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From The President's Desk...



LOUISE GROGAN

Please join me in welcoming the newly elected NAARVA Executive Board Officers for the 2019/2020 Term:

1st Vice President - Joe Brady, Central Region; 2nd Vice President - Rodney Thompson, Southern Region; Recording Secretary - Sylvia Allen, Central Region; Assistant Recording

Secretary - Annette Mayfield, Southern Region; Financial Secretary - Dorothy Smith, Western Region; Assistant Financial Secretary - Andrea "AJ" Harvey, Eastern Region; Treasurer - John Cannon, Western Region; and Assistant Treasurer - Joellen Davis, Central Region.

Completing our Executive Board Team are Regional Directors: Jerome Moore, Central Region; Belinda Moore, Eastern Region; Monica Ford-Davis, Southern Region; Charles Gill, Western Region.

Many of you have also had the pleasure of working with this list of dedicated NAARVA members serving in appointment positions. Words cannot express the gratitude we have for each of the outgoing elected officers and those that have served as committee leaders.

Gladys Curtis, President; Aubrey Manuel, 1st Vice President; Myrtle Mayfield, 2nd Vice President; Patricia Swann, Recording Secretary; Michelle

Donald, Assistant Recording Secretary; Rev. Thomas Hanes, National Chaplain; Anne Steele, National Ecology Committee; Joe Brady, Constitution and By-Laws; Ronald (Ron) Standifer, National Historian; Elaine Standifer, National Public Relations Officer; Dr. Preston Bryant, National Scholarship Committee; Gloria Sheldon, Corresponding Secretary/National Benevolent Chair; Maurice Anding, Nominations/Elections; Alberta Jordan-Rigsby, Parliamentarian/Grievance Committee; Brenda Dorsett, National Members-at-Large Liaison; and Gwynne Toney, National Voice Editor (Newsletter).

Of course, some of these names will change and I will personally be in contact with each person in the next few weeks.

Best regards and looking forward to NAARVA's continued growth.

Louise Grogan, President

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Shining the Spotlight on Our 2019-2021 President

LOUISE GROGAN

Please join us in welcoming Louise Grogan in her new role as President. As Director of the Western Region for the past nine years, our President brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences to the National platform. The *NAARVA Voice* is honored to shine the spotlight on our 9th National President of NAARVA Louise Grogan.

NAARVA Voice 1. What inspired you to run for office?

Louise Grogan - I have always wanted to be a part of positive growth of NAARVA and I learned quickly that it could only happen through leadership. My work as Western Region's Regional Director and planning National Rallies has prepared me for a natural next step in the leadership of NAARVA. It just seems to be the natural thing to do.

NV 2. What is your vision for NAARVA?

LG - My vision is to create an en-

vironment for positive growth, investments in our members, growing our younger families, expand the use of recreational vehicles to include more self-contained trailers, toy haulers, etc.

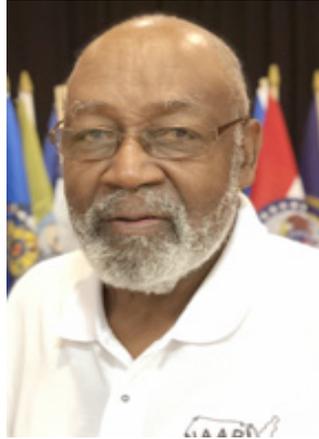
NV 3. What have been some of the responses to our theme?

LG -The members that embraced the 2019 Theme "NAARVA Across America — Honoring our Veterans," included
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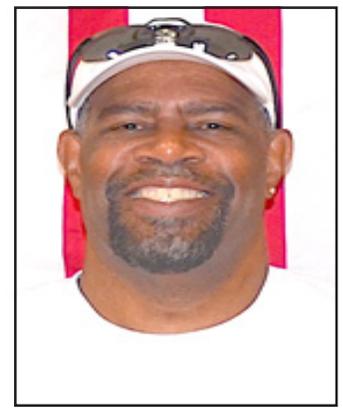
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A Word From the Editor

FAMILY MATTERS

Family is one of those words that gets tossed around frequently. What comes to mind when you hear the word family?

