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~ Coming Events ~

- Nov. 2-4.....Northwest Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association Meeting..Hood River
- Nov. 21-25..Grand Lodge Office Closed
- Nov. 22.....Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 24.....Chili Feed..Samaritan Hall..Milwaukie...5 pm



What greater blessing to give thanks for at a family gathering than the family and the gathering. -Robert Brault

Odd Fellows Feed Houseless and Provide Them with Garbage Service



Across Portland, Odd Fellows are teaming up to help address issues resulting from the city's houseless crisis. It is estimated that Portland has nearly 2000 men, women and children living on its streets and in tent camps, creating both a humanitarian and environmental crisis.

When most people think of services for the houseless, they think of the need to provide food and clothing. But there is another service that the houseless lack and the housed take for granted - garbage service. All humans create waste, and without garbage service, houseless waste becomes unsightly and even dangerous litter.

In order to address this need for garbage service, Peninsula Odd Fellows member, Terrance Moses began visiting houseless camps and hauling away their trash in his own truck and at his own expense. The service he provided was greatly appreciated by the housed and houseless alike. He began receiving donations and eventually founded the service organization Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Impressed by the work that Terrance was doing, members of Peninsula lodge began making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Terrance to deliver while providing garbage service to the camps.

Peninsula lodge member Merrilea Manning then spread the idea to other lodges to provide a full brown bag lunch. Partnering with St. Johns Food Share, she established sack lunch crews at Golden Rule Encampment, Rose City Rebekahs and Woodlawn Odd Fellows. Between the three lodges, more than two hundred lunches are made each month for Terrance to distribute while providing garbage service to the camps.

Fantastic!

Grand Master *E.V. Smith*

Where has the Year gone? By the time you get this newsletter, it will be first of November. Just think it is 2 days until Northwest in Hood River, 22 days until Thanksgiving “SAVE THE TURKEY”, 55 days until Christmas “MERRY CHRISTMAS”, 61 days until 2019 “HAPPY NEW YEAR” and I will only have about 200 days until the beginning of the end of my term as Grand Master of the great state of Oregon. So far I feel like a yoyo running back and forth to this lodge then that lodge then home, then start all over again, but I’m not complaining. Back in the day there were over 250 lodges in the state, now there are about 47 Odd Fellow lodges. The cost of gas was around 15 to 25 cents per gallon. Now it’s \$3.00 or higher, with more paved roads and air conditioning. Boy we have it easy. I just wonder what it’s going to be like in 50 or 100 years. I would like to thank all the lodges that I have visited for their hospitality. I enjoyed stories of their lodges and members. There are a lot of good stories and history to be told.



So, with that being said, I’m still wanting to receive the photos of your lodges, your cemetery or maybe a good story or two. I would like to receive photos of all Rebekah Lodges also. Again, I’m sitting in my room after another lodge visit to try to finish this letter.

It is sad that we are not sending youth delegates to Philadelphia for the Youth Pilgrimage tour. The committee has decided to wait one year until they can set procedures for Oregon to meet the national committee deadlines. I agree with their decision, for it is easier to do it right the first time, by putting out the correct information to the Lodges. To make the program work, we need to work together to help whenever we can. We are not the only state to wait one year to insure the safety of our youth and the success of the program.

This is a Quote from Ronald Reagan. “There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don’t care who gets the credit.”

FL&T,
EV Smith, Grand Master



Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

This fall we draped our charter in memory of Mary Stuck and Edna Oster.

We had the pleasure of Sheryl Rohde and KC Carr visiting from Ruth No. 4 and Genee Hines from Eugene No. 55.

Our newest member, Bethany Struthers was initiated into our lodge in September.

The annual Crow High School Scholarship was awarded to senior Whitney Anderson this year.

A hunters breakfast was held under the direction of Tara Wigle with Sande Maxwell, Mary Houle’ and Alice Pellham helping. It was a nice fundraiser and we met some new people in our community.

