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From the Trustees - Sue Fromholzer



Hi Everyone! I am Sue Fromholzer, Vice President of Operations of this great organization FCRV. You might have talked to me before I retired as FCRV's Office manager.

Here it is already time for us to vote for some new trustees. Every year we vote for three positions which means that there will never be a complete change of your leadership. This year the positions we will be voting for are: President, Vice President of Programs and Recording/Corresponding Officer. Meanwhile, read this year's candidates bio and platform published elsewhere in this magazine.

Ever wonder how these people are nominated? Well there are many ways to do this but, in the end, it comes down to expressing a desire to do it! That's right all you need to do is say yes. Maybe you have some new ideas or would just like to do that job. If of one the trustee jobs are not in your mind set, there are many other positions on the executive board that need filled that might fall into your expertise. Just send a resume to one of the trustees and they will take it from there. I will make a list of the jobs that are available now elsewhere in this issue of camping today.

When we have members volunteer and step up to take on these positions, they are doing the best job they can, and we need to remember that. A thank you or a pat on the back goes a long way! Complaining doesn't fix the problem—helping does! This is where our motto "The friendliest people in the world" started. We need to express our thankfulness

and friendliness to members along with other fellow campers that we meet.

Ever see Snoopy on the top of the small A-liner camper at campvention? Well that is my husband, Carl and I enjoying the great outdoors. Please stop by and say Hello. We would love to meet you.

Sue Fromholzer

FCRV VP of Operations

FCRV NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2020



The process for voting for the open positions on the Board of Trustees is as follows. An electronic message will go out to your email on Monday, March 16, 2020 Eastern Standard Time. It will go to the email address we have on file in the national FCRV office, so if you have changed carriers or your email address in the past two years, make sure the office was notified and has your current and correct email address. You can send updates to FCRVNAT@VERIZON.NET. The message will contain specific instructions for you to log into the voting website, a link to the voting page, and the log-in information and password which will be unique for each FCRV member. The online ballot can be accessed from any smartphone or device that has full browser capabilities. When submitted, the system will give you a confirmation number. This will let you know that your selection has been successfully transmitted to the secure Votenet database.

Paper ballots will be mailed to those members who do not have an email address. If you have moved in the past two years and did not notify the FCRV national office of your new address, now is the time to do so. We want to make sure everyone in FCRV has a chance to select the new Trustees of their choice. Please keep this in mind when returning the paper ballot: **PLEASE RETURN THE ENTIRE PAGE.** Do not tear off the bottom of the page, we need the entire page to be returned.

All ballots, both electronic and paper, must be returned no later than midnight on Wednesday April 15th, 2020 EST. That's easy to remember, it's also the federal deadline for paying your taxes! The ballots will not come into the National Office; they will be returned to a voting firm we have retained to count the ballots and certify the results. That will keep the employees at the office out of the process so as to keep the process clean and simple. Votenet, the company whose services we have retained for this election, has put safeguards in place to avoid the possibility of voting more than once if you vote electronically, and also will avoid duplication of votes involving paper and/or electronic returns.

FCRV CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



My name is Janet "Jan" Cushing. My husband, Kip, and I have been married for forty-five years. We have two adult children and three grandchildren. We are members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Besides camping, we enjoy fishing, both on open water and on the ice, and traveling to see other areas of the United States. We have been members of NCHA/FCRV since 1981 and lifetime members since 1996. We are members of the Wis-Cow Campers and the Midwest Quackers. I have held all the offices in both the Wis-Cow Campers and the Badger State Association.

I retired in 2016 as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer for the Village and Town of Somers, Wisconsin. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, with a concentration in accounting. I have worked in both the private and public sectors as an accountant since 1984. I am currently the Comptroller for FCRV, having been elected in 2017 and re-elected in 2019. I previously served as Comptroller from July 2008 until July 2012. Between 2012 and 2017 I was the Assistant Comptroller and Budget Director.

PLATFORM - I am honored to run for President of Family Campers and RVers. One of the biggest challenges facing FCRV is declining membership, which in turn causes a reduction in revenue. As Trustees we must continue to find ways to increase membership and non-dues income, along with ways to reduce expenses. We must also look at all programs to see



if they are meeting the needs of our members. We should also look at all positions on the Executive Board to see if some can be combined or even eliminated. As President, I will work closely with the Regional Directors to gain their input and trust in order to help them meet their recruitment and membership retention goals as well as the challenges they face hosting campventions. My years of service on the Executive Board have given me a better understanding how the size of a particular region and the concentration of its members affect their ability to successfully plan and carry out our annual rallies.

Gerald Phrisch - Gerald (Gerry) and Curtis joined FCRV in 2005 in Colorado. Gerry became Field Director for 3 Chapters during our time in Colorado and was the Northern District Director for Colorado. As Northern District Director I worked closely with Loana Schraeder and 12 Northern Field Directors. I also served as Assistant State Director in North / South Dakota for Jim and JeAnne Selby. I currently serve as the Regional Director for Region 3 and am the acting Director for Region 8. I have been directly involved in the formation of 2 Chapters in Colorado, 1 Chapter in South Dakota and currently working on starting a Chapter in Montana. We currently live in Frenchtown, Montana.

I served as Co-Chair for Campvention 2019 in Hutchison, Kansas. I believe that these experiences are a great asset and are beneficial to draw upon in challenges that could be encountered in leading FCRV.

In Colorado I also served on the Town of Frederic, Colorado, as Trustee as well as serving on the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

I work full time in Construction of custom homes in Montana overseeing daily building activities. I also serve as President of Big Sky Beekeepers in Missoula Montana.

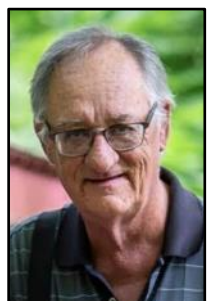
PLATFORM - I thank the Nomination Committee for the opportunity to have my name placed on the Ballot for FCRV President. Serving as Regional Director for Region 3 has been a great experience and has presented several challenges and many great joys. I know that the trials that we have on the Regional

level are no less important than those the Trustees face on the National level. I believe my experience serving on Chapter, State, District, and Regional levels in Colorado, North/South Dakota, Region 3 and Region 8 will serve FCRV well in the future.

