

## KANSAS GOOD SAM JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The new year is here and we are ready for a fresh start. Looking at things in the past and looking to the future and we hope we can blend these into a step forward as we forge ahead this year. As a Good Sam Club we have passed the half century mark with many good things happening in those years. As we move forward, we all need to reach out and keep our Club strong. I don't know of many RV camping clubs that are growing. Why is this? I don't have the answer for this but it seems we are aging and need to involve some younger folks that might bring in some new energy and ideas. So, let us make a New Year resolution to make our chapters stronger and reach out. There are campers located all over our communities that may need a reason to use them more.

Karen and I had a great Christmas with all our boys and their families. The weather was good for traveling and we hope all had the opportunity to be with your family. About two weeks ago, I again was hit with a very bad virus on my computer so I have spent some time rebuilding the whole thing. Even my back-up system was affected. Hoping this is the last time.

The bi-annual newspaper will soon be sent out to all chapter members. We still have two chapters that have not turned in their rosters and may not receive the newspaper. Also, it is time for our chapters to turn in their volunteer hours and any charity giving. I will apologize that some sent this to me earlier and was lost when my computer totally crashed. If you would be so kind could you send them to me again?

I know some of our members have headed south for hopefully warmer temps and some of us will just stay home and tough it out. Many chapters will hold winter meetings, discussing the future camping season, planning group volunteer opportunities, and just having a good time together. Some districts have planned their rallies for this spring so start planning on attending. We have been working on plans for the Kansas RV Rally this fall, securing entertainment, planning activities and gathering supplies.

Some new information coming out of Headquarters, all region directors were released from their jobs. At this time, we have only one contact with Good Sam, Dave Morgen, who was a region director. Not sure what is going on or what happened, will keep you informed as new information comes available.

Up next for us is the RV Show in Wichita, Jan. 26-29. We sure could use a few more **volunteers** for this event. If you could spare even a half a day would help, let us know. Keep WARM, stay healthy, and we will make through the winter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Make Your Journey Count

Dean & Karen

## DIRECTOR NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

February is the month that brings out the ole ground hog. Does he see his shadow or not - is spring close or not? Also, many communities have ground hog suppers which seems to be one of my weaknesses. I am hoping it is close so we can get back out camping with friends again. This month is also the month for love. Valentine's day is approaching so don't forget to do something special for your loved ones. I look back a few (several) years ago - making valentines in art class for our classmates and family.

Last weekend was the RV show in Wichita at Century II. Those that helped us out were Larry Cody,

Phillip and Carolyn Osborn, Dean and Judy Andreason, Woody and Donna Bird, Ward and Pat Nippert, Sonny and Nancy Crook and Leroy and Marty Ward. I want to THANK them for taking time to help at this event. This event had a total of over 3300 people that walked through the doors. We were able to secure some names of those who might be interested in joining a chapter. If you get a name from your ASD or me please contact them and invite them to your meeting. Also, I created a list of about a dozen who were not members of Good Sam that I am hoping to get signed up. One thing that was really noticeable for me was the number of folks who do not know of Good Sam and that is of concern. We really need to spread our exposure.

We have had some problems with the bi-annual newspaper. The firm that prints the paper is moving to a different location. Therefore, that has delayed the printing. We have been assured that it should be completed very soon.

March will be here before you know it, so get your calendars up-to-date and don't miss out on camping opportunities. I am so ready to get out and go.

Karen and I are recovering from the flu (had the shots), better now. This weekend we'll go to KC to watch our grandson play basketball and attend an Eagle Scout award ceremony for my brother's grandson. It is so exciting for me to see young men work hard for this achievement.

