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## President's Message:

Art Kruegel, BSA President

Greetings to all. Sitting here looking at the fresh snow from last weekend, with a little more predicted for this weekend. Even the trees have snow hanging from their branches. Nature just showing Judie & I what we would be missing if we went south for the winter. Ah, wintertime in Wisconsin. But we are missing walking on the beach in the Gulf of Mexico, Finding sea shells, and all the fresh sea food that we want. (Think shrimp, with cheesy grits for brunch, fresh fish right off the fishing boats for dinner cooked over the camp fire.) Watching

the Navy's Blue Angles practice their maneuvers, and just enjoying spring-time in the Florida Pan Handle. Anyway, here we are. Got a little different bit of information for all. As we get older, things happen to us. Maybe an unexpected illness, maybe an accidental slip, trip or fall. Does not have to be catastrophic, just something that is unexpected, but something that causes you to need help, even for just a month or two, (or longer.) Maybe something that doing the simple things of life that you have been doing most

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*Happy  
Saint  
Patrick's  
Day!*

## Notes from the Publisher

Please remember this newsletter is yours and the content is entirely dependent on the submissions from you; the members.

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## BADGER STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Minutes are subject to approval of the Association members at the next meeting.

**February 1, 2020**

**Benny's Café  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.  
Pledge/FCRV prayer was said by all.  
Roll Call: Wiscows, Foxtrotters, Unaffiliated.  
Intro of Guests.

**Secretary's Report:** Dahle Enneper

**Motion was made by Jan to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bud. Motion approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Gittel

**Balance as of December 31, 2019 is \$5,201.26.**

No activity of income or expenses to report.

**Motion was made by Debbie to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Bud. Motion approved.**

**Dick Wisby Scholarship Fund:** Jan Cushing

**Scholarship Jan gave report in banner**

Savings Balance - Jan. 1, 2019	<b>\$3,263.09</b>
Total Interest-YTD	<u>1.63</u>
Savings Balance	3,264.31
CD Balances - January 1, 2019	<b>\$6,026.77</b>
CD Interest	
Total Interest-YTD	<u>70.02</u>
Total CD Balance	\$6,096.79
<b><u>Total Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,361.51</u></b>

**No Reports from the following:** Badger Banner, DASAT, Youth, Historian, Teens.

**State Directors Report:** Kip Cushing

RV show is February 22 through March 1.  
To camp at get acquainted this year it's \$40 a night.  
We have paid \$15 for anyone that signed up and camped with us. Now we are going to be paying for one night of camping for those new members.  
We are looking into having a booth next year at the Madison RV show. National will pay up to \$300 for us to have a booth. Kip and Jan have

volunteered to man the booth at the show and would like the club to help with expenses. Hotel for Madison RV show, motion made to pay up to \$100 for expenses.

Campvention 2021 will be held July 9-17 in Elkhorn.

Looking for people to chair 2021 campvention committees. Retiree Rally is March 24-30  
Regionals is August 5 - 9 in Shipshewana.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

June campvention will be held at the Brown County Fairgrounds in DePere, June 12th through the 14th.  
Ruth brought up about a dinner show camp out, for more information contact Ruth and Bud.

Get-Acquainted - Memorial Day Weekend, the 22nd to 25th of May in Elkhorn.

**A Motion was made to pay one night for any new members that joins at the RV show or Get-Acquainted campout. Motion made by Pat seconded by Marty. Motion approved.**

**A Motion was made to provide a hotel for Kip and Jan to stay in while at the 2021 Madison RV show with up to \$100 a day to pay expenses. Motion made by Dahle, seconded by Ruth. Motion approved.**

At June campout will be election of new officers  
Make sure national has current email address, exciting news; Jan is running for FCRV president.  
We will send out a blast to remind people to vote.  
At current time we have no entertainment committee but possible get together for April BSA

**Motion to adjourn made by Pat and seconded by Marty. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Dahle Enneper, BSA Secretary.

## President's Message Continued:

Art Kruegel, BSA President

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of your life, but are unable to do them now. (Need help in getting dressed, bathing, even eating, much less washing clothes, cleaning the house, etc) Well, that happened to my sister this fall. She fell at home, (not sure why or how) had a six week stay in the hospital, and now lives in a nursing home. (She needs much more help than my brother-in-law can give her.) If you are over 65, you have medical insurance. Even under 65, most of us have at least some medical insurance to help with the medical costs. But that is only for medical help. Not for nursing home care. Have you ever priced out the cost of living in a nursing home? Here is what I am saying: Senior care, where you can take care of yourself, (get dressed by yourself, bathe yourself, find your way to the dinning room, etc.) will cost around \$3,000 to \$6,000 per month.

(Maybe more.) Assisted Care, where you need help doing the above, think \$10,000 (and more) per month. These expenses are not covered by Medicare or most other Medical Insurances. You will need a 'special type' (Long Term Care) of insurance for this. The older you are, the more expensive this insurance can be, (and usually is.) If you are Ex-Military, you may be eligible for some help from the Veterans Affairs, (either Federal or State of Wisconsin). (And by the way, I am not selling either type of insurance. Just passing on the information! Don't mean to be the bearer of sad news. But this happened to my family. My sister and brother-in-law do have savings, but at \$10,000 (or more) per month, their savings will disappear in a hurry. And yes, there is government help, but only after most of your savings are spent.

**Just saying, be prepared.**

## **FCRV ELECTIONS**

**FCRV elections will be held between March 1 and April 15, 2020. Three positions are up for election: President, VP of Programs and Corresponding/Recording Officer. Ballots will be e-mailed to those whose e-mail address is on file with the National Office; paper ballots will be mailed to all others.**

**I am running for President and hope to have your support. Please return your ballot when you receive it.**

**Jan Cushing**

## State Director's Message

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

Thank you, to all who attended the BSA meeting at Benny's Café, on Saturday. We accomplished quite a bit of material. We came up with a place to hold the state campvention in June. We agreed to cover a new member's night at the Get Acquainted Campout. We will try to enter the Madison RV Show next year and will provide lodging for us to work the booth. I'd say that is a good meeting plus we had good representation from unaffiliated, Foxtrotters, and WisCows.

The Milwaukee RV Show is coming up at the end of the Month Feb 27-Mar 1 and feel free to come and help man the booth. BSA will cover your parking cost, and call us and we will come with passes to get you in show. As I have said in the past we would like you to work the booth 2-3 hours before you go check out the rest of the show. It is not a pass to come walk the show it is a pass to work the booth.

The Winter Rally will be the end of March in AL. and we would like you to come and represent Wisconsin, and take part in all the activities. You do not need to be retired, you just need to come and join us. Get Acquainted on Memorial Day Weekend is next on the slate in Elkhorn, WI at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Please come and join us we are presently planning on doing a breakfast for everyone, unless something changes between now and then. We may have others joining us to survey the grounds for National next year, and there may be a meeting about it while they are there. There are many openings for volunteers to help the various teams so if you have something in mind let us know.

The team I am on is looking for a photographer, and Equipment/Bldg. person to move tables or chairs where needed.

National Campvention is in Canada this year, if you are going pay careful attention to the March Camping Today issue on crossing issues and how to pay for Campvention. After returning if you still have time on your hands and you want to really use that camper. Join us in Shipshewana, IN for the Regional campout at their NORTH campground. There will be a registration elsewhere in the banner. If you want to take in the big Amish Flea market early days are Aug 4-5 with Regional starting on the 6-10.

We hope to see you this year on the campground, please come and join us. As you will discover in Camping Today as well Jan is running for President of FCRV and I'm sure she would like your vote when it is sent to you via e-mail if National has a email address for you, if not they will send you a ballot in the mail. Watch for them it will not be junk or spam. Junk can be found in yards, and Spam is found in the grocery store on a shelf. Ha ha

The Great Lakes Region is a team on 2021 CV and will cover much of the activities such as Family Center, Teens sports, Teen pageant, youth activities, and so forth. They have also been asked to do a Dinner Mystery and that is in developmental stages. If you like to act and are interested contact Connie Black. I will pass on information as it is passed on to me.

Come Camp with us!

# Chapterter News

## Foxtrotter News

Dahle Enneper

Greetings from the Foxtrotters:

As I sit here in the freezing cold I am thinking about camping. Looking forward to warmer weather and being able to camp more. Hope everyone is staying warm and dreaming of warmer days to come. Hoping everyone's 2020 has been good to them so far. Ken and I are looking for better days ahead. These past weeks have been very difficult for our family as many

know Dahle's mom passed away January 19 and her father passed away February 4.



## WISCOWS MOO NEWS

Trisha Chartier

We are really looking forward to warmer weather so our camping season can officially start.

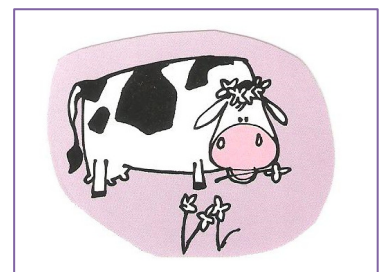
This year in August we are going camping at Harnischfeger Park where you can rent a kayak and enjoy the river. This is a new location, it's a really small campground but very nice. Looking forward to spending the weekend there.

September finds us back at Cliffside which we really love. They have large grassy site. In October we will be at Ledge Park enjoying the fall colors.

We are actively looking for more friends to come camp with us at one of our campout!!

Please let me know if you are planning on attending any of our campout and I will send you a flyer of what's happening for the weekend.

Tricia Chartier  
President of WISCOW  
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# Program News

## Disaster Awareness & Safety Awareness Training (DASAT)

By Art Kruegel

Fast forward two days. Looking out the window today to a fresh two inch's of snow. Two days ago it was 30 degrees outside, also had a fresh cover of snow. Today, try 12 degrees. Don't know about you, but I liked the 30 degree day much better. Importance of staying 'up to date' with the weather. Two days ago, while everyone knew it was still winter in Wisconsin, it really was not that bad. Today, a different story. The weather in Wisconsin is always changing, no matter the season. In Milwaukee last weekend, a person fell (do not know the reason or cause) but nobody noticed, until it was too late. The police were called, too late. The person froze to death. They say when the weather is extreme, (either cold, warm, or in between) to check on your friends, neighbors and family. Sounds like a good practice. Just a quick call. Just let someone know you are okay. Flu season in the WORLD again. This year it is labeled "coronavirus". No matter what the name,

it is proving to be dangerous. Thousands have been infected. Cruise ships are being denied mooring, (and if they are allowed to dock, no one can disembark) air travelers are being quarantined, (or being denied boarding) the company's that make 'face masks' can not produce enough to meet demand, people are being quarantined in their own homes. Sad to say over a thousand have died as a result of the 'flu' so far. From what I hear, the best defense is the tried and proven way: wash your hands often, using antibacterial soap, keep your hands away from your face, stay away from crowds, (if possible). Stay hydrated, control your temperature. There is not a preventive medicine available (yet). They say wearing a face mask protects those around you, but not you. Cover your face when you sneeze to protect those around you. They say it may be 18 months before a vaccine is available. The goal is to stay healthy, and not to spread germs if you are not healthy.

## 2021 NATIONAL CAMPVENTION UPDATE

By Jan Cushing

The FCRV trustees are hosting the 2021 national campvention at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. The dates are July 12-17, with early bird days beginning on July 9.

The trustees have identified the teams and which committees will be included on each team. We are now seeking people willing to be a part of a committee. If you are interested, please contact me either by phone (262) 914-5950 or e-mail at [kcushing@wi.rr.com](mailto:kcushing@wi.rr.com)

A request Kip received from Connie Black, Great Lakes Regional Director:  
 "We are looking for someone for the Youth Center and we would appreciate help from you on finding someone you think would be interested."

# Happy Birthday!



Ruth White	March 11th
Candy Coffey	March 15th
Judi Camp	March 26th
Jan Cushing	March 31st
Jonathan Enneper	April 17th

# Happy Anniversary!



Becky & Erich Cincotta	April 16th
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**Don't let us overlook that most important dates! Send your special dates to [badgerbanner@gmail.com](mailto:badgerbanner@gmail.com)**



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## CAMPOUTS & EVENTS

DATE	EVENT / LOCATION	CITY, STATE	HOST
<b>2020</b>			
Jan 4th	Benny's Cafe	Milwaukee	Wis-Cows
Feb 1st	BSA Meeting	TBD	BSA President
Feb 27th - March 1st	Milwaukee RV Show	West Allis	State Director & BSA Volunteers
April	BSA Get-Together	TBD	BSA President & BSA Members
May 29th - 31st	Get Acquainted Campout	Walworth Co Fairgrounds Elkhorn	State Director
June 12th - 14th	Wisconsin State Campout	Brown Co. Fairgrounds DePere	Foxtrotters
July 13th - 17th	FCRV National Campvention	Brigden Fairgrounds Brigden, Ontario, Canada	Region 7 Eastern Canada
Aug 5th - 9th	Great Lakes Regional	North Park, Shipshewana, IN	Indiana State Association
Aug 21st - 23	Harnischfeger Park	Ixonia	Wis-Cows
Sept 11- 14	Cliffside Park	Racine	Wis-Cows
Oct 23rd - 26	Ledge Park	Horicon	Wis-Cows
<b>Please Submit your Camping Schedule to be added to this Calendar!</b>			

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### **BSA MEETING / GATHERING INFORMATION**

DATE	LOCATION	HOST
<b>2020</b>		
February 1st	Benny's Café - Milwaukee	BSA President/Wiscows
April	TBA	BSA President & Members
June 12th - 14th	Brown Co Fairgrounds, DePere	Foxtrotters
August	TBA	BSA President & Members
November	TBA	BSA President & Members

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