



**ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS
UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH**

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Greetings To All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Our, 60th Anniversary, United Nations Pilgrimage For Youth Tours was a huge success, “Thanks to Your continued Support”. Charlie Benson and I are delighted to report that we hosted 303 Delegates, 16 Tour Leaders as well as 5 New York Staff Members. This year we were honored to have our Sovereign Grand Master, Brother Richard Proulx and his wife Joyce in attendance for a portion of both weeks. Our Delegates got to hear Brother Proulx speak about our 60 years of involvement with The United Nations. We also had in attendance this year our Sovereign Grand Warden, Brother George Glover during week number one and our International Association of Rebekah Assemblies Warden, Sister Vicki Beaver during week number two.

I would like to take this opportunity to say “THANK YOU” to the many members and Lodges for their donations toward meals, Tours and Lodging for this program. Likewise to the many members who meet our buses and provide tour guides so our delegate’s will have a wonderful experience. A special thank you to the Jurisdictional Chairmen who work so tirelessly to coordinate the paperwork required to make this program a continuing success.

The New York City weekly speech contest produced two winners each of whom will receive a \$1,500.00 scholarship from the I.O.O.F. Educational Foundation once they submit their Letter of Admissions from their selected University.

Week One – Alvin Chauhan – Jurisdiction of British Columbia

Week Two – Cheyanne Vetter – Jurisdiction of Alberta

This next year, our speech contest will produce both a First and Second Place winner each week. With First Place be awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship and Second Place be awarded a \$500.00 scholarship from our I.O.O.F. Educational Foundation once they submit their Letter of Admission.

As I begin working as your new Executive Director of our Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage For Youth, we will once again be in a year of continued growth and teamwork. Our Delegates and I will need your continued support. I look forward to working with the Jurisdictions to make this Program one in which we can all take great pride as well as an experience that our young delegates will consider a highlight of their life.

Tentative dates for 2010 Tour - East Coast Tour (Philadelphia): June 26th – July 8th and July 3rd – July 15th
East Coast Tour (Toronto & Harrisburg) July 1st – July 13th

Delegates will be assigned to a Tour Week as soon as we have the complete submissions in January. **Please do not assume** your delegate(s) will be attending during the same week as in previous years.

2010 Tour Fees - \$1,300.00 Full Coast Tour (approximately 13 days)
\$1,100.00 Tour Leaders
These fees do not include transportation to and from the originating point.

Deadline Dates : January 15th – Confirm number of delegates and pay deposit of ½ Tour Fee which is non-refundable.
April 1st - Final payment for all delegates along with **Completed Registration forms in duplicate.**

Tour Leaders must submit applications approved by their Jurisdiction no later than February 1st, for approval by the Board of Directors.

The above dates reflect receipt of payments and forms at the UNP Office. Any payments or forms received after these dates will be assessed a \$50.00 per delegate late fee.

Contact your Jurisdictional Chair for specific dates in your Jurisdiction.

Always remember that each of us has something to contribute. **The Future of Odd Fellowship is in your Hands.** This program belongs to each of us, as members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It has been your generosity that has made this program a success for over 60 years. It will be your continued generosity that will allow the program to live another 60 years. Remember all donations (except Delegate and Tour Leader Fees) receive a receipt that is tax deductible in the United States or Canada.