Maybe it's the people you share your day with - the spouse who puts your coffee on and greets you with sweet kisses; the child or grandchild who calls you from college just to hear your voice; the dog who wakes you up at sunrise for its morning stroll.

Perhaps it's the people you've shared years with - the Grandpa who tells you WWII stories; the cousin who brings you souvenirs from her worldly travels; your Mom and Aunt who are always competing on who best replicates your Grandma's peach cobbler.

Or maybe it's the people you share

your life with - the neighbors who look after your house while you're RVing across the states; the church member who always checks up on you if you're away too long; the girlfriends with whom you share a special bond; the folks you travel with or connect to at the NAARVA rallies.

One thing for certain, family is familiar and gives us an overarching feeling of belonging and connection.

This is the purpose of *The Voices'* Rally issue — to unite us in a bond of fun, facts, friendship and family. It allows you the opportunity to enjoy or relive the regional rallies and the National Camp Rally through stories and pictures. Enjoy and please share this Rally issue with others who are interested in



FAMILY

RVing. Additional pictures may be found at this link:

<https://www.naarva.com/2019-national-rally-memories>

Gwynne Toney, Editor



Don & Cecile Turner
Palmdale, CA
Members-at-Large
Western Region

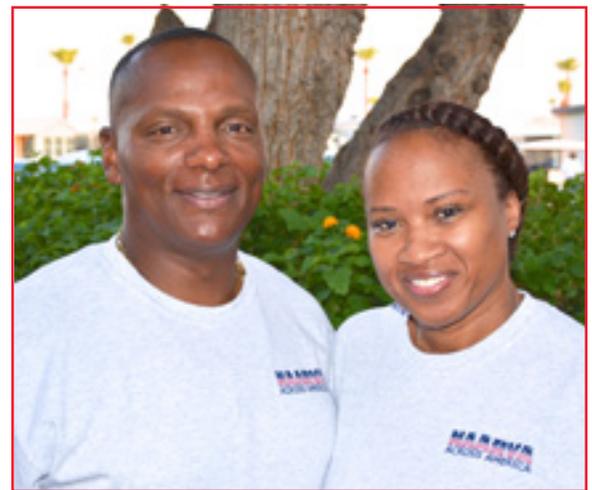
Around The Campfire

Gwynne: Part of our theme is “**NAARVA Across America.**” Tell us about a memorable place you've RV'ed to in the USA.

Don: Our favorite place that we have previously visited was the Grand Canyon in Arizona. We really enjoyed going there because, number one, the weather is very conducive to camping. In the evening, it gets cool and the summers can get pretty hot. But it's visited quite often; there were a lot of folks there. I really enjoyed the wild-life and the scenery. We saw a lot of elk roaming in the pastures and it was a pretty surreal sight. Comforting and very calming. While at the Grand Canyon we were able to take a tour of the North Rim. We visited all the tour spots

they had. There were about seven spots where you'd go to look out over the canyon. There was one thing we didn't do that I would have loved to try, which was to catch that donkey down to the bottom. It looked quite a bit scary, so when we saw other folks doing it, we decided that we were not going to ride a donkey to the bottom of the Grand Canyon! But we really enjoyed the place. The lookout was pretty cool. We took some nice pictures. You could stand on a rock and it would give you the impression that you were over the edge or in a dangerous situation. Those were some great pictures we took while we were there.

Cecile: I enjoyed the scenery and I enjoyed the Grand Canyon. It was just a wonder to see what God had created. It was just miraculous because you know man couldn't create what you saw with your own eyes. It was just some-



Don and Cecile Turner

thing else, something I will never forget.

I also loved the casino on our way back through Laughlin, which is not that far, just a couple of hours from where we were on the North Rim. They have beautiful lakes in Laughlin. The scenery is wonderful, the people miraculous and we had a good time!

