



**The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter**  
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# Annual Picnic July 25-27 IOOF Recreation Area

Greetings from the Board of Governors of the Recreational Area

Hope this letter finds all of you, doing well and happy. Last year was a disaster due to the extreme drought. The US Forest Service closed all the public camp areas in the Manzano Mountains and, in compliance, we canceled all scheduled events including our annual campout/picnic. This year is looking more promising. The camp received some rain in the first of the year and everything is looking better. However, the camp is still very dry. The Forest Service has issued a fire warning for all of the Manzano Mountains. No open camp fires, no smoking in open places and only in approved areas.



We are still having our annual picnic this year, the last weekend in July; and hope we to see every one there.

There will be the usual events, potluck on Saturday evening, breakfast on Sunday morning served by the GL/RA officers and the BOG members.

The first weekend in August we are planning a reunion camporee for all former Jr. Odd Fellows and Theta Rho Girls. Also, anyone else, that would like to attend. No matter what year you may have attended the camporee, the more the merrier. More on this in another article in the paper.

There are some of our trees that need to be pruned of dead stuff. There are a couple of other projects to finish. For those of you who like to fish, there is a little lake about 3 miles south of the camp, even if you don't want to fish; I think you would enjoy walking around the lake.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, we look forward to having everyone back at camp this year.

FLT Andy Shanley Chairman



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Greetings to all:

Annual Picnic is still being planned; please pray for rain so we can go. We have a wonderful camp ground and we will have games, food, fellowship with our Odd Fellow Family

I hope you are preparing to attend the Grand Lodge Sessions and the Rebekah Assembly in Hobbs in September. We need all the members we can to come, participate and support our Grand Master Fred.

Bring your new members, Bring your old members, bring your Past Grand Officers

See you at Camp and Hobbs

Sandi McWatters

Deputy Grand Master



PS—Just talked to Fred—His incision is not healing like the doctors like and he still has a lot of problems. He goes back to the Doctor on June 26 for an evaluation and to see what they want to do He said to tell everyone hello and that he WILL BE IN HOBBS in September. Lets remember him with cards and calls :

Fred Schneider, 1625 Spruce Ave. #17, Las Cruces, NM 88001-2740 575 640-9526

## Scholarship Presented

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Deming have been working all year to make enough money to present their annual Bertha Hendricks Scholarship to a deserving Deming High School Graduate. We have had enchilada dinners, bean & cornbread dinners, and various other functions. Thanks to a very generous donation from the estate of Andy Davis, we were able to present one thousand dollars to Cameron Graves who is enrolled at Western New Mexico University. Our best wishes to this young man and thanks to all who helped make this possible. Nita Imel



### Betty Miller Memorial Scholarship

Applications are still being accepted by the BM Scholarship trustees. Due to an unavoidable delay, the application deadline has been extended until August 1, 2014. Applications are available on the Rebekah Assembly Web-site [www.nmrebekahs.org](http://www.nmrebekahs.org). Mail completed applications and reference letters to:

Barbara Corfield, Scholarship Secretary,  
PO Box 9444,  
Albuquerque, NM 87119

### D.D. Monroe Scholarship

Deadline for applications July 1, 2014. For information regarding scholarships, contact

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# Theta Rho & Junior Odd Fellow Reunion Camporee

*Bring your family to Camp!*

**When: August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**Where: I.O.O.F. Recreational Area**

*It's time to get the gang back together!*



*Come join the fun!*

Friday Night: Hot Dogs, S'mores, & Memories

Saturday: Games, Games, & More Games



Saturday Night: Potluck Dinner & Talent Show



Sunday Morning: Pancake Breakfast, Flag Raising  
& Devotional Service



30 RV sites with water and electricity, 6 cabin sheds with built in bunks & tent sites.



*Bring your favorite games, old pictures, and your (hidden) talent.*

**Contact Debbie Garrison – [abqeducator@comcast.net](mailto:abqeducator@comcast.net) or check out the Facebook page for additional information**

## From the Grand Secretary...



June 30 is just around the corner which is the end of our fiscal year. That means the semi—annual membership reports, officer reports, DDGM reports, Standing Committee reports are all due along with anything that needs to be included in the Advance reports for the Grand Lodge Session in September. It is hard to believe that our GL sessions are almost here—how time flies.

All lodges need to plan to send at least one representative to Grand Lodge in Hobbs in September. We have several lodges who never send representatives and therefore are unaware of the activities and importance of the Grand Lodge. At the March Meetings, we welcomed two members from Santa Fe, and

we hope they will return. The discussions and decisions made at the GL sessions affects all members in all lodges in the Jurisdiction and we should encourage all qualified members to attend.

