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Scholarship Winners Announced

Don't forget

Annual Sessions of Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly September 26-29 in Farmington, NM.

Thursday - Registration, Canton Meeting, and Official Opening.

Friday - GL & RA meetings. Banquet honoring GM & RAP

Saturday—GL & RA meetings, Installation of 2013-2014 Officers.

Sunday—GL & RA closing sessions.

The winners of the Bettye Miller Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Rebekah Assembly of New Mexico and the D.D Monroe Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico were announced recently by the Board of Trustees of each organization. The winners of each scholarship will receive a \$1000 scholarship to help to defray their expenses in obtaining their education.

Bettye Miller Memorial Scholarship Winners for 2013:

We are proud to announce the winners and offer them our congratulations. Share the good news of this program and encourage others to participate in the future!

Cheri Lynne McWatters



Cheri has just completed her freshman year at UNM and is carrying a 3.08 grade point average. She is majoring in Biochemistry and minoring in Anthropology-She hopes to enter the medical field and become a doctor which has been her dream since she was in the fifth grade. Anthropology sparks her interest because it ties environmental factors into real world situations. Having the opportunity to participate in the United Nations Pilgrimage tour, visiting the United Nations building and hearing about the horrific realities people live in throughout the world has made huge impact on her life, and her plans for the future.

She currently is employed at Peter Piper Pizza where she is the Party Coordinator working with children and special events. One week of her summer is devoted at Camp Enchantment working with children with cancer. She says these are the best days of her life. "Those kids inspire you to chase every dream you ever had. They stare death in the face and go out of their way to make you smile". This is one reason she wants to become a pediatrician.

Cheri is the daughter of Doug and Lori McWatters and the granddaughter of Sandi McWatters, PPRA & GW. She was a member of Arkisgo Theta Rho Girls' club, and attended Del Norte High School where she played varsity Softball.

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Scholarship winners continued:



Crystal S. Corfield

Crystal is entering her junior year at University of Phoenix and is maintaining a 3.52 grade point average in her studies. She is working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services with a Concentration in Family and Child Services.

Her decision to help children started when she volunteered at her son's preschool classroom nine years ago and she decided that is what she wanted to do in life. She became an Educational Assistant working with Kindergarten and special needs children and is currently employed by Albuquerque Public Schools at Chelwood Elementary School as an EA for five first grade teachers. After being an EA for several years, she decided to pursue her dream of helping children by going to school to obtain a degree. The University of Phoenix offered a program that allowed her to work full time, go to school full time and still have time for her family.

Crystal is a Past Noble Grand of Triple Link Rebekah Lodge #10 and is currently serving as Noble Grand for the second time. She is an active member of the Rebekah Assembly serving as Chaplain and is on the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Home Board. She enjoys crafts of all kind, gardening, and spending time with her son, Jonathan. She is married to Ken Corfield, PG, Harmony #1 and is the daughter-in-law of Boyd Corfield PGM and Barbara Corfield PPIARA.

She is looking forward to 2015 when, with the help of this scholarship, she will receive her degree and fulfill her dream of making a difference in the lives of children.

Get the application from the Rebekah Assembly website: www.nmrebekahs.org

Farmington, Here we Come!!



From President Doris

August is here. Hope all are preparing to come to Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly the last weekend in September. Remember that registration and meals must be in by Sept. 10th so that Hope #12 can pay for food before Assembly. Hope's members are busy getting ready and looking forward to seeing everyone. I will be going to the IARA sessions in Chicago. Dee, Leona and I will leave on Tues.

Aug 13. Don't forget your gift for the gift table, sell those Angel pins for Ronald McDonald house. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Assembly. Remember to smile all the time, Hug often, and Laugh a lot.

Doris

Scholarship winners continued:

D. D. Monroe Memorial Scholarship Winners for 2013

The D.D. Monroe Memorial Scholarship committee is proud to announce this year's recipients of the D.D. Monroe Scholarship sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico:

Hannah Walker

Hannah Walker, a student at University of Colorado at Boulder, is a Junior Olympian with a history of academic, athletic and philanthropic success. An honor roll student and graduate of Colorado Springs Christian School, she was co-captain of her state's champion volleyball team and a 4-H member for over ten years. Hannah's commitment to helping others is even more impressive. She has volunteered at the Humane Society, the Black Forest Fire Department and the Christmas Gift Giveaway program. Hannah has also made several trips to Mexico to build homes for impoverished families.

Hannah is the granddaughter of J. Lynn Walker, PGM of Hobbs, NM.

Andrew Littlefield

Andrew Littlefield, a Texas A&M University student, had a celebrated high school career as a top rated tennis player and instructor, a High School mentor and a French horn player in the award winning Stephen F. Austin Marching Band. As well as sporting a great academic record, he displays his eagerness to help others through his actions. Andrew is a hard-working advocate for elders and the underserved. His volunteer record includes the Mission Camp retirement home program, Meals on Wheels, and Sugarland Animal Services.

