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Spring Carol

When loud by landside streamlets
gush,
And clear in the greenwood quires
the thrush,
With sun on the meadows
And songs in the shadows
Comes again to me
The gift of the tongues of the lea,
The gift of the tongues of meadows.

Straightway my olden heart returns
And dances with the dancing burns;
It sings with the sparrows;
To the rain and the (grimy) barrows
Sings my heart aloud—
To the silver-bellied cloud,
To the silver rainy arrows.

It bears the song of the skylark down,
And it hears the singing of the town;
And youth on the highways
And lovers in byways
Follows and sees:
And hearkens the song of the leas
And sings the songs of the highways.

So when the earth is alive with gods,
And the lusty ploughman breaks the
sod,
And the grass sings in the meadows,
And the flowers smile in the shadows,
Sits my heart at ease,
Hearing the song of the leas,
Singing the songs of the meadows.

Robert Louis Stevenson, 1918

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WSA *Helps* Out



YOUR DONATIONS CAN "MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

WSA and its Lodges support many organizations and causes. Each newsletter we will feature those agencies which have received donations in the past quarter, because we feel it is an important part of our fraternal purpose. If you know of any groups which may be in need of our help, please contact your Lodge. Let's make this list grow!

- Denver Rescue Mission
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- The Foundation Fighting Blindness
- Pueblo Rape Crisis Center
- Denver Health Foundation
- Holy Rosary Church

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Volunteer Stories

Many of our members do volunteer work in their communities which are not part of lodge activities. Let's recognize their efforts! If you know someone who volunteers their time and talent, let us know.

If you have a story to share about your volunteer efforts, or those of another member, even if you or they are not active in a particular lodge, please forward them to us. A short story and/or pictures will be published in the quarterly Fraternal Voice. Forward these great stories of people who are making a difference in their communities to:

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Together we will marshal WSA's resources to fund raise for charitable purposes.

Together we will encourage our members and peers to volunteer.

Together we will expand our community service.

Through these actions, we will impact our local, national and world communities.

Together, we will make a difference.

WSA Mission Statement, Adopted October 7, 2000



Scholarship Program

This program is revised annually, and may differ significantly from past years. Please **read the qualifications carefully** and **submit all required documentation** with this application.

If you meet the qualifications below, you are eligible to receive a **WSA Scholarship!**

TO QUALIFY:

You must currently be a member of WSA Fraternal Life, and have been a member for the last four years continuously.

If you meet the above qualifications, PLEASE PROVIDE:

- A copy of your High School transcript reflecting a minimum 2.500 cumulative GPA (based on a 4.000 scoring system) and verifying your graduation in the year 2022.**
- A letter of acceptance from an accredited college or university for the ensuing year.**
- Three letters of recommendation from teachers and/or school administration personnel.**
- Scholarship Program Consent / Release.**
- A recent photograph suitable for publication.**
- This application cover page.**
- Community service is an important component of good citizenship. We understand the impact of COVID-19 social distancing requirements on volunteer opportunities. Please include a letter describing your community service contributions during your high school years and why you would like to be considered for a WSA scholarship.**

**All Scholarship applications must be received by the
Home Office on or before June 30, 2022**

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

College or University: _____

Cumulative GPA *(must be above 2.500 and supported by transcripts)*: _____

Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Complete and return to: WSA Fraternal Life, P.O. Box 351920, Westminster, CO 80035-1920

Scholarship Program

Consent Form / Release

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WSA Fraternal Life, on an annual basis, recognizes the recipients of scholarships awarded under its program criteria. The recognition is printed in WSA's annual publication *Fraternal Voice*. For each scholarship recipient, the recognition includes a photo of the individual, their name and a summary of their accomplishments.

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

RELEASE - APPLICANT AGE 18 OR OLDER

I, _____, hereby grant permission to WSA Fraternal Life to use photographs and information submitted by me in consideration of my scholarship application for use in its publication, *Fraternal Voice* and on WSA's website. I agree that my name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s).

