

The Traveler

“... be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only” James 1:22

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From the President's Desk

Dear Fellow RVICS,

I am very glad to be sitting here writing this letter for the *Fall* Traveler. You see most of us in Texas are very happy that we are approaching the fall of the year because we are looking forward to having much cooler temperatures than we have experienced throughout the summer months. As most of you are probably aware we have set new records for the number of days that temperatures have been over 100 degrees and *many* of those days have been *several* degrees above the 100 mark. In addition to these high temperatures we have also experienced a severe drought. As I write this letter we are about 22 inches below normal for rain fall. When some of you have called and asked about the weather and we have responded it is hot and dry, this is what we were referring to. So we ask that you pray that God would supply us with much needed rain! It will take a significant amount of rain to bring our levels back to normal. We are aware that other portions of the country have experienced drought conditions and we are also aware that others have experienced an over abundance of rain. It is interesting to see the variety and extremes in the weather we are experiencing throughout the United States! Thank you to all who have been praying about the Bastrop County Complex Fire. The closest it came to us in RVICS Village is about 6 miles and that is close enough to suit us. Please continue your prayers for all who lost their homes and possessions (1,554 homes destroyed and over 34,000 acres burned) and are now facing the rebuilding or moving process. Pray for the folks at Wilderness Ridge, the camp burned and now they are making plans for the rebuilding process. It is going to take several years to rebuild all that was lost.

Allow me to use this opportunity to say “thank you” to the team of people that are helping us with the preparations for the 35th Celebration of the RVICS ministry. We are anticipating an enjoyable gathering in December, a time of praising Him for the RVICS ministry and asking His continued blessings upon us. We are looking forward to an opportunity to get together and reminisce with RVICS family members, some of whom we have not seen in awhile. A great deal of work is involved in planning these events.

I don't like having to share with you concerning the financial needs to operate the RVICS ministry, but at this point in time I must. Our giving is currently about 60% off what it should be at this time of year. Please understand that you, our RVICS missionaries, through your donations are the one and only source of income to this ministry. We don't receive funding from any other source, organization, or ministry. What you contribute is what we have available to operate the RVICS ministry. Also please understand that the money that is paid to RVICS Village is a separate account and none of those funds come through the RVICS office. Another statistic that you should be aware of is that only about half of the members of RVICS donate to this ministry. At this point in time we have less than 100 active members. So we are looking at about 50 members who contribute to the needs of the ministry. Thank you to each of you who are faithful in your support of this ministry. We are constantly reviewing our operating budget and are very diligent in trying to keep the ministry expenses to a minimum. We also realize that our worldwide economy does not present the healthiest picture at the present time, but we are asking your help to keep this office up and running. Remember, those of us serving here in the office are volunteer missionaries just as each of you. Not one individual in the RVICS ministry receives a salary. So, please look at your budget and see what God would have you do to help out on a one time basis or better yet on a monthly basis. Several people contributing monthly can amount to significant sums.

Thank each of you for all you do and may God's blessings continue upon you, *Paul*



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2011 Office Team

Gary & Sharon Goodreau

Fred & Rosi Ogrinc

Tracey & Marie Owen

Paul & Sandy Swetland

Fall 2011

Memorials and Honorariums

You may recognize a departed loved one who is now with the Lord or you may honor someone special in your life by contacting our office. A letter will be sent notifying the family that a donation has been made in memory of their loved one or a letter will be sent to notify the person you are honoring. A "thank you" letter will then be mailed to the person making the donation along with a confirmation that the family or individual was contacted.

