



THE KING'S DAUGHTERS HOME

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"Honor the Lord with your wealth and firstfruits of your crops. Then your barns will be full and your wine barrels will overflow with new wine."

- Proverbs 3:9-10

The 121st Missouri Branch Convention, which was held in Mexico, Missouri was a great success. Much thanks is due to the Convention Committee Co-Chairs, Gloria Williams and Mary Ann Harlow, and their hard-working committee.

There was a Service of Remembrance which was conducted by the Whatsoever Circle. During the Rosemary Service names of the eleven King's Daughters who have passed away since the last convention were read aloud. As each name was announced, a tea light was lit and placed next to a beautiful handmade white angel in their memory. During the Honor and Memory Pearl Service, 30 memory and 43 honor pearls that were donated during the past year were acknowledged by placing lit tea lights next to 73 purple handmade angels. Proceeds from the sale of honor and memory pearls go to the Endowment Fund.

Guest speaker for the Convention was Carole Babel, Immediate Past International President, and member of the Long Range Development and Planning Committee. She gave a detailed explanation of the document "A Study: Considering the KDS' Future". This document is available online at IOKDS.org in the Members Only Section and a summary of the document can be found in the Fall 2017 issue of the Silver Cross magazine. This document will be voted on at the International Convention at Chautauqua, New York in May, 2018.

David Babel, member of the Building Committee, for King's Daughters and Sons gave a very interesting presentation about the properties at Chautauqua. He gave a history of the homes and presented pictures of these properties along with some interesting stories. He also detailed some of the projects that have recently been completed.

Officer reports were given and a copy of the newly revised bylaws were presented to the officers and each Circle President. If they were not present, they were mailed to that Circle President. Each Circle President was encouraged to share copies of this booklet with their members. As stated in our bylaws, each Circle shall support the KD Home in Mexico by making an annual pledge. The King's Daughters Home is the main project of the Missouri Branch. Other states have different projects, but this has always been our main project for the Missouri Branch. Thank you to each Circle for their continued support and hard work in making our communities a better place to live.

New officers elected were Treasurer, Joyce Riney; Director of North American Indians, Recil Skinner; Director of Around the World, Ginny VanSickle and Silver Cross Chairman, Ginny Raney. The 2018 Missouri Branch Theme is "You can accomplish more in one hour with God than in one lifetime without Him". The supporting Bible verse is "...with God all things are possible." - Matthew 19:26. We look forward to a successful 2018 and thanks to each of you for supporting the Missouri Branch's work in each and every way.

-In His Name, Norma J. Stack | Missouri Branch President



“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”

2 Corinthians 9:15

“I Believe in the Spirit of Christmas”

The spirit of Christmas is all around us... Christmas music on the radio, Christmas trees in stores and houses across the nation, and lights already lit. I always get excited and nearly giddy for Christmas as memories of my childhood flutter my mind. Christmas in our household was a very big deal. My parents spoiled us on Christmas day each and every year, and I mean SPOILED like you've never seen. I remember our tree filled with presents underneath so much so that by Christmas morning after Santa arrived, they would no longer fit under the tree, but instead our entire living room was filled wall-to-wall and nearly from the floor to the ceiling with wrapped presents – having three brothers and three sisters would do such a thing! Oh the excitement of wondering what was inside all those wrapped presents... it was nearly torture.

One year, the curiosity overcame me, and I opened a present without telling anyone – it was a jack-in-the-box. I played with it for a while, winding up the handle over and over again and giggling every time Jack would pop. It felt good to be naughty, to break the rules. I rewrapped it thinking no one would notice. I couldn't have been much older than five or six but I remember it so well. After carefully rewrapping the present and placing it neatly under the Christmas tree, I thought I had escaped any sort of punishment because I was in the free and clear. It's funny how wrong a child's perception can be. It didn't go over so well; I'm not sure if it was because my wrapping abilities were apparently quite poor or because one of my siblings told on me. Probably both. That was the first and last time I ever opened a present before its time. Lesson learned – patience is a virtue, and Christmas is about more than opening presents.

