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## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY



Welcome Winter! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

I am sure that you are in the middle of social activities for the holidays, but please take time to complete your Chapter and Area certification. If you have already filed the paperwork, thank you so very much! If you have not completed this necessary task and need some assistance, please contact the Chapter Services Department at 800-543-3622 or [chapters@fmca.com](mailto:chapters@fmca.com), or me at [kbalogh@fmca.com](mailto:kbalogh@fmca.com).

Shortly after I was elected, I mentioned to Penny Gortemiller, Director of Chapters and Governance, that next year, I would like to see if we could get all certification paperwork in before December 31st; maybe even offering a few incentive gifts. We plan to do that for the 2020 certifications. Thank you to Penny, Dianna, Kathy and Kaitlyn for all your continued hard work!

Many Chapter and Area elections have been held this Fall. If you are a newly elected Secretary, welcome! Your position on the Executive Board of the Chapter or Area is very important, and, I think, very rewarding, as well as lots of fun. As Secretary, you will certainly meet many nice people and form new lifetime friendships.

My travels this spring include: "At the Hop," the Western Area Rally in Indio, CA, from January 8-12, 2020, and "Sunsets + Saguaros," FMCA's 101st International Convention and RV Expo, in Tucson, AZ, from March 26-29, 2020. There will be Secretary seminars at both; please plan to attend or stop by and say hello. At both events, a Chapter Fair is planned. The Chapter Fair is a terrific time to advertise your Chapter. Also, remember to send your rally schedule to the FMCA magazine department for FREE advertising to all of our members; only 22% of our members currently belong to a chapter. Keep in mind that the rallies listed in the magazine must be open to all RVers. This is a great way to increase your chapter membership.

Whether you are traveling South for some needed sunshine or enjoying the crisp clean air of the North, I truly wish you a terrific winter! May you enjoy all the holidays that we celebrate at this time of year with family and friends!

Happy and safe travels, and remember to KEEP IN TOUCH!

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 haven't certified your chapter yet, don't forget that the paperwork must be submitted before December 31, 2019. If we don't have all of your paperwork by then, your chapter will be placed on inactive status for the 2020 year. Being an inactive chapter prevents a National Director from voting on behalf of your chapter, so remember, it is imperative that you certify your chapter prior to December 31st. If you have any questions, you can contact Kaitlyn Krol at [kkrol@fmca.com](mailto:kkrol@fmca.com) or 800-543-3622.

## A Few Things To Remember ...

- **Please don't forget** that you are encouraged to submit roster changes all year long. This makes your job and our job easier at the end of the year!
- 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.
- FMCA is excited to announce plans for the 102nd International Convention and RV Expo. The event will be held at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 26 through 29, 2020. Registration for this event will begin on February 26, 2020.
- 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).

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

FMCA congratulates the following chapters that celebrated special anniversaries in October, November and December.

### 5 YEARS

#### Certificate

Hudson Valley Allegros (11/12)

### 10 YEARS

#### Certificate

Gamecock Cruisers (11/27)

### 20 YEARS

#### Certificate

Alberta Wild Rose (10/10)

Coach House Owners Club (11/6)

Mt. Olive Shores North FMCA

Chapter (12/16)

### 25 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$100 Check

Midweek Wanderers (11/7)

### 35 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$200 Check

Country Coach International (11/15)

Florida Space Orbiters (10/9)

Olympic Snowbirds (10/22)

Vintage Birds (12/19)

**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.**

## Tucson Chapter Fair & Block Party

We are bringing back the ever-so-popular Chapter Fair and Block Party at FMCA's 101st International Convention and RV Expo! If you or any of your chapter members are planning to attend the "Sunsets + Saguaros" event, March 26-29, 2020, we want to make sure your chapter participates in these activities!

A registration link will be emailed to all chapter officers after the new year, so make sure you decide who from your chapter will be in charge of the Chapter Fair table and who will be the host of the Block Party so that individual(s) can register your chapter. We will provide each chapter signed up for both events with \$75 of seed money to buy food, drinks, and supplies you may need for your Block Party. One important detail is that the person who signs up the chapter, is the only one who can pick up the money on-site. More information will be provided to you after the first of the year, but it's never too early to start planning! Until then, if you have any questions, you can reach out to Kaitlyn Krol at [kkrol@fmca.com](mailto:kkrol@fmca.com) or 800-543-3622. We can't wait to see you there!

## Evaluation of FMCA Areas

In accordance with the National Bylaws, every five years, FMCA's Review Council is required to evaluate the demographics of FMCA's areas and submit any recommendations to the Governing Board. Recommendations approved by the Governing Board shall become effective January 1 of the following year.

If you have a request for the Council to consider as to how your area or other areas could best serve the interests of FMCA and the membership, please submit your recommendation in writing by February 28, 2020, to:

**FMCA, Attn: Chapter Services, 8291 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244**  
or [chapters@fmca.com](mailto:chapters@fmca.com)

All suggestions will be considered. To learn more about FMCA's Areas of Representation, visit FMCA's website at <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-structure> or call Chapter Services at 513-474-3622.

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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

## WESTERN AREA RALLY

**January 8-12, 2020**

*Riverside County Fairgrounds*  
Indio, CA

## GREAT LAKES AREA RALLY

**June 17-20, 2020**

*Allegan Country Fairgrounds*  
Allegan, MI

## FMCA 102ND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

**August 26-29, 2020**

*Lancaster Event Center*  
Lincoln, NE

## SOUTHEAST AREA RALLY

**February 5-8, 2020**

*Sun N' Fun Expo Campus*  
Lakeland, FL

## 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

## 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

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articles in this newsletter.

### DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

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them to 513-474-2332; or email them to  
kkrol@fmca.com. Please let us know if  
we can use articles from your area's/  
chapter's publications. Articles used for  
publication may be edited for space and  
clarity, and they will also appear on  
FMCA's website: [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com).