

State Committee Meeting – Dec. 1, 2018

1. Thanks for the opportunity to serve the Utah Good Sam's, Rosalie and I promise to do our very best to support and to encourage the growth and excitement of the Utah Good Sam objectives – to have fun, enjoy friendship, good food, and many adventures.
2. We, along with each of you express our thanks and gratitude to Al and Linda Andrew for their leadership over the past two years. Thank you, Al and Linda.
3. With the declining enrollment in some chapters and some chapters disbanding altogether creates an interesting challenge for all of us. It appears we have a choice: (A) we can fold up our chairs and go home; or (B) we can join together and continue to enjoy many of the benefits that we have become accustomed to over the years.
4. In view of the present situation of the Utah Good Sam's, it is obvious to me that "If we continue to do what we have always done, we will get the same result." Based upon that principle let me suggest the way in which at least I think is our best route for us to travel: GOOD SAMER'S, WE MUST CHANGE THE WAY WE LOOK AT THINGS, and this is the important part – "CHANGE CAN CAUSE INNOVATION AND INNOVATION BRINGS PROGRESS." This, I believe, it's the basic principle which will lead us to some success for the Utah Good Sam's.
5. For us as Good Samer's to be successful with our "Rally" or "Gathering" or "Reunion" whatever we elect to call it, if we will gather together as ONE and assist each other in our annual get together we can be successful. Accordingly, we need a representative on the State Staff from each Chapter. This will facilitate planning, encourage sharing of information to and from the chapters, and keep all of us on the same page. Please respond by supporting this request: "If your chapter does not have anyone serving on the State Staff for 2019, kindly appoint someone to represent your chapter for a period of at least one year and let Rosalie and me know who your representative will be by at least January 15, 2019.
6. Again, I emphasize we must make some changes in the way we conduct our "Rally" or whatever we elect to call it. We do not have the people or the financial resources to continue doing business as we have been doing.
7. Now, I don't want this to be just a song of "doom" and "dismay". Let me tell you a story of how I think we can be successful. Out in Lindon during my

growing up years, the community would have a community fair in the fall. One of the major events we had was the horse pulling contest. Local farmers would bring their teams of horses or single horses to pull a wooden sled which would be loaded with sacks of sand. We young boys would watch intently and hopefully if they ran out of sand then we could jump on the sled while the horses pulled. My Grandfather's team did not do too well as a team, but one of his horses was very good at pulling. One of his neighbors had a similar team. So they participated in single horse pulling. One year someone encouraged Grandfather and his neighbor to join their two good pulling horses together and see what they could do. Finally, the two single horses, one of my Grandfather's and one of his neighbors, were joined together as a team and began pulling. A strange thing was observed, when the two horses pulled together they could pull more than three times the weight they could pull alone. I strongly believe that if all of us join together as a team we can not only pull more than three times what we can do alone, but we can, as we work as ONE, not only be successful, but we can have fun doing it. I invite you all to join together with us in this great adventure.

8. Thank you, we look forward to a great year.

State Staff for 2019 at the present time are: (with more to be added)

Harold & Rosalie Jacklin State Directors

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