

The Nydian



Nydia Temple No 4 Daughters of the Nile - Portland, Oregon

Queen Gail Mitchell Martin

July/Aug 2021

Nile News and Events

*Temple News, Clubs & Units, Coming Events,
and More*



Chartered April 24, 1919

Stated Session is the first Wed of each month Sept to May-

Luncheon 11:15, Session 12:30

Al Kader Shrine Center,

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The Queen's Message

Nydia Temple No. 4 had the great joy of playing host to Supreme Queen Donna Kramer as she paid us her official visit this month. It was a small miracle that she was even able to get across the border from Canada, due to its closure because of the Covid pandemic.



That Monday, July 12, we held our first in-person session in over a year, including a ceremonial bringing in our two new members: Lisa Jones and Kathy Smithhisler. I couldn't have been more proud of our officers as they recited their parts of our beautiful ritual, and of our three units, Chorus, Patrol and Padir, for their most impressive performances afterward. The banquet that evening featured surf and turf, and I heard many exclaim how delicious it was.

Next day, Tuesday, was to have been the traditional Supreme Queen's visit to the Shrine Hospital, but again, due to Covid restrictions, this had to be changed to a virtual tour. We gathered at Al Kader and watched it together on a large screen. It is always such an inspiration to hear the testimonials of doctors and patients alike, confirming the huge impact we make with our support of this most worthy cause. The site was interactive, allowing SQ Donna to share comments at the end.



Nydia officers and past queens then treated her to a lovely lunch at McMenamins, before a group of us transported her up to Yakima, Washington for her next OV.

There is no denying the month of July, 2021, has been one of extremes: extreme, record-breaking heat, extreme sorrow at the loss of some of our dear Ladies of the Household, and extreme angst at having our Supreme OV so early in our year, with not even one in-person session to help us prepare. But I am extremely proud of Nydia's officers and handmaidens for their fine work. You came through with shining colors, and I want to thank you, every one! I chose the dragonfly symbol to represent resilience, little realizing how much this vital trait would be needed. And you did it, ladies! In spite of everything, you all came through and made Nydia Temple shine!!

Nile Love to all, Queen Gail Mitchell Martin



Our two new princesses, Kathy Smithhisler and Lisa Jones in back
With PSQ Susie, Queen Gail, SQ Donna, and PSQ Muriel in front



The Wisdom of Our Supreme Queen

Our Supreme Queen delivered brief and to the point remarks during her recent visit. It is all about the children. Who am I to complicate things with a lot of palaver about details?

There are so many easy and interesting ways to give support to our children in the hospital. Check out the donfdn.org for details or email me with your particular situation. I'm sure we can think of a good way for you to make a difference.

Make the most of what summer we have left!
From Pr. Judy Alley (Charitable Giving Chair)



“DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE, IT’S WORTH YOUR WHILE!”



Angel Afghan

By Holly Austin, JPQ

I missed The Nydian deadline for the last issue. You may recall that during my Queen's year, we were offering chances on winning a beautiful angel afghan. This beautiful piece of work was crocheted by our member, Princess Thaulia Mazzella.

The winning ticket was drawn by Supreme Queen Heather Krastins Lambert while she was in Portland for our virtual Supreme Queen's Visit. And that winning ticket belonged to Princess Betty Schrock of Albany.

Thank you to all who participated in this Foundation Fundraiser.



Nydia Temple Sewing Committee

More months of sewing at home on Transition Quilts, shorts, and Welcome/Wheelchair Bags. Continued thanks to the ladies of this committee who are keeping up their spirits by sewing for the kids. Summer finds us a little less productive as folks are able to get out and about and visit with family and friends.

Recently, Rod and I visited Adele Goggins and took delivery of over 100 small Inpatient Quilts made by her and members of the Tirzah Nile Club. As always, they are beautiful and will be loved by the patients who receive them. Tirzah Club has been a continued source of these quilts over the years, and their work is very much appreciated. We now have a large stockpile of these quilts for the inpatients and are pleased that the hospital has resumed placing them on patient's beds.

