You may contact me at BPrep2016@gmail.com or 573 581-4237.

At our Fall Convention it had been discussed that the Long Range Development and Planning Committee has been working on a document titled “A Study: Considering the KDS’ Future”. The Committee gave a presentation to the group and discussed future plans for our organization. There will be a summary in the next issue of the Silver Cross regarding the Study. There has been much work put into this Study. Please make sure to read this article when it is published.

The next General Convention will be held May 31 - June 2, 2018 at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville, New York. This convention will be co-hosted by the Ontario Branch and the New York Branch. I hope we can have a great representation of Missouri members attend this Convention.

When I attend one of these events, I am reminded that we are members of a great organization. I am proud to be a member and honored to be serving as Missouri’s Branch President. Thank you for your support of King’s Daughters and Sons and supporting our King’s Daughters Home in Mexico. Whether it is financial or by your donation of supplies for events or coming to the home to have fun with our ladies, there is much good accomplished with the donations you all make. Thank you.

In His Name,
Norma J. Stack
Missouri Branch President



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“A yawn is a silent scream for coffee.”

-Unknown

When I came across this quote, I immediately thought of Reita Allen. It put a smile on my face to know she is at peace, out of pain and somewhere in Heaven enjoying a cup of coffee. Reita loved coffee, and it didn't matter what time of day. She was one of a kind, with a piercing smile and a witty sense of humor. She was always so thankful and happy, and extremely independent.

A few fun facts about Reita – she was an avid bowler and a member of the women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame. In her earlier days, she rode a motorcycle to work at Florsheim Shoe Company...talk about cool. I would have loved to have known her in those days. At the Home, she loved to watch the television, especially the Cardinal games.

Reita and her sister, Dorothy, were very close, adventurous, and committed to one another. Both Dorothy and Reita lived at The King's Daughters Home together for some time. The King's Daughters Home staff will miss Reita more than words can express – she had been in our Home as a resident since May 15, 2008. She leaves behind quite a footprint in our hearts and our thoughts.

Reita's nephew, Barry Knipfel, is a remarkable man who was very caring and attentive with her. He was here often to visit and ensure she had everything she needed. While Reita did not have any children of her own, Barry was like a son to her, and we will miss seeing Barry around the Home as well.

I read a funny cartoon caption that went like this, a coffee maker machine looks at her coffee pot and asks, “Where's all the coffee?” And the coffee pot responds, “We were mugged.” Reita would have loved that cartoon caption.

It's never easy letting go, but it's especially difficult when you loved and cared for someone who's been in the Home for nearly a decade. We loved you, Reita. Rest in peace.

-Darus Love | Administrator

***HAPPY
4TH OF JULY!***



REITA B ALLEN (July 18, 1922 - June 22, 2017)



Reita B Allen, 94, of Mexico, died at 2:30 p.m., Thursday June 22, 2017, at The King's Daughters Home in Mexico.

Graveside services were held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at Elmwood Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Ostrom officiating. There was no visitation. Pickering Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Reita was born on July 18, 1922, in Mexico. She was the daughter of Horace Henry and Neely Ruth (Burrows) Allen.

She had worked for Pearl Motor Company and worked for Florsheim Shoe Company until it closed the Mexico factory and then she was secretary for Farm Bureau. She served for many years as secretary for the Audrain Humane Society. She was an avid bowler and traveled to many state tournaments. She was a member of the women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame. She was a Cardinal Baseball fan and she loved watching golf on tv.

Reita was a long time member of First Baptist Church of Mexico, having joined the church in the mid 1930's.

Survivors include six nephews, Jerry Allen, Mexico, Dan Allen and wife Teresa, of Indiana, Rod Allen and wife Cindy, Lees Summit, L. Mark Allen, Higginsville, Barry Knipfel and wife Jackie, Mexico, and Bruce Knipfel and wife Nancy, North Kansas City, MO; one brother in law, Robert L. Knipfel, Mexico; and one sister in law, Mary E. Allen, Mexico; and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Kirby K Allen, and one sister, Dorothy Mae Knipfel.

Memorials may be made to the Audrain Humane Society. They may be sent in care of Pickering Funeral Home, 403 N. Western Mexico, MO, 65265.

