

January 2012

# Discovery

Club of California  
Newsletter



A Chapter of FMCA

## Presidents Message



Participation at the Quartzsite Rally exceeded all expectations. We had 24 rigs at the event which sets a record for the club.

A big thank you goes out to Bob and Pam Johnson and Harry and Sue Salit for being the trail bosses at this rally and turning out some fine grub.

There were no special tours since Quartzsite is the Mecca for snowbird RVers and desert rats at this time of year. If you like swap meets and yard sales, come to Quartzsite. They sell anything you need and never need. In other words, it was swap meet heaven!

We will see you in Paso Robles in March for another great rally!

**Carl  
Johnson**  
President

MEMBER NEWS

# *Happy Valentines Day, Discoverers*



Do you have a new grandchild, a special birthday, anniversary or occasion to celebrate? Let me know, so I can share it with our members, and we can celebrate with you. Pictures would be great and are worth 1000 words.

Susan

Jackie and her new pups, Max & Molly. How cute is that?

# WAGONMASTER'S REPORT

## Quartzsite Rally

The response to the Quartzsite Rally was amazing. We had some 20 rigs signed up two months ahead of time. All comments were favorable except for the fact that we shared the clubhouse with other groups plus the fact that a Quail Run R. V. representative should attend a brief course at a local "Charm School".

The trail bosses are commended for their outstanding job in providing excellent meals and entertainment for fifty members and guests. Everyone had a wonderful three days of fine food, games and shopping. The R.V. show and the countless tents could keep you busy shopping for weeks. However, the highlight of our rally was the obvious comradeship enjoyed by our members. It was like getting together with long lost relatives updating personal family situations and telling sea stories about recent travels and other motorhome experiences.

Noe Roman was the lucky winner of the LRC game but not so lucky in receiving the DDD award for the ham cutting incident. Other candidates included Rich Skinner, Ray Archambeault, Chuck Walker and Norm Teixeira. Several members felt that Norm deserved the award the second time for forgetting the original award at home. He then purchased another toilet seat, painted it and tried to pass it on as the original. He apparently forgot that the original included a gold plaque with DDD identification.

The bingo winners included Mary Johnson, Gary Brown and Mary Archambeault. Sheriff Gary Brown performed his duties well and was successful in identifying several infractions during the three day period. Our treasury benefited from the fines imposed and collected by our appointed sheriff.

The selection of rally sites for our group is sometimes challenging. We have a choice of returning to previous rally sites or try out different untested sites with a certain amount of risk. So, the response and input from each member is very important for your wagon master and trail bosses.



I think trail bosses are the backbone to our club and would like to express my sincere thanks to past and future volunteers. I know it's lots of work but it can also be a very enjoyable experience. It's not necessary to cook every meal. The \$50. fee should be sufficient for at least one catered meal. Additionally, please don't hesitate to ask for assistance in setting up games, making coffee, etc.

Our next rally at "Wine Country R.V. Resort" will be hosted by Chuck & Dolores Walker, Leo & Marion Aragon and assisted by Ed & Joan Edman. This Paso Robles location was highly rated by our members in a recent survey. We currently have reservations for twenty rigs. Please submit your applications in a timely fashion along with your application for our Pismo Creek Rally which should be received by February 15th. Please visit our website at <http://www.discoveryclubonline.com/> for additional rally information.

If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to drop me a line at [ray.jak@verizon.net](mailto:ray.jak@verizon.net) or give me a call at 951-699-2567.



Ray Ouellette,  
Wagon Master  
Discovery Club of  
California

## Forthcoming Discovery Club Rallies 2012

Tuesday March 27 - Friday March 30, 2012

### **Wine Country RV Resort**

[www.winecountryrvresort.com](http://www.winecountryrvresort.com)

2500 Airport Road

Paso Robles, CA 93422 or 93446

Sheryl Taylor cell 805-459-4690 or (805) 238-4560

Trail Bosses: Chuck & Delores Walker, Leo & Marion Aragon

The Good Sam Rally - Thursday March 22-25, 2012

\$189 to \$389, Phoenix Intl. Raceway, register at

[www.therally.com](http://www.therally.com)

