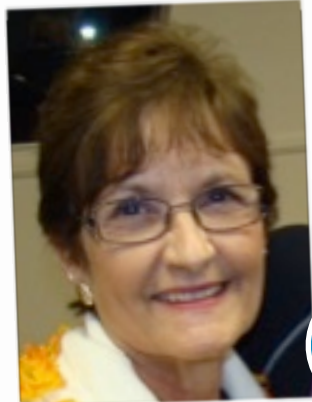



May 2021

# Discovery

A Chapter of FMCA



Joan Edman  
President

## Presidents Report

So many positive comments about the Palm Desert rally with 14 rigs. Trail Bosses Extraordinaire - Bruce & Ruthie Slusher and Jane Ortiz - did a wonderful job procuring fine dining at local restaurants, coordinating a great potluck, and using their culinary skills to provide dinner and breakfast. Despite the travel/tourism difficulties presented by COVID, everyone enjoyed the comradery. Thanks to our Wagon Master Ed Brennan for scheduling this rally. He also brought two great couples as guests. Hopefully, Mark & Leeann Cauble and Jim & Sandy Sawyer will join us officially!

Ed and I were not able to make this rally. We did attend Thursday's General Meeting for the Installation of Officers. Ray Ouellette did a fine job as the "Installer." I so appreciate Jackie offering to be our Secretary and Ray our Photographer.

It was reported L-C-R WINNER John King not only profited from the first rally he attended, but also this one (less than a year apart). There must be something in the Bylaws to challenge this.....

Noe Roman presented his Sheriff's Report and the DDD Award Thursday morning since some members were leaving early. As Sheriff, he basically included fines for everyone because name tags were not taken seriously enough. He then proceeded to declare Ed Brennan a candidate for the DDD Award for his drop kicking of pancakes onto the grass. Ed placed the blame on some dog poop he stepped in. However, the dog was not in attendance to "speak". Ray Ouellette earned his nomination with a serious error interpreting the GPS when returning to the park from dinner. He decided against listening to Jackie (or the nice lady on the GPS). This added a considerable amount of time to his return. Noe then confessed he too had made this error by not listening to his wife Pat (and again the nice lady on the GPS). The mistake was compounded upon return when he opened his coach and literally let the cat (Tabitha) OUT!! With this "Donner Party of 2" the voting was close, but ultimately Ray was the victor. Jackie will once again have the coveted toilet seat trophy adorning her motorhome. LOVELY...AND CONGRATS!!

We left after the General Meeting but heard the rest of the rally was equally enjoyable. Such a good group. Before leaving, I was informed Jackie, Marsha and Mary offered to be our Trail Bosses for Bakersfield. WOO HOO!! Can't wait for that rally!

P.S. Susan Salit is willing (once again) to be our Newsletter Editor. Now living in Santa Rosa, she is happy and healthy. Good news indeed! She encourages members to send her articles and pictures to be included in the newsletter. Her email address is [gsue@salit.us](mailto:gsue@salit.us). Please submit info in Word file format. PDF files are not as easily reformatted to fit in available space. Past copies of our newsletter can be viewed on our website.

BE SAFE, HAPPY TRAILS, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU IN BAKERSFIELD!

Discovery Club of California  
Officers  
2021 & 2022

*President:* Joan Edman  
*Vice President:* Janet Ortiz  
*Secretary:* Jackie Ouellette  
*Treasurer:* Marsha Swanson  
*Nat'l. Director:* Janet Ortiz  
*Alt. Nat'l Director:* Carl Johnson  
Committee Members (Appointed)  
*Wagon Master:* Ed Brennan  
*Webmaster:* Janet Ortiz  
*Newsletter Editor:* Susan Salit  
*Membership Chair:* J. D. Vanik  
*Hospitality:* Marilyn Turner  
*Ways & Means:* Annette Hall  
*Historian:* (Vacant)  
*Photographer:* Ray Ouellette



**FMCA National  
Director's  
Report**  
Janet Ortiz



**Treasurers  
Report**  
Marsha Swanson

Please refer to the Minutes of the  
General Membership Meeting  
(Page 8) for reports from Janet  
and Marsha.



