



The Florida SKP Co-Op, 2219 SKP Way, Wauchula, FL 33873-4870

April 2018

Message from Our President

Congratulations to all of our volunteers who did a year's worth of work to maintain and improve our park in the five months that we were in full operation this year. When Easter is early, we have earlier than usual departures as members travel to be with family for the holiday.

The work completed by members and guests this year included

- ◆ clearing vegetation from the retention pond
- ◆ cleaning the Clubhouse roof
- ◆ installing new safety crash bars on the library and back office exit doors
- ◆ upgrading the Clubhouse bathrooms
- ◆ painting various park buildings,
- ◆ replacing the water pump including new pipes at our water plant
- ◆ installing fencing along the road right of way

- ◆ cleaning and painting all park benches with the addition of concrete pavers to level the benches;
- ◆ replacing dry wall and insulation in the back office
- ◆ creating a new dog run area
- ◆ replacing ceiling tiles in the library and back office
- ◆ cleaning old documents out of the Clubhouse attic and laying new plywood flooring.

I would like to thank all those who shared their knowledge, labor and time towards the betterment of our park. Thank you also to the Board for your leadership and skills in directing all the committees and keeping the park running smoothly.

See you next season!

Bob Lewis



Norm and Ginny Milliard have

graciously left the net, paddles, and balls here at the park for use over the summer. See Chris Blakely, H-26, to borrow the equipment.

Let Us Know

Please let the office know a few days in advance of when you are vacating your site. This helps us know who is in the park in case of an emergency.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
9 am—4 pm



863-735-1499

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President.....Bob Lewis, A-13
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At Large.....Norm Milliard, F-04

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In Memory

It is with great sadness that we report that Gordie Haggard has passed away. He and his wife, Louise, were founding members of the Florida SKP CO-OP. A memorial service was held on March 29 at the New Hope Baptist Church in Wauchula. Internment will be in Kansas.



Winter resident Julie Poulter said, "We only knew Gordie for a short time but I can tell he was loved by so many & a sweet-heart!! "

That's a true statement. Rarely did you see Gordie without a smile on his face, a story to tell, or bringing his mixed beverage or a pie to share at the socials or dinners.

He was thought of as a gentleman's gentleman and will be missed by all who knew him.

On the Home Front

Rental Rates

Effective May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019

Winter Rental Rates

Nov 1, 2018—Oct 31, 2019

Full-Hookup Sites include 50/30/20 amp power, water, sewer and metered electric.

Daily \$ 20.00
Weekly \$126.00
Monthly \$495.00

Overflow Sites include water, electric, and free use of dump station once a week

\$16.00 / day 20 amp power
\$18.00 / day 30 amp power

Dry Camp Daily Rate

\$8.25+
\$5 dump station fee for each use

Summer Rental Rates

May 1, 2018 – Oct 31, 2018

These rates are discounted 25% for the length of your stay. Stay is unlimited.

Full-Hookup Sites include 50/30/20 amp power, water, sewer and \$5/day electric.

Daily \$ 15.00
Weekly \$ 95.00
Monthly \$375.00

Rental Policy

Effective May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019

Reservations are made during regular office hours.

Reservations are limited to a one-month rental (meaning 30 days). Renter is financially responsible for dates reserved.

An additional 30 days may be rented based on availability. A request to the park office can be made no earlier than 7 days prior to the end of your reservation period.

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required for all reservations. Renter will be financially responsible for dates you have reserved.

Daily and weekly rentals available first-come, first-serve. On the day you plan to arrive, please call ahead, 863-735-1499, to check for site availability.

Cancellation Policy: When a renter cancels a site, the deposit is forfeited. If renter does not arrive by the second day of the reservation, it will be canceled and given to the next renter.

Month Reservation Taken	Month Reservation is Made
May 2018	Oct 2018
Jun 2018	Nov 2018
Jul 2018	Dec 2018
Aug 2018	Jan 2019
Sep 2018	Feb 2019
Oct 2018	Mar 2019
Nov 2018	Apr 2019
60 Day Rentals	
May 2018	Oct & Nov 2018
Nov 2018	Apr & May 2019



by Lee Belanger

Your book, DVD, audio book, and magazine donations have kept our library busy this season. Thank you all!

