



7 STAR BULLETIN

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THOUGHTS FROM THE GRAND ARCH DRUID

Howdy, howdy to all Grand Officers, Past Grand Arch Druidesses and Members:

It is so exciting to be able to attend in person events and meetings again. I am looking forward to the Official Visits that I will be attending. I'm sorry that Hillcrest, Los Banos and Bakersfield will not be having Official Visits this year as they give us an opportunity to visit our brothers and sisters with whom we don't get to see on a regular basis. As I stated in the letters to the Circles, I would like everyone to dress casual and have some fun. We voted at the Advisory Board meeting to have a temporary dress code change for my term 2021-2022 and it will resume as usual after June 30, 2022. We were all saddened by the loss of PGAD Barbara Harris and our prayers go out to her husband GCK/PNGA John Harris and family.



On the road with Edith...

I attended CoCo Chapter Annual Picnic. It got moved indoors this year and it was awesome. As usual Dee and her team did a fantastic job. They had fried chicken and a huge selection of salads, chili, corn on the cob and cookies. They had a raffle with some fun prizes. My charity buckets raised \$51.14. Thank you all that put something in them. I did a special honoring for CK Dee Ginochio for always being so kind and for holding the position as CK for the past 8-9 years and working so diligently to keep CoCo Chapter open. She was able to recruit three new members this year. I gave her a beautiful flower bouquet. She was very pleased.

I held my first Advisory Board meeting and had 14 in attendance. We did a fun ice breaker, each person had to tell three things about themselves, one being untrue and the group had to guess what was untrue.

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IN MEMORY OF PGAD BARBARA HARRIS

I am sad to have to inform you of the passing of Past Grand Arch Druidess Barbara Harris. She lost her battle with cancer on July 30, 2021. Barbara was a member of Mt. Diablo Circle #170 and Contra Costa Chapter.

Barbara was one of the hardest working Druids out there. She jumped in and helped at any function she was attending. You would either find her in the kitchen, decorating, serving, or helping with the raffle. At our last convention she continued to work as hard as ever and put on a brave face and served GAD Ellen Glass and guests a wonderful luncheon. She made sure



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MEMORIES OF GSB LINDA ROERDEN

August 20, 1945, the day Linda Roerden was born, was a very good day for the world.

It was a very sad day the grief that would wash over us at Linda's passing on September 2, 2021. We now seek comfort in our memories of the joy, pleasure and companionship Linda brought to the world, how much "less difficult" a world we lived in with Linda by our side. Linda's devotion to her husband Ron, and sons Ron Jr. and his wife Lorie, Jim and his wife Corina, Wayne and his wife Beth, and daughters Rebecca and Temeka was matched only by her sheer delight in her grandchildren Amber, Jacob and Katerina and great grandchildren Grason and Braelynn. From the moment Linda and Ron met in Junior High School in

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We had a raffle during our first break and three gift cards were won (\$10 Chick-fil-A, \$15 Jack in the Box and \$25 Starbucks). The winners will need to bring raffle prizes to the next Advisory Board meeting. We accomplished quite a bit. I appointed Sharon Pitt as Grand Treasurer, Barbara Van Slyke as Grand Guardian and Amanda Andersen as Grand Trustee. Now all positions are filled. Thank you to these three ladies for stepping up and helping us out this year. After the meeting I served a delicious lunch—Italian sausage with peppers and onions or BBQ hamburgers. I made potato salad and pasta salad and had chips and dip. Thank you, Angel, for making baked beans, Thank you, Eileen for the coffee cakes and Tracy for the banana bread. The pool and hot tub were available for anyone that wanted to use it. Our visiting during lunch was really nice. All in all I think my first Advisory Board meeting as a huge success. I want to especially thank GC Angel for hosting the meeting in her beautiful backyard. My charity buckets raised \$27.65. Joining me on the road with Edith for this journey were Eileen and Barbara V.