The final litter pick-up for this year was completed with 8 people. They picked up 5 bags of litter from the side of the roadway.

Alice Pellham

But whether we have less or more,
always thank we God therefor. ~ unknown

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Assembly President Denice Meeuwsen

Life was meant for good friends...and Great Adventures!!

September was the start of my official visits.

I've been lucky to have a variety of my lodge sisters travel with me. Sister Shirley Mathews went with me to Coquille to do the consolidation of Three Rivers No. 240 of Gardiner with Mamie No. 20. It was a fun day. Of course we had to be fashionably late since (in Shirley's words..ODOT moved the sign!) We somehow missed the sign that says "turn south on 101". And she forgot to mention that Dan always said that if you needed to know where you're going...don't take Shirley with you. Thanks Dan for telling me.



My husband had a good laugh and wanted to call GM E.V. Smith. I confessed to E.V. later when he called me about another matter. I'm sure there will be more adventures before the year is over.

Estella Virgin and I went to Klamath Falls in September for my first visitation. Fun group, good food and always, fun stories to share. Liz Adams, Stella and I took a trip to Unity No. 51 in Bay City to audit their books and had a great lunch at Downie's Café in town. We also stopped at the Tillamook Smoker for goodies and onward to the Creamery for ice cream. Liz gave us a short tour of the town since she was raised in Bay City. In fact The Blue Heron was her family farm. We took another trip to Coquille for the State FL Convention. Next year will be our last convention, with Shirley Mathews as President.

Then I was on the road with Stella and PP Sharon Magden to Seafoam No. 250 for my next official visit.

Stella and I went to Redmond next and then onto Burns for my official visit. I had never been to that area before, I was impressed. Next it was off to the Crater Area Meeting with Mt. Pitt No. 167 as host.

It's been a busy and interesting summer and fall learning new things as I go along. You learn quick on this job. I had no idea what I was getting into. I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

A few things I'd like to mention to all of our Rebekah Lodges...Please, please make sure all your books are audited at the end of the year after your last

meeting in December. And don't forget the Bank Statements. You should be getting those monthly and they must be on hand when the audits are done.

I know it's hard to find someone who isn't a desk officer to do this. Please call and let me know if you need someone to come in and help. We can set up an auditing team to help you. It's important since our membership is down and many lodges are struggling financially and finding it hard to pay their per capita dues. All lodges should know where they're at financially. Check your By-laws and see if your members are paying enough dues to cover the per capita.

If your lodge is thinking of changing your meetings, time or date, call me to discuss the procedure.

I am enjoying myself and while it gets crazy some days, I know at the end of the year I'll remember all of these "adventures" as something fun.

Hope all of you are looking forward to a bit of cooler weather. I love fall, and the holidays too.

See the corrected itinerary at the end of my article.

I look forward to seeing you down the road and hope to see many of you at my visits. A very Happy Thanksgiving to all.



In Friendship, Love and Truth
Denice Meeuwsen, President

President's Itinerary

Nov. 1.....Vespertine No. 74..Yamhill..7:00 pm
Nov. 2-4....Northwest Odd Fellows Association..
Hood River
Nov. 13.....Roseburg No. 41..Roseburg..6:30 pm
Nov. 14.....Social No. 73..Philomath..7:00 pm
Nov. 15.....Surprise Meeting!!! I can't tell!
Nov. 22.....Happy Thanksgiving!!!



Promoting Odd Fellowship
Through Positive Communication

Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze



Brothers and Sisters,

We now find ourselves in the fall season planning for the holidays. As we do this please remember those in need. Last year at this time I received a call here at the Grand Lodge office from a very needy couple in Sheridan who had heard somewhere that the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have helped people they don't even know. So after the phone call I contacted Sheridan Lodge No. 87 and the Lodge was kind enough to help this couple by providing them a turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. The point here is that these folks heard about the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs somewhere in their lives and then made that call. Thank you Sheridan Lodge for assisting this couple in distress. This is what we as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs do. We need to always remember that we are commanded to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan. I want to thank all of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges that do this because there are so many that do and ask nothing in return. Another Lodge I visited recently was Mt Scott/Star Lodge No. 188. This Lodge for years has been doing a sleeping bag program to help those not fortunate enough to live in a home. They also distribute knitted hats, gloves and socks every year. This is just a few of the things they do to relieve the distressed. If your Lodge does a special program for helping others in need then please send us an article to put in the monthly Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow. We can share ideas. Sometimes we want to help but don't know how. Please remember that anyone can send in an article as long as it is in by the 14th day of each month. I encourage you all to think about doing this.

Recently Melinda has contacted both Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodge Secretaries to see if updates need to be made to their Lodge cards only to find out that changes do not always get to the Grand Lodge office. We would like to know immediately when changes are made so we can update our records.

If any of the new Odd Fellow Lodge Secretaries need help with your duties then please let me know. I am here to help.

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'



Happy Thanksgiving everyone,

Fall is in full season now and I hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather. I love the leaves as they change color but I wish they would rake themselves up. It is also the start of the holiday season. As it begins we need to remember our brothers and sisters who may be alone for Thanksgiving and send them a card, give them a phone call or stop by for a short visit. I know that they will enjoy having someone remember them.

I will be sending out Per Capita dues statements this month and hope you all enjoy paying your dues. The Rebekah Assembly Secretary (oh yeah, that's me) appreciates your prompt attention to this matter.

I am working at getting the annual reports ready to be e-mailed to each lodge secretary. This will be a new way of doing our annual reports, so give me a call if you need any help. It is my hope that this method of doing annual reports will make the entire process easier.

I will see you at a meeting soon and hope you each have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mary Houle', Secretary
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. In other words, God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs, He blesses us so we can be generous. ~Rick Warren

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His love endures forever ~ Psalm 107:1

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

In Friendship Love and Truth,
Ronald L Kunze, Grand Secretary

Theta Rho President *Bethany Struthers*

Grand Patriarch *Lisa Corda*

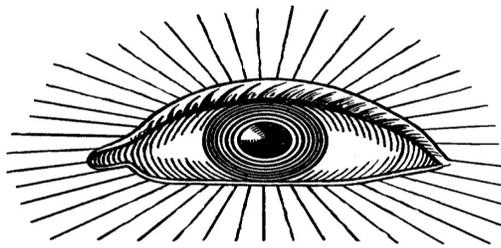
Hello everybody! I hope you have all been well. This past month has been a busy one with a lot of school and Theta Rho activities. I have enjoyed going to football and water polo games as well as student council meetings. My school is busy preparing for Homecoming, and we have been working on floats, skits, and many decorations.



In the past month Eta No. 94 has met every Thursday, and recently went to the Oregon FL Convention in Coquille. We sang, danced, and enjoyed a lovely meal with the ladies there. The President had chosen the theme, County Fair and we had the pleasure of enjoying some of the winner's entries as well as learn some of the hosting lodge's history.

In November I am planning on going to Northwest and some fundraisers for my club. I am still working on scheduling my visits to the Washington Theta Rho Clubs.

In Happiness Through Service,
Bethany Struthers,
President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington



Just a Reminder

If you want an application for the Eye Committee you **MUST** call the Grand Lodge Office. The committee is receiving old applications that no longer have the correct information on them. **DO NOT** send them to the Grand Lodge Office. Ron then has to turn around and mail them to Chairman Inez Kennedy, which takes longer to process and is added postage. All of the information you need and where to send it is on the new form. Thank you.

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that my year is half over. One of my goals for the year is to visit Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges to promote something that I really believe in, Encampment. As a result we conferred degrees at Hahn Farm for four new Patriarchs, with two in waiting. Let's keep it up! It can be done, we will do it. It was very heartwarming to hear how the Patriarchs from Heart of the Valley No. 26 work together to cut firewood for families in need. Golden Rule No. 28 prepares 80 brown bag lunches for the homeless before each Encampment meeting. Hillsboro No. 84 focuses their energy in supporting and sending students on the Pilgrimage program by raising enough funds to send at least one student every year. I can't wait to hear about all the other good things that the rest of the Encampments are doing. My next visit will be to Paran No. 29 on November 7th.