Hopefully, we will get to resume volunteering at the hospital in the near future. Until then, we will continue to help the hospital anyway we can. We are getting low on fabrics needed to continue sewing for the hospital, so if you have new cotton fabric, one yard + in your stashes that you can contribute, it would be very much appreciated. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you all!

Sherry Hevland, Chair



Did You Know...?

. . . . Did you know that recently Supreme Queen Donna Kramer found the following vision statement – *The Daughters of the Nile strives to be a respected and growing leader among women throughout the world in promoting friendship, character building, intellectual benefit, and service to others.* Supreme Queen Donna says, “I don’t know who wrote that or how long ago but how perfect for us. We should all hold this goal within our hearts.”

Supreme Queen's Virtual Hospital Visit

by Princess Tirzah, Donna Gray

Each year the Supreme Queen is expected to tour all the Shriners hospitals and medical facilities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

How can this tour be accomplished if, as in our case, the Portland Shriners Hospital is closed to the public?

Portland Shriners Hospital's (PSH) solution was developing a virtual tour of the hospital. PQ Kathy Walliker worked with the hospital administrator and staff and was able to put together an excellent virtual visitation for SQ Donna Kramer and Nile members on July 13, 2021. We had as many as 44 women attending, including members from Al Amira Temple No. 157 in Edmonton, Alberta supporting SQ Donna. Other attendees were from British Columbia, Canada, and Oklahoma as well as ladies from Nydia Temple No. 4.

PSH Administrator, Dereesa Reid, was first introduced and provided us with the following information:

PSH Outcome Report 2020 is now available and can be ordered through the hospital.

Shriners International headquarters is linking up patients with the right facility. This has helped PSH to receive and treat international patients.

PSH strategic plan is to remain a hospital and continue to be connected with OSU.

PSH is the largest provider of orthopedics care in the state of Oregon. The number of patients is increasing and expected to surpass current levels.

Donations have been good and are increasing.

We met Jack and his mother. What a cutie he is and such a big shining smile. Jack has been working with the augmentative and alternative communication, (AAC), group in the Speech-

Language Department. This program works with children with the most complex communication needs and helps the individual to express their thoughts, wants, needs, feelings, and ideas. For Jack's mother the best moment was when he expressed "I love you, Mom". And when Jack's mom indicated how smart Jack, is we were all rewarded with a big intelligent smile.

We were then introduced to PQ Judy C Smith Co-Chair of the Hospital Sewing Committee talking about the various sewing projects the committee makes for the children while they are patients at the hospital. This includes, inpatient and twin-size transition quilts with matching pillowcases; shorts used during examinations and x-rays; wheelchair or walker bags; and many special projects requested by the hospital staff. During PQ Judy's presentation Pr. Angie's music about Shriner's children played in the background. The proceeds from the sale of Angie's song in the amount of \$600 was donated to the AAC program.

Next, we all watched the virtual hospital tour on You Tube. A PSH patient, Rilynn, made the introductions and started the show. The tour took us though the Motion Analysis Lab; Orthotics Department; the Child Life Program, which includes art and music therapy and school teachers; Walk-in Fracture and Sports Injury Clinics; patient rooms, play area, and the recreational floor.

It was the best way to see the hospital in our comfy chair right from our own homes or in a meeting room with friends.

For those who missed the virtual tour on July 13, 2021, go to You Tube and search for **Tour: Portland Shriners Hospital** or send an email to Kathy Walliker for the link.



PADIR is Back in Action

From Pr. Donna Grey

The lifting of the pandemic restrictions happened just in time for Nydia Temple to have an in-person Supreme Queen Official Visit including a dinner banquet and unit performances. Yeah!!

PADIR members dusted off their Old Lady Can Can costumes and started practicing in June. It was great getting back together again, and we had a lot of fun relearning the steps.