I attended a memorial service for PGAD Barbara Harris on Saturday August 28th. It was a very nice affair with a good turn out from the Druids as well as friends and family. She made an impact on many people's lives and it was fun to hear all the stories. She will be missed by everyone that knew her. The Grand Circle performed the Druidic ceremony at the request of GCK/PNGA John Harris and Mt. Diablo Circle officers placed a white carnation for her. We all wore our whites and made quite a statement in the room. We looked very official in our regalia. Thank you Angel, Barbara V, Ellen and Sharon for stepping in to help. If you have never visited the Antioch Historical Museum you should, it is pretty awesome.

Please keep the family of PNGA Bill DeWitt in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate the loss of Bill.

Of course as usual, "Happiness is sharing a rainbow of joy with a Druid."

In Unity, Peace, and Concord

GAD Johnnie Smithson

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that everyone had a good time and enjoyed their lunch.

Barbara was the wife of PNGA John Harris. She had one son, Cary and two grandsons, JJ and Nate. Barbara loved to spend time at her second home in Nevada. She was a long-time hairdresser in Danville and finished out her work years as a crossing guard in Antioch. She was a member of the Concord Elks Lodge, Antioch Historical Society and several other clubs. She worked just as hard at these other clubs as she did for the Druids.

The family suggests donations in her memory be made to the Grand Circle Charity Fund. Please mail to GG/PGAD Barbara Van Slyke, 3212 Concord Blvd, Concord, CA 94519.

Memorial services were held on Sat. August 28th in Antioch.

GETTING TO KNOW THE GRAND FIRST BARD TRACY STEPHENS

Tracy was born in Santa Rosa CA

She loves Mexican Food!!

Her favorite color is Grey

She is one of 4 sisters

Her first car was "La Bomba" a 1968 Ford Fairlane, built the same year as she was

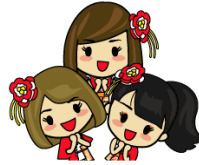
She has been a Druid Member for 4 years

Her birthday is August 13, 1968

Her favorite place to visit is San Jose del Cabo

Even though she is Pretty she has a hard time being "Happy"

Her favorite dessert is Blackberry Cheesecake



SANTA ROSA CIRCLE NO. 66

Fall is just around the corner and our circle is still hoping to have our long awaited function. Covid continues to challenge our ability to reunite in person but we still have hope. This month one of the valued members of our circle, Linda Roerden, passed away on Friday, September 2nd. Linda Roerden, who has been a devoted Druid for the past 5 years, passed peacefully at home in Santa Rosa. Linda loved the Druids and was very active within the Circle. She was Arch Druidess of our Circle for 3 years and Chaplain for 2 years. She was climbing the ladder to the position of Grand Arch Druidess. She was a very sweet and kind person who was generous and thoughtful. Linda loved games and enjoyed the social interaction of Bunco nights and Bingo! She loved her friends, and always remembered birthdays. She married her high school sweetheart, Ron Roerden and they had 4 children. They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this year! She and Ron had a time share condo in Hawaii and went there as much as possible. They loved the Islands and enjoyed going with family and friends. Linda had just turned 76 on August 20th. She will be sorely missed. There will be a service held on Monday, October 4th at 11:00 am at the Daniels Chapel of the Roses Mortuary located at 1225 Sonoma Ave. in Santa Rosa. She will be buried in her regalia!

Our Circle will be welcoming a new member this month. Debra Henning, who is a good friend of Patty Jo Mayo's, will be initiated this month and will bring some new ideas for our yearly functions. We are really happy to have a new member! Our first function will be a Christmas theme in honor of Linda Roerden who wanted to organize the event. She helped make table decorations and had been collecting a number of treasures for our gift baskets. We are really hoping to finally launch our first event in almost 2 years as soon as Covid allows!

Much gratitude goes to Byron Wilson for responding to our pleas for a hall for our functions and our need for a space for our regalia and storage! We have accumulated over 3 sheds of gift basket items and now, thanks to the efforts of Byron we will have a place for storage as well as a space to put the baskets together before the event. This issue has concerned us for the last few years and now we have the security of knowing we have a place to use and store all we have collected! Again, thank you Byron and everyone you have

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approached regarding our needs! We all really appreciate your support in securing us a place at the Santa Rosa Druids Hall on College Ave. in Santa Rosa.

