



# 7 STAR BULLETIN

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE GRAND ARCH DRUID

Howdy Howdy

I am so excited to be your first male Grand Arch Druid during this history making year. I am a very casual person and hope that we can all have fun this year. I have asked that at my official visits everyone dress casual and fun and not so formal. Let your fun side shine through.



As many of you have noticed I do not wear long pants. This is out of a necessity and not being disrespectful to the order. I have an auto immune disorder called Leukocytoclastic Vasculitis that affects the blood vessels in my arms and legs. It causes me to get Edema in my legs and feet and I get random spots in patches on my arms and legs. The blood vessels on the surface of my skin are the ones affected. Sometimes even having a sheet on them is severe pain.

My theme for the year is:

“Happiness is sharing rainbows of joy with a Druid”

My symbol is the rainbow heart. I chose the heart because that is the symbol my mom PGCK Wanda Smithson was going to use and the rainbow for me.

The past 17 months have been hard on all of us and our circles. I know my circle Mt. Diablo 170 had to continue to pay the rent for our meeting place through the whole closure. We also had to pay per capita tax on 94 members. I am sure most of you are in the same boat. We did do one mail out fundraiser which helped some but were not able to do our big money makers. Because of this I have chosen the subordinate circles of the Grand Circle UAOD as my charity. All the funds collected will be divided equally between the remaining active circles. My hope is that we will all come out of this year with a little bit of a nest egg and a more stable outlook for the future. If you feel your circle does not need the money then I want you to donate the proceeds collected to the charity of your choice.

I am looking forward to the official visits and meeting all of you again. In addition to official visits I will make one visit with your deputy at one of your regular meetings.

In Unity, Peace, and Concord

GAD Johnnie Smithson



## EVERGREEN CIRCLE NO. 15

Evergreen Circle #15 members met on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This evening was spent honoring the scholarship recipients for 2021. When entering the hall the tables were decorated with bouquets with fresh summer flower and there were school pennants at the cake table of the colleges chosen by them to continue their education. Marilyn Avansino and Lorene Freggiaro were responsible for the decorations! They were beautiful! Thank You!

A.D. Darlene welcomed and introduced the scholarship recipients and their family. Sarafina Gutterres, Eliana Garibaldi, Allison Carloni. Scholarship recipients then gave a report for their future plans of going to college in the field they were planning to study. Elianna Garibaldi honored us by playing her guitar and a song she wrote.

Dinner was served and enjoyed by everyone. 45 members were in attendance. A.D. Darlene then began our meeting with the salute to the flag presented by Jim Chavez.

Sick members: Gloria Crawford, Enes Damilano, Bobbe Xenos had surgery. Pat Resendes had good news that she is cancer free, but since the meeting has had to have surgery. David and Karen Rajkovich's son is fighting an illness. Angie Ferrero is having trouble with her right leg and also visiting dermatologist for spots on her head. Virginia Larson had throat surgery, doing well and waiting for results. Richard Damilano seriously burned his foot and is being treated twice a week at the Lodi Wound Center. We pray he soon is well, and all goes well. Cards were sent to all wishing them good health soon. We send our sympathies and prayers to Edith Solari on the loss of her brother Andy.

Congratulations!! Helene Dondero graduated with her Master Degree from Cal Poly June 12, 2021. Helene is one of our scholarship recipients of 2016 and also a new member as of 2019. Great job, well done.

Let's wish Happy Birthday! **JULY** Birthdays: Ramona Phillips, Michelle Okazaki, Alvin Cortopassi, Darlene Lupul, Stephanie Damilano, Amanda Marchini, Bridget Capps, Arthur Moreno, Rose Freggiaro, Angie Ferrero and Bruce Ghio. **AUGUST:** Jeff Damilano, Lorraine Sanguinetti, Courtney Damiano, Rina Colosimo, Bobbe Xenos, Christine Cummings, Marilou Risso, John (Jack) Plotz, Gayle Watkins, Lynn Evans, Patricia Resendes, Katrina Evans, Lena Vasconcellos, Lynette Messimer, and Frances Bozzano.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is a special holiday for all of us as in the USA, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, so I hope you all had a wonderful day. Happy Birthday to us all.

