

Feb 2019

Discovery

A Chapter of FMCA



Presidents Report

Leo Aragon
President

“OLD” President’s Report for January 2019

Leo could not have picked better dates for our Desert Hot Springs Rally - even though he and Marian could not attend because of his recent knee surgery! Divine intervention - or just plain luck - we were sandwiched between two rainstorms. Though the nights were cold, we had blissful sunny days. Janet Ortiz really ensured we had a good time. Our Monday night caravan to dinner at Billy Reed’s was wonderful. Good food, good friends, and warm ambience.

Catalina Spa & RV Resort does not allow use of their kitchen and everything was catered. Their serving crew was wonderful! They kept us fed and had terrific personalities.

Our first official rally night we were comfortable sitting around the campfire thanks to three butane fire pits supplied by our members. Noe reviewed the history of the Discovery Club of California, and all the work our “founding fathers and mothers” did to form the club.

Wednesday, no one had a desire to brave the icy conditions at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Some went shopping or sightseeing. Ed and I visited the Palm Springs Air Museum. I was very impressed not only with the displays, but how they honored our veterans. Definitely a must see! The evening’s celebration commenced with a “Hawaiian Night” luau. We were entertained by a group of fire dancers who gave us a phenomenal performance. Eddie Mitchell’s exuberance earned him the DDD Award later for what was perceived to be “exhibitionism”--- but I saw him as an individual willing to get up and attempt Hawaiian choreography. Janet Ortiz also displayed her (unbeknownst to me) uncanny ability to twirl poi balls. She was REALLY good - and like Eddie - a good sport. What a great celebration of our 20th Anniversary as the Discovery Club of California!

Thursday morning, we had the general membership meeting with the installation of officers. My apologies to Evelyn for adjourning the meeting when I was no longer the President! Though an impeachable offense, it is too late to discipline me. Spaghetti dinner that night “hit the spot.” Some of us joined the Catalina “regulars” in a different game of card bingo. Great fun!

Friday started with goodbyes and hugs until our next rally. Some continued on to the Bluegrass Festival in Blythe. I suggested to Ed that we should spend the night at Fantasy Springs, and leave in the morning to miss LA's Friday traffic. Guess what? We awakened to light rain and started home. At 11:30 a.m. we were among those stuck on the 101 for two hours during a police chase and shoot out. Another one of my better ideas....

A big THANK YOU to Janet for her diligence and perseverance in making this rally such fun. Believe me, in coordinating the wonderful entertainment she did not take "NO" for an answer. She got it done. Her assistant, Ann Marie, also deserves our thanks.

I'm sure the March Rally in Pechanga will be wonderful with our very capable Trail Bosses – Marsha and Mary.

Stay happy & healthy!

So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye 🎵🎵

Outgoing President Extraordinaire

Joan Edman



FMCA National Director's Report

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Janet Ortiz
National Director

Wagonmasters Report



Ed Brennan
Wagonmaster

DISCOVERY CLUB 2019 UPCOMING RALLIES

MARCH RALLY →

DATE: 19-22 MARCH 2019

LOCATION: PECHANGA RV RESORT
45000 PECHANGA PARKWAY
TEMECULA, CA 92592
(877)997-8386

TRAIL BOSSES: Mary & Carl Johnson and Marsha & John Swanson

MAY RALLY →

DATE: 21-24 MAY 2019

LOCATION: OASIS LAS VEGAS RV RESORT
2711 W. WINDMILL LANE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89123
(800)566-4707

NO TRAIL BOSSES

***SEPTEMBER RALLY** →

DATE: 17-20 SEPTEMBER 2019

LOCATION: (PENDING)
CAVA ROBLES RV RESORT
3800 GOLDEN HILL ROAD
PASO ROBLES, CA 93446
(844)641-5093

TRAIL BOSSES: Katie Horton, Kathy Litten, Kim Holmes

*ED BRENNAN WILL BE SENDING OUT AN EMAIL LATER THIS MONTH WITH FURTHER INFO REGARDING OUR SEPTEMBER RALLY. HIS NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IS: epbrennan5150@gmail.com