Andrew is the grandson of PGM Bob & Mona Littlefield of Hobbs, NM

Congratulations to the recipients. We hope to serve more students in the future who are as accomplished and caring as these two outstanding individuals.

Get the application from the Grand Lodge of NM website— www.ioofnm.org

SGL/IARA

SGM Charles Renninger and IARA President Laura Argue will be presiding over the 187th Annual meeting of the SGL and the 97th session of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies in Schaumburg, Illinois, August 19-23.

A smaller New Mexico delegation, than in past years, will be attending the SGL/IARA session. Due to a conflict, GL Representative J. Ernest Cloud and GM Barbara Cloud will not be attending this year. Filling the office of GL Rep., will be San-

di McWatters, GW. Nita Sue Imel will be the Representative from the Encampment. Representing the Rebekah Assembly will be Alternate Representative, Doris Felkner, RA President. Also attending will be RA Secretary D'Elva Emert, PP Leona Eubanks and IARA PP Barbara Corfield.

On Thursday evening, August 22, SGM-elect Robert Smith of Illinois and President-elect Dorothy Laycock of Kentucky will be installed as the new leaders of their respective organizations.



From Dee's Desk

D'Elva Emert, Assembly Secretary

It is time for reports for the period ending 6/30/13. I am still missing 2 reports. Please send those in as soon as possible.

Also, don't forget that it is time for the 990N e-postcard. These must be submitted in order to keep our non-profit status. I will be in Schaumburg, IL for IARA leaving on August 13 and returning August 26. As soon as I get back it is almost time for Assembly and Grand Lodge. The host Aztec lodges are working on trying to make your stay enjoyable.

I am recovering from recent shoulder surgery. Thank you to everyone who has sent a card, called and come by. I appreciate everything. Physical Therapy is continuing and the Doctor just asked for 4 more weeks of it. So just about the time for Assembly and Grand Lodge, I should be on the downhill side of it.

Hoping to see all of you in September, Dee



HAVE YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE TODAY?

SHARE ODD FELLOWSHIP WITH THOSE YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH.

You want to make a difference? I get it. We all do.

I know, I know, you don't have the time. You don't have the resources. You're only one person. The excuses roll on and on.

Here are some simple ways in which you can make a difference today; certainly one of these ideas will fit your style.

WARNING: Upon finishing this article, your excuses on why you can't make a difference will (may) disappear. Read at your own risk.

Smile: Do I really need to explain this one? See how many time you can smile today.

Serve: Do community work. Volunteer, teach, give of your time for the benefit of others.

Hug: We all need hugs. Hugging can instantly change anyone's day for the better. Try to make it a habit to hug at least five people each day.

Tell a Joke: We all enjoy a good laugh. Make someone smile.

Listen: I mean truly listen. Turn off your judgment box, and just receive the words of a friend or family member. No advice required. Simply be there for someone. You don't need to voice your opinion. Simply listen.

Free Food: What better way to help someone than to give food. Share what you have with someone else.

Live your life: Find your mission and live it. Do what makes you happy. Unleash the purpose—driven— you.

Perform a Random Act of Kindness: Go out of your way to do something nice for someone, expecting nothing in return. Compliment (and mean it) someone's appearance. Tell someone how much they mean to you.

Now is the perfect opportunity to change the world. The question is : **WILL YOU?**

From the IOOF News

What's happening at Your Lodge??



Harmony #1 IOOF: 34 Brothers, sisters, families, and friends shared a beautiful evening at the Isotope ball game recently. This was their 10th annual night of fun, fellowship, and friendship watching the home team win 6-2 followed by an outstanding display of fireworks. This is an event that all look forward to each summer.

At the regular meeting of August 26 at 7pm, Harmony will have a special visitor from the New Mexico Arthritis Chapter to speak to the membership about what they can do to become more involved in the activities of this Charity. There will be sub-sandwiches, chips, and a drink sold for \$5.00, bingo and games if time permits. All funds to go to Arthritis. Everyone is invited.



Editorial notes from Barb:..... Well, we prayed for rain, and it finally came, but not soon enough for us to hold our annual picnic, which was a disappointment for everyone. However, we will start planning for next year and hope for the best.

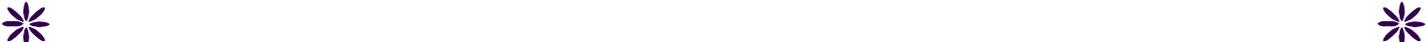
Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly is just around the corner and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Farmington. Be sure to come if possible as all our gatherings are like family reunions. It is a great time to renew old friendships and meet new friends.

I did not receive any lodge news nor any news about illness from anyone other than the ones listed, so assume that everyone else is healthy and doing well.

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.

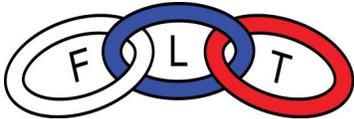
Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for this issue. Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship!

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