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## T.I.M.E. TRAVEL WITH THE W.G.M.



I can't believe it, we are now in 2014. The time is quickly passing. They say time flies when you are having fun...ergo, I am having a wonderful time.

I hope that each one of you had a blessed Christmas, spent time with family and friends, and gathered many memories. At some point I plan to sit down and travel through memory lane, that is, when time allows.

Do you remember the magazine "Reminisce"? When I go into a chapter room, especially one that is very ornate with beautiful woodwork and balconies, I close my eyes and envision what that room must have looked like 50 to 100 years ago, ladies in their formal gowns and men in their finest just for a regular Chapter meeting. Oh, how I would love to have been a fly on the wall. Just to see the fun, fellowship and comradery at work.

We are blessed to have that tradition continue. As I travel into each of your districts for the Inspections, I see that same fun, fellowship and comradery, just in a different era. I can see the dedication and devotion from each of the members as they do their work. I have been present to observe and greet new members coming into our Order and express to them how much good is done as a Fraternal Order. The philanthropy and charity that we do is outstanding. It can honestly be said: "We make a difference".

Dedicating little ones into our Order is such a pleasure. Many are grandchildren, nieces and nephews which I am delighted to be able to do this for our lifelong members. Seeing their glow as we give their "babies" the dedication presentation makes me beam. Many of them had their own children dedicated into our Order and I know this brings many of those memories back into their hearts.

Travel has been exhausting, but quite rewarding. I love visiting and talking with our members. I have shared at many of the Inspections that I do not breathe fire, have horns, or a tail. I am just like each of you, a devoted member, wanting to see the best done for the Order of the Eastern Star.

As I continue to come into your districts, I look forward to visiting and chatting with you. If you have any ideas please feel free to share them with me as I do want to know what is on the minds of our members.



*Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. ~ Helen Keller*

God Bless and remember: We are all "Showered with Blessings".  
Elizabeth Lashley, Worthy Grand Matron

Happy New Year to all Sisters and Brothers,

We hope you had a great Christmas and great New Years. We certainly did. All our kids were home and the Grandkids are great. Oh, by the way, Becky and I got news that we are going to be grandparents again. About time! Our youngest, Carrie and her husband Randy, will be having a baby late June early July. Too late for our year and dedication, Betty and Fred you get the luck and gives you a reason to go to Win-nipeg.

Now onward. We hope that the New Year brings a renewed resolve to replace yourself. It is so important to do this for not only survival,

but to let the world know we believe in what we practice. We often talk about the virtues of our Star Points. We know that the world would be so much better if everyone followed them. Now is the time to just do it.

Our Order deserves our best effort. Talk to Masons that aren't members. Let them know that by being involved they can do degree work and expand the way everyone views them. Talk to their wives. Let them know the good that we do, from the projects, to the meals, to the great friendships. Try to let them sit on the side for a year so they can get comfortable. If they want to start doing work, let them. Step back not away. Teach them and help them learn the stories and they will stay strong members. It excites everyone when this happens.

Finally, Don't Ever Give Up! You have all been so good all year and we know that it will continue. Personally, Becky, Liz, Charlie and I love being around you and developing friendships that will last for our lifetime. God is good that way. Keep coming and enjoy yourself. Our work is worthy of our effort.



Together With Love,  
Darrell & Becky



## THE APPLE OF OUR EYE

It was a beautiful fall evening on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013 when Sister Cathy Scott, Grand Representative of Washington in Indiana, greeted her guests at a reception held in her honor at Clinton Chapter #6 in Frankfort, IN. Guests were treated to a delicious catered meal prior to the meeting. The meal was topped off with a piece of cake emblazoned with an apple tree and the words "Cathy you are the apple of our eye." The Dining Room was decorated in a fall theme with glowing candles, autumn leaves and stacks of freshly picked red apples. Pine trees, pumpkins, mums, pine cones and gourds dotted the room.

