# ICC NEWSLETTER

**December, January and February** **2026/2027**

*Come for the Fun, Stay for the Friendships!*

## "President's Column"

Well, it is that time of year again where most have to put their camping units to rest for winter. Usually a sad time for us but this year we are heading south for most of the winter, December to early April!! All the years we worked and dreampt of the time we could do this and it has arrived!

We are looking forward to seeing our ICC family in New York in July. If you have not yet reserved your spot please do it now as the plans are moving forward for a great time of visiting, games, and sightseeing.

As you gather with friends and family for the upcoming holidays, remember to try and invite them to join our ICC family.

Wishing everyone a joyous and safe holiday season.

Tim & Kathy Nowak
ICC President






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## "Chaplain's Corner"

*Angel of Hope*
*at Christmas*

"Thank you for the gift of Christmas
and the light You bring into our lives.
Tonight, I pray for Your angel of peace
to watch over those I love and all who may
feel lonely, afraid or weary this season.
May this Christmas angel carry hope into
every heart, kindness into every home,
and comfort to those in need.
Let your love shine brightly like
the Star above Bethlehem, reminding us that
miracles, faith and joy are always near.
Bless our family and friends with health,
laughter and togetherness. Guide us to
be be gentle, giving and full of compassion
just as Hour heavenly angels serve with love.
May the spirit of Christmas fill our hearts
with wonder and gratitude, and may
Your light lead us through the coming year."
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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*" Glory to God in the highest and on earth*
*peace to those on whom His favor rests."*
*~ Luke 2:14*

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Special birthday wishes to
Queen Mary Nowak
on December 1st!!
Happy 90th birthday Mary!!
Love you bunches!




*More Chaplain's Corner on page 2*

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**"Chaplain's Corner"** *[con't]*



Safe travels to the snowbirds.

I myself just spent a few days in hospital due to an Afib incident. Back home with a change in meds and happy to be here! Thank you to my family for your support.

"Merry Christmas to all
and to all a Goodnight "!

Cheryl Muthig
Chaplain

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**News, News, News**
*Dues, New Guidelines, and Other News*

**2027 Dues Registration Form**
*Things to Know…*

* Your dues form is in this newsletter - your dues should be submitted no later then January 31, 2027.

* You can pay by Check, Zelle, PayPal, or Venmo!

Make checks payable to:
I.C.C. or International Camper Club
and mail to Kathy Hoff.

The email for **electronic payments**:
ICCpay123@gmail.com

Check with Kathy Hoff if you would like to use an alternate type of payment application.

Contact her through the club email:
internationalcampclub@gmail.com



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**A Note From The Secretary**

Let me start by wishing everyone a very happy holiday season- Happy Hanukkah, a joyous winter solstice, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy New Year, and through to the Epiphany, and Valentine's Day!

Well, there are several big things in this newsletter, as there are every December. 2027 Dues! Be sure you have your dues sent in to Kathy Hoff by **January 31st- this will be your only notice on this**, so please put it high on your To Do list!

Note: We are no longer requesting personal information to be sent with membership dues. We will gather updated information when updating the directory. Just make sure Kathy Hoff knows it's you sending the dues.

We are looking forward to being snowbirds (!) but first we will be having Thanksgiving with Tim's mom, Mary at Hubbard Hill, her nursing facility. Then the next couple days will be when our son's family is coming to have our family Christmas. Then on Sunday the 29th we will be having a 90th Birthday party for Mary (Queen Mary!!).

For those who may not have known Tim's folks, Ray Nowak was a service manager with Skamper (the original ICC sponsor) who eventually joined the club with his wife, Mary. Mary was (and is!) a social butterfly with a joyous sense of humor and always ready for fun. Mike and Cindy joined several years later, then their sister, Nancy and Rod along with Tim and I joined the club. But as Ray retired and he and Mary moved to Texas, they decided to end their membership, but after Ray passed away Mary still followed her friends with the ICC.

As the holidays approach I would like to just say that I wish peace and joy to everyone during this holiday season and into the new year- be kind, be loving, be happy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Kathy & Tim Nowak
ICC Secretary

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**Patt and Virginia Patterson Scholarship Application Important Highlights**

Don't delay - children or grandchildren of members in good standing are eligible to apply!

**Applicants!** Please remember all applications must be submitted to Bob and Joanne Hafner, Scholarship Chairs, and in their hands no later then **February 28, 2027**

This cut-off date is firm.

