

Update from the President:

September 19, 2020

Hello again from Mississippi,

It hasn't been a quite month yet that I assumed the position of President, but I can tell you that it has been busy. Ray and myself have been meeting several times a week. We also have been meeting via telephone with the large activity coordinators to find a workable solution that allows us to still have some normalcy under the Phase 2 umbrella of operation. One of our directors is working on an operational plan for executing entertainment, another has been working on standard guidelines for common everyday recommendations. That being said the TR Board cannot keep you from getting the virus. **Everyone** has to do their part. So it is my hope that all of you are contemplating what works for you personally. Everyone's health conditions are different. This year, sadly for some means that they may not be able to come at all, while others may be able to come but only to enjoy the warm weather, then others may be able to participate safely in activities via social distancing and wearing a mask. "**Only you**" can determine what keeps you safe! Our objective is to keep the buildings and activities as safe as we can for those that feel it does not jeopardize their health to participate.

I know everyone is very anxious about the upcoming season. Ray is working with Jeri collecting information from Chairpeople of our many activities. Ray's staff is attempting to call every Chairperson. If you haven't been called, then please take the initiative to call the office. If you have a contact activity that does not allow you to social distance (at least 6 feet) then chances are your activity would not be safe to have this year. Examples of that are card and board games, where social distancing makes it next to impossible to play. Many at the end of last season played Joker via Zoom! Formal activities don't begin until January; however, as we have experienced in the past as Chairpeople arrive some like to begin their activity. Those Chairpersons should have a plan to safely execute their activity by the time they arrive. Please let Ray and Jeri know what those plans are. They may be able to assist.

As you may have seen, the Board approved building a stage and purchasing a cover and other necessities to make Sunday in the Grove happen. Ken, Sandy and Ray have been giving it their all to think of a safe way to bring some fun to this season. There will be specific entry/exit ways and people directing where to park your cart or your lawn chairs. More information will be forthcoming regarding this activity.

Enclosed activities take more detailed plans and preparation before, during and after the activity. Please be patient as the Chairpersons and the TR Staff work through ways to meet the appropriate guidelines. We have to remember as much as we hate to admit it that we are in the vulnerable age group. This means we have to be on the strict side of Phase 2.

We have some other exciting things happening that are in the planning stages, so please be patient. Stay safe, stay well and pray for an effective vaccine!

Sincerely,

Callie Zak

President and CEO, Traveler's Rest Resort

