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The officers and board members span from the west coast to the east coast and from the far south to the far north. With a distance like that it should bring a wide variety of interests and ideas to help lead the members through the next year. This issue of the “Sight Glass” brings information from the UMRA Regional Conference held in Winnipeg, Canada and from the SWRA Regional Conference held in Round Rock, Texas. We have also included activities from Modesto, CA with the first quarterly meeting of the CARSES Region, as well as a report on the MARA Region.

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I would like to thank all who have contributed and sent photos for this issue. Next issue we will be high lighting the URMA Region and will be sharing articles and photos from their Conference. And what better timing, our RSES International Conference will be in Minnesota in October! Make arrangements now so that you are able to attend.
Editor’s Note

We have jumped from pulling weeds from the flower beds and pruning shrubs, from raking leaves and shoveling snow, just to prepare for hiding those infamous eggs. As the ground hog scurries back to his lair for another six weeks, one can only wonder if Spring will greet us with the gentleness of a lamb or make her entrance with a furious lion?

Being teased with a taste of a warm sunny day, blue skies and a few billowy clouds we know that Spring is not for away. Tempting us to put away our winter wardrobe only to find that we’ve been set up for a disappointment on wearing that new spring outfit. Back come the boots, and back come the gloves and the warm winter coats as we brace for another six weeks of cold weather. But is that really a bad thing? Let’s face it our industry relies on the discomfort of others.

So do we hope for a cold windy spring to continue to help boost sales for warmth or do we look forward to a stagnant climate of heat and humidity to up the sales of air conditioning? I’m game for either as long as my comfort level is not disrupted! Which according to Skip, I have a very narrow comfort zone. Of course once we retire from this thankless job we only want the best of the best, that we have that warm gentle spring that revitalizes us with energy to spare and the strength of that lion to continue to endure.

One of the first conferences this year brought a number of members from across the country to Round Rock, Texas. We will be high lighting the Southwest Regional Association Conference. With the history of the “White Hat Club” and a visit to the Cowboys Museum in Oklahoma City. How could I not use a “COWBOY AND WESTERN THEME.” So through out this issue I hope to enlighten you with a little bit of history on cowboys and items that are related to the west. Hope you enjoy reading!

Karen Krepcik, Sight Glass Editor
Special Thanks to Our Contributors

We auxiliary members would like to thank those who have helped the Sight Glass by purchasing ads. We are able to share the Regional activities and news due to your support. For those who were not able to attend the various Conferences, we hope this newsletter will give you updated information. Recognition goes to the following that have contributed to this issue.

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The name “Sight Glass” was given to the RSES Auxiliary Bulletin back in 1950 by Gladys Roberts Vice President and Entertainment Chairman of the Kansas Chapter.
Big Hats To Fill

Both International Presidents of RSES and RSESA were in attendance at the 59th SWRA Annual Conference hosted by the Austin Chapter. International President Larry Lynn, CMS (shown with his wife, Joyce) donned a ten-gallon hat before introducing the new SWRA Officers for 2009. Although there were no horses to tie to the hitching post, they made sure that they had all the right gear as they moseyed up in style to meet with old Friends. The Old saying is that everything in Texas is Bigger! Whether it’s the COW-BOYS, BOOTS, or HATS, we know they certainly have big HEARTS when welcoming old and new friends. President Lynn (far left in the photo below) is joined by the New SWRA Officers. From left to right, they are:
President: Larry Brewer, CM
Vice President: Stanley Domel, CM
Secretary: Linda Clark
Treasurer: James Poole
Sergeant At Arms: Cameron Taylor, CM
Education Chairman: Dick Burks, CMS
Deep In The Heart Of Texas

After attending the event in Round Rock, Texas, International Auxiliary President Denise Ziegelbein along with her husband Keith, headed for Oklahoma City for the MWRA Conference. Soon after, it was time to saddle up for a showdown at Knott's Berry Farm while attending the CARSES Conference.

“Never Kick a cow patty on a hot day!”

From left to right, the New SWRA Auxiliary Officers are:
President: Wade Clark
Vice president: Linda Clark
Secretary: Lynn Sharp
Treasurer: Pat MacCarthy
Sergeant At Arms: Cleta Newton
Historian: Ellen Stephens
**WHITE HAT CLUB**

You may notice a number of the members are wearing White Stetson Hats!