Tuesday May 15 - Friday May 18, 2012

### **Pismo Creek RV Resort**

98 So. Dolliver Street

Pismo Beach, CA 93449 Phone 805-773-4434

Trail Bosses Dick & Lillian Rody, Art & Barbara Valenzuela

Monday Sept 24 - Thursday Sept 27, 2012

### **Pechanga RV Resort**

45000 Pechanga Parkway (Tour Old Town)

Temecula, CA 92592

951-587-0484 or 877-997-8386

Trailbosses: Rich & Sue Skinner, Gary & Carrie Brown

## Proposed 2013 Rallies

(Subject to Change)

Trail Bosses Needed

Sunday January 20 - Wednesday January 23, 2013

(Proposed Only)

### **Quail Run RV Park**

918 N. Central Blvd

(During Quartzsite R.V. Show 1-19 to 1-27)

Quartzsite, AZ 85346

928-927-8810 Quartzsite Trail Boss??

Tuesday March 19 - Friday March 22, 2013

(Proposed Only)

### **Bakersfield RV Resort**

5025 Wible Road

Bakersfield, CA 93313

PH (661) 833-9998 | FX (661) 833-9994 Trail Boss??

Tuesday March 19 - Friday March 22, 2013

(Proposed Only)

### **Emerald Desert RV RESort**

45000 Pechanga Parkway (Tour Old Town)

Temecula, CA 92592

951-587-0484 or 877-997-8386 Trail Boss??

Tuesday Sept 17 - Friday Sept 20, 2013

(Proposed Only)

### **Bakersfield RV Resort**

5025 Wible Rd.

Bakersfield, CA 93313

(661) 833-9998

Tuesday Sept 17 - Friday Sept 20, 2013

Trail Boss: Norm Teixeira

Tuesday Sept. 17 - Friday Sept. 20, 2013

(Proposed Only)

### **Boulder Creek RV Resort**

2550 South Highway 395

Lone Pine, CA 93545 (760) 876-4243

Trail Boss ??



# Quartzsite Rally



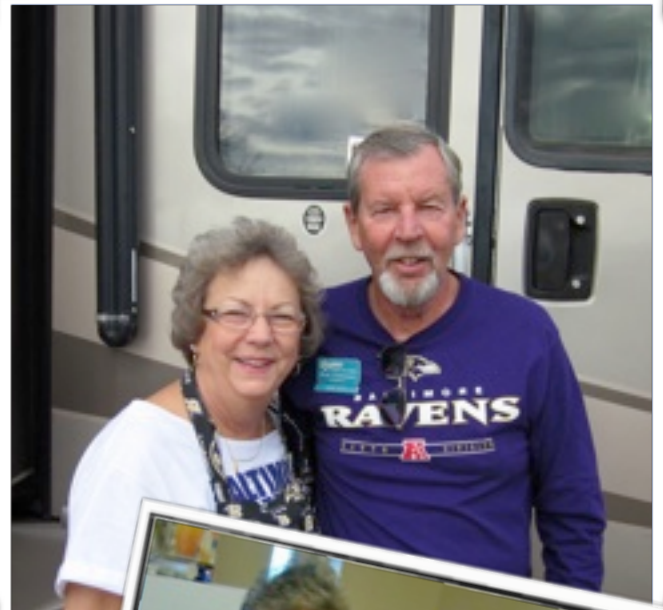
Trail Bosses  
Bob & Pam Johnson, Harry & Susan Salit

Happy swap meet pickers  
Carl & Mary, Marilyn, Jackie and Glenn



Guests  
Brian and Katrina Benson

Baltimore Ravens Fans  
Pam and Bob Johnson



The Sheriff turns over the fines to  
the Treasurer.



Serving breakfast

A new  
flagpole



Campfires after dinner. Brrrrr!

## Bingo Winners

Mary Archambeault  
Mary Johnson  
Gary Brown





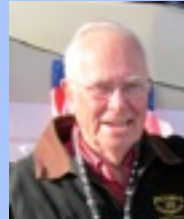
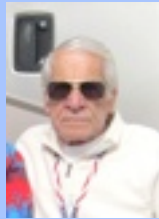
Marilyn and friend

Ed and Joan Edman

Thanks for helping with KP! You're great.



