

Nebraska *CALLING*



April 2020

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message Rob and Joleen Baker

There will be no State Director's Message this month due to the illness and death of Joleen's brother. We offer our sincere sympathy to Joleen and her family in this time of sadness and loss.

I am putting in the articles as sent to me for the April newsletter knowing that, since the pandemic, plans will change and things won't be the same. Hopefully, by next month, we will have a better idea of what the season will bring, and if events will be cancelled. Until then, keep safe.

Pat Smith, Editor *Calling*

Just in from State Director

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Good Morning,
After discussion and concern for the

attendees, the Regional 2020 Rally at York, Nebraska, has been CANCELLED due to COVID-19. This includes all planning meetings, updates, etc. Gerry Pfirsch is contacting all State Directors in the Region. Please pass this on to your members. If you have been asked to assist with something and have a vendor/presenter coming in please notify them as well. Any registration fees paid will be reimbursed in full by the Treasurer, Anita Mueller. I appreciate those of you who stepped up to help make this a successful event, but this is the best decision to be made in interest of safety of our members. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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2020 Dates to Remember	
May 29-31	Regional Campout, York County Fairgrounds
June 12-14	June Bug, Windmill SRA, Gibbon
Sept 13-17	Retirees Rally, Stromsburg
Sept 18-19	State/Fall Workshop, York

Joleen

President FCRV . . . Shari Weber

Several state/provincial directors have asked what they should do as camping season begins. We have all been waiting for spring to come so we can start camping again. I recommend that everyone pay attention to what your state/province is recommending. FCRV state/provincial-wide events, and chapter events, should be held based on your state/provincial recommendations. Be smart, cautious, and don't take any unnecessary risks. Remember, if you need to hold a meeting, it can be done electronically. Gotomeeting is available with only two stipulations. Only one meeting at a time, and the meeting can only have 24 connections based on our current agreement. If you need help setting up a meeting, feel free to contact Sue Fromholzer or me. Either of us is happy to help.

Executive Board members:

'Tis the Luck O' the Irish! However, we may not be feeling very lucky these days. The world has changed dramatically! The Retiree team chose to cancel the rally in Dothan with the support of the Trustees. Cancellations, closings and delays are occurring all over. Kids are learning at home, some are working at home, many have been laid off, and store shelves are empty. Social distancing is a thing with which we have become familiar, and are practicing. Let's hope things settle back into normalcy soon. The Trustees are paying attention to all these details in

both countries. We will review the situation in early May regarding campvention and do whatever seems to be right at that time.

In the meantime, Spring is right around the corner. Getting outside is good, so go out and play! We as RVers and campers have vacation choices that do not include being close to a lot of other people. We travel in our own rigs. We travel in small family groups. When we are in a campground, we are in small groups typically outside, around a campfire. Camping & RVing by their very nature give us the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. Again, let's go outside!

By now the ballots for the election of new Trustees have been distributed. Please encourage people to vote. Electronic ballots were sent to everyone for whom we have an email address. Paper ballots were mailed to anyone for whom we did not have an email address. If you did not receive your ballot, please contact the National Office at (716) 668-6242 or by email at FCRVNAT@VERIZON.NET. All ballots are returned to a company hired to monitor our election called Votenet. This company will inform me of the results of the election after April 15th which is the deadline. There will be a slight delay to allow mailed ballots to arrive. Remind members that in addition to the bios included on the ballot "Camping Today" contains platforms for each candidate.

Those of you out there working RV shows to introduce the FCRV family to potential new friends are to be thanked. We saw an increase, yes that word is correct, an increase in membership this month. It is not easy to get a new member. Thank you to all of you working hard to invite new people into our camping family.

The campvention host team chaired by Camy Hicks, Lynne Acre, and Loren Douglas is well positioned to give us a great week in July in Brigden. Registrations are coming in after we decided to set a price in US dollars. The Canadian price of \$325 was converted on in February to \$255 US. This means a check can be written and sent to the Registration chair, Marilyn Rosenberger for \$255. Her address is on the form in "Camping Today" and available on the website.

You have received information from Sue Carlsen, Recording and Corresponding Officer, on the national awards program. The period for nominating someone who has worked hard and deserves to be recognized has begun and ends April 15th. I am sure you know someone who deserves to be recognized. The forms are located on the website fcrv.org under the tab Members Area, then FCRV Forms, then Forms for National Awards. The forms are available in two formats. PDF format which is read only and can be printed, then completed, and scanned to send to Sue. Additionally, the forms are provided in an editable Word file. This file can be filled in then emailed to Sue. Please do not change the form.

Changing the form could cause the nomination to be returned to you to be corrected. A few places on the forms ask you to circle your choice. In those cases when filling out the form electronically, simply underline. Nominations are due by April 15th. Don't miss this deadline!

