

Coot & Holler Gazette

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Note From the Editor by Meredith Hall Weberg

Well, I really planned to get this out way sooner than this, sorry. But hey, it's got you thinking about OTR, right?! That is always a good thing. I also thought I'd get a lot of input but I didn't. So here's what I do have. Thanks to all who contributed!

Remember to preregister next year as soon as it opens! If you aren't a member of The Robertson Association (TRA) yet, (egads!), follow the instructions and get on this. Don't wait until right before the deadline. Do it now!

Happy All-the-Holidays! See you next year!

A Note From Your 2025 Chair by Sarah Richards

Congratulations to Ben Mirabile on his strong leadership as chair of OTRs 2023 and 2024! He leaves big shoes for me to fill, but I hope and trust that with all the right people in all the right places, I too can give you some OTRs to remember!

In case you missed the memo, the theme for OTR 2025 is **Cavers in Wunderland: Down the Rabbit Hole**. Join us at OTR 2025 as we enter an enchanting world of whimsy and wonder full of curious characters and delightful games. The Mad Hatter's tea party awaits, the Cheshire Cat's grin beckons, and the Queen of Hearts' croquet game is set. Let your imagination run wild with your costumes and camp decorations! We can't wait to see you in Wunderland!

Announcements and Personals

- [TRA Awards Ceremony - OTR.ORG](https://otr.org/2024/09/tra-awards-ceremony/) or <https://otr.org/2024/09/tra-awards-ceremony/>

- **TRA Election Results**

Posted on September 16, 2024; Author Ruth Williams

Congratulations to TRA's newly elected Trustees. Bud Shaw was re-elected to his second term and Jeff Bray was elected to serve for his first term. Both terms are for 2 years. Look for them next year at the Town Hall meeting or seek them out to voice any concerns you may have.

- Combined G.R.O.D.Y. and Shenandoah Valley Grottos certified 9 folks in CPR and First Aid prior to OTR. Thank you Med Tent Staff. (Info and photo supplied by Diva Lynch)



- Just a note: After Easter, you'll probably be able to get a lot of rabbit-related decorations for your OTR campsite at good prices!
- The deadline for NSS award nominations is November 15. It'll be here before you know it! Please nominate fellow cavers who have worked hard for the NSS!