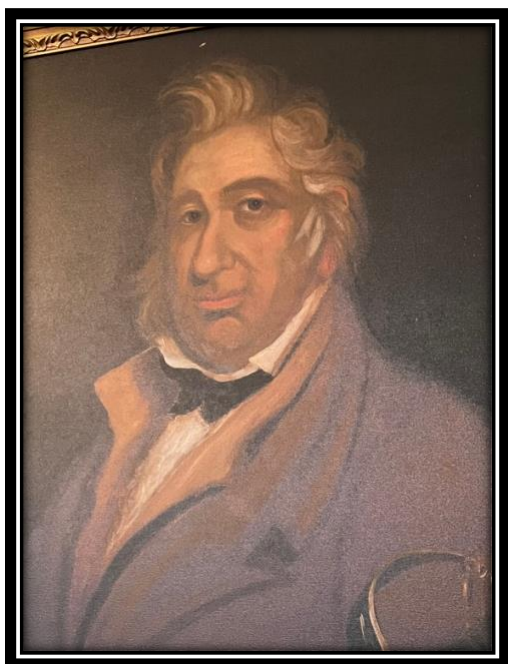


NORVA NEWS

October 2022



The Carmichaels of America



We know him affectionately as Tom, or “Tommy no shoes”, our friend who sometimes walks around bare feet because he only brought one pair of shoes and lost them in the Shenandoah River at NORVA River Rally 2021 or the guy who does a belly flop onto his river tube, losing yet another pair of shoes, in a scramble to exit the New River this summer at the Galax Region 3 Rally. Tom is so much more; he is a NORVA Past President, in fact, he has already served as President twice. The Carmichaels have silver in their blood, privileged to have airstream camping traditions in their immediate and extended family, going back multi-generationally. Tom is serving as our NORVA Parliamentarian this fiscal year starting October 1. The picture to the left of Tom in his youth, was kindly donated to NORVA News by the President of WBCCI Region 3 Christine Baum. Thanks Christine!

Important Notes:

1. NORVA Holiday party will be Saturday, December 10 in Alexandria Virginia. Please sign up with coupon in this newsletter
2. RSVP by October 22, 2022 for October Alumalina Buddy Rally – see Calendar of Events
3. Signup for November Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally – a boondocking event
4. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to NORVAnews@gmail.com

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

I would like to thank Pete West and the other officers for their leadership and contributions to the club this past year.

As NORVA embarks on a new year I would like to take this time to welcome all new members who have joined this past year and look forward to meeting you at the rallies that are planned for the coming year. FYI NORVA has 103 members and 26 have joined since October 1, 2021. Also, I am looking forward to reuniting with our older members and finding out what exciting things you have done and places you have been this past year.

We have a new slate of officers for this year. Some new, some in the same position and some who have moved to a different position.

President - Gerry Nagel (2nd term)
1st. VP - Priscilla Harrell (moved up from 2nd VP)
2nd VP - Bob Nickel (new)
Treasurer - Sharon Haw (new)
Webmaster - Patsy Nagel (same)
Membership Director - Lew Brodsky (same)
Secretary - Gail Perkins (same)
Newsletter Editor - Dave Harrell (same)
Legislative Director - John Bevis (new)
Parliamentarian - Tom Carmichael (new)
Past President - Pete West (moved up from President)

Please give them your full support as they have willingly and enthusiastically stepped up to lead NORVA for the next year. For those who do not know the duties of the officers, I am attaching a link to NORVA's governing documents for you to peruse and understand what they do for the club.

NORVA Bylaws:

https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/NORVA_Bylaws_Jul2021.pdf

NORVA Constitution:

https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/NORVA_Constitution_Jul2121.pdf

NORVA Executive Board Policies:

https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/NORVA_ExecBdPol_Jul2021.pdf

We have an excellent active rally schedule which Priscilla Harrell our 1st. VP has put together and is listed later on in this newsletter and on our website (airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia).

Bob Nickel, 2nd VP, is planning a club caravan to the Airstream Club International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming in June 2023. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Finally, the goal for this year is GO CAMPING AND HAVE FUN.



