

Lakeville Eastern Star Newsletter

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Message from the Worthy Matron

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ORDER – QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Since the 2009-2012 Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter, what has been one of the primary recognizable charities of the Order of the Eastern Star? (Read on to find the answer)

The Dog Days of Summer are certainly here in Indiana! I hope you and your family are enjoying the end of the summer! We gathered for pizza prior to our August meeting. We were joined by Sister Diana Surfus, PGM and Lori Steinger from ICAN who brought Willrowe (named after Cindy Willyard and Harold Rowe). He is such a sweet boy and full of energy! They explained that service dogs are the national charity of the Order of the Eastern Star. Each state picks the accredited program they want to use, and Indiana has selected ICAN. ICAN breeds the dogs and trains them to help those with mobility issues and other support needs. They also have a program that supports veterans with PTSD. ICAN uses inmates to train the dogs thus enriching the lives of those on “both ends of the leash”. The training of the dog takes approximately two years and is a very expensive process. Because Indiana is a continuous supporter of ICAN, Sister Diana has arranged for OES chapters to purchase a dog through ICAN at the cost of \$5000.

At our meeting, we discussed the possibility of Lakeville sponsoring a dog. We had questions about what kind of financial commitment was needed beyond the \$5000. I contacted Sister Diana who explained that the \$5000 is all that is required for the purchase of a dog. The additional costs are supported by the work we do through the OES service dog project. The \$5000 would grant us the honor of naming the dog and keep us connected to the dog’s training over the next two years while he is in “prison” and the opportunity to visit with him when he goes out on “furlough”. We have a \$3000 anonymous donation which would be available to us after the first of the year to purchase a dog if we choose to accept it. Lakeville would need to contribute an additional \$2000. We will be discussing this further at our next meeting.

Our September meeting will be our traditional Family Night. Please bring a dish to share for our meal at 6:30pm. Families are welcome if you would like to invite them for the dinner. Our stated meeting will follow at 7:30pm and will honor grandparents.

Shine on! -Barb

Dates to Remember:

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| Tue Sep-3 | @ 6:30pm | Family Night - Carry-in Dinner at 6:30pm |
| Tue Sep-3 | @ 7:30pm | Stated Meeting |
| Tue Oct-1 | @ 7:30pm | Stated Meeting - Deputy Visit - Refreshments to follow the meeting. |
| Sat Oct-12 | | Deputy Reception honoring Sunflower #20 Donna Hoover @ Lakeville |