



## Welcome New Members

A hearty welcome to our new members: **Harry and Karen Trowbridge from Ottawa; Scott & Lauren Wiseman from Bloomington, Dick and Kathy Permantier from Rock Island, and Butch and Susan Smith from Wheaton.**

## Member Update

**John and Rita Green** have a new home in Hillsboro, TX. Here is a copy of a February 25 email:

*What a nice surprise to get the cards from our friends in the Lincolnland unit. Thank you very much. We've now been here 4 weeks and it's starting to feel like home. If you're ever in this area, please let us know and stop by. Our phone numbers and email addresses are the same. There is plenty of parking with full hookups.*

*John & Rita*

**Mary Elliott** is recuperating from recent hip replacement surgery. Cards may be sent to: 1331 N 1709 Rd., Streator, IL 61364-9477.

## March 25, 2018 Kick Off Luncheon

Illinois Lincolnland members met at the Goodfield Busy Corner Restaurant, Goodfield and enjoyed the good food, fellowship, and pie. In attendance were Christine Majers, John & Susan Swearingen, Ann & Carl Leslie, Carroll & Beverly Hensley, Roy & Evelyn Peacock, Bud Lanoue, Bernie & Mary Taylor, Jim & Kathy Ceryes, John & Waneta Riggenschach, and Scott & Lauren Wiseman.

Susan Swearingen was elected to be our 2018 Vice President. Susan Swearingen called attention to the April 27 – 30, *Heart of Illinois Rally* at Camp Lakewood in Effingham, IL. All members should have received a letter this past weekend with rally itinerary, an overview of activities and a Visitors Requirements form for the Friday afternoon tour at Hodgson Mill production plant. Susan and John hope you are making plans to attend.

This is a very busy year-round campground. Susan urges you to make your reservations as soon as possible. The campground requires each camper to call and make their own advance reservations. All pertinent information is in your letter. There is more to see and do in and around Effingham than we can possibly see in this one weekend.

Your letter has a form to complete and return to Susan (by mail, calling, text or emailing the requested information), which will help with meal planning and tours. ***Please notify Susan by Monday, April 23, 2018.***

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Scott & Lauren Wiseman, Carroll Hensley Beverly Hensley Evelyn Peacock, Waneta R. Roy Peacock Christine Majers

## Make your Camp Lakewood, Bo Woods & Kentuckiana Reservations Now!

Camp Lakewood <http://www.camplakewoodcampground.com> (800) 961-1198

Bo Woods <http://www.recreation.gov/campsiteSearch.do> (877) 444-6777

Kentuckiana <http://www.kentuckianahome.com/campsite-map/> (309) 449-3274 (309) 840-2234



### February 17, 2018 Sweetheart Luncheon



February 17, 2018 we gathered in Clinton, IL at the Lateada Tea Room and Gift Shop located in an old Victorian style farmhouse. The main floor is decorated with antique furnishings and the upper level is a boutique gift shop. In attendance were: Dave & Nancy O'Neall, Bud Lanoue, John & Susan Swearingen, Jim & Kathy Ceryes, Doris & Art Meier, Monte Barksdale, Ann & Carl Leslie, Waneta & John Riggerbach, Bernie & Mary Taylor. Thank you, Ann, for treating each one of us a lovely Valentine box of chocolates.

### November 12, 2017 Closing Dinner



Gary & Susan Lock

Floyd & Linda Hattan

Susan & John Swearingen

November 12, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club members met at Biaggi's in Champaign, IL for our 2017 Closing Dinner. In attendance were John & Rita Green, Carl & Ann Leslie, Gary & Susan Lock, Dave & Nancy O'Neall, Christine Majers, John & Susan Swearingen, Bernie & Mary Taylor, Bud Lanoue, Jim & Kathy Ceryes, Carroll & Beverly Hensley, and Floyd & Linda Hattan. It was especially nice to get to know our recent 2017 new members, **Gary and Susan Lock** from Kewanee.



Rita Green

Bernie Taylor

John Green

Ann & Carl Leslie

Bud Lanoue

Kathy & Jim Ceryes

**Reminder: Make your Camp Lakewood, Bo Woods & Kentuckiana Reservations Now!**



### Spoon River Rally October 13 – 16, 2017

Bud Lanoue, Monte Barksdale, George & Ange DeVaul, Jim & Kathy Ceryes, Bernie & Mary Taylor, Carl & Ann Leslie enjoyed the Spoon River Drive and camping at the Evening Star Resort. So many delights to see, do, and eat. Linda & Floyd Hattan joined us for dinner and the installation of Recording Secretary, Mary Taylor, and 2018 President, Ann Leslie.



L to R: 1. Monte installing 2018 President, Ann Leslie. 2. George & Ange decorating for the Trick'r Treaters. 3. Nancy photographing "Glenda & Dorothy". 4. Dickson Mounds fall foliage.

Petersburg, Lewistown, Lewistown's **Oak Hill Cemetery**, and Spoon River country inspired Edgar Lee Masters and is a designated Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

Built around 150 A.D. by the Hopewell Culture, the two- acre 14-foot high **Rockwell Mound** required about 1,700,000 basket loads of earth to build. Aug. 13, 1858 during Stephen Douglas' speech here, Abraham Lincoln arrived along side the park by steamboat and spoke also here the next day.



Bernie at Oak Hill Cemetery



Havana Rockwell Mound Park



Waneta & John Riggenbach's granddaughter, Annaliese Springer of Eureka, IL kicks high in the air in preparation for the Isle of Erin Dancers St. Patrick's Day performance. March 17, 2017, page A1, *Peoria Journal Star*.



**IL Lincolnland 2018 Officers:** President - Ann Leslie, Vice President - Susan Swearingen, Recording Secretary - Mary Taylor, Corresponding Secretary - Carl Leslie, Treasurer - John Swearingen, Immediate Past President - Monte Barksdale  
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***Have a Blessed Happy Easter!***