**LOVELINKS OF OHIO**

The 41st Annual Breakfast meeting of the Lovelinks was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 24th by President, Linda Zerkle (9-2010). Linda quoted her scripture of Mark 9:23: Jesus said to him, “If you can believe? All things are possible for one who believes.” She also mentioned the two beautiful paintings in front of the podium painted by Carol Eshelman (9-2007) for her “In the Garden” theme.

**Welcome**: Sister Julie Morrison (9-2022) started the welcome with a funny little “supermarket” story that got us all smiling and awake. Also, Sister Marion Johnson (18-1981) gave us some corrections to the program and reminded everyone to continue to “Be A Rainbow in Someone’s Cloud.”

**Tribute to Flag and Pledge of Allegiance:** Sister Jenna Geuy (9-2013/14) gave a very moving flag tribute by author Annie Schnieder followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation and Blessing:** Sister Mary Clapp (9-2006) gave the invocation and blessing for our delicious breakfast.

**Introduction of the Head Table:** President Linda continued the meeting with introductions. We were honored to have the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Glenda Winchester and her traveling companion, Sister Aubrey Righetti, also a Faithful Note. It was a pleasure to greet our very own, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lon Lowry and his wife Barbara (11-2006), Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Debby Pitts (9-2015/16) and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rick Miller were introduced along with the officers of the Lovelinks, Vice President, Sherry Kita (3-2009/10), Secretary, Suzanne Dick (18-2004), Treasurer, Sherry Taylor (12-2006). President Linda greeted them with “In the Garden you are all God’s Rainbow of Color.”

**Introduction of Other Guests, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Ambassadors and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons:** Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Bonnie Youngblood (4-1983) also Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Ohio in 2006.

General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Ambassadors and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of Ohio

Ambassador to Hawaii & Finance Chairman, Janice Goerss (1996), ESTARL, Margie Wheeler (2020), Service Dogs, Gail Walsh(2014), Personal Page to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Cindy Chadwell (2022), Charters, Bruce Ailes (2010), Chairman of Ritual and Name Badge, Grand Trustee, William Taylor (2016), Chairman of the Scottish Rite, Steve Moore (2015), Personal Aide to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Chuck Merkle (2020).

**Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Ohio**; WGM, Debby Pitts (2015/16), WGP, Rick Miller, Associate Grand Matron, Cheryl Maslowski (2009), Grand Conductress, Marla Barber (2016/17), Associate Grand Conductress, Deb Somerlot (2008), Grand Marshal, Vickie Echelbarger (2004), Grand Adah, Cindi Robinson (2007), Grand Ruth, Sherri Bretland (2010/11), Grand Esther, Sandy Vaughn (2009/10), Grand Martha, Julie Morrison (2022).

**Deputy Grand Matrons:** Sherri Gotthardt (1&2), Becky Walter (6&26), Suzanne Griffin (12), Pam Miller (13), Sally Porter (14), Jill Biteman (18), Melinda Callahan (20), Dianne Merkle (25), Julie Meenach (27).

**Grand Representatives:** Denise Vanderhorst (Alberta), Laurie Stout (Arizona), Nancy Johnson (Florida), Janet Vial-Yoder (Nevada), Charlotte Ballard (Sao Paulo), Marion Johnson (Virginia).

**General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly Committee:** Barb Akers, Co-Chair Housing, Susan Corwin, Triennial Medal Project, Becky Meyer, Member of Sales-Who’s Who Book and Calendar.

**Past Presidents of Lovelinks:** Marion Johnson (1982), Janice Goerss (2002), Gail Walsh (2009), Charlotte Ballard (2012), Susie Mayer (2013), Lois Terkhorn (2015), Ruth Ann Fox (2014), Chery DuPriest (2006), Nancy Kilpatrick (2004), Patti Askins (2019-20), Laurie Stout (2021), Suzanne Dick (2022), Deb Pool (2018)

**Liaisons:** Janet Doolittle (2), Sherry Kita (3), Linda Prochazka (4), Barb Akers (5), Bonnie Chapin (7), Jenna Geuy (9), Deb Pool (10), Susan Corwin (11), JoAnn Walton (12), Cathy Maurer (13), Brooke Anderson (16), Marion Johnson (18), Susie Mayer (23), Patty Wall(24), Nancy Flautt (27).

**Parliamentarian:** Janice Goerss (1996)

**Secretaries Report:** Suzanne Dick announced the Secretaries Report for our May 2023 Luncheon were e-mailed with the invitation to this meeting along with the revised “By-Laws and Standing Rules.” The minutes were approved as e-mailed. The Lovelinks Membership currently stands at 570.

**Communications:** Regrets were read from Diane Schrenk, Jean Waters, Jan Emge, Michelle Howell and Nancy Williams. A Thank you letter from our Worthy Grand Matron (Debby Pitts) and the Ohio Eastern Star Home were read for our $100.00 donation to the “Pond Project”.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sherry Taylor gave a very detailed report showing we have $6959.71 in our checking account and $5277.26 in our savings account. A bill for $3355.00 was presented for payment for the morning breakfast along with some other miscellaneous to be paid.