To keep our library vibrant, we ask you to continue to donate any of the above items, especially current or near

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Thank
You

Vera Green thanks everyone who made her feel so special on her birthday. The cake at the Fish Fry was such a nice surprise, and she felt

so blessed by the cards and well wishes of her SKP family.

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current items. We are particularly in need of non-fiction and large print books and DVD's.

Yard Sale Shed

As you pack up to leave, think about next year's yard sale and lighten your load.



Arrangements to place yard sale donations in the shed over the summer must be made by contacting Margery Zeller at

- ◇ 2213 Leisure Lane
- ◇ margery.zeller1@gmail.com
- ◇ 412-480-4535

NEW MEMBER**Dick & Judi Ward, A-37***by Ginny Milliard*

Dick and Judi grew up in different suburbs of Chicago, IL. Judi was a student nurse at Evanston Hospital finishing her training on the orthopedics wing where, as fate would have it, she met Dick who was a patient there. They will be married 44 years on November 8. They have two daughters and one son as well as two grandsons.

They spent 37 years living in Mount Prospect, IL. Dick was a contractor selling, remodeling and installing exteriors. Judi spent 17 years as a school nurse and worked for the Shriners. Dick retired in 2005 and Judi in 2006 when they became full timers.

Last summer they had a great three-month trip to Alaska. They have enjoyed spending time in Texas and the west as well as Florida. They work on a three-year cycle and hope to be here every three years for now.

Dick enjoys reading and biking while Judi likes swimming as well as biking and reading.

Welcome to the park, Dick and Judi!

Birthdays..... Dick 5/11 JUdi 6/16
Anniversary..... 11/8

Red-Winged Blackbird
Seen at the Pond

**NEW MEMBER****Skip & Jan Pratt, H-09***by Marsha Hodgkins*

Although Skip and Jan Pratt became new members of our community in March, they are not strangers here. They've visited and stayed at the Resort many times over the six years they've been on the Wait List. Welcome them to 2238 Leisure Lane (H-9).

Skip and Jan met at a church singles dinner and have been married for 13 years. Each has two children; Skip has 2 daughters and Jan has a daughter and a son. Together they have four grandchildren.

Jan has been a mobile person all her life, spending six months in Ohio on her family's farm and six months in Homestead, Florida where her father worked in the truck farms. She has owned a goat dairy farm milking 80 animals twice a day. She also owned a dental laboratory in her home and was foster parent to medically-fragile infants.

Skip spent 43 years working with the Air Force including seven years at the Pentagon. He retired as a Lt. Col. After 20 years. He continued to work with the Air Force as a civilian. His many assignments included work with the intelligence community. He finally left the Air Force for retirement in 2015.

This busy camping couple has traveled from Prince Edward Island to San

*(cont'd next column)***Arrivals/ Moves/
Departures****Departures**

H-09 Gilbert & Barbara Hagen

New Members

H-09 Skip & Jan Pratt

**New Member Orientation***(cont'd)*

Jose and Montana to Key West often serving with the Escapee SOWERS, a Christian service organization.

Skip enjoys woodcarving and is an avid ham radio operator. Jan's love for gardening will shine when she starts planting on their new site. She also enjoys line dancing.

A love for organizing has motivated Jan to accept the big job of managing the park's biggest fundraiser, our January Yard Sale. She's looking forward to working with many volunteers throughout the season to get ready for it with Skip as her faithful assistant.

Birthdays..... Skip 7/15 Jan 6/18
Anniversary..... 6/4



Time to Celebrate!

