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Prairie Pioneers
Vikingland Sams

District #2

Central MN Sams
Cloudy Town Sams
MinneSingles

District #3

Crow River Sams
Happy Ramblers
Past Timers

District #4

Jesse James Wheelers
Minne Wheelers
Northern Lights

District #5

Country Misfits
Wandering Sams

District #6

Edge of the Wilderness
Laurentian Divide

Don't forget to nominate a deserving couple or individual for the **Camper(s) of the Year** award! Nomination forms will be in your May President's packet or can be requested from your State Directors Tom and Brenda. Return to the Directors at or before 5 pm on Thursday of the rally.

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Greetings from your State Secretary!

Welcome to 2020!! Hoping you all had a good holiday season. Winter is well underway in Minnesota. I feel like it started before I was ready to be done camping for the year. Those of you that attended the Fall Presidents meeting know we had snow already that weekend. 2020 marks the 50th year of Good Sam in Minnesota! Make plans now to attend the Rally in August in Brainerd where we will take a look back at our first 50 years! The registration form is in this issue and can be turned in at any time. As your State Secretary, and the person in charge of keeping the State Roster current, please make sure any changes in your contact information are sent to me so that you continue to get all necessary state news. Have a great winter. Stay safe. Stay warm!!



Kathy Anderson
State Secretary
kathygander62@gmail.com

Hello from your past State Treasurer:

Thank you for your support this past year, as I stepped in to finish off the term. It was fun to make connections with friends, old and new. I hope you will give your support to Andy Rozeboom, our newly elected Treasurer!



Brenda O'Neil, Past State Treasurer

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Help Wanted:

We are looking for a Good Sam Choir Director and Chaplain for the Rally. This could be one person, or two individuals that would work together. Choir director would prepare the choir to sing the United States and Canadian anthems at the Thursday evening opening ceremony, and choose music and prepare the choir to sing for the Worship service on Sunday morning. The Chaplain would work with the choir director and prepare readings and a short message for the Worship Service, and would also prepare the brief Memorial Service which precedes the Worship Service.

Please contact Tom or Brenda O'Neil at 320-412-6131 or tombreoneil@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions

2020 Scholarship Applications

Available from Assistant
State Director
Diane Porath
1316 W. Birch Ave.
Olivia, MN 56277
320-522-0236



Due May 1, 2020

Greetings to all from your new Directors, Tom and Brenda O'Neil



We have been members of the Lucky Lindy Good Sam Chapter since 2003, and have been on and off the Minnesota State Staff beginning in 2006. We are looking forward to the challenge of helping to grow our Minnesota Good Sam chapters! We plan to continue with the communication emails on a monthly basis that Bob and Diane Porath started. Our hope is to be available to all members, and would like to hear from any and all members who may have questions or suggestions. We have put together a staff with some first-timers, and some seasoned members.

Thank you to Bob and Diane Porath for all of their hard work in making Minnesota Good Sam a better organization! They have left some VERY BIG shoes to fill! Thankfully they have agreed to stay on staff to help in the transition!

Watch for information about the upcoming Rally in Brainerd this summer. The theme is "50 Golden Years". We will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Minnesota Good Sam. The Charter Chapter was first chartered in 1970, and began camping together. Over the 50 years, many chapters have been chartered and have had lots of fun meeting and camping with friends. Let us continue this fun for the next 50 years!

Tom and Brenda O'Neil

Rally Theme: 50 Golden Years

Greetings to our MN Good Sam members!
From Bob and Diane Porath, retiring State Directors



The time has come for us to pass on the Minnesota Good Sam Club torch to the new directors, Tom and Brenda O'Neil. They have several years of experience with MN Good Sam and have been involved with staff positions for many years. We wish them the best of luck in the years to come. We have agreed to stay on the staff with Tom and Brenda and so will be wearing some different hats for the next couple years. The past years on the staff and the last two years as your directors have been a very rewarding experience for us. We are very pleased with the support and assistance we have had from the staff, chapter officers and all of you MN Good Sam members. We thank you all for the help you have given us. We have gained many new friends over the years and appreciate your friendship and camaraderie for the MN Good Sam Club. It has been a good ride and a fun time.

Bob and Diane Porath



Country Fair again a success! Thanks to Bob and Sharon Zinnel for organizing it!