Every year on Christmas Eve after supper we were allowed to pick one present from under the tree to open, and each of us would open one at a time. It was meaningful then and now. The memories of those times when things seemed so simple are special memories. Makes me remember why I love Christmas. I love the smells of Christmas – the trees, the candy, the cookies, the baked goods, the pies and the hot cocoa. Christmas warms my heart. Christmas is a time to remember, to reflect, to give and to love without condition and without expectation. More than the Hallmark clichés (which I admittedly sometimes enjoy) and more than the retail store consumer-driven world – Christmas is special.

As we all know, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and is also taught as a season of giving. But Christmas is truly more about receiving the greatest gift from our Father – Jesus Christ. Not only at Christmas should our *giving* hearts be opened but also our *receiving* hearts, minds and souls opened to God's grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness.

I once read that Santa lives at the North Pole but Jesus lives everywhere... keep that in mind this Christmas season. While I love Santa Claus and all that he entails, Jesus is the reason for the season (cliché, I know, but true).

This Christmas it is my greatest wish that we will continue to recruit and to have compassionate, committed staff who honor and serve the ladies of our Home. Life is short; make the most of it, and do everything you do with all of your heart and soul. May God answer our prayers and send us individuals from the cloth of God who were born to serve and love our elderly, for they are the forgotten population, but they are quite possibly the most valuable and important.

I will leave you with this, *“The best classroom in the world is at the feet of the elderly.”* – Andy Rooney
Think about it.

May God bless those lonely hearts this Christmas and provide them with comfort and love, and may He bless each and every one of us throughout the new year. Merry Christmas! So long 2017. Happy 2018!

-Darus Love | Administrator

OUR DECEMBER FEATURED RESIDENT IS ROE ANN GROVES



“Music is not to hear, it is to feel.”

Roe Ann Groves was born at home on April 30, 1937, to Lawrence and Elsie Charles Beckley. She was their first child, but was joined nine years later with a sister named Keliena Sue. Roe Ann grew up in a Luxtron (metal home) next door to her grandparents. Her parents both worked at A. P. Green, as did many members of the family. At one time, the Charles family held the record for the most years of service at A. P. Green; their names are on several bricks at the local museum. Her family was very active in her life. Sadly, her father, Lawrence, passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack in 1958. A few years later her mother remarried Roscoe “Doc” Martin, who became a very important member of the family.

In high school, Roe Ann was a cheerleader and a member of the pep squad, glee club, choir and National Honor Society. She graduated from Mexico High School in 1955. On August 23, 1958, she married Dale Groves, her high school sweetheart who she met at the local roller rink. Dale had a much larger family – three brothers and two sisters. Roe Ann was very close to Dale’s sister, Marge, and had many best friends in high school – Shirley Payton Marty, Glee Thompson Dodson and Toni Giboney Boone.

Roe Ann’s first job was at Mattingly’s Dime Store and then she worked at A. P. Green from high school until it closed; she was one of the first women to be a part of A. P. Green’s Management Club. Dale was co-owner of Baker Packing Company and owned Heritage Meats.

Dale and Roe Ann have two children, Lisa McCubbins and Mike Groves, as well as four grandchildren – Jessika McCubbins, Kelsie McCubbins, Sidny Groves and Sam Adair. Roe Ann was very active in her children’s lives. She was the president of the Hawthorne PTO and secretary of the Bulldog Booster Club as well as being very involved in school activities. On Sundays the family would go to Granny’s after church for dinner. One of Roe Ann’s daughter Lisa’s favorite memories of her mom was how Roe Ann would let Lisa stay up later than normal to watch “Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman,” and it would just be the two of them. Lisa also recalls going to the bowling alley to watch her mom bowl and playing hide-and-seek with her brother, Mike. Every weekend Roe Ann would make them hot cocoa on the stove and toast in the oven – something they looked forward to all week. Mike recalls that his mother never missed any of his football or baseball games in high school except for one Friday night in 1980 when she had to stay home to watch “Dallas” to see who shot J.R.! Those were the days before DVR... Mike looks back and appreciates his mom for always being there to cheer for his team and to support him. Both Lisa and Mike have many special memories of their mom.