Members that have served as SWRA President receives a White Stetson when they finish their term. And all Past Presidents wear their Hats at the Opening Ceremonies and at the Past Presidents Breakfast Meetings for SWRA Conferences.

Ellen I noticed that you are the only Woman wearing a White Stetson, have you served as President for the SWRA Region or local Chapter?

Ellen: “To answer your questions - yes to both. I served as SWRA President and also as President of the Austin Chapter RSES. I have enjoyed my association with all areas of RSES and the Auxiliary. I served as Austin Aux. Pres and currently hold that position again, I have served as SWRA Auxiliary President on a few occasions and as International Aux. President in 1983. Serving other offices of local, SWRA and International Auxiliary and serving on various committees has been a total pleasure. I believe in both organizations.”

By the way Ellen, Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Dick Burks, CMS wears his Stetson as he gets the Conference started. What can I say Harrison? I can’t seem to fit everyone on the same page. Or is the saying, EVERYONES NOT ON THE SAME PAGE!
THE STARS ARE BRIGHT
These Stars receive their Awards From The SWRA Conference.
Photos taken by Lori Kasallis
Get Along Little Doggies

In the latter half of the 19th Century, cattlemen rounded up longhorns by the millions in Texas, cropped their ears, branded their hides, and drove them north across the Indian Nations into Kansas along the Chisholm trail to the rail heads to be shipped back east. Somewhere along the way, without intending to do more than work for a hard day's pay and board, they launched the legend of the American cowboy.

By utilizing the Texas Longhorn's unique genetic potential, several of the physical and economic problems confronting the rancher and feeder can be solved or greatly eased. This genetic potential includes genes for high fertility, easy calving, disease and parasite resistance, hardiness, longevity, and the ability to utilize the browse and coarse forage material on marginal rangelands more efficiently than most other cattle breeds.

Under the harsh environmental conditions of many areas of North America, the existence of these traits, have been strongly fixed by nature's culling in the Texas Longhorn. This is why the Texas Longhorn is rapidly becoming "the old breed with the new future."

Having been raised on a farm in Nebraska I can’t say that I ever saw any Texas Longhorns that looked this good. The cattle breeds that I grew up with were primarily hereford, a hardy red-coated breed of beef cattle of English origin with white faces or markings and black angus which are hornless beef cattle originating in Scotland. In the Northern part of the state known as The Sand Hills it was rare to have anything but Herford Cattle.

You might want to ask Skip to share his experiences working cattle on some of the largest cattle ranches in the country.

(Be sure to ask about the blizzard in Bassett Nebraska! )
Hi to everyone.
We just finished our Midwest Conference in Oklahoma City. Delories Hensley worked hard setting up the Auxiliary part of the conference. She did a wonderful job. I think I enjoyed lunch at the Cowboy Museum the most.

Just a reminder to all the secretaries and presidents of the chapters that you need to be getting delegates and the alternates assigned for the upcoming conference. Please return your Delegate Credentials for the Annual RSESA Conference to be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota on October 27-31, 2009 to the RSESA International Secretary, Holly Friedman at 28 Thelma CT, Colonia, NJ 07068. One form goes to the International Secretary and the other is brought to the conference.

Pat Long, Credentials

“When a cowboy has chew in his cheek, don’t slap him on the back”
Hello to all from the Cowtown Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas. It's a cool spring day today as we finally had rain on Easter Sunday (yesterday). The rain was needed so badly as there has been grass fires everywhere in our part of Texas and there has been several lives lost and thousands of acres of land burned and also houses and a couple of small towns.

