

**Recreation Area Safe from Fires!!** 

# **IOOF Recreational Area Campgrounds**

Thanks to donations, new lodge members and all our volunteers this year, the IOOF Recreational Area is better than ever!

The arroyo has been conquered with a low-water crossing that will withstand future runoff. New plumbing and electrical wiring make the RV hookups and metal shelters on the other side of the arroyo attractive destinations.

The roads are flat and safe! Many improvements have been made on the roads throughout the campgrounds. Holes and gullies have been filled in with over thirty tons of rock. Now, it's easier to drive through the campgrounds and there are more great parking spots. Call Andy to make reservations to use the IOOF Recreational Area and campgrounds today!

The IOOF Recreational Area is completely supported by donations and maintained by volunteers. Your donations are appreciated!



## **Camp Out & Help Out**

**Volunteers** Needed

The Annual Work Weekend At the Recreational Area is **June 25-26, 2016** 

Mark Your Calendar and Come Help Maintain Camp!



Call Now! Donate and Reserve the camp pavilion for your event Andy Shanley Chairman, Board of Governors 505-252-2698

(leave a message)

Andy Shanley, Chairman of the Board of Governors, has been in contact with the Torrance County Forest service and has receive assurance that our recreation area is safe and not in danger from the fires at this time. However, all the roads are closed going to all the campgrounds in the area and we are unable to go to the Recreation area. The annual work weekend has been postponed indefinitely. With the anticipated change in the weather and expected rains, the fire should be under control very soon. He indicates that the Annual Picnic of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, July 29-31 should go on as planned and is continued page 2

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#### President Shirley visits Triple Link & Mountain View 88 W Shirley Baty, RA President made a joint visit to Triple Link #10 and 28

Mountain View #36 on May 17. Dinner was enjoyed by all at Golden 88 Corral restaurant prior to the meeting. Kristin Frechette, NG of Triple 88 Link opened the meeting and Robert Faulkner, NG of Mountain View 22 conducted the closing. Her program was presented by several sisters of 88 Triple Link under the direction of VG Martha Hayes. Special guests in-W

🞀 troduced were RA Warden Andy Shanley, GM Doris Faulkner, DGM Robert Faulkner, and GS Barba-88 **¥8** 🚧 ra Corfield. **88** 88



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Also attending were Gladys Ketchem, our oldest Rebekah at 100 years young, of Mountain View and our youngest Rebekah, Eva Frechette, 21/2 years old, daugh-

ter of NG Kristin of Triple Link. President Shirley spoke about her project and encouraged all to purchase tickets on the various items to be given away at the Rebekah Assembly in September.

The evening concluded with delicious refreshments honoring the President.



Gladys & Eva

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#### **Recreation Area... cont.**

encouraging all to attend. The usual activities are planned: Thursday evening bring your hot dogs and chili to share, Saturday, flag raising, games and activities followed by the pot-luck dinner that evening; Sunday morning, breakfast cooked by your elective officers and board members followed by the flag raising, memorial wall dedication and devotion service. Everyone is invited to bring your family and friends. RV sites are not reserved and are on a first come basis, so come early to get your favorite spot. However the small cabins do require a reservation—Contact:

Richard Gunn, PGM, Phone 505 345-0672 or email him at richardgunn@myway.com

If you are not into camping, or your tent has a hole in it, an alternative, to be able to attend and participate in the activities, is to stay in Mountainair. The Turner Inn & RV Park has rooms available starting at \$60.00 per night. Their phone number is (505) 847-0248.

The IOOF Recreation belongs to you, the members. If you haven't been there in a while, come to see what you own, enjoy the mountain air, the friendship and fellowship of your brothers and sisters.



Turner Inn,& RV Park, 303 US HWY 60

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### **Remembering Others**

#### **Condolences:**

To San Juan Rebekah Lodge #11 and the family of Brian and Susie Shanley in the recent passing of her mother Myrtle Shockley.

To Nancie & Ernest Jahn in the recent passing of his sister.

#### **Illness:**

Joe Embree, Harmony #1 is currently in Lovelace Downtown Hospital for observation. Jim Wheeler, PGM is recovering at home after breaking his ankle.

**Sue Wolf,** new member of Triple Link, moved to Nebraska and while moving in, fell and broke her shoulder.

**Jean Lovelace**, GW, had eye surgery recently, seeing better and now waiting to have the other eye done.

Let's remember these brothers, sisters and their families with our thoughts, prayers, cards and calls.

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

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Rebekah Assembly is just around the corner. Albuquerque is not so far for any of us to travel to so get your car loaded and come on down, up, across or however you come.

The books of the Assembly will close on June 30th. If your donation is not in by then, it will be credited the next year. The only exception is the President's project and we will accept those funds all the way to September.

It is very important that when your lodge submits the semi-annual report that your Representative, Lodge Deputy and District Deputy • President are listed. These are the ones **to be** installed at Assembly. The Lodge Deputy and District Deputy commissions need to be prepared before I leave so they are ready ▲ for the Incoming President's signature.

We will be leaving to go to IARA August 10th. If you ever have an opportunity to attend these sessions you should go. There is something for everyone to learn and enjoy. This vear we are going to Rapid City, SD. I have never been there so it should be exciting.