Our next meeting is August 2<sup>nd</sup> doors open at 6 P.M. Dinner served at 6:30 P.M. We had to change our plans of a picnic dinner because of the new restrictions at I.A.C. We cannot do as in the past. Instead, we will be having Ribs, beans, and salad for our dinner. I know that dinner will be wonderful.

Steve Trucco is in charge of our second Scholarship 50/50 Fund-Raiser Raffle. We hope you all participate and make this fundraiser a success.

We look forward to seeing everyone and plan to have a wonderful time.

Love always,

Angie Ferrero, PAD

## GETTING TO KNOW THE GRAND ARCH DRUID JOHNNIE SMITHSON

**He was born on June 28, 1961 in Louisville Kentucky**

**His Favorite food is Mexican food especially Fajitas (but NO cooked onions!)**



**His Favorite color is PURPLE**

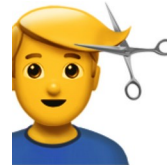
**He is one of 6 children**

**His first car was a 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass. (Turquoise with black top)**



**He has been a Druid member for 6 years but had been visiting with his Mom for the last 19 years.**

**His Favorite place to visit is Disneyland, of course!**



**He has been a licensed Cosmetologist for 39 years**

**His Favorite desserts are Peach Cobbler or Bread Pudding**

### SANTA ROSA CIRCLE NO. 66

It's so nice to be back in the action and out in the world again! As most of us are aware, our convention was held on July 10th and 11th. For those who were unable to attend in person at the College Ave. Druids Hall in Santa Rosa were able to join the meeting on Zoom.

Johnnie Smithson was elected for the position of Grand Arch Druid and we are looking forward to working with him this year. Many of the people who are ascending the ladder have mentioned that a hand book that explains and helps direct them would really be helpful. Some members have felt that they don't know enough about what to do when their turn arrives, to take on the next position. Perhaps there are sources out there that are available for new members like me who would like to become familiar with the workings and responsibilities of each position. Maybe even a class or two!

As I may have mentioned before, Bev Poggi turned 90 on the 4th of July! Quite a milestone! She had a reunion with friends from grade school that took her out for a nice dinner. They had a lot of memories to share having some 80 years of friendship together!! Bev has no complaints and is glad to be getting out more! She looks great too!

Linda Roerden has a birthday coming up on August 20th. Our circle will hopefully have a nice lunch in celebration for their birthdays! She has been under the weather but gratefully is improving. She and Ron have both had their challenges these past few months but they are both on the mend and looking good. Our hearts are with them.

Patty Jo Mayo had a knee replacement on May 13th and is doing great. She is working hard and is dedicated to gaining back her strength and I know she won't stop until she is strong again! It's been hard and painful but she hasn't let that stop her. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Concord's CoCo chapter is putting on a BBQ on August 9th at 5:00 pm. at Cowell Park in Concord. The feast includes snacks, fried chicken, corn on the cob, beans and watermelon and a dessert! The price is \$15.00. Orders must be in by July 25th and can be sent to the address below or you may RSVP to the numbers provided below as well. It sounds like a good time! Place your order now!!

SANTA ROSA CONT.

Circle 66 wishes everyone joy and safety as we reemerge in every day life. The future will bring more gatherings and hopefully we will have our fund raiser this Fall or maybe at Christmas. We've had all year to collect some really great gifts for our baskets. Something for everyone!

Best wishes to all,  
Gretchen Bryson

Dee Ginocchio, \*\*\*\*\*, CA \*\*\*\*\*or Anna Stephens \*\*\*\*\*

### MT. DIABLO CIRCLE NO. 170

Mt. Diablo Circle is back on track with regular in person meetings.

