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## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY



Hi, VIPs!

Happy summer to each of you! I hope you have fun times on your schedule, and that we will see you in Minot, ND, for “Minot Magic—100 Times the Fun.”

Your “Very Informed Person” duties can be summarized as communication, advertising, minutes, plus other requests from your president.

Communication—Everyone knows that if they need any information, whether it relates to upcoming rallies, conventions, sick list, officers, Governing Board, they will come to you. You are the main

source to our National Office for chapter certification, roster changes, officer elections, bylaws updates, governing board roll call, among other things. Even your president relies heavily on you for information!

Advertising—Take every opportunity to advertise your chapter or area. Keep your chapter description on FMCA.com and your area website up-to-date. You also may be the chapter contact person. New members will obtain your information here. Chapter Fairs during conventions and area rallies are very important, as you will attract new members. Advertise your upcoming rallies in our magazine (FMCA Events) and online. You never know when someone may want to join your chapter! Take pictures and write an article about your rallies or important events. *Family RVing* is always looking for chapter articles. Chapter Services will mail or email your chapter recruitment letter on your behalf—up to a \$125 value, per year. Tell others about FMCA and your chapter wherever you go!

Minutes—And, of course, your primary responsibility is keeping accurate records of your membership, but also the minutes of all your meetings.

Minot will be a very melancholy convention for me as I will be terming out and the Governing Board will be electing a new National Secretary. It has been my pleasure and honor to have served each of you in this capacity. Meeting so many of you all over the U.S. and Canada and assisting you with your needs has given me such gratitude and respect for you and your positions. I first became a chapter secretary in 2004 and later the Eastern Area Secretary. Little did I know that I would become your National Secretary! You, too, can become the National Secretary!

Although this is my last article in “*Keeping in Touch*,” I will always be more than willing and very excited about assisting you with any request. My number will still be the same, 919.632.2369, and my email is carolinagirlrver@gmail.com.

***Have fun wherever you roam!***

Gaye Young, National Secretary

## A Few Things To Remember ...

- If you have not submitted the Roll Call sheet for the Governing Board Meeting being held in Minot, North Dakota, please return it before **July 24th, 2019**. Reach out to Dianna Mitts, [dmitts@fmca.com](mailto:dmitts@fmca.com) or 800-543-3622, if you have questions.
- If you have had 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). Please be sure to include your chapter's name!
- Please continue to review and send us updates for your chapter's profile on FMCA.com. If you would like to make changes to your chapter's description or hobbies/interests, those updates can be sent to [chapters@fmca.com](mailto:chapters@fmca.com).
- You can send updates to your Chapter's roster at any time! You can use the form on FMCA.com or email the changes to [chapters@fmca.com](mailto:chapters@fmca.com).

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

FMCA congratulates the following chapters that celebrated special anniversaries in April, May, and June.

### 10 YEARS

#### Certificate

Florida Crackers (4/7)  
Tiffin Travelers (6/3)

### 15 YEARS

#### Certificate

Roamin' Catholic International (4/17)  
Foothills Travelers (4/24)  
Tennessee Travelers (5/1)  
Country Coach Heartlanders (5/15)  
Cotton Country Travelers (5/27)  
Coaches for Christ—Great Lakes (5/29)

### 20 YEARS

#### Certificate

Jersey Gems (4/24)  
Rim Rock Roamers (5/8)

### 25 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$100 Check

Bay Travelers (5/7)  
Ramblin' Nodaks (6/4)  
Sandpipers (6/4)

### 30 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$150 Check

Southeast Bus Nuts (5/13)  
Pacers Northwest (5/28)  
North East Pacers (5/29)  
Big Sky FMCA (6/30)

### 35 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$200 Check

Sand Dollars (4/29)  
Treasure Coasters (5/4)  
Florida Seminoles (5/29)

### 40 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$250 Check

South Texas Renegades (4/1)

### 45 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$300 Check

Sun Wheelers (4/26)

**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.**

## We need your help!

Please, please, please remind your Chapter Contact Person to answer the inquiries from FMCA members interested in joining your chapter! The Chapter Services Department has received several complaints in the recent months noting that chapter information requests are not being followed up on. The Chapter Contact is an essential job for each Chapter, and we appreciate each of them taking a moment to reach out to interested new members!

## Testimonials

We want to know what chapter membership means to you. Chapters were created to enable members of FMCA to come together to exchange ideas about their RV lifestyle and to enjoy one another's company on a smaller scale. Each chapter has its own personality and develops its own techniques for enjoyment. It's been said that chapter membership is one of FMCA's best benefits, and we want to know why you and your chapter members love being a part of your chapter! Please encourage your chapter members to send in their testimonials. They can be sent via email to [kkrol@fmca.com](mailto:kkrol@fmca.com) or via mail to 8291 Clough Pike, Attn: Kaitlyn Krol, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

## Attention Chapter Secretaries!

FMCA would like to form a First Responders chapter. Please share this information with your chapter members. If someone is interested in taking the lead on this new chapter, please contact the Chapter Services Department at the National Office. This will be an International Area chapter and we will start a list of interested members in Minot. Please help us spread the word!

*Miss*

*Information*



### How can FMCA help grow my chapter's membership?

If your chapter is looking to grow, contact Kaitlyn Krol in the Chapter Services Department. We can send information to non-chapter members about your chapter or upcoming rally, and FMCA will pay up to \$125 in postage.

## CHAPTER SERVICES

### ***Penny Gortemiller, Director of Chapters & Governance***

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- *Area Newsletters*
- *Governing Board Mailings*
- *National Elections*

### ***Dianna Mitts, Chapter Records Coordinator***

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- *Bylaws*
- *Rally Insurance Certificates*
- *Chapter Formation*
- *Governing Board*

### ***Kaitlyn Krol, Chapter Services Coordinator***

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- *Recruitment Mailings*
- *Chapter Certification*
- *Chapter Directory*
- *Chapter Anniversary Materials*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **NORTHEAST AREA RALLY**

**July 25-28, 2019**

***New York State Fairgrounds***

**Syracuse, NY**

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY**

**October 17-20, 2019**

***Pima County Fairgrounds***

**Tucson, AZ**

## **SOUTHEAST AREA RALLY**

**February 5-8, 2020**

***Sun N' Fun Expo Campus***

**Lakeland, FL**

## **FMCA 100TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO**

**August 14-17, 2019**

***North Dakota State Fairgrounds***

**Minot, ND**

## **INTERNATIONAL AREA RALLY**

**October 21-25, 2019**

***Lakewood Resort***

**Myrtle Beach, SC**

## **FMCA 101ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO**

**March 26-29, 2019**

***Pima Country Fairgrounds***

**Tucson, AZ**

## **SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY**

**September 18-21, 2019**

***Louisiana State Fairgrounds***

**Shreveport, LA**

## **WESTERN AREA RALLY**

**January 8-12, 2020**

***Riverside County Fairgrounds***

**Indio, CA**

### **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT CHAPTER SERVICES**

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Please feel free to use any  
articles in this newsletter.

### **DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

Please send letters, comments, and  
articles to FMCA Chapter Services, 8291  
Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244; fax  
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).