## The DDD Award



Nominees were:

Ray Archambeault for running over the concrete pad while parking at his site.

Chuck Walker for putting out his slide while leveling. The slide ended up resting on the power unit.

Rich Skinner for hanging his wooden RV upside down on the rack.

Norm Teixeira was the recipient of the DDD Award at the last rally. He was to keep it in his RV at all times and bring it to the next rally. Well, Norm forgot the toilet seat award, so he bought a new one, painted it gold and tried to pass it off. Not good enough, Norm.

### Winner by popular vote:

Noe Roman - Here is a popular guy, always willing to help. He offered to help carve the wonderful ham that Pam and Bob had prepared, but he used his own dinner fork that he had eaten with. He was spotted by some eagle eyed Discovery members and was promptly reminded of table manners and health issues.

Hey Noe,

You win some and you lose some.

Winner of the LRC pot.



Norm hands off the DDD Award



# Pismo Creek R.V. Resort

98 South Dolliver Street, Pismo Beach, CA 93449

Tuesday May 15 to Friday May 18, 2012

Trail Bosses: Richard & Lillian Rody, Art & Barbara Valenzuela,

## Tentative Schedule

**Please bring table service and your coffee cup for every meal**

- Tuesday May 15      3:00 PM---Welcome & Check-in  
4:00 PM---Happy hour, BYOB  
5:00 PM---Dinner provided by Host  
7:00 PM---Bingo (With other park members)
- Wednesday May 16    8:00 AM---Waffles, Sausage, Strawberries & Juice  
12:30PM--- Lunch on own  
4:00 PM---Happy Hour BYOB  
5:00 PM---Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beans & Potato Salad  
6:30 PM---Vaudeville Spectacular - Melodrama - Oceano - \$22.
- Thursday May 17      8:00 AM---Omelet-In-Bag, Tortillas & Refried Beans  
9:30 AM---Board Meeting  
10:00 AM---General Membership Meeting  
12:00 PM---Lunch on your own, shopping, Beach, etc  
4:00 PM---Happy Hour BYOB  
5:00 PM---Surprise Dinner Provided  
7:00 PM---Bingo (With other park members)
- Friday May 18        Juice, Leftovers & Goodbyes

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2012  
AND CONFIRMED BY MARCH 15, 2012 WITHOUT PENALTY.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee (Food for two)( 1/2 for one person) Approx..... \$ 50.00  
Parking Site fees \$32.00 X 3 Nights.....\$ 96.00  
The Great American Melodrama Comedy Show - \$22. per person.....\$  
Pet Fee, \$2.00 per pet per stay.....\$

TOTAL.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Discovery Club of California  
Mail to: Treasurer Ralph Norris 1208 Vista Cayenta, San Clemente, CA 92672



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

DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 22, 2012 - Quail Run R V Resort, Quartzsite, AZ

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Johnson at 10:06 am. Carl then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jackie Ouellette said the minutes of the September 2011 meeting were posted. Susan Salit made a motion to approve the minutes, motioned seconded by Pat Roman. Motion passed.

Introductions of guests were made by Gary Brown who introduced John and Marsha Swanson, Muriel Benson introduced her son Brian and his wife Katrina Benson and Dick Rody introduced his guests Frank and Kristine Reid.

President Carl Johnson thanked the trail bosses, Pam and Bob Johnson and Susan and Harry Salit for the outstanding rally.

Treasurer Ralph Norris gave the Treasurers Report. The bank balance was \$6,862.24. Ralph noted that the complete Treasurers Report was posted on the rally bulletin board. Joanne Johnston made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, motion seconded by Mary Johnson. Motion passed.

National FMCA Director Ray Ouellette began with a "joke" and then gave an update on information from FMCA. There was a discussion regarding the Emergency Evacuation information provided by FMCA, and liability insurance information. It was suggested all read their FMCA magazine for all current benefits and information. Ray also said, Newsletter Chairwoman Susan Salit includes much information in our Newsletter.