Twelve members motored to Santa Rosa and one by Zoom to be there for Johnnie's installation. Ellen's last meeting will be long remembered due to the length (one day) as well all the items taken care of in that period of time.

We are helping our Chapter sisters with their Picnic in the Park on August 9<sup>th</sup>. One and all are invited to join us for a delicious meal and great friendship. Invitations and information was shared at the conference.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Fran Hahn

### TRENTON CIRCLE NO. 176

"Hello" to everyone out there in Druid Land. Well, it looks like some of us are attending meetings in person.

On April 7, 2021 we held our regular meeting in person and took care of business.

April 24 we travelled to Cloverdale Circle's Official Visit. In the "Pitt Mobile" there were four of us from Trenton Circle. Lydia WhiteBear, JoAnn Drexler, Kathy Pitt, myself and Lydia's sister Mariana, who was visiting from Michigan. It was a nice trip up and the weather was very nice. The meeting was very nice and the food was very good and it was so nice to see the ones that attended in person and also the ones who did Zoom.

May 5 we were supposed to have a meeting at our Deputy Diane Gerald's home but there was a mix up and some of us did not go but the ones who didn't held a meeting the next day and took care of business.

June 2 we held another regular meeting. Before the meeting we had a wonderful lunch of vegetarian lasagna, buns, beverage and a dessert provided by Lydia WhiteBear.

July 7 we held a regular meeting. Before the meeting we had a lovely lunch of port of sub sandwiches, chips, beverage and strawberry shortcake provided by JoAnn Drexler. We then held our meeting and discussed convention and how we were going to get there and who was going. And took care of any business that needed to be taken care of. It was real nice to be able to meet in person again and catch up on what all of us have been doing.

TRENTON CIRCLE NO. 176, CON.

July 10—some of us from Trenton attended the Grand Chapter convocation. Those attending from Trenton were Lydia WhiteBear, JoAnn Drexler, Kathy Pitt, Janet Kelly and myself. It was a very nice meeting and went very well both in person and on Zoom. We are getting better with the Zoom set up.

July 11 Trenton ladies attended the Grand Circle convocation. Those attending were Lydia WhiteBear, JoAnn Drexler, Kathy Pitt, Janet Kelly and myself. We had a very nice time visiting with sisters from the other Circles who attended in person and the ones that did Zoom. We had a very nice attendance and we covered a lot in one day as we usually do 2 days. It was all very nice and the luncheon was very good and I think everyone had a very nice time.

I want to take this time to wish those who had birthdays “Happy Birthday”. To those of you who had anniversaries “Happy Anniversary” and many more.

I hope this finds everyone well and hope to see more of you at the next event. To all who are under the weather, get well soon. God bless all of you and stay safe and well until we meet again.

Luv to All,

Sharon Pitt

### **CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY**

July 11th found many of us in Santa Rosa for the 121st Grand Circle convocation. GAD Ellen Glass presided over session with 24 in attendance and 3 by Zoom. During this short session we were able to pass several resolutions, elect new Grand Officers, attend a luncheon honoring GAD Ellen, have a raffle and Install the Grand Officers present.

GAD Johnnie Smithson became the first male to be elected the head of our branch of the Order. He promises that we will have a fun year. Also elected were GFB Tracy Stephens, GSB Linda Roerden, GS Linda Andersen, GCond Angel Masri, GTrustees Judy Belmont & Stella Ergas and GrChap Wanda Petersen. Congratulations to all.

There are opening in the positions of Grand Treasurer, Grand Guardian and Grand Trustee. GAD Johnnie is looking for volunteers to fill these positions. If you are interested please let him know.

Resolutions passed included changing Hospitalization claims to just one form. Circle Secretaries will be mailed a supply of the new forms. Grand Officers no longer have a minimum number of Official Visits that they must attend. And, there will be six issue of the 7 Star Bulletin again this year.

GAD Ellen was honored by her Circle, Arena Stella #112, with bonsai plants, monetary gift and donation in her honor to the Grand Circle Charity. She in turn gifted GS Linda, new GAD Johnnie and new GCK John Harris. GAD Ellen was also presented with her “graduation diploma” from GS Linda and PGAD Bonnie, her sponsors. And Jr. PGAD Barbara Harris received her life membership card.