A few random facts — Roe Ann has a collection of miniature porcelain shoes and small pitcher and wash basins. Her favorite color is red, and her favorite car was a red VW Beetle convertible. Her favorite vacations were at Disney World with the kids and Las Vegas with the adults.

Throughout Roe Ann’s life, she was an avid bowler and golfer (Dale and Roe Ann have their names on a trophy at the Country Club for the May Day Club); she loves music and dancing, which began when she took lessons as a child. In addition, she loved to play cards (Pitch), read Readers Digest books, put together puzzles, go to auctions and garage sales, and shop. But she especially loved being involved in her children’s lives. On Saturdays during football season, she loved to go to the University of Missouri Tiger football games. She also saw the first college football game played in the Astrodome. Every year the family would go to the state fair and camp. Roe Ann was known for making the best pineapple salad and salmon salad. She was a member of The Red Hat Society and a majority member of The International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Roe Ann has been at The King’s Daughters Home since June 1, 2015. We love you, Roe Ann. Congratulations on being our featured resident of the month.

Interview Conducted By: Darus Love

Announcements

MO Branch Circles

Please remember your birthday ladies during the Christmas holidays. The ladies love to receive cards, letters and visits.

MO Branch Circles

The Home has a waitlist so many circles have two ladies. Please see page 8 for the updated list of your circle's birthday lady! They may be recognized any time throughout the year. The ladies love hearing from you. Thank you.

MO Branch Circle Membership

If interested in becoming a member of a circle, please inquire at the Home.

MO Branch Scholarships

2017 Balance/Goal

Thank you to all that donated to these scholarships! As you can see, we not only reached our goal, we surpassed it!

Around The World: \$919/\$500

Health Careers: \$862/\$500

North American Indian: \$1,034/\$500

Student Ministry: \$945/\$500

Chautauqua: \$1,646/\$1,500

MO Branch Circles

Please remember your annual Home Pledges for the Home. Please mail pledges to Joyce Riney, MO Branch Treasurer, 615 South Western Street, Mexico, MO 65265

Mexico City Union - Thank you!

The 2017 MO Branch Convention was a success! Thank you to all who attended and who continue to support the Home. Three past presidents were in attendance this year - Carole Babel, Betty Myers & Charlene Adams. The silent auction was also a success. A sincere thank you to the Mexico City Union for the monetary donation from the silent auction proceeds.

The King's Daughters Motto

"Look up and not down, Look forward and not back, Look out and not in, and, Lend a hand."

Home Fundraiser

The King's Daughters Home t-shirts are for sale in a variety of sizes in the business office for \$10.00 each. We have purple or gray t-shirts.

Fundraiser

If anyone is interested in taking the lead on a fundraiser event, specifically a Trivia night with a silent action, please contact the Home.

Snacks Requested

The residents love the snacks offered throughout the day. Any donation for snacks would be greatly appreciated; they love Little Debbie's, chocolate, pudding, cheese on cheese crackers, diabetic candy and mini cans of soda (Mt. Dew, Coke, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Root Beer, Fanta, Diet Coke and Diet Pepsi).

Requesting Monetary Donations

Nurses Station Remodel

South End Flooring

New Carpet

Business Office Updates

All donations to these projects to further beautify the Home while maintaining its original appeal would be greatly and sincerely appreciated. Perhaps, this is a worthy endeavor for the City Unions or Circles.

***"A MERRY HEART DOES GOOD
LIKE MEDICINE."***

-Proverbs 17:22

Announcements Continued

Employee Christmas Fund

The Christmas Season is fast approaching and you may be thinking about what to give to those who take care of you or your loved one.

If you would like to give a gift to the employees, you may do so by contributing to the Employee Christmas Fund.

This system allows each employee to be recognized since they all share in the care of your loved one. If you would like to participate, please have your contribution to the Home's business office by Friday, December 15, 2017 so we can distribute the Employee Christmas Funds at the employee's Christmas party.

Checks should be payable to The King's Daughters Home, marked Employee Christmas Fund. 100% of these funds goes directly to the staff. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity. It means so much to all of us. Merry Christmas!