As elected leaders I believe it is of the upmost importance that we listen to the members of FCRV and take to heart what those members are telling us. I also feel that as we face the challenges in the future it is imperative that we look to the history of this great organization, learn from past experience and blaze a new path. Though we face challenges of a declining membership I feel we can overcome this and strengthen this great organization. At Campvention 2019, we leaders identified several challenges and changes that we will be faced with and need to overcome as we take FCEV to the future. This would be my deepest consideration in each decision.

Let me encourage service, vote in the election process, voicing your beliefs and desires. Thank you for your consideration, vote and the opportunity to serve FCRV as your future President.

VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS



Lorne Douglas - Lorne has been married to Mabel for 47 years and they have 3 children. Their daughter Megan was National Teen Queen for 2015. They have been FCRV members for 20 years and have attended most Campventions during that time. Lorne has been active at the executive level of his local chapter, the Sarnia 4T's and has served as vice-president and president of the Ontario Provincial Association. He is still currently serving as President.

Along with his wife, Lorne was the Ontario Teen Director for 10 years as well as a field rep for independents. In 2012 they received the National Merit Award, and in 2018 they received the Provincial Director's Award. They were part of the planning committee for Campvention in 2006 and 2012 and will be co-chairing Campvention 2020.

Lorne is active in the Masonic Lodge in Ontario. Lorne and Mabel currently spend their winters in Florida, and travel home to Petrolia, Ontario in the summer – that is, when they're not found in a campground with other members of FCRV, or their children and 3 grandchildren.

Lorne looks forward to serving FCRV to help maintain and strengthen our great organization

PLATFORM - As we head into a new decade I feel the time has come to review, update and establish existing programs to ensure they are best serving the needs of our existing members as well as benefit new members as we continue to grow and expand. I'd like to take a hard look at our existing programs and the future that FCRV wants to see and work with the board to create a prosperous future for our organization.

I look forward to reviewing and adapting each program at a surface level- as well as take the time to dive deeper into the working models and find and solve any problems that may arise. Be it the Teen Program, the Historian Program or the Youth Program – I hold each program to the same regard and will exact the same level of detail and attention to updating and resolving each one.

As our Organization grows and changes, our models must grow and change with it and I am eager for the opportunity to be a part of the team that can bring FCRV into this new decade of growth, prosperity and change.

RECORDING/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Beth Standiford - My husband Paul and I have been married and camping partners for 47 years having started out on a motorcycle with 2 sleeping bags and a 2-man pup tent in Indiana. Since then we have run the gamut of types of campers settling recently on a motor home. During all those years, we taught our 3 children and many of their friends the joy of camping. My career has consisted of a variety of administrative positions in Indiana, including a decade of service as office manager in stock brokerage houses, sales associate in an insurance office, and coordination assistant at a seminary. We moved to Missouri in 2003 where I retired from Boeing in 2018 after 14 years as executive administrator. I have served as Club Reporter to the NCHA newsletter (in Indiana), and more recently in Missouri, 2nd VP of MSCA, Stage Managers for the 2016 Campvention, MSCA Chaplain since 2015, and currently MSCA and Slow Travelers Recording Secretary.



PLATFORM - Accurate and consistent record keeping are important to the history of any organization and FCRV is no exception. I believe these records are a bedrock of information.

At this time, I see growth of membership to be our main priority. I feel that if we always do what we've always done, our results will always be the same. The generation we are trying to connect with will require some out-of-the-box thinking, planning and implementation on our part. The new FCRV logo is a good start to show that we are not your grandfather's camping organization. We have to be more visible and we have to offer attractive activities such as 5k/family/color runs and schedules/information available at the touch of button on their phones. Not to leave our current membership in the dust, a Seniors version of a self-defense class, travel safety, and education about awards and the possible development of new ones and retirement of outdated ones.

I sincerely hope I am given the opportunity to see the inner workings of the organization and will apply all my talents to furthering the aim of FCRV. Happy Camping!



NATIONAL AWARD NOMINATION NOTICE



Who in your chapter, state, or region always puts in extra effort in support of our organization? Do you know someone deserving of a Humanitarian or Life-saving award? The individual (or couple) awards include the Plaque and Citation. We also recognize the "Chapter of the Year." The "Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement Award" is available to a person or couple who have provided a lifetime of continuous service to FCRV.

Two things to keep in mind: anyone can recommend a fellow member for a national award, and nominations are **due April 15**. Forms and instructions for all awards can be found on our website, fcrv.org. Field Directors, State/Provincial Directors, Regional Directors, Program Directors and Trustees can submit a nomination for the various awards. Please help them out by letting them know about someone you think is deserving so they can nominate that person.

While honors are presented on stage at campvention, recipients of a national award are not required to be present. Therefore, if the person(s) you're thinking about is unable to travel to Canada this summer, please don't let that discourage you from submitting a nomination.

Nomination forms can be emailed to me (preferred method) and no signature is necessary as long as the form is from a recognized email address.

I truly hope you will strongly consider nominating some deserving members. Please contact me if you have any questions or need help getting started.

Sue Carlsen
Recording/Corresponding Officer
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D.A.S.A.T.

YOUR WONDERFUL HANDS

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Director

"Hand washing is one of the best way to protect yourself and your family from getting sick." In order to stay healthy and prevent the spread of germs and or the spread of disease, apply soap and water to your hand on a regular basis. This is one of the most important things we are hearing in the news today especially in reference to the spread of the Coronavirus. So the topic this month will be protecting your health by washing your hands. This helps not only yourself but the overall welfare of other with whom you have contact. In order to fully understand this basic principle, let explore, ways to prevent the spread of disease and germs by this simple task.



- "Before, during and after preparing food, this includes before you sit down to eat-wash your hands.
- Wash your hands before and after caring for someone at home who is sick, vomiting or has diarrhea.
- Wash before, and after treating a cut or wound.