Reita will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by The King's Daughters residents and staff. Our condolences to her family. A memorial service was held at The King's Daughters Home on June 29, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

OUR JULY FEATURED RESIDENT IS NORMA PRECHT



Norma Fay Miller Precht was born on February 10, 1926 to a farmer in Skinner, MO in Audrain County to parents, Sheldon M Miller Sr. and Fayettea Brooks Miller. Norma was their third child joining her brothers, Sheldon Mearle Miller Jr. and Kenneth Brooks Miller. Later another brother, Donald Paul Miller, would join them.

Norma's mother always enjoyed telling a story of when the boys dumped Norma out of a basket due to them not wanting a baby sister but instead wanting a brother. During her early years, Norma always wanted to play ball with the boys, but they would tell her, "You're a girl and you can't play ball." As she got older, her brothers began to enjoy her company more. Her brothers were always overly protective of her but they were also very close.

Norma grew up with Miron Ingram Precht because they attended church together, and he would come to her house often and play with her brothers. One of her brothers was Miron's best friend. Growing up Miron didn't seem to pay much attention to her, as he had other girlfriends and interests... but he would later become her husband.

She graduated from Mexico High School in 1944 and then attended Hannibal LaGrange College for Secretarial studies but decided to pursue other interests when she found out that Miron was coming home from the Service early. He was injured in Italy from a Jeep accident and received an honorable medical discharge in 1945.

Miron and Norma married September 2, 1945 at the First Baptist Church in Mexico, MO in front of family and friends. Her roommate, Fern Wynn, was her bridesmaid and her brother, Sheldon Mearle Jr., was Miron's best man.

Miron and Norma had one daughter, Sharon, in 1947. She is married to Jim Kropf and they have two daughters, Carri Kern and Melissa Roberts. Norma has the two granddaughters and five great grandchildren.

Miron and Norma loved to travel. When they lived in Mexico, MO, they loved the Ozarks spending a lot of time there. The couple moved to Colorado in 1999 to be closer to her brother and father. They lived there until her husband passed away at the age of 82.

While in Colorado, they loved the mountains. The view from their front porch was that of the mountain range. Norma has a love of flowers and working in the yard. She proudly had 48 rose bushes in her yard in Colorado. After the passing of her husband, Norma decided to move back to Mexico, MO to be closer to her daughter, Sharon.

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FEATURED RESIDENT ARTICLE - CONTINUED

Prior to moving to Colorado, Norma worked for Ringo Studio here in Mexico where she learned to paint and color pictures. After the studio moved to Columbia, she began working in the school district's library where she worked for 23 years retiring in 1989. Some of Norma's paintings are hanging in her room. Along with love for painting, she loved to embroider, sew, socialize and work in the yard.

When asked about her longevity and youthfulness, she said determination is what has gotten her to the age of 91. Norma is a very active resident, and a very caring one. She's always on the go and has continued her love for plants and flowers. Her window sill in her room is filled with them. She has several really good friends here at the Home - Pearl Northcutt, Lorene Kendell and Edna DeVault among many others. Her favorite thing about The King's Daughters Home is, "The love that she feels all around her..."

~CONGRATULATIONS, NORMA. WE LOVE YOU!~

Interview Conducted By: Amanda Jensen, Social Services Designee

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Please check out our website to view information about the Home and to see our newsletters and calendars in color: www.thekingsdaughtershome.org
If you would like to receive our newsletter via our website instead of through the bulk mailing, please call the business office to have your name removed from our mailing list. This will help assist us in streamlining our process, and will conserve resources.
Thank you!

Fundraisers

Fundraisers for City Unions/Districts or Circles may be posted in The Home News.
Please contact Marlis in the business office by the 20th of the month prior to the scheduled event.

Home Fundraiser

The King's Daughters Home t-shirts are for sale in a variety of sizes in the business office for \$10.00 each.

We are considering a fundraiser event at a local banquet hall to raise money for the Home. We are thinking about hosting a trivia night with a silent auction. We are requesting items for the silent auction. Please send additional thoughts and/or ideas regarding this endeavor.

MO Branch Announcements

MO Branch Scholarships

2017 Balance/Requested

Around The World: \$270/\$500

Health Careers: \$497/\$500

North American Indian: \$260/\$500

Student Ministry: \$430/\$500

Chautauqua: \$1,081/\$1,500

MO Branch Circles

When new circle officers have been elected, please notify Marlis at The King's Daughters Home (573) 581-1577

Or businessofficedirector@thekingsdaughtershome.org

with the name and address of the new officers.