It is with a heavy heart that I must tell all members that in these past few months, the Cowtown Chapter and the Southwestern Region has lost several long time members. This past fall W.D. Compton passed away. He and his wife Sharon have been members of the Austin Chapter RSESA for a long time and members of the SWRA Region even longer. Sharon and W.D. attended both Regional and International Conferences for many, many years and we miss them both so very much. Then in December of 2008, the Chapter lost long time RSES member Bill Langley. His wife Barbara is a member of both RSES and RSESA. Barbara has served in all chairs in the Chapter, Region and served as International RSESA President. All of us miss Bill very much and I personally miss his great hugs of "hello". Then in March of this year, we lost fellow RSESA member Bertie Burns. A lot of you "older" members will remember Bob and Bertie Burns from the International Conferences. Bertie had been a member of the Cowtown Chapter since 1966. Her and Bob were loyal friends of RSES and RSESA and supported the Cowtown Chapter most generously with all our activities. We miss both of them.

Now on a happier note, in March the Austin Chapter hosted the SWRA Conference in Round Rock, Texas. At the end of December, after several members tried to make reservations, it was discovered that the hotel in Austin had closed! NO warning or anything, but the members of the Austin Chapter banded together and came through with a great little hotel in Round Rock. There was even a small convention center behind the hotel that was perfect for a Region Conference and we even got a free breakfast each morning with Texas shaped waffles. What more could you ask for? There was also a nice big room for the Hospitality room and plenty of meeting spaces and a large area for the Trade Show. I think everyone had a great time and plenty to eat. We were able to open the Hospitality room each day from 7:00AM to almost midnight each day so there was always plenty of coffee, drinks and snacks throughout the day. It was so nice to have a place to get a snack, a drink and visit with all our friends.
There were a number of guess visiting from other Regions. It was great to have their support. International RSES President Larry Lynn, CMS and his wife Joyce seemed to enjoy their time with us. What about Tunica, Larry?

International RSES President Denise Ziegelbein and her husband Keith, also came to the Conference. They seemed to have a good time also. Ray Clary, CMS, Deputy Director of Region 4, and Lyn and Bob Sherman, CM came also. Lyn is International RSES Vice-President and Bob is International RSES Secretary Ray and Bob always help Mac with the Hospitality room. They even have their own aprons! They help tend bar, make coffee and most important thing of all, DO DISHES AT THE END OF THE NIGHT! I wonder if Bob will still do dishes the year he is International President? We'll see. Guess we could give him a break. He and Lyn try and always make the SWRA Conference each year and Bob always washes dishes. Me? I just make cookies, serve food and try and keep order.

Thanks to Jill Campbell, Ellen Stephens and Betty Beck for their cookies and help also. Of course there was plenty of classes for the RSES members, a great Trade Show and testing offered also. I spent most of my time in the Hospitality room but the RSES members all seemed to enjoy the Conference. I do love my time with the members at the SWRA Conferences. All of you come and join our Region next March in Waco, Texas. I believe this is where the first SWRA Conference was held. I think you will have a good time and I promise more cookies. Region 10 loves company!!!

Hope to see most of you in October at the International Conference. Yes, I did find a casino to stop at on the way (for enquiring minds). Mac will drive and I will tell him which way to go (ha, ha).

Until the fall.

Pat McCarthy
Past International RSES President
SWRA RSES Treasurer

“Always drink upstream from the herd!”
Hello from Upper Midwest Region!
We had our conference in February in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and what a good conference it was! The weather was typical winter, cold and snowy. But our hosts were as warm and welcoming as could be. Our conference was held at the Club Regent Casino Hotel, so as you can see in the name, many attendees found something to do. Of course, there was shopping, so Mike came back with an empty wallet and my suitcases were heavier (and it wasn’t our gambling earning).

Thursday was the highlight of the women’s activities as we took Salsa and Meringue dance lessons from a talented and patient instructor. As some of us had too many feet, jerky butts, and backward arms, this was a challenge that had us all laughing. But we got the hang of it! We were ready for more lessons, so hopefully this can be arranged for our next conference in Omaha on March, 2010.

Friday evening we attended the Festival du Voyageur at Fort Gibraltar Trading Post. This week-long event pays tribute to the fur trade era, French Canadian heritage and Métis culture. For forty years the local residents volunteer to host this event that offers ice sculptures that are larger than life, traditional cuisine, arts, crafts, displays, and games. It was COLD outside, so we had fun drinking the local brew and listening to Celtic music in one of the pioneer cabins.

