



# The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter

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## New Fraternal Year!!! New Leaders for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of New Mexico



**Doris Faulkner,**

**Grand Master**

**Mesa Lodge # 27  
IOOF**

Welcome my brothers and sisters. I am pleased to be your Grand Master and hope, with your help our Order will grow this year.

I was born in Oregon in 1944 Moved to Arizona where dad Eldores V. (Buster) Teninty was Grand Master and mom Betty J. Teninty was President, both late 70's (unknown years). I joined the Theta Rho's in Flagstaff from 1956 to 1962. I was married to James Moore and went to Germany in 1962 to 1964. My son Jimmy was born there in 1964. Mom and Dad joined the Order in 1963 in Flagstaff. My Sister Dessie Everette joined Sunshine Theta Rho, Aztec, in 1971; and served as Theta Rho Assembly President 1978-1979. She is a member of San Juan Rebekah Lodge #11 in Farmington. I have a brother Billy who lives here in Albuquerque.

I joined the Rebekah's in March of 1970 and joined the Odd Fellows in March 2004 after marrying Bob Faulkner in January 2004. I am a member of San Juan Rebekah Lodge No. 11, Farmington; Mtn. View Rebekah Lodge #36; Mesa IOOF Lodge No. 27 of Albuquerque and Albuquerque Encampment #1.

I look forward to serving you in this year. My home phone No. is 505-508-4978. Please let me know how I may be of service.

Doris J. Faulkner GM.



**Shirley Baty**

**President**

**Mountain View #36**

**A little about myself! I**

was born August 18, 1940 in Albuquerque. My parents, Gladys and Richard Marsh adopted my brother, sister and myself when I was in the second grade and we lived in Las Vegas, NM, until the fourth grade when we moved to Albuquerque. I attended school in Albuquerque until my Junior year when my dad was transferred to Geneva, NY. I graduated from Geneva High school going from a class of about 700 in Albuquerque to a class of 41. After graduation, my dad was transferred back to Albuquerque. I trained to be a long distance operator and worked for the telephone company. I also worked for General Electric Supply which is the electrical part of GE. I now work as a Merchandiser for American Greeting Cards.

I have two sons, Gene and Robert. They are the love of my life and I do not know what I would do without their support.

My Mom and Dad were active members in the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in Las Vegas. When we moved to Albuquerque, my mom was the first Noble Grand of Mountain View. I joined Arkisgo Theta Rho when I was 12 and remained active until we moved. I joined Mountain View in December 1961 and will be a member 54 years in December. I still enjoy my lodge and currently am the Secretary/Treasurer for Mtn. View. I have been active in the Rebekah Assembly and served as President in 1984/85. I was installed as President, for the second time, in Clovis for the years 2015/16. I am looking forward to visiting the lodges this year and meeting new members and making new friends. Shirley Baty, RA President



### Program for President Shirley

**Emblem:** Butterfly—A new beginning, hope and innocence  
**Flower:** Gladiolus  
**Watchword:** Kindness

Kindness in words creates confidence  
 Kindness in thinking creates profoundness  
 Kindness in giving creates love Lao Tse

**Motto:** Do not go where the path may lead  
 Go instead where there is no path, and leave a trail.  
 Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Motto:** It's not the years in your life that count,  
 It's the life in your years, Live life to the fullest!  
 Abraham Lincoln

**Hymn:** In the Garden

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:1-3

**Colors:** Colors of the rainbow

**Aim:** Courage, Strength, Hope, as we take one day at a time

**Project for Rebekah Assembly:** sell tickets on following items. All tickets are \$1.00 each or 5 for \$5.00. goal is for \$1000 to be raised to benefit the Rebekah Assembly.

Butterfly Quilt; 8 Solar Pathway Lights; Butterfly Necklace and Earrings ; Gift Certificate; Framed Butterfly picture.



### Program for Grand Master Doris

**Emblem:** Horse for Steadfastness  
 Guardian Angel to watch over us

**Flower:** All roses

**Colors:** All colors— God made all different colors.

**Aim:** Membership  
 We need old and new members. Retain the current members and bring in and keep new ones.

**Hymn:** The Lord's prayer

**Scripture:** John 3:16

**Motto:** Truth will find a way



**Projects:** The Carrie Tingley Hospital for Children.—to raise funds for this project, a handmade blanket has been donated by the family. Tickets will be sold at \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

I am also asking each Odd Fellow lodge to gather up items for the Hospital: such as: Crayons, markers, colored pencils, coloring books, puzzle books, story books and games for children up to 21, beanies and blankets will also be appreciated.

There will also be Horse and Angel pins for sale for \$3.00 each. Proceeds to also go to Carrie Tingley Hospital.