Remember to bring your good ideas to Jesse Jones Park on January 11-13. If you have any questions about the campout or the Encampment in general, please feel free to call me.

Happy Thanksgiving.



In H F & C,
Lisa Corda, Grand Patriarch (503) 660-5278

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Morand Scholarship Applications Now available

Once again, we are receiving high praise from several of our scholarship recipients in their thank you notes. The thanks are not just for the Morand Committee but to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for the work you are doing to support the programs of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

It is time to make the call. Contact the Grand Lodge Office and request your application for a Morand Scholarship. Request a Morand Brochure at the same time for additional information about the Morand Scholarship program. The Morand Committee met and have updated the scholarship application forms. The Grand Lodge Office is the only source for the most recent forms. Only applications with the date 10/10/18 in the lower left corner of the page will be accepted. College age students who have completed at least one term of college by January 31, 2019 and have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to apply for a scholarship. The committee awards scholarships in February of each year. All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their family members are encouraged to apply. Our Brochure outlines all the criteria and directions for applying for a scholarship. Request a few of the Morand Brochures from the Grand Lodge Office. All Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges should have a few of them on hand.

The deadline for applying for a scholarship is fast approaching. All applications must be in the Grand Lodge office no later than January 31, 2019. Remember, these scholarships are for members and their family who are OREGON RESIDENTS attending an Oregon school unless their field of study is not offered in Oregon.

Don't delay, request your scholarship application and brochure today from the Grand Lodge Office, then complete all the requirements in the application form to apply for your scholarship.

The Morand Educational Fund Committee will meet to award the scholarships on Saturday February 2, 2019 at 11:00 am in the Grand Lodge Office at 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202.

In F.L.& T.
Delbert Kennedy, Chairman.



Still Burying the Dead



On October 3, 1881, the Odd Fellows purchased six grave plots at the Lone Fir cemetery in Portland Oregon. In keeping with the tennet to bury the dead, two of the graves were used by the Odd Fellows to bury members who died in destitute conditions. The other four grave plots sat unused until they were eventually forgotten.

The Lone Fir cemetery, like all pioneer cemeteries in Portland, is now run by the Metro Regional Government. Metro contacted the Grand Lodge of Oregon and asked what the Odd Fellows wanted to do with these long forgotten grave plots. After examining many different possibilities, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to donate the plots to the Portland Police Crisis Response Team (CRT).

The Crisis Response Team provides immediate and long term assistance to families impacted by traumatic events and violent crimes. Many of these families, dealing with the sudden and traumatic death of a loved one, are unable to cover the high costs of a funeral and burial. With the donation of these four plots, the Crisis Response Team will be able to help suffering families give their loved ones a proper burial.

Photo credit: Officer Madison Ceaser of the Portland police Crisis Response Team, signing the papers with Gary J. Kniss PGM to transfer ownership of the plots.

At this time of year we are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for. My wish for you this Thanksgiving is that you find yourself surrounded by those you love. ~Kate Summers

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce

Gets to Know the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows



Every Friday morning the members of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce go to different chamber member organizations or businesses to learn about that member. They also advertise fund raisers or community activities. On October 5th we hosted the Greeters from the Chamber of Commerce. They asked many questions and received answers about our great Order. The meeting was a huge success.