# Wagonmasters Report



Ed Brennan  
Wagonmaster

**Great rally at Palm Desert thanks to our Trail Bosses – Bruce & Ruthie Slusher and Janet Ortiz!**

## **UPCOMING DISCOVERY CLUB RALLIES FOR 2021:**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Bakersfield RV Resort  
5025 Wible Rd.  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
(661)833-9998**

**Trail Bosses: Jackie Ouellette, Marsha Swanson & Mary Johnson**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Pismo Sands RV Resort  
2220 Cienaga St.  
Oceano, CA 93445  
(800)404-7004**

**Trail Bosses Needed**



# Rally at Emerald Desert Resort March 2021











and the winner is...  
Wrong Way Ray.

# 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](mailto:gsue@salit.us)

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

Emerald Desert RV Resort  
76000 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert, CA  
March 18, 2021



**Jackie  
Ouellette  
Secretary**

President Leo Aragon opened the meeting at 10 AM and he then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Leo asked Marlene Vanik to lead us in an opening Invocation.

Leo then asked Ed Brennan to introduce his guests: Jim and Sandra Sawyer and Sue Ann and Mark Cauble. Leo announced today that it's Marha and John's Swanson's 53rd Wedding Anniversary. He then thanked our Trail Bosses Janet Ortiz and Ruth and Bruce Slusher for our outstanding rally. All loved the Italian Restaurant Mario's on Tuesday night, our amazing "pot luck" dinner Wednesday night with LRC after dinner, with "mini lanterns" under the moonlight. We all have full tummies from breakfast before this meeting, and all will be awaiting the smoked pork dinner being prepared for tonight.

Treasurer Marsha Swanson gave a detailed Treasurer's Report with starting balance of \$5891.61 and after current expenses and current deposits - not including expenses from this current rally, balance as of March 14, 2021 is: \$7498.61. When all expenses are paid the balance will again be in the \$5000. bracket. Marsha also reported she filed the clubs IRS report and all was approved.

FMCA Director Janet Ortiz gave a detailed account from FMCA as to their membership, and dues amounts. FMCA has finally settled on \$60. new membership fee, and current members renewing membership with be \$50. per year if you sign up for 3 years or \$60. if you just renew 1 year at a time. Janet also talked about the FMCAssit program and the new company handling the assist program. New contact information numbers are: USA 877 352 0785 and Canada: 877 350 3532. Janet passed out information sheet to all members.

Membership Chairman J.D. Vanik said we have 26 members, 16 have paid their 2021 dues, 8 unpaid. He will contact them to remind them that renewal monies are due. Our rooster shows 34 members but many will not be renewing membership due to selling their RV's, moved, or illnesses. J.D. reminded the members that checks go to Treasurer Marsha Swanson.

Leo asked Ray Ouellette to do the swearing in ceremony of the new board for 2021-22.

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FMCA Nat'l Director: Janet Ortiz  
Alternate FMCA Nat'l Director: Carl Johnson

New President Joan Edman conducted the meeting after the swearing in ceremony was completed. Joan thanked Ray Ouellette for a good and very funny swearing in "job".

Joan said Susan Salit will continue doing our newsletter and asked all to please send her pictures and news articles for her to post. Joan asked Ray if he would take over the job of taking pictures at rallies and sending them to Susan, of course he said yes.

Joan discussed our "last" rally at Flying Flags RV Resort in Buellton, CA Sept. 2020. All had a good time, and due to Covid restrictions no clubhouse was available. All activities, meals, and meetings were outside with all wearing masks. Our scheduled rally January 2021 at Camp Land By the Bay in San Diego was cancelled due to Covid!

New Business: Joan said Ralph and Tammy Norris are selling their Motor Home and tow vehicle. MH is a 2003 Monaco and tow vehicle 2007 Honda Civic. Please call them if interested.