**MAKE YOUR JOURNEY COUNT**

Dean & Karen Stewart  
Kansas State Directors

#### **KANSAS GOOD SAM NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017**

March is here and it seemed to come quickly. As I compose this letter today (Feb. 28), it is a very nice day so far. Tomorrow it is supposed to turn cold and windy again but I guess that is the way March normally is. With that in the back of our minds let us forge ahead and get ready for camping, traveling, meeting our friends and maybe connecting with some new friends. I need to do some last-minute cleaning as we will soon prepare to attend the Texas RV Rally in Waco. Early bird parking starts on Monday, March 27. We hope to have safe travels and a great time. I am passing on some information about Jim Rich. Joanne & Jim are the incoming Texas State Directors and Jim has had a few surgeries recently to address a tumor found in his head. He is now, or soon will be in treatment, which includes chemo and radiation. Joanne is still planning to be at the Texas Rally at Jim's request. Of course, the other spring Rally's will follow, Louisiana and Arkansas. Come join us if you can- best way to shake off cabin fever. Spring will also bring on the District Rally's, so check out the dates and places so you can plan to attend. These Rally's are always fun and helps us reconnect after a few months of winter. Karen and I plan to attend these District Rally's.

We have kept busy in February going to our home basketball games and, of course, watching K-State, KU and some Wichita State games on TV. Also, enjoying the seasonably warm temps we have had for this time of year.

I hope that you all have received the newspaper. This issue has a lot of great information about what some of our chapters are doing. If, for some reason, you did not receive yours please contact me, Marilyn or Pat and we will try to figure out what may have happened. There are several chapters that have not yet turned in any volunteer hours for 2016. If you have any of this info please send it to me. Thank You.

It is also time to think about the Kansas Fall Rally. Send in your application before you get too busy and may overlook it.

**MAKE YOUR JOURNEY COUNT**

Dean & Karen Stewart

#### **KANSAS GOOD SAM'S NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017**

As I compose this month's Newsletter we are in Shreveport, LA with a little down time to get ready for the LA State Rally. Last week we were in Waco TX for their State Rally. It was well attended and for the most part for those who stayed home (in Kansas) for the winter it was warm. We do have a few Kansas folks who have followed us to LA. It is always great for friends to participate in the adventure. The drive to Louisiana was very wet, and at times, a

complete down pour, so the drive took us a little longer than usual.

Next week we will be attending the Arkansas State Rally in Texarkana. Karen and I will be moving to Texarkana on Friday, April 7. We will leave from there early Saturday and take the Colorado (pickup) to KC to attend our grandson's Eagle Award Ceremony. All three of our sons have received this award and will be there as the next generation gets his. I can't wait to have a three-generation picture of this event. Grandparents SO PROUD.

This will be a shorter Newsletter and we hope to see many of you later this month at your District Rallies. Good fun, Good Food, and good times.

Make your Journey Count,  
Dean & Karen

#### **KANSAS GOOD SAM NEWSLETTER MAY 2017.**

We arrived back home late afternoon Easter Sunday from the South Region Rallies. We left Wednesday, March 22, as we have dear friends in Woodward, OK and we heard of Phil's passing on Sunday so we made a side trip there for his service on Thursday. We were going to leave there Friday morning, but the wind was really blowing so we waited till Saturday and headed to Kerrville, TX to visit other friends before heading to Waco on Monday when early bird parking began. Joanne, the new TX Director did a good job. Her husband, Jim, is battling health problems and she planned the Rally in amongst all his appointments etc. Had a good time in Waco and we had a few Kansans there with those on their way home from the Valley plus those of us who left from Kansas.

We left Sunday am for the trip to Shreveport in a thunderstorm that stayed on top of us the whole way. There were 3 rigs of us and it probably would have been wiser to have waited till Monday to leave.

Next year the LA Rally will be in Rayne so a new place to go.

We left Louisiana on Friday and drove to Texarkana so we could leave the MH and got up early Saturday morning and made a quick trip? (9 hours each way) back to Overland Park to attend our grandson's Eagle Award Ceremony on Sunday. A lot of miles, but we wouldn't have missed it; then it was up early Monday morning for the return trip back to Texarkana and the rest of the Rally there. Of course, it rained there and in OK on the way home.

