

May 27th & 28th - Worthy Matrons Zoom Meetings Notes +

Several members of the NM Grand Officers enjoyed two evening visits with many of the Worthy Matrons that were able to join us via Zoom.

We heard about what the chapters are doing in their communities and some are really 'out there' to help the people we know and those we hope to help. Many of you are creating regular contact with your members through phone calls or a newsletter or emails. Keep up that good work!

Kitt and Beth are doing well after their separate accidents. Kitt's new car will get here one of these days and the pickup Beth and her dad were in has a new flatbed. I am proposing we wrap them in bubble wrap – just for a little extra protection.

Nadyne reported that Iva is doing well and her daughter Melissa has been making masks.

More activities were reported by representatives from Silver City, Georgetown, Ruth, Roswell, Artesia, Adah, Turquoise, and probably others I failed to record. GOOD JOB New Mexico OES members!

For those Worthy Matrons that were not able to come to the zoom meeting please join us next time so we can hear from you personally.

On the website you will find the "General Guidelines for Facebook and Email" that we have put together to provide some answers to questions about what we could share about our members and the information that we should have before we do. Please take a little time to review those suggestions.

We also have regular Elected Grand Chapter Officers every Sunday evening which is helping to keep us in touch with each other and what we are hearing through the grapevine. In addition, we are able to be responsive to member needs and address concerns. We use our meetings to discuss developing plans and options for the rest of this year's term.

I know our members are wanting to know what is going to happen for meetings, campout, and last but not least, Grand Chapter. Campout will take place July 22nd – 26th. Unfortunately, the dates for campout in the White Book are not correct. My apologies for the error in the book. We have heard that the campground is open but at this time our activities will have to follow the guidelines for safety that are in force at that time.

We will be working with the Masons and the Governor to determine how and when we will be able to meet again. First, the Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico will have to reopen the lodges for meetings. Second, we will have to have permission for more than 5 or 6 people to

gather. Our conversations have included ideas for numbers that range from 7-25. We want to make sure when we open meetings that all those that want to come will be able to come.

The decision about Grand Chapter – yea or nay – will come as soon as possible, but definitely by August 15th. This is another instance that we want to have permission and room in the hotel so that we can have all that want to attend. I will continue to post updates as we have more information.

Now for some fun, I hope that many of you would like to zoom with a group of OES members. That can be done with a computer, smart phone, or regular phone. It is more fun if we can see each other but if you don't have a camera on your computer or smart phone you can come in by phone. Very soon our Grand Conductress – Sabrina and I and the Grand Officers will be hosting some Zoom meetings for those who would like to talk to us and each other. Each 'meeting' will have theme. Stay tuned for the details!!