April Birthdays

4/13	Patricia Dubuc
4/16	Barbara Bolhouse
4/16	Jean Masella
4/16	Ronald Haury
4/18	Leigh Ann Cooper
4/19	Jane Lewis
4/22	George Weiss
4/22	Margery Zeller
4/27	Bill Ewald
4/29	James Bolhouse
4/29	Barb Fletcher

April Anniversaries

4/1	Danny & Joan Lindstrom
4/7	Marty & June Parr
4/23	Ernie & Eva Herman

May Birthdays

5/1	Dave Irons
5/3	Lee Belanger
5/7	Joann Silva
5/8	Emma Beckwith
5/10	Marty Parr
5/11	Dick Ward
5/15	Christina Baideme
5/21	Joan Lindstrom
5/26	Linda Sandel
5/27	Bobbie Hoffman
5/27	Ken Hixson
5/29	Kitty Ewald
5/30	Nancy Yvon
5/31	Frances Harig

May Anniversaries

5/5	Terry & Christina Baideme
5/6	Richard & Fran Harig
5/9	Swede & Joan Lindstrom
5/11	Dick & Nancy Pearce
5/18	James & Helen Dwyer
5/20	Art & Pat Dubuc
5/28	Frank & Julie King
5/30	Kenneth & Delores Griffey
5/31	Tony & Elsie Pettinato

June Birthdays

6/3	Carol Torns
6/6	Jim McBride
6/6	Lynn Lord
6/7	James Jones
6/7	Gary Hohman
6/8	Ken Tarkin
6/12	Mel VonPloennies
6/14	Robert Mellis
6/14	George White
6/16	Judi Ward
6/16	Walter Lindstrom
6/17	Craig Sandel
6/17	Ann Shumann
6/17	Ted Wallin
6/18	Jan Pratt
6/20	Barbara Bobek
6/20	Monica Behun
6/21	Terri Regennitter
6/23	Steve Warren
6/24	Bob Iles
6/27	Kenny Breault
6/29	Terry Baideme

June Anniversaries

6/2	Jim & Arlene Krueger
6/4	Skip & Jan Pratt
6/4	Ted & Donna Wallin
6/6	Joe & Lee Belanger
6/8	George & Lillian White
6/9	Rick & Sue DiCerio
6/15	Anne & Steve Warren
6/17	Bill & Jan Maas
6/27	Dave & Rose Irons
6/29	James & Paula Jones

July Birthdays

7/3	Donna Wallin
7/3	Joseph Behun
7/7	Joseph Belanger
7/9	Lanette Breault
7/9	Bob Shumann
7/14	Dale Mahnken
7/15	Skip Pratt
7/16	Sue DeCerio
7/16	Dolores Griffey
7/17	Donna Clark
7/17	Noreta Ray
7/25	Brenda Caldwell
7/26	Paul Newhouse

July Anniversaries

7/2	Joe & Monica Behun
7/19	Dolan & Doris LeBlanc
7/25	Gary & Susan Hohman
7/29	Chris & Rita Blakely
7/30	Bob & Emma Beckwith

August Birthdays

9/2	Rob Beatty
8/9	Susan Mannery
8/7	Frank King

8/8	Kathy Heaton
8/8	James McBride
8/10	Eva Herman
8/10	Cindy Henderson
8/14	Chris Blakely
8/15	Norman Milliard
8/16	Judy Hoffman
8/17	Dolan LeBlanc
8/17	Jim Krueger
8/17	Susan Wszalek
8/21	Linda Ward
8/22	Ann Castle
8/24	Ginny Milliard
8/28	June Post

August Anniversaries

8/3	Paul & Margery Zeller
8/13	Bob & Donna Clark
8/22	Val & Lorraine Young
8/22	Ray & Kathy Heaton
8/22	Robert & Jo Mellis
8/29	Norm & Ginny Milliard
8/29	Earl & Leigh Ann Cooper
8/31	Ken & Joan Tarkin

September Birthdays

9/2	Dean Lamoreaux
9/9	Bill Maas
9/11	Anne Warren
9/12	Sharon Weiss
9/15	Katsue VonPloennies
9/20	Kevin McIntyre
9/24	Paul Zeller
9/26	Ann McBride
9/29	Ernie Herman
9/30	Carol Ann Iles

