



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To Northwest Area FMCA Members



May you all be safe and happy wherever you are at this magical time of the year! Let us take the time to reflect on the friends and family that we have lost this year! Please give thanks to those who are away protecting our freedom.

Your Northwest Area Team is working hard to put the final touches on the 2018 Northwest Area Rally, MILLING AROUND COOS BAY, to be held from June 21 - 24, 2018 at the Mill Hotel & Casino in North Bend, Oregon. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the captains, volunteers, Rally Master Andy Balogh and Assistant Rally Master Don Schleuse. They work continuously for almost an entire year in preparation for the rally. Please visit the Northwest Area website, www.fmcanw.org for all the latest information. The registration form is there, as well as, other pertinent information. Visit it often for up-to-date information. We hope you will join us!

Once again, our webmaster Sandie Blakely has done a terrific job! In 2018, we will be updating our website, so watch for a new look, as they say, "Coming Soon"!

As for the next few months activities, it looks like a very full calendar! We will be travelling South, first to the Western Area Rally in Indio, VIVA LAS VEGAS from January 11 -14. Many of our Northwest Area members volunteer at this rally; parking, seminars, security, FMCA booths and the water truck team. Then it is on to the Big Tent Show in Quartzsite, January 20 – 28, the International Area Rally in Tucson, February 5 – 9. After the International Area Rally, a quick trip to see members and chapters in Yuma, will be followed by a trip to the FMCA's 97th National Convention in Perry, GA March 15 – 18. Hope to see you there!

The 98th International Convention will be held in Gillette, WY, July 18 -21, 2018. The National Office will be asking for volunteers. Please consider volunteering, as it has been said before, volunteering is long hours, answering lots of questions, while meeting many new friends. You leave with a smile on your face, knowing that you helped make the convention successful and fun for many new friends. Gillette will be my last convention in office; please come and support your new National Area Vice President. Speaking of the election for the position of National Vice President – Northwest Area, the nomination process begins in late January and installation is at the Gillette Convention. If anyone has any questions or interest in learning more about the position, please contact me, kbalogh@fmca.com or 503-530-0166.

A very big THANK YOU to your Northwest Area Executive Board: Don & Barbara Schleuse, Dennis Martin, Jim McBride, Bill Chambers, Bobbi Radford and Andy Balogh for their continued support and friendship. Most of all, thank you to all the Northwest Area Chapter Officers and Members for your dedication to your chapters and FMCA.

We have all contributed to the success of the Northwest Area; you should be proud of all the wonderful rallies that we have successfully hosted, the friendships and good times we have had and the many more we will experience in the future. On behalf of your Northwest Area Executive Board Team, we hope your holidays are safe and magical with family and friends!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!! *Kathie & Andy*