

Michigan Triple Tau
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Dear Companions:

August is one of my favorite times of each year. I am a 'dyed-in-the-wool' office/school supply junkie!! Those back to school sales have my name on them. Wild colored pencils, pens, new folders, you name it I probably have it.

This month is where we say farewell to a few and hello to a new group of article writers. I look forward to working with the new writers but will miss those who are moving on. This issue is missing the articles from Grand Council and Grand Commandery. We extend the courtesy of having a spot in the Triple Tau to all the York Rite bodies. The Grand Council and Grand Commandery articles will be in next September's issue. As far as I know the incoming officers will continue to give me articles, starting with the September issue. The Youth Groups are always welcome. We enjoy their activities and pictures every month.

I could not do this work without the tireless help from our Grand Secretary, C. Don Galway, PGHP and a few past grands here at Masonic Pathways. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. To me you are an irreplaceable part of this publication. There isn't a time that we meet I don't come away with a new piece of masonic history.

If you are the Education Officer in your Chapter, please take a copy of the Triple Tau with you. At least take the Secretaries Scribbles page to have the dates as to what is going on this month. Safe travels everyone and God Bless.

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Companions let me start by saying Thank You for allowing me to serve this Grand Chapter for another year.

I would like to thank, Ryan Groat GTIM, and Shawn Bashore GC for their exceptional leadership in the York Rite, especially this past year. I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Engaged membership is one of the major keys for us. We need to remember that people act to satisfy their own needs and desires, not the needs of organizations or other people. We need to emphasize the benefits and satisfaction they will gain, not the benefits to us or our Chapters. A person's reason for joining Chapter will tell you what he hopes to gain by becoming a member. For example:

- Many people join groups to meet other people, make new friends and feel they "belong" somewhere.
- Other people join groups to learn new things or to achieve something unique. These people might stay involved by researching a new issue for the group, helping to plan an educational program, or taking on a project that has never been done before.
- Some of your members joined because they believe in your group's purpose or cause. These are the ideal members to ask to recruit new members, to make a presentation at a meeting, to help publicize the group, or to write articles about the organization's accomplishments.
- Others join a group to have fun. These members might be perfect to act as "hosts" when guests are present, to staff a booth at a fair, or to help plan social functions.

It's very easy to focus our attention on the members who already seem the most dedicated to Chapter. But as a result, other members will feel neglected and could stop participating. Part of our job as a leader in our fraternity is to help all members of Chapter to become active participants by understanding their motivations and working with them in the betterment of our Chapters.

It may take some time to develop these relationships and understanding for one another, and we may still flounder in getting there, but we cannot stop trying to attract new members. We cannot keep thinking that they will just come to us. We must stay engaged and aware of the interest level of your Chapter, not just the most active core.

If we work **Together**, we will move **Towards** a positive **Tomorrow**.

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Secretaries Scribbles

Well, we have done it again, it is now official, we are over halfway through the year 2019. At this point, we can reflect on the past, or look forward to the future. Let's look forward to August. Starting with the first of August we have the Illinois grand session in Bloomington-Normal which I will be attending as a representative of Michigan and Deputy General Grand High Priest for the East Central District of General Grand Chapter International. Try and say that without getting tongue-tied. The next weekend puts us in Grand Rapids for the DeMolay annual convocation or the annual grand session for the young men's youth groups in Michigan. This event is open to all Master Masons along with parents and young prospects wishing to join the organization. Most of the Grand Officers of all the Masonic bodies will be in attendance to watch the passing of the torch to next year's leadership and the recognition of this year's leaders.

