



## Roamin' Catholics Southwest Chapter Newsletter – January 2008

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### Message from Our President:

The Indio FMCA Rally was a great way to start 2008. We were a bit worried for a while about getting a priest for our Saturday mass. However with the help of the good Lord, Ben and Donna Avila, retiring President Helen White and lots of prayers we were blessed with Father Jack McGinnis to lead us in the Eucharist.

It's going to take a while to figure out our new job of President of the Roamin' Catholics. We intend to do our best, but if we make a mistake just gently turn us around and head us in the right direction.

A big thank you to our retiring officers Helen White, President, and Betty Goodin Sec./Tres. You have done a wonderful job. We look forward to working with Rita Edson our new Sec/Treas and Ben Avila, Vice President, as we get started with our new position.

We are excited about the campout we are planning for April at Lake Skinner. If you can help please contact us by phone at 909 754-0244 or E Mail us at [corgear@earthlink.net](mailto:corgear@earthlink.net).

We are hoping for a good turn out for this social event.

God Bless you all.

**Corinne and Gary Robinson, President**

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### Message from our Vice President

Thank you to Helen and Betty, and rearguards Jack and Rich, for moving the Roamin' Catholic Club forward. Your endeavor has been the glue that has held this Chapter together, a worthwhile and enjoyable part of the FMCA family. Thank you!

We continue to invite new members to our family to share the rich enjoyment of our social activities. At the Indio Rally we were able to obtain names of several potential members. We will follow up.

**Ben Avila, Vice President**

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### Secretary Report – RCSW Chapter Rally Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2008, Indio, CA

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 PM in the Home arts Building on the Indio fairgrounds by Helen White, President. There were 21 members present. We began with a prayer led by Ben Avila and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Helen White. Helen White then asked each member and guest to introduce themselves.

The Secretary's Minutes report was presented as in the newsletter dated October 27, 2007. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Corinne Robinson and seconded by Gary Robinson, all attendees voted in favor of acceptance.

The Treasurer's report was then read and accepted. We have a balance of \$ 1886.05 as of December 31, 2007. We have one outstanding bill owed to Donna Avila of \$ 49.20 for 6 Madonna P.S.A. booklets at \$8.20 each. This will be paid by the new Treasurer in January, 2008. We will remain with Union Bank and transfer the account to the Thousand Oaks Branch. Helen White will remain as co-signer on the checking account.

Betty Goodin asked for volunteers to audit the accounting from June to December 2007 so that we could complete our 2007 finances. Ben and Donna Avila volunteered to do the audit.

Unfinished Business Mass was cancelled on Thursday and Friday as no Priest was available. More Priests were contacted by Helen White for 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday Night. Everyone was asked to pray that we would be able to get a Priest. Subsequently, Father Jack McGinnis from Indio became available to say the Saturday Mass. There were approximately 200 people in attendance at the Saturday Mass.

New Business The treasurer is now collecting the \$ 10 dues for 2008. The Committee for the election of Chapter Officers, Phyllis Hogue, Rich Goodin, and Donna Avila submitted the following nominations:

President	Corinne Robinson (assisted by husband Gary Robinson)
Vice President	Ben Avila
Secretary/Treasurer	Rita Edson (assisted by husband Don Edson)
National Director	Helen White
Alternate National Director	Phyllis Hogue

The slate was accepted, voted on, and all were in favor of the candidates being elected.

Corinne Robinson, the new Chapter president, thanked the outgoing President Helen White and outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Betty Goodin for their dedication and hard work for guiding the Chapter the last four years.

Corinne and Gary Robinson told us about a location and possible date for a Spring RC SW camp-out that they will organize if there is enough interest. The location is Lake Skinner near Temecula. A Group section is available if we can guarantee 12 sites. The date would be April 24, 25,26 and 27. A flyer will be mailed to members with more information on this camp-out. This flyer will also remind Members the 2008 Dues are now due.

Helen White reported sending out 900 recruitment applications to 3 Chapters to be returned by February.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM with a prayer.

**Respectfully submitted, Rita C. Edson, Secretary**

A Social Hour and Potluck Dinner followed the meeting.

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## **National Director's Report - January 2008**

Our new National President is now in charge, Connie Poole. Her term is very new so there has not been much activity to report. I will be going to Pomona in February. There will be no meetings at that time, although sometimes you hear something of importance. If I do I will be sure to let you know.

We will go to St. Paul in July. At that time there may be several changes. I'll keep you informed.

Respectfully,

**Helen White, National Director**

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**Treasurer's Report – Roamin' Catholics SW Financial Report - January 21, 2008**

Incoming:

-Dues collected at Indio Rally	\$ 140.00
-Mass collection at Indio Rally	\$ 479.00
<b>-Total Incoming=</b>	<b>\$ 619.00</b>

Outgoing:

-Owed Donna Avila	\$ 49.20
-Father Mike McGinnis Mass gift check	\$ 110.00
<b>-Total Outgoing=</b>	<b>\$ 159.20</b>

<b>TOTAL INCOMING</b>	\$ 619.00
<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>	\$ 159.20
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 459.80</b>

<b>TOTAL JAN. BANK DEPOSIT</b>	\$ 619.00
<b>BALANCE ON HAND (AUDITED AMOUNT 1/09/08)</b>	\$ 1886.08
<b>CHECKS OUTSTANDING—(two)</b>	\$ 159.20
<b>TOTAL ON HAND AS 1/21/08</b>	<b>\$ 2345.88</b>

The Union Bank checking account is being transferred to the Thousand Oaks Branch. Helen White will remain as co-signer on the checking account.