The Chapter room mirrored the fall theme, but also was adorned with symbols relating to the state of Washington. In the East were more pine trees, mums and fall foliage. A clothes line hung in the West containing shirts labeled with all things Washington – Starbucks, Boeing, milk, Space Needle, etc.

As Sister Cathy was escorted to the East, she was greeted in song by Brother Michael Flowers. The meeting began with PGM Deby Thomas giving Cathy's Eastern Star history and a little bit of her background. Since she had not received the actual facts, she had gleaned some of her own from the internet--which made Cathy's background sound very interesting indeed. Everyone had a good laugh. However, Sister Cathy does have a prestigious Eastern Star history and an even more impressive personal history. Her fellow Clinton Chapter members presented these facts as a tribute to her dedication not only to Eastern Star, but to many aspects of her life, many of which they have witnessed.

After Sister Cathy gave her remarks, she presented everyone with a piece of Almond Roco candy made in Washington State. Yum!!!

Among Cathy's many guests were: Deby Thomas, GGC Community Service Committee Member and PGM; Lois Waggoner, PGM; Dwight Singer, PGP and wife Linda; Betty Swisher, AGM and husband Charlie; Jennifer Mansur, DD#15; and members of the Treasures of the Heart Grand Family.

We all left with the warm glow of an evening well spent honoring a lovely lady. Sister Cathy you are indeed the apple of our eye.



*Cathy Scott, Betty Swisher, AGM, and Deby Thomas, PGM*



*Cathy & Richard Scott*



*Having fun times in District 2 at the Grand Warder Reception with Mayme Lytle, DD#2; Susie Roach, Grand Trustee and PGM; Elizabeth Lashley, WGM; Janet Sweet, WM; and Mary Jane Stevens, Grand Warder.*



### **MIDDLETOWN INSTALLS 3 GENERATIONS**

Middletown Chapter #110 held their Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 22, 2013. PGM Dianna Bullock was the Installing Officer with Past Grand Martha Stacy Baker as Installing Marshal, Grand Chaplain Larry Frost as Installing Chaplain, Past Grand Organist Phyllis Murray as Installing Organist and Isabel Longnaker (granddaughter of the WM) and Greg Lucas as Installing Soloists. It was a momentous occasion as 3 generations were installed. They are Sally Ruefenacht, Pam Butz, Tiffany Patton.

The new Officers are Worthy Matron – Pam Butz, Worthy Patron – Ned Cline, Associate Matron – Cheryl Tichenor, Associate Patron – George Kirkpatrick, Secretary – Dianna Bullock, PGM, Treasurer – Mardell Sheddric, Conductress – Elaine Masters, Associate Conductress – Debra Parrish, Chaplain – Fran Tedrow, Marshal – Walt Spangler, Adah – Tiffany Patton, Ruth – Sally Ruefenacht, Esther – Gloria Kirkpatrick, Martha – Jackie Bailey, Electa – Nancy Frost, Warder – Nancy Spangler and Sentinel – Ed Tedrow.

## 85 YEAR MEMBER!

Deloris Morrison Fleck probably set several records on her 106th birthday November 11, 2013. She is the oldest resident at Heritage Pointe in Warren where she has lived since 1994. It was her 85th year as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and O.E.S. dignitaries were on hand to celebrate with her at Heritage Pointe.

Judy Klemm, District #14 Deputy, presented an 85th-year certificate signed by Elizabeth Lashley, Indiana Worthy Grand Matron, and Darrell Arthur, Indiana Worthy Grand Patron. Present at the presentation was a delegation from her Columbia City Chapter #65 – Romona Dunfee, Worthy Matron; Chet Simon, Worthy Patron; and Joan Simon, Secretary – as well as Mary Alice (Dunwoody) Laymon of Montpelier, wearing her 50-year O.E.S. pin. Mary Alice is a niece of Mrs. Fleck. Also present were Carolyn Jevelian of Wilmette, Illinois, and George Fleck of Williamsburg, Massachusetts, children of Deloris Fleck.