The next week is the granddaddy of them all for Michigan! Michigan York Rite begins with Wednesday, August 14th for the Grand Officers (13th for the Secretary) and going thru the 17th as the three York Rite bodies hold their sessions. The 15th will be Grand Chapter with their session opening at 8:30 AM and installation in the afternoon, along with the Order of the High Priesthood, and a fun dinner in the evening. The 16th will be Grand Council's turn, and the same schedule in the AM and early afternoon and the Order of the Silver Trowel following. The Grand Banquet is Friday evening, August 16th with most of the presentations being made that evening. Saturday, the 17th is reserved for the Grand Commandry's session along with the Past Commanders Order in the afternoon. The Divine Services will be held at 5:30 PM. The Round Table will be held in the evening with Commandry presentations. I hope to see you all there. Oh, lest I forget all of this is taking place in the DoubleTree hotel in Bay City, Michigan.

August is not done yet, the next weekend puts us in Marquette, Michigan for the Northern Tri-State Festival. This is an annual event that rotates between Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin held in August in one of the three States. The York Rite Degrees are done by the three States, with the host State doing the Royal Arch Degree. The event is fun, and we get to interact with our sister jurisdictions and renew friendships if you are in the neighborhood stop in you will have a good time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the York Rite officers for a fine year and the pleasure of working with you for the year. I wish you safe travels and good fortune in all you wish to do in the future.

Safe Travels and may God speed.

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Greetings Companions:

Here we are at the end of another fiscal year and all are busy with year-end reports from Grand Officers to individual Chapters throughout the State. Busy, busy we have been concluding last year and setting up for this year coming. It is my hopes that all the Chapters will take advantage of the " Widows Degree " to help bring families and Cryptic Masonry a little closer together. For those Chapters deciding to have this fun night, we will have the widows pin, I.D. cards, and certificates suitable for framing available. You need to give our Grand Secretary good notice in advance for these items. The degree work will also be available and as a fun night may be read, no memory work required. I would ask that the Protocol Committee be advised as to the date, time, and place of the degree.

Last year was re-implemented the "Rust Arch" for those who have missed a few regular meetings and need familiarization with the opening work etc. This had a very good effect around the State and so I believe in its continuation. It would be a plus. All the Chapters have already used it at least once. Let's work on bringing the members back who have had other projects for a while, some working overtime or two jobs to keep up. We need to communicate with them and let them know their absence is noticed and they are missed.

This next year our " Schools and Inspections " will be in the M.E.M. pg.# 80, line 30- thru - pg.#84 Line 33. with the Opening Closing and Reception. A heads up! Each Chapter will need an appointed Marshal, one willing to learn the part or one that knows the part.

With plenty of notice from back in February to plan time for the Grand Session, we hope to see all Chapters represented this year.

Until then be safe and safe travels,
 R.E.C. Carl J. Peterson, Grand King, P.P., K.Y.C.H.

Greetings Companions,

By the time you read this July will be behind us. Lady Judi and I spent the 4th at home and had a cookout. We enjoyed the day, but there was the neighbor shooting off fireworks from the 2nd through the 7th, glad that is over.

As we are into the hot weather be sure to drink about 20oz of water before starting any outdoor work to keep yourself hydrated, don't forget the sunscreen and a hat. Also, use the 40/20 schedule, work 40 minutes then rest in the shade for 20 minutes.

August brings a couple of birthdays, I and my Lady both have our Birthdays in August and my friend the Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master Gene Newman. Grand Session is the 15th through 17th with the Grand Officers meetings on the 14th before the session starts; we will be at the DoubleTree in Bay City again this year.

In anticipation of being advanced to Grand King, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of my progress through the Grand Chapter line and the good fellowship at the Chapter functions I have attended over the years. Seems like only yesterday I was the Grand Master of the First Veil.

One more item on my August calendar, Lady Judi and I will be traveling to Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the 23rd where I will be initiated into the Royal Order of Scotland, I am honored that they found me worthy to receive this Masonic Order.

I hope everyone will be on high ground because I read that the Great Lakes will crest to a one-hundred-year high water mark during July-August. Hoping for the best for any Companions who live around Lake Saint Clair, as it has been at the highest level ever recorded for over a month and will remain high through most of August.