The Employee Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 21 at 2PM.

The Resident Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 22 at 2PM.

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree."

-Roy L. Smith

Reminder: Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner is Friday, December 1 at 6PM.

Hiring

The Home is hiring Certified Nurses Aides (CNAs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). Please spread the word.

Website

Please check out our website to view information about the Home and to see our newsletters and calendars in color:
www.thekingsdaughtershome.org

A Note from the MO Branch Treasurer

I want to thank each member for your promptness in paying your 2018 dues to your Circle Treasurer on or before the due date. This information was then sent in to the City Union/District Treasurer in a timely manner. I was then able to complete my total recap form and send all of the Missouri Membership lists to International before my deadline. Again, a heartfelt Thank You for your co-operation.
-Joyce Riney

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11



Miscellaneous Information

December Birthdays

Mary Jane Brooks 12/15
Helen Estes 12/28
Charlene Smith 12/31

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

New Resident

No new residents this month... we are at capacity!

Current Census

ICF: 33/33 (waitlisted)
RCF: 12/12 (waitlisted)

Ongoing Programs

- Adult Day Care
Hours 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Half or Full Day Rate
Includes Breakfast, Lunch, Activities and Private Room
Transportation Available
- Respite Care for up to 14 days/nights
Reasonable Rates
24 Hour Nursing Care
Includes Meals, Activities and Private Room

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



'O CHRISTMAS TREE...

If you would like to share your favorite recipes, please send your recipes to:

kdadministrator@thekingsdaughtershome.org

Recipe Corner

This month the recipe is from an anonymous source...

PUMPKIN & CARAMEL SOUP

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup onion diced
- 1 chopped garlic clove
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 1/4 cup water

Salt & Pepper to taste

Directions:

Start by sautéing onion, ginger, oil and garlic over a medium heat until they are soft. Add sugar, 1/4 cup water and lemon juice and cook over a medium heat until sugar dissolves and starts to brown. Add in heavy cream, pumpkin and rest of water. Simmer for about 20 to 25 minutes. Then season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with chopped walnuts if you like.



Thank You... Thank You...

Wanda Craghead: Turkeys
Constance Circle: Turkeys
Ann Ford Circle: Halloween candy
Jerry Harris Circle: Halloween candy
Laurie Estes Circle: Halloween candy
Mildred L. Briscoe Circle: Books, puzzles, bingo quarters
Mary Ann Harlow: Halloween candy, clothing protectors, holiday puzzles
Mary Allen: Halloween candy
Jane Webster: Snacks
Madge Moore: Turkeys
Helen Hynes: Snacks, crackers
Beverly Talley: Little Debbie snacks, cracker jacks
Betty Myers: Country store items, bingo quarters
Ruth Ann Frey: Halloween candy
Madge Moore: Halloween Candy
Shirley Brauer: Greeting cards, puzzles, candy bars
Gail Purcell: Turkeys
Mackey Family: Monetary donation
Craghead/Holsheiser Family: Halloween candy
Dingman Family: Halloween candy
DeVault Family: Popcorn
Warren & Debra Mayes: Turkeys
Paul & Judy Koelling: Turkeys
Lynn Becker: Little Debbie snacks, sugar free candy
Shirley Koelling: Briefs
Anonymous: Briefs
Dale Groves: Turkeys
Lana Baclesse: Snacks
Betty Ann Spurling: Halloween candy
Janet Graham: Halloween candy
Vicki Shouse: Snacks
Angela Goodwin & Tim Pittman: Snacks, soda
Anonymous: Turkeys
Jane Farnen: Greeting cards, 2018 calendars
Worthwhile Homemakers Club: Towels, washcloths

A special thank you to any contributors who may not be listed and whose generosity continues to support The King's Daughters Home.

Please do stop in to see the updates and new flooring at the Home - design by Dene Myers and flooring from Baumgartner's Furniture.

May God bless each and everyone of us and provide compassionate and abundant staff in the new year. Happy end of 2017 and Welcome 2018!

Happy New Year!



