



Serving The Central Oklahoma Chapter of Studebaker Drivers

A Letter From The President



A Warm Holiday Hello!

Well folks, it looks like we've done it! We've made it through another year, even with me at the helm! I know, I'm as surprised as you are! Regardless, perhaps we should spend some time discussing the upcoming club activities.

The big news is our Christmas party! This year it will be at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler located at 2305 S. Telephone Road, Moore, OK, with festivities starting at 1pm.

We have a couple games planned for that afternoon. The first game will be "**DIRTY SANTA**" gift exchange. Please bring one car-related gift for every individual who wants to participate, recommended price \$5-\$10. The second event will be our auction, with special guest auctioneer, ME. We are asking anyone who can to bring donations for the auction. This can be car related or not. If you have anything you think might "make a buck" bring it and I'll sling it!

I always have a good time hanging out with y'all and the Christmas party never disappoints so please plan on attending.

For other activities and "goings-on" check out the rest of the newsletter and join us for our monthly meetings.

And remember, if you need something, holler!

Andy

Find instructions for Dirty Santa on Page 6



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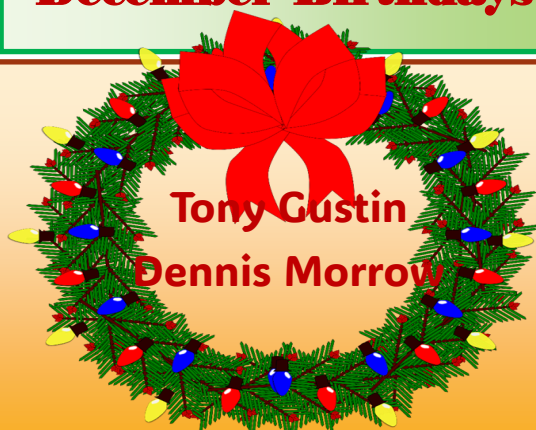
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Infirmary Notes:

Paul Cruce reports on the removal of the cast from the bad leg and hopes to be driving Commander Ron very soon, maybe to the next meeting. And in case you missed it on his Smoke Stack he passes on a good article about [Studebaker Trucks](#). Mean machines they were.

Melvin McGee, also greatly improved, plans to be at next meeting but he won't be able to hear the opening songs; his doctors will not talk to him about hearing aids 'til after his next exam which is in December. Jeri-Alyn thinks he can hear but not admitting to it. We can write notes to him.

Peter Rodrigues, The Ti/22 Man, is moving around very well now, after some serious back surgeries, and is very proud of his ability to "stand up straight".

Don Sutherland will soon have to quit playing sick as his oncologist tells him the cancer is not gone but has greatly diminished and "under control". Lots of PT ahead but he did get out in the rain to the Wewoka Sorghum Fest and plans to be at next meeting.



From The Desk of Mike Jones

Some of you were able to attend the 61st Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet in Washington, PA. From everything I hear and read it was a huge success with high attendance and registration numbers. I am sure you all are aware the 62nd Annual Meet will take place September 23rd thru the 26th in Waxahachie, Texas. With the saying "everything is bigger in Texas", the North Texas Chapter of the SDC is busy planning a great event.

The entire event will take place at the **Waxahachie Civic Center** with three hotels located within easy walking distance. Waxahachie is a small town Texas community and the "Crape Myrtle Capital of Texas". Hundreds of the pink blooming trees line the historic streets. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available for those who would like to assist.

Like many of you our summer was busy with many car shows and events. With the weather having been so nice it's hard to think winter weather is coming. I am always interested in your Studebaker stories and available to assist with your classified ad.

Wishing you all a sincere safe and joyous Holiday Season!

....Mike

NORTH TEXAS SDC



Waxahachie, the site of many "Sweethearts & Orphans" events, has one of the most beautiful courthouses in Texas and Texas has many !





The monthly COC-SDC meetings were held on September 11 and October 9, 2025, at our Grandy's "club headquarters," located at 7704 S Western Ave. 16 members attended the September breakfast and 15 made it in October. Those included at the meetings were president Andy and his wife Tiffiany Reich, vice president Ken Sumwalt, treasurer Elmer Davis, secretary Jesse Sutherland, editor Don Sutherland, Glenn Masopust, John and Carolyn Rogers, Luke Rogers, Mel McGee, Virgil Hullett, Linda Plank, John Harris, Tony Gustin, Paul Cruce, Trae Sumwalt, Oz and Nonni Osbourne, Mark Garcia(VCCA), Jim Greely, Dave Lewis, and Shannon Sutherland.