Deloris was born at the Morrison Homestead, south of Warren in Salamonie Township. She attended the one-room Zent School, a short walk from her home, and then entered Warren High School, graduating in 1925. She completed the teacher preparation course of Indiana State Normal School at Muncie, now Ball State University, in 1927, and received an Indiana lifetime teacher's license in 1932. Manchester College, now Manchester University, awarded her the B.S. degree in 1964.

She spent most of her quarter century career in education as a Hoosier fourth grade teacher. She taught elementary school at the Salamonie School in Warren from 1927 to 1932. That building, built in 1925, has been restored as Warren's Knight-Bergmann Civic Center. She then taught a year at the Washington Center School in Whitley County. Deloris returned to elementary teaching when her children were growing up, teaching at South Whitley from 1951 to 1955, at Ligonier from 1955 to 1959, and at the Thorncreek Township School in Whitley County from 1959 until her retirement in 1970.

Deloris married Ford Bloom Fleck on June 6, 1933. Mr. Fleck, a science teacher at Warren, South Whitley, Ligonier and Columbia City, died on July 2, 1983.

A Past Matron in the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Fleck was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia City until it closed in May 2009. She is presently the oldest member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, Illinois.

Submitted by George Fleck

*Back row, left to right: Romana Dunfee, Mary Alice Laymon, Judy Klemm, Joan Simon and Chet Simon. Front row: Deloris Fleck in the center, Carolyn Jevelian on the right, and George Fleck on the left*



## SANDRA HEATH, GRAND REPRESENTATIVE RECEPTION

November 16th was a beautiful autumn day—sunny and not too cold. The Red Roses, White Clouds and Blue Skies Reception honored Sandra Heath, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia in Indiana. Franklin Chapter welcomed the guests for a pre-breakfast.

The decorations in the East were two big bears: one in Royal blue and the other in red in front of the pedestal of white, red and blue. Her favorite cat is Tigger whose picture was in the middle. In the dining room were red American Beauty plastic canvas rose tea lights on white doilies and surrounded by royal and red stars.



Sandra Heath was presented at the Altar for introduction by her sister Barbara Heath, Conductress, who is also a Former Grand Representative. Alice Myers sang “Oh, America” –a patriotic song to Sandy to carry out the patriotic theme of the day. An escort of the Grand Representatives and Former Grand Representatives formed two lines holding little flags they waved. Sandy and Barbara were both dressed in colonial aprons with the matching caps.

Guests introduced were: Deby Thomas, General Grand Chapter Community Service Committee Member and Past Grand Matron, who read a tribute to Sandy noting that she had served as Worthy Matron six times for three different Chapters.

Others introduced were: Past Grand Matrons - Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and Lonnie, and Bonnie Allinder; Past Grand Patron - Howard Farrand and Carla; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha of the Showers of Blessings Grand Family; and Lexi Johnson, D.D.#6 and David and Miss Priss, travel companion Kangaroo.

There were nine Grand Chapter Committee appointments; Current Grand Representatives - Christina Carney-Click, Ontario; Paula Kahrs, North Carolina; Tiffany Ingles, Wyoming; Phyllis Pruner, Utah; and Mary Shaffer, New Mexico; and also 13 Former Grand Representatives and spouses were present.

There were also many Past Matrons and Past Patrons, two who represented youth groups - Anna Burton, 1st Grand Messenger of Job’s Daughters and Kathy Moore who works as an advisor with the DeMolay in Franklin.

Howard Farrand was the photographer and Ransford IMH Chapter provided the refreshments of cookies and iced tea and lemonade afterwards. In all it was a red roses, white clouds and blue skies day.

The photo shows Sandra Heath in front of the District of Columbia Flag and the Indiana flag at her reception.

