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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are the end of 2020! As I am sure you have heard time and time again, “What a Year!” Since our March campout in Hillsboro so much in our lives has changed! Staying home, wearing masks, restricted shopping are all a part of our daily routine. Let’s just hope for a calmer 2021.

In the real world this would be my last message to you as President, believe it or not two years have passed and there should be a change in leadership, but with the “Pause” in Good Sam activity, last Fall your board volunteered to stay in place for another year. This group looks forward to leading our club through the many changes we will probably face in the new year. I am pleased to announce that our membership for 2021 has remained the same as last year! Considering the “Pause” and things in general THANK YOU for remaining loyal to our chapter of Good Sam.

November and December several of us “gathered” for a campout. December was our annual Christmas party, this year in Corsicana. Although the crowd was small, we enjoyed seeing everyone, and a good time was had by all!

We have a good schedule planned for 2021. Hopefully, the weather will be nice and you will feel safe to get out and be with others.

Our next scheduled gathering will be for lunch in February at the Candlelight Inn in Arlington. I urge everyone to attend so we can exchange Holiday Stories. As usual, some of our group will be in the Valley enjoying the warmth. We will all gather in Hillsboro in March to welcome the New Year.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and we will see ya in 2021!

Larry Walker,
President



NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Larry Walker led the prayer. He stated that he has not heard anything from the State Director or Assistant State Director with regard to the “pause,” and that will probably be the status for a while due to the surge in Corona Virus cases. Chuck Hayes said he hadn’t heard anything from State, and that as far as he knew, the State rally would still be held at Canton in April.

Larry reported our membership counts sent to State, which total 24 active and associate members. Chuck reported that Joann Rich was surprised by the number of total renewals for Texas Good Sam members.

Cecil Lawrence stated we had 9 rigs on the ground, one drive-in who stayed in the Rally’s guest room, and one drive-in for the meeting. He is still working on the 2021 campout schedule and trying to find RV parks that will still take rallies and allow free use of their club room. What he is finding is that most parks want a minimum of 10-15 rigs. Anything less than that, they are charging for the room.

Cecil stated that Leroy Law and Barry Kibbe are assisting Cecil with the Wagonmaster duties. Barry Kibbe has visited various possible sites and provided his report to Cecil. Thanks to Leroy and Barry for volunteering.

Cecil also stated that there may be a good possibility that chapter will have to find an alternate location for April, in case the State rally gets canceled due to the virus.

Larry stated our Christmas campout is at American RV Park in Corsicana, which is a change from the original schedule. It is December 3-5. They are at 4345 SH 31 W, Corsicana, phone 903-872-0233. You need to call the park to make your reservation.

Larry asked for a consensus regarding a gift exchange this year. Members who wish to participate are asked to bring a gift of \$15—\$25. The women bring a lady’s gift and the men bring a man’s gift. Lunch will be catered. The officer are hosting this gathering.

Cecil reported that as of today’s date, the March campout will be held at North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro. The Lawrences will be hosting. He said that there will not be a January campout, and the February meeting will be a luncheon. Until further notice, the April campout is the State rally at Canton, and we are confirmed for Bedrock in May. He further state that as soon as he has a more definitive schedule, he will publish it, and then Pennie Nichols will be able to ask for host volunteers.

Larry presented a plaque to Ray and Fran Spinner, acknowledging all the years they have published the newsletter and various other things they have done for our Chapter. We are very appreciative for all they have done.

Marjorie Lawrence read the November birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for items to put in the newsletter is December 20.

Thanks so much to our hosts the Spinners and the Lawrences, and a host of others who pitched in after Pennie Nichols announced she was unable to come due to her husband being sick. Since he didn’t have Covid (both tested negative) she arrived on Friday.

Larry adjourned the gathering.

DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The DFW Sam group met at the American in Corsicana for their Christmas get-together.

Larry Walker led the prayer. He has heard nothing from Good Sam state or assistant state directors. He has no idea what 2021 will bring, but we will plan ahead.

Chuck Hayes is still working on registration for the state rally in April at Canton as if everything will happen as scheduled. He stated Texas is still looking for an assistant state director for our region.