49TH FCRV INTERNATIONAL

RETIREE RALLY

NATIONAL PEANUT FAIRGROUNDS

DOTHAN, ALABAMA

EARLY DAYS: MARCH 20th – 23rd

RALLY DAYS: MARCH 24th – 30th



THE TIME HAS ARRIVED!

It's March & the 49th FCRV Retiree Rally
Time to 'Gooser-Down in Alabama'

by Barb Turner, Publicity Chair

Reminder: The 49th FCRV International Retiree Rally will be held March 24-30, 2020 at the Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan, Alabama. The early days are March 20th-23rd at \$30 per night with water & electric. Tommy & Gayle Nelson from Alabama are the Rally Coordinators.

Since the September issue of Camping Today, the rally committee has been enticing you to join us in Dothan the end of the month. The various chairs have been sharing what you can expect. Places to visit in the area as well as going and leaving have been shared with you. We hope that you have made the decision to join our FCRV family in Dothan for a wonderful week of fun and fellowship. See you in Dothan!

A WORD (OR 2) FROM REBA & RON

by Ron & Reba Ray, National Retiree Directors

One last chance to sign up for the International Retiree Rally in Dothan, Alabama at the National Peanut Festival Fairground for March 24-29. Early days will start on March 20, so come and join others in touring the area. This is our first time of being here, and we want to make a great impression.

We will have welcome bags; so if you have something you want to contribute from your state or province, please have it there by March 21, Saturday, so it can get stuffed with the rest of the items.

Remember to bring a door prize; it's always fun to see whatever everyone gets.

When traveling, please use the address of 5622 South Oates St Dothan, AL for the National Peanut Festival Fairground in your GPS. Just Hwy 231 S will take you north of town; the Fairground is to the south of Dothan. You cannot miss it. Also, do not use the front entrance to fairground, going south on HWY 231, pass front entrance and enter on AG Road at the end of the fence. Parking will be there to park you. Those coming north on HWY 231, AG Road will be on the left just before Fairground. AG Road will not pick up on GPS as it is a road into park. There will be signs out for everyone to follow.

We wish everyone a safe trip and hope to see everyone soon. Drive safely.



THE FINAL WORD

by Tommy & Gayle Nelson, 2020 Rally Coordinators

Time is getting close for our 49th International Retiree Rally in Dothan, AL. We want to say a special 'Thank You' to Ron and Reba Ray for all they have done and the help they have given us. Barb Turner, 'Thank You' for all the articles you have shared with everyone about points of interest as they are traveling thru our state,

Our chairpersons are all working hard planning a great rally for you,

Ladies, don't forget the red hat luncheon, and Men, don't forget the Hard Hat Breakfast. Sounds like we will have plenty to eat.

As we've said before, come with a door prize and leave with one, We all like gifts.

Sounds like we are in for some good entertainment while there. Lawrence has been hard at work getting us some good music.

Also, look at your booklet when you get there to plan your days and nights.

If you find some spare time before the rally, tour the area, There are some interesting things to see,

Let's start making our plans now to 'Goover Down In Alabama'.

Looking forward to seeing you!



FCRV RETIREE CHAPLAIN REQUESTS INFO

by Harold Braley

Reminder: A memorial service is held on Thursday evening at the rally. Members who have passed away since the last year's rally are listed in the bulletin. Please send the names and state or province to me at hbraley@outlook.com to be included in the memorial service. In addition to the names being listed, the names are read with a brief silence after each.



LAST DOOR PRIZE POEM.....FOR FCRV RETIREE RALLY 2020

by Pat Crow, Door Prize Chair



Thank you, everyone!
Can't wait to see what door prizes
You will bring
For the retiree rally
In the Spring!

THE CRAFTY LADIES HAVE PLANS!



The crafty ladies, Judy Elenberg, Dora Lewis, Shari Weber and Sandi Wingert are looking forward to seeing all of you at the rally the end of this month. We have three crafts this year. Judy is bringing back by popular request the craft of T-shirt weaving. You are reminded to bring your own T-shirt and scissors. Dora is leading a jewelry making craft and Sandi is leading a trivet making craft. See you soon in Dothan!



Dora, Judy, Sandi & Shari



FOOD BANK & LAP ROBES

by Ashley & Gloria Taylor,
Food Bank Chairs

Reminder: Remember to come prepared to support our Food Bank appeal to aid and support of the local food bank in Dothan, Alabama in March, 2020. It will help them to be able to purchase more food with cash, but we will take all gifts. Our FCRV family has always had an open heart to give to the area where we enjoy your rallies.

Have you been knitting & crocheting? Don't knit or crochet? No problem, purchase throws to share. Don't forget to bring lap robes that we will be sharing with local nursing home/hospitals. We look forward to receiving many this year in Dothan. Your efforts are so appreciated.

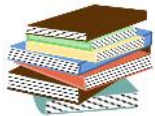




FCRV CHOIR INVITES YOU!!

Kip Cushing, FCRV Retiree Choir director, invites YOU to sign up for the choir at Central Registration in Dothan! Get your voices warmed up to join this wonderful group that sings at the annual Memorial Service as well as the Sunday non-denominational service. In addition, for some fun, Kip is planning a choir Variety Show act! Let's fill the stage with choir members!

BOOK EXCHANGE



by Larry and Beth Coleman, Book Exchange Chairs

Bring your read books, DVD's or CD's for the book exchange. Bring one take one or make a donation which will go to the food bank.

HAVE YOUR 'FLEAS'/CRAFTS READY?



March is here!! 'Fleas' and crafts packed for Dothan? We hope so. You can sign up for the annual Flea Market at Central Registration. Remember: Vendor spaces are FREE!

Richard and Frances Jackson, Flea Market Chairs
Fred Muckle, Flea Market Co-Chair



ALTERNATES COMMITTEE

by Mary Burrus, Chair

Reminder: The Alternates Committee will need help at the rally to fill in where needed..... maybe helping with games, crafts, assisting others at the catered meals....wherever help is needed. This area is an excellent way to get involved and be helpful. There will be a sign-up sheet at Central Registration.

'LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!'



