

La Voz

December 2018

Stan and I spent some time down in Columbus, New Mexico after Thanksgiving. There were several Chapters represented that weekend – Computer Sam, M. Mtn. Sam and 3 Rivers. It was a cold and windy weekend, but we all ate well and had great fun. A couple of trips into Palomas, Mexico where we ate (again) and shopped. What a great time.

Stan will be heading to Chicago to visit with kids and grandkids for Christmas and I will be heading to Phoenix to visit our granddaughter. We will meet up in Phoenix and drive back together. Got to love the holidays.

I wanted to remind all of the Chapter Presidents to send your list of membership and officers to the new State Director – Marie Mook. That information is due to her in January 2019. Her email address is Mmook1@outlook.com. If you have any questions for her, you can reach her at 505-259-5349. Marie and I are working hard to make this transition as smooth as possible. Change isn't always easy, but let's do our best to make Marie welcome and help in any way we can.

The 50/50 and ½ of the Bingo money that was raised at the 2018 Rally and won by Computer Sam for the charity of their choice, has been determined. The amount of money won by Computer Sam was approximately \$587. Computer Sam donated, from their Chapter treasury enough money to bring that total to \$600.00. They decided to split the donation between three charities: Connelly House in Farmington, El Ranchito De Los Ninos in Los Lunas, and Love, Inc. in Otero County. Connelly House is similar to Ronald McDonald House, they provide help to cancer victims. They have one employee and all the other help is volunteer. Love, Inc. provides

backpacks for school children that don't have enough food through the weekends. El Ranchos De Los Ninos provides items like soap, shampoo, hygiene products to homeless families. All three charities are well deserving of the donations from Computer Sam.

According to the calendar on the New Mexico Good Sam website, there doesn't seem to be any scheduled campouts, (too cold??). I know folks are busy this time of year and will be enjoying their Chapter holiday parties. Next year don't forget to include your campouts on the website calendar. You can send that information to Chuck Culpepper at culpc@dives-2-little.com. It is so much fun to meet other folks from other Chapters. I did want to remind you of some other dates to think about for upcoming events.

- Also watch the New Mexico website calendar for upcoming State Rallies in our region:
 - Arizona State Rally April 3 through April 6, 2019
 - Northern California May 2 through May 4. A Mardi Gras theme
 - Southern California also May 2 through May 4. A Happy Days theme
 - Utah State Rally June 5 through June 8.
 - Watch for Nevada and Colorado – nothing on the calendar yet

Remember if you want to participate in any of these campouts, please contact the wagon master in the sponsoring Chapter for details. If you would like to attend a State Rally in another state there are registration forms on our website. Just click on the state of your preference.

As you all know, this is my last month to be your State Director. I can't thank you all enough for all the help and hard work you have put into making the last 2 ½ years a success for all the Chapters in our state. Together we have done so much, made great friends and spent many hours working toward the success of Good Sam. I remember when I started as State Director and hardly knew anyone except the Chapter Presidents. I know you won't believe this, but I was a little shy and intimidated about getting involved as Director back then. That quickly changed after I got to know you all. I have enjoyed meeting and working with each and every one of you so much. I wish all of you and your Chapters much success in the future.

Enjoy the holiday season with family and friends and remember the true meaning of each of the holidays. Be safe in whatever you do.

Janice and Stan

