

Nebraska **CALLING**



June 2020

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message Rob and Joleen Baker

As I sit here, I am trying to come up with an article for this group. This coronavirus has been tough on all of us - those still going to work every day as essential workers, those working from home, those confined to their homes due to health issues or safety concerns. My message to all of us is: stay positive. I do not know that things will ever return to "normal," but we have all learned from our experiences. I ask that you please be considerate of others. Understand that their own situation is unique.

I have experienced both sides of the quarantine. I was one of the ones in my office that went to work every day until I had to self-isolate for a week and decided to load up my equipment and work from home. Good and bad experience. I endured trudging in every morning while over 40+ people I work with were still in their jammies, drinking coffee and working from home. I struggled with short staff and having to assist those people with tasks they could not perform while working remotely, and still trying to maintain my own duties. While working from home now, I discovered that it is quite nice. No interruptions from others (Dogs occasionally, but then I determined it was best to kennel them. Problem

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2020 Dates to Remember

- June 12-14 June Bug, Windmill SRA, Gibbon
- Sept 13-17 Retirees Rally, Stromsburg
- Sept 18-19 State/Fall Workshop, York

the next few months as they deal with this loss.

Some members have opted to keep their reservations at Windmill SRA. Rob and I look forward to seeing those members then. Hope to have great weather!

Until next time, everyone please stay safe, healthy and positive!

solved.) I miss the interaction with others. I can do my job from home, other than mail, and have a co-worker stopping by daily to pick that up.

I guess the point I am trying to make is that we need to make the best decisions we can for our situation. Everyone is different and their situation is different.

A few more thoughts. We lost Fred and Judy Whitesel due to COVID-19. They were long time members of FCRV and the Explorers. Our prayers go out to their family and friends over

President's Report. . . Shari Weber

FCRV Personnel are back in the real office on Transit Road! While Erie County is grappling with the metrics which will enable us to "open" the Buffalo area back up for business in a practical and safe fashion, the FCRV office staffers have worked out a schedule which enables us to work alone, but get the work done. Please be patient with us as we get to the backlog, and back into the routine.

Camping season should be in full swing! I ache every time another camping event is canceled. As I watch different things in our life and TV shows alter how they are doing things I started thinking about being able to create something for campvention.

"The True North Strong & Free" is going virtual! The campvention team headed up by Camy Hicks, Lynn Acre, and Lorne Douglas and many of their committee chairs met and decided we could find some events to offer during campvention week. Jill Serbousek was tapped for her IT experience to help us learn and use the right tools to make this happen. The format in which most of these events will be presented is Zoom. Some things will be shown for the first time live and then made available to view later. You need not purchase zoom to view any of these events. A notice of invitation will be sent out using our many forms of communication. You can just join using the invitation link. you will need a device giving you access to the internet. For the most part it will be much like the worship services you have been attending during the past two months.

The band members have been meeting for the past two weeks and are having a good time seeing if they can play together virtually. If you know someone who has ever participated in the campvention band have them contact Craig, cdweber50@yahoo.com to express their interest. They have a few songs picked out

and may even surprise us with something new. There are many things being explored as possibilities including seminars, games, and just having fun together. If you have an idea or skills in this area please contact me fcrvnd@yahoo.com or Jill jnsserbousek@gmail.com. This will be a wonderful way for us to connect at a time when we thought we would have to miss seeing our camping family. Watch "Camping Today," Barb Turner's updates, and my updates, for additional information. We are even going to have a parade! Included with this message are the guidelines. Some of you may have already see these in other places. Get your creative juices flowing and I know we will have an amazing virtual parade.

Regional Directors, State/Provincial Directors, Program Directors, it is important to stay in touch with members during this time when we cannot be together. I again encourage you to find ways to connect with members. We are a family and miss each other when we cannot go camping together.

We are no longer using GoToMeeting as a platform for meetings. We are now using Zoom. We have realized immediately a financial savings and believe this platform will provide a better platform for our meetings. If you need a meeting set up, please contact one of the trustees.

Have fun! Be safe. Stay healthy.
Looking forward to the next campfire.