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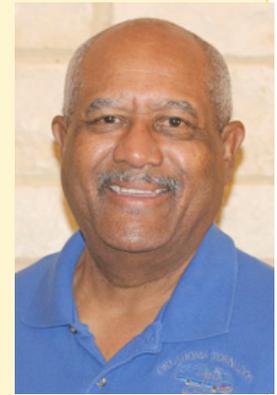
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NAARVA Chaplain's Corner... REVEREND THOMAS HANES

Life Is But a Stopping Place

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,*

*Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the lord.
-Author unknown*



Rev. Thomas A. Hanes
National Chaplain
serving "YOU."



According to the Constitution and By-Laws Article IV, Section 5. (CHAPLAIN)/NECROLOGIST: I am required to post the list of deceased NAARVA members from July 2018 to July 2019 to be printed in *The Voice*. The following were memorialized at the National Rally in Mesa, AZ.

Waldo Bennett
Richard Bridgewater
George Baily
Aaron Brown
John Benson
George Williams

Southern Region
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Southern Region

Walter Williams, Jr.
Carolyn J. Buford
Walter Spearman
Pat Walker
Walter Durant
Leonard White
Anthony Steele

Eastern Region
Central Region
Central Region
Central Region
Central Region
Western Region
Western Region



If I have missed anyone please e-mail me at:
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Education Station



Dr. Preston Bryant
National Scholarship Chairman



From the Desk of Dr. Preston Bryant. . .

Tribute to a Great Lady

At the 2019 NAARVA National Rally delegates unanimously approved the change of the scholarship name to "The Carolyn J. Buford Scholarship." Applicants applying for the scholarships will come to understand that the name Carolyn J. Buford signifies friendship, dignity, intelligence, achievement and a host of other attributes they should strive to emulate. We are proud of our scholarship name and know that our 2020 scholar recipients will be also.

2019 Scholarship Winners

After meeting the guidelines speci-

fied, and after submitting their essay, the following young scholars have been awarded monetary scholarships to help them meet some of their financial responsibilities as they head off to college. We proudly present to you our winners. \$1,000.00 Winners: Bobby Eslick, Isaac Cleaver, Akria Pierce. and Julian Tillman. \$500.00 Winner: Leon King.

Below are their biographies and photographs. We congratulate our winners and wish them every success in their educational endeavors.

ISAAC CHARLES CLEAVER

Grandparents: Charles & Bobbie Locke, Central Region



Isaac will attend Drake University in the fall majoring in International Business with a minor in French. His career goal

is to work for a company that is a good corporate citizen to combine business interests with interest in community service.

He graduated in May 2019 from Lee's Summit North High School in Lee's Summit, MO, with a 3.76 GPA and made the Honor Roll for 12 semesters. Isaac took advanced studies and International Baccalaureate® (IB) Coursework with an IB Career Related Certificate completed. He also

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completed college algebra, International Studies with dual credit and French V, dual credit.

Isaac has many volunteer hours committed in St. James United Methodist Church as a money counter, food pantry assistant, and music ministry participant. He was a camp assistant at Lee's Summit North Basketball Camp and group assistant for the Kid's Country camp.

Other activities included National Honors Society (March 2018-May 2019) French Honor Society (February 2019-May 2019); Cross Country team (2013, 2014, 2016-2018); Basketball team (2014, 2015, 2016); Track team (2014-2019); Marching Band (2015-2018) Jazz Band (2013, 2017-2019); and piano lessons, 13 years.

Awards included: Junior Varsity Awards - Cross Country (2016, 2017), Track & Field (2016), Basketball (2016) Varsity letter - Track & Field (2017, 2018, 2019) Band letter (2018, 2019). Academic Letter (2019), National Louis Armstrong Band Award (2019), Outstanding musicianship award 18th & Vine Jazz Festival (2018, 2019)

BOBBY ESLICK

Grandparents: Herbert & Lois Ducksworth, Akron Adventurers Kamper Club, Central Region



Bobby Eslick is a honor roll student who graduated from Woodridge High School. Bobby participated in several school activities including

FCCLA, Fellowship of Christian Athletics, football, basketball, track and was a member of the Rhapsody Choir

which competed in the state competition. He has received the PTC Scholar Athlete Award for each of his three sports (football, basketball, and track). The football team had two consecutive 10-0 seasons along with four consecutive conference championships. His basketball team also won the PTC Championship. Bobby has been a volunteer for Special Olympics, Family Promise, basketball and football youth camps. Bobby toured several colleges and decided to study Biochemistry at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Bobby plans to change the world by finding cures for several different illnesses.