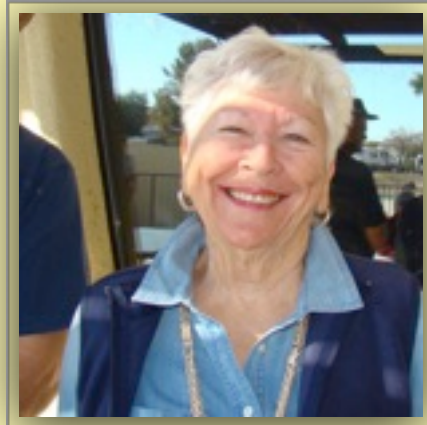


New Officers 2019-2020

<i>President</i>	Leo Aragon
<i>Vice President</i>	Evelyn Teixeira
<i>Secretary</i>	Katie Horton
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marsha Swanson
<i>FMCA National Director</i>	Janet Ortiz
<i>Alt. National Director</i>	Carl Johnson

Politics at the finest.

Congratulations all and thank you for serving.



Committee Chairmen:

Wagonmaster - Ed Brennan
 Webmaster - Janet Ortiz
 Newsletter - Susan Salit
 Membership - Mary Johnson

Hospitality - Marilyn Turner
 Ways and Means - Marian Aragon
 Photographer - Eddie Mitchell
 Historian - Muriel Benson

Catalina Spa Resort

Desert Hot Springs, CA

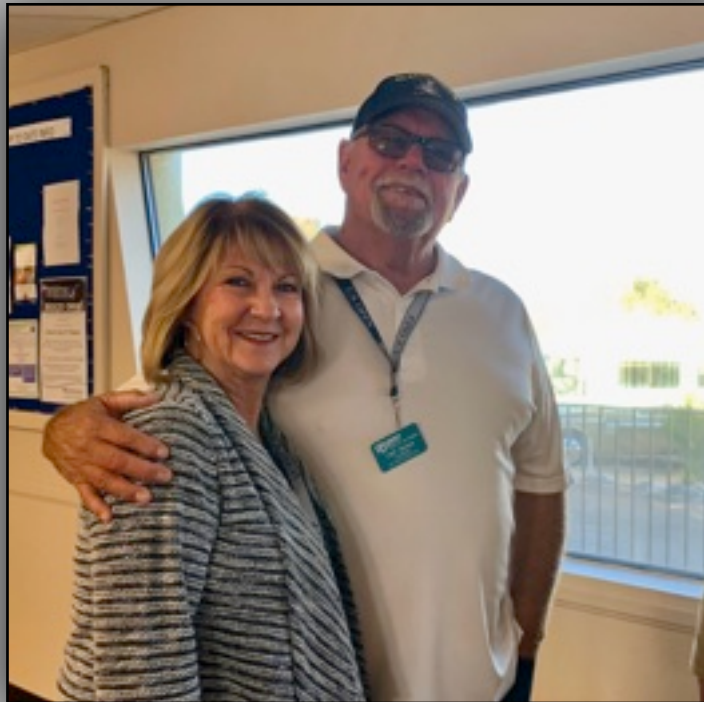
Jan 8-11, 2019



Guests:
Dan and Clorinda Dodds, friends of the Hortons, from Surprise, Arizona.