On Saturday night, the Murder Mystery Banquet was held. Believe it or not, some of our members are born actors! Yours truly played Dolly Pardon. This was quite an acting feat, as most of Dolly’s memorable body parts are missing on mine. But the best news was that I was NOT the killer. We had a lot of fun getting to know everyone better, such as the saloon Madame, better known as Linda Okerson and the cowgirl with the lasso you may recognize as Denise Baker.

The Upper Midwest Region, which consists of Region 11 and Region 16, is in the process of starting a regional auxiliary chapter. The ladies expressed a lot of interest and our goal is to have our first meeting in Minneapolis.
Just a reminder that the international conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, this fall and hope to see you there. Bruce Kamiperschroer, CM our Regional Director and International Vice-President, will be appointed to International President. I’m sure the shopping will be excellent at the Mall of America and plenty of good places to eat. Take care to all of you and enjoy Spring. Finally!!!!
Bonnie Johnson, Publicity Officer

Tumbleweeds Keep Rolling On
Tumbleweeds are a wonderful cowboy symbol that represents freedom. These thorny plants known as Russian thistles break away from its roots in the autumn. Technicians who are not familiar with their thorns need to use caution when removing them to get to the units you may be servicing. To try to catch one as it rolls along with the wind is not an easy task and is not recommended! And yet they have rolled themselves into the hearts of all people who love a good country song, story, or movie.

Did you know that there is a Tumbleweed farm in Kansas? The Prairie Tumbleweed Farm in Kansas has created a new gift idea by turning tumbleweeds into popular decorating gift items. Another person even started out selling them on ebay as a joke now has a thriving tumbleweed business. (I wonder how the pet rock got started?)

They called me Oklahoma's Yodeling Cowboy!
I was born in a little Texas town, Tioga, on September 29, 1907. About the same time I started walking, I began to ride a horse, and it wasn't very long after that when I began to plunk on a guitar. At the age of 15 my family moved to Ravia, Oklahoma. “Back In The Saddle Again” is just one of many songs I’m known for. For contributions to the live theater, radio, recording, motion picture, and television industries, I’m the only celebrity honored with 5 stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, one in each of the five categories maintained by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Who am I?

Be sure to fill out the credentials and mail to Holly! Also now would be a good time to send in recommendations for “Make Life Worthwhile” awards.
Greetings to all!!

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have returned from attending our third Region meeting. What a wonderful way to see our Country. Keith and I have had the wonderful experience of renewing friendships and meeting folks that we have heard about over the years but have never had a chance to visit with them in their Region.

It appears that all Regions are experiencing a loss in membership and attendance at the conferences. However, we have witnessed three members being recognized for 25 years membership in the Auxiliary and have seen a new RSES charter presented. Later this year we will have a new Auxiliary Charter to present. There is hope for our industry and the country.

For those of you that know me recognize that I have a passion for history, especially the United States and Family history. I have been able to indulge in this passion during our trips. In Texas we visited Georgetown and its newly renovated Courthouse. The Courthouse sits on a square and it has recently been brought back to the style that it had when it was built in 1911. The shops around the square are in the process of being renovated to share the same style.

In Oklahoma City, the Auxiliary visited the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The artwork, artifacts and information was almost overwhelming. We spent most of the day at the Museum and could have easily spent another few hours. Of course we were able to get a bit of antique shopping in even though the weather was threatening snow storms in the city in late March. (Photos of the courthouse in Georgetown.)
Our next visit is to California. They have a one day event but we are hoping we have some time to see the area while we are there and enjoy warm weather. We will need to share more about this visit in the next newsletter. Thanks for all you do with RSESA. We have had one entry for Making Life Worthwhile. I look forward to receiving additional entries within the next few months. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact me.

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MEETINGS BEGIN WITH MORE WHITE HATS!

Kitchen duty: Mac McCarthy from Fort Worth, Texas and International Secretary Bob Sherman, CM from Riverside, California and in the right photo Ray Clary, CMS from Richmond Virginia with Bob. It’s a dirty job, but some one has to do it!
What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word Dallas? Many of you will say Football, the Dallas Cowboys, or the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders! Some of the TV Buffs may think JR (Larry Hagman, not to be mistaken for JR “Dick” Burks) when referring to Dallas. And others may recall one of our Nation’s saddest moments of history of when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. But how many of you have had the opportunity to see the wonderful display of the mustangs and that of the cattle crossing?

