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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Members,

Well, a new term has begun. Your DDP should visit your lodge soon to tell you about my program and projects in detail. Fundraising for my projects will include selling stuff at events and visits. My embroidery machine and sewing machine are busy!

Enclosed with this letter are the itinerary corrections I know so far, flyers for the Three Links Camp Festival on June 21-23 (with meal tickets) and for the RCS Orientation on July 12, and tickets for a chance to win Grand Master Dave Reed's seat on the 2025 Rose Parade Float. He rode our float in 2016, and would normally ride again as Grand Master of California. However, he is raffling off that once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as a fundraiser for the Odd Fellows Rose Parade Float.

Also enclosed are raffle tickets for my President's Raffle. I have gathered some very nice prizes for it (and am still gathering more). Those tickets will be sold during the entire year, and winners drawn at Good Fellowship Night in Reno on May 16, 2025. Please fill out the stub and send it with payment to the Rebekah Assembly office, PO Box 637, Gilroy CA 95021-0637 before May 1, 2025. Tickets will also be available at my visits.

A program for the lodges is called Little Acts of Kindness. Each Rebekah lodge will have a notebook to pass around at meetings so that members can write down their little acts of kindness since the last meeting. Members can sign or initial or leave their entries anonymous, as they choose. By passing the notebook around, members can see what others have recorded, and may be inspired to new ways of kindness. Lodges will turn in the notebook next Assembly, where they will be displayed for everyone to look at. We do small kind acts all the time in our normal lives, but we do not give ourselves enough credit. A small kindness can make a big difference in the recipient's day, while the giver thinks nothing of it. By writing these acts down, we take a moment to feel good about ourselves.

There is also a Rebekah Rose award, to allow lodge members to recognize a member of their lodge who has a significant impact on the lodge. Any member of a Rebekah Lodge may nominate any other member of the lodge by sending a letter or e-mail to me (at the addresses in the letterhead). The nomination does not need the seal of the lodge or to be attested by the Secretary or be signed by the Noble Grand. It cannot be anonymous. I hope to be able to announce each recipient of a Rebekah Rose award when I visit a lodge in their district.

May this term be filled with kindness!

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Debra LaVergne, VPRA