Waiting for a table at Sherman's

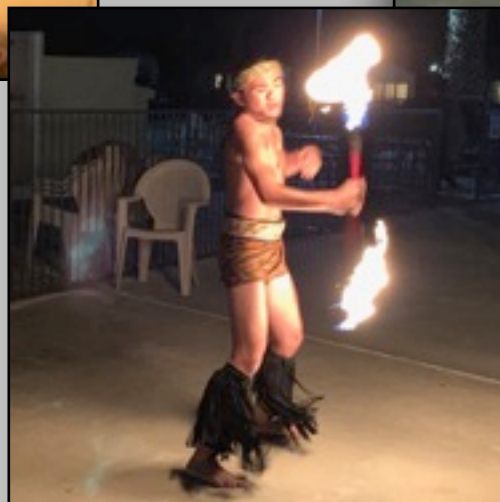
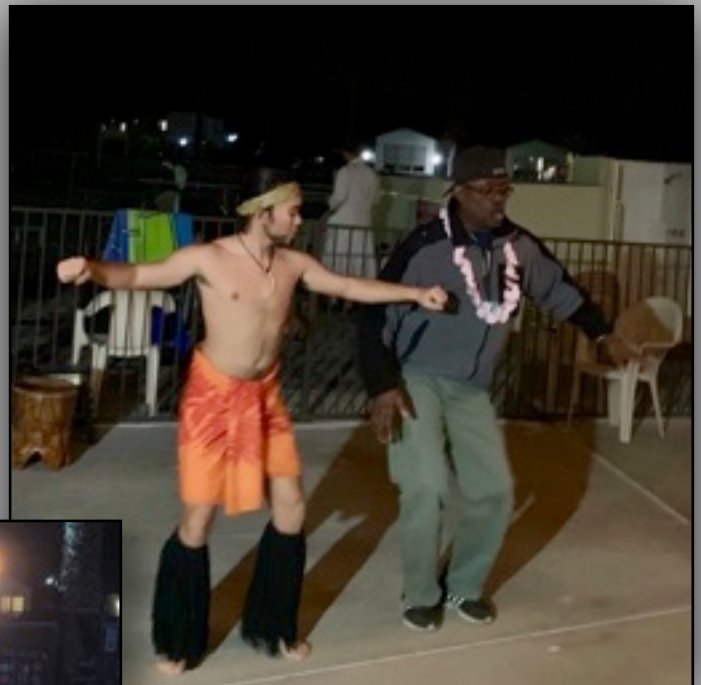
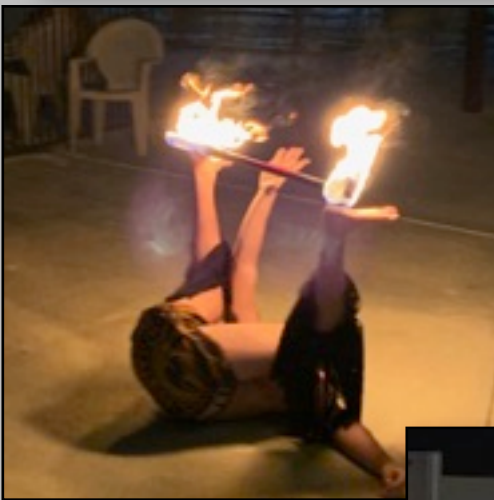




[The Haka - Dance of War - Maori Haka - New Zealand | Tourism NZ](https://www.newzealand.com)

<https://www.newzealand.com> > ... > Art, culture and heritage > Māori culture

Haka - Māori war dances. ... The haka is a type of ancient Māori war dance traditionally used on the battlefield, as well as when groups came together in peace. ... Actions include violent foot-stamping, tongue protrusions and rhythmic body slapping to accompany a loud chant.

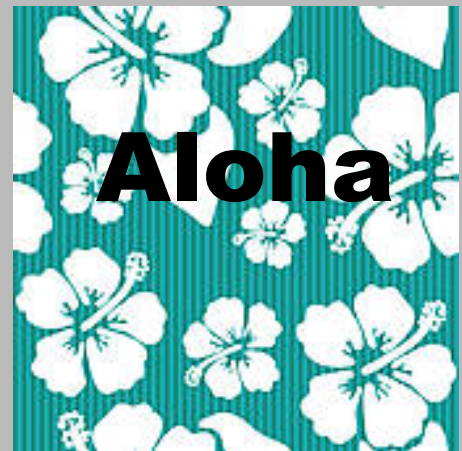


Hip action! Way to go Eddie



Photos taken during our Desert Hot Springs Rally have been added to our website. Go to <http://www.discoveryclubonline.com/> click on photos. Hope you enjoy.





Member Birthdays/Anniversaries

January

7 Mary Johnson
17 Muriel Benson
28 Carrie Brown
31 Carl Johnson

Anniversaries:

February

4 Tammy Norris
9 Bob Hall
23 Ralph Norris
Anniversaries:
10 Ed and Joan Edman
18 Bob and Beverly Kennedy
23 Chris and Kim Holmes

March

4 Beverly Kennedy
25 John Swanson
26 Gary Brown
26 Dick Rody
Anniversaries:
16 John and Marsha Swanson
22 Glenn and Marilyn Turner

April

10 Pat Roman
11 Norm Teixeira
21 Ed Edman
23 Evelyn Teixeira
Anniversaries:
19 Tim and Sue Golec

May

23 Patsy Miller
29 Ray Ouellette
Anniversaries:

June

6 Bill Miller
14 Lillian Rody
20 Marian Aragon
Anniversaries:
13 Leo and Marian Aragon
21 Eddie and Sandy Mitchell

July

1 Sandy Mitchell
3 Art Valenzuela
6 Jackie Ouellette
8 Chris Holmes

Anniversaries:

4 JD and Red Vanik
23 Norm and Evelyn Teixeira

August

1 Lois Jones
1 Eddie Mitchell
4 Marilyn Turner
28 Glenn Turner
Anniversaries:
9 Larry and Muriel Benson
11 Bill and Patsy Miller
22 Dick and Lillian Rody
28 Gary and Carrie Brown

September

13 Marv Zepeda
Anniversaries:
1 Carl and Mary Johnson
20 Ralph & Tammy Norris
24 Ray and Jackie Ouellette
Ralph and Tammy Norris

October

21 J D Vanik
22 Marsha Swanson
28 Noe Roman
Anniversaries:
28 Noe and Pat Roman

November

2 Annette Hall
8 Leo Aragon
11 Joan Edman
12 Cliff Horton
22 Susan Salit
27 Ruth Zepede
Anniversaries:
8 Marv and Ruth Zepede
12 Cliff and Katie Horton

December

23 Katie Horton
24 Marlene (Red) Vanik
11 Kim Homes
Anniversaries:

If you are not on the list, please email your birthday and anniversary dates to Susan at gsue@salit.us

**DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Jan. 10, 2018

Catalina Spa RV Resort, Desert Hot Springs CA



**Jackie
Ouellette
Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Edman at 9:40 AM. Joan then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sandy Mitchell gave the Invocation.

President Edman thanked Trail Boss Janet Ortiz for the amazing rally and for all her hard and dedicated work. Everyone truly enjoyed last nights Luau and the amazing entertainment. She also thanked Ann Marie Nelson for all her help. She then thanked Ray and Jackie Ouellette for helping her with many tasks during her time as President. Joan then introduced guests Dan and Clorinda Dodds, friends of the Hortons. Joan said club members birthdays and anniversaries are published on the web site. Joan then said the FMCA 20 year anniversary certificate of our Discovery Club is posted on the bulletin board for all to enjoy. The area FMCA representative would have made the presentation of the certificate, however due to the FMCA current rally in Indo he had a conflict.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting were posted on the bulletin board. A motion was made by Katy Horton and seconded by Gary Brown to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson said the current Treasury Report is posted on the bulletin board. The balance of \$10,498.10 does not reflect any bills from the current rally. A motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Evelyn Teixeira to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Janet Ortiz on behalf of National Director Joan Edman gave the following report: The 99th FMCA International Convention and RV Expo is scheduled for March 13-16, 2019 in Perry, Georgia. Applications for this rally are located in the FamilyRVing magazine. She also announced FMCA enrollment for the past 20 months has increased, this is due to towables now included in FMCA. Janet also announced the improved FMCA web site and the presence on social media has helped with the increase enrollment. Also on the web site will be member benefits, improved travel assist program, and FMCA University information. She also encouraged all to read the FamilyRVing magazine for all important information and updates.

Membership Chairman Mary Johnson said dues are due! \$20. per coach. She also announced she will be ordering "20 year anniversary tags" and chairmanship badges. A sign up sheet will be passed around for those wishing to purchase these tags. \$4. each.

Hospitality Chairman Tammy Norris said two members, Leo Aragon and John Swanson have received new knees. She asked if anyone knows of a member ill to please call her so she can send a get well card.

Ways and Means Chairman, Marian Aragon was absent.

Newsletter Chairman Susan Salit encouraged members to send her articles and pictures to be included in the Newsletter. President Joan Edman thanked Susan on behalf of the entire Club for her outstanding and dedicated work on the Newsletter.

Web Master Ray Ouellette said the web site is up to date and pictures and info from this rally will be update by this weekend. Ray also announced that Janet Ortiz will be our new Web Master.

Wagon Master Leo Aragon was absent. Evelyn Teixeira gave the following report on Leo's behalf. Our new Wagon Master will be Ed Brennan. The next rally will be at Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA on March 19-21. Trail Bosses will be the Swanson's and the Johnson's. A sign up flyer will be passed around, and will also be available on the web site. It is very important to sign up no later that Feb. 17th, as there will no availability for late applications. The next rally will be at the Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort, Las Vegas, NV on May 21-24, 2019 - more information at the Pechanga Rally. There will be a Sept. rally - location still to be determined. Dates will be Sept. 17-20, 2019.