MO Branch 121st Convention

The 121st Annual Convention will be hosted by the Mexico City Union at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9584 Hwy 15, Mexico, MO on October 28, 2017. Convention packets will be mailed in August to MO Branch Executive Board Officers & Chairpersons, Home Board Directors, Past MO Branch Directors, City Union/District Presidents and Circle Presidents.



MO Branch Announcement

Greetings From Joyce Riney, MO Branch Treasurer.

If you, as an individual KD associate, are wanting to make a personal donation to purchase a Memory Pearl or an Honor Pearl, (\$15 each) please mail the check to me at 615 S. Western, Mexico, MO 65265. (Payable to MO Branch of IOKDS)

The names and addresses listed will be given to Shirley Brauer who will send the appropriate acknowledgement cards; those names will be listed in the upcoming annual State Convention program and will be read aloud at that time. You may also give to any or all of the Scholarships given at the International level. You decide the amount. These students appreciate our compassion for them. This is one way we can serve Jesus by serving others.

This is separate from what your Circle contributes yearly. Please do not send to your City Union Treasurer. All King's Daughters donations are 501-(C)(3) tax exempt.

If you have any questions, please phone me at 573-581-6410 or email rineyr@sbcglobal.net. Thanking you in advance for your desire to serve Jesus through serving others.

In His Name, Joyce Riney

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS MOTTO

"Look up and not down, Look forward and not back, Look out and not in, and, Lend a hand."

Miscellaneous Information

July Birthdays

Helen Barrow 7/15
Doris Wilson 7/20
Phyllis Van Horn 7/28

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

New Resident

Please join us in welcoming our newest resident to the Home - Dorothy Magnus. Welcome, Dorothy! We are happy you are here with us.

PASS IT ON

The King's Daughters Home is accepting residents on RCF.

CURRENT CENSUS

ICF: 32/33 (waitlisted)
RCF: 11/12

ONGOING PROGRAMS

- Adult Day Care
Hours 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Half or Full Day Rate
Includes Breakfast, Lunch, Activities and Private Room
Transportation Available
- Respite Care for up to 14 days/nights
Reasonable Rates
24 Hour Nursing Care
Includes Meals, Activities and Private Room

Get Involved

Interested in learning how to become involved with The King's Daughters Home? Joining a Circle is a great way to become a part of the foundational history of the Home. Volunteering in unique ways for the wonderful ladies is where it all begins. Contact the Home office if interested in learning more.

If you would like to share your favorite recipes, please send your recipes to:

officeassistant@thekingsdaughtershome.org

Recipe Corner

This month the recipe is from Ginny Raney of the Helping Hand Circle.

Banana Blueberry Pie

Ingredients:

1 9 inch pie crust, baked and cooled
1 8oz package of cream cheese
1/3 cup sugar
1 cup blueberry pie filling
1 large banana
1/2 container (8oz) cool whip

Directions:

Combine softened cream cheese and sugar. Spread evenly in bottom of pie crust. Cover this with sliced banana. Cover bananas with blueberry pie filling. Top with cool whip.

Chill for at least 1 hour before serving. 1 can of pie filling will make two pies. The rest of the ingredients has to be doubled.

ENJOY!



Thank You...

Ardyce Mayes: Quarters for bingo
Covella Rainey: Computer desk
Gladys Dry: Puzzles
Martha Azdell: Country store items
JoAnn Robinson: Puzzles
Betty Tiller's family: Quarters for bingo, candy
Weller-Rohlfing Circle: Snacks, country store items
Clark-Harrison Circle: Snacks, country store items
Beverly Talley: Soda
Gail Nichols: Greeting cards, large print books
Betty Owen: Fresh tomatoes
Minta Wilson: Sewing supplies
Lizzie Joiner: Snacks, crackers
J.L. Williamson: Briefs, wipes
Lisa Wichern: Briefs, soaker bed pads
Serve, Inc.: Twiddle Muffs
Altrusa: 51 clothing protectors

A sincere thank you to Robert and Nada Hunt for continuing to weed the flower beds. We really appreciate you.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A special thank you to Jean Dollens from Edna DeVault for spending extra time fixing her cell phone... above and beyond! Thank you, Jean.

