

# Oregon Grand Guardian Council News...

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Mark and I wanted to take this opportunity to drop you each a note to let you know just what is going on with Oregon Job's Daughters. More than half-way through the 2009-2010 GGC year and it has been non-stop, as you well might expect. However, our activities and challenges are significantly different than in time gone by.

I have heard so many times, but that's not the way we've done it and thought... but this isn't the same world as when I was in Job's Daughters. Perhaps some of the numbers will demonstrate what I have witnessed in Oregon Job's Daughters in the last 35 years.

<b>Bethel Demographics</b>	<b>December 1974</b>	<b>2009</b>
# of active Bethels	80	15
Total Membership	2,681	186
# of Initiates	716	54
Initiates to Total Membership	25%	26%

- Oregon has only 15 active Bethels. The sad reality is not only are our Daughter numbers down, we cannot fill the Bethel Guardian Council appointments. Currently there are only 62 of 75 Executive Bethel Guardian Council members appointed. There are only 28 of the 60 Associate Bethel Guardian Council positions which are filled. Sadly, there are only 40 line officers out of the possible 75 to lead our Bethels.
- Today, our Daughters often come from single family homes with their custodial parent working full time. Their families are struggling during these economic times. The parents who are involved are few in numbers, but large in heart! Having positive adult role models is always a plus.
- JDI has now implemented a Youth Protection Program to benefit our daughters and help train our adults.
- Job's Daughters is now officially recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, from the Supreme level through the Bethel level. The GGC is incorporated with the State of Oregon as a not-for-profit public benefitting entity. Any donations are now tax-deductible!!!!

- In the last 10 years, I am pleased to report the GGC has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships. Last year we could have awarded 10 scholarships and only had application from 3 Daughters.
- As of December 31, 2009, there are 186 Job's Daughters in Oregon. We initiated 54 new members, 32 of those from September through December. Our goal for spring term: 30, but we need activities to keep our youth interested and adults who are willing to spend their time, talents and resources helping them.

## Changes lie ahead...

The Daughters initiated a process to change the Grand Bethel and Miss Oregon Job's Daughters programs to provide greater leadership opportunities and training for all Daughters. Their work has been widely distributed to the girls through the internet. They held a "podcast" – a live telephone conference call that every Daughter and adult was invited to dial in and hear what's new with Oregon Job's Daughters. You can hear this discussion from our website: [www.oriojd.org](http://www.oriojd.org) and click on the JET link.

This year there will be no Grand Bethel weekend as you knew it. Instead, the Jobie Evolution Team, or JET, has planned a full day of activities on March 6, tied to the annual statewide initiation and DJR events. They will hold a business meeting beginning at 9AM to consider new Rules and Regulations (formerly bylaws) for the Grand Bethel and Miss programs which will be the daughters only. Adults may observe the meeting if they like. The girls want to make Grand Bethel offices a position of honor and leadership through a Daughter's demonstration of proficiency in Ritual and leadership qualities. They will also compete to be on the Oregon Supreme Ritual Team. If you have time, please come to the Keizer Renaissance Inn and watch GBHQ Kristi and these young leaders in action! The initiation ceremony is at 2 p.m.



Miss Kristi Frazier, PHQ 1  
Grand Bethel Honored Queen 2009-10  
Miss Samantha Robinson, HQ 74

## Upcoming Events...



The Miss Oregon Job's Daughter program has announced its annual MOJD Benefit Auction, Reception and Ball. The reception/auction will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the dance on April 10 at the Wilsonville Shrine Center. There is no cost for the reception/action, although you might just get lucky and win an auction item! The Miss Oregon program focuses its attention on promotion and public relations to increase the visibility of our youth programs. More information on the MOJD program is available on our website: [www.oriojd.org](http://www.oriojd.org).

Miss Julie Coulter, PHQ 66  
Miss Oregon Job's Daughter 2009-10

The annual visitation of the Supreme Guardian will be on the weekend of May 22-23. Please join us for any of

the weekend's activities in Portland, especially the evening Degree of Royal Purple ceremony to honor Majority Members who have given exceptional service to our Order. More info will be published to the website as details are available.

Grand Session is scheduled for June 24-27 at Keizer Renaissance Inn. We hope you will schedule time to join us.

**Job's Daughters** is not alone in these struggles, as fraternal organizations across the country have seen similar on-going declines. Our ranks may be small, but we are determined to keep Job's Daughters alive in Oregon. We are financially stable and the business operations are being handled professionally; still, we could use your support.

## So, how can you help?

- Come back to Bethel and visit with the girls and adults.
- Consider becoming a Certified Adult Volunteer. We NEED more adults to help on the local level... as well as on GGC committees. We need YOUR experience and expertise to keep this boat afloat!

## ➤ TAB... Talk About Bethel!!

- Talk about the wonderful experiences you had working with the youth. Talk about the fun activities you had the friends you made.
- Make an appointment to take a new Bethel Guardian to coffee and listen to the challenges she is facing. Nothing is quite so helpful as an understanding ear.
- Ask if you can help the Guardian Secretary or Treasurer build a budget.
- Encourage others to be involved with Bethel. People get so busy that they forget that we are still here, providing exceptional leadership, business and service training to our youth.
- If you are involved in Eastern Star, Amaranth, Blue lodge or any other group, ask if the Bethel girls can come to a meeting and give a short ceremony. They are impressive and need encouragement to strut their stuff!

As we look forward to March Madness, we are reminded that the lily of the valley has broken ground and new growth has begun to show. We look forward to the gentle spring rains and nurturing sun to breathe life back into our landscape, just as Mark and I look forward to the new youth who will join our Daughters, the fairest in all the land. We began this journey with faith and love, believing all things are possible. For us, the mantra has continued to be, "Daughters, First and Always!" We invite you to join us. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Serving Oregon Job's Daughters together with you,

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"A hundred years from now,  
it will not matter what kind  
of car I drove, what kind  
of house I lived in, how  
much money I had in the  
bank...but the world may be  
a better place because  
I made a difference  
in the life of a child."

-- Forest Witchcraft