The night of the performance was July 12, 2021. It seemed like it took longer for the music to start and before we knew it the performance was over. We did hear some laughter which is what it was all about and compliments afterwards.

PADIR meets at 5:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month for practice with the business meeting on the 2nd Thursday. If you like dressing up in fun dance costumes and move your feet to music, please contact Pr. Debbie Cook our director so you can attend one of our practices and see how much fun we have. Everyone have a fun and enjoyable summer.





News from Princess Royal



Just an update from my last article...You may have heard that our Supreme Princess Royal Vicki Tabor Hill has found it necessary to move the planned Supreme Session for next year from Waco, TX to Dallas, TX. COVID complications and manpower and materials shortages forced the delay of the completion of a new hotel that was being built which was essential to successfully accommodate the 2022 Supreme Session. Since this hotel will not be completed on time, Supreme Princess Vicki had to change our venue. One positive thing that we can look forward to is that instead of being spread out over two or three properties, we will all be housed under one roof in downtown Dallas. In addition, if you were thinking that you wouldn't be able to enjoy Waco (Magnolia Bakery and beautifully refurbished homes as seen with Chip and Joanna Gaines on HGTV), well, take heart! It appears at this time that a separate day trip may be available. Details are still forthcoming.

I want to remind you that Vicki's Wildflowers are still having the ongoing fundraiser over the next few months called "EVERYONE LOVES CASH." There will be four more monthly drawings to win \$250, the first occurred on July 15, 2021, and the last will be on November 15, 2021. A sixth and final drawing will be for **\$500** on December 15, 2021. Tickets are still \$20 each. Each ticket sold will be entered into ALL of the remaining drawings. The proceeds will go towards the 2022 Supreme Session Fund - Ways and Means. You may purchase tickets by contacting me by phone or text or via email. You could still be a winner! \$\$\$

Blessings to all!
Nancy Coddington, Pr. Royal



Travel Tales

Ever wish you could go back in time and travel with your girlfriends? Or perhaps you long for that opportunity when you could laugh at just about anything or meet new people in new places? I thought those days were probably gone. I was wrong.



Following the Supreme Queen's Visit on July 12th, our Queen Gail Martin with a group of Nydia officers and Past Queens escorted Supreme Queen Donna Kramer to El Shelom Temple No. 158 in Yakima, WA. El Shelom Temple is a small but dedicated temple. There were at least two of their charter members – both of whom are in their 90s – who are long-time officers in the Crescent. Both of them did the best they could, and I would say that seeing these two sweet women working in this capacity was heartwarming to all there. I was pleased to sit with my counterpart in the West and in addition I was asked by Queen Evie to sound the gong! Two new members were welcomed into El Shelom Temple.

Our second and third nights were spent in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for the SQ visit of El Karnak Temple No. 6 (Spokane). El Karnak Temple is larger in number than El Shelom, and like us had not had a live meeting in about a year. As Nydia Temple had done, they also had a series of practices, and we listened to some wonderful ritual work from their Crescent and line officers. I was delighted again to be asked to sit next to my counterpart, Pr. Carol Folsom. They welcomed one new Lady of the Household into their Temple.

The following day, five of us piled into PQ Kathy Walliker's vehicle and drove back to Wilsonville. At PQ Kathy's suggestion, we stopped at a wonderful little burger hut in Boardman where

Patrol



Patrol had the honor of performing at the Supreme Queen's OV banquet. This was a new drill and we traded in our axes and threw flags instead. Each flag was uniquely designed by Patrol members - we got to do art!

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." -Lao-tzu

One of our patrol members started marching everyday during the pandemic. She says she has only missed one or two days in the last year and a half. She has now marched over 1000 miles!

You don't have to make a long journey, just come to the Shrine Center on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday mornings and check us out!