Ray Ouellette also gave some information regarding the \$500.00 that our club provides the National Director to attend the FMCA National Rally. It was decided to eliminate this money from our budget. Ray Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Harry Salit to discontinue providing \$500.00 to attend the FMCA National Rally, motion passed.

Harry Salit gave some information regarding Michelin Tires and discount thru FMCA. Information will be posted on Discovery web site.

President Carl Johnson read a brief thank you from the FMCA regarding our annual certification, and that FMCA has provided our club with 5 free memberships to FMCA. Our next 5 new members will get a free membership for one year.

Newsletter chairman, Susan Salit said all information regarding our club is in the newsletter and that the next complete publication of the Newsletter will be in two weeks.

Membership chairman, Tammy Norris reminded everyone that \$30.00 dues are due now. She asked all to check her printout to verify all information correct and current.

Hospitality chairman, Jackie Ouellette explained to everyone that at our next rally in Paso Robles there will be a "cake walk" fund raiser. Tickets will be \$1.00 each walk or 6 for \$5.00. More information will be in the newsletter, and emails will be sent out as reminders.

President Carl Johnson asked if there was anymore "old" business, there being none he continued with "new" business. He asked the membership to be thinking of positions on the board they might like to hold, and that at the next meeting he will be asking for volunteers to be on the nominating committee.

Carl also reminded everyone of tonight's DDD award, and any candidates please see Noe Roman with information.

Ralph Norris told of his recent RV burglary and he gave information regarding an alarm system suitable for motor homes. He also spoke of a motion detection system for \$22.00 from smarthomes.com. More information will be in the newsletter.

Pam Johnson thanked all who participated by bringing recipes for our RV Cookbook. She passed out copies to all.



**Jackie  
Ouellette**  
Secretary

Minutes, January 22, 12, Cont'd.

Wagon Master, Ray Ouellette thanked all for coming and thanked Dick Rody for getting up early each morning and making coffee for the club. Ray gave dates, times and places of the upcoming rallies:

March 27-30, 2012 Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles, trail bosses Walkers & Aragons.

May 15-18, 2012 Pismo Creek RV Resort, Pismo Beach, trail bosses Rodys & Valenzuelas.

Sept. 24-27, 2012 Pechanga RV Reshort, Temecula, trail bosses Skinners & Browns.

Ray also gave a tentative list for 2013.

Carl announced several people including the Goodmans, Aragons, & Johnsons all have Thousand Trails memberships available for sale.

With no further business, President Carl Johnson made a motion, seconded by Bob Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 am, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ouellette, Secretary

## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

We will be having a "fun" fund raiser at our next rally in Paso Robles. Each coach is asked to bring one item (cake, pie, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc) to be given away at our 'CAKE WALK".

Please wrap each item so the winner of each "walk" will have a surprise package to pick from! For those of you who have never seen a "cake walk" be prepared to laugh out loud - for those of you who know about cake walk be ready for the fun! The ticket price for this fund raiser is \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Each "walk" will require one (1) ticket - husbands please join in on the fun too! We will be enjoying this event on the first night of our rally, Tuesday March 27, 2012. Any questions please call me at: 951-699-2567 or email me: [jackieo4@verizon.net](mailto:jackieo4@verizon.net) I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Jackie Ouellette  
Ways & Means Chairman

One of the benefits of FMCA membership is the FMCAssist Program. Clip these cards and keep them with you in case of emergency. The full Member Benefits Guide is in the January Issue of the FMC Magazine beginning on Page 99.

### FMCAssist I.D. Card

FMCA Membership #:

Contract Holder: FMCA Policy #: CL-1001-EX

Certain services and benefits will be provided to those eligible members under this group plan.

Before obtaining assistance, call one of the phone numbers below:

If in the United States or Canada call (877) 202-4176

To call collect from Mexico place your call to  
**+1(603) 328-1750**

Travel can be for business or pleasure at a distance of 100 or more miles from your legal residence. On Call coordinates the following:

**Emergency Evacuation (Up to \$300,000) CSL**  
**Repatriation of Remains (Up to \$300,000) CSL**  
**Vehicle Return (Up to \$5,000)**

CSL - Combined Single Limit

**IMPORTANT:** On Call must approve in advance and coordinate all of the above services.

This card is Non-Transferrable



# DISCOVERY CLUB OF CA FMCA CHAPTER BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I - CHAPTER NAME

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the Discovery Club of California, a Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, hereafter referred to as Chapter and FMCA.

