

Greetings to all OES members!

We are now in our 5<sup>th</sup> month without chapter meetings in New Mexico. Seems like just yesterday sometimes, and forever ago at other times. If you have not participated in one of the ZOOM meetings we are having for interested members please consider it! Our feedback from those who have attended is that they really enjoy actually seeing each another. Our hugs are still virtual, but there for all who come and of course for those that have not as well.

The celebrations for the 4<sup>th</sup> were different in some ways but not too different in others. We enjoyed the fireworks here with our daughter's family. We have maintained contact with them and a cousin of mine as well as the parents of our son-in-law. Our small group enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs with two really great salads and cherry cobbler (yum) before the fireworks.

As you know I am a fan of the work of the World Wildlife Foundation. One of my favorite animals is the African Elephant. Their social structure of the herd is very interesting. Here is a synopsis of the species from the WWF website:

“African elephants are family-oriented animals with a complex social structure. There are two types of herds — females with their young and bachelor herds — and lone males. Females remain with their natal group for life, sharing responsibility for calves, and males leave the herd once they reach maturity. Elephants are a keystone species and dramatically affect their landscape. They are seed dispersers and influence forest composition, creating clearings to boost tree regrowth and reducing cover to create suitable habitat for browsing and grazing animals.”

What is your favorite animal in the wild? Let me know!

Next time: Some interesting information on the story of Ruth.

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