September Anniversaries

9/3	Nelson & Ann Castle
9/5	Brenda & Alex Rutchka
9/11	Ed & Cathy Landry
9/18	Bob & Jane Lewis
9/23	George & Sharon Weiss

October Birthdays

10/10	Bob Crystal
10/11	Joan Lindstrom
10/14	Earl Cooper
10/18	Laurie Milliard
10/19	Bev Cirou
10/20	Donald Chase
10/21	Barbara Hagen
10/24	Donald Lindstrom
10/26	Betsy Hixson
10/28	Lynn Lunde
10/30	Jan Maas

October Anniversaries

10/6	Gerald & Rita Molitor
10/10	Kenny & Lanette Breault
10/16	Bob & Ann Shumann
10/24	Lynn & Becky Lunde
10/25	Donald & Doris Chase

On the Home Front

You Can Make a Difference

by Marsha Hodgkins

When Florida Hospital Wauchula representatives visited the park in February, their volunteer services manager talked about ways we can participate in their volunteer program both at the hospital and here at the park.

There was an expressed interest by our crafters to make small items the Volunteer Office could use to brighten the day of a patient and remind them someone is thinking of them. Additionally, those who enjoy knitting and crocheting are asked to consider making baby layettes and car seat blankets for the patients as well.

The last Friday craft session of each month has been designated a time to get together as a group to create small items, and Marsha Hodgkins has taken the reins to procure the necessary materials to do so.

Bookmarks, favors (without food), stuffed animals, finger puppets, crosses, angels and other items will be made by members and guests who choose to attend the sessions.

No sign-ups are necessary, and no craft skills needed. There will be cutting, gluing, stitching, and more jobs available. Men and women are invited to attend these sessions. Watch the TV in the Clubhouse for other times during April.

If you wish to make items over the summer, while these sessions are not being held, you may turn in completed items at the Hospital Gift Shop. Please indicate these are from the SKP Resort volunteers and are for the patients, not for sale in the gift shop. Different people work in the gift shop and all may not be familiar with receiving donated items.

Thanks for taking part in these community service events. Set craft sessions will be begin again in November and run throughout the season.

Looking Ahead

Departure Checklist

This checklist is provided by the Safety/Emergency Committee to help keep our RVs and homes safe during summer storms. Storms can be fierce here, and we need to prepare ahead of time.

- ___ Put away flags and flag poles
- ___ Put away patio furniture/chairs
- ___ Put away garden tools and equipment
- ___ Put away trash cans and grills
- ___ Put away plant pots.



Anything you can hold with your hands could become a torpedo in a heavy wind or storm. Do not leave plants outdoors if you are not here to take care of them and move them indoors in case of storm.

Remove detached steps and store safely

- ___ Turn off propane and water
- ___ Turn off electricity if you are not keeping your a/c or humidistat running
- ___ Close and lock hurricane shutters/awnings
- ___ Close and lock windows; cover with reflective material if desired
- ___ Check sheds and homes for leaks and loose shingles. Repair before leaving
- ___ Clean out behind sheds. No loose items can remain there during the summer.

Summer Residents

It is important for everyone to band together to keep the Resort safe.

Noreta Ray is the Safety Committee contact during the summer.

- ___ It is important to help prepare the clubhouse and pool for storms as well.
- ___ Put away pool equipment and toys
- ___ Put away pool furniture
- ___ Put away any loose items around the outside of the clubhouse

Thank you! Have a safe and happy summer!

Summer Reading

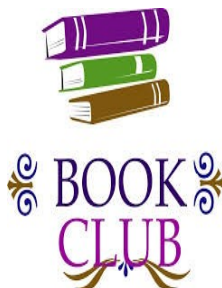
by Laurie Milliard

In November we will be discussing *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith.

This is a classic saga of an original cracker family in Central Florida.

Copies are widely available from libraries or to purchase. It is a little longer book than some we have read, but it is a fast and enjoyable read. Looking forward to talking about

this book at our meeting in November! Date and time to be announced in the November newsletter.