The weather was beautiful for both meetings, and aside from health updates and talk of hearing aids, we weaved our way through conversations about smart cars, gas mileage, and radiators.

And a reminder that some of our emails and names are still being used by scammers in their continued attempt to swindle us via emails and texts. Please remember that none of our club members send out ridiculously desperate requests for money!

Business began at 9:20am and 9:15am, respectively. The club was awarded \$150 at the Henryetta Smokin' Hot Car Show for most club members present! The money was donated to the treasury and Elmer confirmed a positive balance of almost \$3000. We discussed future events such as the Zone Meet in Broken Arrow, the Wewoka Sorghum Festival and Car Show, and the cruise-in at Bridging Vines Winery organized by Mark Garcia and his Chevy club.



Tony shared some leftover Smokin' Hot paraphernalia and Jesse offered Oklahoma state fair tickets and parking passes that he was given for using his Studebaker in the fair's opening day parade. Members also brought up the good news that Don Cox is now our national president, and taking his place as our zone director is Jon Stalnaker. Congrats to both of them! President Andy and Jesse arranged (actually, it was 97.8% Andy's leg work and 2.2% Jesse saying, "sounds great") for our annual Christmas lunch to be at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler on December 6th at 1pm. Located this year in Moore, OK, because we agreed it was a more centralized venue for our members as opposed to the north OKC location. We'll certainly discuss it more as a club during the November meeting, including Dirty Santa and auction item ideas (see notes on page 6). The



International Meet is now less than a year away! It will be held in Waxahachie, Tx, September 23 - 26, 2026, and it is our understanding from the North Texas Chapter that the civic center will be within walking distance to the show/downtown Waxahachie. More information to follow as it becomes available, www.ntxsdc.com.

After another tasty round of breakfasts our meetings concluded with happy table talk and sunshine chats in the parking lot, next to our beautiful 'bakers. See you at the November meeting on the 13th!

-Jesse

"When you clean a vacuum cleaner you BECOME a vacuum cleaner."

COC-SDC Representing at the Oklahoma State Fair and 50th annual Wewoka Sorghum Festival

Our club, with the help of John Harris's son, was fortunate to have participated in the State Fair of Oklahoma's opening day parade in Sept. It has been years since the fair opened with a parade and they hope to reboot the tradition moving forward. Jesse, in his '64 Daytona, escorted Grand Marshal Sandra "Sandy" Lee, leading a line of police and fire vehicles, two marching bands, a few floats and several Corvettes and Mustangs. It was a fun parade that no doubt will be even bigger and better in 2026!



Tony Gustin, Jesse and Don Sutherland, Steven Cox, Peter Rodrigues and Ken Sumwalt braved the rainy morning in Wewoka on October 25th. The weather was a bit sketchy - as was the highway drive in heavy rain (yikes) - but our prayers were answered by 9:30am as the rain stopped and the temps warmed up. All in all it was a good day and a good festival. Tony and Studie Pete each walked away with well-deserved trophies! Don won a fancy door prize, as did Peter, but Jesse's correct answer to the music trivia question of who sang the 1958 song, "The Ballad of Thunder Road," will be talked about on the streets of Wewoka for centuries to come.



Jesse and Stephen on the road home.



Tony

Don

Jesse

Peter

These are the basic rules that you can use for your Dirty Santa gift exchange. See the variations that follow for added fun and variety.

*** Bring A Wrapped Gift To The Party.**

Everyone must bring one Dirty Santa gift that's been wrapped well and is ready to be exchanged. It's obvious that everyone has to show up with a gift, otherwise the party will be short of gifts and everyone must leave the party with a gift they "won".

You might be tempted to bring several gifts, but again, the rule is: one gift per person. Not more, not less. Just like you would not want to be short of gift during the exchange, you would not want to have extra, as there would not be a way to give it to anyone. Remember, everyone comes and leaves with a single present.

*** Stick To The Price Limit.**

When buying a Dirty Santa gift, make sure to only spend the maximum amount allowed. Also it makes sense to not spend very little or too much if there is no set limit set, so that all gifts are of similar value.

If for example the party rules are set to not spend more than \$25, it is generally expected that everyone buys a gift in the \$20 to \$25 range. You could get away with spending less, but generally you want to be around same ballpark figure.

*** Stick With The Theme.**

If the Christmas party organizer has specified a theme for the gift exchange, make sure your gift falls into the theme specified. For example, if the theme is "Inappropriately Shaped Cookies" then don't show up with something completely irrelevant.

There are many Dirty Santa themes to pick from and if the theme has been set by the person in charge of the Christmas party planning, follow the instructions and buy/make a gift under that theme to bring to the exchange.

*** Draw Order Randomly**

You need to determine in what order players will start opening or stealing gifts, so in order to achieve that, cut up a piece of papers into as many pieces as there are players and write down numbers on them. One number per piece of paper starting with 1, 2, 3, etc... Shuffle the numbers in a bowl or a sack and have everyone pick out a random number. The number that they get will determine players turn.

*** First Player Starts**

Player assigned with number 1 on the piece of paper starts the game by selecting any wrapped gift they want and opening it. Everyone can see the gift first player got.

*** Second player opens or steals**

The second person has a choice to steal the gift opened by the first player, or open an unopened gift from the pile. If the second person decided to open a new gift, the turn goes to next, third player, but if the second player chooses to steal a gift from the first player, then the first player will get to open a new unopened gift and the turn goes to the third person.

*** Players Continue Opening/Stealing Gifts**

The turn goes to the next player and just like previous players, choice is to open a new unopened gift or steal one from someone else.

Again, if someone steals a gift from you, you can open another gift or steal from someone else all together. Note: You can not immediately steal the gift that was stolen from you. You must wait for another turn.

*** How The Game Ends**

In the basic versions of Christmas gift exchange games, once all the gifts are opened, the very first player gets another change to steal. If they refuse to steal, the game ends, otherwise the game continues and ends when someone refuses to steal a gift, however it is not uncommon to have the game to follow an another variation where stealing continues until a timer set by the players runs out, at which point the game ends.

Variations: You don't have to stick to just basic rules. Using variations below or even ones that you come up with can make the game even more fun and engaging. **See Andy Reich for the absolute final decisions.**

If any participant gets stolen from 3 times, they get to choose the final gift they want to open or steal and then they are out. This means that with some clever [strategy](#), you could be retiring with the gift of your choosing, or at least the second best.

Notes From 50th And Final NEO Fall Zone Meet, Tulsa, Oklahoma



Saturday night's banquet, From left 2 unidentified, Belinda & Aaron Scott, Southern AZ SDC Chapter, Glenn Masopust, COC SDC, John Kimbrough, NEO SDC hold trophies won at the meet.

A long-standing favorite event in the South Central Zone of the Studebaker Drivers Club, the North East Oklahoma Chapter's Zone Meet came to a jubilant end the weekend of October 3-5 this year.

John and Nancy Kimbrough and their family and many members of the chapter out-did themselves and pulled off another well-run meet, much appreciated by all attending.

Entries from Arizona, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas, as well as Oklahoma went home happy with trophies but sad that it is probably the final curtain on a popular event.



Jesse's Daytona, Glenns' Avanti and two other Avantis in the Zone Zone Meet lineup.



Glenn and Don coolin' in the shade



Jesse S with COC-SDC far left
Eddie Ranne with North Tx SDC center

Chapter Meetings 2nd Thurs of each month
at

*** **Grandy's** ***

7704 S Western Ave, Oklahoma City
Next Meeting 9am Thursday 13 November



Saturday 1/1/2025 at Life Church
NW 178th/N. Penn in OKC 8am-11am



The last Cruise-In-For-Coffee at Midwest City was
OCTOBER for their Trunk or Treat night
10/28/2025. See you next season!



The OAAA Fly-In and Car Show in Pauls Valley has apparently been cancelled according to the web site. If anyone has different information let it be known.

Nov. 15, 2025 Asher, OK Cars N' K9's -
See Flyer

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Dec. 11, 2025 Central Oklahoma Chapter
of the Studebaker Drivers Club
SDC Thursday Breakfast at Grandy's 7704 S
Western Ave, Oklahoma City, OK.



