

## “JDU” -- Job's Daughters University -- An Overview

A University, by loose definition, is a combination of various “Colleges” in the same location. So, too, is JDU, a combination of events (colleges, if you will) in one location at one time. Ohio combined their Annual School of Instruction, Job-A-Rama (a fun, casual weekend) and Leadership Workshop, and JDU was born! JDU is actually the culmination of a number of years in development, leading to this program.

**"Yikes," you shriek! "School!" But don't get the wrong impression. Dull and Boring was NOT the order of the day for this FUN, LEARNING and SHARING Weekend Event.**

The weekend began with the Grand Officers and Grand Bethel arriving early to “bond” and get a head-start on the weekend. The Grand Bethel Daughters were charged with hosting a Sorority RUSH and began planning for this fun-filled event. The Grand Officers found themselves “House Moms and Dads”, Assistant Professors, Actors or Meal and Snack Attendants. Very quickly, Ohio JD's and Company were ready for this History Making Event!

The agenda for the weekend included Friday night Sorority RUSH (the ultimate mixer) which was the fun event of the weekend. The Grand Bethel “Sororities” had decorated their rooms and were ready for RUSH night. The four Sororities – Alpha Beta Cupid, Sigma, Sigma Shamrock, Alpha Ki Boom and Omega Boo all vied for the Pledges and entertained with much flair! What FUN our Daughters had! Pledge cards would be put under room doors for the next evening's event. The excitement was palpable and everyone had a ball!

Saturday morning brought classes for the Daughters and Adults. Class schedules included Job's Daughters 101 for newer or younger members not yet in the Line, Graduate School for the Line Officers, PHD for the PHQ's and older girls not currently in the Line, and a special segment for Adults. Classes were very informative and included such things as a “history of our Founder”, “How to read the Ritual”, “How to Plan a Meeting or Activity”, “Why Stay Active?”, “Legislative Procedures”, “Fundraising”, “Parliamentary Procedure”, and “Leadership” to name a few.

Following lunch, it was School of Instruction time! Each Grand Officer teamed with her Grand Bethel Officer, and they met with Bethel Daughters holding the same office to discuss specifics pertaining to floorwork, ritual, responsibilities, etc. Everyone then joined together for a meeting exemplification and question/answer period.

The highlight of the day was witnessing “The Story of Job” brought to life by the men of our Order. The Five Messenger parts were narrated as our costumed actors played out the story. Everyone was held in awe as the Adversary treated Job to the most miserable days of his life, only to realize that Patience and Faith DO have a Reward. The finale was the “Living Emblem of our Order” by Miss Job's Daughter, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Miss Congeniality. What a moving experience this was for all of our Daughters and Adults. Many of them said it makes the “Story of Job” more understandable. Mission Accomplished!

Our Saturday evening events were filled with more Sorority FUN. Pledges found out what Sorority they were in and everyone received a Big or Little Sister for the year. Each Sorority then huddled to brainstorm a new promotion slogan. Our Challenge is to initiate 200 new members this year and “Double your Pleasure, Double your FUN, Double your Bethels with TWO new ones!” will get us geared up and ready to GO! Congratulations to the Alpha Beta Cupids for creating this great new membership slogan.

Sunday morning activities began with our Church Service and culminated with Commencement Exercises, complete with “Mortar Board and Diplomas” for everyone. Each person, Daughter and Adult, came away from this “JDU” weekend richer in Job's Daughters Knowledge and ready to extend the Job's Daughters Opportunity and “Hand of Friendship” to everyone.

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