Memorials and Honorariums will be recognized in "The Traveler"

Memorials:

- For:** Diane Brubaker
From: Marshall & Martha Wells
- For:** Dennis Campbell
From: Don & Ethel Berndt
- For:** Chuck Dunbar
From:
 Vi Dunbar Dennis & Zelma Buchholz
 Gladys Wright
- For:** Bernice Hansen
From: Keith & Linda Wyeth
- For:** Florence Foster
From: Chuck Raymor
- For:** Herb Hurley
From:
 Clyde & Linda Barnes Wes & Ardis Moseman
 Don & Anne Beasley Don & Pat Salisbury
 Jim Foster Gladys Wright
- For:** Louise Mattison
From: Ralph & Shirley Rose
- For:** Bob Midkiff
From:
 Clyde & Linda Barnes Leland & Marilyn Gillilan
 Don & Anne Beasley TC Hunter
 Don & Ethel Berndt Ralph & Shirley Rose
 Guy & Joan Bond John & Barb Tousley
 Jim Foster Gladys Wright
- For:** Pat Noe
From:
 Ralph & Barb Pitts Chuck Raymor
- For:** Henry Norment
From: Ann Norment

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- For:** Sonia Zenns
From:
 Dennis & Zelma Buchholz
 Willy & Sharon Wackerle
 Keith & Linda Wyeth

Honorariums:

- For:** Roger & Arlene Dykstra's 50th Anniversary
From: Keith & Linda Wyeth
- For:** Clyde & Esther Kimball's 50th Anniversary
From: Keith & Linda Wyeth

Sympathies

RVICS Members:

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| Herb Hurley | 04/30/2011 |
| Rose Goetsch | 05/19/2011 |
| Dwight Rogers | 05/17/2011 |
| Richard Hornish | 06/04/2011 |
| Bob Midkiff | 06/09/2011 |
| Dennis Campbell | 06/10/2011 |
| David Isaak | 06/22/2011 |
| Marge Landis | 07/01/2011 |
| Diane Brubaker | 07/28/2011 |
| Phil Fahs | 08/07/2011 |
| Chuck Dunbar | 09/05/2011 |
| Louise Matteson | 09/20/2011 |
| Esther Dams | 09/20/2011 |

Family of RVICS Members:

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| Delores Axt (Ron Axt's mother) | 06/14/2011 |
| Sonia Zenns (Sandy Swetland's sister) | 08/08/2011 |
| Bernice Hansen (Harvey Hansen's mother) | 09/02/2011 |
| Linford Lavrack (Verna Durfee's brother) | 09/25/2011 |

New Members

- Marvin & Jean Rozenboom IA
- Darrell & Elizabeth Sivits NE
- Tom & Sharon Cole TX
- Steve & Karen Nestelroad KS
- Gary & Betty Duttonhefer ND

Retired Members

- Ken & Kathy Ball 2000 - 2011
- Dan & Jill Breen 2004 - 2011
- Bob & Vicki Danielson 2007 - 2011
- Len & Diane Drew 2000 - 2011
- Dennis & Diane Jones 2000 - 2011
- Bill & Joyce Mayes 1999 - 2011
- Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink 2008 - 2011
- Ralph & Shirley Rose 1996 - 2011
- Larry & Ruth Smith 1998 - 2011
- Paul & Nancy Wendling 1998 - 2011

RVICS 35th Anniversary Celebration

We have had a great response for the RVICS 35th Anniversary Celebration.
We are looking forward to having a great time with everyone.

Please bring your hymnal with you.
We will be using them everyday.

December 5th through December 9th, 2011.

60th Wedding Anniversaries

- Jim & Margaret Adams 11/22/1951
- Bob & Jan Anderson 11/16/1951
- Frank & Gertie Lynch 12/29/1951

50th Wedding Anniversaries

- Dale & Barbara Bolyard 12/30/1961
- Richard & Mae Epp 10/06/1961
- Ralph & Edra Mae Zitterbart 10/28/1961

Thank You

Dear RVICS Family,
Thank you so much for your many e-mails, calls, prayers, and memorials given to the RVICS ministry after the home going of my sister, Sonia and while she was sick. We appreciate you all, you are a blessing.
In Christ's Love,
Paul & Sandy Swetland

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The Fall HQ Team



We are on Facebook

Attention to all retired RVICS Members

If you are not already living at the RVICS Village and you are tired of the cold winters in the north, this is for you.