Reporter Barbara Heath

## NETTIE RANSFORD MEMORIAL CELEBRATION



Sunday, November 3rd was a very special day for Eastern Star. The Officers of the Indiana Grand Chapter gathered in the Ransford Chapel at the Indiana Masonic Home to celebrate the life of Nettie Ransford, a Past Grand Matron of the Indiana Grand Chapter. Nettie was the one who influenced the building and establishment of the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin. She worked with the Indiana Masonic Lodge to establish a home for the orphans and widows.

To help celebrate her life and the many things that she did for our Order, Virginia Walton portrayed this fine lady and told many incidents of her life concerning our Order of the Eastern Star. Kay Lawrence, Past Matron in District 11 and the presiding officer of the day, helped in this presentation.

The Grand Choir shared in the program with three musical selections specially prepared for the day.

The photo is of Virginia Walton dressed how Nettie Ransford would probably dress today.

Barbara Heath, Star Lite Reporter for District 6



*Our Daughters braving the cold and wind so their Momma can get a picture.  
They are good sports!*

## RANSFORD FRIENDS DAY

On Sunday, November 10th Ransford IMH Chapter at the Indiana Masonic Home in District 6 welcomed all to the Friend's Afternoon in Kresge Chapel. Joyce Small, PGM and Worthy Matron, welcomed the guests with a poem "T-H-A-N-K-S-G-I-V-I-N-G." Since the next day would be Veterans' Day, each group was asked to stand as their military song was played by organist Rose Vance.

Introductions: The Conductress escorted each group across the East for introductions: Worthy Grand Patron, Darrell Arthur and Becky; Past Grand Matrons, Perrietta Appleton and Gloria Jonas, widow of Jerry Jonas, PGP. The Showers of Blessing Grand Family: Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Jane Peterson, Grand Ruth; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha and Cecil; Beulah Jones,

Grand Secretary Emeritus; and Lexi Moore, D.D. #6 and David.

Grand Chapter Committee Appointments attending were: Barbara Heath, Star Lite Reporter for District 6; Barbara Martin, Karing Kangaroos; Carol Lillyblade, Cancer; Doris Bedell, Wheels for the Journey; Sue Midkiff, State Chairman of Cancer; Richard Midkiff, Division Chairman of Knights' Templar Eye Foundation; and Lonnie Small, State Chairman for Membership.



Sandra Heath, Grand Representative of District of Columbia and Phyllis Pruner, Grand Representative of Utah were introduced as were three Worthy Matrons, one Worthy Patron, twelve Past Matrons and Past Patrons and two Masonic officers.

"The History of the Apron" was read by Joyce. Then each officer introduced the friend they had invited and gave them an orange-colored pumpkin ice cube tray. Remarks were made in closing by Darrell Arthur, WGP; Perrietta Appleton, PGM; and Lexi Johnson, D.D.#6.

The program was presented by Jane Hoffman who talked about the "Merits of Humor." She closed with one of everyone's favorite funny song "Mississippi Squirrel" and she wore a costume of overalls, a cap and a striped shirt.

Lonnie Small, Chaplain, very slowly and reverently escorted the Bible to the secretary's desk. The meeting closed with the forming of the cross by the officers. Carlton Hinshaw, Worthy Patron, recited a moving oration as Tina Lee sang "Jesus-There's Just Something About That Name." Cake, Cookies and lemonade were served after the meeting.

The figures of Indians who are enjoying Thanksgiving dinner are shown in the picture with the dog and his bowl of meat and the cat with his fish in a bowl. These figures were created by Georgia Cassell who is a member of Morristown Chapter.



## RETIREMENT FOR SUE MIDKIFF



November the second was a double special day for Sue Midkiff. First it was her birthday and second it was the first day of her retirement as well. She was initiated into Ransford IMH Chapter when it began in 2001 and served as Deputy of District 6. Then she became Grand Martha for the Indiana Grand Chapter.