Supreme Quilt Making

PQ Judy Smith created this quilt square for us to send to Supreme. They are creating a quilt for Supreme Queen Donna, and each temple is to submit a square to represent their local temple, with temple name, queen's name and symbol.



It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is
the journey that matters in the end. Ursula K LeGuin

Salem Nile Club Picnic From Nancy Coddington



After a hiatus of 2 years (thanks loads, COVID) Salem Nile Club held a picnic at the lovely home and garden of their member, Pr. Lisa Predeek on July 19th. Because of pandemic precautions, members were asked to bring potluck dishes that were prepared in commercial facilities. No doubt local delis were happy to comply with our requests!

Enjoying fried chicken, potato and corn salads, and other gastronomic delights were Queen Gail Martin along with her line officers: Pr. Royal, Nancy Coddington; Pr. Tirzah, Donna Gray; and Pr. Badoura, Linda Hatch. Pr. Nancy and Pr. Linda are also members of Salem Nile Club. Others in attendance were several Salem Nile Club Princesses: Pres. Marilyn Hill, Val Jean Beugli-Pease, Maryann Lundy, Jackie Nunez, Sylvia Rollman and Teri Rollman.

Lots of hugs and conversation ensued, and it was agreed that the simple gesture of being in one another's company less than 6 feet away was a welcome change. It was a lovely day with flowers, food, and fellowship.



Directory Updates

Address Changes

Tina Marie Burns

Betty Colkitt

Marilyn Korte

Marian Mephram-Lane

Kathleen Moore

Judith Noyes

Thelma Otto

Camille Pruitt

Paulette Schlee

Sylvia Sharman

Cleota "Bunny" Stiles

Feather Thompson

Toni A Watson

Please see your printed Nydian for the actual changes



Restore/Reinstate

Patti Harris Michaels

S Darlene Wanker

Deceased

Juanita Alf 5/21

Annabel Bednarz 3/28

Helen Bible 4/24

Sharon E Blankenship 6/6/20

Nancy Evans 4/20

Wilmajean Funken 12/24/20

Dorothea Graham 4/29

Linda Hurley 6/29

Emma Loree 11/14/20

Lorna Marie Spain 1/26

Forest Hills Nile Club

Hi everyone! Just a quick note to let everyone know that even though we have only been able to meet once since the beginning of Covid, we are still here,

We had met for a long time at Jennings McCall. They had a room for us and allowed us to have a cupboard to store our sewing things. (If you remember, we have made and sold yo-yo dolls, also for a very long time.) That was a good place to meet since many of our members live at the home there.

However, since Covid hit, they have changed a few things at Jennings McCall, and they do not want us to meet there any longer. We had to quickly move our things out a couple months ago. We are in the process of finding a good place to meet. We have some ideas, and hope to be able to start meeting again in September.

NEWS FLASH!!

Welcome Back LOH!

By Nancy Coddington, Reporter-at-large

In anticipation of a return to (some) normalcy, it is reported that Queen Gail Martin and her line officers will be preparing a scrumptious lunch for the September 1st Stated Session. Sources say that it is feared some members may have forgotten their way to the Al Kader Temple after such a

lengthy absence.

The welcome meal is being prepared in hopes that some may be encouraged to return by the smell of food. Well, that's the theory anyway. Lost Princesses are encouraged to contact the Queen or any of the line officers if they need a ride...or a map.



Legacy Program

The Daughters of the Nile Legacy Program was introduced in 2017, and since that time over 2,060 legacy certificates and pins have been presented to our members. Members having any female relative who is, or was, a member qualifies.

