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Dear Governing Board members,

FMCA's 108th International Convention and RV Expo. Be sure to join us in Tucson, Arizona, March 20-23, 2024, for "Fiesta Del Sol." A registration form is included with this mailing. Plan to join us as we enjoy the festival of the sun!

The FMCA Academy, in partnership with the RV Driving School, delivers two hands-on courses for driving and backing. All training will be done in your own RV! A two-day RV Driving Class and a one-day **RV Backing Class** can be scheduled. Visit <u>www.fmca.com/rv-driving-school</u> for more information and call 800-543-3622 to register. Space is limited.

There are still spaces left for the **CHAPTER FAIR in Tucson**, **Arizona**. Hurry, the deadline to register your chapter and sign up for a table is March 1, 2024. Contact the Chapter Services team to reserve your spot: (513) 474-3622, or (800) 543-3622; or email chapters@fmca.com. Because tables and chairs must be ordered in advance, we cannot take on-site registrations. Tables are limited. Please register now. The Chapter Fair will take place on Tuesday, March 19. There will also be a **CHAPTER BLOCK PARTY** on Thursday, March 21, and a **PARADE** leading to the **CHAPTERFEST** on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

Now's your chance to put together a basket for the **Driven To Care Silent Auction** in Tucson. Money collected for the auction items will be donated to the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of South Arizona. They serve families who have a child/teen diagnosed with cancer or a blood disorder. Basket examples could be a specific food unique to your chapter's scope, such as Cincinnati-style chili; a spa package; handcrafted items, etc. Bids will be taken Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Information Center in Thurber Hall. At 3:00 p.m. on Friday, bids will close. Winners will be called.

Reminder - National Area Vice President elections. Nominations are now underway for the National Vice Presidents from the Eastern, Great Lakes, International, Northwest, and Western areas. These officers will serve a two-year term, taking office in Redmond, Oregon, in August 2024. Nominations are being requested from the National Directors in those areas. If you or someone you know of would like to run for this position and you have questions, please feel free to reach out to the current officer and/or the Chapter Services Department at the FMCA national office. The deadline for nomination forms to be returned is March 14, 2024.

Last chance! Please review the flier announcing that FMCA is accepting nominations for the **Robert L. Richter Award and/or the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer's Award.** The deadline to nominate an individual for either of these awards is March 15, 2024. Please see Policy and Procedure number 1016, Awards and 1016/A, Awards, Nomination Guidelines and Criteria. Someone you know may be deserving of one of these awards. Each of the awards can have only one honoree per year. Recognize your chapter members for their communication skills, or the exceptional service they provide to FMCA or the RV Industry!

Plan now to attend FMCA's 109th International Convention and RV Expo at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon, August 14-17, 2024. FMCA last held a convention there in 2014. We can't wait to visit the great landscape of the Northwest Area once again! Registration opens April 3, 2024. Please call the Events department at the national office at (513) 474-3622, (800) 543-3622, or register online at FMCA.com.

Chapter presidents, please make sure your chapter will have representation at the Governing Board meeting that is scheduled to take place on August 14 in Redmond. Check that your national director or alternate national director will be attending or, if not, elect a temporary delegate to participate as we take care of important FMCA business.

Save the date now for the Chapter Fair during the Redmond "Adventure Peaks" 109th International Convention and RV Expo. See the enclosed flier.

Safe travels! Glenda and I look forward to seeing you at the next FMCA event. Remember, "It's all about having fun!"

Gary Milner, National President

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