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**Annual Picnic IOOF Recreation Area
July 27-29, 2012**

Annual Picnic

Friday: -Bring your Hot Dogs to roast for dinner.

Saturday: —Flag Raising 8 am—Pot Luck dinner —6pm

Saturday—Fellowship & Games

Sunday: Breakfast served by GL/RA officers & BOG members 7 am

Sunday: 9am Flag raising, memorial service

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To All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of New Mexico:

It has been my honor to preside as chairman of the BOG . I would like to thank all the members who have helped, at the work week ends. It takes a lot of work keeping the camp in shape, plus doing other projects.

I am sure all of you are aware that due to the drought we had last year we did not hold our annual picnic. A lot of the trees have damage done to them due to lack of water. We are going yo need all the help that we can get in cleaning up some of those trees and other bushes. The last weekend in April the 27th and 28th is opening of the camp and we hope to have you there as there is a lot of things to do at that time. If you come out on Friday, be sure and bring water with you. The water tank will not have water in it, until Saturday. I have talked with the forest ranger. and the BLM, and they said that there was more rainfall and snow this winter, than last year and that the trees and grass should be in better shape. We will

have our annual picnic come hell or high water. I would not like to disappoint anyone again.

The Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President has inform this committee, that they have ask both the Deputy Grand Master and Vice President, to help the Grand Wardens plan all the activities and games this year. So there should be a lot of fun things to do

.Also, at the Sunday morning Flag raising we will be making all the dedication we were unable to do last year.in addition to the new memorial plaques on the wall. Please plan attending the annual picnic this year. If you will be needing a cabin for the picnic call Richard Gunn to reserve one.(505 –345-0672. Looking forward to seeing every one at the camp grounds. If you would like to talk about the camp call me at (505) 252-2698 or e-mail me at anshan@century.net
FL&T
Andy Shanley, Chairman
Board of Governors



Available dates for Recreation Area

Greetings from your Board of Governors! We all hope you are having a Great Year and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at Annual Picnic this year, but before we can have camp we have a LOT of work to do to get it ready to open. Our opening work weekend is April 28-29, 2012. The big work weekend will be in June and several projects are planned. All help would be appreciated very much. There is always something for you to do. So, bring a pack of weenies and have a picnic and help us get the campground ready for use. The Annual Picnic this year is July 28-29, 2012, so lets get ready to visit and enjoy our camp! There have been a lot of changes this past year, so come see what's happening and be a part of it's future.

- May 4-6; 25-27
- June 1-3; 29-1
- Aug 10-12; 24-26
- Sep 14-16; 21-23; 28-30

So make your plans now to come visit and help us make our Campground a better place to visit & stay.



Work weekend at camp— some Indians and lots of Chiefs

If anyone is interested, as of April 7, 2012 the following weekends are still open. Just call Scharlla Dean for Reservations! 575 602-1045

Board of Governors Members

Currently serving as members of the IOOF Recreation Area Board of Governors are the following Odd Fellows and Rebekahs:

Andy Shanley, PGM Chairman	Albuquerque	Scharlla Dean, PP PGM Vice Chairman	Lovington
Gaylen Brown, PGM Secretary	Farmington	Bill DeMarco, PGM, Member	Socorro
Tylford Dean, PGM, Member	Lovington	Una Cronoble, PP, Member	Albuquerque
Richard Gunn, Member Emeritus	Albuquerque		

The Annual meeting of the Board of Governors is in conjunction with the March Meetings held in March. All members of the order are invited to attend and participate in the discussions at the invitation of the chairman. The work weekends are also assist in the upkeep of the area. This Rec-the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly who belong. Any member may use the ar-quested. Donations are accepted for the Scharlla Dean maintains the Reservation made with her. Memorial donations may or Rebekah Assembly Secretaries and are YOUR Camp!!



opened to all who wish to attend and reation Area belongs to all members of of New Mexico and is a benefit to all ea at any time, but reservations are re-maintenance and upkeep of the area. calendar and requests for use need to be submitted to either the Grand Lodge greatly appreciated. Remember, this is

From the Grand Master

Hello Odd Fellow Lodges in New Mexico,

Just a quick plea to get your lodge to participate in the Good Samaritan Award program. A few lodges have already held a Good Samaritan Ceremony, but several more have not. The important thing is that time is running out. 7 1/2 months have already passed, with only 4 1/2 months left to hold your Good Samaritan Awards Ceremony. Please get your Ceremony planned and me invited before my term runs

out. It can be as simple as just a reception with cake, maybe some ice cream, punch, coffee, and tea. If plaques are too expensive for your lodge, nice certificates will work just as well,

But I beg of you, please hold a Good Samaritan Ceremony for deserving lodge members or community people who are deserving of the award.

In F, L, & T.

Ernie Cloud



From Dee's Desk D'Elva, Emert RA Secretary

It is time for the picnic and so much fun. If you have not been in a while, why not make this year the one for you to return to the camp. I have not been in two or three years but I plan to go this time. With our membership dwindling, the picnic is a great place to renew friendships and make new ones with people you may not have seen in a while.

Oh No, it is almost time for that pesky report again. I know some of you have a different name for it, but none the less, it is almost time. Please, please do not let it overwhelm you. Most of the lodges have a columnar pad and simply transfer the audited numbers from their books to the report. And on that note, ALL books need to be audited. That includes, any part of

your lodge, i.e. scholarship, Theta Rho, etc. If you need help, I will be happy to help you.

I will be gone from August 15 through August 27 for IARA. We will be driving and doing some sightseeing along the way. I will have my cell phone and the number is in the journal if you need me.

Remember the picnic and plan to be at the IOOF Campground in the beautiful mountains near Mountainair in July.