If your lodge will be needing supplies please Let me know and I will take them to Assembly for you.

Hoping to see you soon,

Dee

Check out our Websites: Rebekah Assembly of NM Website: www.nmrebekahs.org Grand Lodge of NM Website: www.ioofnm.org Sovereign Grand Lodge Website: www.ioof.org Webmaster of NM websites: Nita Imel



**Degree Day** Alamogordo #25 held a degree day on Saturday April 30 and conferred all degrees on three candidates assisted by membership chairman, PGM Sandi McWatters and Grand Secretary Barbara Corfield. They

used the DVD's furnished by

SGL to demonstrate the ritual-

New Members & Jean Lovelace NG,GW

istic scenes. The day was well attended by the members and all enjoyed the DVD presentation.

This very active lodge has several more applicants in line to take the degrees and will be planning more Degree days in the future and invites all lodges to bring their candidates to Alamogordo.



Members of Alamogordo 25

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# $\bigstar$ **Have Money...Need Students**

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 $\bigstar$ The Scholarship Trustees from the DD Monroe Scholarship and the Bettye Miller 🔆 Scholarships are putting out an appeal to all  $\star$  Lodges and members in New Mexico. With the very generous donations from Lovington Lodge #44, both programs have enough money to fund several scholarships. What is need-☆ ed is applicants. The applications and re- $\stackrel{\frown}{\sim}$ quirements are on the websites-Odd Fellows www.ioofnm.org and Rebekahs www.nmrebekahs.org. A great way to make ★ a difference in your community is to promote ★ ☆ this excellent tool.

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#### **Telephone visit**

What a distinct pleasure it was to answer my telephone one morning and a voice from many years ago was on the other end.

Delard Miller, PGM, who now lives in Odessa,

Texas had received his copy of the NMRR, found my phone number and called looking for information about some of his old friends. We chatted a while, I brought him up-to -date on the friends he enquired about; and he said for me to say hello to all that might remember him. Thanks for calling, Delard.

Delard lived in Jal, NM and was the husband of Bettye Miller for whom the Rebekah Scholarship Program was named. He served as NM Editor Grand Master in 1969-1970.

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🔆 Happy summer! What a busy time**!** 

\* 💥 You will notice the report forms in this issue, so you can report the activities to SGL and \* you will be recognized for the efforts of your lodge. Everyone is busy, but please take the \* time to send these in. These recognition certif-\* icates can be used as tools to attract new, prospective members showing your activities in \* \* your communities. Also, be sure you are sending in the names of your new members and the names of their sponsors to SGL in or-✻ \* der for them to receive their membership pin. \*

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



# Notes from the Grand Secretary

June 30 is the close of the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge. All reports from officers and committees are due in the Grand Lodge office no later than July 30 in

order to be included in the Advance Proceedings of the Grand Lodge session in September.

The GL office has been extremely busy this year and there will be a lot to cover at the next session, so it is very important that everything needs to be submitted in advance so we do not have a lot of last minute details to handle. If you or your lodge has any legislation to be addressed at GL, it also needs to be submitted by July 30.

I will be leaving on August 10 to attend the SGL/IARA sessions in Rapid City, SD and will not return until August 23. In addition to the annual sessions, I will be attending the Grand Secretaries/Scribes meetings which are so informative. I have learned so much from this group and appreciate the opportunity to meet with them. Have a great summer. **Barbara** 



#### **Senior Olympics**

Sam Florence PGM will be participating in the New Mexico Senior Olympics on July 16 in Roswell, NM. Sam, 83, will be competing in several games: Horseshoes,

pistol shooting, shuffleboard to name a few. This is not the first time he has competed in the Senior Olympics, several years ago he played on the men's softball team sponsored by a car dealership from Gallup. Sam is a member of Harmony #1 in Albuquerque, but lives in Mexican Springs, NM out of Gallup, NM approximately 140 miles from Albuquerque.

We wish him good luck in the games and safe travels as he goes to Roswell to compete.

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# What's Happening at Your Lodge?

Harmony #1– business meeting second Monday of support their high school scholarship program. each month, social meeting 4th Monday, Allen Shanley, NG, community project—Brothers & Sisters. Annual night at the Isotopes planned for August 27. Everyone invited; bring your family and friends to a fun night at the ball game. Contact Harmony for ticket information.

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

**Deming** #7 –planning to participate in the Deming Duck Race parade by having a float and pass out membership literature.

Mesa # 27— business meetings on 1&3 Thursday at 7pm, social meetings on 2&4 Thursday, Ernie Cloud NG, project—Good Samaritan recognition

Alamogordo # 25, - Selling tickets on a handmade rifle made and donated by one of their members. Tickets are \$5.00 or 5 for \$20. Funds raised will

Drawing will be on August 25, 2016.

Clovis #31 IOOF & Friendship #21 RL have sold their lodge hall. They are not going to have to move anytime soon, as the new owners are allowing them to continue to meet in the building for a number of months.

Triple Link Rebekah #10-pleased to have two of their members honored as Good Samaritans recently



for their community work and dedication to the principles of Odd Fellowship. Andy Shanley, PGM, RAW and Peggy Dillingham PNG both long-time members received their awards graciously at a special evening event among family and lodge members.

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