You have your acts 'honed and ready to go' for the annual FCRV Variety Show, right? Variety Chair George Walters is looking forward to you signing up at Central Registration and sharing your act Thursday night! The audience is anticipating another wonderful evening of entertainment!



'COME ON DOWN AND PLAY WITH US!'

by Bill Alderman, Games Chair

Games, both scheduled and "just have fun" are a significant part of the FCRV Rally. Everyone can play, including those new to the game(s). We'll have Sign-Ups at Registration, but you can Just Show UP and you will play.



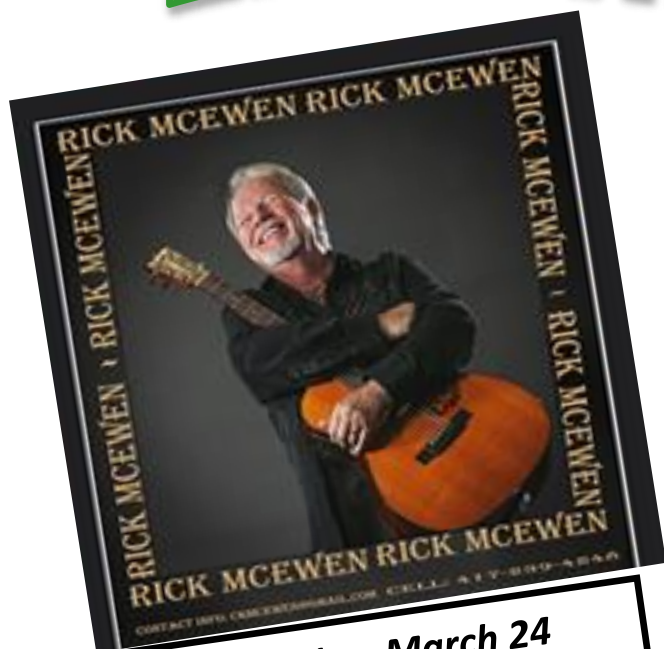
PURE & SIMPLE BAND



Entertainment Chair Lawrence Phillips has signed the last group for the 49th FCRV Retiree Rally! Entertaining the attendees on March 28 is Pure and Simple, a local group from Dothan. They will sing a mix of Bluegrass and Country.



ENTERTAINMENT



Tuesday, March 24



Wednesday, March 25
Lindsey Huggins



Friday, March 27
NO Surrender Band



Saturday, March 28
Pure & Simple Band



60TH INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
THE TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE
Family Campers & Rver's



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Brigden Fairgrounds,
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

An attempt was made to set up an account to make it possible for our members to register and pay for campvention using a credit card. For the Canadian Campvention this has proved to be impossible. Sorry. Please follow these procedures to register for the Brigden campvention. Even though initially we did not allow you to write a check to pay for campvention due to the exchange, we now have a process to allow us to take your check. Please be sure to include the registration form which can be printed from “Camping Today” or be found on the website fcrv.org then click the campvention tab. The registration fees have been converted to US funds and are as follows: Campvention registration fee is \$255: golf cart registration fee is \$275; and the extra family fee is \$155 . FEES IN ONE CHECK. Write your check payable to 2020 FCRV Campvention and mail to Marilyn Rosenburger, 1505 Ottawa Street N, Apt #511, Kitchener, ONT N2A 0E8 All of these are US dollars. PLEASE INCLUDE ALL APPLICABLE REGISTRATIONS!

SCHEDULE HOSPITALITIES



Any State/Province or other group who wishes to provide a hospitality please contact Connie Skillings to schedule a time. Email her at dcskillings@outlook.com or phone 519-485-4209 or cell 226-456-4209



PET PARADE



We will be having a Pet Parade at Campvention so plan to have your pet join in the fun. More information will be coming. Connie Skillings email dcskillings@outlook.com

TOUR SUGGESTIONS

Here are some exciting Tour attractions for your visit to Lambton County. Please take some time to look over the choices, we hope you select more than one! Each business lists their website, look this over to make your decision. Each location has a very different experience, and opportunity to learn more about Lambton County. Also, look over the Tourism website, at OntBlueCoast.com, you will see more destinations. Looking forward to meeting everyone in July, in Bridgen, Ontario.

COME ONE, COME ALL – for an amazing week of FUN & FELLOWSHIP!



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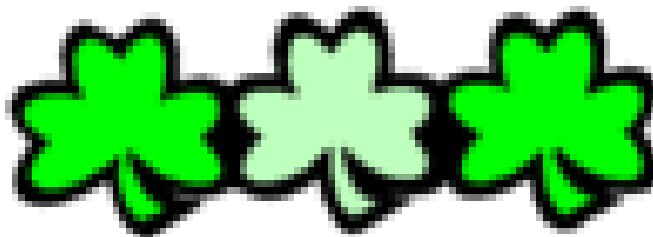
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ENTERTAINMENT



We have a week of great entertainment planned. The entertainment committee has been working hard to assemble a wide, and varied range of entertainment to keep you coming back for more.



Starting with **Monday evening** with Kiley Joe Masson and his rhythm associates. From Ingersoll Ontario, this dynamic keyboard magician has been in the Canadian music scene for 25 years. His music career has included several releases to both Canadian and European County Radio stations. Kiley Joe Masson has had several top 10 hits overseas on the European County Music charts and two top 50 hits on the Canadian County Music charts. His first 15 years were playing solo in bars and Legions across Ontario. He now has a 4- piece band called "Kiley Joe and His Rhythm Associates". He has released 3 County albums and a Gospel Album. Kiley Joe has recently created and has been performing his own theatre show entitled "Remember That One – A Reminiscent Journey of Music" which takes listeners back to a memorable moment in time with each and every song.



On Tuesday evening we have Dave and Colt - "The South Landers" Country band from southwestern Ontario. The South Landers have performed in the Allan Jackson Bar in Nashville. They have also played at Boot Hill in Bothwell, Ontario.