Greetings,

First, let me thank you for electing me your new State Treasurer. It will be a challenge for me. I hope you will bear with me in this challenge, as I'm sure I will make some mistakes. But I'm confident that with assistance from my wife Nancy, I will get through them. Nancy worked for many years with Brenda and assisted with registration. We have not been around the last few years due to other commitments, but history with Good Sam for us goes back many years. For those of you who do not know me, Nancy and I were on staff with two previous Directors, Joe and Luke, and worked as volunteers with previous director Dale Hughes. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones in the next couple of years. Have a great summer and see you in Brainerd.



Andy Rozeboom
State Treasurer

Hello everyone!

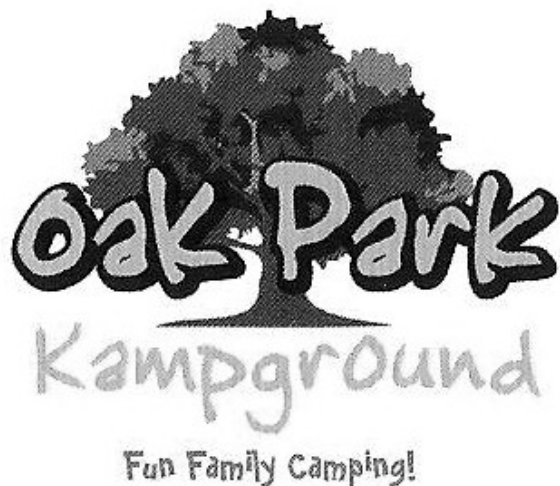
I hope everyone had a great holiday season. My name is John Cantin and I am the new wagon master. I look forward to meeting everyone at this years' rally. Brainerd is a great venue and should work out great for us.



John Cantin
State Wagon Master



← The Silent Auction organized by Headwaters Chapter. A job well done!



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MINNESOTA GOOD SAM CLUB CHAPTER OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES

To qualify for the "CHAPTER OF THE YEAR" your project must have taken place during the last 12 months. The project may be a continuing one, but some major goals must have been accomplished during the above period.

Your entry should include a description of your Chapter's project and information on how the goals of your entry were met. Tell us your story in pictures, correspondence, thank-you letters, newspaper clippings or any other form. Remember--- the entry does not need to be complicated, but the judges can only base the final selection of CHAPTER OF THE YEAR on the material you provide.

The following is not a form to be completed and returned, but to help prepare your entry. We suggest you include:

1. Chapter Name
2. Location of the Chapter (City and State)
3. Number of chapter members
4. How many participated in the project
5. Explanation of your project
6. What initiated this project
7. Goals of the project
8. What your chapter did, and dates of the project
9. Is the project a continuing one, and if so, what are future plans and goals
10. If funds were required for the project, how were they raised
11. Try to include pictures of your chapter members
WORKING ON YOUR PROJECT and any correspondence pertaining to your project, thank-you notes, newspaper clippings, etc. (Remember—your pot-lucks are not what is important—YOUR PROJECTS ARE)
12. **PUT YOUR ENTRY IN A SCRAP-BOOK FORM**

**The above should be turned in Thursday
of the Minnesota Rally to the State Director or at the
information desk prior to 5 pm.**



Rally Good Sam and Samantha

←
Sam was Gene Rossum of Vikingland & Samantha was Sandy Drury of Headwaters

Ladies Tea A Success!



Vikingland Sams organized and served the Ladies Tea. Great job ladies!

Goodie Bags (Rally Welcoming Bags)

We are asking each chapter to donate items for about 125 bags. Last year we had some unique items and a lot of candy for our sweet tooth. Again, put your thinking caps on and your hands to work to create something special. We will be filling the bags about 3:30 on Tuesday afternoon. If you have trouble getting your items there on time please contact a staff member. Again thanks!

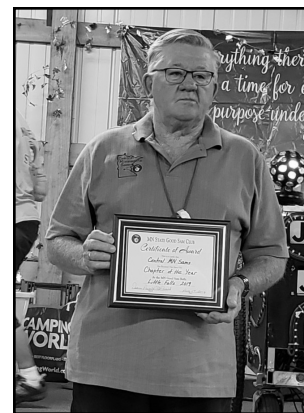


District 1

Make plans now to attend your District 1 Campout. Dates this year are June 1-3, always the first Monday through Wednesday in June. The location is again at Finn Creek Open Air Museum near New York Mills. We have been fortunate enough to be able to use this great facility for close to 20 years now. No pre-registration is necessary. Plan to come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. More information will be communicated through your chapter Presidents.