When an email blast about this program went out, PQ Kathy received the above picture and the following from Pr. Margaret Bishop in response:

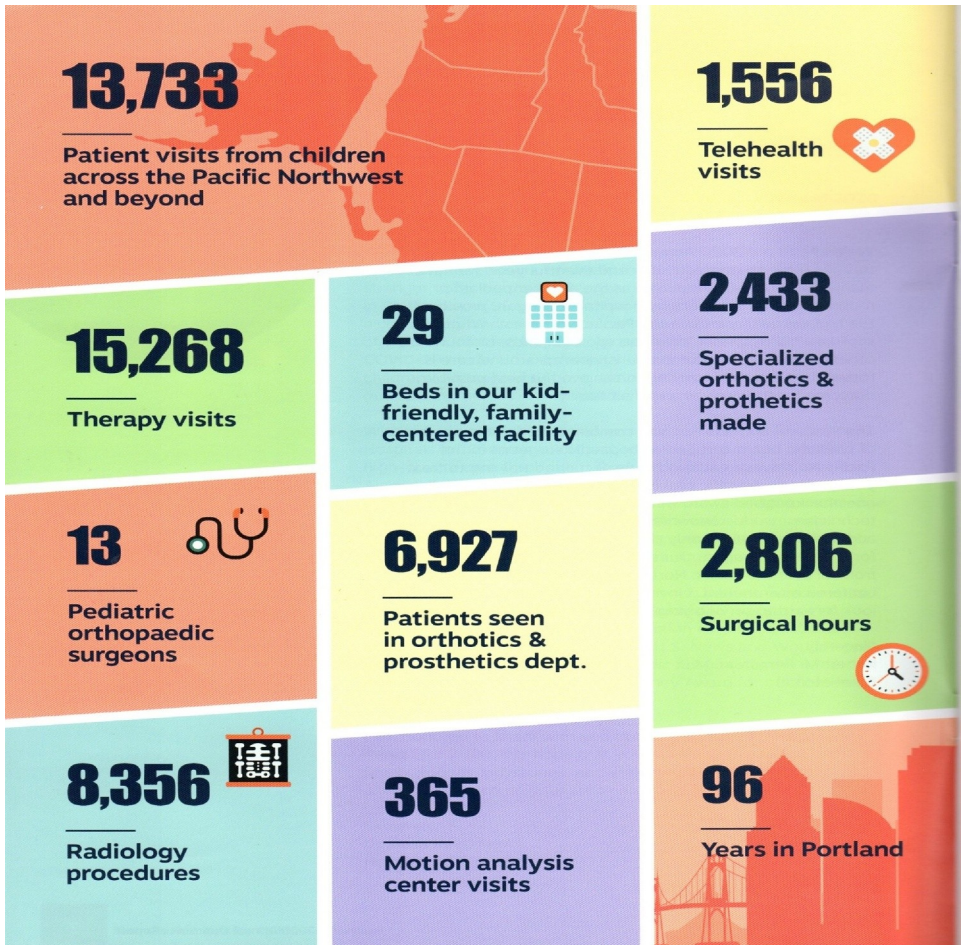
“Thank you so much for all that you do. For years I have been a member, but due to family, work, and life in general, I have not been a participating member. But, I am proud of all that the "Nile" does and stands for. I have a "wall", in my home, displaying my pride, of my membership, as well as my Mother In Law and my Aunt. God Bless all of you. “

Visit www.daughtersofthenile.com for more information. You can download the application to send thru the mail, or submit it on line. For more information contact Nydia Recorder PQ Jennifer Moyer, or Past Queen Bobbie Balthazor, Chairman, Legacy Program (See your printed Nydian for Bobbie's email.)

Did You Know...?

. . . Did you know that during the pandemic, the Portland Shriners Hospital launched the telehealth program called Fast Track Video Visits as an option to continue care? The number of patients who needed to come to the hospital was reduced while the same level of specialized care continued. Even post pandemic, the telehealth program will continue to be offered in a way most convenient to families.

