

# OCTOBER GALACTIC BYTES

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## Grand Bethel Officer of the Month!



Shannon Costello!

Shannon is from Bethel 14 in Elmhurst, Illinois. Shannon has been super active with promoting Illinois Job's Daughters and Bethel 14. She attends other bethel meetings, assists with initiations, attended the Medinah Sports Raffle, Day of Promotion, and so much more! She is currently Honored Queen at Bethel 14 and promotes often at Bethel 29 in Highland Park, IL. She is Grand Bethel Alternate this year! She is doing an amazing job!

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## State Events in September



**September 15th Day of Promotion!** We had 10 prospective members that attended the promotional events that day and 3 bee prospects! We started with the Morton Pumpkin Festival Parade! We handed out promotional bracelets and lots of candy! Then we were off to some Painting, Pizza and Promotions! We used our art skills to create a masterpiece and made some new friends by sharing the sisterhood! What an amazing day of promoting ILJD!



# State events in September

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## September 22<sup>nd</sup> LT HIKE



This was the Lincoln Truman HIKE 5k color run/walk. What a great time! Lots of FUN and MONEY raised for our charity HIKE! We had 100 participants registered. Illinois & Missouri raised \$6,528.51 with more to come from registration fees! Great job to Anna & Lucinda and the rest of the HIKE committee!



## September 23<sup>rd</sup> Bethel 65/67 Official Visit

Congratulations to Bethel 65 on their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Thank you to Bethel 65 for hosting a sleepover and dinner the night before. Thank you for also providing breakfast in the morning! It was blast laughing and getting to know our members in the south. Bethel 65 and 67 both just initiated and it was great to see how much they have grown at their OV! Thank you to both bethels for an amazing weekend!



# What's Happening Around the State?

## Eastern Star Grand Chapter: October 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>!



The beginning of October was a busy week for our Illinois Job's Daughters! On October 1<sup>st</sup> we were asked to perform the cross at Eastern Star's Opening. We had 21 girls present and it just moved mountains with those in the room. Thank you to Bethels 84, 49, 65, 48, 111, 55, and 52 for attending that evening! Also, thank you to Uncle Rusty Pratt for doing the cross talk as well. You girls are truly amazing, and others were able to see that too! Afterwards, Katie was able to talk to a past Job's Daughter and she explained about

how she knew Mother Mick. She explained about the robe and what Mother Mick had explained about it. She served on committees, sat at banquets, and so forth. It was neat to hear from someone who knew our founder!



On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Katie Pratt, was initiated into Eastern Star along with Gabby (Grand Worthy Advisor), Michael (State Master Councilor), and two other Rainbow girls, Adrianna and Heaven. Continuing our Masonic heritage is so important and Eastern Star offers so much! We encourage any girl 18 and older to join Eastern Star or Amaranth!

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Carol and Richard were installed as Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for Eastern Star. Aunt Carol is a Past Honored Queen and Majority Member of Bethel 55 in Pekin, Illinois! Our two very own, Aunt Judy Gordon and Uncle Lou Aaronson, were installed as well that night. Aunt Judy is Grand Organist this year and Uncle Lou is Associate Grand Patron! Uncle Lou, pending election, will be Grand Worthy Patron for 2019-2020! We wish them all the best!



## Grand Lodge: October 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>!

Right after Grand Chapter was Grand Lodge! Thursday night, the 4<sup>th</sup>, was the Grand Masters Banquet called 'Denim and Diamonds.' It was a great opportunity to meet with other Master Masons and their wives from around Illinois and outside of Illinois. Aunt Brenda, Uncle Rusty, and Katie were able to meet and talk with several masons that evening about Job's Daughters. Katie was able to talk to the Grand Master from Michigan. While they disagreed on sports teams, they bonded over the love of the youth groups! It was a dazzling evening, full of dancing and laughter!





Friday morning the three youth leaders gave their speeches pertaining to their youth group! Katie discussed that promotion and excitement is the key to how Illinois Job's Daughters is growing! She also encouraged the masons to get out and support their local youth groups! All three youth groups are the future for the organization! Brooke, Grand Bethel Junior Princess, and Maddie, Miss Illinois, stood at our promotional booth talking to the different masons who stopped by. Katie and



Aunt Brenda were able to attend the Ladies Luncheon put on by the Grand Master's Wife, Gerti. She is such a thoughtful, fun, and caring woman. Later that evening, Aunt Brenda, Uncle Rusty, Katie, Brooke, and Sierra all attended the Grand Masters Awards Dinner. Uncle Angelo Deserio was awarded Mason of the Year, too.



October 6<sup>th</sup>, Illinois Job's Daughters and Illinois Rainbow came together in unification and performed a ceremony for the Masons of Illinois. Each organization had 13 members present, which made a total of 26 young ladies present. The ceremony we performed was called "A Tribute to our

Masonic Heritage." At the closing of the ceremony the Job's Daughters were west of the alter in a cross and east of the alter were the Rainbow girls in a bow. We both sang Nearer My God To Thee and we walked out hand in hand. We love our Rainbow sisters and hoping to bring our organizations together and closer than ever this year!



# Updates, updates, and updates!

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**Membership:** September we welcomed 7 new members into ILJD! #sharethesisterhood That bring us to 12 total new members since Session. My goal is 25 by the end of the year...I know you girls can do it! We are almost half way there! Keep up the great work!

## **Initiated in September**

Bethel 65 - 2

Bethel 111 - 1

Bethel 55 - 2

Bethel 48 - 1

Bethel 67 - 1

## **Upcoming Events for the State:**

October 13-14 Grand Bethel Retreat cost is \$35 (Grand Bethel officers only) We will be staying in Rochester, IL. We will go to the challenge course at the U of I Springfield and have a pumpkin decorating contest, S'mores and lots of other fun things!

October 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Wizard of Oz Weekend

October 27<sup>th</sup> GBOV in Ottawa, IL at the Ottawa Masonic Temple Dinner is \$8 and Fun event is \$10. **Please RSVP by October 19<sup>th</sup> to Aunt Cathy Worlow.**

October 28<sup>th</sup> Go to Church

November 10<sup>th</sup> Ritual Comp

**MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE WEBSITE! [www.iljd.org](http://www.iljd.org)**

**Promotions:** Twister Challenge was due on September 30<sup>th</sup>...please be on the look out for a new challenge in December! Thank you to all of the Bethels that participated. We hope you enjoyed it! The winner will be announced at GBOV...who will win???





A generous foundation has put forth a fundraising challenge that will help The American Cancer Society secure a \$500,000 grant for the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Omaha, Nebraska! Each American Cancer Society Hope Lodge community is a home away from home for cancer patients and their families. It's 100% free. Because when lives are on the line, cost or distance shouldn't be a barrier to care.