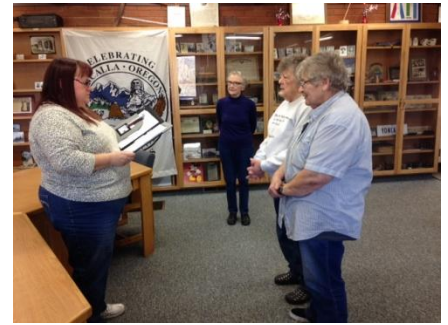


Oregon RVing Women - Rally Elkton RV Park – March 13 – 15, 2015

The first rally of the 2015 season was sort of like a sandwich. It was sunny on both Friday and Monday (the bread) but it rained most of both Saturday and Sunday (the filling). In fact it rained so much that there was a visible rise in the river! However, it did not dampen the spirits of the 34 women in 22 rigs who attended as we all took great joy in greeting one another and exchanging hugs and news of the winter activities.

The big surprise of the weekend was learning, shortly after arrival, that Pam and Ann had gotten married on Thursday. They didn't want a big "do" so just had Barb and Mom accompany them to City Hall in Yoncalla. Congratulations and well wishes were forthcoming all weekend with a champagne toast on Saturday night.



Friday afternoon, as rigs were pulling in, Pam M., Shelly S. and a few others were trying to help Diana S. conquer a water leak which was also causing electrical shorting. They pulled the insulation away from the bottom of her rig to drain the water which was a temporary solution. (Diana has since made it home and to her RV repair guy. 😊)

In the evening we assembled for our usual finger food potluck in the pavilion. It was a little chilly if you weren't at the tables by the propane heater, but the conversations quickly warmed us all. After dinner and introductions our hostess, Beckey, led us in going around the room and answering several questions including our name and where we're from, how we started camping, how long we've been in RVW, and what was something we did over the winter. It was a great way to start our camping season and learn something new about each of our members.



After dinner and pet walking some of the gals surrounded a big, roaring campfire outside for more conversation while others struck up the first Nine Square (or Square Nine) game of the season.





Saturday morning our hostess provided us all with yummy egg casseroles, mini muffins and tangerines. At 9:30 we held a meeting to vote on updated by-laws and conduct other business as needed. The by-laws were passed and will be posted on both the RVW and ORVW websites shortly as will minutes from the meeting.

After lunch a few of us got together with Beckey to learn about how to cook for one or two days and prepare enough meals to last a month or more. We all went away with recipe booklets to try out on our families.

During the early afternoon, members brought donations for a penny raffle to the pavilion. Each member was given 10 tickets for free and purchased additional tickets @ 10 for \$1.00. We distributed our tickets in paper bags provided for each item. Donated items varied from a computer monitor to a plastic covered cake carrier with everything you can imagine in between including lots of books. After dinner the winners were drawn from the various bags. Lori was pleased to win the monitor and Linda and Tully needed to rent a u-haul for their winnings! Several others were also very pleased at their success and a good time was had by all as well as raising \$46 for the treasury. Many thanks to Paulette and Mary for organizing this event.



There was no campfire Saturday night as the rain came down pretty steadily. Sunday was also rainy and wet, but that didn't deter a small but hearty band of musicians from getting together in the pavilion to sing and play folk songs and popular favorites.

Sunday evening, instead of going to a restaurant, Beckey arranged for the meal to be catered from a Mexican establishment. We all ordered and paid for what we wanted ahead of time and the meals were delivered by Beckey and Dixie to the pavilion. We all thought this was a wonderful way to do it as we were all served at the same time without all the hustle and bustle. Thank you Beckey and Dixie for the extra work you did!



The persistent rain ruined the plans for making s'mores over the campfire Sunday evening. It also stopped the sharing of our winnings from the Pennsylvania Convention. The basket we sent was auctioned for the most money - \$300. Our prize – a giant Hershey Bar that Dorene carefully transported back in her luggage through several airports with accompanying delays. Now we'll have to wait for Beckey's next rally to rescue that Hershey bar and share the wealth since she is the current custodian of said bar.

Monday morning rolled around all too soon and with it a nice break in the weather so we could pack up and head out without getting soaked. As always, we look forward to our next rally where we'll repeat the fun and good times.

