

October 4, 1971

Dear Bess,



All of you have been so nice  
It's difficult to say  
How much appreciation  
Is in this card today,  
So this is meant to tell you "thanks"  
And then, to tell you, too,  
This world would be a nicer place  
With more folks just like you!

Love to all of  
your committee,

Lenore Jordan  
Scepter Club of Las Vegas  
Member Regional Extension, Calver.  
1970-72

Everything was truly wonderful -  
Golden Jubilee - Pilgrimage  
to Oakland October 3, 1971 -  
The Founder Region - Southwestern.

Monday 10/4/71

Dear Bess -

Congratulations on a very successful "Pilgrimage" - this was the culmination of several years of hard work and effort on your part - all the programs and events that you and your committee have planned have been, not only very interesting and informative, but also very successful.

The "Certificate of Commendation" given to you was certainly deserved and I was so happy to hear them give you credit.

Thank you for having given me just a small part in this whole effort - it was fun!!

Now give yourself a well earned rest - as if you can with a full time job to do.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely  
Lily G.





Oct 7, 1971

Dear Bess -

You and your Committee are certainly to be commended for the splendid Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage! Everything was handled so well. Those of us from Tulare who went to Oakland have talked of nothing but! The work that went into the compilation of the History is something every Scioptimist in Southwestern Region can be proud of, indeed.

All things are go the District meeting October 15th + 16th. We are looking forward to seeing you then. Hope you Histories for sale!

Much love,

Louie Harsh



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October 6 1971

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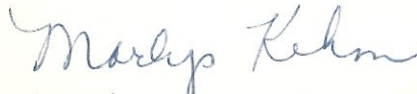
Dear Bess

On behalf of the members of the Soroptimist Club of Marin County may I thank you for the wonderful time we had on Sunday at the Pilgrimage. You and your committee are to be commended for the wonderful plans you made, the excellent way in which everything was organized, the wonderful atmosphere, and the great fun we had. It was truly an exciting day for us and a great opportunity to share with so many Soroptimists in our Southwestern Region.

We hope that you are relaxing now from your hours of planning. It is a great feeling to share with you the joys of belonging to such a organization.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Marlys M. Kehm  
Corresponding Secretary

October 8, 1971

Congratulations Bess!

It was a glorious meeting. Everything went off so well and everyone is so happy about it. I'm so glad I was able to be a very small part of it - thanks to you.

After getting home I was <sup>surprised</sup> for a few days that's ~~why~~ <sup>why</sup> this note is late. Something I st I guess!

My best for you always.

May Ellen



Eureka, California  
Oct 12, 1971

Dear Bess,

What a wonderful day

October 3, 1971 was!!!

Certainly one to be remembered.

Congratulations to you and all those who worked with you to make it such a great success, inspiration and beautiful climax to our Jubilee year. We will miss this year.

Your untiring efforts made it all possible, I know. The time and energy you put into it, as Chairman was most evident and I shall never cease to be amazed at how you thought of and covered every detail, with such apparent calm, patience and efficiency.

The History is just great and will certainly treasure it. You know, of course, the pages on the Grove are really precious to me.

I trust you can now enjoy a well earned rest.

Love Mary McXee

Dear Governor Charlotte and Southwestern  
Region members

It is with regret that I will be unable  
to attend the 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage  
to Oakland, and Dedication of Bronze Bust  
made in honor of Founder President Violet  
Richardson Ward. Sunday, October 3, 1971.

Give my love to Violet and to all members  
present for the Pilgrimage and Dedication.

*Mafine Reese*

Mildred Tudhope

PRESIDENT  
SOROPTIMIST CLUB OF RIO VISTA



P. O. Box 152  
Rio Vista, Calif. 94571  
October 8, 1971

Dear Bess:

The members of our Club send sincere congratulations on a job so well done.

We enjoyed your Jubilee Pilgrimage along with the wonderful crowd and marveled at the planning for such an outstanding event, it wasn't easy that we know.

It was terrific and we thank you and your committee.

Most Sincerely,

*Millie*



Murbar

Dear Ben

How very nice of  
you to pick me  
up Saturday  
evening -

You must have  
been very tired  
and you were  
especially  
thoughtful -

Sunday morning

was a very  
impressive occasion  
and the resolution  
you received  
indeed well  
deserved -

So aptly named  
stood taller because  
of your efforts - I  
was grateful to be  
part of celebrating  
where it all began  
Love

10/5

Muriel

# Memo

*From*

PHYLLIS L. NEELY  
Office Manager

*To*

October 7, 1971

Dear Bess:

I was going through the packet I brought home from the weekend in Oakland and found this signup card for those at my table on Sunday morning and realized I had not followed instructions on the way out and dropped it in the box. Too much excitement!

Anyway, I'm glad of this opportunity to say to you how much I personally and all of us from Vallejo enjoyed the big day on Sunday. We all enjoyed the program and thought everything was beautifully organized to handle so many people and so many important items on the agenda.

We are all glad to be part of this wonderful organization and look forward to many more years of accomplishment together. I'm sorry if I have caused you any inconvenience by holding on to this card.

See you soon,

*Phyllis*

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Mrs. Fred A. Keitfeld  
1108 Fremont Way, Sacramento, California 95818

October 5, 1971

Dear Bess:

I hope you are having a well-deserved rest! Believe me, all the tremendous effort you put forth to make the 50th Anniversary an outstanding success, surely brought fruition, for it was absolutely perfect. How speedily and graciously everything was handled. One often hears a "Yes, but..."; let me tell you I heard not ONE little "but" of criticism, everyone was agog with praise and enthusiasm. You surely know how to put on a fabulous show!

Thank you for your courtesies to me, and to the past Govs. You asked me a rather startling question when you said "What's wrong with the History?" I took time to read it carefully, and I think it is terrific! Especially interesting to me was the chronicle of the early days, and acknowledgment of Staart Morrow's role...so often he is overlooked. If you hadn't asked that question, I wouldn't have looked at my own term so critically, and then I noted that only Ruth Thomas was listed as Secretary, when in reality, her club ousted her, and Marie Graves was appointed by the board to replace her. However, it is my error in not having noticed that Marie's name was missing from the history Alida wrote, that I gave you. Marie was elected Treasurer the following biennium, and I know she's not one to worry over whether her name is listed or not. This History is long overdue, but I'm glad it waited so long if it meant that you would do it, and do such a fine job.

I was overwhelmed to see my photo with Violet and Gov. Charlotte.. as I said before you are more than generous to me.



Thank you for being so kind and thoughtful to Blanche...  
this trip meant much more to her than anyone can realize.

Again, Bess, EVERYTHING was beautifully planned and  
executed, and this doesn't "just happen". I'm so glad  
you received the citation -- you deserve it, and a  
whole lot more!

My best to you always, Fondly,

Ruth

We enjoyed the fruit and  
the wine, too!

Lynne Starr

10/10/71

Dear Bess,

Thank you & your 50th Anniversary Committee for such a wonderful day. How fortunate so many Pentuists were able to share the day.

I was so pleased to be one of the recipients of the picture of Violet. She is a

Thank You

wonderful, warm person and  
truly an inspiration.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Sandia  
Hans.

Hallmark



Dear Governor Charlotte,

I accept with pleasure  
your invitation to the  
Southwestern Region's 50th  
Anniversary Pilgrimage  
in Oakland October  
3, 1971.

Sincerely

Wanda B. Fosdick  
VCCA Treasurer

P.S. I assume it will be  
allright to purchase my  
ticket at the door.

Wanda B. Fosdick  
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