So, get your registrations in the Hobbs committee and make your arrangements to attend.

In Friendship;

*Barbara*

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## Remembering Others

In addition to the Grand Master, who needs to be remembered by everyone, news on the following has been received.

Condolences to Margaret Burnworth, Harmony #1, in the recent loss of her sister.

Condolences to Charlene Norris, Deming # 7, in the loss of her husband.

Mona Littlefield, Crescent #3, has had surgery to "fix" her hammer toes and is recovering at home.

***Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers and with cards and calls.***

### *From Dee's Desk*

***D'Elva Emert,***

***Assembly***

***Secretary***



**Oh No! It's Time For That Pesky Report**

The lodge should close their books on June 30th. Do not send your report in until after that date. And there is a reason for that. What if, and I am not wishing any one to have something bad happen, but what if someone passed away. If your report had already been mailed in then it will be incorrect. We have been very lucky recently and that has not happened.

If your lodge has committees that keep their own set of books, those must be audited also. Anything that falls under the umbrella of the Rebekah Lodge gets audited. Just like the Assembly, the books are audited, not only on the books the Secretary and Treasurer keep but for the Bettye Miller Scholarship, Rebekah Reporter, JYC and all others.

So you are not alone in the audit corner. Everyone has to comply.

In a recent letter to your lodge, I said that we would accept funds for the President's project until Assembly if necessary and we will do that. However, mail your money to the President instead of to me.

I look forward to Assembly every year. It is a chance to reflect on the past year and beam forward for the coming attractions. Please try to attend. It is in Hobbs and I know they are working hard on it. The folks there are friendly too.

Hoping to see you there.

Fraternally,

Dee



### **Arthritis Foundation**

Todd Hauge, representing the Regional Arthritis foundation ( NM, TX, OK), was at a recent meeting at Harmony #1 Albuquerque. Barbara Cloud, Immediate Past Grand Master presented a check in the amount of \$590 of the funds raised during her term as Grand Master. Sandi McWatters presented checks in the amount of \$317 representing funds raised during her year as Noble Grand of Harmony.

Mr. Hauge expressed his thanks to both the Jurisdiction of NM and to Harmony for the donations and pledged his support to work with the Odd Fellows in the future.

# What's Happening at YOUR Lodge.....

## Harmony #1, Albuquerque,

In order to honor the Albuquerque Firefighters, Harmony is preparing Thank-you baskets filled with all kinds of goodies—fruit, candy, cookies, etc., also containing information of the Order along with the Lodge brochures about Harmony. They will deliver these to several of the local fire stations in the Albuquerque area within the next few weeks.

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## Triple Link #10 Rebekahs

The lodge recently had a planning session to establish a calendar of activities for the rest of the year.

Summertime- making dog and cat treats and toys for the Animal Humane Society and accepting donations for presentation to them. Also, several ushering engagements at the South Broadway Cultural Center.

Fall— begin making Stockings for Christmas events, both for annual Christmas party at lodge and 100 stockings for Joy Junction. Accepting donations for candy and toys to fill the stockings. In October, there will be a yard sale to raise money for our projects and we will begin collecting unperishable

canned goods for the Storehouse. Everyone is invited to bring a visitor and join us—regular meetings 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm and activity meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

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## Hobbs IOOF #9 and Crescent Rebekah #3

are making plans to host the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly September 25-28, 2014 . Registration forms have been posted on the websites. All meetings will be at the Lodge Hall at 1200 Dal Paso, Hobbs. Headquarter Hotel is the Hobbs Family Inn. Meals, with the exception of the breakfasts, will be at the lodge hall.

Everyone needs to plan to attend to support Grand Master Fred and President Sue. We haven't been to this part of the state in a number of years, so come and enjoy some southern hospitality!!!

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

*Summertime and the living is lazy! Time to get out of the house and spruce up your home and also your lodge hall. Lets open the door wide and welcome our friends and prospective members. We have a great story to tell and should not keep it a secret. I know some lodges recess in the summer, but that does not mean that the lodge stops functioning. Let me hear about your summer lodge activities so we can spread the good news on what is going on in your town.*

*Boyd and I will be gone for a couple of weeks in July to Calgary, AB, Canada to visit our son, Bob, and to take a leisurely trip back and do some sightseeing, Crystal and Jonathan will be with us, so we are looking forward to a pleasant trip. We will be back the weekend of the 12th of July.*

*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.***

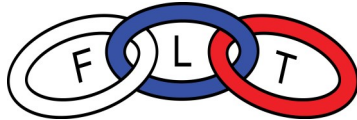
*Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for this issue.*

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

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