The members of Circle 66 hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe. So much has been happening these last few years that I know we can all agree that it will be nice to gather again, forgetting all the craziness for a minute...and do what Druids do best, Fundraising!! We are really looking forward to the next time we are able to meet in person, safely.

Warm Regards,
Gretchen Bryson

GSB LINDA ROERDEN, CON.

Occidental, CA to their wedding on August 23, 1963, to her last earthly breath, Linda's first and last thought of each day was of her family and how she could make the next day for them better than the last.

Just as Linda sought a better existence for her family and friends, she was also a woman of many interests and occupations. She and Ron enjoyed playing cribbage and bunko with friends and they shared a love for travel, locally to Reno and across the Pacific to their time share in Hawaii. Linda looked to gardening, crocheting, and baking when home, and her deviled eggs at family, friends and Druid's gatherings are never to be surpassed.

Linda brought her "can do" approach to life to Santa Rosa Circle #66 of the Druids five years ago, serving as Chaplain for the first two years and Arch Druidess of the Circle for three years. It was during our Druid activities that I came to know of Linda's kindness, boundless friendship, and commitment to the Druid mission. Linda helped wrap scores of gift baskets in advance of charity luncheons and happily put her talents to work in making tabletop decorations and setting up banquet tables for those same events.

On a personal note, I have no words to express my gratitude for Linda's friendship to me and my beloved and now passed Maltese Arianna. In an overwhelming act of caring and generosity, Linda essentially moved into my home to care for Arianna while I was hospitalized for surgery. She and Ron so graciously continued to carry out shopping errands for me as I recovered. There are few friends or family with whom I would have been comfortable leaving Arianna, and even fewer with Linda's grace and dedication.

I am certain there will be less light in our world without Linda by our side. Services will be October 4, 2021, at 11:00 AM at Daniels Chapel of the Roses, 1225 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grand Circle Charity Fund.

In Unity, Peace and Concord,

Patty Jo Mayo
Grand Chief Bard
Past Grand Arch Druidess



CLOVERDALE CIRCLE NO. 81

Hello! Cloverdale Druidess Circle 81 has not met in two months. We are at a all time low due to COVID. We have been working on a new logo. It's still in progress. We distributed membership cards with their first year of membership. We did not have the usual summer BBQ with the Grove. It is being postponed until summer of 2022. Our fundraising for the year is tied to events we are thinking about other opportunities to continue as a club and fundraising. I propose a few questions to other circles: How are you recruiting during this time? What are successful recruiting strategies that other circles have been able to achieve during COVID? How are other circles fundraising?

Have an excellent fall,

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EVERGREEN CIRCLE NO. 15

Our August 2nd meeting was held at the IAD. The tables were decorated with white tablecloths and bowls of flowering petunias donated by AD Darlene and Don Lupul, which in turn were included as prizes won by lucky members. Dinner was delicious spareribs, green salad, mashed potatoes and beans, for dessert cheese cake with fresh peaches donated by Darlene and Don Lupul. Thank you, it was an extra treat. Dinner was followed by a few games of BINGO officiated by Albert Dondero and Don Lupul.

Our September meeting will be on the 13th due to Labor Day. At that time we will know the winners of the 2nd Annual Scholarship 50/50 Raffle and how much profit was made. Thank you, Steve Trucco.

Sick members reported include Jackie Hamilton who has been under the weather, and we hope she will be well soon. Enes Damilano reported her son Richard was doing better every day, we are happy to hear good news. Sympathy was sent to the family of Dorene Lagorio who passed away on July 13, 2021.

At the meeting members were able to see the regalia display that was worn when Evergreen Circle #15 first began in 1901. Also displayed was a frame of our 100th anniversary booklets and a list of current members and years of service at that time. Thank you to Rita Aniotzbehere's daughter Lynette Missimer for keeping these treasures safe for us. A Thank You also to Don Lupul for restoring these treasures into glass frames for continued safe keeping.

It was decided to plan a trip to Harrah's Casino near Lone sometime in 2022. A thank you to Fran Bozzano for filling in as Secretary and taking Minutes as our Secretary Marilou Risso stepped on a rusty nail and is recovering. We also want to thank Ann Stevano and Susan Ferrero for organizing our regular meeting raffle, along with those who pitched in to help and donated prizes.