AKIRA PIERCE

Grandmother: Barbara Pierce, Ebony Dream Makers, Central Region



I would like to thank the entire NAARVA scholarship committee for reviewing my application and awarding me this scholarship.

I appreciate it so much and I cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for this generous award.

Next I would like to mention that

my high school experience was definitely taxing as well as mentioning that it was difficult managing all the extra-curricular activities including diving, synchronized swimming, playing violin in my orchestra and working as a life-guard. All of this was done while carrying a hefty amount of AP and college level courses.

I was part of a variety of school clubs including National Honor Society, Student Council, Orchestra, French National Honor Society, Black Student Union, Health Occupation Students of America and Distributive Education Clubs of America. I have also incorporated ways to give back to the community by spending my time volunteering at food pantries, numerous school events, shopping with low income families, and I also volunteered at the 2018 National NAARVA Rally.

I graduated Cum Laude in my class, participated in over 100 hours of community service, receiving the Presidential Community Service Award, and received three chords to commemorate my achievements. I know I could not have done any of the things without the support of my mother and grandmother during these last four years as well as the help of NAARVA by giving me this scholarship to continue my education at the University of Pittsburgh studying physical therapy and sports medicine. Once again, I'd

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Representatives accepting scholarship certificates on behalf of students who could not attend the 2019 NAARVA Rally.

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like to thank NAARVA for this scholarship and everyone who has been by my side during my high school career.

JULIAN TILLMAN

Grandparents: Thomas & Lillie Graham, Broward County Kampers, Southern Region.



Julian Tillman graduated Summa Cum Laude from Salem High School in Conyers GA and will be attending University of GA (UGA) in the fall as a Biological

Sciences major. He has been recognized for his outstanding achievements including “Wrestler of the Year” for 2018 and 2019, Academic Award for Student of the year 2019, Superinten-

dent Award 2019, and Honor Roll for all four years of high school. He is a member of the National Honor Society and National Beta Club. Julian is pursuing a career as a Wildlife Biologist.

LEON KING

Completing high school was one of the biggest milestones of my life, making me the third generation going to college. During my years as a student/athlete in high school, I’ve been considered as a hardworking, organized, and a critical thinker. I’ve been praised as a hardworking student by my peers and teachers. My academic success would eventually be recognized by getting inducted into the National Honor Society. Not only have I been acknowledged for academics, but also my citizenship, receiving North High School’s Blue and Gold Award. I have been awarded varsity letters in three sports:



football, wrestling, and track. I graduated Cum Laude in the top 15% of the class of 2019. Upon receiving my bachelor’s degree in Information Technology from North Carolina A&T State University, I plan to pursue an MBA in Technology Leadership.

Academic Achievements

National Honor Society: Students are inducted based on their academic grade point average. I was inducted during my Junior year and have been active in the program.

Knights and Ladies: Awarded to students with GPA’s above a 3.0.

Blue and Gold Award: This award is given to genders of each grade, up to the Junior year. Recipients are picked by teachers based on academic success, citizenship, selflessness, and kindness to their peers and teachers. Only one male and one female student receive this award each year.

Cum Laude: Graduated with a 3.9 GPA.

Athletic Achievements: Three Sport Varsity Letters - Football (4 years); two time big 8 champs (2018, 2019); wrestling (3 years) Big 8 Champs (2016); Track (4 Years); 4 x 800 Meter Gold and Bronze Medals Big 8 Championship Meet (2016, 2017) 4 x 400 Silver Medal - The JJ Knox Invitational Meet (2019)

Shining the Spotlight ...