From Carl & Sue Fromholzer, virtual parade chairs:

"We're going virtual with the Campvention 2020 Parade! That's right, all members are encouraged to make a shoebox-sized float for our virtual parade!! This year's parade theme is "All That Glitters" to celebrate the Diamond 60th Year of Campvention."

Campvention Parade 2020 is going Virtual!

IT'S EASY TO PARTICIPATE

Imagine what your "All That Glitters" float could be about or look like.

Gather materials from around your house – newspaper, construction paper, leaves from your yard – whatever can help bring your float to life (even some of your dolls or action figures).

Build your float – anyone in your home can help!

Take pictures of your float – show us what you've got. We want to see it all and the special parts up close.

Email us your pictures – Send them to OKparade2016@gmail.com by Sunday, June 21.

Tune in – We'll compile them and premiere them during Virtual Campvention 2020 in July

GUIDELINES

Theme: "All that Glitters"

Float Base:

- Each entry shall be in the form of a diorama or shadow box.
- Each entry will be constructed using a shoebox and/or the lid.
- You may display a title on your exhibit.
- **Size:** Floats should be made of a shoebox no larger than 14 in. by 10 in. or 35 CM by 25 .5 cm.

Categories: Youth, Teen, Adult

Judging Criteria:

- Parade theme
- Percentage of handmade
 - Workmanship
 - FCRV connection
- Humorous or friendly
- Relates to all ages

Email submissions to OKparade2016@gmail.com as an attachment or downloadable link.

Within your email, please include the name of your float, your float building team (this can be the first or first and last names of your team members or your family name – however you'd to be recognized during the parade). Your name, address and age **MUST** be included in the email (because all of our adults are 29 or 39 years of age, you only need to list adult). Tell us a little about your float –what inspired it, what you used to make it and anything else you want to highlight!

Submission Deadline – 11 p.m. EST on Sunday, June 21, 2020. Each entry will receive a confirmation email that we received your entry.

Your submission grants FCRV permission to use your pictures on any platform.

I look forward to seeing all the glittery creations our family makes!

Shari

State Chaplain . . . Mert Feikert

Welcome to the world of quarantine. Quarantine has taken many forms over the history of mankind. The only times I can remember being put under quarantine was in the late forties and late fifties when measles, mumps, chicken pox and whooping cough were common diseases children caught. I was one of the unfortunate to have developed all four. That always meant a call to the doctor who then made a house call. When he diagnosed the disease, he would place a quarantine sign on the front door of the house and for a time the only contact I would have with the [outside world would be through the members of my family.](#)

The quarantine we are going through today is one affecting not only us, but the entire nation. We now have millions of families losing their jobs and being isolated from contact with others. Although we have social media today, the lack of personal

contact with others will sometimes bring on a feeling of hopelessness.

As Christians we know that a feeling of hopelessness can be overcome by believing in the promises made our Savior and during this time of quarantine, we need to bring that message to everyone we can. Because of Him we are offered the hope, joy and peace that we need to overcome the challenges the world offers. We must walk in the hope that Jesus offers and share that hope with others.

I hope this article finds everyone well and as anxious as we are to finally get into the great outdoors. Janene and I held our first Bible study this past week and attended Church service for the first time in two months. Even though we had light attendance, it was great that we were finally able to get together with fellow believers in person instead of over the internet. This month I think I will leave you with just one Bible verse that I hope will encourage you to continue on to fight the good fight in the name of the Lord. **Joshua 1:9**

*“Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous!
Do not tremble or be dismayed,
For the Lord your God is with
you wherever you go.”*

Retirees. **Mary Kay Hackett**

Just a reminder that the Nebraska Retiree campout for 2020 will be Sept 13 - 17 at Buckley Park in Stromsburg.

Chapter News

Courageous Ramblers

Thanks to the virus we still can't camp, so we are relying on phone calls and mail. We sure wish we could see our camping pals. Mickey Hetrick had some upsetting news about her cancer. She has 2 two new spots on her pelvis she goes for a biopsy that will tell us what treatment is available. She is still watching the mail in hopes of receiving a card or two to boost her spirits.

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Please keep her in your prayers as the Lord can work miracles.

We hope to be able to see our friends soon.

Norma Hetrick, Field Director

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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