The trustees recently approved a focus group to look at our programs and offerings at rallies to see how we meet the needs of the market segment out there purchasing RVs. According to statistics the people currently buying RVs are between age 40 and 55. Other ages are buying, but this is where the most purchases are made. I am looking for 3 families or individuals who fall in this age category. Additionally, I am looking for 3 families or individuals who are between 25 and 40. If you have someone to recommend, please feel free to send me name, email, and cell phone. It is our hope this will help us identify how our programs need to adjust and what we need to offer during our campouts and rallies.

As I said earlier, we saw an increase in membership during February! Fifteen (15) new members were recruited in February. This month we were able to replace the drops and then actually exceed the number of drops with our new memberships. Great work everyone! Twelve states/provinces saw their membership grow. Colorado saw an increase of 4 families, Kansas, Nevada, and New York increased membership in their states by 2 members. Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana,

Missouri, North Carolina, Nebraska, and Nova Scotia all increased by 1 membership. Thanks to all the folks responsible for recruiting these new members. Keep up the good work. Someone will get the trophy for the most increase in membership at campvention. Will it be your state/province?

Our stay in our new home in Florida has been extended to the end of April. We will then start heading north and look forward to being able to see our camping family in Brigden. See you around the next campfire.

FCRV Office Manager

. **Patricia A Wittmeyer**

Due to so many Covid 19 diagnoses in New York State, the New York Governor has mandated a 100% shutdown for the whole state. This means effective Monday, March 23rd, the national office is closed indefinitely. Procedures have been put in place for much of the office work to be done from home. There are aspects that are not able to be done remotely. Memberships can and will be processed as they come in. When provided the new member will be sent temporary information indicating their membership by email. In addition, state/provincial directors will be notified of new members brought in. Membership cards can only be printed at the office. Therefore, new membership packets will not be mailed until we are able to be back in the

office. Please accept the email confirmation as proof of membership until we can send cards to the new members. If email is not provided, an email address will be obtained by contacting the new member by phone or the state/provincial directors. Incoming calls will continue to be answered as the office phone is forwarded to a personal phone.

State Chaplain . . . Mert Feikert

COVID 19. It has many in the world today asking “What’s Next?”. We are all fortunate to live the greatest country in the world and just a few months ago it seemed that things were going quite well.

Then, all of a sudden, we seem to be losing ground as a nation. A disease such as this, is just one of the things that occur in our lives that cause doubt. Doubt is perhaps one of the greatest enemies of Christianity and one of the things that happen in our lives which contribute to the loss of faith in our creator.

There are many examples of doubt in the Bible but perhaps one of the best is found in 28th Chapter of Matthew when some of the disciples who had followed Jesus throughout His ministry became doubtful. Because of the many things, including the Coronavirus, that can happen in our lives, it is normal to sometimes question God. The faith we have in God cannot be without complete absence of doubt, but it is in the trust we have in Him in the presence of doubt that strengthens our faith.

We are told throughout the Bible that we will have to endure many tests of our faith and this virus seems to be

doing this for many in our country today. It is during this time of hardship that we have to rely on the Holy Spirit within each of us to give us the trust needed to calm the doubt in our hearts.

Proverbs 3:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

I hope to see you all this summer, keep up the good fight in His name.

Scholarship Jan VanArsdall

The Scholarship Committee will hold a short meeting at the Fall State Planning Campout at York, NE on Sept. 18, 2020. We currently have 4 students using the scholarship funds, 2 full-time and 2 part-time.

If you are planning on attending a university/college/community college this summer or next fall please contact me, jvanars86@gmail.com and we will get you the necessary application form so you can start on the process

Current students, remember we need your grades at the end of school year and, if you are going to summer school, please remit those grades at the end of those classes. Grades can be sent to me janars86@gmail.com or glsander@charter.net.

Chapter News

Courageous Ramblers

We are looking forward to the return of our Texas snowbirds. The winter has been long. We can't have a meeting when they are gone. We meet to play cards and visit, also talk on the phone.

Pearl Shaw has moved to Omaha but will come back for meetings when possible. With the virus, we are all staying home for the most part. So, we will see how things go.

Norma Hetrick, Field Director

Rollin' Turtles

. The Rollin' Turtles Camping Club was called to order by President Nichelson at 2:00 pm, Sunday, March 15 at Anderson Library. Eight members were present. Visitors were Sandy and Michael Essink. Minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the online newsletter. The Nebraska FCRV State Planning meeting will be held Sept. 18-19 at York fairgrounds. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Our St. Patricks Day Dinner has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Callers will ask for entré orders for the April 17 Wilbur American Legion dinner. Prices are steak- \$17; chicken- \$12; hamburger- \$8. Adjustments to the Club schedule will be made as necessary, depending on the pandemic. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16-19, at the American Legion Park, Wilbur.