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approximately 75 veterans. Everyone in attendance was given an opportunity to honor our veterans by completing the veterans form for the awesome video presentation, writing on the veteran recognition wall and banner and seeing the many faces of our NAARVA veterans. They enjoyed the tangible activities; they were able to be a part of recognizing our veterans.

NV 4. Who or what has influenced you as you have established a calling in leadership?

LG - My call for leadership grew by growing up in the south and our rich history in the Civil Rights Movement in which I learned that we all have a voice in change, it’s just a matter of how we use it. Dr. King’s non-violence movement

moved me.

NV 5. After months of planning, how do you like to unwind after a rally?

LG - Now that I have been given the privilege of leading NAARVA, there is no unwind, it’s just take a deep breath and move on to the affairs of NAARVA! It gives me pleasure to work on the Rallies and have members have good things to say about the Rally.

NV 6. Tell us two fun facts about you.

LG -1. I love to laugh as I go about the business of life!

2. I am the first born of triplets, two boys one girl, me! We were raised as twins because Louis died shortly after birth. Surviving Louise and Lucious.

ABOUT PICTURES...

Please remember when taking pictures that you need to have your camera set on a high resolution (at least 250 dpi {300 preferred}) and **USE your flash at all times**, even when outside, as it dispells shadows especially on faces. Don’t be afraid to get “close” to the subject, so we can “see faces” not a lot of background. Send your photos via E-mail in a **separate .jpg file**. Do **NOT embed photos** in the article. If photos are too dark, blurry or too small, they will not be printed in *The Voice*. **Please limit your photos to 6 per article.**

CENTRAL REGION



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The members of the Central Region shouted out Loud and Clear, “We want something new! Something different! for our Regional Rally. They were heard. So for the first time, the 2019 NAARVA Central Regional Rally was held at the Grand Casino Hinckley RV Resort and Event Center in Hinckley, Minnesota.

Hinckley is approximately an hour and 45 minutes from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Minnesota area. Home of the “Mall of America.” It is a quaint town of about 1,800 residents, that has various museums, fishing lakes, outdoor parks and a CASINO!

The rally began on Sunday, June 23rd, starting with a Gospelfest headed by a local minister and his church.

There were many activities throughout the week, daily morning fitness walks, open horseshoe play, line dancing and night bike rides. An inflatable obstacle course was provided for the children.

Numerous seminars that were given were sponsored by some of our vendors.

There also were seminars given by our members, such as T-Shirt Braiding, Swedish Weaving and our first ever “Women’s RV Seminar.”

Our competitive members enjoyed Card Bingo, a Bid Whist Tournament and the ever so popular “Bean Bag Baseball Tournament.”

A “Mall of America Ex-

Central Region Tries Something New

perience” was provided where members rode a bus and enjoyed a day at the Mall of America, the largest shopping center mall in the country.

Our veterans were acknowledged with their program.

After the Opening Ceremony, all of our members enjoyed a “Night at the Races” event. Other events during the week were an Ice Cream Social, Ladies African Themed Luncheon and Men and Dogs.

During the evening later on in the week, a DJ played music around the pool pavilion area for those who wanted to dance or sit back and relax.

On Saturday, there was a Central Region Yard Sale, Pool Party, Auction and 50/50 Raffle. After the Saturday evening dinner, a Worship Service was conducted by local area ministers. On Sunday, June 30th, everyone broke camp and headed safely home.



NAARVA Across America — Honoring Our Veterans



Thank you, Rally Team, and all NAARVA members attending the 2019 National Rally, you made a difference!

Although the Rally sites occupied for this Rally were less than anticipated, approximately 146, the important number was the 75 Veterans that stood during the Veterans' Dinner and received their gifts from the Regional Directors. This was very exciting because these numbers say that more than half of the members attending the Rally were veterans from every region, every branch of service, every rank, friends that we know and care about, friends that care enough to serve our country for our safety, even though they may not know our names. You may see them on our website at NAARVA.com - "National Rally Pictures". Please visit it and you will feel honored that NAARVA recognized our heroes in such a wonderful

way.