COMMONWEALTH Rally – NORVA Report

Written by David and Priscilla Harrell

This year's rally was held in Waynesboro North 340 campground in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia from September 22 to 25, 2022. NORVA was very well represented at the event with 14 households attending. The Commonwealth is an annual joint rally of the 4 Virginia WBCCI local clubs. The clubs are Unit 110 Northern Virginia (NORVA), Unit 109 Virginia, Unit 111 The Spirit of Virginia, and Tidewater. The clubs take turns to host the rally each year. This year's rally was hosted by Unit 109 and next year is NORVA's turn to host the rally.

Hope you will join us next year Thursday through Saturday, **September 21 – 24, 2023** when NORVA will host the Commonwealth Rally. We are currently scouting Virginia locations and will announce the venue as soon as we have finalized the campground. We will need many NORVA volunteers to help to Organize Games and other Fun Activities, need Happy Hour aficionados, Fall decorations and Flamingo table decoration experts, need Welcome Committee, and so on. Many hands make light work!! Most importantly we hope **as many NORVA members as possible** will put this on their calendar and attend this event!! NORVA only hosts the Commonwealth Rally once every four years, so it is our chance to get to know other Commonwealth members and NORVA'lize this event, meaning let us all GO CAMPING AND HAVE FUN!!

Since we have many new members who have not yet attended a Commonwealth Rally, we provide below and in the next few pages some pictures and descriptions to help give a flavor of the event.



BBQ at the Dinner and Officers Installation Ceremony



Above: Happy Hour was a big hit!

Right: Young Kim from NORVA wins the “Flamingo Bingo” grand prize, a gardening tool set



The Dunkin Donuts were delicious and made fresh that morning. Pictured here is David Harrell picking up the unusual sour cream donut. Gail Perkins is also interested in sour cream donuts. On the right is Janeen Rider demonstrating expert wok stir-fry technique. The cowboy breakfast of sausage, eggs and hashbrown was amazing.



Men at work, but slowly...the result is awesome – appetizing breakfast fruit



Membership Director Lew Brodsky at NORVA Happy Hour



NORVA TRADITIONS AT THE COMMONWEALTH



Did you know you get a star for every 5 years of membership in WBCCI. (You get two stars; they go next to your Big Red Number on the front and back of your airstream.) If 2022 is your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th anniversary with the Club and you have not yet received your red stars from the President, please try to attend the NORVA Holiday Party to receive your stars. We will also have a NORVA Presidential ceremony at the Maintenance Rally for 2023 Star Recipients and any year 2020 to 2022 star recipients who for any reason, have not yet attended a star ceremony. If you live outside the Washington DC MSA, you will receive your congratulations and star from the President in the mail. In the picture above, Pete West in one of his final duties as NORVA President, present a star to Doug and Susan Anderson (five years) and Eric and Norma Colby (ten years).



A grand NORVA tradition – 2022 Caravan Leader Pete West proudly passes the baton aka Caravan Leader Flag to Second Vice President Bob Nickel who will lead the next NORVA caravan scheduled for June 2023 to the WBCCI International in Rocksprings Wyoming. NORVA is unique in being a local unit that also organizes caravans. Most other caravans are organized at the International Club level.

WBCCI TRADITIONS AT THE COMMONWEALTH



One of the many events at the rally is the Installation of Officers of all 4 clubs. President of WBCCI Region 3, Christine Baum, installing First Vice President Priscilla Harrell and Second Vice President Robert "Bob" Nickel. Each Officer, Trustee, Director at the Ceremony received a toy car. The color of the car and the type of car symbolized our duties and responsibilities to our Club.



Looking Spiffy!! Some of us officers, once a year, wearing our Wally Byam Caravan Club International traditional white and navy/dark colors for the Installation Ceremony. Sorry Priscilla, your pink Flamingo Hawaiian Shirt idea was voted down, again



First VP Priscilla Harrell presenting the Past President Flag to Peter West. Each President of NORVA receives a Past President flag to keep at the end of their one-year tenure. Thank you, President Pete and First Lady Elizabeth West, we are very grateful to both of you for your service to our Club.



WBCCI International in Fryeburg Maine – The NORVA Report

Written by Priscilla Harrell



“Isn’t it wonderful to see our products in the wild?” Justin Humphrey, COO of Airstream, Inc. There were more than 900 airstreams gathered here in Fryeburg

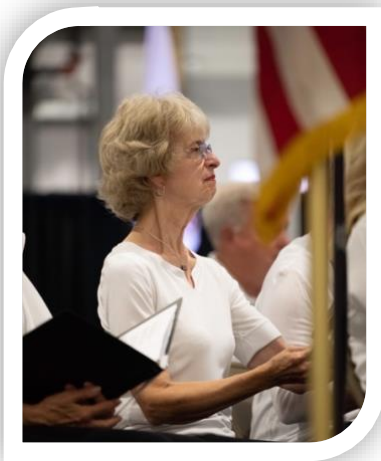


“The world will be a better place if more people went camping”, says Justin Humphrey’s from Airstream.



Twelve Member Households comprising 22 individuals, from NORVA attended the WBCCI International Rally in Fryeburg Maine. The rally was held from July 22 to July 29, 2022. It was a great opportunity to make new friends and meet good friends from other regions of the country and or Canada. It is always wonderful to hear the latest and greatest from Airstream, Inc. Leadership who attend the rally. The seminars were very educational and helpful and the WBCCI Band and Choir are always a big hit. The Opening and Closing ceremonies are always exciting and we sure love the dance bands and night jamming sessions.

Doing our part – Awesome NORVA Presenters at the International



Beth Jones (and husband Ed Jones) in the choir. The Band and Choir gave an amazing performance. The photographers tried but we were not able to get a picture of Ed Jones singing, he was in the bass section. An extra effort was made to cheer loudly for the bass section made up of 4 very gifted gentlemen.



Bob Nickel, Presenter. Topic: RV Trip Planning. There were probably 300 people in attendance at this seminar, more than the WBCCI organizers anticipated. Some of us had to help carry and set up chairs from storage in the back, to accommodate the crowds, the talk was so popular. Way to go Bob!



Lew Brodsky, Presenter. Topic: Creating Club Newsletters & Directories in the Digital Processing Age. This seminar was attended by the Newsletter Editors and webmasters of many airstream clubs all over the country. Very informative and interactive, we were inspired.



Myrtle Bell, Presenter. Topic: Second Generation WBCCI. Myrtle Bell with her husband Darnese A. Bell, Jr., are affiliate members of NORVA. Myrtle's parents Jule and Lilla Williams purchased their first airstream in 1965 and joined NORVA. What awesome WBCCI and NORVA history and legacy!

Its 5 o'clock somewhere



The Party Bus – you know you are throwing a good party when the fairground bus filled with airstream rally attendees across the USA and Canada, decide to stop at your campsite every 15 minutes for Jack Daniels re-fills. OK folks this is the Harrell stop.



Bourbon tasting at The Harrell campsite. Priscilla did not think it was fair to single out bourbon, so we also had whiskeys, rum, vodka, gin, red wine, white wine, various juices, sodas.



Party in full swing – NORVA attendees gather to deepen conversations and friendships



Great food, drinks, NORVA camaraderie
Happy Hour sustenance included smoked salmon, cocktail shrimp, cashews, fruits, cut vegetables, dips, chocolate, cheese and crackers, and chips. Just the essentials...



Maverick and Iceman

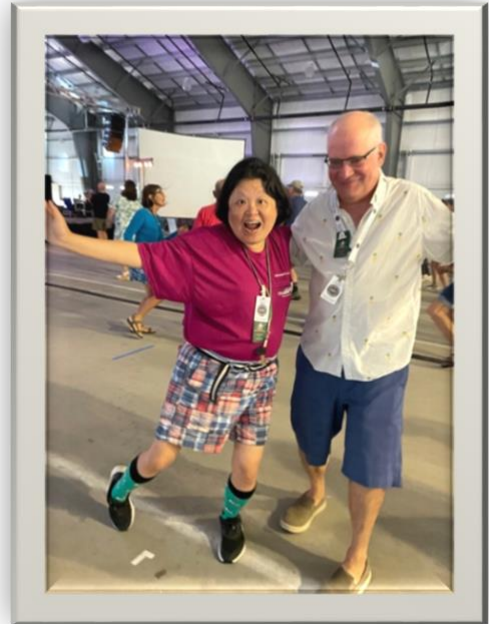


Happy Hour sky

Mic drop? No, but we have the NORVA jaw-drop which is better



Brent and Paula Burger showing us how it is done. Cutting a rug on the dance floor. Very well-done Burgers, doing NORVA proud!!



It is Priscilla Harrell our new First Vice President, Priscilla being herself, husband David trying to temper her enthusiasm, basically just like any other day...



It is David Harrell our Newsletter Editor, no additional explanation needed here...



There are always new toys to try out when the vendors come to the International...



NORVA is so proud of our WBCCI Fryeburg Award Winners



Red Ribbon: David Harrell won Second Place in the Photography competition - Pet category. Fryeburg attendees who are in the large photo exhibit hall are randomly asked to vote for the photos so it's popular choice. The winning picture is of Beagle puppy Choo Choo. Competition was extremely fierce, there are a lot of highly skilled photographers with great eye, who are also Airstreamers!!



What an honor, NORVA was invited by WBCCI to display our Newsletter at the International Publication Exhibit in Fryeburg. The Publication exhibit showcases quality newsletters that other club editors can emulate. Our Newsletter Editor David Harrell is pictured here with Hedda Smithson WBCCI Headquarters Publications Chair



Bottom Left: Our Club Mascot, handsome Labrador Seneca Perkins won second place in the Fryeburg Dog costume competition. NORVA members were out full force in the stands to cheer Seneca on. We were loud!! Seneca dressed as Wally Byam. Seneca would have come in First, but he lost to a poodle. To be fair, it is not that Seneca lost to the poodle but rather Seneca's dad and competitive handler Doug Perkins lost to the poodle's handler who was dressed to the nines in a vintage Bavarian Fraulein outfit. Next year we are having Doug Perkins costume in traditional white top and vintage lederhosen when he brings Seneca into the show ring, we cannot possibly lose next year. Do not miss the International next year in Rocksprings Wyoming. Doug in lederhosen will be worth the price of admission.



A Big Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS:

Donald and Peggy Eckerman



We welcome New NORVA Members Donald and Peggy Eckerman who live in Springfield, Virginia. They have a 2021 Basecamp 20x. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 6805. Donald and Peggy joined our Club on September 5, 2022.

Jeffrey and Barbara Kohler

We welcome New NORVA Members Jeffrey and Barbara who live in Centreville, Virginia. They have a 2023 25-foot Globetrotter. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 6963. Jeffrey and Barbara joined our Club on September 24, 2022.

Thomas Raezer and Ingrid Zcintos

We welcome New NORVA Members Thomas and Ingrid who live in Reston, Virginia. They have a 2018 20-foot Flying Cloud. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 6890. Thomas and Ingrid joined our Club on September 13, 2022.

As of September 30, 2022, NORVA has 102 member households; a total of 192 individuals!!



Thank you, New Members who have recently sent us Photos:

Tony Stafford



We welcome New NORVA Member Tony Stafford who lives in Ashburn, Virginia. He has a 2020 33-foot Classic. NORVA is his home club. The Big Red Number is 6712. Tony joined our club on August 25, 2022.

Angela Goodman



We welcome New NORVA Member Angela Goodman who lives in Ashburn, Virginia. NORVA is her home club. Her Big Red Number is 7138. Angela joined our club on August 31, 2022.



Getting to know you – Member Bios or Member written interviews

Sheila and Steve Holt



Sheila is a native-born Texan who spent most of her formative years in Lubbock moving to the Northern Virginia in 1973 to work in the real estate mortgage business. In 1985, after several years of having crochety old men lawyer types tell her what to do, she launched her own title abstract business serving real estate settlement companies. Her business Title Write has grown into a successful multi-state service business. She is well regarded in the industry. She sold the majority of her business in 2018 and continues to work in the company.

Steve was born into a navy family that travelled extensively throughout the US during his early years. His family was posted to Naples Italy and Paris France where he attended high school, graduating back in the States. Steve attended George Washington Engineering school then switched to Physics at George Mason University graduating with honors. Steve spent most of his career working for the Army's Night Vision Laboratory, developing infrared sighting systems, lasers and radars. He spent a year working for the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency and finally finished out his career working for the Army headquarters. In 2006 he formed his own consulting company finally retiring in 2018.

Steve and Sheila were married in 1986 and have a married daughter who is now a vice president at NBC in Los Angeles. Steve has a daughter from a previous marriage who lives happily in the hills of North Carolina with her husband and two teenage children. Sheila has a daughter from a prior marriage who has blessed them with three granddaughters. Steve and Sheila live comfortably in Lorton Virginia with their two Shih Tsu-Bichon puppies.



Brian and Lauren Summers



Are you new to RV Camping?

We first bought an Airstream last year, but we already traded it in and bought a new 2022 Airstream Pottery Barn.

Any career information you would like to share?

We own two Chick-fil-A Restaurants in Ashburn, VA

What are your Hobbies?

We love boating on Lake Anna and traveling in the fall to college football games with the Airstream. We are NC State Wolfpack fans so we travel to see NC State play but we also are Virginia Tech season ticket holders and always take the Airstream to Blacksburg for tailgating!

Any Children?

We have two daughters:

Emily is a Senior at Virginia Tech

Anna Claire is a Sophomore at College of Charleston

Any Pets?

We have two Golden Retrievers: Willow and Camper

Favorite Food?

Chicken of Course! Actually Mexican, always love a Margarita!



Kurt and Corey Langenwalter



Are you new to RV Camping?

Kurt was a long time Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster so lots of backpacking and car camping experience. Army experience as an Infantry guy so lots of sleeping on the ground and under a poncho.

We rented a motor home once for a week in Alaska. We purchased our 25-foot Globetrotter in the Fall of 2021. Consider us newbies!

Any information you would like to share regarding alma mater or career?

Kurt graduated high school from Tehran American School, Tehran Iran. Kurt's dad worked in Tehran for Westinghouse for five years (pre-Iranian Revolution). Kurt summited Mount Damavand 18403 ft while in Iran.

We met at VA Tech. We spent five years living in Germany and Italy while we were both on active duty. We both traveled extensively. We went on a Safari in Africa.

Kurt served 25 years on active duty in the Army, retiring as an instructor for the Department of Army Inspector General. Since retiring from the Army, Kurt has worked over 20 years as a financial advisor and plans to retire in the next couple of years.



Corey served 30 years on active duty in the Army, retiring as the Command Inspector General for the Military District of Washington. Following active duty, she continued federal service as a Department of the Army Civilian for an additional ten years. She is retired as of 2019!

Any Hobbies?

We both like traveling, going to National and State Parks, and Nats Baseball!

Kurt also likes Skiing and Scuba Diving and Corey likes hiking, Orange Theory workouts, running, Fine Arts design of any type, and watching a good movie.

Any Children?

We have a son named Caley

What is your Favorite Food?

We both love Italian!! Kurt also loves camp food and Corey loves chocolate covered strawberries and a great salad!

Any Pets?

Roger aka Smurf, a Black Labrador:



EDITOR'S NOTE: Kurt and Corey have a 2021 25-foot Globetrotter. Their Big Red Number is 3404. They joined NORVA on March 12, 2022.



EVENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR: Oct. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2023

Don't miss out, please **SIGN UP** or **SAVE THE DATES** Newly added dates and info shown in Green Text

October 27-30, 2022- **Alumalina Buddy Rally, Marion, NC**

Although you register when you get there, if you are attending, please let the POC know by **October 22, 2022**, via airforums (see link below) so they can plan the food. Also, if you would like to park with fellow NORVA members, please let NORVA Past President Gerry Nagel ([Gerry's email link](#)) know.

To inform the Alumalina organizers of your plan to attend, [Alumalina Signup Forum](#)

POC: John Leake, ([John Leake's email link](#)), Palmetto State Airstream Club

November 3-6, 2022- **Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally, Urbanna, VA**

POC: Frank Munoz and Tom Carmichael, Tidewater and NORVA Clubs

Get the form to print out and send in at: [Urbana Registration Click Here](#)

We note the Urbanna rally is a dry camping event, there are no hookups.

