

# Nile News

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Shalman Temple No. 90  
Daughters of the Nile

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## QUEEN'S CORNER

By: Debra Strom, Queen

Ladies of the Household:

Wow, we have been going full steam ahead since coming back from Supreme Session. Since our last newsletter, we have gone to Texas Days, attended many parades, participated in the Arch Ceremony at Hella's Ceremonial, have had eight new princesses join, the Supreme Queen visited, and we visited the Galveston Shriners Hospital and held a party for the patients.

I highly encourage all of our new princesses to attend a Texas Days! All of our units participated in skits during Texas Days, including the Dancers unit who performed their Lion King African Skirt Dance, which has been performed at a past Supreme Session at Tampa, Florida. Texas Days is such a fun and bonding time for all of us, and is a great way to meet the members of the other 12 temples in Texas. In 2015, Texas Days will be hosted by Rithmah Temple in Fort Worth, so it will be close to home! Save the Dates of October 1-3, 2015 on your calendar.

Our Clownette unit, which is one of our most active public-facing units, has been very busy with parades and a visit to the Galveston Hospital. Even if you don't have a clown outfit, you can still participate in this unit through donating items, fund raising and going with us on the parades and hospital visits. We would like to see more Ladies of the Household in attendance at the parades to support our temple, and would like to see the other units participate in the parades as well.

At the visit to the Galveston Hospital on December 8, 2014, the Clownette unit was treated to a visit and demonstration of the Snow World virtual reality program prototype developed by Dr. Hunter Hoffman, head of the Psychology Department at the Galveston Hospital. This program is designed to distract the young patients who are receiving burn therapy by directing their attention to the virtual reality environment in the Snow World game. Dr. Hunter said that the prototype testing has been very successful. They are also using this program to treat wounded veterans, and have had success with this program as well.

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## Queen's Report continued



Clownettes and Queen Debra are treated to a hands-on demonstration of the Snow World Virtual Reality prototype game used to distract patients from painful burn treatments.

We had the honor of our Supreme Queen visiting our Temple on December 5, 2014, and initiated seven new princesses at this ceremony. We also initiated a new princess at Austin on December 6, 2014 during the Supreme Queen's visit at Ruh Neb Temple #64. Our Egyptian Pageantry does such a great job with their opening ceremony, it is beyond compare. I've never seen a more beautiful opening to a ceremonial as our Pageantry Unit performs.

We also had the pleasure of 11 Past Queens in attendance at our ceremonial, including Audrey Tweed, who has been a member of Shalman Temple for over 55 years! Our Past Queens are the biggest asset of our Temple and cannot express my gratitude for all of the hard work and guidance they continue to provide our Temple. They have truly set the bar for our Temple.

Past Queens (row 1) Martha Young, Joey Minahan, Charlotte Bailey, Supreme Queen Marsha D. Sowers, Queen Debra Strom, Carole Smith, Sula Riley; (row 2) Carol Mattix, Carol Warner; (row 3) Diane Wilson, Carol Houston and Priscilla Mantle.



Ladies, we have some exciting opportunities coming our way and fun events around the corner. I look forward to seeing all of you at our January session, which will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2014, in Parlor A at Hella at 7:30 p.m.

Queen Debra



## Royal Report

By: Carol Hefley, Princess Royal

Ladies, as the year grows to a close and you are making your Christmas lists, don't forget Shalman! Yes, I'm still working on collecting dollars for our Temple. We need just enough money to pay for mailing, rent, Stepping Stones for new Princesses and general upkeep of the Temple and supplies. So please think about adding Shalman to your Christmas list! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Tirzah's Treasures

By: Anna Garey, Princess Tirzah

What a busy year this has been for me as Princess Tirzah, and what a great and successful outcome thanks to many for their generous donations.

In September we had a Fundraising dinner. I would like to thank Raising Canes, Nothing but Bundt Cakes and the several ladies who donated their delicious side dishes. This was a fun way to raise funds for a great cause.

The Masquerade Ball in honor of Queen Debra was grand indeed! I want to thank Diane Moore for arranging the Silent Auction and the numerous donations. I also want to thank my decorating crew: Kris Hargrove, Jennifer Lites, Julie Carney, Carol Barrera and Diane Wilson. And of course, a big "thank you" to Ronnie and his staff for their delicious meal. I would like to personally thank our sponsors and merchants for items donated for the evening which includes: Lowes, Home Depot, Outback Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Sheri Rollins, Vintage Pearl Bouquet, Classique Jewelers, Basket Kase Kreations, Paul Michael, Troy Vinson Jewelers, Lance Goff and of course, all of you who generously donated to the evening.

Wishing you a very beautiful Holiday Season! Merry Christmas Ya'!!!



## Badoura's Breakout

By: Dawn Sanders, Princess Badoura

Thank you to everyone who has brought donation items for the hospital. Over the past few months, we have received blankets, can tabs, soup labels, toiletries and much more. Please continue collecting items and bringing them to session each month. As you are doing some last minute shopping this month, why not pick up an extra toy for the hospital and make a child's face light up with joy!!

I wanted to extend a huge welcome to our new princesses! I'm so happy each of you have joined this wonderful group of ladies. I look forward to getting to know each of you! Welcome!!

## Shalman 101

### YOU'RE INVITED!

All new princesses and their mentors, line officers, and any Shalman member who would like to become a mentor are invited to attend "Shalman 101" to be held at Queen Debra's home on January 10, 2015. The goal of this mentoring workshop will be to give the new princesses an overview of Shalman Temple, attending our sessions, our annual events, and many other questions that a new princess may have. We will also be discussing the role of the mentors, and the relationship between the mentor and the new princesses.

**The workshop will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please dress casual. Queen Debra's address is 2074 Whispering Cove, Lewisville, Texas 75067. Please RSVP at 214-717-1475 or email Debra at [dlstrom@verizon.net](mailto:dlstrom@verizon.net) if you plan to attend.**

### Mentoring Guide - It Takes A Temple!

Our membership is vital to the survival of our temple! We are losing members at a rapid pace through demits, drops and deaths. We can't do anything about the deaths, but we can work to lower the loss of members through demits and drops. Every active member should make an effort to add your "personal touch" to help retain our members.

Mentoring is not just for new members. Mentoring can also be used to help re-engage inactive members and demitted members. We all come across inactive and demitted members in our regular activities when at the Shrine. Please begin reaching out to these ladies and encourage them to come to session, or invite them to one of our luncheons or other activities. We miss seeing them, and should encourage them to return.

### Ways to Promote Our Temple:

Enthusiasm! Get the word out and show your enthusiasm for the Nile activities you participate in. Talk about how much fun you have with your unit activities and encourage others to sign up.

If you hear of another member in need, please pass the word and let's make the words in our obligation mean something by assisting fellow members in sorrow or distress.

Offer to be a teacher to help another member learn a new skill. For example, help a less tech-savvy member learn a new skill on their computer or i-phone. Often times, if a person has a one-to-one lesson, that is all it takes. Offer to spend an afternoon helping another member organize their closet – or invite them over to help you clean out your closet!

Invite inactive members to our luncheons and other events. Offer to pick them up if they live near you.

## SUPREME QUEEN MARSHA D. SOWERS VISITS SHALMAN TEMPLE

Her Supreme Majesty, Marsha D. Sowers visited Shalman Temple No. 90 on Friday, December 5, 2014. I am pleased to report that our temple did an outstanding job while the Supreme Queen was here. The Egyptian Pageantry's performance in our opening ceremony was stunning and set the mood for a beautiful ceremony. All of the officers did excellent memory work and Her Supreme Majesty made note of this in her closing speech. Seven new princesses were initiated at the ceremonial on December 5:



New Princesses with Supreme Queen Marsha D. Sowers and Queen Debra Strom

Glenda Brinkley, Mesquite, TX; Mary Kay Burton, Rockwall, TX; Pat Clumpner, Garland, TX; Brenda Hudson, Garland, TX; Kari Maddox, Mesquite, TX; Trisha Martinez, Rowlett, TX; Alicia Barerra, Wylie, TX

In addition, we would like to welcome Helen Maddox of Mesquite, Texas who was initiated in Austin, TX on December 6, 2014.

After the ceremonial, we were treated with performances by the Dancers and the Clownettes. Following their performances, the Shalman Starlight Gala was held in Her Supreme Majesty's honor. Thanks to the ladies for the Shining Star Tree where we collected 52 gift certificates, totaling \$275.

I would like to thank our Supreme Appointees for the hard work and moral support provided in making the Shalman Starlight Gala a huge success.



PQ Diane Wilson, Supreme Escort to the American Flag; Supreme Queen Marsha D. Sowers; Queen Debra Strom; PQ Carol Houston, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador, Central Area, and PQ Carol Warner, Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag. Not pictured: PQ Lee Stark, Supreme Escort to the Temple Banner and PQ Judith Schaffner, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador, Central Area.

Egyptian Pageantry with Supreme Queen Marsha D. Sowers and Queen Debra.



## TEXAS DAYS 2014

Texas Days was held October 2-4, 2014, hosted by Sharuhan Temple #127, Tyler Texas. Shalman had 49 members registered. For those of you who use Facebook, this was one of our best documented Texas Days through all of the fun posts that the members present uploaded.

At the business meeting on Saturday, October 4, the following topics were discussed:

Upcoming Texas Days will be:

- 2015 – Fort Worth, hosted by Rithmah Temple No. 93 (October 1-3)
- 2016 – Wichita Falls, hosted by Shelomi Temple No. 43 (October 13-15)
- 2017 – San Angelo, hosted by Ziphron Temple No. 100 (TBA)

PQ Mary Neal, Shelomi Temple No. 43 spoke about plans for the 2016 Texas Days to be held in Wichita Falls, and asked for a vote from the floor on whether or not the Texas Temples wanted them to hold a ceremonial at the 2016 Texas Days. The vote passed 122 to 81, in support of Shelomi Temple not holding a ceremonial at Texas Days, which has set a precedent for allowing the host temples to decide whether or not to hold a ceremonial.

Elections of Officers were held for Texas Days 2015;

- President – Judith Mhooon, Rithmah Temple No. 93
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Mary Payne, Shelomi Temple No. 43
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Rachael Caluette, Ziphron Temple No. 100

- ⇒ At the Texas Days 2013 business meeting, we voted to archive our minutes and furnish each Texas Temple with a copy of the minutes on a computer disc. We also voted that the originals of the minutes would be maintained going forward by the Princess Recorder of Rithmah Temple No. 93 in Fort Worth. Each reigning queen in attendance received a CD containing minutes from Texas Days from 1959 – 2012, and a hard copy of minutes from Texas Days 2013.
- ⇒ Going forward, it was suggested that each Secretary of Texas Days forward the original signed and approved minutes of the current meeting to the Princess Recorder of Rithmah Temple No. 93 to be maintained with the existing originals of the minutes. Periodically, these minutes will be scanned and copied to computer discs for distribution to all of the Texas temples.
- ⇒ It was also suggested that the CD of Texas Days Minutes be kept with the Recorder of each temple. I have requested an electronic version of the 2013 minutes from Vicky Hill of Merak Temple No. 104. Once received, they will be forwarded to our Princess Recorder to keep with the official Texas Days minutes.
- ⇒ After the business meeting, they held the tributes to the Texas Queens, where Shalman honored me by singing my lyrics to, “Deep in the Heart of Texas.”

**TEXAS DAYS 2014 continued**

Following the tributes, was the CRA collection, where \$1200 was raised for CRA; followed by names drawn for the various temple raffles.

We want to express thanks to The Egyptian Pageantry and all of the ladies who donated food, funds and drinks, and for all of the hard work in hosting the Temple Hospitality Room. Great job ladies.



Queen Debra is presented with a photo autographed by all of the ladies who attended Texas Days.



Clownettes Unit Can-Can performance at Texas Days



Janie Caldwell, Johnnie Madison, Sue Young, Carol Osborne, D. Ann Foster and Priscilla Mantle wear their poodle skirts and dance the night away to the music of Mr. C. during Texas Days.



Dancers perform Lion King African Skirt Dance.



Egyptian Pageantry performs Ahab the Arab and brought the house down!



## From the Chaplain's Alter

By Beverly Conley, Princess Chaplain

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Chaplain again. Please continue to keep me informed of any sickness and distress, also we would love to hear happy news to report. You can send any news of sickness, distress, or happy news to [Shalman.Communications@gmail.com](mailto:Shalman.Communications@gmail.com), and in the subject line, indicate "For Princess Chaplain".

### Hella Shrine Cemonial

Princess Royal Carol Hefley represented Shalman No. 90, and Daughters of the Nile in Hella Shrine Arch Ceremony on Saturday, November 12. It was an amazing opportunity to speak to new nobles and longtime members of Hella and tell them where we came from and what we do! Carol spoke of our founders and how they created an international organization for women and explained who is eligible to join. She also let them know our contributions add up to over \$2 million dollars yearly, second only to Shriners themselves! It was absolutely thrilling to stand there and be acknowledged along with the other Masonic bodies as a building block. We hope Hella continues to invite us to participate!

### Upcoming Dates:

**January 7th We will have Session at 7:30 p.m. in Parlor A.**

**January 10th 11 a.m. Shalman Mentoring 101—see page 3 for more details.**

**February 4th is our Memorial Session honoring those Nile ladies that we have lost over the past year while celebrating those that have overcome sickness. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Parlor A.**

**March 5th we will hold Session where we will have Election of Officers for the upcoming year. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Parlor A.**



## Pageantry's Place

By: Princess Elizabeth Massey

Ladies, so much has happened since last we "newslettered". If you are attending Session and/or the Pageantry meetings my article will not be news to you. However, if you have not been able to attend our meetings, let me bring you up to speed.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our Pageantry Summer Social at "Islamadora Fish Company Restaurant" in Garland. We collected items and gift cards for the Galveston hospital. We had many in attendance and a marvelous time. Texas Days "2014" has come and gone and what an awesome group we had in attendance. It never ceases to amaze me how many really great women I get to "socialize" with. All of the units were outstanding, the Dancers, the Clownettes and of course, our Pageantry Unit. I think we proved to all in attendance that Shalman Temple No. 90 is by far one of the most creative, fun and energetic Nile groups in existence! Last, but not least, I would like to extend a "high five" to everyone who participated in our December Ceremonial. Our Supreme Queen was most impressed and I know that Queen Debra was proud everyone. Give yourselves a round of applause!

Our next Pageantry meeting will be Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> upstairs at Hella. I hope to see all of you there in your Christmas finery. We'll start on our delicious snacks at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00. We'll be announcing our Christmas Luncheon date and location – you don't want to miss it.

I would like to welcome our newest member, Sarah Horvath, to our Pageantry Unit. Unfortunately, I do not have a good email address for you. Please know that we'd love to see you at our next meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Pageantry Unit, please talk to any of our officers or members. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after Stated Session. Our officers are: Pr. Elizabeth Massey, President, Pr. Kris Hargrove, Vice President, Pr. Julia Carney, Secretary, Pr. Rayleene Morris, Treasurer, Pr. Amy Kirkpatrick, Director, and Pr. Ruby Decker, Sunshine Lady.



## Dancer's Den

By: Princess Cheri Fisher

The Shalman Temple Dancers continue to practice every Monday night - if you enjoy good exercise, lots of laughing and starting the week off with the best friends you can have, come on out!

We have Texas Days in Tyler behind us and we all had a blast. We performed Lion King and we did a fantastic job.

Can you believe the holidays are here? Thanksgiving was here and gone in a blink of an eye. We survived our Supreme Queen Marsha D Sowers visit and welcomed our new Princesses.

We have a busy schedule ahead of us; however we are taking the rest of the month of December off due to the Christmas holiday. We will get started going at it fast and furious to get the new routine down. Pr. Carol Hefley has asked the Dancers to perform at Supreme in Albuquerque in June. Be on the lookout for a fund raiser to help us get there.

This past year has found us with highs and lows. Pr. Margie's husband Don passed away. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Pr. Judy and Pr. Cheri both lost their Mothers. PQ Lee has been out for the last 2 months taking care of her foot. PQ Lee and her noble Mike and also took a quick trip to Jamaica in December with PQ Susan McCarley and her Noble Larry. Pr. Margie is having issues with her hip. On a high note. Pr. Judy welcomed a Great Grandson and is one proud Great Grandma. PQ. Martha, PQ. Carol Houston, Pr. Cheri, Pr. Marie and PQ. Joey are busy with families. Pr. Carol Hefley is gearing up for a busy 2015. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



## Clownette's Corner

By: Princess Judy Wells

Wow! I can't believe that 2014 is almost over! The Clownettes have been very busy. We started off with several ladies attending "Texas Days" with our Queen Debra Strom. A great time was had by all who attended. We all enjoyed the food, fun, shopping and fellowship with all our Nile ladies.

The month of December is actually our busiest month. We started out with the Supreme Queens visit for our Ceremonial. I want to thank Carol Barrera and Diane Wilson for the great job they did on the skit. Supreme Queen Marsha commented on how funny it was.

Next stop for us was the Paris Night-time Parade. We had 7 of our Clownettes that were able to make this parade. Our trailer was decorated with lights and bears...oh my! We actually received 3rd place for our float in that parade! Way to go Clownettes!!

The very next day several of our ladies along with our Queen Debra headed to Galveston to visit the hospital. As usual the children loved seeing us clowned up and were very appreciative of the gifts that were brought for them.

The following weekend we attended the Terrell and Quinlan Christmas Parades. It was chilly outside but we still had fun just clowning around.

Just a reminder.... we are having an after Christmas, Christmas party at the Saltgrass Steakhouse in Mesquite on Jan. 8th at 7pm. We will not be exchanging gifts, but instead we are asking that you bring gift cards to be send to the Galveston Hospital. They can either be for fast food restaurants, phone cards or Wal-Mart. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

I just wanted to let you know that if you are interested in joining our Wild and Crazy bunch of Clownettes, we meet on the first Tuesday following the Nile Session. We meet at 6:30pm for snacks, upstairs in Parlor B, and our meeting starts at 7pm. We would definitely love to have anyone that is interested come and join us.

**Just remember.... Clowning is a work of Heart!**

**Clownettes host a party for the children at the Shriners Hospital for Children—Galveston on December 8, 2014. Many gifts and other necessities were donated and delivered to the children and hospital during this visit.**

**These visits to the hospitals give participants a front-row seat to what we do to support our philanthropy.**

**The joy in the eyes and on the faces of these children truly warms your heart!**



## 2014-2015 CALENDAR

## Shalman Temple No.90

March 5, 2014	7:30 P.M.	Election of Officers	Parlor A
March 9, 2014	3:00 P.M.	Installation Practice	Main Ballroom
March 15, 2014	9:00 A.M.	Set up for Officer Installation	Main Ballroom
March 16, 2014	2:00 P.M.	Installation of Officers	Arrive by 1 PM, pictures immediately following
March 25, 2014	7:00 P.M.	Officer Practice (Appointed/Elected Officers)	Parlor A
April 2, 2014	7:30 P.M.	Session	Parlor A
April 26, 2014	11:00 A.M.	Spring Luncheon– Allure Restaurant	Garland, TX
May 7, 2014	7:30 P.M.	Session	Parlor A
May 14, 2014	7:00 P.M.	Ceremonial Practice	Parlor A
May 16, 2014	7:00 P.M.	Ceremonial Set up	Parlor A
May 17, 2014	2:00 P.M.	Ceremonial	Parlor A
June 1-6, 2014		Supreme Session	Omaha, NE
June 7, 2014	TBA	TSA Breakfast	Windsor Florist 201 W. Main St.  Mesquite, TX
June 28, 2014	11:00 A.M.	Supreme Appointees Luncheon	Home of Charlotte Bailey
July 19, 2014	11:00 A.M.	Pageantry Summer Social –Islamadora Fish Company	Bass Pro– Garland
August 8, 2014	4-8 pm	Wine & Cheese Tasting Fundraiser	Home of Carol Hefley
September 3, 2014	7:30 P.M.	Session	Parlor A
October 1, 2014	7:30 P.M.	Session	Parlor A
October 2-4, 2014		Texas Days– Tyler, Texas	
November 5, 2014	7:30 P.M.	Session - Founders Day	Parlor A
November 8, 2014	TBA	Queen’s Ball	
November 12, 2014	7:00 P.M.	Ceremonial Practice for SQ visit	Parlor A
November 19, 2014	7:00 P.M.	Ceremonial Practice for SQ visit	Parlor A
December 3, 2014	6 :00 P.M	Session– Christmas Party	Parlor A
December 5, 2014	TBA	Supreme Queen Marsha Sowers visit & banquet	Parlor A
January 7, 2015	7:30 P.M.	Session	
February 4, 2015	7:30 P.M.	Session-Memorial	Parlor A
March 5, 2015	7:30 P.M.	Session-Election of Officers	Parlor A