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Aloha Kaikuahine (Sisters and Brothers)

The fall season is upon us. That means the leaves will be changing colors, cool weather begins, and official visitation season starts. We begin with Temple Chapter on September 4<sup>th</sup>, Lady Washington Chapter #45 on the 10<sup>th</sup>, and then Prince Hall OES Grand Chapter on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to check dates and times in the updated visitation booklet.

Our next heart walk is on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Sleeping Giant at 10:00AM. Please let Suzie Dana or Judy Brod know if you will be joining us. Bring your picnic lunch to enjoy at the Castle at the top.

Our New England Exchange is in Portland, Maine on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope we will have a good representation from our State. You can get details from any Grand Officer or on the website. We need to support our Grand Representative of Maine, Linda Syphers. Please let Judy Behler know if you are attending. See the website for details.

We will be attending the IORG Grand Officer Day on September 7<sup>th</sup> in New Britain. We would love to see a sea of orange and blue waves on the sidelines. All are welcome. That evening, they will initiate a new member – or, as I like to call it, the ancestors of our future. On October 19, 2024, is the IORG Grand Worthy Advisor Reception. We encourage everyone to attend and wish our girls and future members well. It should be a great evening.

DeMolay has some events around the corner as well. DeMolay will also be at the Grand Officer night, performing their degrees. Times for the events will be given soon. We also have our iceskating event coming up in December. If more events arise, I will let you know. DeMolay is the future of Lodge and thus the future of OES.

We truly hope your summer travels were both restful and exhilarating. We encourage all who did travel to send Sister Wendy a quick note with the best part of your trip. Pictures are encouraged. One highlight of my summer, taking the Mystery Trip with

Janet Berry to the New London Lighthouse Tour. What a truly amazing day. I loved visiting and having the cool sea breeze refresh my soul. Thank you to all who made that day so special.

We look forward to seeing you in your local chapters. I want to say a huge Mahalo to all the secretaries and treasurers who helped to get our books in order for the visitation season over the summer.

Please take time this season to spend time with your Ohana (family) and hoa aloha (beloved friends).

Mahalo,

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