There were numerous opportunities to honor our veterans, including a banner on which you could write a veteran's name. It didn't matter the branch or the time they served, past or present. This banner was carried in the parade. Additionally, a board remained in the Social Hall during the entire Rally, where at any time you could post a star for a veteran.

Two touching presentations were one that described the significance of the missing soldier table, and a poem that provided full account of a veteran's life, *"I Am a Soldier."*

Everywhere you looked there was representation of red, white, and blue. Flags and very proud veterans throughout the Rally, laughing, talking, sharing stories, and much more, memories that will last a life time.

In addition, we enjoyed a volunteers dinner, made dresses, played games, planted trees, door prizes were plentiful, tours, skating party for our youth and youth camp, cake walk and a historical Bean Bag Baseball Championship won by the Western Region. There were seminars and health meetings, RV sales and table vendor sales. The men's event, the ladies' tea, red, white and blue could be seen everywhere!

The success of 2019 Rally can only be described as "Teamwork makes the dream work." From the East to the West, they came; from the South to West, they came; and from the Central to West, they all came. You all made the difference. Thank you and see you in Doswell, Virginia!

~ Louise Grogan



National Camp Rally Recapitulation

If you haven't experienced a NAARVA National Rally yet, read on to get a small taste of the experience. The rally venue, **Mesa Spirit RV Resort** lives up to its moniker — **A Hidden Gem in the Heart of Arizona**. With the wide variety of seasonal activities, events, nearby attractions, and onsite park models, it's hard to imagine a better venue for an RV rally. Mesa Spirit warrants the overall consensus among rally goers that "there's something here for everyone!" **Catch the Spirit!**

The **NAARVA National Camp Rally** was created as the best way for a community of RVers to converge to celebrate the RVing life. Rallies offer opportunities to keep current on new innovations and information, purchase products, meander through the new

and used models on exhibit, meet and make friends, take local excursions, and generally to relax and have fun.

This year's rally was **planned and hosted by the Western Region**, under the directions of its Regional Director, Louise Grogan.

Some of the highlights of the rally were the: Meet 'n Greet Root Beer Float Social. Opening ceremony. Presentation of the USA flag colors and explanation of the MIA table, by the East



Executive Board taking oath of office for 2019 - 2021.

Valley Young Marines of Mesa. Awarding the five National Scholarship recipients. Presentation by the Ecology Chair, Anne Shearer Steele, of a "Totem Pole Cactus" to be planted in the new cactus garden at the Mesa Spirit RV Resort. Governing assembly meeting, where the election results were announced. "A Night of Rhythm & Blues" featuring a couples' dance competition. Youth skate party."NAARVA's Next Top Model" show. "Landmarks across America" contest. Informative seminars and tours. RV displays by National Indoor RV. Carolyn Buford Bean Bag Baseball Contest. Worship service and testimonials. Men's Hot Links & Hops social. Dresses for African Girls Service project. Hilarious comedy show by Monte Benjamin. Line dancing class. National Camp Rally meeting. Induction of the 2019-2021 Board members. And the very poignant Veteran's Recognition Dinner, poem, video and presentation of flag to our longest serving Veteran, Barry Grogan.

We were honored to have as guests at the opening ceremony: Commander Anthony Abalos, Mesa Police Dept. Sandra West, Regional Recreation Manager, Encore/Equity Lifestyle. Jarrett O'Neil, General Manager — Mesa Spirit RV Resort. Tad Jenkins, National Indoor RV President. East

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National Camp Rally Recapitulation. . .

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Valley Young Marines. Mesa Police Honor Guard.

The Western Region rally team must be commended for their many months of preparation to ensure the success of the National Camp Rally. Rally Chairperson, Louise Grogan put together a hard-working and dedicated team, consisting of Rally Co-Chairpersons Charles Gill, Eddie Norris and Bruce Toney. Together, this team managed the 39 committees who all contributed to one of “the most memorable rallies in our history” — a sentiment echoed by many attendees.