*Thanks to all who continue to support the home so generously. You are so very much appreciated. Thank you to anyone we may have failed to list and to all the anonymous donors!
The Home is what it is because of you.*

Thank you to the individuals who volunteered their time in June:

Church Services on Sundays:

Rush Hill Community Church
Friendship Baptist Church
Souls Harbor Baptist Church

Weekly Bible Study:

First Christian Church
First Presbyterian Church
Mexico United Methodist Church
St. Matthews Episcopal Church

Volunteers:

Helping Hand Circle - Birthday Bingo Party
Clark-Harrison Circle: Ice Cream Float Bingo Party
Janice Kleinsorge - Pet Therapy
Brenda Hickman - Pet Therapy
Maggie w/ Rehab Care - Wellness Exercise
Janet Graham - Exercise
Ginny Raney - Piano Playing
Audrey Stevens & Kay Totten - Piano Playing
April McCown - Bingo
Dorothy Snell - Bingo
Donna Quinlan - Bingo
Juanita Schmidt - Bingo
Shirley Brauer - Bingo
Altrusa - Bingo
United Methodist Church Youth Group
St. Brendan's Church Youth Group

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



MO BRANCH CIRCLE'S BIRTHDAY LADIES UPDATED

Mexico Circles

Annie Arnold Circle

Phyllis Van Horn

July 28

Charlene Smith

December 31

Helping Hand Circle

Edith Schremp

April 28

Helen Estes

December 28

Weller-Rohlfing Circle

Edna DeVault

November 18

Lillian Ruth Case

October 20

Whatsoever Circle

Doris Holliday

January 30

Mary Anne Whalen

August 4

Eastern District Circles

Catherine Richards

Dillingham Circle

Roe Ann Groves

April 30

Ronda Whelan

June 4

Geraldine Hays

November 4

Eula Mainland Circle

Norma Precht

February 10

Gladys Dry

September 22

Mildred L. Briscoe Circle

Minnie Pearl Stephens

May 5

Onilee Crossland

September 7

Kansas City Circle

Perry Crosby/Emig Silver

Cross Circle

Lorene Kendall

February 20

Ruth Kent

September 27

Columbia Circles

Ann Ford Circle

Helen Barrow

July 15

Mary Jane Brooks

December 15

Linda Atkins-Silver Circle

Naomi Jean Harp

February 13

Carol Babel Circle

Dorothy Dingman

January 5

Cecile Taylor Circle

Lorene Davidson

February 7

Covella Rainey

March 17

Clark-Harrison Circle

Annette Blackaby

February 8

Betty Tiller

October 10

Constance Circle

Etta Jean Gifford

February 28

Nelda Monk

September 22

Constance Emig Circle

Betty Bishop

Jan 7

Dorothy Davis

August 4

Donna Crockett Circle

Helen Hunt

August 14

Velma Allen

September 23

Dorothy McArthur Circle

Mary Linhardt

October 31

Haseman-Thompson Circle

Wanda Craghead

February 24

Mary Searfoss

May 20

Hazel Ebert Circle

Catherine Ann Holsheiser

April 10

Doris Wilson

July 20

Jerry Harris Circle

Marguerite Spurling

November 24

Laurie Estes Circle

Martha Belts

September 14

Margaret Hart Circle

Ardyce Mayes

March 1

Ida Pearl Northcutt

August 26

Ruth Circle

Barbara Churchill

April 24

Ruth Major Circle

Joanna Marshall

November 7

Please contact Darus at The King's Daughters Home at 573-581-1577 for information about your circle's birthday lady. Circle's may recognize their birthday lady on their birthdays, holidays and any other time during the year.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

UPDATED Wish List for the Home

Activity Department: Quarters for Bingo, 300 or less large piece jigsaw puzzles

Country Store: Perfume, Deodorant, Hand Lotion/Crème, Travel Sized Toothpaste, Potato Chips, Candy Bars, Hard Candy, Chocolate Candy, Diabetic Candy, Cheese Crackers, Little Debbie's of all varieties, Small Cans of Regular & Diet Pepsi/Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite & 7-Up, Small & Large Kleenex, Large Print Word Find and Large Print Reading Books.

Items for Nightly Snacks for Residents: Small Bags of Chips, Individual Packaged Cookies, Oreo's, Peanut Butter Crackers, Cheese & Cracker "Handy Snacks", Little Debbie's of all varieties, Snack Size Candy Bars, Reese's, Hersey's Bars, Diabetic Candy, and Small Cans of Regular & Diet Pepsi/Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite & 7-Up.