Kathy Anderson
District 1 Representative

Chapter of the Year Central MN Sams



Receiving the award is Vice President Ken Gehrt

Jesse James Wheelers

The Jesse James Wheelers celebrated 44 years as a camping club in August. We celebrated with cupcakes and ice cream following our business meeting. At our November luncheon past members were invited to join us. A great time was spent sharing memories.



Pictured are the members that attended the Jesse James Wheelers August campout at Brookside campground near Blooming Prairie. Front row- Bob Pfaff, Carol Monter, Carolyn Hanson, Louise Flom, Karen Carrington, Martha Pfaff. Second row-Kathy Karlsrud, Liz Milner, Wil Kelley, Pam Storms, Mary Radtke, Dick Carrington, Pat King, Cheryl St. Martin. Back row-Wayne Karlsrud, Gail Milner, Dave Hanson, Roger Storms, John Radtke, Bob Flom, Rick Rabeneck, and Wayne St. Martin.



2019 CAMPERS OF THE YEAR DAN & JULIE KAKAC

Dan & Julie are members of Vikingland Sams. They have held a number of positions within their chapter. As of now, they are serving as wagon masters in their club. They are described as very caring people always ready to help someone in need within their chapter and beyond. They are willing workers in their church in many different ways. In the community they have been active in several organizations. Dan and Julie have always been available to help at our Minnesota rallies. Congratulations, Dan and Julie!!



Central Minnesota Sams

Are we having fun??

Central Minnesota Sams, in their customary way of “making camping fun”, spent a weekend in September 2019 at the farm of Ron and Helen Hennes, in Kandiyohi, MN. They have the perfect farm yard to host the nine rigs and several drive-ins that joined together for fun.

The photos speak to one of three tours taken, that of a neighboring farm house and the creative, lovingly collected memorabilia of days gone by in the lives of a father and grandfather. Wow! How did he get a bobsled and ATV into the basement?? In the kitchen was a towel holder made from ice tongs and a chick feeder posing as a candy dish. The garage held an old wagon with iron wheels and planks for the table top, which would easily seat twenty five. Next to it stood a cream separator. The trail of many items we all remembered as kids, continued throughout the house. There were replicas of a saloon, a hotel and a church built by the third generation farmer in the yard. The farmyard also displayed numerous pieces of antique farm equipment. Don't forget the outhouse! The afternoon was awesome, to say the least. Yes, we're having fun!!



Leaders of Central MN Sams

50 Golden Years

2020 MINNESOTA GOOD SAM RV RALLY
CROW WING COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 2000 13TH ST SE, BRAINERD, MN, 56401
AUGUST 13TH THROUGH AUGUST 16TH, 2020

THEME: "50 Golden Years"

DIRECTIONS: Directions: Fairgrounds are located on the South end of Brainerd. From Business Hwy 371, go East on Industrial Park Rd, then north on SE 13th St to fairgrounds. Entry will be through the South entrance.

PARKING: **EARLY BIRD PARKING WILL START** Tuesday, Aug 11th, **12:00 NOON** through Wednesday, Aug. 12th, \$25.00 per night. Additional cost \$5 per day for 20 AMP ELECTRIC. Pay all electric and early bird at Rally. There will be a 24 hr. Generator area. All other areas will have 7:00 am to 10:30 pm generator hrs.
PARKING HOURS: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm DAILY. No parking after 6:00 PM

REGISTRATION: Will start Wednesday, August 12th, 9:00 am

HOSPITALITY: Please bring 1 dozen cookies per rig to share at hospitality.

ACITIVITIES: Tours, Seminars, Games, Golf, become part of our Choir, and just plain old fun and relaxation.

ENTERTAINMENT: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Nights.

GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN EARLY. NO CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE MAILED.
PRE REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 1st, 2020

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "MINNESOTA GOOD SAM" AND MAIL TO:

Andy Rozeboom, State Treasurer
13651 Bass Lake Rd
Maple Grove, MN 55311
Cell # 612-889-6256
email: ajrozeboom@gmail.com

EMERGENCY: PHONE 911 or Brainerd Police Dept. 218-829-2805

There will be a \$ 10.00 fee on cancellations. **NO REFUNDS ON MEALS!**
NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS THE WEEK OF THE RALLY

CLIP AND MAIL WITH 2020 REGISTRATION FEE

Pre-Registration:	1 RIG / 2 PEOPLE	\$90.00	\$ _____	AT GATE	\$100.00
	1 RIG / 1 PERSON	\$85.00	\$ _____	AT GATE	\$95.00
	EXTRA PERSON	\$10.00	\$ _____		

CHILDREN UNDER 18 – NO CHARGE WITH REGISTERED RIG

(All Early Bird and Electric to be paid at the Rally)

CATERED MEAL SAT. \$15.00 PER PERSON (CHIDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND MAILED IN \$ _____

NAMES ATTENDING _____ PH (_____) _____

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CHAPTER _____ # ADULTS _____ # CHILDREN _____

E-mail address _____ 1st MN RALLY Y / N _____

Electric needed for medical devices? Y / N _____ Handicapped parking needed? Y/N _____

****Emergency Contact:** _____ **Phone #** _____ ******

The undersigned person accepts full responsibility for the welfare of their unit and all persons with their unit while attending the MINNE-SOTA GOOD SAM RV RALLY.

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

Samboree Competition Winners



Campers of the Year *Dan and Julie Kakac*



- Women's Beanbag:** 1st Place: Sue Schuster
2nd Place: Jan Miller
- Men's Beanbag:** 1st Place: Dave Rikke
2nd Place: Don Palmer
- Beanbag Baseball:** 1st Place: Misfits: Brinda Peterson, Larry Peterson, Carl Drury, Geff Cooper, June Cooper, Sandy Drury, Joe Hines, Joyce Kankelfritz
2nd Place: Go Getters: Jerry Kuhlman, Dan Kakac, Gene Rossum, Keith Lonneman, Mary Lonneman, Alvin Tvrdik, Irene Tvrdik
- Men's Bocce Ball:** 1st Place: Bob Miller
2nd Place: Dave Rikke
- Women's Bocce Ball:** 1st Place: Jan Miller
2nd Place: Dianne Palmer
- Men's Washer Toss:** 1st Place: Jerry Kuhlman
2nd Place: Don Palmer
- Women's Washer Toss:** 1st Place: Rosemary Danielson
2nd Place: Linda Kuhlman
- Men's Bull Toss:** 1st Place: Dave Rikke
2nd Place: Bob Miller
- Women's Bull Toss:** 1st Place: Bertha Friesen
2nd Place: Mary Rossum
- Women's Ladder Golf:** 1st Place: Mardette Trettin
2nd Place: Sara Sultze
- Men's Ladder Golf:** 1st Place: Dale Braaten
2nd Place: Jake Friesen
- Men's Horseshoes:** 1st Place: Dave Rikke
2nd Place: Steve Schuster
- Women's Horseshoes:** 1st Place: Sue Schuster
2nd Place: Jan Yerks
- Women's Corn Toss:** 1st Place: Mardette Trettin
2nd Place: Irene Tvrdik
- Men's Corn Toss:** 1st Place: Andy Rozeboom
2nd Place: Dave Rikke

Chapter Anniversaries:

Voyageurs- 45 years, Minnie Wheelers- 45 years,
Cloudy Town- 35 years, Lucky Lindy- 35 years,
Minne Singles- 20 years

Good Sam and Samantha:

Sam was Gene Rossum of Vikingland & Samantha was Sandy Drury of Headwaters



Golf:

1st Place: Don Palmer, Mary Schmidt, Bob Miller, Johnny Wasylak

2nd Place: Dianne Palmer, Bill Moga, Greg Schmidt, Glenn Rasmussen

Longest Drive Men: Don Palmer

Longest Drive Women: Dianne Palmer

Closest to Pin: Bob Drake

Longest Putt: Mary Schmidt

Card Games:

Euchre: 1st Place: Bob Miller

2nd Place: Andy Rozeboom

500: 1st Place: Ellie Scott Meyer

2nd Place: Sharon Mages

Cribbage: 1st Place: Bob Miller

2nd Place: Ellyn Auchampach

Dominoes: 1st Place: Irene Tvrdik

2nd Place: Jan Miller

Skip Bo: 1st Place: Judy Fink

2nd Place: Marge Lundquist

Scarecrow Winners:

1st Place: Lucky Lindy, Kathy Anderson

2nd place: Prairie Pioneer, Paul Bankord



2019 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Total</u>
Can Do Canines	\$ 480.25	--	\$ 480.25
Dogs for Better Lives	\$ 100.00	--	\$ 100.00
Eagles Nest	\$ 100.00	--	\$ 100.00
Hands of Hope		\$ 209.00	\$ 209.00
Jingle Bells	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Lakes Area Humane Society	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Morrison County Food Self	\$ 307.00		\$ 307.00
Puppy Love	\$ 386.37		\$ 386.37
Scholarships	\$1,346.64	\$1,164.09	\$ 2,510.73
TOTALS	\$ 2,920.26	\$1,373.09	\$4,293.35

The amounts were given to me for deposit throughout the year, or were donated and reported by the chapters. The amounts shown do not include anything received after November 30. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!**

Brenda O'Neil, Minnesota State Treasurer



Chapter Anniversaries

- 45 years- Voyageurs, Terry Johnson
- 45 years- Minnie Wheelers, Nancy Heinn
- 35 years- Cloudy Town, Deb Harms
- 35 years- Lucky Lindy, Kathy Anderson
- 20 years- Minne Singles, Elliot Grapentine.



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ATTENTION CHAPTERS

Items to bring to the Rally:

- Two store-bought cakes for the Cake Walk (Scholarship Fund)
- Two store-bought pies for the Pie Social- NO cream pies (Scholarship Fund)
- Two \$10 donations for prizes
- We would like each chapter to contribute items for about 125 Goodie Bags again this year. We really appreciate the thought put into creating something special, whether homemade or purchased, to share with all of the people attending our rally!

Chapter Project

To go with our theme of "50 Golden Years", we would like each chapter to prepare a picture display, showing their own chapter activities over the years. It can consist of a display board, a collage, or a scrapbook. This display should be limited to a display board size of 36 x 48 inches. Each chapter display will be set up for all to view at the Rally. It will be fun to see what activities the chapters have participated in, and may even inspire!

For your calendar:

May 1, 2020 –

Scholarship applications due to Diane Porath

May 2, 2020 –

Spring President's meeting – St. Cloud Campground

June 2-7-

Manitoba & NW Ontario Rally, Carmen, MB

June 10-14-

Saskatchewan Rally, Outlook, SK

June 10-14-

Nebraska Rally, Hastings

June 16-21-

Wisconsin Rally, Chippewa Falls

June 24-28-

Iowa Rally, Amana

August 4-9-

North Dakota Rally, Beulah

August 13-16-

Minnesota Rally, Brainerd

ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS

Items to bring to the Rally:

- One dozen packaged store bought cookies per rig for hospitality-Gluten free & sugar free are needed- Be sure to mark them!
- New or good used items for the Silent Auction (Scholarship Fund)
- Handmade items for the Country Fair. These items will be judged.

Rally Entertainment

Friday night at the rally we would like to have a talent show. Showcase your talent, whether it be a skit, a song, a short reading, or ????? It can be a chapter thing, or an individual, but have fun with it! If you would like to perform, please drop us a note or an email so we know if we have any interest or need to find something else for that night. Performance times may be limited depending on the number of participants.

Thank you!

Tom and Brenda O'Neil,

7584 Hillton Rd, Royalton, MN 56373

or tombreoneil@gmail.com.

2020 RALLY VENDORS NEEDED

We will need vendors for our 2020 Rally in Brainerd, August 13th thru the 16th. If anyone can help us out with vendor contacts we would appreciate it. The Rally vendor registration forms will be on the website early in 2020. Vendor information can also be obtained by contacting me.

Email: bdporth@mchsi.com

Cell phone: 320-522-0235

Mailing address: 1316 West Birch, Olivia, MN 56277

Bob Porath

CRAFT SALES:

Anyone having homemade crafts they would like to sell, please bring them and we will set up a time on Saturday.



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