## ARTICLE II - CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

### A. PURPOSE:

This Chapter exists to promote social, recreational and informational exchange, activities which provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches.

### B. AREA:

This Chapter shall be authorized to function in the FMCA's Western Area.

### C. SCOPE:

This Chapter will have members with a mutual interest in Class A motorhomes, and drawn from a location in the state of California or nearby.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

### A. ELIGIBILITY:

1. To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the Chapter, a person must be in good standing with FMCA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter.
2. Membership in this Chapter shall not be denied any person because of race, sex, religion, color, marital or family status, age, or disability.
3. A member must own a qualifying motor coach (motorhome) or at least 1/3 interest in a qualifying motor coach (motorhome) in order to vote or hold office in this chapter.
4. Any current member in good standing who downsizes to a Class B or Class C motorhome will remain eligible for membership.

### B. DEFINITIONS:

1. The term "Family Unit" is defined as a person; his or her spouse, or partner; dependents of each, regardless of age; non-dependent grandchildren and great grandchildren aged 18 and under.
2. The term "Membership" is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a qualifying motor coach, who share an FMCA membership number
3. The term "Member" is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitutes a membership. The voting rights of each member are defined in the description of each category.
4. The term "Qualifying motor coach" is defined as a self propelled, completely self-contained vehicle that contains all the conveniences of a home, including cooking, sleeping, and and permanent sanitary facilities, and in which the driver's area is directly accessible in a walking position from the living quarters. The terms "motor coach" and "motorhome" may be used interchangeably.

### C. DUES AND FEES:

1. ANNUAL DUES: Annual payment of National FMCA and Chapter dues enables persons to become active members and entitled to all rights and privileges of both FMCA and the Chapter. Annual dues for this Chapter will be set by its Board and approved by the membership.

2. **RENEWAL:** Renewal dues from chapter members become due and payable on January 1 each year.
3. **ARREARS:** Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than one month after becoming due shall be considered delinquent; after three months membership is cancelled.
4. **INITIAL APPLICATIONS:** Initial applications for membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual Chapter dues and initiation fees. National dues must be paid concurrently if applicant is not already a member of FMCA. If application is accepted after September 30th, the dues shall be regarded as covering the next year.
5. **INITIATION FEE:** New and reinstated members may be required to pay an initiation fee in an amount established by the board and approved by the membership.

## **ARTICLE IV - CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. AUTHORITY:**

This Chapter shall be democratically self-governed, deriving its existence and authority from the consent of its membership assembled in meeting or, in certain instances, by mail vote on stated propositions.

### **B. ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR:**

The fiscal and membership year of the Chapter shall commence on January 1st and end on December 31st.

### **C. CHAPTER MEETINGS:**

1. **TYPES:** The term 'meeting' shall include coach rallies, campouts, dinner meetings and any other gatherings suitable to the functions of the Chapter
2. **BUSINESS MEETINGS:** The Chapter must hold at least two (2) business meetings each year at which a quorum is present. Said meetings must be at least fourteen (14) days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.
3. **ANNUAL ELECTIONS:** One of the business meetings in alternate years must be the Biennial Meeting at which the voting general membership is to elect Chapter Officers, including a President, one Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a National Director and an Alternate National Director.
4. **QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Chapter meeting is twenty-five percent (25%) of the Chapter family unit membership or 15 family unit members, whichever is less.
5. **VOTING:** Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, a simple majority of members in good standing and voting shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter. Voting will be one (1) vote for each adult member, with a maximum of two (2) votes per unit. Balloting by mail may be undertaken when a proposed matter is voted to be of such importance or urgency that a total membership vote is advisable. To insure closer control, balloting by mail will be only one (1) vote per family unit.
6. **PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS:**

The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern this Chapter and in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA and this Chapter.

