Grand Regent's Message

November 2013

Wow! These last 2 months have been an exciting whirlwind of events. September, it was off to Colorado for their conference and what a wonderful group of coworkers they were and the LOOM Association was great and accommodating. After a bit of a mix up at the airport, we were on our way to Greeley/Evans. Nancy and Don Brethour were excellent hostess and host – seeing to all my needs. Unfortunately, we had to cut our meetings short because of all the devastating flooding they were having around us. We managed to get the conferral for our Green Cap Matriculants completed and new Deputy Grand Regent Linda Dodds installed. Congratulations to all.

The Saturday night banquet had to be cancelled and rescheduled for October. The host and hostess lodge and chapter had gone to a lot of work with decorations and food preparation, so I hope everyone had a great time. Again, Don and Nancy looked after me and got me safely to the airport on Sunday to catch my flight home. Thanks to everyone in Colorado for a great weekend.

The following weekend it was our conference in Ontario. For the first time it was held in my hometown of Chatham with our chapter serving as the hostess chapter. The coworkers in Ontario treated me 'royally' and thanks to our deputy Norma Miller-Foley, I received a royal robe, crown and scepter. Our official visitor was Molly Brown from Oregon, a great friend. We had a great time with her and our men's official visitor, my dear friend Bruce Berger and his wonderfully fun wife Donna. Congratulations to our Green Cap recipients and our new Deputy Grand Regent Heather Lewis.

The following weekend it was off to beautiful Alaska. After a few flights to get there it was great to be on the ground with Lisa and Al Schultz right there to greet me. It was off to Delta Junction to meet the coworkers who were hard at work getting all the last minute things ready for the conference. The meeting went great and everyone was very receptive and hospitable. What a great weekend and I thank all the coworkers who made it so, pitched in and helped where needed. Congratulations to the Green Cap recipients and to new Deputy Grand Regent Kim Barnes. The LOOM of Delta Junction and Alaska/Hawaii Association were very hospitable and I had a great

time with the men's official visitor Mike Cohen. Again I was treated royally and I returned home with some 'Alaskan gold' in my pocket. Lisa and Al took me to the North Pole on our way back to the airport so I got to tell my great grandchildren that I was at Santa's home and put in a good word for them. Flights home were a little tiring but I felt wonderful for having this great experience. Thanks Alaska.

October brought the cruise to Bermuda. What a wonderful and exciting time I had – my first ever cruise! I was so thankful to have my friend Wendy travelling with me. To the International Boards and Grand Council – thank you ladies for the great meetings. My thanks also to Grand Chancellor Barb and her wonderful assistant Denielle for their assistance making it much easier for me. It was great getting to know each of you and bonding together.

I was quite in awe of the ship and sometimes not even realizing I was on a ship. No sea sickness for me, thank goodness. Bermuda was beautiful and we had a wonderful time with our friends Don and Eileen – browsing around, shopping and off to the beach to see the 'pink' sand and get my 'feet' wet in the ocean. Wow – what an exhilarating and exciting time for me!

Now it's time for a break and to catch my breath and a few zees. I'm feeling very thankful and humble for these great experiences.

To all my American friends may you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving. God Bless everyone.

Always remember good things come to those who believe, better things come to those who are patient and the best things come to those who don't give up. So be it and so it is.

Hugs to you all,

Betty Krisza
Grand Regent