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From the Worthy Matron

Wembers of
Socastee Chapter No. 301,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity of serving this Chapter as Worthy Matron for the coming year. I am excited about the things that have been planned for the coming year and I hope that you will be able to participate in our efforts. Not only are we planning “fundraisers,” but these fundraisers will also be “fun—raisers”!

Installation of Officers was held on Saturday, April 19. I thank each officer for

accepting to serve the Chapter this year. Sister Verna Viereck, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Virginia, was the Installing Officer. It was indeed an honor to have her here to preside over the installation. The installation was absolutely beautiful – the new Star Points participated in a flower ceremony that was wonderful! Sister Verna, Brother “Doc” Viereck (Past Grand Patron of VA), and Sister Judy Lemeshewsky, installing soloist



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(WM, Faith Chapter No. 177, Virginia) kept telling me what a beautiful flower ceremony the Star Points did. You would have thought that they had done this ceremony many times instead of this being the first time. Thank you Star Points!

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From the Worthy Matron (continued)



Sue Cornell, WM; Hank Hodges, WP; followed by WGM Verna Viereck

The officers formed an archway with butterflies as the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, and the Worthy Grand Matron, left the room. It was beautiful—especially with the butterflies! Thank you officers for the archway!



The reception following Installation was great! The food was wonderful, decorations beautiful, and the fellowship was excellent! Thank you to Sherry and John Johnson who headed

up the committee for the reception.

We have already had a busy year! On Friday, May 2, we had a bake sale at Inlet Affairs for the Murrells Inlet Lodge's Chicken Bog Fundraiser. We made approximately \$140—we are off to a good start! That same evening, we served a dinner for the York Rite College and made approximately \$150! A big thank you to John and Sherry Johnson who did all of the cooking! It was a great meal!

On Sunday, May 4, we went on a Lowcountry Plantation Tour boat ride. Approximately 18 of us were on the boat ride and had a wonderful day and a lot of fun. We enjoyed getting to know the members of Myrtle Beach Chapter that joined us.

This year, our theme is friendship. What better way to make friends and enlarge our circle of friends than to participate in our activities and get to know your Chapter Sisters and Brothers!

May 15 will be our practice for Initiation. It begins at **6:30 PM—not 7 PM**. We will not be having a potluck prior to the practice since we are meeting four days later and will have a

dinner in honor of our candidates.

Our May meeting will be held on Monday, May 19 (moved from May 26 because of Memorial Day) and it will be initiation. There will be a dinner at 6:30. Our meeting will start at 7:30. Please come out and support the officers and the new members.

The major business project for the year is to revise our Chapter Bylaws. We are currently working from bylaws dated 1986. Several attempts to revise the bylaws have resulted in disapproval by the Grand Chapter. A committee has been formed to review the current bylaws and present changes to the members so that we will be working with updated bylaws. We will do all in our power to have our bylaws revised and approved by the Grand Chapter this year. The current bylaws will be included in the June newsletter. Please think about any additions, deletions, or changes you might have. More information will be in the June newsletter.

We are looking forward to this coming year and we hope to see you at our meetings and activities.

Star Love,
Sue Cornell
Worthy Matron



Betty Sanders and Arlene Armstrong—Bake Sale



John & Sherry Johnson, Linda Hodges—Dinner

Yearbook Changes

No one is perfect — especially me! Please make the following changes to the 2008-09 Yearbook:

Remove the e-mail address from Theron & Sally Burdick.

Add:
Judy Brothis: e-mail—
jrbrothis@aol.com

Change:
Sherrie Johnson to **Sherry Johnson**

I apologize for the mistakes — at least people are reading! If you have any changes, please let me know!

Sue

From the Worthy Patron

Thank you to all who came to the Installation of Officers and to those who agreed to support our Chapter by taking an Office this year. Worthy Matron Sue and others have some great plans. Do not miss out on anything. Your participation is needed if we are to continue to grow. We will have a fun year!

I also want to thank the many members who

have sent cards, called and asked about me. I have just finished my treatment and plan to be feeling better real soon. I'm still sluggish, but that will change. Again, thank you for all the good wishes and prayers.

Hank Hodges

Worthy Patron



Socastee Members' Birthdays



We would like to wish our members who have birthdays in May a **VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

If you see any of these members, please be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday!

Orlena	Kendrick	5/1
Mary	Tuberville	5/4
Ruetilla	Ford	5/6
Bruce	Wright	5/11
Helen	Carswell	5/28
Everette	Poole	5/31



From the Conductress

WOW! What fun we had on the boat ride May 4! Thank you to all who came to enjoy a nice, relaxing, history filled boat trip with Cap'n Rod on Lowcountry Plantation Tours. This was a fundraiser for the Chapter as Cap'n Rod generously gave us \$5.00 per person – even though the cost of gas has skyrocketed. We spent an hour collecting shells on the beach and rode around Winyah Bay learning about some of the plantations, people, and events that took place in Georgetown. The weather was perfect. If you missed it, you really missed a fun

event. I've already had requests to go on his Ghost Tour.

JEWELRY/SOUVENIR DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have unwanted or unneeded fraternal jewelry or souvenirs around the house? Bring them to me! We can sell them on eBay and reap the proceeds. We have an "in-house" contact who will do the listings, monitor the auctions, mail the items, and do any needed follow-up for a nominal cost which is included in the auction price. All we have to do is provide the items and collect the net profits! This is an easy fundraiser that has no time limit.

HELP!

Do you have any ideas for fundraisers? Please tell me about them. We're looking for fun, new and innovative ideas that our Chapter can do. Any ideas are needed.

Linda Hodges

Conductress



Boat Ride



Boat Ride



Do you know why:

Mermaids wear seashells?

The answer was given on our boat ride – ask Sherry Johnson for the answer!

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Bake Sale York Rite Dinner	3
4 Boat Tour	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15 Practice— Initiaton—6:30	16	17
18	19 Stated Session— 7:30 PM—Initiation Honoring Mothers	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day 	27	28	29	30	31

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14  Flag Day
15 Father's Day	South Carolina Grand Chapter			19	20	21
22	23 Stated Session—7:30 PM—Honoring Fa- thers and the Flag	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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