On Thursday night the "Shanigans from "Kitchener will get your toes tapping with their Celtic music. The Shanigans have members from Ireland, Scotland, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island. This mix gives them a diverse maritime sound that has been wowing crowds since 2008. They have performed at some of the area's largest venues and festivals. Known for their traditional sound with pleasing vocals and soothing harmonies, they are much more than just another Celtic Rock band. They bring a wide variety of sounds from traditional folk to classic and contemporary rock and pop music. You never know what to expect at their show. The Shanigans have been featured on local and national television and radio programs and also play regularly at local pubs and private parties.

On Friday night, "Two of a Kind" will entertain us. Norm and Wayne are from Paris and Cambridge Ontario. This dynamic duo have played at the International Plowing Match and have played at many Royal Canadian Legions across the province.



CAMPING IS...



CAMPTIRES

2020

This is the Camping Is coloring page for ages 0-4 years old.

CAMPVENTION 2021 COVER DESIGN

The Trustees , along with much help from across both countries, will be hosting Campvention 2021. We have formed our steering committee and working teams, but one of our top priorities at this stage in planning is to have a design for our registration form and Campvention Booklet. We are soliciting ideas from the membership. As each submission is received, it will be given a number. The Trustees will judge the designs by their assigned number and not the submitter's name nor state or province.

Art work can be in color but must also look good in black and white.

The intent is to use the design as the cover page of the booklet (roughly 5"x7") and at least parts of the design for our registration form.

The prize for the chosen submission will be FCRV's new light weight jacket personalized with your name.

The following information must be contained in your submission.

1: Campvention Theme – "Wander Wisconsin"

2: Campvention number – 61st

3: Campvention date – July 11-16, 2021

4: Campvention Site – Elkhorn Wisconsin

Submissions must be received by Jack Smye by **May 1, 2020**. The winner will be notified by mid May 2020.

Submissions may be mailed -see address below, or e-mailed. Submissions may be done free hand -so long as it is reproducible- or by Power Point, Word, Publisher.

Mailing and E-mail addresses:

Jack Smye
1167 Masson Crt.
Oakville , Ontario
L6H 2B8
slsmye@sympatico.ca

Please take the time to submit your designs. You may submit more than one.

Thank You.
Jack Smye
Past President

INTERNATIONAL FCRV TEEN QUEEN



Hey y'all! I've been super busy with school and FFA lately. I've also been putting a lot of thought into college. I've made my senior schedule and finished my four year plan with my guidance counselor. And now I'm trying to make some more

final decisions on college. I know I want to go for Ag Business Management, I have just had a lot to think about lately with where I want to go. I've always thought I wanted to go to Vincennes University and had my plans in place there but lately I've been thinking about other colleges after hearing about other programs. Plus I've been looking at how much time I can take off my college career with the college credit hours I have already earned in high school. By the time I graduate from high school I should have a total of 40 credit hours to

take with me. And based on what I have found on the Vincennes Uni-versity website, I should be able to cut out 1-2 semesters just because of having those credits. With having all these extra college thoughts in my head it has gotten me to thinking about how I can get more credit hours done now. My mom would say I've gone college credit crazy.

This trimester I'm in animal science, study hall, a dual-credit Marketing class, Trigonometry, and AP Language and Composition. The past couple of weeks I have been basically doing all my work on my own time, making me think about what it would be like if I could do all my classes on my own pace. If I could, I would have marketing done by the end of the month. I just wish schools weren't so cut and dry, everyone-learns-the-same-way mindset. Honestly, I work better when I'm given assignments and dead-lines and just told to get it done. I think now that I've gone "college credit crazy" I'm starting to be ok with school again, which is a good thing. For a few weeks I was strongly disliking school. Now I just want to see how fast I can get all my assignments done

I hope everyone is doing well! Macey

INTERNATIONAL RETIREE KING & QUEEN CANDIDATES



Howdy Folks! Let's get to know the International Retiree King & Queen Candidates from the Great State of Texas. Johnny and Vickie Cumbo reside in Hawkins, Texas. They have been married for thirty years. They have traveled extensively throughout the United States and Abroad while visiting several countries. They have three sons and four daughters, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They are both retirees from Texas Instruments and Raytheon.

Hear ye, hear ye, let it be known that the Cumbos are die-hard Dallas Cowboys fans. They are and have been members of the Texas Longhorns Camping Club (TLCC) since 1996. During their tenure with the TLCC, Johnny has held positions as the President and Vice-President, and Vickie has held positions as the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. John-

ny's hobbies include, but are not limited to, restoring classic vehicles and participating in Auto Shows.

He is a retired electrician and an all around "Jack of All Trades". Vickie enjoys shopping, spending time with family members, and singing in the Sanctuary Choir. They attend New Zion Baptist Church in Winona, Texas and serve with the Food Pantry Outreach Ministry. They are also caregivers of both family members and friends. Johnny and Vickie love to entertain, as well as, meet new friends. They are both known to be loquacious and sagacious. When they became International Retiree King and Queen nominees, they felt so blessed and elated to have been bestowed such an honor to represent the Great State of Texas.

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- Wash before, and after treating a cut or wound.
- After using the toilet, changing a diaper or cleaning up a child who has soiled themselves, or an elderly adult who has done the same.
- Blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, wash your hands
- Farm animals and household pet just love your attention, or did you just finish cleaning out the barn, in each case wash your hands once the task is complete.
- Feeding the animals, or presenting them with treat, here again, wash up
- Your turn to take out the trash-wash up afterwards when finished."

As simple as this task may seem, many do not know how to properly wash their hands. Using the correct technique, makes a world of difference. Let all help prevent the spread of disease, and germs. Doing this simple action helps to stop germs from spreading throughout the community, your home, workplace, childcare facilities and even hospitals? So, let's discuss this in five simple steps.

1. Wet your hands with mild warm water, turn off the tap, and apply the soap.
2. Make a good lather by rubbing your fingers together, remember to do this to the back side of your hand, and between the fingers, and even under your

finger nails.

3. Scrubbing, should take place for at least 20 or more seconds. Need a way to remember how long to wash; sing "Happy Birthday" from the beginning to the end twice, now you have used enough time.