From the 2020 Report for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Portland



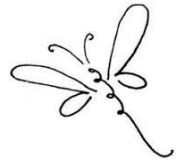
Chaplain's Report

Ladies-

The summer days are a blessed welcome. It brings us sunshine and warmth, a chance to see friends, and hug family members. Our temple has much to celebrate and much to mourn. But with such wonderful weather let us be reminded to focus on the blessings we have: the sunshine, beautiful gardens to enjoy, friends to laugh with, and the loved ones to support us. I pray the summer brings you a refreshing start this year. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Congratulations

- PQ Kathy Walliker - Supreme Princess Zuliema
- PQ Judy Smith - Supreme Action Team
- PQ Jennifer Moyer - Supreme Membership and PR
- PQ Ann Myers - Supreme Goodwill Ambassador to the NW Area
- PQ Paulette Schlee - Supreme Canadian Flag Escort
- PQ Laurie Winchester - Supreme American Flag Escort
- PQ Sharon Kelley - Supreme Temple Banner Escort



Welcome!

- Pr. Darlene Wanker - Reinstated, June 7
- Pr. Sue Nash - Affiliated, June 7
- Pr. Lisa Jones - July 12 Ceremonial
- Pr. Kathy Smithisler - July 12 Ceremonial



Encouragement/Get Well

- PQ Joan Blizzard- surgery lumbar implant May 25
- PQ Ruth Rewey - fluid on her lungs June 8
- Pr. Marlee Frazier - toe surgery June 15

Please contact Pr. Chaplain Michelle Wolbaum

or

Princess Recorder PQ Jennifer Moyer for those needing card or call.

PQ Ruth Rewey - cancer June 24
Pr. Ileen Grondahl - cracked ankle July 7
Pr. Sherry Hevland's husband broke his ankle July 9
Pr. Kathy Foster's husband surgery complications, but doing better
Pr. Kathie Blackburn's husband has been in the hospital
Pr. Mary Ann Dougherty is battling cancer
PQ Jennifer Moyer's husband having kidney removed Aug 4th
Pr. Paula Levin's husband battling cancer July 9
Pr. Nancy Stanek broke foot July 9
PQ Donna Claire Blankinship hip surgery July 13
Pr. Jan Plymale - fell, but is ok

Passed Away

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| Pr. Wilmajean Funken December 24 | Pr. Juanita Alf May 21 |
| Pr. Lorna Spain Jan. 26 | Pr. Winnie Carey's son, Rjay May 29 |
| Pr. Annabel Bednarz March 28 | Pr. Gracia "Nan" Baker June 8 |
| Pr. Nancy Evans April 20 | Pr. Judy Powers' husband June 18 |
| Pr. Helen Bible April 24 | Pr. Anne Greer's husband |
| Pr. "Crackers" Graham April 29 | Pr. Linda Hurley June 29 |
| Pr. Sharon Blankenship May 7 | Pr. Dottie Inman July 14 |
| Pr. Erma Loree May 18 | |

Prayers



Heavenly Father,

As the sun warms our faces, your love warms our souls. We are grateful for the blessings you shower upon us. It is such a blessing to know your peace. Thank you Lord for what you have given our household. As we come before you Father, we ask that you continue to walk with our ladies. Give them the wisdom and strength to face each day. Bring to our minds your small blessings that surround us, and fill us with your spirit, so we may overflow with your love to the point of showing others who you are. Be ever near us Lord.

Amen

Left to right:
 PQ Judy Smith,
 Sherry Hevland,
 Queen Gail Martin,
 Paula Levin,
 Linda Hatch,
 PQ Sharon Kelley



Al Kader Open House

On June 12th the Al Kader Shriners had an open house. Nydia temple was able to have a table set up where visitors and prospective members could stop by for a free gift, enter a drawing for an afghan, and most importantly, learn about Daughters of the Nile. (The winner of the afghan was Dan Moyer.)



Oregon Rainbow Girls Rise Up!

This year the Oregon Rainbow Girls had a hybrid virtual/in-person Grand Assembly, (at least part of it) at the Al Kader Shrine Center on June 24-26. The theme was Rise Up!