December 10, 2022-Saturday - **NORVA HOLIDAY PARTY at the home of Ed and Beth Jones in Alexandria VA. Rally Coupon is in the October 2022 Newsletter. \$15 per person. Please sign up.**

POC: Ed & Beth Jones

January 28, 2023 **NORVA JANUARY RALLY** – currently scouting indoor locations

POC: James and Nicole Oxley

February 12, 2023 Sunday: **NORVA SUPERBOWL PARTY, Jeffersonton, VA**

Save the Date. POC: Jim and Janeene Rider

March 18, 2023 Saturday: **NORVA NEW MEMBER RALLY**

Save the Date

POC: Priscilla Harrell, NORVA First VP and Lew Brodsky, NORVA Membership Director

March 29 to April 2, 2023: **Silver on the Sands Take #2, Myrtle Beach SC**

This is a WBCCI Region 3 Rally. You can register now

[WBCCI Silver Signup](#)

April 21-23, 2023: **NORVA MAINTENANCE RALLY**

Save the Date

The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia

POC: Barry Miller and Sharon Haw

May 18-21, 2023 **Silver in the Street, Abingdon VA**

Save the Date

POC Jeff Cutright, Virginia Airstream Club



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EVENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR (Continued)

June 2-5, 2023 **NORVA RIVER RALLY**

Campground to be Finalized, Luray, Virginia

Save the Date.

POC: Doug and Gail Perkins

June 8–23, 2023 **NORVA CARAVAN from Ohio (near Jackson Center) to Rocksprings, Wyoming**

POC: Bob and Wendy Nickel. THE NORVA CARAVAN 2023 DATES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED!! CARAVAN IS STARTING AT A CAMPGROUND NEAR JACKSON CENTER OHIO AND WILL END AT THE WBCCI ROCKSPRINGS INTERNATIONAL IN WYOMING!! COME JOIN US!!

Yes, you will be able to attend both the NORVA River Rally as well as the NORVA Caravan to Wyoming.

June 23-July 1, 2023 **WBCCI International** Rockspring, Wyoming

You can register now

[WBCCI International Rally 2023 Signup Link](#)

August 6-12, 2023 **Old Fidler's Convention**, Galax, Virginia

Wow, this event has been upgraded to a WBCCI National Rally with sponsorship from WBCCI Region 3.
Save the Date

August 24-27, 2023 **NORVA SOLOMONS ISLAND RALLY**

Solomons Island Naval Recreation Center, Solomons MD

Unique Opportunity, this campground is not open to the public, we will have this rally only if there is sufficient interest 6 months in advance.

POC: Lew Brodsky

September 21–24, 2023 NORVA will be hosting the **2023 VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH RALLY**

Virginia Location: TBD, we are currently scouting locations that can hold 50 or more airstream trailers.
if you have a location recommendation or suggestion, please contact pris.harrell@gmail.com

POC: Priscilla Harrell



NORVA HOLIDAY PARTY

December 10, 2022, Saturday 12 Noon

Location:

**At the Home of Ed and Beth Jones
3704 Washington Woods Drive
Alexandria VA 22309**

Point of Contact: Beth and Ed Jones

Tel: 703-780-6597

thunderhorse16@yahoo.com

Dress code: Casual, comfortable, and festive if you like.

Ugly Sweater optional - There will be a Holiday Sweater Contest....



Please sign up to attend the Holiday Luncheon Party at Ed and Beth Jones' home on Saturday, December 10th at 12:00 noon. The halls will be decked with boughs of holly and we'll join in fa la la la la la la ing because it IS the season to be jolly. The Byers Carolers will greet you from every nook and cranny and music will fill the air.

The cost is \$15 per person.

Please complete this coupon below and mail it with your check payable to Ed Jones;

Mail to **Ed Jones, 3704 Washington Woods Drive, Alexandria VA 22309**

NORVA HOLIDAY PARTY – December 10, 2022, Saturday 12 noon

Please complete this coupon and return it with the check to

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Sign up by December 1, 2022

Name(s) of Attendee(s): _____

Attendee(s) Phone and Email _____

Any Food Allergies? _____

Amount – Check Enclosed \$15 per person: \$ _____



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changes, let's make
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Wally Byam



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THANK YOU TO ALL THE 2021-2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND SERVED OUR CLUB SO FAITHFULLY ALL YEAR. WE ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WHO STARTED THEIR TOUR OF DUTY OCTOBER 1, 2022:

2022-2023 Executive Officers

President- Gerry Nagel

First Lady- Patsy Nagel

1st Vice President- Priscilla Harrell

2nd Vice President- Bob Nickel

Secretary- Gail Perkins

Treasurer- Sharon Haw

Membership Director- Lew Brodsky

Newsletter Editor- David Harrell

Legislative Director- John Bevis

Parliamentarian- Tom Carmichael

Immediate Past President- Pete West

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