Applicant's Signature (if over 18 years of age)

Date

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I, _____, parent or official guardian of
(applicant's name) _____ hereby grant permission to WSA Fraternal Life to use photographs and information submitted by my child in consideration of the scholarship application for use in its publication, *Fraternal Voice* and on WSA's website. I agree that my child's name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s).

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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Scholarship Program

Continuing Education Program

WSA Scholarship Recipients may apply for Continuing Education funds for three consecutive years, awarded at 100% of their initial scholarship award.

TO QUALIFY for these Continuing Education funds, the scholarship recipients must:

- Continuously maintain their WSA Fraternal Life membership in good standing during their entire educational assistance eligibility period, and
- Complete and submit the application below to the Home Office, and
- Provide official transcripts from an accredited College or University documenting:
 - A minimum 2.500 cumulative grad point average (on a 4.000 grade point scale)
 - A student course load equivalent, on an annual basis, to that of a full-time student (i.e. 12 credit hours or above per term).

All Scholarship applications must be received by the Home Office on or before June 30 of the year for which they are applying.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

College or University: _____

Cumulative GPA (*must be above 2.500 and supported by transcripts*): _____

Credit Hours (fall term): _____ Credit Hours (spring term): _____ Credit Hours (Other): _____

Comments: _____

Signature: _____

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Old Summer Times

Casey At The Bat

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine
that day;
The score stood four to two with but one inning more
to play.
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did
the same,
A sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game.

A stragglng few got up to go in deep despair, The rest
Clung to that hope which springs eternal in the
human breast;
They thought if only Casey could but get a whack at
that-
We'd put up even money now, with Casey at the bat.

But Flynn preceded Casey, as did also Jimmy Blake,
And the former was a lulu, and the latter was a cake;
So upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat,
For there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting
to the bat.

But Flynn let drive a single, to the wonderment of all,
And Blake, the much despis-ed, tore the cover off
the ball;
And when the dust had lifted, and the men saw what
had occurred,
There was Johnnie safe at second and Flynn a-hugging
third.

Then from 5,000 throats and more there rose a lusty yell;
It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell;
It knocked upon the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,
For Casey, might Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into
his place;
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on
Casey's face.
And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed
his cap,
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey
at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands
with dirt;
Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them
on his shirt,
Then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into
his hip,
Defiance gleamed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled
Casey's lip.

And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling
through the air,

And Casey stood a-watch-
ing it in haughty grandeur
there.

Close by the sturdy batsman the
ball unheeded sped -
"That aint' my style," said Casey.
"Strike one,"
the umpire said.

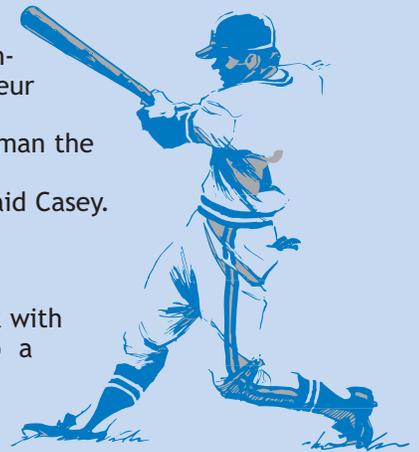
From the benches, black with
people, there went up a
muffled roar,
Like the beating of the
storm-waves on a stern
and distant shore,
"Kill him! Kill the umpire!" shouted someone on the
stand;
And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey
raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's
visage shown;
He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;
He signaled to the pitcher, and once more the
spheroid flew;
But Casey still ignored it, and the umpire said,
"Strike two."

"Fraud! cried the maddened thousands, and echo
answered fraud;
But one scornful look from Casey and audience
was awed.
They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his
muscles strain,
And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go
by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey's lip, his teeth are
clinched in hate;
He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate.
And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now lets it go,
And now the air is shattered by the fore of Casey's blow.