Joan discussed the "Harvest Host" program. Many wineries have RV parks and you can be a host free and conduct tours of the wineries, etc. Joan also suggested seeing the movie "Nomanland". Good and sad, and very interesting.

The Sheriff for this rally was Noe Roman. He said almost everyone violated wearing their badge at some point during the rally, so he said EVERYONE must pay \$1.00 fine - payable to treasurer Marsha Swanson. Noe then conducted the DDD award ceremony. Candidates were: Ed Brennan for knocking over pancakes at this mornings breakfast. Ray Ouellette for getting lost coming back to



the RV park after dinner at Mario's Restaurant - he ask his GPS for directions to "home" and he was heading for Temecula. He meant home to RV park. And third candidate was Noe himself for getting very lost on his way to Mario's restaurant, and causing all in his vehicle to be very late for dinner. By very loud applause Ray was the big winner of the DDD award and he will "proudly" display the award in his front window at the next rally.

Joan announced our next rally will be at the Bakersfield RV Resort, May 18-21, 2021. Trail Bosses will be: The Swanson's, Johnson's & Ouellette's. More information will be coming, please check the Web site.

Joan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Leo Aragon and seconded by Mary Johnson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Ouellette, Secretary  
Discovery Club of California.



### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

If you haven't renewed your membership...

This note is a friendly reminder that the 2021 Membership Dues of \$20.00 is now due. Please make your check payable to Discovery Club and mail your check to J.D. Vanik, 30351 San Pasqual Road, Temecula, CA 92591. Our next scheduled rally is at Bakersfield RV Resort hope to see you there if you can make it.

Pray you and your family are well and remain in good health.

J.D. Vanik  
Membership Chairman  
909-260-4121



### NEWSLETTER REPORT

Hi Discoverers,  
It's been awhile and I've missed you. I'm glad this pandemic is starting to let up and we can all get out of the house and go places. I am currently living in beautiful Santa Rosa among the wineries and next to Annadel State Park. Levi and I often walk there in the cool shade and listen to the bird song. Life is good and I'm grateful.

Please send me some interesting news. I'd love to hear from you.

Susan Salit, Editor  
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DISCOVERY CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

BAKERSFIELD RV RESORT  
5025 Wible Rd., Bakersfield, CA phone: 661 833 9998

May 18-20, 2021

TRAIL BOSSES: Johnson's, Swanson's, & Ouellette's  
Please bring your own place settings and BYOB for Happy Hour

Monday: May 17th - Early Arrivals - dinner restaurant to be announced

Tuesday: May 18th - Check in 2 PM  
5:00 PM Happy Hour:  
6:00 PM Catered dinner on premises  
LRC - Please bring \$3.00 each person

Wed: May 19th - 8:30 AM Pot Luck Breakfast -Last name starting w/ A-M. Please  
be creative - bring dish to serve 10. Coffee and juice provided.  
4:30 - caravan to Wool Growers Basque Rest. - 5 PM reservation -  
separate checks - full bar.

Thurs: May 20th - 8:30 AM Pot Luck Breakfast- Last name starting w/ N-Z. Please  
be creative - bring dish to serve 10. Coffee and juice provided.  
9:30 AM - Board Meeting  
10:00 AM - General Membership Meeting  
2:00 PM - Games on the lawn - fabulous prizes too!  
5:00 PM – Happy hour  
6:00 PM – Chili Dinner – **Bring one or two cans of Chili.** We will provide  
all the fixings and desert. DDD Award - games

Friday: 8 AM - muffins, fruit, hugs & good byes - bring your own coffee

Camping Fees: 3 nights \$45.per night.....\$135.00  
Extra night \$45.....  
Rally fee - \$40.00 couple \$20.00 Single.....  
  
Total .....

\*\*\*Vaccinated? Yes.....No.....

**CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE OF APRIL 27, 2021**

PLEASE MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISCOVERY CLUB AND MAIL TO: