



GREETINGS FROM GULF STREAMERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE



February brings some special events to the Gulf Streamers International Office. Birthdays for two of our International staff members (Lester Potteiger, February 18th and Jenn Shaw, February 15th.) Let's just say Lester is a "lot more" than Jenn; actually he will be celebrating his 75th birthday on a cruise with 23 family members! The Gulf Streamers office gave Lester a "tripod" for his camera that he received for Christmas. I told Jean I hope we did not make a big mistake, as you all know how much Lester likes to take pictures at the rallies. I can just see him taking his tripod along and setting up for a lot of pictures. As it is, we have to sometime coax him to get on the bus because he is so busy taking the pictures. I guess I will just schedule more time for the bus trips, as we really enjoy all the pictures he takes!



Tampa Show went very well for Gulf Stream and a lot of our members stopped to say hi to us! Lester, Jean, Erica and I thank you for taking the time out of attending the show to visit with us. I was not able to get passes to all of you who called or e-mailed me for "free" passes, so if you did attend the show and had asked me for free passes, but did not receive, just send me an e-mail or note and we will reimburse you for the cost of your one-day ticket(s). For some reason the cell phone service I have did not work the best and I would get messages the next day from ones who called me the day before. Oh well, my intentions were good! Next year, we have a "buddy rally" scheduled during the Tampa Show. I have already reserved 50 camping sites and Lesa from the Florida Show Headquarters said she would put our group in the same spot we were in when we had our 2005 Buddy Rally. I definitely will be getting a bigger tent! Lesa says the registration forms will not be available until July so watch the website and Main Stream for sign-up forms and information on this rally. If you know for sure you want to attend, you may contact Jennifer Shaw (jshaw@gulfstreamcoach.com, or 1-800-289-8787, ext. 3067 to put your name on a wait list.) Also, if you have suggestions on what you would like to do away from the Tampa Show, please send those to me to research and include in the agenda.



Chickamauga Georgia Winter Pre-rally is March 14-18, 2007. We have 39 RVs with 82 people signed up! I will update you more on Chickamauga in my next e-news. We (Jessica and I) are really looking forward to this rally, as here in Indiana it is a whopping 5 degrees below zero as I write this.



More on Back Home In Indiana, June 18-24, 2007; as of February 19, 2007, we have 93 RVs (190 people) signed up! Remember we only have 176 full hook-up sites, with maybe 10 more being considered for release by the fairgrounds for our use during the rallies. The full hook-up sites will be assigned based upon the date we receive your signed application and deposit. This does not mean you will be guaranteed a 50 Amp site, but that you will receive a 30 or 50 Amp site based upon the size of your unit and availability of 50 Amp sites. We are parking our chapters that volunteer for parking, clean up, games and rally hosts as a group, along with any other chapters or groups who request and send in the information, if we have the sites located together available at time of request. If you want to park beside a particular member, just note that on your application when you send it in and we will do our best to assign sites together. Any member signing up after the 176 sites will be offered water and electric sites. Handicap sites will be located next to Building A and will be water and electric only. So remember, if you request Handicap, you will not have sewer, but you will be located very close to a restroom with showers.



If you would like to volunteer to serve during a meal, please call or e-mail me with your name and member number. Anyone who volunteers for serving will be the first in line to eat at the next meal. If your partner is unable to volunteer for serving due to medical problems, you may sign up to serve twice, with you and your partner eating first at the next meal. We are hoping to get enough members to sign up to serve so that no one person will have to serve twice. You will be assigned as servers based upon your request submitted to me. Once the positions are filled, anyone signing up who will not be needed, will be contacted as a back up. The members of the Michigan Overloaders who are to clean up after each meal will be the first in line to eat at the meal they are volunteering to

clean up after. Indiana #1 has agreed to be our host chapter again this year and will also take care of the handicap golf carts. Florida Gators have volunteered to oversee the games at "Gulf Stream Day" and the KyOhWeVa Chapter has volunteered to be our parking crew.



Early arrival options are Al Capone Dinner Show located at the Barbee Hotel in North Webster, Indiana on Saturday 16th. We have been asked if it has any bad language, and the only word said that might be offensive is "ass." The Biblical Gardens located in Warsaw, Indiana is really beautiful and is being offered on Sunday, June 17th. We will have brunch/lunch at the Oakwood Inn, located in Syracuse prior to the tour of the gardens. We have been getting some questions as to what is "Biomet." I call it a people parts store, but it is actually the place that makes replacement hip, knee, etc. joints. Mary Lou Retton is the spokesperson, and you can visit their website at www.biomet.com for more information or to request a brochure. As an added bonus, each attendee gets a hip joint keychain. Included in this tour is a lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant prior to the tour offered on June 20th. There are no discounts or breaks for children on the options, mainly due to cost of the bus and meals.



Bryan & Phyllis Fisher from Canada have volunteered to conduct a "Southern Gospel Concert" Sunday evening. Please bring a dessert to share after the concert for any of you arriving early and who want to hear the beautiful music offered by Bryan & Phyllis. We will set this up in one of the seminar rooms in Bldg. E. Gulf Stream will supply coffee to go with the desserts.



We are getting a lot of submissions for the Arts & Crafts Contest and have five craft classes scheduled. If you have a craft you would like to teach, please submit your form as soon as possible so we can post on website and get in Main Stream for sign ups. Visit the website for the ones that are ready to take sign ups and watch the next Main Stream for additional information and forms.



Family Rally in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee has a few sign ups. Remember to sign up if you are interested, and to list your option choices by priority, with #1 being your first choice, etc. We will cancel any options that we cannot fill a bus.



Portland Maine Lighthouse & Lobsters is receiving a lot of interest and sign ups. We wanted to make you aware that the Alaskan Caravan group has changed the dates of

the Grand Circle Caravan to August 24-September 29, 2007, so any of you signed up for both would not be able to attend. The reason for the change was based upon the many areas being closed in October along the caravan route. Adventure Caravans felt it better to change the dates than to cancel the caravan. Please call them direct at 800-872-7897 if you have signed up and want to cancel, or if you are now interested in signing up based upon the change in dates. It is a beautiful and interesting caravan and will not be offered again for some time. Lester & Jean are signed up and will be attending the caravan.



Branson Christmas Rally is coming together and the rally flyer should be posted on the website soon and in your next Main Stream. We only have 50 sites reserved, so make sure to get your name in early if you want to attend this Christmas Rally.



So far for 2008, in addition to our Buddy Rally in January, we have a Las Vegas rally planned for April and are working with the owners (who are also Gulf Streamers) on the agenda and sites to see in the area. FMCA Shows in Pomona California in February and St. Paul, Minnesota in July are scheduled. We are reviewing with the FMCA officers as to the locations and dates of the pre-rallies for 2008.

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Menopause Jewelry

My husband, being unhappy with my mood swings, bought me a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor my moods.

We've discovered that when I'm in a good mood, it turns green. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big ugly red mark on his forehead.

(submitted by our own Leslie Bloom-I cleaned it up a little)

How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?