You are still eligible to purchase a membership in the RVICS Village.

We would love to have you here with us!
See our map on page 6.

Summer Reunions

RVICS Pa. Reunion: Troy, PA August 11th - 14th The Pa. reunion was held at Troy Fairgrounds, sometimes called Alparon, Park in Troy, Pa. from Aug. 12th - 14th. with 26 in attendance. We went to a fish fry on Fri. night and did a pot luck on Sat. night. with a fire in the ring, a lot of coffee and Barb Walkers cookies in between!! It's amazing that we can talk non stop for 2 full days and still think of things we forgot!!! Sat. some went in to town and walked around and a few went through the Farmers Museum which is located in the park. They have some small old buildings that were brought into the area and a house that was once used in the transfer of freed slaves!! We were the only ones with our rig, others stayed in motels and a bed and breakfast! It was sad for Don and I to realize that out of 26, only 6 of us are still active RVICS! We really need to pray for some new couples! We missed a lot of folks that came last year, hope you all can join us next year, the more the better! Thanks to all who attended! Gail and Don Craig

RVICS Michigan Summer Reunion: The reunion was held at Moreno Meadows near Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday June 28. We had 47 in attendance--9 retired RVICS couples and 14 active RVICS couples. Earl Gates, 94, and Harry Foote, 90, as well as LaVerene and Erdine Bivens (former hosts) were special guests. Six RVs lined the property, the first one came in Sunday p.m. and the last ones left on Thursday morning. The weather was cool and breezy, but the food was delicious (RVICS women are wonderful cooks), and the fellowship was heavenly. We offered special prayer for Don & Sharon Snow who were planning to come, but he landed in the hospital; Barb & John Tousley because she fell in her basement, getting many bumps and bruises; Sharon & Rick Wood for her recovery from back surgery; and Jean (Tom) Gregg's sister with terminal cancer in Pennsylvania, (they stopped on their way home from visiting her). We anxiously await the 35th Anniversary at the village in December.

RVICS Illinois Mini-Reunion: Starved Rock State Park, August 20, 2011 -- 12:30 PM Our Mini-reunion on Sat. August 20, at Starved Rock State Park, was great. We had 7 couples attend, we only knew of 5 coming but John & Nancy Randall from WI. and the new couple Roger & Carol Koehler came. After the meal we went out on the deck and all got acquainted and visited a couple hours. All agreed they want to do it again next year and hopefully more will join us. The date of August 11, 2012 has been set.

Hello from Peoria, Illinois (An e-mail received at HQ after the reunion)

Roger and I noted that there was a reunion of Illinois RVICS that were meeting last weekend just north of where we live, so we showed up unannounced and had a most delightful lunch and afternoon meeting and visiting with so many lovely people. Some are still active with RVICS and some have retired from many years of serving. What a beautiful group of godly servants. We were captivated with their stories and fond memories of past projects and asked all about our future projects which brought forth even more memories. They welcomed us with open arms, good wishes and wished us as many happy memories as they themselves had experienced.

Roger and Carol are the 'newbies' on the left.



In His name,
Roger and Carol Koehler

“Spotlight”

(We have had 10 couples retire in the last few months. We asked the 4 couples that have worked the longest to give us a little summary of their years with RVICS.)

Bill & Joyce Mayes: We had traveled the 50 states and seen all the Great Lakes, and wondered what next, when we both realized that we'd been given so much, and now we had been blessed with time to give back in appreciation for all our Lord has done for us. We met an RVICS couple while traveling in FL, and applied in 1998. Our first project was in Jan. 1999. We loved the life and all the wonderful Christian people we met working with RVICS. Many of those are still cherished friends. We worked through out the Southeast, and were commissioned as leaders after about 6 years. When time came to retire, we were saddened to give up the fellowship and satisfaction in being able to help those working for God's kingdom, but were thankful for the 10 years God had allowed us to serve in RVICS and safety He had granted us in traveling.