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Bob & Joanne Hafner
internationalcampclub@gmail.com

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*Application is included*
with this newsletter.
*If it is missing- contact the*
club secretary at
internationalcampclub@gmail.com

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Today's thought

"Good judgement comes from experience,
and a lot of that comes from bad judgement."
~ Will Rogers

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*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*
*~Isaiah 9:6*



**Christmas Eve, 12/24**

**Christmas Day, 12/25**

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**Guidelines for Submission, Voting and Notification of the Patt and Virginia Patterson Scholarship Award**

1. The application must be completed and submitted by the applicant to the scholarship chair(s) by **February 28th**. Chair(s) will review the applications.
    a) Applications may be scanned and emailed to the chair(s) if desired.
2. If there is more than one application the chair(s) will ask, from eligible club members, at least three members to vote for the winning applicant.
    a) An eligible member is a member in good standing and not related to the applicants.
3. The voting members must return their vote to the scholarship chair(s) by **Apr. 1st**.
4. The scholarship chairs will notify the recipient with a congratulatory letter and notify the ICC board (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and chaplain) no later than **Apr. 15th**. Also, the chairs will notify the applicants who are not chosen.
5. Recipient does not need to be present for the award presentation at the International Rally.
6. Scholarship award money will be paid to the recipient at completion of their first semester of schooling. Transcripts/Grades should be mailed to the scholarship chair(s), who will then notify the treasurer to release the funds to the scholarship recipient.
7. Unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control, a student who does not begin their schooling in the fall after graduation from high school will surrender the award back to the scholarship fund.




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*If you have news, recipes, stories;*
*let us know!*
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## Should We Laugh or Cry?

*from www.rvtravel.com*

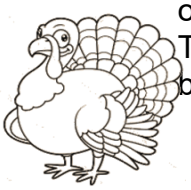
We were browsing through old issues of this newsletter (RV Travel) and came upon this short item from early June 2003: "On-highway diesel prices declined the 12th week in a row, according to figures released June 2. The national average, at-the-pump diesel price decreased from $1.434 to $1.423 a gallon, the Energy Information Administration reported."

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## Turkey Talk

*from www.rvtravel.com*

A male turkey's fleshy appendage that hangs over its beak is called a snood. The longer snood can actually be attractive to female turkeys. Beauty standards are different in the turkey world!



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"Boxing Day reminds us to keep the celebrations going because New Year is still to arrive….Let us make it a memorable time with the people we love…..




**Boxing Day (Canada), 12/26**

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"New Year's resolution: 2027
Don't think about what can happen in a month. Don't think about what can happen in a year. Focus on the 24 hours in front of you & do what you can to get closer to where you want to be.
*~Pinterest*




**New Year's Eve, 12/31**
**New Year's Day, 1/1**

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## Christmas Quiz

*from www.Goodhousekeeping.com*

1. What word does the "X" in "Xmas" stand for?
   A. Christ
   B. Secret
   C. Excelsis

2. Before turkey was common, what meat was often served at Christmas in England?
   A. Squirrel
   B. Goose or boar's head
   C. Venison

3. What plant's berries are often white and traditionally hung on doorways?
   A. Winterberry
   B. Mistletoe
   C. Mountain Ash

4. What mythical figure punishes naughty children in central Europe?
   A. Rompelus
   B. Piggly Wiggles
   C. Krampus

5. What holiday drink is also called "milk punch"?
   A. Eggnog
   B. Mimosa
   C. Sugar Cookie Martini

6. The first "string lights" for Christmas trees were invented in what decade?
   A. 1890s
   B. 1910s
   C. 1880s

7. Which U.S. President made Christmas a federal holiday?
   A. Ulysses S. Grant
   B. Abraham Lincoln
   C. Andrew Johnson



*[Answers on page 8]*

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**International Rally 54 - 2027**

*"New York: Waterfalls, Wineries, Trails, and Trolls!"*

The **Finger Lakes** is a region of 11 long, narrow glacial lakes in Upstate New York, situated south of Lake Ontario between Rochester and Syracuse.

**The 11 Finger Lakes:**

**Seneca Lake:** The deepest (618 feet) and largest by volume; known as the lake trout capital and a major wine hub.

**Cayuga Lake:** The longest at 38 miles and second-deepest (435 feet).

**Keuka Lake:** Uniquely shaped like a "Y".

**Canandaigua Lake:** The fourth largest, featuring a historic city pier.

**Skaneateles Lake:** Renowned for having some of the cleanest, clearest blue water in the U.S..

**Owasco Lake:** A popular spot for swimming and family getaways.

**Conesus Lake:** The westernmost lake, famous for summer water sports.

**Honeoye Lake:** The shallowest of the group (max depth of 30 feet).

**Hemlock Lake:** Mostly undeveloped and preserved for watershed protection.

**Canadice Lake:** The highest in elevation and the smallest/shortest.

**Otisco Lake:** The easternmost lake.

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Wineries & Vineyards: The region is New York's premier wine-producing area—particularly famed for Riesling, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Franc—with over 400 wineries clustered around the lake slopes.

Waterfalls & Gorges: Dramatic natural scenery includes Watkins Glen State Park (featuring 19 waterfalls along a gorge trail), Taughannock Falls (taller than Niagara Falls), and Letchworth State Park.

