

FMCA is now **Family RV Association** — same great RV community, bold new direction!

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Dear Governing Board members,

Lisa and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! It's hard to believe that it's already 2025, and Family RV Association's 110th 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 2025-2027 Nominating Committee election and Executive Board and Board of Directors meeting minutes from the meetings held on November 20, 2024, are also enclosed.

Area President elections. Enclosed with this mailing you will find the <u>nomination forms</u> for the Area 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 July 2025. 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 <u>flier</u> announcing that FMCA is <u>accepting nominations</u> 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, 2025**.

Family RV Association's Review Council members will be evaluating the demographics of the areas in 2025. See the enclosed <u>flier</u> for additional information. Don't miss this opportunity for your voice to be heard.

Have you made plans to join us yet for <u>FMCA's 110th International Convention and RV Expo</u> scheduled for March 12-15, 2025, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, Georgia? To register, use the form included; visit <u>www.fmca.com/fmca-perry-2025-learn-more</u> or call the Events Department at 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622.

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<u>Chapter Fair, Parade, and Chapterfest</u> in Perry! Be sure to register your chapter to participate in the Chapter Fair being held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in Perry. Registration is open now. You can reach out to <u>chapters@fmca.com</u> to register and reserve your table. Family RV Association will hold a **Parade** leading into the Chapterfest on Thursday during the upcoming Perry convention. If your chapter would like to participate, please contact the Chapter Services Department. 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 HALO Group. They are a Christ Centered organization elevating adults with disabilities through community relationships to maximize their independence and life long growth.

To help raise money, FMCA are two main activities. One is the **Magic Mile Fun Run/Walk** that will take place on Friday, March 14. 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.

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 12 through 14, 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.

Time is running out to nominate your candidate for a national officer position. You also will find a <u>request</u> from the Nominating Committee <u>to nominate</u> eligible members who wish to be considered as a candidate for the offices of National President, National Vice President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer for the 2025-2027 term.

We thank you for keeping up to date with information to share with your chapters and fellow Family RV Association members. Until next time,

Paul G. Mitchell National President