Dee

Remembering Others

Janet Christensen, PNG, Triple Link recently had surgery.

Peggy Paler doing remarkably well after her extensive hospital stay and sends her thanks for all the prayers and cards.

Sunny Wilde PP is now under Hospice care and needs thoughts and prayers. Cards can be sent to her at: PO Box 475, Las Cruces, NM 88004



Broken Links

Mary Ruth Draper PNG, Crescent RL #3, Hobbs passed away Dec. 31, 2011. A Rebekah service was conducted at her burial in Globe, AZ.

Marie Prior Johnson, PPIARA of British Columbia, Canada passed away March 12, 2012. She was IARA President 1980-1981.

JW Fred Laycock, PSGM of Kentucky passed away April 22, 2012. He was Sovereign Grand Master in 1994-1995. His sister Dorothy is the current IARA Warden.

Card of Thanks

Linney Margolius would like to thank everyone for their love, support and friendship when she lost Hunter. She has a new address: 2141 N Solano Dr. Apt 113, Las Cruces, NM 88001

Getting Excited about Membership

Barbara Cloud, DGM Membership Chairman

Hello, everyone!! It's time to talk about membership again!!

A few months back I wrote to several IOOF Grand Secretaries and asked if they would help me with some membership ideas. They did! I received around 100+ ideas and have been going thru them, sharing them and trying them out with Harmony #1. Two key words we received are **FUN & ASK**. We need to have **FUN** and share that fun with guests who come to our FUN nights. And we need to **ASK** friends, family, neighbors, Church members, Seniors in our local SR. Centers, many of whom are only age 55.

We have also had a couple of speakers come to our FUN nights and we recently finished putting all 3 degrees on one of our speakers. At our FUN nights we have played affordable BINGO and brought white elephants to give as prizes. Everyone picks their own prize and goes home happy with their winnings. We sell ice cream bars and usually make enough money to make it all worthwhile as far as fund raising is concerned.

Bring potential members to have FUN with us!!

Stay Tuned to your Rebekah Reporter for more ideas next time!

Thanks from Barbara Cloud

New Members:

Harmony #1:

Sue Greene, sponsor: Barbara Corfield

Triple Link #10:

Colette Fielder, sponsor Barbara Corfield

Kristin Frechette, sponsor Barbara Corfield

Mesa #27 - Maggie Baca

All will receive 1 year free subscription to NMRR

Where are YOUR new Members?

What's Happening at Lodge.....



Harmony #1, Albuquerque, recognized six special Good Samaritans at an event that celebrated their years of service to the Order, the Community and to their friends.

On Sunday, April 22, Hugh & Sue Lowrie, Opal Braught, Max Liebers, Ernie & Nancie Jahn were honored in an impressive ceremony to receive their Good Samaritan Awards from Harmony #1. The awards were presented by NG Suzanne Embree and Grand Master Ernie Cloud. This ceremony was held in conjunction with the 194th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship on the North American Continent. Mistress of Ceremonies Barbara Corfield PPI-ARA read a short history of the Order. A great way to celebrate the anniversary by honoring those who have made a difference in our lodges and communities. Several of those present shared great stories of the contributions the recipients have made over the years to Odd Fellowship and to the communities in which they live. A very enjoyable and rewarding afternoon was experienced by all who attended,

NEWS ABOUT THE HAPPENINGS IN YOUR LODGE COULD BE HERE—SEND IT IN!!!!

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

“Plant a tree for one who comes after me!”

The Living Legacy Program was the idea of SGM Wilson D. Berkey who in 1989 noticed many dead trees in the jurisdictions that he was visiting which aroused his concern for global tree loss. He commissioned this most worthy project as “The Living Legacy Program of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows” His untimely passing in March 1990 caused the program to become his own Living Memorial for his untiring work of Odd Fellowship.

Fighting global warming is universal concern and planting trees has been advocated by scientists for years due to the trees ability to absorb carbon dioxide, store carbon and release oxygen back into the environment. The tree is man’s best environmental cleaner; so let us plant trees!

Make contacts in your communities of

potential recipients such as libraries, schools, churches, retirement complexes, playgrounds, parks, cemeteries, etc. You will be amazed at how easy it is to donate and plant a tree.



Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation was organized in 1958 and supports a research Chair on the Wilmer Institute of Johns Hopkins University which is working to find ways to enable many to have better vision.

The Month of May has been pro-

claimed at Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

This program needs our support through Fund Raising Campaigns, Treasury Donations, Memorial Donations, and Publicity

This program is supported by contribution from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs with **open eyes** that many may see!

Remember, many have sight.....only a few have vision.



Seeing

is

Believing

Editorial notes from Barb:..... Well, this issue is finally a wrap and it has been a real challenge for me to publish. I apologize for the delay and hope to do better in the future. I do need additional information from the lodges about their activities and membership. I can't print what I don't have, I hope everyone is planning to go to the Annual Picnic in July. Look at it as a family reunion. We had to cancel last year, so lets all plan to celebrate the re-opening this year. The Albuquerque lodges are making plans for Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly in September and the next issue will have the information on registration, and Hotels.

I am getting a number of calls regarding the filing of the 990-N form with the IRS regarding the non-tax status. I will work with anyone who needs help in this matter if you will forward me the information and I will be in contact with you as soon as I can.

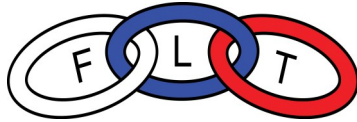
I am going in for knee replacement surgery on May 16 & will be out of commission for a while. I will do what I can on the computer since I will be homebound, but my main emphasis will be the rehab necessary to be able to have the use of my knee again.

Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for this issue. Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship!

Barb

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