“Never squat with your spurs on!”

Spurs, believed to have been used by the Roman Legions of Julius Caesar, have been unearthed in England. The Romans developed spurs in order to have a way to steer their horses with their legs, while leaving their hands free to fight.

Ok Larry, EVERYTHING in Texas is bigger!
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The 71st RSES and 67th RSESA International Conference was held at the Hilton Indianapolis Hotel. There were two pre-conference tours. Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 29 people enjoyed the Brown County Tour. This included a tour of the “For Bare Feet” sock factory then lunch and shopping. Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 45 people participated in the Indianapolis Points of Interest Tour which included the “Indy 500 Race Track & Museum,” the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, and the Indiana State Museum.

The First Board Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm September 17, 2008, by President Susan Eckstein. All officers and directors were present with the exception of Dee Moeller, Historian and Jerry Najolia, Officers Activities.

Thursday, September 18, 2008, Auxiliary Program: Women’s Interest was held. A few of the items covered were: recipes for Brown Sugar and Lemon Facial Scrub and Basic Bath Bomb; terrarium design basics; facts about tea/herbal tea benefits; a crocheting demo and quilt display. These were just a few of the demos/displays.

The Annual General Business Meeting called to order at 9:30 am on Friday, September 19, 2008, by President Susan Eckstein. Sgt-at-Arms Diane Smith read the RSESA prayer and led us in the pledge to the flag (both the U.S. and Canadian National Anthems were played). She also conducted roll call. All officers and directors were present with the exception of Dee Moeller, Historian and Jerry Najolia, Officers Activities.

President Eckstein welcomed first time attendees and Past Presidents. A moment of silence was observed for those who had passed away during the past year and for those who could not be with us due to health reasons.

There were no nominations for the TOD Award.

Winners for the “To Make Life Worthwhile” Award:
- Member Category – no nominations
- Chapter Category – Greater Kansas City Chapter
- Region Category – Mid-West Region 9 Auxiliary

Special membership recognition went to the following members:
- 25 Years: Sharon Compton – Austin Chapter
  Bonnie Morris – Greater Kansas City Chapter
  May Stewart – Mid-Atlantic Chapter
  Jerry Najolia – Greater Kansas City Chapter
- 50 Years: Winona Harris – Oil Capital General Chapter

Sidney Kohlbacher – MAL
Mildred Richardson – MAL
Maxine Shuck – MAL
Steve Stephens – Austin
Motion to accept By-Law change to Article IV-Privileges of Members was passed. New wording is as follows: Section 1-A member must have reached the attained age of eighteen (18) years to:

a. Begin membership tenure
b. Vote at chapter member meetings, serve as a voting delegate, serve as an alternate delegate, Serve as a proxy or vote as a member at large
c. Hold Office

Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, Auxiliary Program: Women’s Health was presented by St. Vincent’s Hospital. The program was very informative and fun.

The Auxiliary Installation Breakfast was held on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. the following Officers and Directors were installed:

- President: Denise Ziegelbein
- Vice President: Lyn Sherman
- Secretary: Holly Friedman
- Treasurer: Linda Townsend
- Sgt-at-Arms: Diane Smith
- Historian: Sandy Ralston
- Director of Membership: Rhonda Hudson
- Director of Credential: Pat Long
- Director of Publicity: Bonnie Johnson
- Director of Chapter Supplies: Irene Thompson
- Director of Officers Activities: Sandy Ralston

President Denise Ziegelbein called the Second RSESA Board Meeting to order at 11:19 am, Saturday Sept. 20, 2008. Sgt-at-Arms Diane Smith read the RSESA prayer and led us in the pledge to the Flag. All Officers and Directors were present with the exception of Rhonda Hudson, Director of Membership.

President Ziegelbein announced her Committee appointments. She also announced that the 2009 RSES International Conference will be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, Oct. 27- 31, 2009.

Submitted by: Sandy Ralston, Historian

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Reflections of Our Past

As the Auxiliary starts to celebrate it’s 73rd year there may be some who are unaware of its’ history and how we have evolved.