Chapter Christmas Lunch and Dirty Santa Party

1PM Saturday, December 6 2025,
Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler
2305 S. Telephone Road
Moore, OK

Instructions for "Dirty Santa" on Page 6 This issue.

Remember: There will also be an Auction! We may be out 'til after

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International SDC Meet 2026

NEW ZEALAND, April 3rd to 5th, Ashburton, Studebaker Drivers Club of New Zealand to host the STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MEET on EASTER WEEKEND. To be held at Ashburton, a town 85 kilometers south of Christchurch, South Island New Zealand. Accommodation at the Meet venue headquarters, the Hotel Ashburton, 11/35 Racecourse Rd, Ashburton, is now fully booked. Nearby accommodation is available at the Bella Vista Ashburton Motel - 69 West Street, Ashburton. Room rates from NZD 145 to 180 per night. Phone: +64 3 307 7505 Please state you are with the Studebaker Drivers Club when booking. Registration form and Meet information available from, Website: <https://nzstudebakerdriversclub.co.nz/club-events/>. International Zone.

TEXAS, Sept. 23rd to 26th, Waxahachie, North Texas Drivers Club to host the 2026 International Meet. Contact: Ray Chartrand, 817-919-6558. Email: chartrain@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.ntxsdc.com>. South Central Zone.

- **Waxahachie Convention & Visitors Bureau**
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Timely Tech Tips From The Tool Box of Pete Yuens

Torque Readings

You cannot get an accurate torque check on a bolt that has already been tightened. The reason is this: A fastener that has been tightened to a specific torque value requires about 10% more torque than was originally applied to overcome the friction and to start the fastener turning again.

The procedure used to check the torque of the bolt is by first loosening the bolt (NOT with the torque wrench) a half to a whole turn, then tighten to the amount desired.

To apply even pressure on mating surfaces such as the cylinder head to the engine block, all fasteners should be snugged down in sequence first, brought up to the desired torque value in stages of 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% and then to the specified amount of torque.

The most common torque wrenches used by our club members are the deflecting beam type. They are cheaper and less likely to cause trouble than the more expensive types. In the deflecting beam types the beam must not be filed or etched on or stamped for identification purposes as it will weaken one side. The result will be that the torque wrench will give an inaccurate reading.

Electrical Ground

If you have a heat gauge that acts up, a static noise on the car radio or unexplainable problems in the generator/alternator circuit, check the condition of the ground wire located near the left front part of the engine.

Clean the cable with solvent and then give it a good heave-ho type of a pull. What may appear to be a good ground cable may actually be loose at the cable ends. They can be repaired by removing and cleaning very thoroughly and then re-soldered, preferably with acid-core type solder. Solder will only stick if the parts are clean.

Some Simple Facts According To:

Ade's Law: Anybody can win unless there is a second entry.

Dow's Law: In hierarchical organization, the higher the level, the greater the confusion.

Dhawan's Law: For The Non-Smoker:

- 1-Cigarette smoke always drifts towards the non-smoker regardless of the direction of the breeze.
- 2- The pleasure derived from a cigarette is directly proportional to the number of non-smokers in the vicinity.
- 3-A smoker is always attracted to the non-smoker section.
- 4-The life of a cigarette is directly proportional to the intensity of the protests from non-smokers.

Peet's Law: There is a reason for everything and there is an excuse for everything,

And finally:

*No matter what, no matter where,
It's always home when love is there.*

Rules for DIRTY Santa completed:

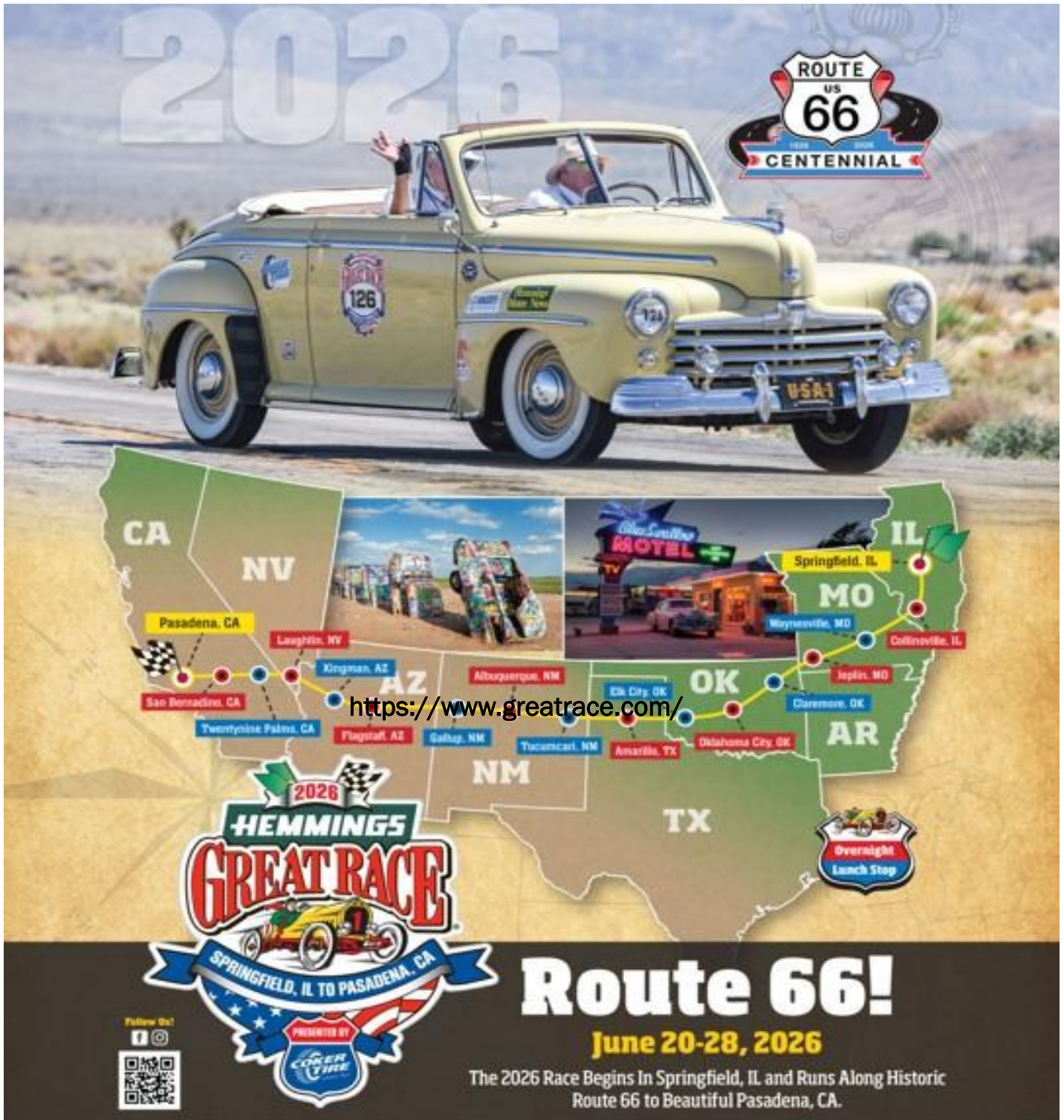
TIPS FOR WINNING

Our biggest tip for Dirty Santa is to pay attention to how many times your favorite gifts have been stolen, especially if you're the lucky participant who drew the #1 slot. Remember that the main point of Dirty Santa is [creating holiday cheer](#), so no arguing over the rules. (You don't want to get coal in your stocking, do you?)

We're not sure if Rudolph and the rest of Santa's crew included this wild tradition in their reindeer games, but we know they'd definitely enjoy a little mischief. Good luck avoiding the "white elephant" of the lot at the chapter holiday party.

The Great Race in 2026 will follow Route 66. Start planning, it's neat to go to some of the lunch stops and the overnight ones. Here's the map. June 20 to June 28. Starts at Springfield Illinois and ends at San Bernardino California.

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Lymph, (v): to walk with a
lisp.

Central Oklahoma Chapter
Membership Application



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Mail to: Elmer Davis, 11828 Autumn Leaves, Okla. City, OK 73170

Name:..... Spouse

Address: City:.....State:.....Zip.....

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SDC National Membership #

Please list your Studebaker(s) year & model, etc.(use back of page if necessary!)

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We like to mention birthdays and anniversaries in our bi-monthly newsletter (The Stude Flyer)

Birthday Self.....Spouse.....

Anniversary.....

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If seeking membership as a new member you may download the form, fill in, send in.

[National SDC Membership Application](#)