Cecil reported 8 rigs and three drive-ins at this gathering. He continues to look for parks that will take rallies. Most want 10-15 rigs minimum to allow free use of the club room and rally rates. Cecil stated our March campout will be at North Texas Airstream Community. April is currently the State Rally and May is at Bedrock.

Cecil says the schedule for 2021 will probably be flexible and may change. The February meeting/luncheon will be held at Candlelight Inn in Arlington. He will confirm and get back with us later.

Marjorie Lawrence read the birthdays and anniversaries and provided the sunshine report. She needs submissions for the newsletter by December 20.

Larry announced lunch will be at 2:00, with the gift exchange afterward. The Spinners passed out calendars. Thanks Ray and Fran.

The gathering was adjourned.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Melvin Mann has received word from the doctors that his cancer has metastasized. He has elected not to seek additional treatment and will begin hospice care. Please keep Melvin and Kathy is our prayers.

Dawn Hayes is recovering well from her last surgery. Keep up the good work with therapy Dawn.

Mike Nichols went to the ER in Mission with shortness of breath and pneumonia. His O2 saturation numbers are good and his fever is gone. He's been walking the park for exercise. He and Pennie are doing the quarantine thing.

READIN TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY GROUP (RTAG)

Our own Chuck Hayes has agreed to serve on the RTAG for at least two years and has agreed to do so representing the hardware repairs volunteers. The RTAG is to advise and inform the National Library Service (NLS) on products, strategy and developments, as well as engage patrons, network library staff, hardware repair volunteers, related professional organizational representatives, and subject matter experts. This group is looking at the next generation of technology for the visually impaired beyond Talking Books. Some of the exciting new stuff the group is looking at is a book streaming service to a smart phone or a PC where books will be played through the speakers on the devices. A Brail display device where instead of the book being played through the speaker it is displayed on a Brail device. Using smart speakers to play a book.

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY, 2021

Pat & Jill Schnepf Jan. 26 47 years

FEBRUARY, 2021

Mike & Maria Mather Feb. 28 45 years
George & Mabel Thompson Feb. 29 57 years

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY, 2021

James Parker Jan. 9
Shirley O'Dell Jan. 17

FEBRUARY, 2021

Ben Crabtree Feb. 4
Julie Law Feb. 6
Pennie Nichols Feb. 11
Billy Speaks Feb. 19
Diana Kimble Feb. 23
Joyce Martin Feb. 24

JANUARY OUTING

Date: **CANCELED**

(as most of us wish these last few months had been deleted except when we were able to be together for a few short days)

Place : Nowhereville (reminds me of a song!)

DIRECTIONS: On our way to a bigger, better year in 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THE FERVENT HOPE FOR A BETTER, BRIGHTER NEW YEAR!!

FEBRUARY OUTING

Date: February 10, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Candlelight Inn
1202 E. Division
Arlington, TX

DIRECTIONS:

From I-30 head South on Collins and go to the intersection at Division Street, turn left (East). There are two lands from which to turn left. Be in the one on the right because you will have to turn right again very soon afterward. Candlelight will be on the right side of the street. Parking in the rear.

If you are coming West on Division from Hwy 360 you will turn left almost immediately opposite the funeral home on the right. Candlelight is next to Bodacious BBQ.

Wagon Master: Leroy Law, Assistant Wagonmaster

Please contact Leroy Law at 817-475-3538 or e-mail him at leroy.law@yahoo.com to advise whether you will or will not be attending the luncheon.

Hosts and Hostesses: None

We will have a private room and social distancing will be observed. Only 4-6 people per table. This is what we prefer anyway. Wear a mask until it is time to eat.

Menu: A selected menu will be offered by the restaurant which will enable them to serve our members quickly and efficiently.



President Larry Walker presented an award to Ray and Fran Spinner for their outstanding work as newsletter publisher/editors for 26 years to our DFW Sams chapter.



Spinner Christmas Table



Austin Christmas Table



Spinner Award



Lambert Christmas Table



Walker Christmas Table