GWA Becca Mobley set a goal to help our communities by donating enough food to feed a family of three for a year (5700 pounds). The girls did an awesome job and not only met but exceed that goal by donating over 40,000 pounds of food - enough to feed eight families of three for a year!

One of the activities for the girls was to build



something with some of the canned food. The Eugene pod built a wall, and Wilsonville built a pineapple.



Supreme Session 2020

At the first virtual Supreme Session, Nydia Temple No. 4 was honored for contributions made in 2020.

- ◆ Nydia Temple remains a member of the Foundation Club, giving a total of \$15,462. (The Foundation Club recognizes Temples who contribute \$10,000+ each year.)
- ◆ For Holiday Sharing – we won 1st place! For donations to the Rose Garden, we won 4th place! Woo-hoo!!
- ◆ Since the Daughters of the Nile began giving to the hospitals, we have given over \$68 million. Sure feels good to be a part of that.
- ◆ It was announced that the Daughters of the Nile Foundation would present \$1,720,000 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® and the Canadian Foundation would present \$209,000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Canada, at the Imperial Session in Houston.
- ◆ Also at Supreme Session Nydia was honored with seven Supreme Appointees! (see pg 18 for list)



New at the DON Foundation Store

The New Ornament for 2021 is Khepri, the scarab faced god who represents the morning sun and by extension the renewal of life.



The new pin for this year is the Puzzle Kids pin.

Also new are virtual hugs. These hug cards can be purchased for a dollar each, minimum of five.

All this and more at the donfdn.org site.



Calendar

Upcoming Dates - All activities are tentative and dependant upon government mandates and social distancing requirements.

COMING EVENTS:



September 2021

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| 1 Stated Session | 16 Dallas Nile Club OV |
| 6 Nydian Deadline | 17 Three Sisters Nile Club OV |
| 15 Bend Nile Club OV | |

October 2021

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| 6 Stated Session | 20 Beth Eden and Pendleton Nile Clubs OV |
| 12 Tirzah Nile Club OV | |
| 18 Corvallis Nile Club OV | 26 NEON Nile Club OV |

Also in October is the Shriner's Caravan Dinner

November 2021

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| 1 Salem Nile Club OV | 8 Nite Lites Nile Club OV |
| 3 Stated Session (Founders Day Celebration) | 8 Nydian Deadline |
| 5 Woodburn Nile Club OV | 9 Forest Hills Nile Club OV |
| | 16 Eastmont Nile Club OV |

Did You Know...?

... Did you know that Queen Gail has appointed Pr. Linda Hatch as the Mentor Chairman for Nydia Temple? Pr. Linda is serving on the Membership and Strategic Planning Committee, and will be setting up a current list of mentors for Nydia Temple, and working with the Supreme Membership Committee to provide further training and address other needs.

The next Nydian deadline is

Monday September 6, 2021

Please submit articles and photos to
Pr. Pam Davis at Nile-Nydian@hotmail.com

2021 ~ 2022 Officers' Contacts

Queen Gail Martin

Jr. Past Queen Holly Austin

Pr. Royal Nancy Coddington

Pr. Tirzah Donna Gray

Pr. Badoura Linda Hatch

Pr. Recorder PQ Jennifer Moyer

Pr. Banker Paula Levin

Pr. Chaplain Michelle Wolbaum

Mission Statement

Nydia Temple No. 4 is a subordinate temple of the international, fraternal organization known as Daughters of the Nile.

We are a social and charitable group comprised of units and clubs.

We provide opportunities for our members to support and promote Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We contribute volunteer hours and in-kind donations to the hospitals, to provide a nurturing environment for the children they treat.

Monetary donations through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation provide financial benefits to the hospitals, allowing decisions to be made in the best interest of each child.

“All the text enclosed within this book/newsletter belongs to a Daughters of the Nile member and she has received this book/newsletter in good faith and understands no information may be made available to non-members of the Order, with the exception of a caregiver.”



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