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## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY



Spring is coming!

March 20th is the first day of Spring 2020, just in time for our 101st International Convention in Tucson, Arizona. As you know, International Conventions offer a wide variety of seminars, entertainment, vendors, and display RVs, and **Sunsets + Saguaros** will be no exception. There will be daytime entertainment and three nights of featured acts including Jim Pelley, Josh Turner, and Three Dog Night.

Please check out the FMCA.com website for more information about the winter convention, including the RV Basics Course and the Hands-On Driving and Backing courses. There also will be two great ways to increase your chapter membership: by participating in the Chapter Fair and the Chapter Block Party.

In Tucson, the Secretaries' Roundtable seminar will be on Friday, March 27, at 1:00 PM, and the Treasurers' Roundtable seminar will be on Saturday, March 28, at 2:30 PM. If your position is a combined Secretary/Treasurer position, I encourage you to attend both seminars. I look forward to meeting you at the **Sunsets + Saguaros** convention in Tucson or at the 102nd International Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, from August 26 through 29, 2020.

I would like to thank you for helping complete the Chapter Certification process. The Lincoln Governing Board Roll Call Sheets will be coming sometime in late April or early May. These two tasks, along with taking the Chapter/Area meeting minutes and assisting the President, constitute the duties of the Secretary. You are the most visible officer in the Chapter/Area and the "go to" person for information, advice, and friendship.

Can you remember why you joined FMCA? We joined because our friends encouraged us to attend a chapter rally. We had such a wonderful time that we joined FMCA and the chapter the next day. Let's all try to recruit a new member for FMCA and your chapter. Just think, if every FMCA member recruited just 1 member, our association would double in size.

I hope you will attend the Secretaries' Roundtable seminar in Tucson, or stop by to say "hi." I am looking forward to renewing many friendships in Tucson and meeting some new "strangers." Remember, "every friend was once a stranger!"

Happy Easter!

Kathie Balogh, National Secretary

## Chapter Certification Update

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the chapters who have sent in their Certification paperwork! We appreciate you taking the time to serve FMCA and your chapter. If you have not yet submitted your Certification paperwork, please do so ASAP. If your chapter is inactive, you will not be able to have a voting delegate represent your chapter at the 2020 Governing Board Meeting.

*Just as a reminder, especially for our bigger chapters, please know that you are welcome and encouraged to send in updates to your roster all year long. This will make the certification process at the end of each year much easier for you. If there is someone else in your chapter designated to keep the roster up-to-date, please remind them of this!*

## A Few Things To Remember ...

- If you attended the Minot convention in August, or have had any Chapter Events in the recent months, FMCA would love to see some photos! You can send them to [marketing@fmca.com](mailto:marketing@fmca.com). Be sure to include your chapter's name and some information about the event.
- We will be coordinating a Chapter Fair at FMCA's 102nd International Convention and RV Expo in Lincoln, Nebraska. Registration for the Chapter Fair will open May 18, 2020. Unfortunately, due to time and space restrictions at the Lancaster Events Center, we will not be coordinating Block Parties at this event. We appreciate your understanding.
- For marketing purposes, FMCA would love to hear about your experiences being in a chapter. If you would like to submit a testimonial, please send it to [chapters@fmca.com](mailto:chapters@fmca.com).
- Don't forget to submit your chapter rallies online at FMCA.com. You can find the 'Submit a Rally' page under the Chapters tab.

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

FMCA congratulates the following chapters that celebrated special anniversaries in January, February, and March.

### 5 YEARS

#### Certificate

Frost-Tee's (2/13)

### 15 YEARS

#### Certificate

Red Rock Rovers (1/25)

### 25 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$100 Check

Komfort Cruisers (2/5)

### 30 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$150 Check

Suwannee Valley Vagabonds (1/13)

Colonial Virginians (2/10)

Texas Road Runners (3/17)

Roamin' Rigs (3/26)

The Challengers (3/28)

### 35 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$200 Check

GMC Mountaineers (3/7)

### 40 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$250 Check

Prevost Prouds (2/1)

**Your Area National Vice President is responsible for coordinating the anniversary materials, so you will need to make arrangements with him or her for presentation.**

## Roll Call Sheets

Governing Board Meeting  
Wednesday August 26, 2020

The Roll Call Sheet that details your chapter's current Governing Board voting delegate, along with a postage-paid return envelope, will be mailed out to each Chapter Secretary in the coming weeks.