### **D. MAINTAINING AFFILIATION:**

This Chapter must maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) family unit members. The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA, no later than the last week in December, a membership list, a list of Chapter Officers, and assurance that two (2) business meetings were held.

### **E. ANNUAL AUDIT**

An Annual Audit of the financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.

### **F. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:**

The Chapter Bylaws shall conform to all mandatory requirements stipulated in the National Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA.

## **ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS**

### **A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:**

1. The membership of the chapter shall nominate and elect a Chapter Nominating Committee every other year at an appropriate time prior to regularly scheduled elections, to serve until the following election period.
2. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit that person from being nominated for elective office.

### **B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES:**

1. To select one of its members a Nominating Committee Chairman.
2. To nominate candidates for the Chapter Offices of President, one (1) Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and Alternate National Director.
3. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the Chapter should they be elected.
4. To make certain that nominated candidates are members in good standing and qualified under applicable FMCA and Chapter Bylaws.
5. If necessary, to nominate candidates to fill vacancies which occur in elected Chapter offices.

### **C. VOTING**

1. Voting for officers will be done by a simple majority at regular meetings or may be done by mail ballot if deemed necessary.
2. Each club member in good standing and of legal voting age shall be entitled to one vote, except the President, who shall vote only to break a tie. Maximum of two votes per coach.
3. If a mail ballot is necessary, to insure closer control only one ballot for each family unit will be allowed and the ballot must allow for write in candidates.

## **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

### **A. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

The duties of Elected Officers are fully defined in the FMCA Member and Volunteer Handbook, available for download at [www.fmca.com/governance/pwd/handbook/chapter.asp](http://www.fmca.com/governance/pwd/handbook/chapter.asp) A brief summary follows:

#### **1. CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

The elected Chapter President is the leader of the Chapter, presides at meetings of the Chapter Membership, and represents the Chapter whenever necessary.

#### **2. CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT**

a. The Chapter Vice President assists the President and serves as presiding officer in the absence of the President from any duly called meeting.

b. Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of President, or upon inability or refusal to preside, the Vice President performs all the duties of the President. When so acting, the Vice President exercises the authority and is subject to the same limitations as apply to the President.

#### **3. CHAPTER SECRETARY**

Certain obligations and duties of the Chapter Secretary are required by National FMCA and include the following:

a. The Chapter Secretary shall keep accurate and up-to-date records for the Chapter's membership and forward to the National FMCA Office a membership list of names and FMCA numbers of the Chapter's members, along with a list of incumbent Chapter officers and certification that the Chapter held the required number of meetings in the Chapter's previous fiscal period. These reports are to be sent to the National FMCA Office no later than the last week in December in each year.

b. The Chapter Secretary shall promptly report, in writing, to the National FMCA Office, the results of any election or change of status of Chapter Officers. This report shall include addresses and telephone numbers of each person so elected.

c. Failure to annually forward a membership list and certification of meetings held, shall result in the suspension of the right to vote by the Chapter's National Director or Alternate National Director.

d. The Chapter Secretary is expected to record the proceedings of all meetings of the Chapter Membership. These signed minutes shall be included in the Chapter newsletter following the meeting. The minutes shall be read and approved at the next meeting, and posted on the rally bulletin board. Minutes of all meetings are to be kept available in a Chapter Minute Book in the event a member of the Chapter desires to read them.

e. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the permanent records of the Discovery Club of CA, and shall send out notices and handle such correspondence as does not belong to the other officers.

f. After elections the Secretary shall transfer all records to the incoming secretary in a timely manner.

#### 4. CHAPTER TREASURER

a. The Chapter Treasurer receives, safeguards, and holds all Chapter funds in the name of the Chapter and is its trustee and fiscal agent.

b. The Treasurer keeps accurate accounts of all chapter funds and reports on them at each business meeting of the Chapter's membership

c. The Chapter Treasurer disburses Chapter funds only for authorized Chapter purposes, and only in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws.

d. After elections the Treasurer shall deliver to the incoming treasurer all moneys, check-books, and pertinent papers of the Chapter with the postings made to the date of delivery.

