

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA COUPLE ELECTED FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE KING AND QUEEN

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Ronald and Jo Hersom of Marshalltown, Iowa have been elected as International Retiree King and Queen for the Family Campers & RVers (FCRV) at the annual winter rally in Canton, Texas in March. FCRV is a non-profit family camping and RV organization with chapters across the U.S. and Canada (see www.fcrv.org).

The Hersoms have been members since 1987 and belong to the Young at Hearts Retiree chapter, the Heartlanders, Hiawatha Mohawks, Winter Texans, and YARS chapters. In addition to many chapter offices,

Ronald has been the Iowa FCRV Conservation and Wildlife Director for 16 years. He and Jo have helped with spring clean-ups at the Iowa Living History Farms. They also helped obtain FCRV Wildlife Grants for trumpeter swan recovery, prairie grass restoration, and habitat tree planting. They have attended numerous FCRV Campventions and Retiree Rallies and have held positions of responsibility at them. They also sing in the Retiree Choir.

Ronald Hersom grew up on a farm near Mallard, Iowa. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1958 with a BS degree in farm operations. He then worked 36 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service in Minnesota and Iowa, retiring in 1993. He also served 28 years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He is active with National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Lions International, and Meals on Wheels.

Jo grew up near Havelock, Iowa where she was an excellent basketball player. She graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1959. She taught home economics and did substitute teaching. After moving back to Iowa she taught at a day care center for 15 years, retiring in 1995. She is now active with church, Red Hats, sewing, crafts and Active and Retired Federal Employees.

The Hersoms have been married 50 years and have two children and one grandchild.