The Refrigeration Services Engineers Society was formed in 1933. It took just three years for the members to realize they needed their wives to be part of the organization. In 1936 the auxiliary became a reality. The third annual conference was held in Memphis, TN at the Guyoso Hotel, November 11, 12, and 13, 1936. At that meeting, the ladies suggested an auxiliary be formed and the men passed a resolution making way for the International Ladies Auxiliary (RSESA).

In 1949, it was noted that several children had lost their lives when playing in old abandoned refrigerators when they shut on them trapping them inside. A Campaign Called “Take Off The Doors” was started in Saint Louis that same year. It was a success and became our motto for years. Many RSESA Chapters set up contact people and phone numbers to call if an abandoned refrigerator with a door intact was spotted. Because of their diligence, Congress passed the Refrigeration Safety Act in 1956, which required that the doors on all refrigerators sold after October 30, 1958 would be capable of being opened with a 15 pound push from inside. Despite such efforts there were 163 deaths that were reported between the years of 1956 and 1964 all in old style refrigerators. Even though President Nixon Signed the Refrigeration Safety Act in 1972 to make it a law that doors be removed of discarded refrigerators it did not solve the problem. There were 96 children who lost their lives between the years of 1973 and 1984. As Children still continue to play hide and seek and look for that special place that no one will find, we urge you to “Take Off The Doors” and save a child’s life!

Today the auxiliary has grown to include not only women but also men across the United States and Canada. We still incorporate the same motto of “Take Off The Doors” but also have been using “Make Life Worthwhile”. Each year at The International RSES Conference we present awards for both of these categories. We hope to have more information online for you to view that will have the recipients of those awards. Be sure to look up the auxiliary by going to the following address, www.rses.org, next go to about rses. When that window comes up go to governance, then auxiliary. You will find a list of the current International Officers and Board members, a list of past president as well as some of the issues of the Sight Glass.
Past Recipients

Happy Spring Everyone,

At least it is today, and I hope it stays that way. My good news for the year so far is that I retired on April 2nd. My new e-mail address is – sandy.qlt4fun@kc.rr.com this should give you an idea for what I am planning to do with most of my time. I have so many projects put away, I’m sure I will be busy for quite some time; including some projects from Canada when the International Conference was in Calgary in 2004.

As Director of Officer’s Activities I would like to remind all the officers and directors to please get me your letters and any pictures you might have for Denise’s “Memory Book”. As a past president, I know how much it means to have this to look back at and enjoy all the events again.

I was asked if I could find some history on the “Take off the Door” and “To Make Life Worthwhile” awards. From the records I have, the TOD was awarded to Bonnie Prah of the Cleveland Chapter in 1994 and was awarded to the Houston Chapter in 1995, 1996 and 1997. The MLW was proposed in 1994 at the conference in Houston, TX. The records I have show the award recipients as follows:

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Looking forward to seeing all in Minneapolis/St Paul in October. Better go now; I think I hear a quilt calling.

Sandy Ralston
HOWDY PARTNERS!
From the Treasurer:
Hello from sunny southern California, spring has arrived and the flowers are blooming. The weeds are blooming as well. Our weather changes almost daily, cool, windy, warm, if you don't like it, wait until tomorrow, it will be different. Predictions are for 80 and 90's over the next week.

Many of you have sent your renewal dues for 2009 and I thank you. I have noticed a large number of you have procrastinated sending in their 2009 dues, you will notice on your address label a "Year Date", with 2008, 2009, etc., if it says 2008, THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE of the "Sight Glass" newsletter. Think of all the information you get for only $10.00 per year, what a bargain. If you believe your date is not correct on the label, contact me and we will research the payment records.

On a good note, we have had many new members join and at least one new Auxiliary has been formed. Keep in mind that we are more than a social group, we do contribute to our communities, especially each year at International Conference by donating to a local Children's hospital either books, games or cash for their use.

Have a good spring and you will hear from me again in the August Issue.

Linda Townsend,
RSESA International Treasurer

“Hey Holly, I could use one of those fine blankets for my pony!”