Good to be home if only for a short while-to catch up with wash, mail, papers etc. Thursday headed to Winfield for District 4 Rally. It was well attended in spite of the all day and night rain on Friday. This weekend was Four Seasons RV Park in Abilene to attend District 5 Rally. We attended this on Friday, April 28. We had the opportunity to meet up with friends plus meet some new folks. Also enjoyed a chicken dinner provided by the district plus many covered dishes. Originally we were going to drive to Sylvan Grove at Wilson Lake on Saturday for District 9, but guess what? after hearing the weather forecast for rain and possible snow, Carmie postponed their rally till May 19-21, as they did not have a

shelter. Then, this next weekend we will be attending District 3 in Hutchinson.

I have been searching all week for a possible leak in the plumbing of the motor home and have discovered so many spaces that are not readily accessible and becoming frustrated to locate what I'm looking for. After a week I still don't have any idea where it is coming from as it does not show up all the time. The joys of having an RV.

The chapter Presidents should have, or will soon receive, the forms needed to start the nomination process for the 2018-19 State Director. This form should be sent back to Pat Nippert before May 31, 2017. You can scan and email or mail them to her. Pat Nippert, 600 Penn Dr., McPherson, KS 67460 or [treasurerkgs@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerkgs@gmail.com)

Karen and I, if nominated and elected again, would serve if it is the desire of the Kansas Good Sam members. We have enjoyed working with so many great people this last year and looking forward to another Fall RV Rally. We do greatly appreciate the great help from all our members; the staff who help with the Rally; chapter presidents with their input and guidance keeps this organization on the move. Our past directors who have offered much support and our many members who make up the Kansas Good Sams, **THANK YOU** so much for your help and participation.

#### **Looking Ahead- Mark Your Calendars:**

1. 1 **STAFF** meeting June 24, 10:00 am and following that at 1:30 pm will be the **STATE COMMITTEE** (Chapter Presidents) Meeting. This meeting will be held in Hutchinson, at the Fairgrounds in the meeting room of the 4H Centennial Building (where we play cards at the Rally).

The Agenda will be sent to all Presidents before the first of June.

2. 2 Newspaper items should be submitted anytime now. Will go to print after June 1. Please send your articles to Marilyn Allen so she can layout the paper. It is really cool that we share with others our travels and fun.

3. 3 Start planning with your chapters to attend the Kansas RV Rally, **I REMINDER WHEN**, September 28-Oct 1, 2017 (early bird

1. parking starts Sept. 24). We have 4 chapters that have reached the 45-year mark. This in today's environment is a great achievement.

Camping season is here so let's move, get out and enjoy the great outdoors with friends. Keep on the lookout for some new friends to join us as we continue to expand our horizons. I do so much enjoy the opportunity to check out new areas; some you may wish to visit again and others once was enough.

So, let's go do some exploring.

We have many Kansans that attend the Nebraska Rally June 8-12. We will not be able to attend this year because of conflicts in our schedule.

Make Your Journey Count,  
Dean & Karen Stewart

April showers bring May flowers (should have a lot of flowers this year)

PS. Memorial Day is approaching so let us remember those who have gone before us.

#### KANSAS GOOD SAM NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017

Memorial Day, or as I remember my grandmother calling it Decoration Day, was always on the 30th of May. She would gather as much family as possible and we would drive to the cemeteries and decorate the final resting places of family and friends. Some noted the service in which they served for our nation; some from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WW I, WW II and other services to our great country. Of course, as a youngster, I probably did not totally grasp the whole meaning at that time as I was looking forward to a large lunch and playing with my cousins. Later, I understood, you see grandma had sent three sons to the battle of WW II and they all arrived back home safe, but many did not, and she was always counting her blessings. Karen and I spent time this weekend visiting the ones who have gone before us and we hope that you found time to include your visits as well.

Spring developed a leak (?); it seems that we have had our share of interesting weather for the beginning of this camping season. District 9 has cancelled two times because of the weather but still plan to have a get-together at some point. I am sure many of you have had the same schedule issues. Let's hope for more inviting weather as summer arrives.