Thank you to the individuals who volunteered their time in November:

Church Services on Sundays:

*Rush Hill Community Church
Friendship Baptist Church
Souls Harbor Baptist Church
Genesis Church*

Weekly Bible Study:

*First Christian Church
First Presbyterian Church
St. Matthews Episcopal Church*

Volunteers:

*Weller-Rohfling Circle - Birthday Pie Party
Janice Kleinsorge - Pet Therapy
Brenda Hickman - Pet Therapy
Maggie w/ Rehab Care - Wellness Class
Ginny Raney - Piano Playing
Kathy Beasley & Friends
Audrey Stevens & Kay Totten - Piano Playing
Mary Ann Harlow & Sabrina Gruer - Bingo
Donna Quinlan - Bingo
Jane Houf - Bingo
WWU Delta Omega - Bingo
Altrusa - Bingo*

MO BRANCH CIRCLE'S BIRTHDAY LADIES

Mexico Circles

Annie Arnold Circle

Phyllis Van Horn
July 28
Charlene Smith
December 31

Helping Hand Circle

Edith Schremp
April 28
Helen Estes
December 28

Weller-Rohlfing Circle

Edna DeVault
November 18
Lillian Ruth Case
October 20

Whatsoever Circle

Doris Holliday
January 30
Mary Anne Whalen
August 4

Eastern District Circles

Catherine Richards

Dillingham Circle

Roe Ann Groves
April 30
Ronda Whelan
June 4
Geraldine Hays
November 4

Eula Mainland Circle

Norma Precht
February 10
Gladys Dry
September 22

Mildred L. Briscoe Circle

Minnie Pearl Stephens
May 5
Onilee Crossland
September 7

Kansas City Circle

Perry Crosby/Emig Silver

Cross Circle

Lorene Kendall
February 20
Ruth Kent
September 27

Columbia Circles

Ann Ford Circle

Helen Barrow
July 15
Mary Jane Brooks
December 15

Linda Atkins-Silver Circle

Naomi Jean Harp
February 13
Wanda Davis
June 4

Carole Babel Circle

Dorothy Dingman
January 5
Evelyn Mackey
August 16

Cecile Taylor Circle

Lorene Davidson
February 7
Covella Rainey
March 17

Clark-Harrison Circle

Annette Blackaby
February 8
Betty Tiller
October 10

Constance Circle

Etta Jean Gifford
February 28
Nelda Monk
September 22

Constance Emig Circle

Wanda Craghead
February 24
Dorothy Davis
August 4

Donna Crockett Circle

Helen Hunt
August 14
Velma Allen
September 23

Dorothy McArthur Circle

Mary Searfoss
May 20
Mary Linhardt
October 31

Hazel Ebert Circle

Catherine Ann Holsheiser
April 10
Doris Wilson
July 20

Jerry Harris Circle

Marguerite Spurling
November 24

Laurie Estes Circle

Martha Belts
September 14

Margaret Hart Circle

Ardyce Mayes
March 1
Ida Pearl Northcutt
August 26

Ruth Circle

Dorothy Magnus
January 17
Barbara Churchill
April 24

Ruth Major Circle

Anastasia Mudd
June 20
Joanna Marshall
November 7

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Wish List for the Home

Activity Department: Quarters for Bingo, 300 or less large piece jigsaw puzzles

Country Store: Perfume, Deodorant, Hand Lotion/Crème, Travel Sized Toothpaste, Potato Chips, Candy Bars, Hard Candy, Chocolate Candy, Diabetic Candy, Cheese Crackers, Little Debbie's of all varieties, Hot Chocolate, Small Cans of Regular & Diet Pepsi/Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite & 7-Up, Small & Large Kleenex, Large Print Word Find and Large Print Reading Books.

Items for Nightly Snacks for Residents: Small Bags of Chips, Individual Packaged Cookies, Oreo's, Peanut Butter Crackers, Cheese & Cracker "Handy Snacks", Little Debbie's of all varieties, Snack Size Candy Bars, Reese's, Hersey's Bars, Diabetic Candy, and Small Cans of Regular & Diet Pepsi/Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite & 7-Up.