The Roll Call Sheet will have your chapter name, area of representation, and the names of your chapter national director and alternate national director. If the names are correct, simply sign and date the sheet and return via the postage-paid envelope. If the names are incorrect, or if your chapter has elected a temporary delegate, please fill out the information with the correct name, member number, and address. Then sign and date the form and return it in the postage-paid envelope.

The chapter secretary is responsible for notifying the National Secretary (in care of the national office) in writing via USPS mail, email, or fax by August 5, 2020, of any election held that would result in a change to the national director, alternate national director, or temporary delegate who will be attending the Governing Board meeting.

Both the national director and alternate national director are invited to attend the Governing Board meeting, but it is not necessary that both be in attendance. The national director will be the voting delegate for the chapter. If the national director is unable to attend the meeting, the alternate national director would assume this duty and would receive the voting credentials when he or she checks in for the Governing Board meeting.

If **neither** the national director nor alternate national director can attend the Governing Board meeting, another chapter member may be elected as a temporary delegate for this Governing Board meeting only. A temporary delegate may be elected only if your chapter would not have representation otherwise. If it is necessary for your chapter to have a temporary delegate, he or she **must be elected**, must be a member of your chapter, and can only represent one chapter.

If an event occurs after the 21-day notice requirement has passed (August 5, 2020) that prevents the national director, alternate national director, or temporary delegate from attending the Governing Board meeting, the chapter president may appoint a member of the chapter as a temporary delegate to represent the chapter for the next Governing Board meeting only. Notice of the chapter president's appointment of this temporary delegate shall be received by FMCA at least seven working days prior to the Governing Board meeting to be valid. Change must be received by close of business on August 17, 2020. Notice must be in writing. Fax or email is acceptable.

*If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Mitts at 513-474-3622, 800-543-3622, ext 210; or [dmitts@fmca.com](mailto:dmitts@fmca.com).*

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### How do I update my chapter member's information?

Please note that individual members are responsible for updating their own information with FMCA. They can update the information online at [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com). Once logged in, they can click the profile icon on the right side of the page. Or, they can email [membership@fmca.com](mailto:membership@fmca.com).

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **FMCA 101ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO**

**March 26-29, 2020**

***Pima County Fairgrounds***  
**Tucson, AZ**

## **INTO AREA RALLY**

**July 2-7 & July 8-13, 2020**

***Calgary Stampede Park***  
**Calgary, Alberta**

## **EASTERN AREA RALLY**

**September 30-October 4, 2020**

***State Fairgrounds of West Virginia***  
**Lewisburg, WV**

## **GREAT LAKES AREA RALLY**

**June 17-20, 2020**

***Allegan County Fairgrounds***  
**Allegan, MI**

## **FMCA 102ND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO**

**August 26-29, 2020**

***Lancaster Event Center***  
**Lincoln, NE**

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY**

**October 21-24, 2020**

***Pima County Fairgrounds***  
**Tucson, AZ**

## **NORTHWEST AREA RALLY**

**June 24-27, 2020**

***Douglas County Fairgrounds***  
**Roseburg, OR**

## **SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY**

**September 16-19, 2020**

***Heart of Oklahoma Exposition***  
**Center**  
**Shawnee, OK**

## **WESTERN AREA RALLY**

**January 6-10, 2021**

***Riverside County Fairgrounds***  
**Indio, CA**

### **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT CHAPTER SERVICES**

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### **DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

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them to [kkrol@fmca.com](mailto:kkrol@fmca.com). Please let us  
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