For all who had September birthdays we hope you all had a very special day. Marilyn Avansino, Enes Damilano, Sylvia Dinelli, Robert Tanaka, Maralyn Garibaldi, Diane McSorley, Amber Tsarnas, Gloria Crawford, Linda Migliori and Doreen Lucchesi.

Always,

Angie Ferrero PAD

TRENTON CIRCLE NO. 176

"Hello" to all you Brother and Sister Druids. Guess what time it is? "Yes", it is that time for me to let you know what Trenton Circle has been doing.

August 4, 2021—We held our regular meeting. Before the meeting we had a lovely lunch of sandwiches from

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Subway, potato chips, beverages and cake for dessert provided by Sharon and Kathy Pitt. After lunch we proceeded to conduct our meeting and took care of any business that needed to be taken care of.

August 14, 2021—We climbed into the “Pitt Mobile” and traveled to Discovery Bay. In the van were JoAnn Drexler, Lydia WhiteBear, Sharon Pitt and Kathy Pitt. We were on our way for the First Advisory Board meeting of Grand Arch Druid Johnnie Smithson. It was a lovely day to travel. The only issue we had was trying to find the right gate to get where we needed to go and the directions we were getting off Lydia’s cell phone had us going around in circles. We finally had to call for help and finally made it to our destination. The meeting went well and the food was great. We want to thank Angel Masri for letting us use her home for the meeting and GAD Johnnie for all the cooking he did and the cute little gift bags.

August 28, 2021—We, again, climbed into the “Pitt Mobile” and traveled to Antioch for PGAD Barbara Harris’ memorial. Traveling in the van were PGAD JoAnn Drexler, Kathy Pitt and myself. We used my smart phone for the first time to find our way. We had a better experience this time and found our way to the Antioch Historical Museum. It is a very interesting place. The memorial was very nice and there were a lot of people paying their respects to a wonderful lady. We will miss her greatly in the Druidic Order.

Sept. 2, 2021—We held our regular meeting. Before the meeting we had a lovely Thanksgiving Lunch of turkey, stuffing, green salad, cranberry sauce, rolls and beverage with chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream for desert provided by our Deputy Diane Gerald. After lunch we then held our meeting and took care of business and made plans for our Official Visit on Oct. 2, 2021.

I want to take this time to wish all of you who had birthdays the last couple of months “Happy Birthday” and many more. Also to those of you who have had anniversaries, “Happy Anniversary” and many more.

I hope this finds everyone well and hope to see you at some of the events coming up. To all of you that are under the weather “Get Well Soon”. God Bless all of you and stay safe and well until we meet again.

Luv to All,

MT. DIABLO CIRCLE NO. 170

Hope all are surviving the current heat. Our Chapter BBQ was held inside the Farm Bureau Hall (with air conditioning) instead of outside in the park. As usual we had BBQ chicken (purchased), potato salad, green salad, corn on the cobb and a variety of other goodies donated by members. Many Circle members joined the festivities. It was wonderful seeing Jan Trolan who reported she is well and cancer free!

On a sadder note we Draped the Charter for PGAD Barbara Harris at our August meeting and many of us attended a Memorial Service for Barbara on August 28th. Her vitality will be sorely missed by all.

Hoping to see many of you October 2nd at Trenton #176 Official Visit. Until then STAY COOL! Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Fran Hahn

