

**HOPE CHAPTER NO. 73, OES
Fairfax, VA**

December 2011/January 2012

Sisters and Brothers,

We know it has been some time since our last newsletter, but time just seemed to slip away more rapidly than ever. Now we will try to catch you up on what has been happening and some plans for the future.

The September meeting was line night when we welcomed several visiting line officers from the area including our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Paul Turner, who filled the station of Associate Patron for the evening. The Worthy Patron and Sister Ruth Meagher provided the program/entertainment. We were also pleased to read a petition for the degrees and to present a fifty year pin to Sister Carol Herring.

In October, in addition to balloting on the petition read in September, the Worthy Matron provided Halloween treats for everyone in order to avoid any tricks that may have been planned. Brother Eduardo Sanchez, Associate Patron, pro-temed in the absence of the Worthy Patron, and did an outstanding job. The following day, we held our annual fall festival with our favorite vendors and added a table of crafts for sale. Several attendees attempted to scare us by showing up in Halloween costumes. Altogether, the day was a huge success. We appreciate all who baked, made donations of books and treasures, or simply came to shop, and to Sister Lee Hyer for organizing this fund raiser for the Chapter. Also In October, Sister Shirley Sutphin and the Worthy Matron visited with Sister Doreen and Brother Nick Carter and presented their fifty year pins, along with a dozen yellow roses from the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

The Worthy Matron ran away to attend a high school reunion in November; however, Sister Lee Hyer, Associate Matron, presided at the meeting which was Star Point Night. A memorial was held for our departed members. According to all reports, the evening went well. Thanks to all who helped with this meeting.

The Official Visit for the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rita Jo Banner, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Paul Turner, to District 20 was held the afternoon of December 3 followed by a lasagna dinner hosted by Herndon Chapter No. 55 in honor of Brother Michael King, Grand Sentinel. Hope Chapter handled Good of the Order and Closing and was represented by eight officers. For those who did not attend, you missed a lovely meeting and a delicious meal.

Due to the Official Visit of District 22, our December Stated Meeting was changed from December 2 to Saturday, December 10, 2 PM when we will be initiating one candidate and celebrating the Holiday Season. If possible, please join us for this meeting to welcome our new member. Officers, if you will not be able to attend this meeting and have not previously done so, please advise the Worthy Matron as soon as possible in order for pro-tem officers to be found. Sister Officers, please wear white formal for this meeting.

The first meeting of the new year will be held Friday, January 6, 2012, 8 PM. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this meeting. Please feel free to wear your festive holiday attire which includes the Star Points no matter the color your station.

It is with great sadness that we report the loss by death of two members. Brother Art Leavenworth, Past Patron, passed away in September and Brother Stephen Hewett in October. Eastern Star funerals were held for both brothers. as well as a reception following the funeral of Brother Steve. We appreciate all who participated in the funeral services and helped with the reception. Sympathy is extended to both families.

Several members need our thoughts, prayers, and cards. Sister Doris Campbell continues to deal with heart problems. Sister Paula Gray had hip replacement surgery in September and is recovering at home. Sister Heather Ripley fell and tore her rotor cup and broke some fingers and ribs and is also dealing with other health problems. Sister Hazel Cross has shingles, but thanks to the vaccine, she had a lighter case and plans to be at the December meeting. Sister Lee Hyer came down with pneumonia at Thanksgiving and is recovering at home. Also remember our shut-in with prayers and cards during this holiday season. Please let Sister Hazel or the Worthy Matron know of any joys and concerns that you have.

The Secretary, Sister Shirley Sutphin, has dues cards for 2012. If you have not already done so, please send your \$20.00 annual dues to her at 4121 Virginia Street, Fairfax, VA 22032-1050.

We are continuing the HOPE project (Helping Other People Everywhere). Any donations of food, school supplies, magazines, and donations to the scholarship fund should be brought to all the meetings.

Remember BE A HERO – Sign a Petition

Happy Holidays,

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JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINES DAY!



**HOPE CHAPTER IS HAVING ITS FEBRUARY FASHION
SHOW!!**

FEBRUARY 11, 2012

11 AM

with Lunch to follow

Cost \$8.00

**DRAPERS & DAMONS
10258 MAIN STREET**

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