First time delegates this year were John Harris of Mt. Diablo #170 and Janet Kelly of Trenton #176. Thank you to all who attended.

## ARENA STELLA CIRCLE NO. 112

Hello Everyone,

Enjoy your summer! At our Convention in July we were excited to have our very own GAD Ellen Glass do such a wonderful job presiding over the convocation. After the convention she was glad to become Jr. Past Grand Arch Druidess finally. We also had many of our other members advance in the Grand Line such as: Tracy Stephens moved up to the position of Grand First Bard, Henry Baker is now Noble Grand Arch, Roxanne Rainwater Grand Trustee of Grand Chapter, John Rainwater Grand Guide, Byron Wilson-Serrano Grand Sentinel, John Zeni Grand Secretary, Joe Zeni Grand Trustee, Linda Andersen Grand Secretary/ Jr. PGCK and Jim Stephens Grand Historian/Grand Trustee. Congratulations to all of them!

Our BBQ/Picnic on Sunday July 18th had a light turn out but we had an enjoyable time. We know that summer is always a busy time for everyone. Hopefully we will see more of our membership at our meeting August 21st. It will be our first in person meeting at the Druids Hall since this all began.

### *Druidic Scholarship Awards Program Donations*

#### IN MEMORY

#### DONATED BY

#### GENERAL

#### 4-0 CLUB

#### APRIL 2021

John & Barbara Harris

Al Fernandez

Terry & Carol McClarnon

Jennifer Loucks

Patricia Albini

#### MAY 2021

Walter Smith

Harmony Grove #38

Carol Satori

Pete Azevedo

Alan & Gloria Marcucci

Doug & Judy Buttke

Sonoma Marin Swiss Club

Harmony Grove # 38

Ralph & Teresa Satori

Angelo & Alice Pozzi

Don & JoAnn McFadden

Dallas Baret

Harmony Grove #38

Pete Azevedo

Eleanor Avilla

Ralph & Carol Satori

#### JUNE 2021

Walter & Jeannette Shoup

Grand Circle of California

#### CONVENTION

Fred Drexler

JoAnn Drexler

Trenton Circle #176

Barbara Van Slyke

All who have passed

Sharon Pitt

Lydia WhiteBear

Ellen Glass

Ellen Glass

**GRAND CIRCLE CHARITY FUND DONATIONS AT CONVENTION**

**DONATIONS CANS**

16.35

**IN MEMORY**

Fritz Minder	by Johnnie Smithson
Cindy Kiker	by Johnnie Smithson
Chavez/WhiteBear family	by Lydia WhiteBear
All who have passed last year	by Ellen Glass
All who have passed	by Sharon Pitt
Cynthia DeWitt Kiker	by Charlotte DeWitt
General	Trenton Circle # 176
General	by JoAnne Drexler

TOTAL 255.00

**IN HONOR OF**

Ellen Glass	Arena Stella Circle #112	50.00
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**3.65 CLUB**

Johnnie Smithson, Lydia WhiteBear, Barbara Van Slyke & Ellen Glass

Total 14.60

LUNCHEON TOTAL 200.00

RAFFLE TOTAL 100.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT \$635.95

**Ask the Grand Secretary???**

Please submit any questions that you may have in regards to the Grand Circle, constitution, rituals, subordinate Circles or Druidic history by Seven Star deadline and we will try to answer them. Send to \*\*\*\*\*@yahoo.com or PO Box \*\*\*\*\*