4. Time to rinse off the soap with clean running water.

5. Now time to dry off, using a clean towel or air dry. Task completed.

In today society in many locations you will find "Hand Sanitizer" dispensers located all around. Basically the best way to rid your hand of germs is to use soap and water. Sometimes this is not available, thus hand sanitizer is a good substitute-especially when the basics of soap and water are not available. In this case, sanitizer which contains at least 60% to 70% alcohol ethyl as stated on the label is a good replacement. Do keep in mind that the use of hand sanitizer does help reduce the spreading of germs, however, some sanitizers do not work towards this cause.

Also keep in mind that because hand sanitizer contains ethyl alcohol which is flammable you need to stay away from any heat source for several minutes. If your hands are covered in dirt and grease, it is best to use soap and water. "Hand sanitizers may not remove harmful chemicals from hands for example pesticides and heavy metals." To use the hand sanitizer adequately, apply a small amount to the center of your hand, and rub you hand together. Rub the substance all over hands until it is dry. This entire process takes about 20 seconds or less.

As a precaution, remember to keep hand sanitizer gels away from very small children, as it can cause alcohol poisoning if mouthful are swallowed. If children are around, supervision is required when they use hand sanitizers.

Remember this "*Life is Better with Clean Hands.*" Wonderful words of wisdom for all. So, happy Hand Washing, everyone.

Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention, October 2019, Article: Hand Washing: Clean Hands Saves Lives



CELEBRATED 51ST ANNIVERSARY



David and Rita Blair of Texas celebrated their 51st Anniversary February 3rd. They joined FCRV in 2003 and have been active members ever since. They belong to the Penthouse Campers Chapter and David is FCRV's National

Communications Director

53RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED



Chuck and Sandy Kutz of Ohio recently celebrated their 53rd Anniversary. They joined NCHA / FCRV in 1973 and served as O.S.A. Treasurer. Chuck is also a past treasurer for FCRV Winter Texan Chapter. In Ohio they belong to Chapter 1387. They received a Citation for service to FCRV in 1993.

Congratulate them at 4571 Dalton Fox Lake Rd., N. Lawrence, OH 44666 email: charleskutz@aol.com

FCRV Activities



THE MID-FLORIDA SNOWBIRDS

flocked to Winter Haven today.....the last flocking for the winter....next gathering is the 49th FCRV In-

ternational Retiree Rally in Dothan, Alabama next month!!

HELLO FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Gilles and Barb Dore
Nova Scotia Provincial Directors

As our membership dwindles, we still manage some first rate camping. The season started with our Cobweb(spring campout) at the Windsor Exhibition Grounds, the weather was cold but we had a very good weekend sharing winter stories, sampling good food and enjoying music, cards and games.



President of Hight Tide Drifters receiving 50th anniversary certificate

High Tide Drifters celebrated their 50th Anniversary in July. In 1969, 35 families formed the 6th NCHA (National Campers and Hikers Association) camping group in Nova Scotia. Over the years club members camped throughout the province, chaired Provincial Campouts, and many attended National

Campventions, also many brave members earned the winter camping badge (in tents and hard tops).

Many Nova Scotia members joined High Tide Drifters for their celebration from July 26 to 28th. Friday night started with the cutting of the cake and remembering the wonderful memories that the club has had over the years. Saturday morning a breakfast consisting of French toast and sausage was served followed by games. The highlight of the weekend was a supper at a local restaurant with 50 campers in attendance, both current and former members. After the meal, there was a presentation of a bucket of hugs and kisses to Sam Milne along with best wishes, a letter from his daughter Faye Swanburg who is a FCRV member in Ontario was read and many memories she shared with her father Sam and the camping group over the years. Sam is the last charter member who served NCHA/FCRV for 49 years many of them as Field Director. The history of High Tide Drifters was read by Donna Schofield, President of the club. A plaque was presented to Glen and Bette Kelly in appreciation to their parents John and Muriel Horsnell charter members of High Tide Drifters who let the club use part of their land over the years for camping. A 50th year Anniversary

certificate from FCRV was presented by Provincial Director Gilles Dore.

The group then returned to the campground concluding the day with a game of glow in the dark bean bag game. Sunday morning started with coffee and muffins followed by a church service. The offering is given to the Christmas Daddies .

We want to wish High Tide Drifters congratulations and many more years of camping.

During Labour Day Weekend, we held our Provincial Campout(Fall Campout) again at the Windsor Exhibition Grounds. It was a great success with excellent food, theme party, games etc.



2020 promise to be an exciting year. Hub Campers and PANS(Provincial Association of Nova Scotia)will be celebrating their 50th anniversary as well this will be our 50th Provincial Campout. Planning is underway to celebrate these remarkable events. 50 years of camping is quite an achievement. We would like as many former and current FCRV members and anyone else interested in camping to join us for these celebrations. More information will be published as it becomes available. If you are in the area, you are more than welcome to join us.

Both Cobweb and the Provincial campouts will be held at Windsor Exhibition Grounds in Windsor N.S. Cobweb will be held May 15 – 18, 2020 and Provincial September 4 – 7, 2020.

INDIANA FCRV GIVES!

By Patti Thieme



On Sunday, December 8, 2019. I assembled the crew of Ed & Angie Shaneyfelt and Deena Felver to deliver the collected gifts from the Indiana FCRV group to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

We were met at the hospital by our FCRV International Teen Queen, Macey Stuckwisch, her mother Misty and Macey's friend Michael. Michael commented that he is familiar with Riley as he goes often for his eyes. Indiana FCRV has been donating items to the Riley Hospital for many years and they are always very appreciative of our donations.

A list of the items this year that were delivered were: Legos, 15 Homemade blankets & 7 pillow cases (made by Sherri Nolan), 39 folders, 25 notebooks, 50 homemade baby hats (made by Macey, our queen), 5 backpacks, 6 tablet cases, 3 small coolers plus bottle, 2 large coolers plus bottle, 4 small coolers, 3 icepack coolers plus bottle, 5 pencil binders, 2 red/white chill bags. Also, 3 large bottles of bubbles, 6 bandanas, 4 large sand sets, 3 small sand sets, 3 balls, 8 hair accessories, 18 mini back scratchers, 21 key rings, 5 necklaces, 5 hats, 33 stuffed animals, 4 fleece throws, 11 pair of gloves. 3 drinking cups, 2 bats & ball and 5 puzzles, 5 large beach balls.