I personally extend my gratitude to Mesa Spirit’s Activity Director Cathy Quintero, and staff, for their assistance in decorating the activity hall and



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tables for the rally. Cathy worked tirelessly to fulfill my vision in carrying out the theme — **NAARVA Across America, Honoring Our Veterans**. My thanks also to Andretta Cravens for putting together a team of volunteers to assist with the decorations.

The success of a rally is largely achieved through the support of its sponsors. Please show your appreciation of these generous sponsorships by supporting their products and services:

National Indoor RV Centers: Opening Ceremony/Block Party/Entertainment/ Men’s Hot Links & Hops.

Newmar: Meet ‘n Greet Root Beer Float Social

Tiffin Motorhomes: All you can eat pancake breakfast.

LaMesa RV: Youth activities/String backpacks.

By Gwynne Toney

Photography by Bruce Toney, Kevin Kneeland and Gwynne Toney



Activity Director Cathy Quintero (l.) and assistant.



Recognizing Our Eighth President: Gladys Curtis

Kudos to Mrs. Gladys Curtis who became NAARVA's eight President, fulfilling position after our beloved Carolyn Buford's untimely death. She accepted the challenge and worked very diligently to complete some projects from past two to three years ago as well as completed some new ones. It began with her attending Carolyn's funeral in Kansas City, MO, representing NAARVA. Attended three Rallies during the year — Eastern, Southern and the National Rally in Mesa.

Just to summarize some of the projects she took on and completed are: Updated the Constitution and By-Laws with changes passed in 2018; had them placed in the member rally package; completed the NAARVA Rack Cards and issued them to Club Presidents; had the Audit completed with copies for all members at the Camp Rally meeting; created the NAARVA Window Stickers for all Rally attendees; ordered new colors

for the NAARVA polo shirts to increase sales; she instituted the one time store special — “buy 3, get one free” (this went over very well); she had all officers reports completed and put in Rally packages; purchased office equipment and delivered it to the NAARVA office; coordinated office maintenance with Office Manager; packed up merchandise and delivered it to Mesa, AZ; paid off the remaining balance for the NAARVA office which was previously approved several years ago. She vetted and hired the Office Administrator.

Please know that these accomplishments were completed with the assistance of the Executive Board. We say “Thank You, Gladys” for your selfless work, including all of the conference call meetings, and calls late at night and early in the morning.

By Myrtle Mayfield



Easy Way to Pay NAARVA Dues!

Eventbrite, a form of Paypal, provides an easy way to pay your dues and Charter renewals.

Check it out at naarva.com



“I went out to buy a pair of sun glasses, and I thought a new RV would go good with them.”

Rules for Submitting Articles to The Voice

If you want to share news from your Club, or have something to say about RV'ing, E-mail your information to your Regional Director. **The deadline for the Winter issue is January 6, 2020. Remember to send in your Holiday articles.**

NAARVA members may access *The Voice* through the NAARVA website: www.naarva.com.

If you do not have an E-mail account or access to a computer, **call 704-333-3070**, and a hard copy will be mailed to you. *The Voice* is published three times yearly by NAARVA. Voice Editor: Gwynne Toney, naarvavoice@gmail.com.

Bereavement Information

A NAARVA member's death announcement should be given to your Chapter President, who will pass it along to your Regional Director. The Regional Director will submit the list of names to **Gloria Shelton, NAARVA's National Benevolence Chair**, at: shelt57@aol.com

Tournament and Contest Winners

The five S's of sports are: Stamina, Speed, Strength, Skill and Spirit. The greatest of these is Spirit, which all of these competitors have in abundance. *The Voice* congratulates all the winners and participants.

Texas Hold'em: Ron Standifer & Aubrey Manuel.

Bid Whist: 1st Place: Ron Standifer (Eastern Region) and Charles Breedlove (Southern Region). 2nd Place: Debbie Jackson (Western Region) and Robert Taylor (Eastern Region). 3rd Place: Al and Barbara Wilson (Western Region).