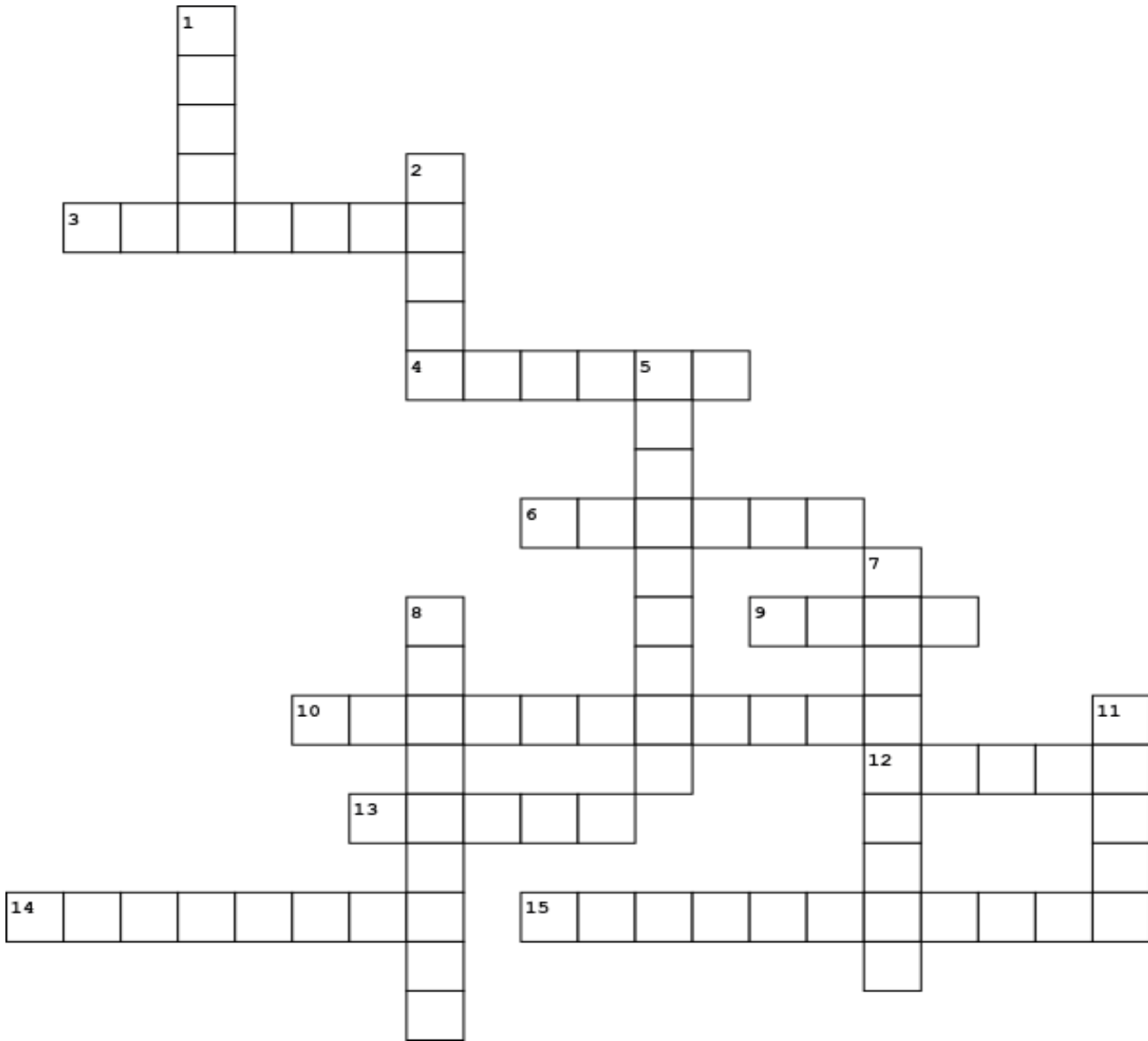
Instead of the John I call my bathroom the Jim!  
That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning!!!

Knock Knock joke #45

\*Knock\*Knock\*  
—"Who's there?"  
—"A little old lady"  
—"A little old lady Who?"  
—"I didn't know you could yodel!"