By now all nominations for State Director should be submitted to Pat Nippert and she will continue with the next step. Will keep you informed as the process moves forward.

As most of you know we are always trying to secure door prizes for the Rally. There are many opportunities throughout Kansas to obtain some small gift or maybe even a donation. Check within your area.

A reminder about the State Committee Meeting on June 24, 2017, at 1:30 pm. This is held in Hutchinson at the Fairgrounds. The Staff will meet at 10:00 am at the same location. The fair has increased the overnight price to \$30.00 per/night. If you plan to stay over I would like to know. All presidents should have the agenda and had a chance to gather any information your chapter would like to discuss. If you (president) cannot attend please send a note with the person who will be attending in your place to represent your chapter.

We should also be collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house, we will collect them at the Rally and deliver them.

Karen has a new email address [klstewart4240@gmail.com](mailto:klstewart4240@gmail.com)

Deans email has not changed [rstewart8@cox.net](mailto:rstewart8@cox.net) or [rstewart853@gmail.com](mailto:rstewart853@gmail.com)

Chapter Presidents, if you have an email address you may want to check the [kansasgoodsams.org](http://kansasgoodsams.org) web site to see if we have it correct. We have some who wish to contact you about your chapter. If you don't have one then maybe someone within your chapter could be a contact person. Let Loretta

know if you have changes or questions about the web site.

Some of you will be attending the Nebraska Rally next week. Have fun and enjoy meeting up with friends. Karen and I will not be able to attend so represent Kansas and invite all to attend our Kansas Rally.

**DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR CHAPTER NEWS FOR THE NEWSPAPER SOON.**

Make Your Journey Count  
Dean & Karen Stewart

#### **KANSAS GOOD SAM NEWSLETTER JULY 2017**

June was a very busy month with a lot of activities. At least there was more daylight to work everything into the schedule. The first week of June Karen and I helped with Bible School at Church. Immediately after that we, and many other helpers, spent several hours removing every item from the educational wing for a large remodeling project. When it is complete, we then get to look forward to moving it all back in. We filled three large storage containers in the parking lot plus some that went to the basement. I have been on this Facilities Committee for several years and now we are moving forward with this project and will have some involvement throughout the summer. Next, it was on to a trip with the Serendipity Sams as we toured a part of Northeast Kansas. As a State, we have much to offer and will confess we did have a great time and learned a lot about early Kansas. Much more to see so need to plan for more trips. Got home on Thursday, spent the night, then on to Hutchinson for the biannual State Committee Meeting on Saturday. We will be home for a while now. Also during the month we discovered the Salina Sams were camping in McPherson at the RV Park, so we stopped in for some great conversation.

The biannual Committee Meeting was well attended and a lot was discussed. The minutes of this meeting will be forth coming and sent to the Chapter Presidents. One item of concern was the cakes for the cakewalk. As most of you know, it has been customary for each chapter to donate a cake for the cakewalk and a door prize. The committee also voted for each chapter to bring a dozen cookies to use for the First Timers meeting. A question has arisen - why store-bought cakes and home baked cookies. After research and a few phone calls it is because of the frostings or toppings that could be placed upon the cakes that some ingredients may cause problems.

Another item discussed was Rally Fees. Many are aware the Fair has to maintain a certain level in regard to cost of doing business. In 2018 our cost of parking will be raising, therefore the Committee voted to raise our early bird to \$20.00 per night and \$80.00 for the Rally. This is not much, but we need to be proactive with our finances. **This does not affect this year's Rally.** It has been a long time since I camped with full hookups for \$20.00, so this is still a bargain.

The Kansas Rally is not far away, 89 days today. Need to start planning to attend. Rally Forms can be found on the website, [kansasgoodsams.org](http://kansasgoodsams.org) or you can find it on the last page of your newspaper that you will be receiving soon.