As always, God speed and God Bless.
 Fraternally yours,
 John A. Ames, Grand Scribe

Why A Royal Arch Mason?? By WWW.yorkrite.com

Every Master Mason aspires to attain the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. Many feel with regret that it is not practicable for them to share in all the light shed by the several bodies, but all wish most earnestly to receive all the light and instruction which pertains to the Ancient Craft-the origin and foundation of the Institution.

In the life of every Master Mason, moreover, there comes a time when he realizes that he has not yet attained that goal, that he is not yet in possession of all the rights and light of a Master Mason, as these were known and understood by his ancient brethren.

But he does not realize that the goal of his aspirations is near at hand-In the Royal Arch Degree.

All Symbolic Masonry has its source In the Grand Lodge of England. Section I of the Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England declares that "pure, ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees and no more, Viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and Master Mason including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason is founded upon the destruction of the first and the building of the second Temple. The ceremonies of the Degree have an interesting and graphic historical setting and a profound and reverential moral significance. The Royal Arch Degree is the complement of the Master's Degree, the unfolding into a second volume of the history of that which was lost to its final recovery. Without the Royal Arch, the Master's Degree is like a song half-sung, a tale partly told, or a promise unfulfilled.

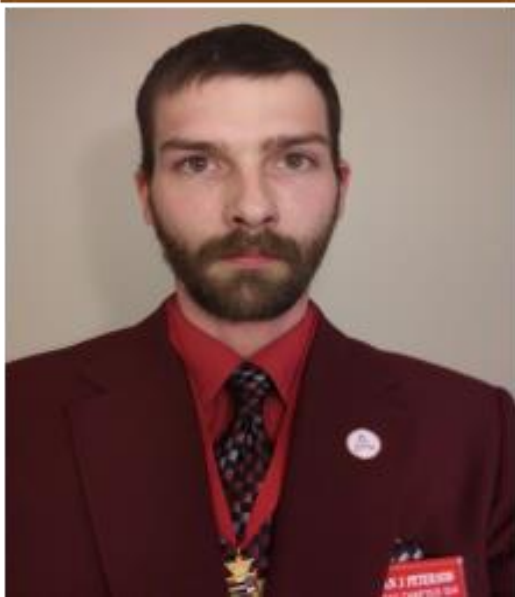
The preparatory Degrees conferred in the Chapter are those of Mark Master Mason, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master. All are beautiful, all are interesting, all teach valuable lessons, but the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason is more august, sublime and important than all that precedes it. It brings to light many essentials of the Craft contained ONLY in this Most Sublime Degree and explains many cryptic passages of the first three Degrees incomprehensible to Master Mason. Without knowledge of these, the Masonic character cannot be complete.

It has been said that "The Royal Arch stands as the rainbow of promise in the Ritual; it stands as the promise of the resurrection; of that which was lost and that which shall be recovered."

The value of Royal Arch Masonry will be justly appreciated by all who are Exalted to that Most Sublime Degree, particularly by those who are seeking to complete their Masonic education. It reveals the full light of Ancient Craft Masonry, presents it as a complete system in accordance with the original plan and confers, at last, the rights and light of a Master Mason in fact as well as in name. It truly leads to a fuller understanding of the purposes and spirit of Freemasonry, for standing upon this towering summit we are able for the first time to perceive the completeness of the Ancient Craft and to understand how all its forms and ceremonies, from the Entered Apprentice to the Master Mason's Degree, are the preparation for the final goal, the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Our membership consists only of those who have been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a just and duly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons who are properly vouched for, in good standing in their respective Lodges and in the community in which they reside.

We would have all such receive the light and instruction which can be communicated only in the Royal Arch Degree. Any Royal Arch Mason can give full information on how to proceed to that end.



Nathan J. Peterson,

Candidate for Grand Sentinel
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of MI

To the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, Past Grand Officers, and Companions wherever so disbursed: I am pleased to announce my candidateship for the office of Grand Sentinel for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. My willingness to serve this distinguished body of our fraternity stems back to an early age in my childhood.

