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Sue receiving a Sock Hop award from FMCA

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We all hear the story lines about our National Elections for 2024. Well we have our FMCA Association Elections in August 2023 for the TOP FMCA OFFICERS. Many thousands of FMCA members do not have a vote BECAUSE they do not belong to an FMCA Chapter. So an additional benefit for being a member of Singles International. I have mentioned the elections in our last two issues of the Scuttlebutt and the resumes have been published in the May and June issues of the FMCA RVing Magazine Therefore you have the opportunity to review each candidate and forward to our National Director, David Robb your voting intention, (See more information from David Robb) He will tally the votes and vote accordingly at the Governing Board Elections at Gillette WY



Once again the Singles International Chapter will host the fun/games at the FMCA's 107th International Convention & RV Expo August 23-26 2023 at Gillette Wyoming. Our Captain of the Rocky Mountain & Western Area Carol Preimesberger will coordinate the Fun/Games (see her attachment and the pre-rally) and our National Director David Robb will represent the Singles at the annual Governing Board and cast the members votes at election time.

Not sure, but we might be able to have our annual Singles Business meeting at Gillette as well???

As you all know I sent out the complete obituary for Susanne Balmert back in June 2023 to ALL current Singles International Members. Margie Rodgers and several SI Members have written there memories about Sue over the years. It was in 2003 I first met Sue when she joined Singles International and at that time I was Eastern Area VP. I remember how helpful she was to me and the SI Chapter with all the rallies I had. I remember her pre-rally to Indianapolis FMCA 2012 at a campground along the big road. She was the SUPPER VOLUNTEER. The many times she helped me with the Happy Hour tables at SEA and Perry. She just knew how to help, Sue and John Montgomery would switch off being the SI VP for the Great Lakes Area and when John came off the road she took over..

Safe travels and enjoy the rest of the summer. Keep in touch on the SI Facebook Page.

John McPherson

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Treasurer's Report

July 1-31, 2023

Beginning Cash			\$5,606.75
Income	\$57.75		
Expenses—Memorial Flowers (Sue Balmert)		-(87.71)	
Net Increase/Decrease			\$5,576.79
Total Cash in Bank			\$5,576.79

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Welcome NEW Member

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Memories about Sue Balmert

My friend, Sue Balmert!

As I assume most of you know, Sue passed away on June 12th in her sleep. She was living with her daughter in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was also dealing with neuropathy and it made it very difficult for her to walk or even drive the motor home.

Sue was a long time member of three chapters, Singles International, SE Happy People and her original chapter in Ohio (her home state).

She and her late husband started RVing in their fifth wheel when he retired from Ford Motor Company. After he passed away, she bought her Class A motor home.

I can't recall when I first met Sue but I know it has been many, many years. When I bought my 2008 Class A at the FMCA convention in St. Paul, MN, she was the first person to take a look. We always laughed about that.

Sue was very involved with Singles International at all the FMCA conventions, volunteering as a golf cart driver and especially with Card Bingo. With SE Happy People, she was always helping Martha Werre in setting up for the rallies we had at Martha's place as well as all the South East Area rallies. For a few years, Sue and I would go to Sam's Club and get the candy which she would then separate and put into bags for the prizes for Card Bingo. Sue was always willing to help out whenever and where ever needed.

She loved to play gin rummy and card bingo. As Sue and I were parked at 3Flags RV Resort in Florida, where she came every year for many years, she and I would spend many an afternoon playing card bingo and then, in the evening going to the Bingo games. Sue was a dear friend, not only to me but many others. She will be missed!

Margie Rodgers

More Memories about Sue Balmert

These pictures and tribute was sent by Dave Robb.

I met Sue at South East Area Rally in February of 2022, was hoping to work with her at Great Lakes Area Rally this June, she was planning on coming but didn't feel up to it. I only volunteered with her a few days but her personality and friendliness was great. The Singles International has great volunteers, but Sue was a role model. She is missed, Dave Robb



This beautiful flower arrangement was sent by the SI Chapter.



RALLY EVENTS

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

[Northeast Area Rally—August 03—05, 2023](#)

Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, New York

[FMCA's 107th International Convention & RV Expo—August 23—26, 2023](#)

Gillette, Wyoming

[South Central Area Rally—September 13—16, 2023](#)

Shawnee, Oklahoma

[Eastern Area Rally—October 04—08, 2023](#)

Lewisburg, West Virginia

[Rocky Mountain Area Rally—October 24—28, 2023](#)

Tucson, Arizona

This rally has been cancelled

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This 60% off special offer is good only for NEW
FMCA memberships.**

Extra Information related to the FMCA rally in Gillette, Wyoming

The following people are signed up for the FMCA rally in Gillette, Wyoming as SIs. They will be able to come in on the 17th for a SI pre-rally. You may stay free, if you are dry camping, or you may pay for electricity at \$25 per night. Those not attending the pre rally will arrive on the 21st. We will meet both days (the 17th and the 21st) at Walmart at 9AM to caravan in.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Carol Preimesberger at carolpberger@gmail.com.

Bill Brailsford

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Information on VOTING!

SI Members needs to email David Robb your National Director, your voting intentions for National Officers by August 15, 2023.

Dave will be representing Singles International at the 107th FMCA International Convention in Gillette in August, as your director my vote will represent us all. Any preferences please contact Dave.

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Singles International

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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): _____

IF referred by a SI Supporter Member _____ (name of member)

Dues are not prorated

Initial Membership: \$10.00 plus \$13.00 for badge Total \$23.00

Renewals: \$10.00

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Renewals are Due Oct. 1-please fill out this form for ALL renewals
Checks/Cash payable in U.S. funds only

Make Check Payable to:

Singles International as a Chapter of FMCA

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.

Jm 5-13-23