We will have some special moments at the Rally when we hand out our Anniversary Awards. I would encourage as many members of your Chapter to attend that are able.

45 years—Sunflower Sams, Sonic Sams, Serendipity Sams, Salina Sams

40 years—Second Chance Sams, Meadowlark Sams

35 Years—Republican Valley Sams, Cowboy Sams, Conestoga Campers

20 years—Heartland Sams

10 years—The Kansas Military Sams

The 45 year chapters are the longest active chapters in our state and also the first ones to start the Kansas Good Sams. Thank you for setting an example for creating longevity within our organization. I will close for now and hope I haven't overloaded you all with my ramblings. Don't forget to save your pop tabs for the Rally.

Kansas State Director

Dean & Karen Stewart

#### **KANSAS GOOD SAM NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017**

July has come and all it left was HOT weather for many of us and ended up wet for others. Karen and I have been busy trying to put the finishing touches on the Rally. Still have some things to do, like checking with merchants for door prizes; finalizing the scavenger hunt; ordering the ice cream and donuts plus a few other details. The Rally program is completed and will be posted on our website. You can print off a copy if you like and share with others. The seminar schedule will be printed off on a separate sheet and distributed at the Rally because some of the vendors need to wait until closer to the Rally to give us a heads up on when they would like to schedule their seminar. Several of us will gather in Hutchinson on August 10 to visit potential merchants for door prizes. This is always a fun and rewarding time to connect with the merchants to share our information. If you have any places in or about your community that you believe would contribute, feel free to contact them. This is a whole state club and should be supported by more than just the city of Hutchinson. I hope that each chapter has the chance to go camping in August. It is a great time of year, and gives each group the opportunity to plan for the Rally. We will have a costume parade so get your plans made so we can have a great turnout. Hopefully you have been saving your pop tabs for Ronald McDonald house. This project was started many years ago and I wish we had kept track of how many pounds of tabs we have collected over the years. Here's hoping this finds all in good spirits and excited to attend the Rally September 28-October 1, with early birds starting September 24. We are looking forward to seeing each one of you and catching up on your latest adventures.

Make Your Journey Count,

Dean & Karen

#### **KANSAS GOOD SAM NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017**

The end of August finds many praying for those effected by Hurricane Harvey. Such destruction will take a long time to recover and some of you will have a different experience as you find a winter home. August has been reasonably quiet with a few exceptions. I know northeast Kansas has had some rain issues. We have been working hard to provide an RV Rally that you will enjoy. With many helpers, several door prizes have been provided by many businesses in the Hutchinson area. NOW is the time to finish preparations for the Kansas RV Rally. Get your reservations in, pack the RV, fill it up with fuel and head to the Fair Grounds in Hutchinson. Early bird parking will start on September 24 at 1:00 pm; we will have a couple of games on Tuesday, a few more on Wednesday, and a bunch on Thursday, Friday and more on Saturday. So, come and enjoy. Karen and I left Wednesday, August 30 for Hutchinson to work the RV Park for the Kansas State Fair. We will be there until September 18, come home load the car with Kansas Rally materials, then head to the Missouri RV Rally. The following Saturday head back to Hutchinson to help get ready for the Kansas RV Rally. Of course, after our Rally we will attend the Oklahoma RV Rally. Not sure how or when I will have time to compose the October Newsletter but will do our best to keep all informed. Karen and I wish to extend a large Thank You for your vote of confidence to continue as your State Directors for the next two years. Without the help of many this would not be possible as it takes many volunteers to keep the wheels rolling. A reminder that many chapters choose to turn in their rosters for 2018 during the Rally. This helps Pat Nippert a bunch as it gives her the time required to finalize her reports for Good Sam Support. Will close for now, if you have any questions about the Rally or Chapter renewal please contact us and we will help you, so we will see you all at the Rally. Make Your Journey Count  
Dean & Karen

## KANSAS GOOD SAM NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

Good day to all. It has been a very busy month for us or should I say since September 1. First, we worked at the Kansas State Fair managing the RV Park during the fair. After the fair we spent one night at home loading our car with the Good Sam items needed for our Rally, washing clothes, exchanging clothes with our Good Sam stuff for the next step. Then we were off to Sedalia for the Missouri RV Rally. It was well attended and fun was had by all. Left Sedalia on Saturday morning and arrived in Hutchinson around lunch time. After setting up we drove home to pick up the car and load more items in the truck then back to Hutchinson.

We had a great week at the Kansas RV Rally. We again had a nice number of those who visited for the first time. Hope they had a good time and will plan to come again. We try to have many and various activities for all to enjoy. I certainly enjoyed the presentation by KSDS with their service dogs. Very inspiring for those who give so much of their time for this cause.

Next was on to Oklahoma for their RV Rally. We did have a few that followed or should I say we followed them the next day after our Kansas Rally. On the Monday morning after the Rally I had the rig weighed and was pleasantly surprised, we are not yet overloaded. This was the first time that we had the opportunity to do a 4-point weigh, so that was good. Tire inflation is very important.

Now we find ourselves starting to wrap up the last loose ends after the Rally. Pat (State Treasurer) has been busy with the books and paying the final bills. Karen and I are starting to send out Thank You Letters to all merchants that provided door prizes and gifts-in-kind. I want to extend a big THANK YOU for all those who helped with the Rally.

Enough of the old, now on with the new. Many of your chapters have completed your re-charter process and some have that yet to complete. Please try to turn them in before the first of November as Pat will need to complete her forms soon after that date. **Make sure the addresses are correct for the Newspaper mailings and the officers properly identified. Email addresses (if available) of the presidents is important for receiving information.**

Today as I try to compose this newsletter, it is colder but it also will get some warmer later this week. Fall is upon us and we should have time for one or more campouts before it is time to park for a while. Halloween is approaching and the little ones (sometimes big ones) will be knocking on our doors with sacks wide open wanting a treat.

Looking ahead, we will again help at the Greater Kansas RV Show in Wichita in January. The dates are January 11-14. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

A few dates to get on your calendars for 2018, Committee Meeting and State Staff will meet June 23, 2018, in Hutchinson, Kansas and the RV Rally- October 4-7

One last item, Marilyn Allen, our long-time editor of the Newspaper has decided it is time for someone else to take on that project. She has done this job for about 10 years. **Thank You Marilyn.** We now have a new editor for our newspaper. Dave Marlowe of Sunflower Sams has agreed to tackle this endeavor. As many of you know the paper can only continue with involvement from all chapters. Your articles are important as well as your future within your group. Others want to know what you are doing, but more importantly what are you planning to do; where are you headed on your next outing. Dave will be contacting each chapter to check in. Dave's email address is [dmарlowe2014@gmail.com](mailto:dmарlowe2014@gmail.com). You can send him any info any time for use in the January paper.

Please check in on RV Parks, RV Dealers, Parts Stores, or anyone that would like to advertise in our paper. These dollars help pay for our paper.

We have an individual that will provide a \$25 gift certificate to Carriage Crossing for providing a great article submitted to the paper. More on this later so plan ahead.

Make Your Journey Count

Dean & Karen Stewart

## KANSAS GOOD SAM NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

Looks like November is starting out with a chill in the air. I am sorry that this letter is a tad late, but we spent the last few days in Kansas City because our youngest son finally found the one and was married on Saturday. Great weekend with family and friends.