“Samantha Rose Lowe Krepcik Smithson ” one of eight Granddaughters of Skip and Karen Krepcik. She is number ten of eleven grandchildren! She loves to wear her RED .... COWGIRL .... BOOTS!
No Time to DOS A DOES
(submitted by Holly Friedman)
Last year the MARA Chapter was looking for a project worthy of a Make Life Worthwhile submission. After many good ideas were considered, we finally settled on making tie blankets out of fleece. When we began this project we weren’t sure where our blankets would end up, but we knew that wherever they went they would be appreciated. These blankets are so simple to make and require NO sewing! Most members of our chapter made at least one blanket (some had so much fun, they made two!) In the end we had 10 unique handmade blankets to share with those in need. After several unsuccessful attempts to deliver these blankets ourselves to a nursing home (darn those new HIPPA laws!!) we gave the blankets to one of our members who is a nurse in an assisted living facility. Since we finished up our project shortly before the winter holidays, she coordinated delivery to those who didn’t have any family close by. From what I hear we had 10 surprised and happy individuals who would otherwise not have had any holiday gift. We have already started our project for next year and are looking forward to another successful ending, knowing that our little chapter can make life worthwhile for another group of people in need.

In group photo L-R
Back Row- Dottie Winberry, Deidre Buchner, Irene Thompson, Barbara Zollo, Jeanne Casey and May Stewart
Front Row- Marie Renee Juste and Holly Friedman
CARSES  First Quarterly Meeting Draws Large Turnout

Harlan “Skip” Krepcik, CMS is guest speaker for the CARSES Regional meeting in Medesto on psychrometrics. He currently is writing a course for Old Dominion University engineering department on applied psychrometry.

Trivia question answer from page 17:
Many of you may already guessed that the Yodeling Cowboy Is none other than GENE AUDRY!

(By the way Gail, how are your yodeling lessons coming?)

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Harlan Krepcik, CMS
The San Gabriel Chapter of RSES, Georgetown, Texas, would like to acknowledge the contributions of Harlan “Skip” Krepcik, CMS for his giving to the HVAC/R Industry through his countless hours in writing the RSES Heat Pump Manuals. Through these manuals members of our Chapter have gained much confidence in themselves, through the knowledge gained from these manuals.

We all know that behind every successful man is a foundation of support, thanks also to Karen Krepcik for enduring while Skip labored through the writing of these manuals.

Thank you to the Krepciks,

The Members Of The San Gabriel Chapter Of RSES, Georgetown, Texas

“Better Service Through Knowledge”
IN MEMORY OF JANE CLARK

For almost forty years Jane Clark with her beautiful white hair and wonderful smile was seen at all International RSES Conferences as well as the Region 9 Conferences, (known as the Midwest Region,) and the Greater Kansas City Chapter meetings. On February 15, 2009 Jane died in the middle of her 89th year and just a few days after her 61st Wedding Anniversary.

Jane was really a member of "The Greatest Generation". She was born in the heart of Texas. With three older brothers and loving parents, she could tell wonderful stories of the great depression, the droughts of the 1930’s, and how she survived without really knowing what she were missing but always looking forward to a better time. During World War II, she worked as a LPN in hospitals in Texas.

Jane met John Clark in 1947 and they were married January 31, 1948. Her world really changed. John was in the U S Navy and they moved from Texas to California to Florida and other Naval Bases in the states. The stories she told about driving alone from one Navy Base to another with five children. The Clarks were sent to a Naval Base in Olathe, Kansas in the early sixties. How different it was living on a Naval Base in a rural area in Kansas. The children were raised in Olathe and Jane was never too busy to bus several children to School, ball game practice, work and run errands for John. She took care of neighbors and lived across the street from her church and at the last minute could make a cake or cookies for some affair. She had several friends whom she took to coffee once a week Jane's love was her sewing machine. She made knotted quilts for all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also made baby quilts for her friend's grandchildren. I feel very proud that my only granddaughter has one of these. Jane loved earrings and almost always when you saw her, she had a new pair. We never shopped at conferences that Jane did not spend time at the Jewelry Counter.