**Registration Report**: Sherri Bretland (18-2010/11) gave the report showing a total 116 reservations before hand and we had 100 eating and 105 at the meeting.

**Announcement of Spring Meeting:** President Linda stated the Spring Meeting will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the Dayton Masonic Temple. This will be the inspection of the WGP’s chapter Miami #107. Luncheon Chairman is Sandy McCullum (21-2021/2022) and her e-mail is [smccollum1@cinci.rr.com](mailto:smccollum1@cinci.rr.com).

**Memorial Service:** Our Vice President, Sherry Kita gave a lovely memorial service with a ringing of a chime for each deceased Lovelink as follows:

Shirley Huffman (1-2002) April 14, 2023 Celia Lawson (4-1991) August 4, 2023

Susan Huss (6-1988) February 19, 2019 Marcia Moore (6-1975 May 15, 2023

Nedra Schrader (8-2000) November 23, 2022 Winifred Frey (8-1995) March 23, 2023

Cheri Streicher (8-2005) May 27, 2023 Jenny Jamison (9-22000) December 15, 2022 Bonnie Rain (10-1987) September 1, 2022 Carole Histed (10-1979) March 3, 2023

Shirley Lubberger (19-1959) October 5, 2022 Alice McGraw (11-1982) October 28, 2022

Jane Corwin (12-1994) September 1, 2022 Patricia Ebersole (12-2001) August 20, 2023

Betty Jane Milhoan (13-1986) July 23, 2021 Betty Grandy (13-2000) April 3, 2022

Marlene Bond (14-1992) September 30, 2022 Suzanne Enochs (14-2005) April 9, 2019

JoAnn McClain (14-1986) June 26, 2019 Patricia Smith (14-1990) April 10, 2022

Phyllis Nelms (15-1982) November 14, 2022 Lan Vigoft (15-2000) October 27, 2021

Byrnadine Lawson (17-1989) October 8, 2021 Carol Ann Pfau (17-1995) June 18, 2021

Mary Mercer (17-1990) August 17, 2023 Pat McKinney (19-1983) September 2, 2021

Kay Ladd (20-2010/11) December 28, ,2021 Joan Gray (21-1999) December 25, 2022

Judy Franklin (21-1987) April 24, 2023 Mary Lou Palmer (21-1990) October 9, 2022

Mary Ann Haverkamp (22-2004) January 22, 2023 Dottie (Bare) Kiskaden (22-1990) December 1, 2022

Nancy Riley (25-1978) July 13, 2022 Sally Gifford (25-1985) August 22, 2022

Martha Porter (25-1988) April 10, 2019 June Scott (25-1990) February 21, 2021

Jean Beck (26-1972) March 21, 2023 Laura Fritz (27-1989) December 24, 2022

Isabelle Johns (27-1999) October 4 ,2022 Wanda Hamrick (27-1983) July 14, 2022

Sharon Seymore (28-2009/10) March 8, 2023

**Committees: Audit:** Marsha Rosser (2016/17), Judi Shaeffer (2008), Suzanne Griffin (2022/23) **Nominating:** Rita Bailey (2010), Diane Worchester (2010), Linda Ayers (2010). **Advisory:** Patti Askins (2010/11), Laurie Stout (2016/17), Suzanne Dick (2004). **By-Law Committee:**  Fonda Mason (1986), Janet Doolittle (2021/22), Cindy King (2011).

**DGM of Honored Year:** Deputy Grand Matrons who served 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 41 years ago and beyond were recognized for their continued service.

**President’s Closing Remarks:** Sister Linda thanked her District 9 who had 14 members in attendance. She also recognized the Golden Girls (DGM’s of 2010) of which she served with for all their support. Lastly, she thanked her husband, Denny, for continuing to be a part of her Eastern Star journey.

**Closing Remarks:** Worthy Grand Patron, Rick Miller gave his closing remarks mentioning how much experience is in the room. He shared a few “Memorable signs on Doors” and then mentioned, “If you really want to honor the WGM and WGP, let the sleep in.” Worthy Grand Matron, Debby Pitts thanked the Lovelinks for her breakfast and complimented all the past current Deputy Grand Matrons in the room and had her 2023 Deputy Grand Matrons stand so she could recognize them one last time for all their hard work.

Then our Most Worthy Grand Patron closed his remarks with “It is so good to be home.” Glenda Winchester, our Most Worthy Grand Matron mentioned she had been in Romania lately and there was no American flag posted like we have in the United States, so the flag tribute today truly touched her heart. She also made the announcement that Soni Dennis has been appointed to be the Personal Page for Bonnie Youngblood due to our sister Celia Lawson’s passing.

**Benediction:** The benediction was given by Mary Clapp.

Sister Linda announced the Lovelinks meeting closed.

Respectively Submitted

Suzanne Dick, Secretary Linda Zerkle, President