November is a month with a couple of important days on the calendar. First is Veterans Day,

November 11, almost all communities have the day set aside for various activities for gathering and remembering the sacrifices of our veterans. Next gathering this month normally involves family and sharing love and food at Thanksgiving. I remember back when Grandmas house just about did not hold the family but it always seemed to work out. Let us all be thankful at this time. I know that some of you have already moved toward a warmer climate and many of you will be moving later this year. We will be sending out the Newspaper in January and the post office will not forward this paper because of the bulk rate we use to mail the paper. We need your winter address so you can receive the paper. At the Rally there was only one that left their winter address. Please contact Pat Nippert if you have a winter address you would like your paper sent to. While we are talking about the paper, we need your chapter news. How about your outing schedule; where are you going; what's new. Let's try to have all chapters submit something for the paper. ASD's, we would like your District Camping Schedules and if possible a brief comment about your activities for the weekend. Please submit your items to Dave Marlowe this month. Also if you have any one that would like to purchase an add let us know so we can get it in the paper. We have sent thank you letters for those who donated items for our Rally. I would like to **thank** the many Chapters who donated door prizes, cakes and cookies. This was greatly appreciated. The following are Dates of Activities for 2018 that I have at this time. If I have not included something, it is because I don't have confirmed dates.

January 11-14 - Greater Kansas RV Show, Wichita  
March 29-April 1 - Texas RV Rally  
April 5-8 - Louisiana RV Rally  
April 12-15 - Arkansas RV Rally  
June 23 - State Committee Meeting, Hutchinson  
September 27-30 - Missouri RV Rally  
October 4-7 - Kansas RV Rally  
October 11-14 - Oklahoma RV Rally

I know that some Chapter Officers will be changing. It is important that we keep communications with everybody. I will be getting a new list as soon as all chapters have turned their paper work in to Pat. If for some reason I have not entered your email correctly and you do not receive my monthly letter, please let me know. Also, I would like each Chapter to continue to send your Chapter Minutes to me each month.

Please share this letter with your chapter members.

Make Your Journey Count,  
Dean & Karen Stewart

## KANSAS GOOD SAMS DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

December, a month that signals the year end is near. As many of us are packing up the Thanksgiving decorations then all of a sudden, we are hanging lights; setting up the tree; preparing for family and friends and most of all celebrating the birth of Jesus with the world.

Changes have happened this year within the Good Sam Organization. At this time I hope it does not effect the way we continue to operate. My hope for the future is that we will continue to grow within our chapters and have a great group of campers who continue to be ever mindful of our roots.

We still have four Chapters that have not submitted their re-chartering information to Pat. This needs to be completed very soon or your copy of the biannual Good Sam News will not reach your mailbox. Please, if you happen to be one of those four, now is the time to inform Pat or myself of your intentions.

Some upcoming events with a need for help will be the Greater Kansas RV Show located in Wichita. After checking on the dates again, I found they have changed them to **Jan 25-28**. We will again help collect tickets and have a table available to provide information about Good Sam. The hours will be 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm Thursday thru Saturday and 12:00 noon to 5:00pm Sunday. If you will be able to help please let me know- even if it is for a day or a part of a day or even several days.

I know that some of you are or have gathered your belongings for warmer weather and moving south for the winter. Wishing you safe travels and have a great time. If by chance you are there toward the end of March, don't forget the Rally's in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas on the way home.

I do appreciate those who forward me their Chapter Minutes. This is helpful when connecting with each chapter. Many Chapters will have new Officers this year and I will soon have those names loaded in my computer so you can receive my monthly newsletter. This should happen the first of January. If, for some reason, you don't happen to receive anything from me by mid-January, inform your past President to contact me of the change. If you can send your minutes by email, this seems to be a great way to do it and also saves on postage.

Have you sent in any Chapter News for the paper??? The deadline is drawing near. We are also looking for advertisers so be on the lookout for those who would like to participate. State Editor is David Marlowe, 12648 170<sup>th</sup> St. Linwood, KS 66052.  
Email-dmarlowe2014@gmail.com.

A lot of activities have happened this year - Chapter activities, District gatherings, State Rally and state committee meetings. I will have more on this later in the paper. Take time this month to reflect on this year with your Good Sam family. We have some that have passed away, some with health concerns, rig issues, and any number of things. We really can be very thankful for this family and all that we stand for.

Karen and I want to thank you all for your support this year. We wish you all a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**.

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Dean & Karen