

# Happy Wanderings

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## HOW April 2023 Rally "Life Begins in a Garden" Choctaw KOA Durant, OK

### 2023 Elected Officers

#### **President**

Joe and Lois Sturgil

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**

Ron and Evelyn Lee  
*New Member Recruitment*

#### **2nd Vice-President**

Bob and Linda Murray  
*Host Recruitment*

#### **3rd Vice-President/ Wagon Master**

Gerald & Diane Branstetter  
*Rally Site Coordinator*

#### **Secretary**

Deborah and Jim McFarland

#### **Treasurer**

MD and Terri Gentry

#### **National Director**

Dan Stogner

#### **Alt. Nat. Director**

Ron Lee

#### **2022**

#### **Nominating Committee**

Vera Bouse, Debi Branstetter,  
Evelyn Lee

#### **Newsletter/Website/Facebook**

Carol Valk



Our April Rally "Life Begins in a Garden" got off to a great start! Whether you were coming from the North or the South, there were a lot of beautiful, colorful flowers to see. The Bluebonnets were waning but we saw a field of Indian Paintbrushes that was acres and acres big. It was beautiful to see.



Our Early Bird dinner Wednesday night at Roma Italian Restaurant was very good. Everyone enjoyed their meal and it was nice catching up with everyone.

Thursday's dinner was Ham, twice baked potato casserole with green beans and banana pudding for dessert. After dinner, members played Jokers and Pegs board game or Hand and Foot card game.



Friday breakfast was sausage and gravy over biscuits and scrambled eggs.

People were free to go to the casino, go sightseeing or play cards/games in the rally room.

Dinner was Sloppy Joes, pasta salad, chips and lemonade cake. Card Bingo was played afterwards before we broke into groups to play cards and board games.

Saturday breakfast was pancakes, sausage patties/links. Immediately following breakfast, we had a club meeting. Notes have already been sent out for that meeting.

Dinner was Chef or Seafood salads, breadsticks and Strawberry Pizookie for dessert. Card games and board game followed dinner.

Sunday's breakfast consisted of assorted homemade breads and cinnamon rolls, fruit and juice.

Our Sunday sermon - given by yours truly - was on Bible scriptures regarding travel.



## **Prayer for Travelers**

The one thing we all have in common? We all travel. Travel is a blessing, but it can also spark anxiety. So here are a few Scriptures about safe travel to remind us of God's love for us no matter where we are in the world.

### **Luke 4:10**

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully.

### **Proverbs 3:23-26**

You will travel safely, you'll neither tire nor trip. Because God will be right there with you; he'll keep you safe and sound.

### **Deuteronomy 31:8**

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.



**Psalm 121:7-8**

The Lord will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over your coming and going -  
both now and forevermore.

**Psalm 139:9-10**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn (fly?),  
If I settle on the far side of the sea (sail?),  
even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

Lord heavenly Father, we ask for a hedge of protection around us,  
our RV's and our cars and all the other vehicles on the road.  
Lord keep those across the medium on their side and us on our side.  
May everything stay attached and keep everything working as it  
should. May we arrive safely to our next destination.



Our Wagon Masters and Hosts did a wonderful job of feeding us delicious meals and the decorations were awesome!! **THANK YOU!!**



**Wagon Masters:** Bob & Karen Rood

**Hosts:** Bob & Linda Murray, Jim and Patsy Galloway and their niece, Carolyn, Skip Steele and Jim Garrelts

<b>Attendees</b>
Bouse, Joe and Vera
Cleavelin, Rod and Ginger
Galloway, Jim and Patsy
Garrelts, Jim
McFarland, Jim and Deb
Murray, Bob and Linda
Rood, Bob and Karen

Stogner, Dan and Vonietta
Steele, Skip
Sturgil, Joe and Lois
Timchak, Frank and Cyndi
Townshend, Gary and Diane
Valk, Ken and Carol
VanTuyl, Ted and Joyce

**Just as a reminder, more/larger pics will be posted on the HOW website.**

<b>FMCA Coordinator</b> Evelyn Lee	<b>Chapter Clothing</b> Ken and Linda Johnson	<b>Chaplain</b> Gerald Branstetter	<b>Profile Books</b> Cyndi Timchak
<b>Hospitality/E-Blasts</b> Karen Rood	<b>Webmaster/ Newsletter/Facebook</b> Carol Valk	<b>Chapter Photographer</b> Joe Sturgill	<b>DA Award Coordinators</b> Frank Timchak Dan Stogner Joe Bouse