Allan Smith, Secretary



**2020 Region 3
"Days of the Pioneers"
York County Fairgrounds, York, NE
May 29, 30, 31, 2020**

Pre-Registration Deadline: May 1, 2020

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
 Address _____ City _____ State/Prv _____ Zip/P.Code _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____ Chapter _____

# of Adults	Teens 16-19	Teens 13-15	Pre-Teen 9-12	Youth 6-8	Youth 0-5

Type of Camper _____ Size of Camper (ft.) _____ Slide-Outs [Y/N] _____ Handicap [Y/N] _____

TWO OR MORE FAMILIES ATTENDING REGIONAL IN ONE UNIT:

Each Family in the same unit must complete a separate Registration Form. The additional family must pay \$25.00 for the three nights. Early Bird Parking must be pre-registered.

HANDICAP INFORMATION:

Handicap parking will be located near facilities.
 State issued placard required.

SITE INFORMATION:

All sites are electric only (30 or 50 amp.)

ACTIVITIES:

Demonstrations/Games during the day
 Meetings/Games/Auction (New Items Only)

FEES:

Registration & Camping	\$65.00 for 2 nights & 3 days or \$85.00 at the gate	\$ _____
2 nd Family in one unit	\$25.00	\$ _____
Early Bird Parking (May 28 th)	\$15.00 per night	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast (See below)	\$ 5.00 Pre-register or \$ 7.00 at the gate	\$ _____
Regional Dinner (See Below)		

Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Juice/Coffee
 Regional Dinner will be a Potluck Meal – A-K Main Dish; L-P Salads/Veggies; Q-Z Desserts



In case of cancellation, fees will be refunded less \$30.00.

	Make check payable to: "Nebraska FCRV" Baker Mail to: Anita Mueller, PO Box 205, Exeter, NE 68351		Email your questions to: Rob/Joleen rojopapio@cox.net
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*There will always be room
for you at Region 3
If you decide to come at the last
minute, bring this registration with
you.*

For payment confirmation, include E-mail address or send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope

FCRV STATE MEETING
SEPT. 18-19, 2020
YORK, NE. FAIR GROUNDS

State Planning Campout will be held on Friday & Saturday in York, Ne. We will have a campout on Friday eve, with chili & hotdogs/chips/dessert for your evening meal will be available. The evening will be a get-together for fun & relaxation & maybe a campfire with marshmallows.

The meeting will be at the York Library, Saturday at 1:00p.m. We will have a brunch about 11:00 before the meeting. This will consist of sandwiches, salad, chips & dessert.

Camping fees \$18.00 per night. No. of nights _____

Meals will be donation only, this will help with expenses.

Name _____

Address _____ Chapter _____

Number attending. _____

Send registrations to Shirley Rippe, 133 Lawrence Rd., Hebron, Ne. 68370 by Sept 6,2020.

2020 CAMPING SCHEDULE (NEW YEAR)

Heartland Runabouts Camping Dates for 2020

April	24-26	Pioneer Trails, Aurora
May	8-10	Lone Star, Milligan
May	28-31	Regional, York
June	12-14	June Bug, Windmill, Gibbon
June	26-28	Hebron City Park, Hebron
July	10-12	Deshler City Park, Deshler
Aug.	7-9	Hebron City Park, Hebron
Sept.	18-20	Fall Gathering, York Fairgrounds
Oct.	9-11	Superior City Park, Superior
Nov.	14	York Library, planning for 2021
Dec.	TBA	

Sodbuster Camping Dates:for 2020:

April	4 - 16	Nelson Fairgrounds	Hosts: Gene and Delores Robb
May	12 - 14	Utica	Hosts: Jim and Janet Staehr
June	12 - 14	June Bug Campout	
July	14 - 16	Superior Park	Hosts: Don and Carol Haresnape
Aug.	18 - 20	Hebron Park	Host: Shirley Rippe
Sept.	13 - 17	Retirees Campout	
Oct.	13 - 15	Nelson Fairgrounds;	No Host

Rollin' Turtles' Campouts and meetings for the coming year:

January	19, 2 pm	Anderson Library
February	16, 2 pm	Anderson Library
March	15, 2 pm	Anderson Library
April	16-18	American Legion, Wilbur,
May	14-16	Victorian Acres, Nebraska
June	18-20	Pawnee SRA/ 22-52,
July	16-18	Louisville SRA/175-199,
August	20-22	Two Rivers SRA
Sept.	24-26	Branched Oak SRA
Oct.	15-17	American Legion, Wilbur
Nov.	15	Anderson Library

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I, Pat Smith, certify that all material contained within this newsletter is used by permission and is acknowledged.

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