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining
bright;
A band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts
are light,
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere
children shout;
But there is no joy in Mudville -
mighty Casey has struckout.



Ernest Lawrence Thayer

Our Members &



Dear WSA:

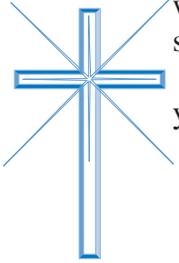
Each year, many of us look forward to Thanksgiving with grumbling stomachs as we think about the delicious feast we will have with our loved ones. But there are many people that struggle to dream up a Thanksgiving meal when they often must choose between paying rent and buying essentials.

My heart hurts when I consider these struggling neighbors, which is why I am so grateful to you. Because of your recent donation vulnerable men, women and families will get the chance to turn their dream of a substantial Thanksgiving meal into a reality.

You are giving people like Margaret - who looks forward to receiving food for her Thanksgiving meal from our Ministry Outreach Center this year - the opportunity to not have to make the choice between paying for food and paying for rent. "If I saw (the people who donate), I would probably just squeeze them so hard because if weren't for God and them, we wouldn't be provided for like we are," Margaret said.

Like Margaret, I am extremely thankful for you and your generosity.

God bless you,
Brad Meuli, President/CEO
Denver Rescue Mission



Dear WSA:

On behalf of Wayside Cross Gospel Rescue Mission, we would like to thank you for your contribution. Your financial support helps us continue in our mission and to assist those in our community.

The generous support of individuals like you, make it possible for our organization to exist and to make the community a great place to live.

Thank you, again, for your support!

Sincerely,
Board of Directors at Wayside
Cross Gospel Rescue Mission

Dear WSA:

When Stella arrived at HSPPR-Pueblo we immediately knew something was wrong. Her eyes were small and shrunken. Our vet team determined she had a birth defect and was completely blind. We cleaned her eyes and gave her medication.

She was sent to a foster home to receive further monitoring. After several eye re-checks our team determined that her eyes were not causing any pain. Stella was spayed and ready for adoption. Due to her blindness she would need time and supervision while she adjusted. Luckily, Stella is so adorable she was adopted within hours.

With your generous gift animals in your community receive the shelter, medical care, and love they deserve. Thank you so much for helping Stella and so many others.

With gratitude,
Duane Adams, President & CEO
Humane Society Pikes Peak Region

Dear WSA:

Thank you for your generous contribution to the KSR Tornado Relief Fund through the Kentucky Chamber Foundation. Your kind contribution is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Patrick Merchak, CFO
The Kentucky Chamber Foundation

Friends Write:

Dear WSA:

I cannot thank you enough for your continued support of people living with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related neuromuscular diseases. Because of generosity from donors like you, the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) has been able to stay the course and, in some areas, grow even stronger throughout this terrible pandemic.

One recent example is the success of our MDA 30 Days of Strength campaign. Thousands upon thousands of dollars were raised to fund necessary research into new treatments for neuromuscular diseases. These funds also provide opportunities for expanding our national Care Center Network, where hundreds of thousands of people with neuromuscular disease across the US can access the latest advances in diagnosis, therapy and treatments.

As I am sure you know, the lives of people living with neuromuscular disease and their families were made more complicated by COVID-19. Fortunately, we are beginning to see signs of hope. Among those signs were announcements of scientific and medical progress and the knowledge that people like you are still here - in the fight, fueling our progress with generous donations.

We must capitalize on the momentum gained through our MDA 30 Days of Strength campaign, so we won't slow our progress toward new treatments, earlier diagnosis and expanded medical care. Your donation today is so critical.

We have seen FDA approvals for new, more effective therapies for people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) and spinal muscular atrophy (SMA).

Your support also allowed us to keep our hugely pop-



ular summer camp program open with the help of virtual technology and a committed staff.

We collaborated with other nonprofit organizations to back legislation passed by the US House of Representatives to reauthorize and strengthen the newborn screening program. For babies with a life-threatening genetic neuromuscular disease like SMA or DMD, this legislation can mean an earlier diagnosis, allowing for treatments to begin sooner leading to slowing or stopping these deadly diseases.

We still have much else to do. On behalf of those battling neuromuscular disease, I need to know that we have your continued support.

With my deepest gratitude for your help in making a better today and tomorrow for MDA families across America.

Donald S. Wood, PhD

President & CEO, Muscular Dystrophy Association

Leading the Fight to End Muscular Dystrophy

Dear WSA:

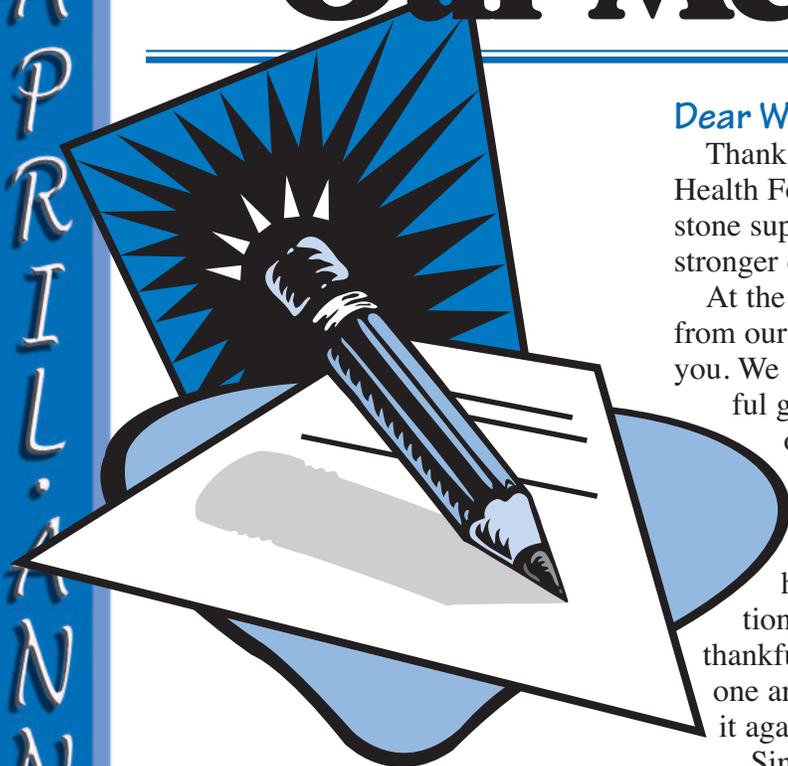
When Ethan was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy just before his second birthday, his parents knew it would be a long road ahead for their little boy. But DMD hasn't stopped or even slowed Ethan from living every day to the fullest!

At 12 years old, Ethan loves playing, going down the slide at the playground and spending time with his family. He even has hopes of becoming a train engineer or a pilot when he grows up!

We don't tell Ethan he can't do this or that because of DMD," says Jordan LyBrand, Ethan's mom. "Our dream is for Ethan to live a long life that's full of happiness and adventure."

The LyBrands are grateful to MDA - and to generous people like you - for supporting Ethan in his fight against DMD. On behalf of the LyBrands and MDA families in hometowns across America, thank you for providing help and hope to people like Ethan when it's needed most!

Our Members &



Dear WSA:

Thank you for the in-kind donation of hats to Denver Health Foundation. With this gift, you are providing cornerstone support, creating a springboard for a healthier and stronger city.

At the Denver Health Foundation, our strength comes from our donors and we are thankful for every single one of you. We are thankful for your generous spirit, your thoughtful giving, and every act of service that allows us to offer first-class caring to our patients. We are thankful for our dedicated physicians, nurses, paramedics, and staff - every Denver Health employee gives their all to keep our city safe and healthy. We are thankful for every gift, every donation, every minute you spend volunteering. We are thankful for a community that understands that helping one another every day is our most essential duty. To say it again plainly - we are thankful for you.

Since 1860, Denver Health has been dedicated to our mission; providing high-quality clinical care for all, educating the next generation of health care workers, and contributing to an increased understanding of health and health care through research. Thanks to you, we are able to deliver health, social and economic solutions every day to every person in our community. Now, more than ever, you are the foundation of Denver's health.

We wish you good health,
Linda L Ford M.A.
Executive Director,
Denver Health Foundation

Dear WSA:

Did you know that the internet and word of mouth are still A Caring Pregnancy Center's greatest referral sources? Out of all the ways people find ACPC, the most impactful is when someone hears about us from a friend.

ACPC saw a 16.5% increase in overall clients in 2021 and a 65% increase in the number of women in our target demographic.

As our greatest supporters we want to thank you for the influence you have on others by sharing about ACPC.

We know you are our biggest cheerleaders and friends. God Bless you.

With much appreciation,
Tamra Axworthy, CEO
A Caring Pregnancy Center

“ To feel safe and warm on a cold wet night, all you really need is soup.”

- Laurie Colwin

Dear WSA:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation. It is difficult to find adequate words to convey our gratitude. It is only because of generous people like you, that we are able to continue our mission of feeding the hungry of Pueblo. Your generosity is only surpassed by your humanity.

Sincerely,
Helen Benavidez, Director
The Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen



Friends Write:

Dear WSA:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients of the Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen, I want to express our sincere thanks for your donation in 2021; it is so thoughtful of you to think about us. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. It's a blessing to have friends like you.

Non-profits have been hit hard during the past two years and we would struggle to continue our mission of feeding the needy and homeless of Pueblo County. So, thank you for answering our prayers!

It is only through the generosity and compassion of people like yourselves that we are able to continue our operation and help make a difference in the lives of other less fortunate people who are willing to volunteer their time. So we are very appreciative of any help from our community.

Again thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,
Helen Benavidez
Director, The Pueblo Soup Kitchen

Dear WSA:

Thank you so much for the donation. With your support, PRCS serves survivors of sexual assault and works toward a world free of sexual violence.

We know that our cause is a difficult theme to even contemplate - most of us would agree that sexual violence of any kind is one of the worst atrocities and traumas a human can suffer. That is why our advocates respond when we are needed most. Specially trained crisis advocates answer our 24/7 confidential crisis hotline and respond to Parkview Hospital any time - day or night. We serve victims of all ages, along with their families who might be with them at the hospital.

During our current global pandemic, we are keenly aware of how much your donation means. Again, thank you for supporting us and our vital work.

In gratitude,
Kirsten Taylor, Executive Director
Pueblo Rape Crisis Services



Thank you!

Dear WSA:

Thank you for your in-kind donation of coloring books, crayons and candy, received November 11, 2021. We are deeply grateful for your contribution - and your support of the families served by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Denver.

RMHC-Denver provides a home away from home when families with seriously ill or injured children need to seek medical care far from their own homes. With a combined total of 118 rooms in our Denver and Aurora Houses, we provide security, comfort and care to thousands of families every year when they need it most. Families are able to return to hot showers and comfortable beds at the end of long days spent bedside in hospitals.

As part of our circle of supporters, you are providing hope and light to families during the darkest of times and lessening both the emotional and financial burdens that come when a family has a sick child. You are enabling families to be together, near the medical care they need. And, you ensure that RMHC-Denver can continue to be one thing families can count on during this time of uncertainty.

We are grateful for your partnership and for extending your care and compassion to others through your generosity.

Sincerely,
John Burtness, Development Director
Ronald McDonald House Charities

Spotlight



Pueblo Lodges Help the Community

The members of Pueblo Slovan Lodge #3 always try to act on the WSA Mission Statement throughout the year. They make a difference in the lives of their neighbors, both two-legged and four legged.



Judy Solano, CEO and Founder of So Co Harm Reductions Association accepts a donation from Slovan Lodge member Mary Joy Kogovsek.



Lodge member Lisa Kogovsek presents a Lodge donation to Principal Kim Sanchez at Delores Huerta Prep High School where Lisa is a math teacher and Head of the Math Department.



Larry Higinbotham meets with Katie Holley, Events Specialist at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region. Pueblo Slovan Lodge #3 helps maintain this valuable organization.



Del Kogovsek visits with Helen Benevidez, Manager of the Pueblo Soup Kitchen. Del and her late husband Frank were long time volunteers there years ago.

The Lodge is honored to support this worthwhile cause.

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St Martin's Members Keep Busy!

St. Martin's members Steve and Marilyn Stevens have kept busy sewing creative face masks that are individually packaged. The masks were donated to the Holy Rosary Parish in Denver. The colorful masks guaranteed that attendees at weddings and quinceaneras had stylish face coverings.



Father Frank Garcia, pastor at Holy Rosary Parish in Denver, was thrilled to receive the generous supply of colorful facemasks.

Some of the beautiful masks sewn and donated by Steve and Marilyn Stevens.

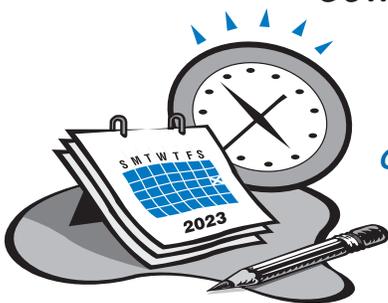


Would You Like a Calendar Mailed to You this Fall?

Please be sure to let us know!

Contact the Home Office to request your copy!

If you have requested a calendar before, there is no need to call, one will be sent to you automatically.



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St Martin's Ventures Out for an October Lodge Meeting



St. Martin's member Helen Skrabec enjoys nachos, and the October Lodge meeting.

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Lodge #41 Remembers Those in the Hospital

Lodge #41 Members Donate Afghans to the VA Hospital



Lodge #41 members Dee Belsher and Dennis Newton delivered the afghans to the VA Hospital in Aurora, CO.

Lodge #41 stayed busy creating wonderful gifts for local hospitals and their patients.



Coloring books and crayons destined to make a child's stay at St. Anthony Hospital a little bit brighter.



Members once again stayed busy creating these ever popular fleece blankets that they donated to Broomfield Skilled Nursing Home patients.



Theresa Smith and Iona Kahler show off just a sample of the many creations.

Hats for Babies



Hats created with love by members of Lodge #41 for babies at St Anthony Hospital.



Lodge #41's Pillows for Heart Patients

Lodge #41 got together as a group at the Wheat Ridge Rec Center and created pillows for Cardiac Patients at St. Anthony's Hospital.



Theresa Smith concentrates on her work while Carol Hoffman, Bert Rhodes, Bernice Ryder, Marlene Zamboni, Pauline Rhodes, Georgia Tokar and Francisca Myers busily work in the background.



Marlene Zamboni, Bernice Ryder, Carol Nelson and Francisca Myers get back into the groove of making pillows



Kenny Kahler finishes a pillow showing off his favorite sports team.



Elaine Alfonso and Jim Smith are hard at work.



The end result of Lodge #41's labor.

Lodge Members deliver the pillows to a member of St. Anthony's Cardiac Unit.



Jim and Theresa Smith, and Barb Harris are engrossed in stuffing the pillows.





Spotlight

Lodge #41 Holds Luncheon Meeting in May



Twenty-four members of Lodge #41 ventured out for a luncheon meeting at Los Arcos last May.



