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We want to wish everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day and good luck and happiness in the New Year.

Mid winter IBT is over and was very productive. I am happy to report we had 11 Units from Region 8. They were, Beu, Kiple, Cabalka, Ryan, & Jirus (IA) Rush (Ozark) Sullivan and Soloman, (Wichita), Balls (Kansas City) Bubliss and D. Waters (St Louis). There were a total of 128 with several in the motel. The weather was sunny, cool and windy must days. We arrived a couple days early and had rain on Sunday. Then on the day to leave (Saturday) we had rain again.

We discussed many things and some important things have to be considered for the continued success of our Club. As you know MONEY is the main factor. MEMBERSHIP is decreasing each year by more than 250 members each year. We must get NEW MEMBERS and retain the current members. Please use the mentor program to keep all our members. The following are the guidelines for your mentor:

1. Make sure each new owner is contacted.
2. At least twice by phone before a rally/luncheon
3. At least 2 other times by e-mail
4. Invite then personally to each event by other members.
5. Greet and invite a new member to sit with them at a table.
6. Rotate greeter each event.
7. Follow up to make sure all questions are answered if any.

New Business:

We had 9 motions with 3 of them being approval of Unit flags.

Motion:

1. The Immediate Past Region President may be appointed to serve on the Region Executive Committee. (Approved)
2. To limit the amount of money that the incoming International President can spend for Rally expense to \$20,000.00 before the January registration is known.

3. Flag for Georgia Unit (Approved)
4. Dissolve the Genealogy Club by request. (Approved)
5. Den Co Motion regarding the Constitution and By-laws changes. (WITHDRAWN for procedure corrections)
6. Flag for El Camino Real CA Unit. (Approved)
7. Motion to delegates regarding the nominating committee. (Postponed because the Constitution and By-Laws are in the process of being re written)
8. GAL WBCCI Gifts and Legacy program. Ways to give and recognition at JC. (Approved)
9. Flag for Texas Hill Country Unit. (Approved)

The Blue Book Revision Committee with Dona Garner Parliamentarian, Chairman plus four other members from different geographic areas and differing backgrounds have been working diligently to rewrite virtually every Article and Section of the Constitution. **This will be sent to the Unit Presidents to discuss with their members and vote at the Delegates meeting in DuQuoin. Each President will consider each Article and Section separately and vote on each before the entire Constitution can be approved.**

The Region Presidents had some brainstorming on Monday before the IBT seminar on Tuesday.. Wednesday and Thursday were free days since we completed our seminar in one day.

Several tours were available such as the King Ranch, the USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier, the Museum and the Aquarium. Just traveling to Mustang and Padre Islands was a good days outing.

I had an interview on Thursday morning for the office of International Treasurer with the nominating Committee.

Friday we had Breakfast Tacos, then the IBT meeting and that evening was our Final Banquet. We had good cowboy music for entertainment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

All and all I think it was a good rally and I was happy to see so many familiar faces.

At the IBT meeting when the Merit Awards Ribbons were given out, your Region President was one of the four to receive the REGION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. Thank you all for helping to achieve this award.

By now the Unit Presidents have received the Ballot for the election of Region Officers. We were very fortunate to have two gentlemen step up to fill the vacancies. Leonard Sullivan has volunteered to fill the office of 2nd V. P. vacated by the resignation of Pat Shaw and Glenn Waters to fill the incoming 2nd V. P. Thanks guys.

AMANA COLONIES REGION 8 RALLY

Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow so that means an early spring. We are hoping for good weather the last week in April.

The Region Rally will be held in the Amana Colonies in Amana, IA April 27 to May 1, 2011. Please register as soon as possible to help with planning for the rally.

Just bring your tabs or \$\$ and if you have given stuffed toys to your local charities bring the number to Region for your count in the Community Service projects.

I will be sending the duties to each Unit President in the next few days and look forward to having a Great Rally.

Thanks for all your help.

Pat will help with some of the Vice Presidents duties until the end of the Region Rally.

Thank you Pat for all your good work and we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

*We make a living out
of what we get,
We make a life out of
what we give.*

Winston Churchill