Dominoes: 1st Place: Curtis Dilworth (Southern Region). 2nd Place: David Vann (Central Region). 3rd Place: Don Turner (Western Region).

Mary M. Thompson Golf Tournament: 1st Place: Johney McQuarter, and closest to hole on #4; closest to pin on #14.

2nd Place: August Auzenne, and long drive winner.

3rd Place: Eddie August.

Door Prize: Charles Gill, Jr.

Carolyn Buford Bean Bag Baseball Tournament: 1st Place: Western Region. 2nd Place: Central Region.

Silent Auction: Chairs - Wendell Simpson (\$76.00). Puzzle Light - James Glover (\$28.00).

50/25/25 Drawings: A total of \$812.00 was given out.

Incentive Winners:

1st Drawing:

(\$50 each) Robert Weston and Karl



Bowman (Eastern Region); Jerome Straughter (Central Region); Claude Flucas and John Ward (Western Region).

2nd Drawing: (\$50 each) William Moss and Sterling Fitzpatrick (Southern Region); Freddie Jackson and Gary Hancock (Eastern Region); Robert Farmer and David Vann (Central Region); Arthur Easterly and Michael Gill (Western Region).

3rd Drawing: TV: Claude Flucas (Western Region).

Best Parade Theme: Texas Sojourners: Venson Miller, Karen Washington, Carolyn Fyles, Lonnie Fyles.

Best Individual Decorated Cart in Parade: Joe and Betty Patrick, Oscar and Cynthia Neal.

Best Original Golf Cart: Patricia and Charles Breedlove.

Landmark contest: Akira Pierce, \$25 winner in a draw. Also correctly identified all 13 landmarks: Eunice and Robert Taylor, Annette Mayfield, and Diane Jackson.

Dance Contest: Brandon & Autumn Gavlin.

Big Rolling Wheels Pictorial Contest: Bennie and Dianne Jackson.

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Tournament and Contest Winners



Ron Standifer & Aubrey Manuel: Texas Hold'em



Brandon & Autumn Gavlin: Dance



Aubrey Manuel, James Hall, Charles Gill, Jr., Lacy Smith, Bettie Bell: Western Region, Bean Bag: Baseball



Akira Pierce: Landmark



David Vann & Don Turner: Dominos



Charles Gill, Jr., Eddie August, August Auzenne & Johney McQuarter: Golf Tournament



Bennie & Dianne Jackson: Big Rolling Wheels Pictorial Contest



Joe & Betty Patrick: Best Original Golf Cart



Eunice & Robert Taylor, Annette Mayfield & Diane Jackson: Landmark



(Left) Patricia & Charles Breedlove, Best Original Golf Cart



(Above) George Powell, Bob Farmer, Deborah Farmer, Kevin Kneeland, Robert Murray, Central Region: Bean Bag Baseball



(Left) Ron Standifer, Charles Breedlove, Robert Taylor, Barbara Wilson & Al Wilson: Bid Whist

2019 NAARVA RALLY

The rally's success is reflected in the many photos of attendees enjoying themselves. The Rally is now history, but you can "experience" the excitement through these pictures. You can view even more pictures from the rally by clicking on this link:

<http://www.naarva.com/2019-national-rally-memories>





“Oh, my home may have its east or west
Or north or south behind it.
All I know is I shall know it,
And fight for it when I find it.”

(From “The Battle of Rudolph Reed” by Gwendolyn Brooks, first Black author to win the Pulitzer Prize.)

NAARVA Across America



NAARVA's Next Top Models

We may not all be super models, but I believe style starts at that moment of inspiration when you dare to express yourselves in ways that make you happy. Many thanks to these models for daring to share their artistic and creative fashion expressions at the Red, White and Blue Fashion Show.

(L. to r.) Sylvia Allen, Deborah Farmer, Jackie Cousin, Cynthia Neal, Bettie Bell, Bernadette Murray and Bertha L. Moss. ~ G.T.