Lodge #41 Donates Socks to those Less Fortunate



**Awake, thou wintry earth -
Fling off thy sadness!
Fair vernal flowers, laugh
Your ancient gladness!**



- Thomas Blackburn



SPMDTU *Spotlight*



Happenings

Let's Check Out What is Happening at the SPMDTU Fraternal Organization

Meetings:

When:

First Thursday of each month
6:00 PM

Where:

Nambe Community Center
Refreshments provided. Please plan to attend and help us keep the Sociedad going. Our success will only come if our members all work together.

Community Assistance:

The Concilio has assisted several families in need with monetary contributions.

Hermanos Joe Martinez and Baudilio Baca have a collection box at **Pojoaque Pueblo Super Market** and **JR Clothing**. The Concilio contributes from our local funds. Over \$12,000 has been collected to help community members in need. Let us know of anyone in need of our assistance.

Finance:

Our main source of income is from Hall Rental and member dues. Fund raising is done to help community members in need.

Funeral Discounts:

Rivera Funeral Home and **DeVargas Funeral Home**. Pre-paid plans available. Please inform your family members discounts are available to SPMDTU members.



Lodge #41's Christmas Party

The Mt. Vernon Country Club was the site of Lodge #41's Christmas celebration. Presents, good food and socialization were the order of the day.



Georgia Tokar, Barb Harris and Elaine Alfonso are ready to open their presents.



Carol Hoffman and Cara Hoffmann relish the time together.



Elaine Alfonso, Carol Rondinelli and Mike Rondinelli have a conversation with the next table.



Kenny Kahler, Dee Belsher and Dennis Newton are seated at the long table waiting to eat.



Barb Harris, Elaine Alfonso and Barb Pietrafeso catch up on the latest news.



Pauline and Bert Rhodes, Betty Kennedy and Kenny Kahler had a great visit.

Your Board Meets



Summary Of The Meeting Of The Board December 11, 2021

All Directors were present.

Reports were given by the following individuals:

- Chair John Kogovsek
- President / CEO Randy Fuss
- Vice President of Operations Tina Scribner

The Board performed the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held July 10, 2021.
- Approved the duties and members of the Finance, Administrative, Audit and Nominating Committees for 2022.
- Appointed the independent audit firm for the audit of WSA's financial records for year ending 2021.
- Approved the minutes of the Finance Committee and ratified the actions of the Finance Committee since the prior Board meeting.
- Approved the 2021 budget as amended and the 2022 budget as presented.
- Approved dividends on all non-1980 CSO life products (excluding KK certificates) and post-1980 CSO whole life products for the 2021 calendar year. Dividends shall not be payable on annuity products.
- Approved the 2022 LAFP allocation per lodge.
- Approved the renewal of the LAIP for 2022.
- Re-appointed WSA's illustration and valuation actuary for 2022 and approved the compensation for 2022.
- Approved funding of the employee SEP plan.
- Approved funding of authorized bond brokers.
- Approved the list of authorized appraisers for mortgage underwriting and real estate buy/sell purposes.
- Approved WSA's Corporate Governance Filing for year ending 2021 as presented.
- Approved WSA's 2021 Risk Assessment.
- Approved strategic short and long-term goals.
- Approved performing a self-assessment in 2022.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Copies of the minutes are available upon request from the Home Office.

Financial Report



FINANCIAL REPORT

Period Ending December 31, 2021

ASSETS

BONDS	\$9,656,222
MORTGAGE LOANS	19,437,687
REAL ESTATE	6,416,225
CERTIFICATE LOANS	159,49
CASH & SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	4,618,462
OTHER INVESTED ASSETS	-
DEFERRED PREMIUMS	17
INVESTMENT INCOME DUE	229,785
INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE	-
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	210
RECEIVABLE FOR SECURITIES	-
PREPAID EXPENSES	-
INSURANCE RECOVERABLE	-