**Respectfully submitted, Rita C. Edson, Treasurer**

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**THANKS TO ALL OUR ROAMIN' CATHOLICS**

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE DURING THE PAST 4 YEARS.

The officers have all been so very helpful, Betty, Phyllis, Gen, Ben, Barlow, Wally and Richard; some of these can no longer participate with us but were definitely appreciated. Our Newsletter Editor, Donna, has been invaluable.

We are still learning and growing but we have survived, and had some really good times. We have done such a variety of things, there has to be something that was special to each of us, I would have a hard time picking just one.

Also, many thanks go to the couples that volunteered to be president, Gary and Corinne Robinson, and the secretary/treasurer, Rita and Don Edson.

I personally feel we have had a few miracles the past few months, in finding new officers and a priest, both of those seemed insurmountable a short time ago.

**THANK YOU, Betty. You made my life so much easier.**

**Hope to see you in Pomona in February and also Lake Skinner in April.  
God Bless**

**Helen White, Past President**

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## **Future Plans for the RCSW:**

### **February 24-28, 2008 (Sunday to Thursday) - Pomona, CA – International FMCA Rally**

The final mass schedule is Sunday at 4:00 PM, Tuesday at 5:00 PM and Wednesday at 5:00 PM. We will have an open Catholic gathering on Wednesday at 3:15 before mass. We invited Father Jack to do a mini workshop from 4:00 to 4:30 and invite anyone attending to reconciliation. (We don't have his reply).

We thought we would serve refreshments potluck (fresh fruits, cheese and cracker, Dip and chips, etc) at the gathering until 4:00 PM, this should still give us the hour before Eucharist. There is also a Chapter Fair on Monday, February 25, at 10:30 AM where will set up a table to share what we are about and invite others to join us.

If you are attending the Convention we can use help with refreshments on Wednesday and the Chapter Fair on Monday. Contact Corinne Robinson at 909 825-5652 or cell 909 754-0244 or Email [corgear@earthlink.net](mailto:corgear@earthlink.net).

### **April 24-27, 2008, RCSW Campout at Lake Skinner Recreation Area, Winchester (Temecula), CA**

Plans for the weekend:

**Thursday, April 24:** Arrive at Campground. Heavy hors d'oeuvres at 5:00. Please bring firewood for a campfire and a sing along after we eat.

**Friday, April 25:** Relax; Fishing, games, some may want to tour wineries. You can check the events calender at TemeculaCVB.com for whats happening. Some things that are going on include a wine and music festival, Old Town Temecula is interesting to visit, and the Pachanga Casino is nearby. **5:00 PM Tri Tip Bar B Que with all the trimmings.** Campfire in the evening.

**Saturday April 26:** Same as Friday during the day. We will all go together to mass at St Catherine of Alexander. After mass we will meet for dinner at a restaurant to be named. We have asked Father Tony DeLeo to say mass for us at 5:00. He will be joining us for dinner after mass.

**Sunday April 27:** 9:00 Continental Breakfast.

**The cost for the 3 nights – which includes full hookups and a Tri-Tip Bar B Que dinner on Friday evening – is \$87.00.** Please return the Reservation for Lake Skinner in the enclosed addressed envelope to us by February 15, 2008.

If you have any questions, please email us at: [corgear@earthlink.net](mailto:corgear@earthlink.net) or call us at: 909-825-5652 - Cell: 909-754-0244.

**Gary and Corinne Robinson, Wagon Masters**

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## **A Little Humor**

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said. "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

### **... and a few puns:**

I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

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**Deadline: February 15, 2008 - Please complete this page and mail (envelope enclosed) with your deposit for the Lake Skinner Weekend to:**

Gary and Corinne Robinson  
22145 Deberry St.  
Grand Terrace, CA 92313  
Phone: 909-825-5652  
Email corgear@earthlink.net

Please fill in the blanks that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we are planning to attend the Roamin' Catholics Southwest April 24-27, 2008  
Campout at Lake Skinner!

\_\_\_\_\_ Attached is our check for \$87.00 made payable to Roamin' Catholics Southwest

\_\_\_\_\_ No – unfortunately we will not be available this time but hopefully we will be able to attend the next one.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

-----Please respond by: **Friday, February 15, 2008**-----

**NOTICE - DUES NOW PAYABLE FOR**  
**ROAMIN' CATHOLIC SOUTHWEST CHAPTER**

Dues for the Roamin' Catholic Southwest Chapter are due every January. Your membership is important to us. First and foremost, we would miss you if you did not remain a member. Secondly, we need to maintain a certain number of people to keep to keep our FMCA Chapter status.

We only have 2 or 3 rallies a year, but they are good fun! We make no requirements for attendance, but are always glad for the turnout.

If you have not yet paid this year's dues (\$ 10), please mail them in the enclosed envelope to the treasurer:

Rita C. Edson  
1763 Skyridge Court  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

Please make checks payable to Roamin' Catholics Southwest.

Thank you, this will save us postage in having to contact you