#### 5. NATIONAL DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

a. Each Chapter shall elect a member as National Director to serve on the Governing Board of FMCA. An Alternate National Director shall also be elected to serve whenever the National Director is unable to attend meetings of the Governing Board or be otherwise unable to serve. Another Chapter officer is not precluded from election as the National Director, or as the Alternate National Director.

b. Members of the same family unit may serve as National Director or Alternate National Director in different chapters; such members may not hold these offices in the same chapter concurrently.

c. The term of office of a newly elected National Director or Alternate National Director begins after the National FMCA Office receives written notice of said election, and has verified that the person is qualified. The term extends for two (2) years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Any change in the National Director or Alternate National director personnel must be reported to the National office of FMCA immediately

d. If an incumbent Alternate National Director cannot serve, the Chapter is to promptly elect a member to fill the vacancy in the office of National Director and notify the National FMCA Office.

e. If neither the National Director nor Alternate National Director can attend the next Governing Board meeting a temporary delegate may be elected for the next Governing Board meeting only. If the delegate already holds two (2) Chapter offices, the restriction of holding only two (2) offices in one (1) chapter will be waived only for the time the delegate is in attendance at the Governing Board Meeting.

#### **B. TERMS OF OFFICE:**

The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a two (2) year term of office, or until their successors are elected, including the National Director and Alternate National Director.

#### **C. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:**

1. An individual FMCA member may hold office(s) in one (1) chapter.
2. An individual FMCA member may hold no more than two (2) offices in the same chapter.
3. Any FMCA member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.
4. Only Full Members, Full Lifetime Members, Life Members, or Honorary Members who have advanced from one of these classes, have the right to hold office in this Chapter.
5. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Chapter property, except as required by law.

**ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**

**A. APPOINTMENT:**

Committee members and Chairmen (except Nominating Committee) shall be appointed by the President.

**B. DUTIES:**

All committees shall function within the Policies of the Chapter and (except Nominating Committee) under the direction of the President. Financial reports, voucher, and moneys due the chapter shall be submitted on a timely basis.

**C. QUORUM:**

A Committee quorum shall be a simple majority.

**ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

**A. MANDATORY AMENDMENTS:**

Amendments applicable to Chapter operations shall be automatically adopted as may be required by mandatory amendments to the National FMCA Constitution and Bylaws. Such mandatory amendments are not subject to voting by the Chapter membership.

**B. AMENDING PROCEDURE:**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a duly-called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least thirty (30) days has been given of the proposition(s) to amend.

1. Any member of the Chapter may propose changes in the Bylaws.

2. Approved amendments to these Bylaws become effective immediately upon their adoption, or at such time as specified in the amendment.

**C. DISTRIBUTION:**

Copies of changes, additions, amendments, or revisions to these Bylaws shall be forwarded to the National FMCA Office and to the Western Area Vice President.

**ARTICLE IX - LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of this Chapter of FMCA, by majority vote of this Chapter, all of the remaining assets of the Chapter shall be contributed to the purpose(s) for which the Chapter is organized, or to a qualified non-profit charity or charities.

Effective date of this edition of the Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_

## Vitamin F

Why do I have a variety of friends who are all so different in character?

How can I get along with them all?

I think that each one helps to bring out a "different" part of me.

With one of them I am polite.

I joke with another friend.

I sit down and talk about serious matters with one.

With another I laugh a lot.

I may have a drink with one.

I listen to one friend's problems.

Then I listen to another one's advice for me.

My friends are all like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

When completed, they form a treasure box.

A treasure of friends!

They are my friends who understand me better than myself,  
who support me through good days and bad days.

We all pray together and for each other.

Real Age doctors tell us that friends are good for our health.

Dr. Oz calls them Vitamins F (for Friends) and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our well being. Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes.. If you enjoy Vitamins F constantly you can be up to 30 years younger than your real age. The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your most intense moments it decreases the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke by 50%.

I'm so happy that I have a stock of Vitamins F!

In summary, we should value our friends and keep in touch with them.

We should try to see the funny side of things and laugh together,  
and pray for each other in the tough moments.

Thank you for being one of my Vitamins!

I loved this and want to share it with you...

Sue Skinner



*I would be unstoppable. If I could just get started.*