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International Rally 54
*July 11 thru 15, 2027*



"*New York: Waterfalls, Wineries, Trails & Trolls!*"

KOA Canandaigua Finger Lakes Campground
5374 Canandaigua Farmington TL Road
Farmington, New York 14425

Phone: 585.398.3582
Email: koacanan@frontiernet.net
Websites: KOA.com or Visitfingerlakes.com

General Manager: Jon Arsenault

When making reservations
please call the above number and
**Mention that you are with the ICC!!**

Cabins may be available - call ahead.

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*more information in next newsletter*

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**Remember; your guests are welcome to attend the rally as long as they make their own reservation, and pay the rally fee. If they decide to join the ICC with in that calendar year the rally fee will be reimbursed (keep in mind-the fee can be paid by the member or their guests)!**

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"Love is our true destiny.
We do not find the meaning
of life by ourselves alone~
we find it with another."
~ Thomas Merton



**Valentine's Day, 2/14**

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## Recipe Corner

German Sauerbraten
*from Cheryl Muthig*

Ingredients
* 3-4 Pounds Beef Rump or Chuck Roast
* 2 Tbsp Vegetable Oil

Marinade
* 1 cup Red Wine or Apple Cider Vinegar
* 3 cups Water
* 1 Large Onion, Sliced
* 2 Slices Minced Garlic
* 1 Tbsp Sugar
* 2 Bay Leaves
* 1 tsp Whole Cloves
* 1 tsp Whole Allspice
* 1 tsp Black Peppercorns

Gravy
* 1/2 cup Crushed Ginger Snap Cookies
* 2 cups Beef Broth
* 2 Tbsp Butter and * 2 Tbsp Flour

Directions
Step 1 - Prepare marinade. Add beef roast and marinate 3-5 days, turning 2 times daily.
Step 2 - Remove beef from marinate.
Step 3 - Heat oil in Dutch oven on medium high heat. Sear beef on all sides, 4-5 minutes per side.
Step 4 - Add marinate and beef broth to pot, bring to a simmer, reduce heat to low, cover and cook 3 hours until tender and easily pulls apart.
Step 5 - Remove beef from pot, and set aside.
Step 6 - Strain the marinade and discard the solids.
Step 7 - Return the liquid to the pot and bring to simmer.
Step 8 - Stir in crushed ginger snaps. Mix flour and butter in a bowl to form a paste then whisk it into TBE simmering sauce. Cook 5 minutes until thick. Serve with red cabbage and potato dumplings!

*~~ Wunderbar! ~~*

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Elf On The Shelf Mischief Munch
*from Kathy Nowak and Delish website*

Ingredients
2 cups French Toast Crunch cereal
1 cup Cookie Crisp cereal
2-2/3 cups Life cereal
1 cups mini marshmallows
1/2 cup red and green M&Ms
12 oz white chocolate
2 Tbsp holiday sprinkles
1/4 cup mini chocolate chips

Directions
Step 1 - In a large bowl, combine all cereals, mini marshmallows, and M&Ms.
Step 2 - Melt white chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl in 30-second intervals, stirring in between. Pour over cereal mixture, stirring to coat everything.
Step 3 - Transfer mixture to a parchment-lined baking sheet, top with holiday sprinkles and mini chocolate chips, and refrigerate until firm, about 25 minutes.

Enjoy!

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"Any man who wants to be president is either an egomaniac or crazy."
~ Dwight D. Eisenhower




**President's Day (US), 2/15**

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## A Few Giggles and Thoughts

Saw a guy stranded because his new EV ran out charge. I offered him a ride to the charging station so he could get a bucket of electricity but he just flipped me off. Some people are so ungrateful.

My husband and I laugh about how competitive we are.
But I laugh more.

Yourdictionary.com's 10 most commonly misspelled words: acquit, cemetery, exhilarated, hierarchy, inoculate, liaison, memento, pastime, pronunciation, vacuum.

Murphy's Law of weather forecasting: "If there's a 50-50 chance that a forecast will go wrong, 9 times out of 10 it will."

A 20-oz Dunkin Donuts "Pumpkin Swirl Frozen Coffee" contains 46 teaspoons of sugar… and no pumpkin.

Treadmills were originally designed as a form of punishment in Victorian England. (and still used that way today)






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**PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:**

**** 2/3/2027 ****

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## New Members



**Always looking!**

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## Forms in this Newsletter

Membership Dues 2027

Patt and Virginia Patterson Scholarship

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I MAY NOT HAVE
LOST ALL MY
MARBLES YET,
BUT THERE'S A
SMALL HOLE
IN THE BAG
SOMEWHERE

submitted by Tim Nowak





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*Answers to Christmas Quiz on Page 5*

1. A - Christ (from the Greek letter Chi)
2. B - Goose or boar's head
3. B - Mistletoe
4. C - Krampus
5. A - Eggnog
6. C - 1880s
7. A - Ulysses S. Grant

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