We delivered 20 individual bags containing glue, pencil sharpener, toothpaste, toothbrush, ruler, crayons or markers, pen, scissors, eraser, note-book, pencils and coloring book.

Also small story books were donated: 6 Oliver Twist, 15 Thousand Mile Words, 15 Sports Superstars, 15 The Last, 15 Art & All, 11 The Case of the Dying Detective, 15 Bidly on the Past, 15 They Landed One Night, 11 From the Minds of Kids, 11 Don Quixote, 11 Breaking Down Barriers, 15 Blue King, 11 Working Together for Equality, 11 The Father of Television, 11 Pioneer of Independence and 11 Mysterious Bones.

When we were done with our delivery, there was a gentleman approach us that was on the second floor with his daughter. He commented that he had seen we were donating items to the hospital and he wanted to personally thank us for our donation. He said that his family had been in the hospital for other holidays, but not Christmas yet.

We explained our camping organization to him and asked about his child. His 3 ½ year old daughter had been in the hospital for about 2 ½ weeks, when we asked how she was going, he commented, "much better than she was 2 weeks ago". It was so nice of him to come down and personally thank us. This is why we do this!

Thanks to all the Indiana FCRV members that donated items and to the state organization for the monetary donation for me to purchase more items. I really enjoy doing this goodwill donation for our Indiana FCRV group.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE GRANT

Angie Shaneyfelt
Indiana FCRV member



I want to thank the National Wildlife Refuge for the grant that was awarded for the Black Pines Animal Sanctuary in Albion, Indiana. On September 13, 2019 I delivered the check to the manager of the facility, Letrecia (Trish) Brown. They were very excited about the donation. I also got to see the office/gift shop coordinator, Marsha Archbold on this visit. I had met Marsha last year when our Indiana FCRV group donated plastic caps for their bench program.

Please check out their website at www.bpsanctuary.org. This is a wonderful facility that gives rescued animals "the REST of their lives".

Farewells

**JOHN DAGGETT,
FORMER F.I.C.C. LIASON**



John Daggett of Joshua, Texas. Longtime NCHA/FCRV member passed away February 16th as a result of injuries suffered in a fall. John and his wife, June who were originally from England joined NCHA while stationed in Europe. They also joined the Federation of International Camping and Caravanning which has chapters and rallies in several foreign

countries. John offered to be a liason for NCHA and our organization joined theirs allowing our members to attend their International Rallies and their members to attend our Campventions. That exchange worked well when the rallies were in Canada. Many attended the 1992 FICC rally in Bromont.

Using their contacts, John and June also established the Carnet program making the 'International Campers Passport' available to our members.

The Daggetts served on the Executive Board for several years, followed in the post by Tom and Rita Tullis. In their later years, the Daggets became members of the Texas State Association. June said, "We had so many wonderful times camping." Barb Turner said, "We have many fond memories of visiting and working with John and June."

John's wishes were to have his ashes taken to England to be with their 2 sons. Condolences may be sent to June at 1200 South Broadway, Apt. 1113, Joshua, TX 76058. ukgabby@aol.com

**ERNESTINE "ERNIE"
REYNOLDS,
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL & NC STATE DIRECTOR**



Ernestine "Ernie" Reynolds, 73 who served with her husband, George. Ernie joined the Navy as both North Carolina and Southeast Regional Director passed away February 11th, 2020.

In 1965 Ernie joined the Navy and in a few years she was stationed in Orlando, Florida, where she served as an X-ray Technician, which she continued to do for over 20 years of her career. She met George at the Naval hospital and were married within the year. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ernie lived life as a proud Navy Veteran and Navy Wife, standing beside George for his entire 21 year Navy career and his 21 years in Civil Service and beyond. During their Navy time the family lived in 6 states – FL, CA, OH, MO, NC. She has passed on her respect and love for our men and women in the service to her family and friends. She leaves a beautiful legacy of service and honor.

In their retirement years Ernie and George took to the road and RV camping became their passion and they made many memories as they explored the country. They became active in FCRV, volunteering and serving in many positions including North Carolinas State Directors and ultimately Southeast Regional Directors.

She will be remembered as a fun loving, strong woman. Pam Likins said, "I travelled with George and Ernie to the Retiree Rally the last 2 years. We enjoyed our trips and having dinner together after a day on the road. Believe it or not, she introduced me to a wine float. It sounded terrible, but was really delicious." LaNelle Ishmael said, "Ernie loved to play games. When they attended our South Carolina campout in October I knew she wasn't feeling well, but she was anxious to participate in all we were doing. She always had a smile on her face and I never heard a cross word pass her lips."

Ernestine "Ernie" Reynolds is survived by her husband of 50 years, George, two daughters, Cassandra Greenwood (Lance), Jennifer McLamb (Chad), and 5 grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to George Reynolds, 1031 Massey Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546 or ncfcrv@gmail.com.

Dave 'Smitty' Krzewinski, 89, Berea, Ohio. Active in OH State Assn., Regionals and Campventions. Retired from NASA.

Jim Gurskey 71, 1-21-20, St. Johns Michigan, Eager Beavers Chapter.

Charlotte Fowler, 83, 1-27-20, Warren, Ohio, Green Valley Arizona. Active Member with husband. Al in OH and FL. Worked on OH Campventions.

Wilma Schroedel, 2-21-19, Witt Springs, Arkansas, attended many FCRV rallies, made badge holders for several; Retiree Rallies, enjoyed rally games. Winter Texan Chapter. Laid to rest beside her husband, Thomas Kelly in LaFeria, Texas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

May 1-3, 2020 - Kansas Campers Association Spring Campout,

Kelley Park Burlington, KS. Everyone welcome, to register and for more information contact Vern Failor at vlfailor@gmail.com or call 785 272 6102

May 1-3, 2020 – Blue Water Mini Mixer

Pt. Huron Twp. Park, Water St., Pt. Huron, MI. 810-982-6765. *Please Call Campground after April 15, 2020 to make your reservation* and email Joyce Williams at MIBLUEWATERFCRV@GMAIL.COM (so we know who is coming) Please tell the campground you are with the FCRV group so you will be parked near the lodge.