LIABILITIES

CERTIFICATE RESERVES	\$31,224,537
AMOUNTS LEFT ON DEPOSIT	1,830,770
CLAIM RESERVES	1,089,601
12 MONTH REFUNDS ESTIMATED	3,500
ADVANCE PREMIUMS	11,253
INTEREST MAINT. RESERVES	122,673
GENERAL EXPENSES PAYABLE	72,457
TAXES, FEES, LICENSES PAYABLE	117,941
TRUSTEE WITHHOLDINGS	323,144
ASSET VALUATION RESERVE	701,117
UNEARNED INCOME	9,615
PENDING ESCHEATMENT	3,747
PAYABLE FOR SECURITIES	-

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$35,510,355

TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS \$40,518,457 SURPLUS (ADMITTED \$5,008,102)

TOTAL NON-ADMITTED ASSETS \$4,646,267 TOTAL SURPLUS \$9,654,369

TOTAL ASSETS \$45,164,724 TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS \$45,164,724

Memorial Day



The finest tribute we can pay
 Unto our hero dead to-day,
 Is not a rose wreath, white
 and red,
 In memory of the blood they
 shed;
 Each couch of consecrated
 ground,

And pledge ourselves as warriors
 true
 Unto the work they died to do.

Into God's valleys where they lie
 At rest, beneath the open sky,
 Triumphant now, o'er every foe,
 As living tributes let us go.
 No wreath of rose or immortelles
 Or spoken word or tolling bells
 Will do to-day, unless we give
 Our pledge that liberty shall live.

Our hearts must be the roses red
 We place above our hero dead;
 To-day beside their graves we
 must
 Renew allegiance to their trust;
 Must bare our heads and humbly
 say

We hold the Flag as dear as they,
 And stand, as once they stood,
 to die
 To keep the Stars and Stripes
 on high

The finest tribute we can pay
 Unto our hero dead to-day
 Is not of speech or roses red,
 But living, throbbing hearts
 instead
 That shall renew the pledge they
 sealed
 With death upon the battlefield:
 That freedom's flag shall bear
 no stain
 And free men fear no tyrant's
 chain.

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The Western Home

(Home on the Range) - Brewster Higley

*Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,
Where the deer and the antelope play;
Where never is heard a discouraging word
And the sky is not clouded all day.*

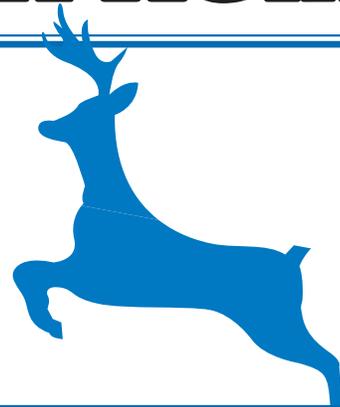
*Oh, give me the gale of the Solomon vale
Where life streams with bouoyancy flow,
On the banks of the Beaver, shere seldom if
ever
Any poisonous herbage doth grow.*

*Oh, give me the land where the bright diamond
sand
Throws light from the glittering stream;
Where glideth along the graceful white swan,
Like a maid in her heavenly dreams.*

*I love these wild flowers in this bright land of our;
I love too, the curlew's wild scream
The bluffs of white rocks and antelope flocks
That graze on the hillsides so green.*

*How often at night, when the heavens are bright
By the light of the glitterng stars,
Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed
If there beauty exceeds this of ours.*

*The air is so pure, the breezes so light,
The zepfers so balmy at night,
I would not exchange my home here to range
Forever in azure so bright.*



On the Grasshopper & Cricket

The Poetry of earth is never dead:
When all the birds are faint with the
hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown
mead;
That is the Grasshopper's—he takes the lead
In summer luxury,—he has never done
With his delights; for when tired out
with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.
The poetry of earth is ceasing never:
On a lone winter evening, when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stove
there shrills
The Cricket's song, in warmth increasing
ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost,
The Grasshopper's among some grassy
hills.

John Keats

