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Joanie's Gibberish

Christmas has come and gone, but the memories will stay with us forever. We had a great holiday with our family. We were so thankful that we were able to gather and enjoy tasty food, conversation, and pictures.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Lunch. We had twenty-six in attendance, and the auction went very well. We also collected food for the pantry and donations for \$125 to go to the children who need a Christmas gift. Thanks to all who brought auction items, selling items and gift games.

It was great to see Traci, Dan, and Melody up and doing so much better.

As we get closer to Spring Fling, we may need volunteers to help with registration, hospitality, and other events. We also need someone to take pictures. If you can help, please let Joanie know.



Again, we need pictures from 1976-1986 for posters we are making. If you have photos, scan and send them to Joanie.

Also, keep Fred Wilkinson and Jerry Lierly in your thoughts as they continue to heal. If I have left anyone out let me know.

Our next meeting will be 12:30

on February 7, 2026, at American Way Smokehouse, 17710 E 39th St, Independence, MO 64055 next to Market Square Antiques. Meats include brisket, ribs, pulled pork, sausage, and turkey. Sides include beans, cold slaw, chips, potato salad, and soup. I will send out an email asking you to give me an idea for your meat choice and I will contact the owner so they can begin to prepare the meat to avoid longer waiting time. Also, if you go early or stay late you can roam the Antique side of the building,

We wish all an incredibly happy New Year and wish 2026 brings PEACE AND KINDNESS all around the world.

Respectfully, Joanie

Birthdays

JANUARY

Nick Rogers..... 1	Ann Bedessem.....23
Kevin Ferguson..... 6	Bruce Carter.....24

FEBRUARY

Gloria Knipp..... 1	Michael Smith.....23
Stephanie Goldberg..... 5	Janice Robinson.....29

Anniversaries

JANUARY

Mark and Traci Menke..... 2
Roger and Janice Robinson 22

FEBRUARY

No February Anniveraries

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America250 & The Coca-Cola Company

Announce Signature Partnership to Celebrate the Nation's 250th Anniversary.

Washington, D.C. – America250, the bipartisan organization charged by Congress to lead celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is pleased to announce The Coca-Cola Company as a Signature Partner and the largest corporate sponsor to date. Along with other brands, the Coca-Cola Company is dedicated to making this historic celebration a nationwide and global moment of reflection, unity, and pride.

Coca-Cola has a long history of commemorating major national events,

including its special edition bottle release for the 1976 Bicentennial. As part of its America250 sponsorship, Coca-Cola will launch a series of commemorative initiatives beginning in late 2025 and continuing throughout 2026. These activations will leverage the company's unmatched marketing reach, nationwide retail presence, and iconic branding to ensure the celebration resonates across all communities.

"Our partnership with the America250 Commission amplifies our company's mission to 'Refresh the World and Make

a Difference, and we are looking forward to co-creating a celebration that inspires and engages Americans in every state and every community across the country."

Many who experienced the 1976 Bicentennial fondly remember Coca-Cola's special-edition bottle, alongside other companies that contributed unique tributes—special-edition cars, food packaging, commemorative apparel, and more. America250 is excited to continue this tradition, partnering with today's most iconic brands to create lasting keepsakes and experiences that reflect

the American spirit. Building on core sponsorships from BNY and Walmart, Coca-Cola's involvement underscores the vital role of private-sector engagement in making this the most ambitious and inspiring commemoration in history.

For more information on America250 initiatives and upcoming events, visit America250.org.

www.coca-colacompany.com/media-center/america250-and-the-coca-cola-company-announce-signature-partnership



Spring Fling

REGISTRATION FORM



April 17, 18, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn

19677 E. Jackson Drive

Independence, MO 64057

816-350-3000

Adult Registration w/ Packet (First 55)	_____ x \$30 _____
Adult Registration w/o Packet	_____ x \$20 _____
Child Registration (under 12)	_____ x \$10 _____
Adult Banquet (Limited to First 75)	_____ x \$40 _____
Child Banquet (5-12 years)	_____ x \$15 _____
Hospitality (Friday Night) \$20	_____ x \$20 _____
Swap Table (wall space given in order of request)	
6 ft. tables First table \$20. Additional tables \$18 each;	
Tables limited to 60 total available # of tables _____ \$ _____	

TOTAL _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Badge Names:

Return this form with check or money order payable to:

Mid-America TCCCC (c/o Melody Frese)

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Confirmation sent by email. Please make sure to include email address. If requesting confirmation by mail include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Reservation Deadline for Room Rate: March 16, 2026

Room Rate: \$119 per night

FREE breakfast for those with room reservations.

There will be 2 drawings for 1 FREE NIGHT.

Room Reservations call 1-816-350-3000

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 2 pm-4:30 pm - Registration & Silent Auction Check In
- 4:45 pm - Silent Auction
- 6:30 pm - Hospitality
- 7:45 pm - Game & Door Prizes

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 6:30 am - Swap Meet Set Up
- 8 am-9 am - Registrants
- 9 am-2 pm - Swap Meet (public)
- 4 pm-5 pm - Auction Check In
- 6 pm - Banquet, Auction, Door Prizes

Note: Registration packet pick up at swap meet

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Photo Gallery

Matt Webb built this for Judi.



Mid-America Chapter of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club

January/February Newsletter

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- Mid-America Meeting.....February 7, 2026..... TBA
- Great Get Together February 17-20, 2026..... Las Vegas, NV
- Tex-FestMarch 19-21, 2026 Richardson, TX
- Springtime in Atlanta 50 yrs.....March 31-April 4, 2026Dunwoody, GA
- Spring Fling 2026 April 17-19, 2026.....Independence, MO



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