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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As the days of summer begin to fade and the beautiful colors of autumn are just around the corner, I hope each of you has had a wonderful summer filled with sunshine, family, friends, and perhaps a little time to relax and recharge.

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who joined us for our Summer Whale Watching Trip and our Mystery Trip. Both adventures were such wonderful opportunities to spend time together, laugh, make memories, and enjoy the fellowship that makes our OES family so special. Our Mystery Trip took us to the Connecticut River Museum, and I hope everyone enjoyed the surprise as much as I did! Special thanks to Sister Janet Berry for arranging this trip and the Ice Cream stop afterwards!

For those who have been traveling over the summer, welcome home! We hope your journeys were safe and filled with wonderful memories. As we return to our OES activities, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Official Visitations. Our fall schedule begins with:

- Temple #53 – Wednesday, September 2nd
- Lady Washington #45 – Tuesday, September 8th
- Radiant #11 – Saturday, September 12th
- Sachem #57 – Wednesday, September 23rd

We hope you will join us as often as you are able. There is something truly special about visiting our Chapters, supporting one another, and sharing in the friendship and fellowship of our beautiful Order.

October Will Be a Busy Month!

October is shaping up to be a very exciting month, with many opportunities to celebrate, participate, and support our OES family. Among the events on our calendar are:

- Mystic #20's 150th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, October 3rd
- Connecticut IORG's Centennial Gala - Saturday, October 10th
- The Road Rally and Turkey Dinner - Saturday, October 17th

- Our WGM & WGP Reception - Sunday, October 25th
- And, International Weekend in Freeport, Maine - Fri. & Sat., Oct. 30-31st

We hope you will consider joining us for these special occasions. Each event gives us another opportunity to celebrate our Order, make new friendships, and strengthen the bonds we share as Sisters and Brothers.

Looking Ahead to November & December

On the 14th of November, our Sisters and Brothers from Vermont Grand Chapter are hosting a Benefit Gala in support of Domestic Violence. They would love nothing more than to see their venue filled with friends from near and far. If you are able to attend, please consider showing our Vermont OES family your support for this very important cause.

And before we know it, December will be here! Please mark your calendars for the Toy Brunch hosted by Lady Martha #103 on Saturday, December 5th. This wonderful event will support St. Mary's Pediatric Unit, and we hope we can once again come together to make the holidays a little brighter for children and families who need our support.

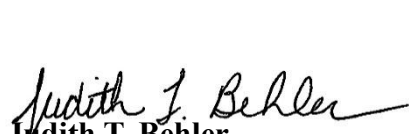
We would like to remind everyone that information on all of these events can also be found on our ctoes.org website and in our Star Matters newsletter. If you have not already subscribed to Star Matters, we do recommend it. This will enable you to receive updates and hear about new opportunities that may arise during the year!

As we enter this new season, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The warmth, kindness, generosity, and enthusiasm of our membership continue to inspire us. Whether you are attending an Official Visitation, volunteering at an event, traveling to support another Grand Chapter, or simply taking time to connect with a Sister or Brother, you are what makes our OES family strong.

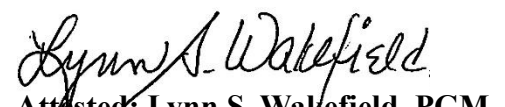
Thank you for all that you do, for your continued support, and for the friendship you share with one another. We look forward to seeing you throughout the fall and making many more wonderful memories together.

May the beautiful colors of autumn remind us of the many blessings in our lives, and until we meet again, keep your ears up, your heart happy, and your days full of Disney magic!

With warmest fraternal love and Mickey Mouse Hugs,


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