I have become a member of 45th Parallel Lodge #581 in Lewiston, Michigan. I also obtained membership in Mackinac Chapter #134 of which I am the Secretary, Iosco Chapter #83 Past High Priest, Straits Area Council # 92. My objectives if elected are to concede to the duties established by the Grand Chapter, maintain and help expand Royal Arch Masonry in Michigan, as well as work with other York Rite bodies to further the ongoing interest in York Rite Masonry.

It is my belief that with the experience, knowledge, and dedication I have for the Craft that my role will be well served. I would also ask for your vote at our Grand Session in August and would like to thank you in advance.

Fraternally,
Nathan J Peterson PHP, Iosco Chapter # 83 RAM

Just a Note!

There haven't been any candidates in the few years I have worked the Triple Tau. In years past, E.C. Paul Howell, PGHP has listed the candidates that were running in the months of July and August. Please take note that we must be careful about what we put online. Phone numbers, e-mails, addresses and other pieces of personal information can be used by some (not very nice) people. That is why C. Peterson's announcement does not have his personal information. I am sure our Companion will be glad to talk with everyone about his life at the conclave.

By Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

Here is a little History Lesson...

In the original Hebrew the Ark of the Covenant has three different main names:

snaem yllaretil – } ארון הברית { "tirB-aH norA"
1 'the Ark of the Covenant.' This is the most popular Hebrew name for the Ark and can be found in the Hebrew Bible mainly in the Book of Deuteronomy and the Book of Joshua.

"And Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people." So, they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people." (Joshua 3:6)

snaem yllaretil – } ארון העדות { "tudE-aH norA"
2. 'the Ark of the Testimony' and can be found in the Book of Exodus in general and in our weekly Torah portion in particular.

"There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony..." (Exodus 25:22)

3. yllaretil – } ארון האלוהים { "mihole-aH norA" means 'the Ark of God' and can be found in the Book of Samuel (1 and 2) and in the Book of Chronicles (1 and 2).

"And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim." (2 Samuel 6:2)



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Just a thought I'd like to share with all of you today ... over the years I have read many different definitions of the word leadership. Some are very complex while others are fairly simple in their nature. Permit me to offer to you today the following which has always been my favorite definition of the word Leadership:

1. *The individuals who are leaders in an organization regarded collectively.*
2. *The activity of leading a group of people or an organization or the ability to do this.*
Leadership involves:
 - a. *Establishing a clear vision.*
 - b. *Sharing that vision with others so that they may/will follow willingly.*
 - c. *Providing the information, knowledge, and methods to realize that vision.*
 - d. *Coordinating and balancing the conflicting interests of all members and stakeholders.*
3. *A leader steps up in times of crisis and is able to think and act creatively in difficult situations.*

I have heard it said that "It's only a problem if you have a solution." Good Leaders are those who work with others to solve problems. **Great** Leaders are those who work with others to avoid those particular circumstances before they become problems.... Something to think about.

I would also like to remind all of the Michigan Regents and Associate Regents of Michigan that the YRSCNA 62nd Grand Assembly will be held July 31- August 4 at the Sheraton Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah, and I hope to see many of you there who have planned to attend. I am midway through my 2-year term as your Grand Governor and I look forward to finishing after this coming year, serving the YRSCNA in Michigan to the best of my abilities. I would like to thank my Deputy Grand Governors, Don Galway, Lou McCray, and Bob Troutman as well as all the Companion Knights in Michigan for their hard work and support this past year and look forward to working with all of you in the coming year as well.