Joyce & Bill Mayes

Ralphe & Shirley Rose: Fifteen years have sped by so quickly. It seems we just pulled into our first project at Word of Life in 1996, then suddenly we left our last project at Shepherd Hill Farm this last April. 61 projects ago, memories flood our mind. At Word of Life Bob Fauth came over to our site as we were setting up and said " You can set this thing up anytime, we're going for a fish fry." Instantly we became a member of the RVICS family. How many friends made? Countless!! A project in NC brought sadness, as Ralphe's sister died in Orlando. Pretty soon knocks came on the door. Two people offered their trucks in case we didn't want to make the trip in the big truck. One couple offered money if we needed it for the trip. What a family we belong to. Thank you all for 15 great yrs. We will treasure our memories and the precious friends we have made.

Love, Ralphe & Shirley Rose

Larry & Ruth Smith: It was with great sadness when we learned we would have to retire from active service in the RVICS Ministry. In Sep. 1997, we retired, sold our home and bought our first Motorhome. We traveled in TX and worked at camps and churches. We were introduced to RVICS by Charles & Mary Wilson in May of 1998. Our first project was a summer project in NY. In the past 13 years, the Lord has allowed us to travel to all 48 states and work on 100 projects. We have served with so many wonderful people and have made so many lasting friendships. We have now moved into the RVICS Village and are being blessed once again.

RVICS Hugs, Ruth & Larry Smith

Paul & Nancy Wendling: Back in the 1980s', long before we were considering retirement, we heard about RVICS through our friends Larry & Pauline Weaver who were in the ministry & loved it. Through the years they would send us letters about there experiences around the country. We thought, "what a great way to serve the Lord". Fast forward to the end of 1997, when we retired; applying for membership in the spring of 1998 & serving on our first project in Sept. of 98 at Sandy Cove in Maryland. Right then we knew we did the right thing. Fourteen yrs. of working with fellow believers from all over the country & Canada @ various Christian facilities. "PRICELESS". We wish we could continue, but our earthly bodies remind us @ the end of the day, or the week, or the year, " we ain't what we use to be ". That will all change when we reach our heavenly home. Thank you RVICS. We had a wonderful trip. God bless you.

Nancy & Paul Wendling

41' 2002 Newmar Dutchstar

350 cummins engine, 46,500 miles
 2 slides, washer & dryer,
 queen bed.
 Complete with all towing
 equipment, a lot of electric &
 sewer hook up connectors.



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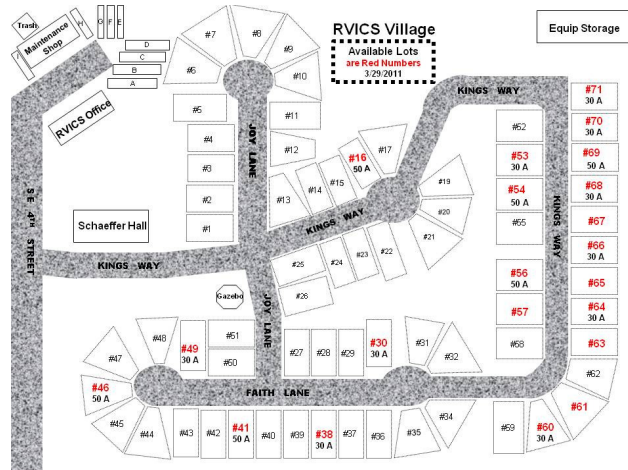
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 sections of the Village. Memberships are: \$3,500



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Lot # 14 1992 Oak Cr Dbl Wide Mobile Home -
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 Asking price: \$28,000 plus \$3,500 membership.

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