TENNESSEE CHAPTER C *Tri-City Wings* GWRRA NEWSLETTER, February, 2020

Tom and Carolyn Jarrell, Chapter Directors

February, 2020 marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of Chapter C; Tom and Carolyn Jarrell were appointed Chapter Directors. With all new beginnings come changes. First we sincerely thank Richard and Connie Pendleton for an excellent job leading the Chapter for ten dedicated years.

The first item of major importance to consider is the upcoming *Roan Mountain Steak-Out*. May 15-16; it will be the event's 37th annual, and is always on the 3rd Saturday in May (see attached flyer). We doubt Richard Banner was able to look thirty-seven years into the future when he organized the very first 'Steak-Out' in 1984, and thought the event would grow to be the popular event it is today. At that first 'Steak-Out', Richard volunteered to prepare the steaks, baked potatoes, salads and bread if everyone would bring desserts and drinks and their own "*plate, knife, and fork*", (sound familiar?) Richard served (99) NY Strip steaks on two Weber grills and a tradition was born. We do our best to serve the best quality steaks that Richard did on hot coals in the fresh mountain air for our friends. (Richard left us on 8-3-2015) Our theme this year is 'Back To Our *Roots Reunion*'. We will atempt to do it the way it used to be when 'Big Howard' Keith would often say "We gonna' do nothing receal slow". We look forward to seeing all our friends at Roan Mountain State Park May 15-16.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

We have also moved our monthly gathering place to Bob Evans Restaurant just off I-26 at the Boones Creek exit 16 (Johnson City) Eat at 6:00 pm, Fun sharing at 7:00. Our first meeting there is March 17 (St. Patrick's Day); think Irish green and come join us.

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

Everyone is encouraged to meet us at the Hospital Saturday, September 12, 12 noon. This will be our 25th year to take proceeds from our fundraising events to the Children. The Hospital staff volunteer their time on Saturday and are planning a special 25 years celebration for us. Make plans to meet us there for this 25TH ANNIVERSITY EVENT.

"The destination is not the most important part of the journey; it is much more important how we treat each other on the way".

> NEXT GATHERING TUESDAY MARCH 17 BOB EVANS RESTAURANT I-26, EXIT 16, BOONES CREEK