As always... have fun, safe travels and enjoy the ride!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

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Michigan DeMolay

Wow, the Summer is going fast, the schools will be starting soon, and Installation Month is upon Michigan DeMolay. All Chapters are currently planning their Installation of Officers for September and as soon as the dates are confirmed they will be published on the Michigan DeMolay web site. We attended the Grand Bethel Session in July and again had a wonderful time. Thank you to Michigan Jobs Daughters for extending courtesies to us, we had a wonderful time. Michigan DeMolay traveled to Kansas City for the 100th year celebration of DeMolay. This was a week-long event. The State Elected Officers and the State Sweetheart had a great time. Thanks to the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation; who gave Michigan DeMolay a grant for members to attend this once in a lifetime event; members of Clifford C. Reeves Chapter were able to attend the festivities. Everyone had a great time. The State Officers for this year have completed their training in Howell at the end of July and have formed their committees for the upcoming year. We will officially hand over command to a new crew of State Officers as Michigan DeMolay

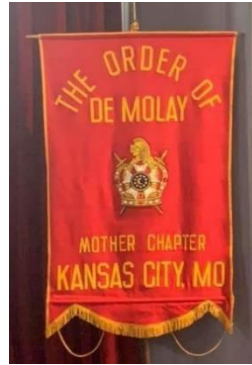
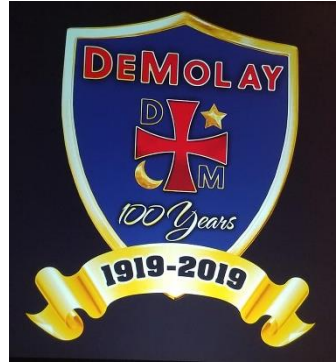
The Conclave will be held on August 9-11, 2019. It will be held in the Grand Rapids Masonic Center this year and we will be rooming at the Crowne Plaza Airport hotel. This change was necessary as the Holiday Inn in Flint failed to book our dates for Conclave and Winterfest. We will be looking for another home for our events and hope to have a contract soon. The new State Officers have many plans for the current DeMolay year which include a picnic and a Ball next spring. Many other things are in the works but first, the new State Team is making plans to attend the Grand Worthy Advisors Reception on August 24, 2019. But the big event that the officers and members are anticipating happens on September 8, 2019. This is when the youth groups will hold the Fantastically Fun-Filled Fall Festival, or 5F's for short. This year's event will again be held at the International Society in Howell, Michigan. Cost is only \$5.00 and includes lunch. The young people will have games and competitions while enjoying a wonderful Fall day. If you can come out the three youth groups would appreciate the support. Please try to attend at least one Installation in September and show these remarkable young men that the Masonic Family is willing to support them. If there is anything that Michigan DeMolay can do to help support any of the works of the Companions, please let a State Officer know or contact the Executive Officer.

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DeMolay Of Michigan

Photos from 100 Year Celebration!
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Hello Family!

Now coming to you from the desk of the PAST Grand Guardian of Michigan Job's Daughters...I am happy to announce that the NEW Grand Guardian has asked that I continue writing your articles...at least for now. This month's issue is a wrap-up of the 2018 – 2019 Grand Family year, and an introduction of the new Grand Family for 2019 – 2020.

Our Grand Session was just a couple of short weeks ago, and for our Grand Family farewell event, we had a “Kindness Scavenger Hunt” through the city of Grand Rapids. It was a VERY hot day, and there was a lot of whining because we asked that they walk from the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple to the Amway Grand Plaza hotel (about a mile...and we gave them water!) and do FREE kind things along the way. They were given a bingo board of ideas, many of which were open to interpretation, and a few supplies (sidewalk chalk, sticky notes, markers, pens, etc.), and a 2-hour time frame. The challenge was to do kind things along the way, take pictures of the acts, and fill up their bingo card. The first team back to the hotel got a “Queen of Kindness” pin and bragging rights for the rest of the weekend.

The girls engaged in leaving inspirational notes on the sides of buildings, park benches, windows, power boxes, etc. They shared a smile and a hug with police officers and security guards. They wrote uplifting messages on the sidewalks. They sang and danced to entertain the people on the streets. And in spite of the heat, and the whining...they actually had a great time...and had exciting stories to tell about how they had brightened someone's day. It was an inspirational thing to witness!