Rhoda Davis, PP

Come Join Our State Drill Team

Anyone interested in getting their exercise? Come join our State Drill Team. We are happy to have anyone interested in getting together for fun and exercise. We will have our first meeting on November 10th at 10 am at the Lebanon Odd Fellow Hall. If you are not able to attend that meeting please let me know that you are interested. This also includes those who think they can't do the whole drill. We can always find a way to included everyone no matter how much walking they can do. We would also like to have the Theta Rho and United Youth participate. If enough young people wish to participate we will have a separate drill for them. I will come talk to them if they are interested. Come and let's see what we can do. Contact Vickie Beaver, 541-259-2373, dvbeav@proaxis.com, or at 175 Wheeler. St., Lebanon, OR 97355.

Time to rise up, own your life and be grateful for every single minute of it. ~Elizabeth D. Gray

Pilgrimage for Youth Committee Hard at Work

We reviewed lodge districts that have been used in the past and decided to reinstate those districts to enable smaller lodges to participate with other lodges in their district so that all no matter their size can take part and support this program. We are reviewing the SGL requirements for insurance and background checks and looking for a way to comply. We are also looking at setting guidelines for adult chaperones to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We will continue to work hard and keep the lodges informed of our progress. Don't forget it's time to start raising funds to help send a student from your district.

In Memoriam

Myrtle Miller

Bertha Rebekah Lodge No. 188

Canyonville



Grand Master E.V. Smith Visits Grants Pass

Grand Master E V Smith Jr. made his official visit to Golden Rule Lodge No. 78 on September 26th. Below are the members and visitors who were in attendance.

Next to Golden, a Gold Mining Ghost Town before going to the Grave Creek covered bridge in Sunny Valley.

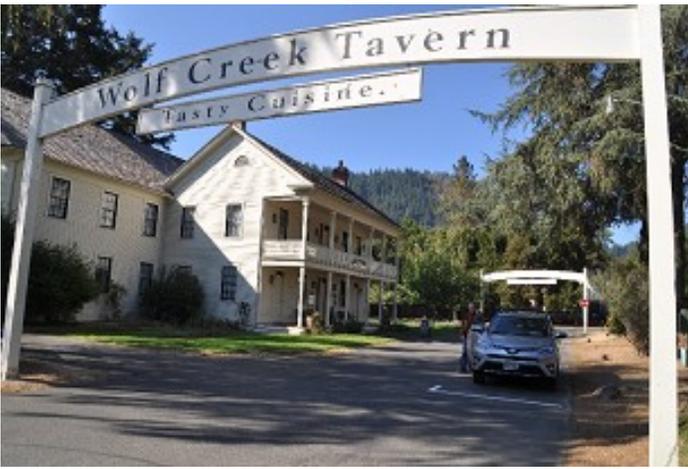


Before the meeting the Grand Master toured Josephine County: First going down to the Hellgate Canyon on the Wild and Scenic Rogue River near Galice. We actually saw a bear but missed getting a picture.

After dinner we actually had a meeting with Grand Master EV presenting his program and sharing his vision and love for our Order.



Then traveling over and through the woods to the Historic Wolf Creek Tavern & Stage Stop near I-5.



Thanksgiving, Thank you for the food before us the friends beside us and the love between us.

~ unknown

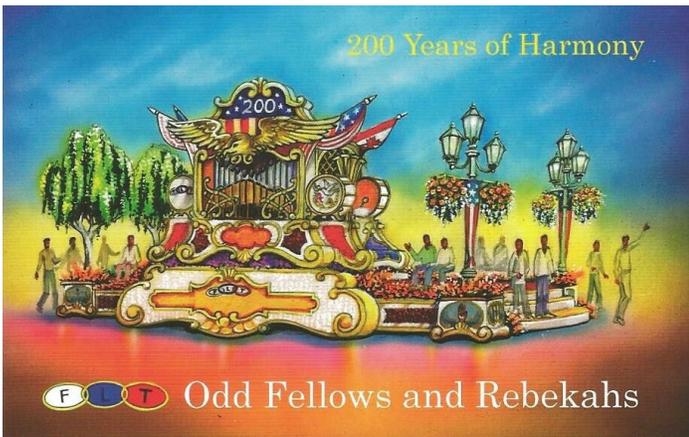
Muscovites Hold Degree as Fundraiser For Music Education



On Saturday October 6th, members of Samaritan No. 2, Peninsula No. 128, and Tillamook No. 94 performed the Muscovite degree at Bay City Rebekah Lodge as a fundraiser for music education. The Muscovites are not an actual order, in that there is no governing body, no dues, and no meetings. The degree is performed as a fun way to bring lodges together, share a laugh, and raise money for charity. The Muscovite degree has been an Odd Fellow tradition since 1894, and it is a huge hit with the younger generation today.