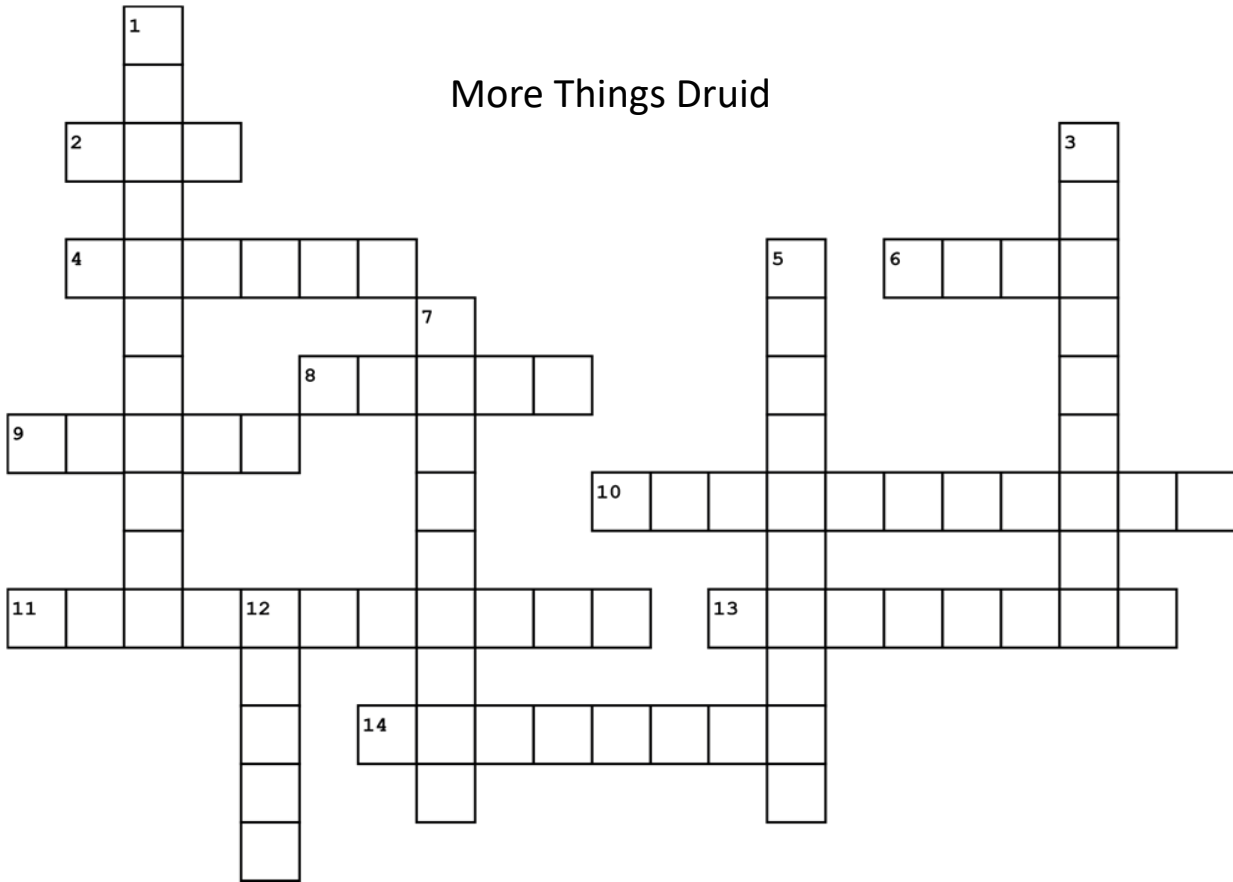
Escort Team at GAD Johnnie’s Reception



ARENA STELLA CIRCLE NO. 112

Arena Stella Circle held its August meeting by Zoom. It was a small turnout due to various summer activities. It is our hope that in September everyone will be back on track so that we can meet together again in person and have our normal dinner gathering. We were able on September 12 to enjoy the lovely Joint Reception for GAD Johnnie and GCK John in Concord. It was a wonderful turnout with great food. I was glad to see everyone there to support these two and begin their terms harmoniously. On September 18th we had our regular meeting via zoom and in person to celebrate GS Linda Andersen's Birthday. Hope you had a good one :) We look forward to hitting the road for Trenton's Official Visit in October and then our own Official Visit in November. Hopefully the weather is nice and we can see many members attend.

Take care and stay safe.