JUNE

June 19-20, 2020 – South Central West Regional Campout

Coachlight RV Park, Carthage, Missouri. 417-358-3666. You will need to make your own reservations with the RV park, just tell them you are with the FCRV Regional in June and the dates you will arrive and depart. The price will be \$29.00 for full hookups

JULY

July 13 - 17, 2020 - Campvention 2020

Bigden Fairgrounds, Brigden, Ontario

AUGUST

August 5 – 9, 2020 -2020 Great Lakes Regional Campout

Shipshewana Campground North, Shipshewana, Indiana for more information, please contact dencin5356@embarqmail.com or angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com You will need to contact the campground and make your own reservation let them know you are with FCRV. Shipshewana North Park Amish Log Cabin Lodging & Campground, 5970 North State Road 5, Shipshewana IN, 46565, Ph: (260) 768-7770. Once you have your site number please email it to: comecampwithus@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER

September 25-27, 2020 – Blue Water District Mixer

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69) Imlay City MI 48444

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$10.00, Camping fee \$35.00. Fri & Sat registration and camping fee \$45.00

Make checks payable to: Blue Water District Mixer. Registration Deadline September 12, 2020 Mail payment with registration form to: Rocky Lumley, 603 3rd St, St Clair MI 48079

donrocky64@hotmail.com Registration form on FCRV website



**49TH FCRV INTERNATIONAL
RETIREE RALLY
NATIONAL PEANUT FAIRGROUNDS
DOTHAN, ALABAMA
EARLY DAYS: MARCH 20th – 23rd
RALLY DAYS: MARCH 24th – 30th**



LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ SPOUSE/OTHER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

OTHER'S ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

PHONE #: _____ OTHER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONFIRMATION SENT: pdf: _____ word: _____ mailed _____

CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT BY EMAIL IN JANUARY. IF YOU WISH IT SENT BY MAIL TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS THAN THE ONE ABOVE, PLEASE SUPPLY THE ADDRESS BELOW:

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

WHICH ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR? CAMPING: _____ CAMP PASS: _____ IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? YES: _____ NO: _____

ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES: _____ NO: _____ NUMBER OF VETERANS IN YOUR UNIT? _____

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING: TO BE PARKED IN SPECIAL NEEDS (HANDICAPPED) AREA, YOU MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR AN UP-TO DATE: DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE, STATE LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS: _____

GUESTS ARE WELCOME: Guests or Non-FCRV members are welcome. They can be in your unit or their own. Have them complete a registration form, indicate they are your guests and send the correct amount. We strongly suggest they enter the camping area at the same time you do. We are guests or NON-FCRV members of:

RALLY FEES:

EARLY BIRD DAYS: (MARCH 20 - 23) FEE \$30 PER NIGHT WITH WATER AND ELECTRIC AND WILL BE COLLECT AT DOTHAN.
RALLY FEE- MARCH 24 - 30 AND LEAVE ON MONDAY: INCLUDES: 6 nights of camping with water and electric, Ice Cream Social, two evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

PRE-REGISTRATION (PAID IN ADVANCE FULL) AT THE GATE:

Two people in a unit:	\$250	\$275
Single person in unit:	\$220	\$245
Camp Pass or 3 rd person in unit:	\$100	

REFUND POLICY: REFUNDS MUST BE REQUESTED IN WRITING BY MAIL, EMAIL OR PHONE CALL TO THE REGISTRAR. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE PAID UNTIL AFTER THE RALLY. Refunds requested before March 15, 2020, will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$225, one person in a unit will receive \$195. Camp Pass will receive no refunds.

Make checks or money order (US Currency) payable to: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY 2020. NO CREDIT CARDS. Mail to Bill and Penny Ramlow, 8371 Night Owl DR, Riverview, FL. 33569. .You can contact them at: 305-822-6589 or 813-545-6083 or email them at pramlow@aol.com

I would like to volunteer for: _____



60TH INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION

THE TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE

Family Campers & Rver's

Hosted by Region #7 Eastern Canada

Brigden Fairgrounds,

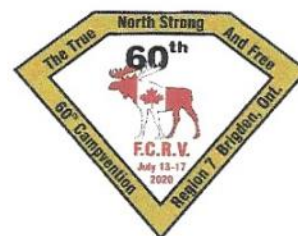
2435 Courtright Line Brigden, ON, N0N 1B0

July 13 – July 17th 2020,

fee covers July 12-17th (6 nights)

Early Bird Days: July 10th & 11th @ \$ 25/night (pay @ registration- cash)

Registrations are needed by: **June 1st, 2020**



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Spouse/Guest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State/Province: _____ Postal Code/Zip Code: _____
Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____
Handicapped/ Special Needs Parking: Yes: _____, No: _____
Motor Home _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Tent _____
Number of people in your unit: _____
of Adults: _____, Teens: _____, Youth 0-12: _____, Total # of people in unit: _____
Please list the names and ages of all the Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

Gates will be open from 8am- 8pm (all days)

REGISTRATION

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds in Canadian currency of cheques or money orders except US funds may be in a check. **NO CREDIT CARDS.**

	Registration	At Gate
One Family in the Unit	\$325 CDN \$255 US	\$335 CDN
Extra Family in Unit (pay separate)	\$ 200 CDN \$155 US	\$210 CDN
Week Drive-In pass	\$200 CDN \$155 US	\$210 CDN
Walk-In Camp Pass (per day)	\$40 CDN	\$40 CND

Make cheques/Money Orders payable to: 2020 FCRV Campvention , * **CANADIAN CASH ONLY AT GATE**

Mail to: Marilyn Rosenberger
1505 Ottawa Street N. Apt 511
Kitchener Ontario N2A 0E8

Refund policy: If you are unable to attend,
all except \$35 CDN will be refunded

Contact at : 1-519-501-4331 or rosenberger44@gmail.com

I Would like to volunteer for: _____?