On November first she retired after 35 years of work in City Government at Franklin and Indianapolis. The party was on Saturday at the Secret Garden room at the Masonic home. Many friends came to help her celebrate this special event.



*This is Thelma Coy of Lebanon Chapter #23 in District #10 as she receives her Grand Representative of Arkansas Grand Chapter in Indiana appointment with WGM Elizabeth Lashley and WGP Darrell Arthur on October 24, 2013.*

## DISTRICT #7 FALL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Saturday, October 19, 2013 started out gloomy, but as we got closer to Hymera Chapter the sun came out and it turned into a beautiful day.

President Lynn Padgett called the meeting to order. The response was given by Loda Stewart, Worthy Matron of Sullivan Chapter. Elizabeth Lashley, WGM, and Darrell Arthur, WGP, were presented at the Altar, escorted East and given hardy welcomes. Also introduced and given a hardy welcome were Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM; Robert Hoagland, PGP; Barbara Dutton, Grand Organist; and Dawnee Small, DD#7, who was also escorted East through an aisle of Past Deputies while everyone sang "You Are My Sunshine" to her.

There were 9 Grand Chapter Committee members present along with 3 Grand Representatives, 5 WMs and WPs, 19 PMs and PPs, 1 Masonic member and a wife of a Grand Officer.

The business of the association was met, Altar attended to, songs sang, pledges given, committee reports reported, audit read and monies accounted for. The Steering Committee reported the total money raised. Forty seven members were present with Stanford Chapter winning the Golden Key award and Sullivan winning the Attendance Award. Karen Easterday, Historian, gave a wonderful report.

Many of our members were reported being ill or having surgery and several have passed away since our Spring meeting. Prayers were asked for all.

A committee was appointed to change our by-laws concerning the Treasurer's position and the Trustee. Since 911, the banking laws have changed and each year the money needs to be moved to accommodate those two positions. The committee is Joy Ellen Kuppler, Karen Easterday and Barbara Dutton. They will report at the Spring meeting and it will be voted on then.

Loda Stewart extended an invitation from Sullivan Chapter to host the 2014 Spring meeting. Sue Hays from Stanford Chapter nominated Sharon Query of Ivanhoe Chapter for the position of Chaplain and Barbara Dutton as District Organist. They both accepted.

Barbara Musselman was the Installing Officer, Marsha Cline was Installing Marshal, Elsie Reagan was Installing Chaplain and LeAnn Hennecke was Installing Organist. The officers for 2013-2014 are President – Becky Arthur, 1st VP – Terri Crouch, 2nd VP – Mike Hardesty, Secretary – Tracy Benedict, Treasurer – Carla Rollison, Chaplain – Sharon Query, Organist – Barbara Dutton and Historian – Lynn Padgett. Linda Holsapple from Ivanhoe was named as Trustee.

Darrell's Caddies along with the Chapters, provided the delicious food, chili, homemade vegetable soup, potato soup, sandwiches and many, many delicious desserts. Everyone ate hardy and enjoyed the fellowship. Eliz, Darrell and Becky grabbed a bite as they made a mad dash for their cars hoping to make it to the Grand Family Hoedown on time.

## ELLETTSVILLE FRIEND'S NIGHT

Ellettsville Chapter #454 in District #7 hosted their Friend's Night on October 25th. Many friends enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Worthy Matron Betty Davis welcomed everyone and Jim Smith gave the table grace. There was no meeting, just a fun night. The attire was casual, some dressed for Halloween and the dining room was decorated with Halloween decorations. Bingo was played and we all enjoyed taking away gifts from each other. Barb Dutton, Grand Organist, was the caller and we had many laughs at her antics. Her great-granddaughter was her helper and she kept trying to get Barb to call the number she needed so she could Bingo.

A great time was had by all, but the time spent with our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers is what made the time spent together so very special.