At the awards night of our annual Grand Session, we had a travel theme “Where In the World”, and each Bethel dressed as a different location around the world. Then we introduced two new traveling trophies in honor of the success of our Pay It Forward Program. The inaugural individual trophy went to Mariko Yamamoto, from Bethel # 23 Walled Lake, who fittingly chose Japan as their location to be “from”. Mariko is just an all-around amazing young woman, who embodies the concept of ALWAYS being nice. She is one of the first to volunteer to help, always has a smile on her face, and is the embodiment of kindness.



The inaugural trophy for a Bethel went to Bethel # 16 Marquette who represented the good old USA at the awards night. These young ladies, along with their adult volunteers, and even their “Jobies to Bee” (sisters who are too young to join), got up early on a Saturday morning last December to meet an airplane full of gifts for the less fortunate. They helped unload the plane, load the trucks, unload the trucks, and then sort and organize the gifts for over 600 underprivileged children in their area. This Bethel was so motivated by the heart-warming feelings they gained by participating in this event, that they have vowed to make this an annual event!



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This event marked the end of this chapter on our journey, and on Saturday night, the new leadership team was installed. We will learn more about the adult leaders, as well as the Grand Bethel girls as this year progresses!

The Grand Bethel 19 – 20
The elected line 19 – 20

Grand Bethel Honored Queen Miss MaKeelie
(center)

Grand Bethel Senior Princess Miss Hannah
(right)

Grand Bethel Junior Princess Miss Briahna (left)

All three of these young ladies come from long Masonic family history as well as moms, aunts, and sisters who were also involved in Job's Daughters. They have wonderful parent and sibling support, as well as the loving support of their Bethels. Michigan is very proud and excited to follow them on their journeys and see what have in store for us!

Coming up for us over the next month are traveling to Kansas for our annual international convention...the "No Place Like Supreme Session". We will attend DeMolay and the Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception. We will be hosting the first annual, "Michigan Family Mackinaw Bridge Walk" on Labor Day. Our Masonic Family is invited and excitedly to attend and participate. We will be taking and collecting sponsorships benefitting the Masonic Charitable Foundation! Please feel free to email me for more information at terri.c.brower@gmail.com, and join our Facebook Group, by searching "Michigan Masonic Family – Labor Day Bridge Walk", or by entering the URL

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Thank you all for allowing me to write for you! I do hope you enjoy reading about our antics as much as I enjoy writing about them!

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Brower, Past Grand Guardian, Michigan Job's Daughters



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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Michigan Rainbow

It has been on an on-the-road month! The beginning of July found myself and another adult and 3 Rainbow Girls in Springfield, Illinois for their Grand Assembly Session. We had a wonderful time, made some new friends; not only from Illinois but from around the country. The Michigan Rainbow Girls taught the Illinois girls some new pep songs. What great fun it was to watch the Michigan Girls at work.

We came home from Illinois and the same week we headed off to Grand Rapids for Job's Grand Session. The picture shows the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay waiting in preparation for the Installation to begin and to see MaKeelie L. installed as Grand Bethel Honored Queen. We are looking forward to



the three Youth Groups working together even more as our new year's begin. Then we are home from Grand Session and Michigan Rainbow Installation Season began. We traveled to Wayne Assembly and saw eight girls installed in their new Offices. Wayne's new charity is "Child and Family Life" and they will be collecting books, coloring books and crayons for

hospitalized children. There are more installations to go in the coming week and we look forward to visiting with our sisters.



Next stop on the Rainbow adventures will be Anaheim, California at Disneyland. Anna O. and Cheyenne B. will be working with the Disney trainers while at Disneyland working on leadership skills and program development. Back at the hotel, Jan Cross and I will be in training sessions with other members and guests of the Supreme Family also on program development and membership growth. Stay tuned next month where I will report on a visit with the Mouse! Looking forward to seeing many of you on August 3rd at Alma at the resident's picnic.

Fraternally,

Maureen Riley