More Things Druid

Across

- 2. Druid Tree
- 4. Wizard of Druid Fame
- 6. Numbers of Circles still in existence
- 8. Name of GAD's Car
- 9. Color of purity
- 10. Furthest South Circle
- 11. Grand Secretary's Circle
- 13. Last Name of GFB
- 14. Druid Queen

Down

- 1. Location of Druids Monument
- 3. Oldest Circle
- 5. Check in committee at convention
- 7. Druid Plant
- 12. Podium at center of the room

Autumn Word Search

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HALLOWEEN
TURKEY
PUMPKIN
SEASON
GHOST
ORANGE

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STRESS DIET

BREAKFAST:

1/2 Grapefruit
1 Slice Whole Wheat Toast
8 oz. Milk

LUNCH:

4 oz. Lean Broiled Chicken Breast
1 Cup Steamed Zucchini
1 Oreo Cookie
Herb Teas

MID-AFTERNOON SNACK:

Rest of the package of Oreos
1 Quart Rocky Road Ice Cream
1 Jar Hot Fudge

DINNER:

2 Loaves Garlic Bread
Large Pepperoni and Mushroom Pizza
Large Pitcher of Pepsi
2 Milky Way Candy bars
Entire Frozen Cheesecake eaten directly from the freezer

By: VIOLET M. TAYLOR

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND CHIEF KNIGHT

Sir Knights and Lady Druidess, I am the happiest Sir Knight in any Chapter. You have selected me to be your Grand Chief Knight. Patty Jo Mayo gave me the opportunity to step up a year early. Patty Jo, I want to Thank You for doing that. I had a wild dream that it could happen, I didn't take it for granted. With that in mind I set simple ideas in my mind.

A plan to continue with Past Grand Chief Knight Linda Andersen's idea of Grand Chapter outings.

Visit all three Chapters early, to try and beat any state shut down of large gatherings.

Increase membership in each Chapter, it takes a member of a Grove and or Circle to join a Chapter.

I needed an Annual Password; in these trying times I selected: ***Laugh, Be Happy.***

I Congratulate, Noble Grand Arch Druid Henry Baker and Grand Arch Druid Johnnie Smithson. I wish them a successful year as the heads of their Druidic Branch of the United and Ancient Order of Druids. I am confident they will enhance and carry on honor and respect to our Orders.

As you may or may not know my wife Past Grand Arch Druidess *Barbara G. Harris*, passed away peacefully in her sleep July 30, 2021, I was alone by her side. She was loved by many and will be missed by all. A Memorial Service was held August 28th with members of the Grand Circle and Mt. Diablo Circle #170 doing the honors. Barbara was a member of the Mt. Diablo Circle #170. Thank You Mt. Diablo Circle #170. PGAD/Jr. PGCK Linda Andersen helped me with the arrangements; Thank You Linda. Barbara had a lot of friends from all three Branches of the Druids. She helped them and they helped her in her short time as a Druidess.

In Equity, Integrity & Obedience,

John Z. Harris

Druidic Scholarship Awards Program Donations

IN MEMORY	DONATED BY	IN HONOR OF	4-0 CLUB
<u>June 2021</u>			
Fred Lebberz	Concord Grove #155		John Harris
Dave Clark	Concord Grove #155		Barbara Harris
	John and Barbara Harris	Harris Twins	
No donations in July or August			

THANK YOU FROM A STUDENT

Thank you so much for awarding me a \$1,000.00 check from the Druidic Scholarship Fund. This scholarship award means a great deal to me and it is going toward my fall tuition at Washington State University. I start college next week and will be studying Agriculture Education. I am very excited for the next four years. I truly appreciate your generosity and recognition of my accomplishments.

Regards,

Samantha Gambonini



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Happy Birthday

October

20 Gr. Cond. Angel Masri

November

3 Gr. Trustee Stella Ergas

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Happy Anniversary

November

15 PGAD Leslie & Gavin Lewis (35th)

Upcoming Events

October

Sat. 2nd Trenton #176 Official Visit
Noon @ Vine Hill Druids Hall
Forestville

November

Sat. 20th Arena Stella #112 Official Visit
Noon @ Point Arena Druids Hall
Point Arena

Ask the Grand Secretary...

If you are a member of the Grand Circle Hospitalization Fund... just a reminder emergency room visits are not covered. We do cover inpatient care including rehab up to the limits of the plan, but not long term care facilities. Also covered are pre-scheduled outpatient procedures (those requiring more intensive treatments) and surgeries. And to answer a question, we also do not cover tests such as CT scans, bone density or mammograms that do not required special preparation.

Of course, if you have special circumstances you may appeal to the Grand Arch Druid.

**Deadline for next "7" Star Bulletin is
November 10, 2021!**