## Restructured Sessions Successful

Barbara Corfield, Grand Secretary

The experiment worked!! That is the best way to describe the restructuring of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly sessions held in Clovis recently. The winners were the members who were able to be active in both the GL and RA meetings; and both units which had a higher attendance than in past years and were able to draw on the experience and participation of more members. Our special thanks to Danny Wood SGM, who set the bar for future SGL representatives, by attending not only the Grand Lodge sessions in the mornings of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but also attended all of the Rebekah Assembly afternoon sessions, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. His presence and wisdom was greatly appreciated by the officers and members of both the GL and RA.

There are some issues that will need to be worked out for next year, but they are minor and can be resolved without any problem. The new Grand Master and RA President have embraced some new ideas and will be making plans accordingly. For 2016, we are considering that the RA will meet in the mornings and the GL in the afternoon.

The theme of our new SGM is UNITY, and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of New Mexico have shown that working together in UNITY is the path to survival of the future of our Order!

### Remembering Others

- ◆ Condolences to Henry & Nita Imel in the recent passing of his Aunt in Iowa. They were ready to leave for our sessions in Clovis when he received word about his Aunt. He left for Iowa and Nita came to our Sessions.
- ◆ Leona Eubanks, PP, fell at the RA sessions and dislocated her shoulder. She is recovering at home.
- ◆ Fred Schneider ,PGM, has had extensive surgery and treatment on his leg and cannot put any weight on it. He is receiving therapy and outpatient sessions at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque, but is doing most of his recovery at home.
- ◆ Doris Faulkner, GM, after spending several days in the hospital and 10 days in rehab, left the rehab hospital and came to Clovis to the GL Sessions. She is doing better and recovering at home with home health care and home therapy.
- ◆ Andy Shanley PGM, was just discharged from the VA Hospital with several medical issues. He is recovering at home.
- ◆ Robert Faulkner, PGM was just discharged from Lovelace Hospital after suffering with pneumonia. He is recovering at home.
- ◆ Joe Embry, PG of Harmony, spent time in the hospital recently being treated with an aneurism.
- ◆ Kristin Frechette, VG of Triple Link is facing surgery to remove tumors from her pancreas and has a growth on her thyroid which is a concern to be addressed.

***Lets remember all of these and others with our thoughts, prayers, cards and visits.***



*The Rainbow is God's Promise*

*The Rainbow is God's Promise of hope for you and me, and though the clouds hang heavy and the sun we cannot see, We know above the dark clouds that fill the stormy sky, Hope's rainbow will come shining through when the clouds have*

*drifted by.*

*Helen Steiner Rice*

# Highlights of 2015 Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions



Grand Lodge Officers



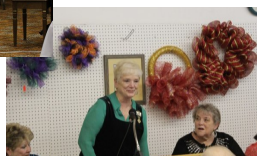
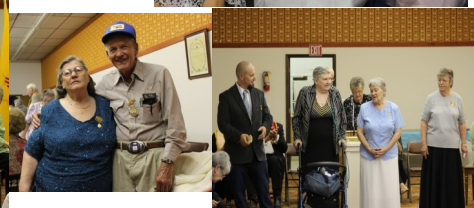
Rebekah Assembly Officers



Special guests



Beautiful young ladies



## Meet Your New Officers!



**Deputy Grand Master  
Vice President**



**RA Warden  
Grand Warden**

**Robert Faulkner**, PGM is the newly elected Deputy Grand Master. His home lodge is Mesa # 27 of Albuquerque. He is retired from the Air Force and joined the Odd Fellows in 1982. He served as Grand Master in 1994-95.

**Doris Felkner**, PP is the newly elected Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly. She is a retired educator of the Farmington Public schools. She joined Naomi Theta Rho, Las Cruces in 1967 and became a Rebekah in 1964. Her home lodge is Hope Rebekah #12, Aztec. She served as RA President in 2012-13.

Both of these officers are to be commended for stepping up to serve the Order again as Leaders when their Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly needed them. Thanks Bob & Doris.

**Jean Lovelace** is the newly elected Warden of the Grand Lodge. Her home lodge is Alamogordo #25 Alamogordo. Although she was born in Alamogordo, she lived all over NM and calls Corona, NM home where she was a Cheerleader at Corona High School. She has travelled all over and been in various business after getting her college degree by correspondence. She moved back to NM and began her present business in 1998, PL Welder supplies. She has 4 living children (her daughter passed away in 2012) 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren +1 on the way. She joined the Odd Fellows in Alamogordo.

**Andy Shanley PGM** is the newly elected Warden of the Rebekah Assembly and is the first male to hold that position in New Mexico. He is a veteran having served in the USMC and is retired. He joined Alpha Jr. Lodge at the age of 12, and later, served as Advisor of Alpha. His home Odd Fellow lodge is Harmony #1 Albuquerque, and his home Rebekah lodge is Triple Link #10, Albuquerque. He comes from a long line of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who have served the Order proudly. His wife, Kathy, who passed away in 2011, was a Past President of the RA. He has two sons, Jason and Allen.

### **GL/RA Trivia**

**Can you name the members of the current GL/RA executive committees who got their start as a Jr. Odd Fellow, Theta Rho or served as an Advisor?**

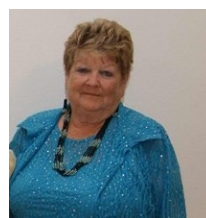
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Hello Everyone,

Well, the "Big Trial of 1/2 day GL/RA Session" is over. I feel that it was a success. And the one that made it a success was **you**, each and every one of you helped in making it work. I am so proud of our New Mexico Rebekahs and Odd Fellows. I don't have the words to let you know how much I appreciate each of you. Thanks a million, is the best I can do. It was an honor and privilege to serve as your President. Thank you for allowing me to do so.

Lois McLemore, Past President



Thank you –thank you—I want to extend a special Thanks to every Odd Fellow & Rebekah who attended our Grand Lodge session in Clovis. The Clovis Lodges did a great job, their Hospitality was outstanding. The split sessions work out great We had a few bumps in the road but nothing that can be worked out and it is a way to the future of Odd Fellowship. We had the best turn out we have had in a long time.

A special Thanks to SGL GM Danny Woods for attend both the Odd Fellows and Rebekah sessions. His help and words of wisdom we appreciated by all.

I have had a wonderful year thanks to all the Lodges for the courtesy they have given me. Now we all need to get behind GM Doris and see if we can build on this New Beginning and to continue to grow in Odd Fellowship. Thanks, again.

Sandi McWatters Past Grand Master

**To the Betty Miller Scholarship Committee:**

**Thank you to everyone who had a part in me getting the Betty Miller scholarship.**

**God Bless you all!**

**Victoria Leftwich**





**From Dee's Desk  
D'Elva Emert,**

**Assembly  
Secretary**

One fraternal year has ended and another begun. Thank you Clovis lodges for hosting the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly this year. Our attendance was a little higher this time and I am glad you came.

This year was a year of firsts.

For the first time in our 108 year history the Rebekah Assembly had only 1/2 day sessions. I believe we were successful getting our business conducted.

Our Rebekah Assembly elected it's first Brother Rebekah to serve as Assembly Warden. Congratulations Andy Shanley. You are really in for the ride of your life. Have you selected our Assembly dresses yet?

Instead of a Friendship Breakfast, there was a Friendship Luncheon. In the entire history of the Friendship meal, 27 years, I have never been fined. I am usually the one collecting the money. However our IARA Representative, Linda Thompson, IARA Warden, found that a napkin had slipped off my lap and cost me \$2.00!!!  
All in fun.

And finally, the SGL Representative, The Honorable Sovereign Grand Master Danny Wood, sat with us through the entire Rebekah Assembly. Thank you Danny.

I will admit it was a little frustrating trying to get organized but we did. Other than misplacing my briefcase, which holds "stuff" needed for our desk to work efficiently, everything was okay and the briefcase was found.

I am looking forward to the March Meetings to be held in Deming next year and I hope you are also.

Fraternally,                      Dee

**Message from Shirley.....**

Hello Sisters and Brothers:

Assembly and Grand Lodge are over. Hope everyone had a good time and made it home safely. We had half-day sessions this year so that sisters and brothers could attend both sessions. I felt the sessions went very well considering this was the first time. I am sure there are questions and comments about the joint meetings. Please feel free to let me know how you feel.

I want to thank the installing team for my Installation, thank all the sisters and brothers who accepted office's and committees for me. I want to thank Mesa and Mountain View for presenting the programs. Also thanks to all the extra people who drove down to present the programs.

Thanks to the Clovis lodges for holding the sessions and going the extra mile to put on these sessions. It is hard work and they worked many hours preparing for the meetings, preparing the meals, all the extras that are called for. I am looking forward to my visits with the lodges, meeting new members and making new friends. I will be writing letters soon scheduling meeting times.

In the mean time, I gave tickets to the lodges to sell for my project. My goal is to make a \$1000.00 for the Assembly which is the only project I have. I hope every member can find something on that ticket that you would like to win, or your family and friends would like to win.

God bless.

Shirley Baty, President.



**Grand Master, Doris Faulkner**

**Thanks to the Installing team, you did a great job and I really appreciate it. Thanks also to Mountain View and Mesa for putting on our programs and for hosting the reception. It was beautiful. A special thanks to Maggie and Victoria for bringing their children, Brooke, Audrey and Aurora to assist in the program presentation. You were beautiful!**

**I look forward to a great year and raising money for Carrie Tingley Children's hospital.**

**Doris**



Check out our Websites:  
Rebekah Assembly of NM Website: [www.nmrebekahs.org](http://www.nmrebekahs.org)  
Grand Lodge of NM Website: [www.ioofnm.org](http://www.ioofnm.org)  
Sovereign Grand Lodge Website: [www.ioof.org](http://www.ioof.org)  
Webmaster of NM websites: Nita Imel

### Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly Trivia Answer

Both executive committees have 6 members, and of the 12 total members, the following started as a Jr. Odd Fellow, a Theta Rho or served as an advisor.

**Grand Lodge:** GM Doris, Theta Rho in Flagstaff, AZ; Grand Secretary, Barbara Corfield, Arkisgo Theta Rho, Albuquerque; Grand Treasurer, Ernie Cloud, Advisor, Alpha Jr. Lodge, Albuquerque; Immediate PGM, Sandi McWatters, Arkisgo Theta Rho #1, Albuquerque.

**Rebekah Assembly:** President Shirley, Arkisgo Theta Rho Albuquerque, VP Doris, Naomi Theta Rho #18, Las Cruces; Warden, Andy, Alpha Jr. Lodge, Albuquerque;

**Secretary, D’Elva** Advisor, Sunshine Theta Rho #2; **Treasurer, Nita**, Naomi #18, Las Cruces; **Immediate Past President Lois**, Advisor Hobbs Theta Rho.

This is an amazing statistic!

What does this tell us? Someone in the past years cared enough to teach the principles of Odd Fellowship to a group of young people and that is why we are here today. The Youth programs WORK!!

New Mexico needs to get back in the YOUTH business and assure the future of our Order!



**Editorial notes from Barb:.....**

*It is hard to believe that our fraternal year has ended, it sure went fast. We offer our congratulations to PGM Sandi and PP Lois for having a great year, I hope all your dreams were realized. Now we begin again with new officers and new programs. I know that everyone will want to support GM Doris and President Shirley as they start their year of service to our great Order. The next issue will be our Holiday issue and if you wish to send greetings, please send them to me by Dec 1 so I can include them in the paper.*

*Please remember to send in news about your lodge and your members. We really are one big family and families want to hear about other family members. Also, send in change of names, addresses, and email addresses.*

**Don’t forget, if you want your paper to sent to you via email, let me know.**

*Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for this issue.*

**Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship! Barb**



*A special thanks to Linda Thompson, IARA Warden, who proved herself a true Rebekah. At the closing of the NMRA sessions, when her hostess, Leona Eubanks fell, dislocated her shoulder, and had to be taken to the ER, she packed the car and after Leona was dismissed, drove her to her sisters home in Canyon, TX. Her sister took Linda to the airport in Amarillo the following day. Thanks, Linda*



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## What's Happening at Your Lodge?

**Harmony #1**—business meeting on second Monday of the month at 7pm and social/fund raising on 4th Monday meeting. Project for this year: Joy Junction Homeless shelter for families.

**Santa Fe #2**—business meeting on Wednesday at 5:30. Ongoing community project - music program in Santa Fe public Schools.

**Mesa # 27**— business meetings on 1&3 Thursday at 7pm, social meetings on 2&4 Thursday, Maggie Baca, NG, project for this year is Animal Humane and they are collecting dog and cat items, food, toys, etc. Collections boxes are in the ante room. Annual Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21 –6pm. Lodge to supply Turkey, Ham, potatoes, drinks and dinner rolls. Come and bring side dish and/or desert for your family and enough to share. Everyone invited.

**Triple Link #1**—Initiation planned for Tuesday, Nov .17 at 7pm. Bring your candidate and come celebrate a new member. Ushering at South Broadway Cultural Center planned for Oct. 30 & Nov 1, Plans for Christmas project underway—we are preparing Christmas stockings for the Harmony/Triple Link Christmas dinner and for the children at Joy Junction.

**Hope #12**— New officers for coming year D'Elva Emert, NG, Barbara Collins VG, Doris Felkner, Sec/Treas.

### **\*\*NEWS FLASH-JUST IN!!!\*\***

**Deming #16**—Has several candidates for initiation in November. Needs help putting on the Rebekah Degree. If you are available and willing, contact Nita Sue Imel for date and details. (575) 644-4988



***Don't forget to set back your clocks —***

***Daylight Savings time ends 11/1/15 at 2am***



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