Barbara Deaton, D#7 Star-Lite Reporter



## GREENWOOD HOSTS SIXTH DISTRICT INSPECTION

Greenwood Chapter welcomed all to the second Inspection in District 6 on Monday, November 4th. A Baby Dedication was conducted for two children who were dedicated to the principles of our Order.

The Opening ceremony was conducted by Holly Grizzell, Worthy Matron, and Larry Fenton, Worthy Patron, of Naamah Chapter. Guests introduced were: Elizabeth Lashley, Worthy Grand Matron, and Darrell Arthur, Worthy Grand Patron. They were welcomed in song by Charles Russell who sang "Old Friends" in their honor. Others introduced were: Deby Thomas, P.G.M., General Grand Chapter Community Service Committee; Lois Wagoner, P.G.M.; and Joyce Small, P.G.M. and Grand Trustee. Elected Grand Officers: Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; and Tina Vredenburg, Grand Conductress.

Appointed Grand Officers attending were: Darlene Shepard, Grand Adah; Joanna Hornsby, Grand Ruth; Jayne Peterson, Grand Esther; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha; and Beulah Jones, Grand Secretary Emeritus. District Deputies present were: Janice Lemmon, #4; Patricia Smith, #9; Barbara Langhammer, #10; Geraldine Howard, #12; Marcia Spears, #19; and our own Lexi Johnson, #6. All of the Kangaroos were also present with their mommas. Miss Priss of Six was appropriately dressed in green in honor of the Grand Martha from District 6.

Grand Chapter Committee Appointments present were 7 from District 6 and several more from the surrounding districts as well. Two Grand Representatives were also introduced: Sandra Heath, District of Columbia, and Mary Shaffer, New Mexico. Only four Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were present with 20 Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

Spouses of those introduced were: Becky Arthur, Lonnie Small, George Vredenburg, Nancy Frost, Jim Hornsby, Cecil Moore, David Johnson, Joe Smith and Mike Langhammer. Phil Fowler was a Distinguished Mason and Sandie Thomas and George Hall represented the Youth Groups.

The Initiatory work was presented by Greenwood Chapter under Jane Sherrill, W.M., and Mike Sherrill, W. P. The Closing was given by Morristown Chapter with pro-tems: Jane Sherrill and Mike Sherrill since the Worthy Matron of Morristown had an injury several weeks ago and the Worthy Patron was ill. Joyce Small, P.G.M. and Grand Trustee gave out the Honorary Memberships. After the remarks by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, all went to the dining room for refreshments.

Reported by Barbara Heath, Reporter

## Check your Calendars

### WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Jan 18 100th Anniversary Winslow #391,  
D#2  
Feb 9 D#4 Valentine Tea at IMH  
Mar 19 Last Inspection D#7  
Mar 27 Last Inspection D#2  
Apr 3-7 Bus Trip To Washington, DC  
Apr 19 D#7 Association Meeting

Mar 15 Dana Kroeger, DD#1  
Mar 22 Geraldine Howard, DD#12  
Mar 22 Judy Creviston, DD#13  
Morris Chapel United Methodist Church  
2:30pm Social, 4:00pm Program  
Dinner to follow  
Mar 29 Norma Couldry, DD#8  
Mar 29 Pat Smith, DD#9

### INSPECTIONS

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm,  
Award of Gold 7:20 pm  
Inspection 7:30 pm Unless otherwise noted

Jan 30 D#3  
Feb 4 D#1 at Garnet  
Feb 7 D#11  
Feb 12 D#5  
Feb 14 D#4 at Columbus w/ Clifford &  
Hartsville  
Feb 17 D#8  
Feb 21 D#7 Luncheon  
Feb 27 D#14  
Feb 28 D#13  
Mar 3 D#12 Luncheon  
Mar 5 D#1  
Mar 6 D#6 at Ransford IMH w/ Flat Rock  
& Nineveh  
Mar 12 D#9  
Mar 17 D#20  
Mar 19 D#7  
Mar 20 D#8  
Mar 24 D#3  
Mar 27 D#2 Luncheon  
Mar 31 D#11