100xhahaha.com/knock

## 2021 Convention Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 3. Newest Grand Arch Druid
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_, Integrity & Obedience
- 6. Last name of newest Grand Chief Knight
- 9. 1st Noble Grand Arch of California
- 10. Last Star Point
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Arch (Grand Grove leader)
- 13. Last name of newest Noble Grand Arch
- 14. Subordinate Circle #170
- 15. Synonym for Convention

**Down**

- 1. "T" on star point
- 2. Unity, \_\_\_\_\_ & Concord
- 5. 1st Grand Arch Druidess
- 7. Name of Druids Circle magazine
- 8. Location of 2021 Convention
- 11. Number of points on Druids Star



## PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND CHIEF KNIGHT

I am most likely the happiest person I know. I have the opportunity to become the Grand Chief Knight this coming year. This is an office I look forward to taking. Although we only have three Chapters, they are a vital part of Druidism.

The Chapter branch of Druidism is proclaimed as the "FUN" branch. Why is it that our meetings are business, eat and go home? That doesn't sound like a lot of fun to me; I may be wrong. I've been told "All work and no play make's Johnny a dull boy". Chapter meetings with card games, sing a long, and even board games before or after meetings can change or enhance a reason to attend a meeting. This is even a source of increasing our Membership. We have only Three Chapters I don't think they have increased membership in many years. There is no wonder Fun is at a minimum. Try scheduling an outing! Ball Game, Fishing Trip, Picnic or Visit a museum. Invite other Chapters, Groves or Circles to a night of Bingo or other evenings of fun.

Membership is the *Bloodline* of any organization and if we are to survive, we must increase; not just any one can join the Chapter branch. A person has to be a member of either the Circle or the Grove. That is not true with the other branches. Look for new members in these branches.

Grand Chief Knight Linda Andersen came up with an idea to have outings for all to enjoy. I want to have three outings, one from each of the Chapter areas. I would like to attend a meeting that is not an official meeting during the year. My official visits are not set at this point. I'm thinking of early visits to beat the Flu Season.

*John Z. Harris*

## Druids Convention Word Search

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- BENEVOLENCE
- MISTLETOE
- SANTAROSA
- SIEG
- CHAPTER
- DRUIDS
- LOVE
- CONVOCATION
- DRUIDESS
- OAKTREE
- RITUAL
- REGALIA
- FAITH
- JUSTICE
- CONVENTION
- HOPE
- CIRCLE
- TRUTH
- WHITE
- GROVE
- HONOR

# 7 Star Bulletin

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## Happy Birthday

### August

13 GFB Tracy Stephens  
18 PGAD Fran Hahn  
20 PGAD Sharon Pitt  
20 GSB Linda Roerden  
26 PGAD Barbara Harris  
28 PGAD Diane Gerald  
28 Jr. PGAD Ellen Glass

### September

3 PGAD Lydia WhiteBear  
18 GS/PGAD Linda Andersen  
27 PGAD Gloria Crawford  
27 PGAD Viola Sodini  
28 PGAD Blanche Unti

## Happy Anniversary

### August

6 GFB Tracy & GH/GT Jim Stephens (33rd)  
23 GSB Linda & Ron Roerden (58th)

### September

1 GS/PGAD Linda & Butch Andersen (30th)

# 7 RULES OF LIFE

## 1. SMILE

*IT ALWAYS WORKS OUT IN THE END!*

## 2. BE KIND

*YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL GOOD!*

## 3. DON'T GIVE UP

*IF IT DOESN'T WORK THE FIRST TIME, FIND ANOTHER WAY!*

## 4. DON'T COMPARE

*EVERYONE'S ON A DIFFERENT JOURNEY!*

## 5. AVOID NEGATIVITY

*AVOID NEGATIVE THOUGHTS, SITUATIONS & PEOPLE!*

## 6. MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR PAST

*FOCUS ON BEING PRESENT & CREATING A BETTER FUTURE!*

## 7. TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY & MIND

*ONE STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE WITHOUT THE OTHER!*



**Deadline for next "7" Star Bulletin is  
September 10, 2021!**