John and Jane's door was always open to their five children 13 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. You may had a surprise for them or needed a little lovely care, needed Grandma's cookies, or were ill and needed help, or once in a while it was a dollar to tied you over. Clark’s always came to the rescue... John was director of Region 9 and Jane loved to tell the stories of standing behind the stage in Large Hotels waiting to be introduced with her feet hurting wearing
shoes that were not too comfortable. I understand she did much of the work to make the International conference a real success in Kansas City in 1977. Jane always helped with the Midwest Conferences with programs, ditty bags and advice. She made wonderful cookies for the Conferences.

We in the Midwest Region always knew at our business meeting that Jane would pull from her Purse a little sack with a hand knitted dishcloth for each of us. I remember she made about 60 for one of the Midwest's Conferences held in Kansas City. These were wonderful dishcloths. We will miss them…

I met Jane in 1982. My husband Nick Najolia and I lost our mates the same week in 1980. We had known each other through a church organization. After persuading me 26 months after the death of our mates that I had been a widow long enough and we should get married. So I said yes "and you move into my house" and he said yes" we must go to the RSES International Conference in SAN ANTONIO on our honeymoon."... Nick had belonged to RSES since 1951 and had attended International Conferences since 1964. I had been a Stay at Home Mom for 30 years. I could conduct a PTA meeting, be a Girl Scout leader, do every volunteer job in a Catholic Grade School, but knew nothing about large organizations and conferences. He said "I will introduce you to friends of mine." We were headed to John and Jane Clark's home in Olathe. Jane gave me pointers on dress and what programs and meetings I should attend. Jane and I have been good friends since. We have attended RSESA and conferences together - we have solved the problems of the world, discussed growing up in the 1920's and 1930's. We have both had a child with problems and often were able to talk about the hurt, worry, and why did this happen to us. We did not solve the problem but we felt better. The last few years have not been easy for Jane so we know she is at peace now.

Two Tired eyes are sleeping  
Two willing hands are still  
The one who worked so hard for us  
Is resting in God's hands.

Jerry Najolia

Greater Kansas City Chapter
Easy Steak Philly Sandwiches  
*(Inspired and revised from Rachel Ray)*

Cube steaks  
Veggies  
Broth & Worcestershire sauce  
Homemade buns  
Provolone cheese  
Brown 5 cube steaks (or 1 lb.) in 1 T olive oil in skillet. Remove meat from skillet to cool. Remove some excess juices from skillet.  
In skillet, sauté 1 cup or more each:  
Banana pepper  
Green pepper  
Onion  
Mushrooms  
Whatever else you like

Cut meat into 1" narrow strips. Add back into sautéed veggies. Add a couple tablespoons of beef or vegetable broth, with a couple squirts of Worcestershire sauce. Cook on low heat to mix flavors for 20 minutes (or longer). You can put in small crock pot and warm for a few hours (or make day before).  
Place 1 slice Provolone cheese on opened bun. (I buy homemade wheat from the deli.) Place both sides of bun under broiler to brown and melt cheese.

Add meat mixture to bun and ENJOY!

**Dr. Oz from Oprah said we should have 1 T of olive oil a day to stay healthy. It helps our good cholesterol. Imagine that!!!**

Submitted by; Bonnie Johnson
Memory

Our condolences go to the families of the following members.

Kenneth Bartcher, CM:
Kitchener, Ontario Canada, from the Central Ontario Chapter.

Robert Beebe: Salt Lake City, Utah from the Midwest Chapter.

Bertie Burns: She was an auxiliary member since 1966 from the Cowtown Chapter in Texas

Jane Clark: Olathe, Kansas

Preston Duncanson, CMS: Haven FL Citrus Center Chapter

Willard “Bill” Farley: Industry CA Gabriel Chapter

Robert Galt, Jr., CM: Lincoln Park NJ Garden State Chapter

Alan J. Guzik: Avon, Ohio Cleveland Chapter

Bernard R. Horn, CM: Wynnewood PA, Delaware Valley Chapter


Ed Kennedy: Nashville, TN Middle TN Chapter

Thomas W. Whitacre: Minerva, Ohio from the Cleveland Chapter

Willis “Willie” Wilson: Rapid City, SD from the Black Hills Chapter

We also want to let those who are helping with loved ones who are needing special care that our thoughts and prayers are with you.
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