SKP Area Get-togethers

SKP Lunch—Chapter 57 sponsors a monthly gathering of Escapees in Clermont, FL the first Thursday of the month from November to April at 11 am at the Golden Corral, 1555 Grand Hwy. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rose Irons, 339-896-3799.

Editor

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Deadline for submitting articles
20th of each month
All articles are subject to editing...and all mistakes are made with love!

Non-member subscription

Looking Ahead

Action or Inaction Both Have Consequences

The Search and Election Committee does a great job managing the election process of the CO-OP. Much of their work is done behind the scenes, but their efforts are very much appreciated.

As they reflected on the recent annual meeting and begin preparing for the next one, they share these thoughts.

By purchasing a share in the CO-OP, we accept the responsibility of participating in the election process. As a member-owned and self-governing co-op, every vote is important. The health of the park and the value it represents to each membership is immeasurable.

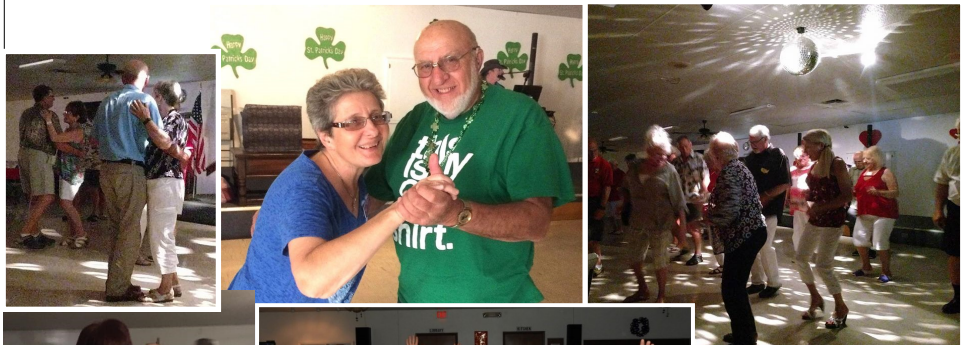
Recognizing that not every membership can be in the park for the annual meeting, it is imperative that members review the annual meeting packets and cast their votes using the proxy.

Board members, committee members and friends are good resources for obtaining a perspective on issues that you may not be familiar with.

Every proposal on a limited proxy must be checked "Yes" or "No" to register your vote. An unchecked "Yes" or "No" is an automatic "No." Failing to complete and return a proxy becomes an automatic no vote. It is very possible that if a proposal is defeated, your automatic no vote worked against your best interests.

A quorum of 84 votes is required to pass proposals that can enhance our park's function or protect us from unintended consequences.

Season in Review



Dance Highlights



Our indomitable founders!



Woodcarvers



Watercolor Class



Rention Pond Cleaning



Sighting of a Unique Fox Squirrel



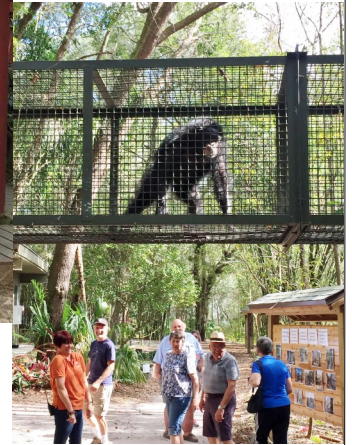
U Pick Strawberry Season



Luau 2018



Excursion to Center for Great Apes



Hardee County Emergency Numbers

Life Threatening	911
(Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS)	
Hardee County Sheriff	(863) 773-4144
Ambulance	(863) 773-3313
Hardee County Emergency	(863) 773-9390
(Storm, Disaster, etc.)	
Power Outage—Peace River Electric.....	(800) 282-3824

The RESORT is located on the north side of Hwy 64, just over 2 miles east of where Hwy 64 intersects with Hwy 17.

Code for Gate Beside Site A-1.....13-35-13

Code for Drive-Through Gate Between Sites A-28 and A-30.....32-14-22



Re-organization of Library Books by Author



We have the best cooks!

Game Nights



Flag Retirement Ceremony



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