



**RUTH CHAPTER NO. 8
December Newsletter**

Dear Sisters & Brothers;

Brother Bob and I hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Instead of falling back in autumn and slowing down, it jumped forward rapidly into winter.

We had a wonderful Official Visit and received a lot of compliments on our floor work. Thank you to all who came out and supported us and especially to the officers for their participation in making it successful.

We have had a lot of sickness & distress. Sister Pat Blankenship's son had what was to be minor surgery on his foot in October and went into a coma of which he has not recovered. This has put additional stress on Sister Pat who needs our prayers and support.

Sister Laverne Ramsey has been under the weather for a few weeks. Sister Mildred Privot missed our November meeting as well. Sister Barbara Stone still struggles with pain associated with her arthritis. Sister Mary & Brother Bob seem to be improving and enjoying some good health. Please keep all our sisters and brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Ed Swansey was diagnosed on August 22nd with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer and a tumor on his Liver. He passed away on November 2nd. Please keep Sister Paula Swansey and her family in your prayers.

If you know of any ill/shut in members, please let me know at 804-399-8508 so I can let the appropriate committee know. If you know of a member that is now a shut in we also need to know this to put them on our "Rays of Sunshine" list.

2020 Dues cards are in.

Please make checks payable to Ruth Chapter No. 8 and mail to Lenora Mitchell, 3901 Berrybrook Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23234.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH/LUNCHEON:

Ruth & Mizpath Chapters are having their Christmas Luncheon together this year on Sunday December 8th at 1:00pm.

**Meadowbrook Country Club
3700 Cogbill Road
North Chesterfield, VA 23234**

Cost: Free to members and \$23 to their guest.

RSVP by Monday December 2nd to Judy Nunnally, 804-399-8508.

The year has flown by so quickly. We are fast approaching a new Star Year. Our chapter has been very blessed that we have increased our membership and had all 18 stations installed. This was not an easy task and was done with great understanding from the member that they could not be at all meetings.

If you are willing to accept a station even if you know you can't fulfil it every meeting, or if you are asked to take a station, please for the love of the Star think about it before turning it down.

It was announced that either 2 or 3 chapters in October merged/closed and there are others facing this decision in January. We have wonderful members that I know love the Star and does not want to see this happen to us. So again, I ask for your support in helping us.

A few years ago I was honored by being a personal page. There were new pages among those that had held this position for many years. I listened to the new pages asking questions and making suggestions and the senior pages simply said, "This is how it's always been done". Finally one of the senior pages who wasn't saying anything stopped ironing the flags and said, "IF YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE YOU WILL ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU ALWAYS GOT". It made an impact on everyone in the room. When someone introduces something new, if you have an opinion please share it at that time; but also think about if the way it's being done now, is it effective and are you open minded to change.

Star Love,

**Sister Judy Nunnally
Worthy Matron**

**Brother Bob Hertless
Worthy Patron**