

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Oh dear, I failed to come up with anything inspirational to share with my OES sisters and brothers. I can't believe I let this date slip up on me. It's not like I am busy up here in my solitary self-quarantine mountain home. Like all of you, I watch the reports to see if my county will ever make it to yellow – much less green! Unfortunately, Lincoln county appears to be moving in the wrong direction. I am not really surprised. Over the Christmas and New Year's holiday I saw many, many out of state license plates in Ruidoso whenever I would go run errands. Even with restaurants closed, visitors were still flocking to Ruidoso. Perhaps this latest spike will end soon – sure hope so.



I think humor helps us get through bad times. So, I am going to share with you a funny “Quarantine Diary” a friend shared with me. (Unfortunately, I could relate to several of days in this list.)



My Self-Isolation Quarantine Dairy

Day 1 – I Can Do This!! Got enough food and wine to last a month!

Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of Wine. I fear wine supplies might not last

Day 3 – Strawberries: Some have 210 seeds, some have 235 seeds. Who Knew??

Day 4 – 8:00pm. Removed my Day Pajamas and put on my Night Pajamas.

Day 5 – Today, I tried to make Hand Sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!!

Day 6 – I get to take the Garbage out. I'm So excited, I can't decide what to wear.

Day 7 – Laughing way too much at my own jokes!!

Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called “The Kitchen”. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have No clue how this place is still in business.

Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going Bar hopping.

Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a Spider today. Seems nice. He's a Web Designer.

Day 11 – Isolation is hard. I swear my fridge just said, “What the hell do you want now?”

Day 12 – I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.

Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.

Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals led the Blue Jays 3–1.

Day 15 – Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month?

Take care sisters and brothers. My goodness, I can't wait to see you all again!

Grand Chaplin

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