With no further business, President Joan Edman then asked the new board members to come forward to be sworn in: The duly elected members were: Evelyn Teixeira, Vice President; Katie Horton, Secretary; Marsha Swanson, Treasurer; Janet Ortiz, National Director; and Carl Johnson, Assistant National Director. (New President Leo Aragon was absent due to recent surgery).

The DDD award was "presented" BY DEFAULT to Eddie Mitchell for his Luau dancing abilities. Presenter Noe Roman truly had no candidates. Our members either are making "no mistakes" or folks are not "ratting" on each other. This

award is truly presented as FUN. Next came the Sheriffs report: Sheriff Gary Brown outdid himself with finding people in violation of not wearing their badges, and for being late for events during the rally. Treasurer Marsha Swanson collected fines totaling over \$22.00

With no further business President Joan Edman adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette, Secretary
Discovery Club of California

Note from retired Secretary Jackie Ouellette

Thank you all for the pleasure of being your "secretary" these past 8 + years. I've had the honor of keeping track of what's going on for Presidents Robin Goodman (a short time), President Alan Johnston, President Carl Johnson, President Ray Ouellette and President Joan Edman. They made my job easy.

Ray and I joined the Discovery club in 2004. We have made some wonderful lifetime friends. Also, thanks to some great Wagon Masters who have found many amazing and fun places for our rallies.

Please continue to support your new board. Offer ideas and volunteer, and the rewards are many to you and the Discovery Club. I look forward to many more wonderful years with all of you. XOXOXO Jackie

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome new members Chris & Kim Holmes. Officially membership is at 18. Actually we have more members, but they are delayed in paying their renewal dues. At the March rally I will be collecting the renewals. I have received some address and phone number changes. When confirmations of the changes are received, I will send a pdf roster to all members. See you all in March at our Pechanga rally.

Mary Johnson, Membership Chair (mary30500@gmail.com).



NEWSLETTER REPORT

Hi Discoverers,

I had lots of fun joining you at the January Rally. You all really know how to have a good time. The weather was good and we all enjoyed the Palm Desert sunshine. It was great to welcome the new board members, and I look forward to working with them as I print all your good news. Please send me any information you would like to share with the club members. We always love to hear from you.

Please send your info in Word file format. PDF files are not as easily reformatted to fit in available space.

Susan Salit, Editor gsue@salit.us

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Committee Members (Appointed)

Wagon Master:	Ed Brennan
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DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

March 19-22

Pechanga RV Resort

4500 Pechanga Parkway

Temecula CA 92592

Phone 877 997-8386 951 5870484

Trail Bosses: Mary & Carl Johnson and Marsha & John Swanson

Monday 3/18 5:30 Dinner @ Richie's Diner 32150 Temecula Pkwy, Temecula.
CARPOOL

Tuesday 3/19 2:00 Check in
Happy hour @ 5:00 BYOB, Dinner @ 6:00 Hamburgers & fixings
Pot luck Last name A-L bring side dish, Last name M-Z bring Dessert
(POT LUCK DISH TO SERVE at least 8) Fun & Game

Wednesday 3/20 8:30 Breakfast Casserole, juice and fruit

Lunch, Wine tasting & tour of Lorimar Winery \$20.00 each
Or golf, if you have an interest in golfing please email Ed
Brennan at epb5150@gmail.com if there is enough interest he will
schedule a round.

5:00 Happy Hour BYOB, 6:00 Dinner Lasagna, Salad & Dessert
Fun & Games

Thursday 3/ 21 8:30 Breakfast pancakes, Sausage (Patties or Links) Juice & fruit

10:00 Board Meeting, 11:00 General Meeting

Lunch on your own. Suggestion "Old Town Temecula" lots of good
Restaurants and fun shopping. Self-guided walking tour.

5:00 Happy Hour BYOB, 6:00 Dinner El Pollo Loco chicken
Game

Friday 3/22 8:00 Good Bye's at Johnson's Bring your own Coffee grab a Pastry

Please return application by February 17th (THIS IS A MUST)

PET FEE \$5.00 Payable at check-in

Name & length of RV _____

Rally fees per person \$35, per couple _____	\$ 70.00 _____
Camp site Fee for 3 nights _____	\$ 135.00 _____
Early arrival _____ \$45.00 per night _____	\$ _____
Wine tasting & lunch \$20.00 each _____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Make checks payable to Discovery Club....mail to Marsha Swanson P. O. Box 565
Wildomar CA 92595