### RECEPTIONS

Feb 22 Marcia Spears LaBounty, DD#19  
Mar 1 Barbara Langhammer, DD#10  
Mar 1 Victoria Phillips, DD#11  
Mar 8 Jan Lemmon, DD#4 at Columbus  
Social 9:00am, Program 10:30 am  
Lunch to follow  
Mar 8 Barbara Banta, DD#5  
Mar 15 Alice Rogers, DD#3

### FRIEND'S NIGHTS

Feb 1 D#6 Union Village 10:00am  
Feb 15 D#1 Lynnville  
Mar 7 D#4 Seymour  
Mar 12 D#6 Franklin  
Mar 20 D#4 at Hartsville w/ Lois  
Mar 22 D#6 Morgantown  
Mar 25 D#4 North Vernon  
Mar 26 D#6 Mooresville  
Mar 28 D#4 Hayden

### GRAND STAR POINT HONOR NIGHT

Feb 22 D#19  
Mar 7 D#3  
Mar 14 D#4 Salem  
Mar 21 D#11  
Mar 28 D#10 Pittsboro

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location will be changed and it will be too late  
to make the correction in the magazine.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

## DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Churubusco Chapter #136 donated \$800.00 to Cole Lybarger and the Churubusco Jr. Sr. High School Destination ImagiNation teams for their travel and participation in the Global Finals as part of OES Community Support of the Community Outreach Program.

Cole along with 12 other students of Churubusco Jr. Sr. High School participated in the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals May 21st through May 25th in Knoxville, TN at the University of Tennessee. The two teams, one Jr. High team and one Sr. High team, competed against teams from 44 states, 11 countries and 6 Canadian provinces. Destination ImagiNation is the world's largest creativity festival where over 20,000 attended. The DI program fosters creativity, problem solving and teamwork. Both teams earned the opportunity to participate after winning the championship at Regional and State competitions in April.

The Jr. High team, of which Cole was a member, won at the State level in the challenge "In Disguise". This challenge involved a silent skit where a mask is worn and must morph into a mask with another meaning. The catch was the team was not able to speak in the skit or use written language on the props. The team had to complete the skit within 6 minutes. This was the first year at Globals for this team. They came in 47 out of 83 teams.

The Sr. High team competed in the "Real to Reel" challenge. The team had to conduct an outreach project that benefited the community and then develop a skit to present their project. They raised funds and made 29 fleece blankets that they donated at Christmas to Lutheran Children's Hospital in Fort Wayne. Their skit was about Santa's elves going on strike. The elves were convinced to be good by watching a newscast about the DI team project. This team has been to the Global Finals several times and this year enjoyed a top ten performance by winning 6th place against 50 other teams. Both teams participated in the Instant Challenge where they were given a task that had to be completed within a short amount of time. This challenge had to be kept a secret as several teams had the same challenge.

The teams also participated in many activities held in the Expo Center including making the tallest marshmallow tower from marshmallows and skewers. Two members of the Jr. High team won the grand prize, reaching a height of 41.5 inches. Two other members made a mock Mars Rover from tape, straws, rubber bands and a Styrofoam cup which had the best time for carrying a payload to its destination.

Pin trading is a big activity and was really fun. Teams bring pins to trade from where they were from. Some pins were highly sought after such as the Minecraft pin, the California motorcycle pin, dragon pins and wizard pins. The Churubusco teams had eagle pins, which is the school mascot and were a big hit. They had "pin trading areas" where you could trade your pins. It seems that everyone had his or her pins displayed on a "pin towel or blanket". We spent several hours going from table to table trading pins and trading the pins we just traded. The teams brought back pins from China, Korea, Turkey, Singapore, Mexico, Canada and the States.

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Momma Eliz & Poppa Darrell

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"Showers of Blessings"  
Grand Family  
For safe travels 2013-2014  
Momma Eliz & Poppa Darrell



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