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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I closed my last column stating that I had discussions with several SI Members about volunteering for a VP Office. I have some great news to share. WE have a NEW Eastern Area Vice President, Mary Lou Dudziak from Moseley Va., near Richmond. I almost met Mary Lue at the GEAR Rally a few years ago but it was called off due to Covid 19. She attended GEAR since then and is planning for 2024. Let's give her a warm welcome to our New Officer in the Singles Chapter.

More great news to announce. We have three NEW Singles Members and they'll be announced in this issue on page 4.

A special THANK YOU to our Executive Vice President David Robb who accepted our 40 Year Anniversary Certificate PRESENTED to Singles International with a check for \$250.00 at the INTO Rally in MUSKOGEE Ok on May 20, 2024. Time is flying as I've been a SI Member for 25 years. OH, So many fond memories indeed.

I received the May 24, 2024, FMCA Presidents Gary Milner letter to the Governing Board Members addressing a topic of great concern to our Membership AGAIN. The FMCA Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Program which is included in our FMCA membership dues. Because of the popularity of the benefit, utilization has been high over the last two years. This has driven up the premium. The policy is due to be renewed on October 1, 2024. FMCA has been given a quote that is nearly DOUBLE the current premium, which equates to an increase of around \$400,000. The current dues level does not support this massive increase. During the meeting in Redmond, the Governing Board will have to decide whether to RAISE dues to keep the benefit, or not include it in dues and instead offer a discounted policy for members to purchase. I remember the last time this came before the Governing Board they voted a 50% dues increase and we lost hundreds of FMCA Members.

Gary went on to mention CREDIT CARDS. They give members a convenient payment option. Due to rising popularity, this has become the preferred method of payment. ACH (Automated Clearing House) payments will be added very soon as well. With 66,000 member families, FMCA processes a high volume of credit card transactions, which results in an annual expense of \$250,000. This is something that FMCA will not be able to continue to absorb. The Executive Board voted recently to implement a 3.5% convenience fee on all credit card and ACH transactions. If members pay by check or cash, the fee will not be incurred. This change will go into effect soon.

Since I am talking about money. I was shocked to notice on an invoice from our BADGE company that the Shipping & Handling fee to Canadian was \$21.00. USA is \$6.00.

I did mention in my last column if any Single was planning on attending the NEXT FMCA Convention and Governing Board Meeting in Redmond OR on August 4-17, 2024, to please let me know. Our National Director, David Robb will not be attending, so we need a temporary delegate to vote for our Singles Chapter.

Remember to check out our Website <https://www.si-fmca.com/> for news and events between issues of our Scuttlebutt.

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Treasurer's Report

June 2024

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Description	Income	Expenses	Totals
<i>Beginning Cash</i>			\$5,395.65
<i>Income</i>			
<i>Membership</i>	\$82.00		\$82.00
<i>Extra for shipping to Canda</i>	\$15.00		\$15.00
<i>40th Anniversary SI Chapter</i>	\$250.00		\$250.00
<i>Donation</i>	\$2.00		\$2.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
<i>Badges R US</i>		\$57.00	\$57.00
<i>Net Increase/Decrease</i>			\$306.00
<i>Total Cash in Bank</i>			\$5,687.65

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Northwest Area VP
Midwest Area VP
Rocky Mountain & Western Area VP
South Central Area VP

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Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/240021600745273>

Welcome our NEW SI Members

Barbara Miller
FMCA#517769
Meridian, ID 83642

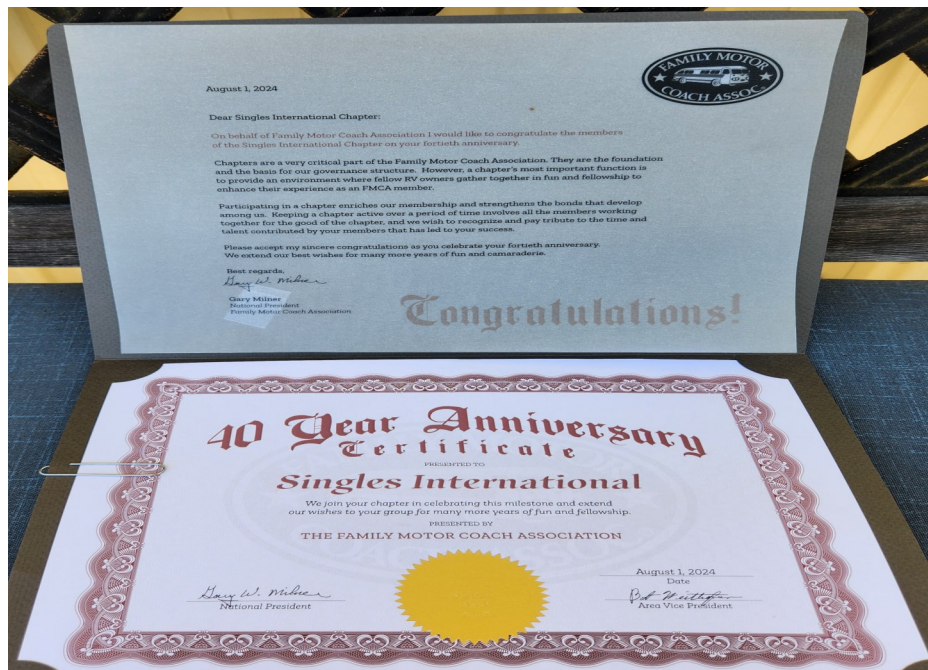
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Let's Welcome our NEW Eastern Area VP

Mary Lue Dudziak from Moseley Va.

Congratulations SI Chapter for 40 years!



Thank you Dave Robb for posting and sharing these great pictures of the International Area Rally in Muskogee, OK





The SI President John Mcpherson and his family would like to thank everyone who reached out to him and wished him a happy 90th birthday. He was so surprised with all the facebook comments, phone calls and cards he received from so many people. Here are some pictures from his birthday party we would like to share. From his family!



FMCA

Your RVing Family

UPDATE INFORMATION

Eastern Area Spring Newsletter

Please share it with other members

[Click Here To Access](#)

Governing Board Mailing

The May 24, 2024 Governing Board Mailing

Here are some of the top information:

[President's Newsletter](#)

[Area Vice President Election Results](#)

[Chapter Fair Save The Date - Redmond, OR](#)

[What Is A Governing Board Meeting](#)

For more information:

[Go To The Governance Website](#)

RALLY EVENTS

Click on rally title to get more information about that Rally.

[Great Lakes Area Rally-June 05-09, 2024](#)
Greenville, OH

[Northeast Area Rally—July 11-14, 2024](#)
Frankfort, NY

FMCA's 109th International Convention—August 14-17, 2024
Redmond, OR
(Registration Coming Soon)

Singles International

Chapter of FMCA/INTO Chapter

Membership Application/Renewal Form/Information Update

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM WHEN RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

Membership: New Renewal Update Date _____

Welcome Aboard New Member!

Name: _____ FMCA# _____ Expiration Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address
(Required): _____

Dues are not prorated

Initial Membership: \$10.00 plus \$14.00 for badge Total \$24.00

Renewals: \$10.00

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Badge Information:

As you want it on your badge: Name _____ City & State _____

Ship Badge to: Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

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I WOULD ____ or WOULD NOT ____ like my information to be listed on the roster available only to Singles International members.

You must maintain your membership in FMCA in order to be a member of Singles International.