

January 5, 2023

Dear Governing Board members,

Claire and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! It's hard to believe that FMCA's 106th International Convention and RV Expo is just around the corner.

In this mailing you will find updates, requests for actions, and information about upcoming activities. The results of the 2023-2025 Nominating Committee election and minutes from the meetings held on November 9, 2022, are also enclosed.

National Area Vice President elections. Enclosed with this mailing you will find the nomination forms for the National Vice Presidents from the Midwest, Northeast, Rocky Mountain, South Central, and Southeast areas. These officers will serve a two-year term, taking office in Gillette, Wyoming, in August 2023. 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.

Also included is a flier announcing that FMCA is accepting nominations for the Robert L. Richter and the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer's awards. The deadline to nominate an individual for either of these awards is **March 15, 2023**.

Have you made plans to join us yet for FMCA's 106th International Convention and RV Expo scheduled for March 15-18, 2023, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, Georgia? To register, use the form included; visit <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-perry-2023-learn-more> or call our Events Department at 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622.

Chapter Fair and Block Parties in Perry! Be sure to register your chapter to participate in the Chapter Fair being held in Perry. Chapters must be registered for the Chapter Fair in order to participate in the Block Party. Registration is open now. You can reach out to chapters@fmca.com to register your chapter. There will be no onsite registrations.

FMCA will hold an Opening Day **PARADE** during the upcoming Perry convention. If your chapter would like to participate, please contact Charlesanne Miskell at



fmca youth@gmail.com. Your chapter members can wear the same color shirts and join the parade – walk as a group! Ride in your decorated golf cart! Wear your hats, carry your chapter banner, and just have fun!

At each convention, FMCA endeavors to give back to the community by adopting a charitable organization through our **FMCA Driven To Care** program. For Perry, we have chosen the **Genesis Joy House Homeless Shelter**, a nonprofit organization committed to ending chronic homelessness among women veterans in the Southeast.

For many women, the return to civilian life is difficult. Many suffer from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, and other issues. Genesis provides transitional housing, career training, mental health counseling, life skills classes, and education programs that put female veterans back on the path to independence and self-sufficiency.

To help raise money, FMCA are two main activities. One is the **Magic Mile Fun Run/Walk** that will take place on Friday, March 17. Participants pay \$10 to gather with other attendees and walk or run a one-mile course around fairgrounds. This activity gives folks a nice start to their day – St. Patrick's Day this year – while helping the designated charity.

The second of our primary fundraisers is the **Driven To Care Silent Auction**. There are two ways to participate. Chapters, exhibitors, and individuals are encouraged to donate items fellow RVers would like to have. Examples could be things for the RV, gift cards, packaged food and drink, etc. The second way is by bidding on the donated items.

Bids will be taken Wednesday through Friday, March 15 through 17, at the Information Center in the McGill Marketplace. At 5:00 p.m. on Friday, bids will close and those with the winning bids will pay for and pick up their items.

FMCA, in partnership with the [RV Driving School](#), has developed a pair of programs for those wishing to become safer and more confident drivers. All training will be done using YOUR RV. The RV Driving Class will be a two-day class with classroom training on day 1 and behind-the-wheel training on day 2.

The [RV Backing Class](#) will be a one-day class with 2 hours of classroom training in the morning and 3.5 hours of individual backing practice in the afternoon. There are a limited number of seats available for each class. Classes will take place March 8-13, 2023.

The FMCA Academy is also offering the [RV Basics](#) workshop. Led by knowledgeable instructors, this two-and-a-half day course will get you acquainted (or re-acquainted) with your RV's operation and systems. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.fmca.com/academy>. The dates are March 12-14, 2023.

Safe travels, and Claire and I look forward to seeing you at FMCA's next event.

Rett Porter, National President