The fun in Tillamook / Bay City included a Steak and Oyster feed, the degree, and a sunset bonfire on the beach. Pelican Brewing helped sponsor the event. All who came had an incredible time!

2019 IOOF Rose Festival Float 200 Years of Harmony



Our float is striving to express 200 Years of Odd Fellowship with the harmony of music. “We seek to elevate the character of mankind” and recognize what they have done through our melody of life and accomplishments.

It takes \$115,000 dollars each year to operate and pay for a float. To help pay for the float, send your donations to: Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float, PO Box 2718, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. Or donate on line at: [HTTP://ODDFELLOWS-REBEKAHS-ROSEFLOAT.ORG/](http://ODDFELLOWS-REBEKAHS-ROSEFLOAT.ORG/) Your donations are tax deductible.

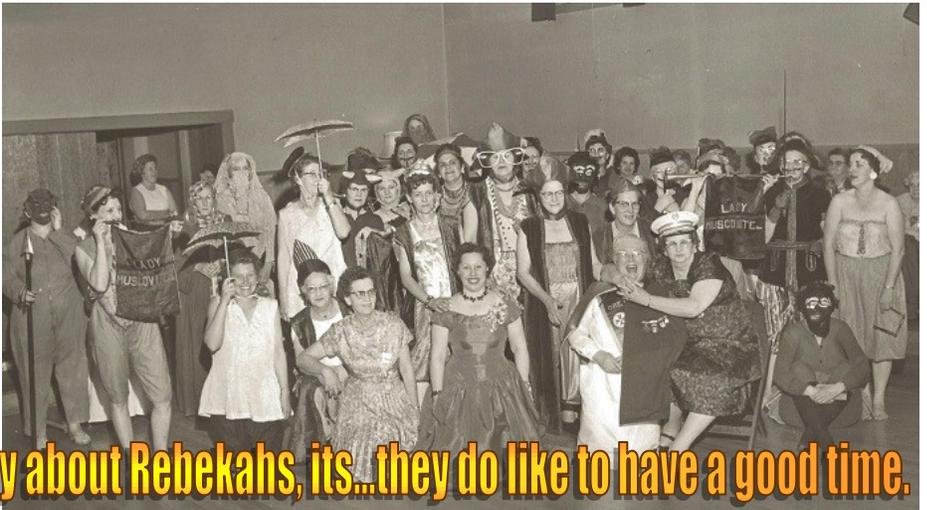
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will be closed November 21-25

Welcome New Members

Peninsula Odd Fellow Lodge No. 128

Daniel Schaeffer

A Blast From the Past...



If there's one thing you can say about Rebekahs, its...they do like to have a good time.

Pacific North West

Department Council Sessions

Hood River, Oregon

Friday, November 2, 2018

at 9:00 am

Mustering of Recruits

Sword Spell Down

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Where knowledge is attainable

Ignorance is inexcusable. ~ Pacific Odd Fellow June, 1906

Fall 2018 Northwest

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November 2nd, 3rd, 4th

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(Riverview Queens not available Thursday)

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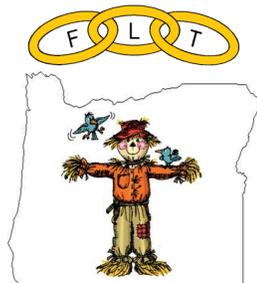
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All which we behold is full of blessings ~ William Wordsworth 